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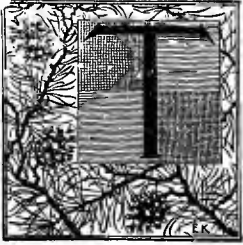
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PREFACE.



THE importance of placing in book form biographical history of representative citizens—both for its immediate worth and for its value to coming generations—is admitted by all thinking people; and within the past decade there has been a growing interest in this commendable means of perpetuating biography and family genealogy.

That the public is entitled to the privileges afforded by a work of this nature needs no assertion at our hands; for one of our greatest Americans has said that the history of any country resolves itself into the biographies of its stout, earnest and representative citizens. This medium, then, serves more than a single purpose; while it perpetuates biography and family genealogy, it records history, much of which would be preserved in no other way.

The Biographical Annals of Lancaster county had its inception in the mind of John F. Meginness, a citizen of that county, now deceased, widely known throughout the State as an historical writer, who, as manager for the firm of John F. Meginness & Co., commenced the work now completed.

In presenting this work to its patrons, the publishers have to acknowledge, with gratitude, the encouragement and support their enterprise has received, and the willing assistance rendered in enabling them to surmount the many unforeseen obstacles to be met with in the production of a work of this character. In nearly every instance the material composing the sketches was gathered from those immediately interested, and then submitted in type-written form for correction and revision. The volume, which is one of generous amplitude, is placed in the hands of the public with the belief that it will be found a valuable addition to the library, as well as an invaluable contribution to the historical literature of the State of Pennsylvania.

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BIOGRAPHICAL



ON. JOHN BOYD LIVINGSTON, LL. D., President Judge of the Second Judicial District of Pennsylvania, now serving his fourth term, was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, on Sunday, Oct. 14, 1821. His father was John Livingston, and his mother Jane Graham. John Livingston, through whom the Judge is of English descent, was a farmer, teacher and justice of the peace, and one of the prominent citizens of Lancaster county. On his mother's side Mr. Livingston is descended from Scotch-Irish ancestry.

John B. Livingston obtained his primary education under the private instruction of his father, whom he assisted in the farm work, for some branches of which physical disability had incapacitated the father. Much devolved upon the eldest son, who attended school in the winter and improved his leisure hours during his summer work by study. Matters continued thus until 1842, when, his younger brothers being able to assume their share of the farm work, John engaged in teaching school, which occupation he followed three years, still assisting his father during the summer. In the meantime, besides receiving instruction from his father and in the public schools, he attended the select school of Rev. Dr. Timlow, one of the best in the county. He early evinced marked ability in the prosecution of his studies, making rapid progress, and the roughing he experienced on the farm developed that naturally vigorous constitution which serves him so well in discharging the duties of the Bench at the age of over four-score.

When thinking of choosing a profession the first inclination of Mr. Livingston was toward medicine, but upon reflection he shrank from the responsibility it involved. While if, as a doctor, he made a fatal mistake, it would be buried out of the light of the world, he feared that the consciousness of it would remain as an ever harassing memory. Therefore he chose the legal profession, where, if he blundered,

there would still be opportunity to make amends. Having gained the consent of his father, who had been averse to his son encountering the temptations of city life, he wrote to Thaddeus Stevens to know if he had room for a student, and, if so, what were his terms. He received this characteristic reply: "Have room. Take students. Terms, \$200. Some pay, some don't." So he came to Lancaster, accompanied by his father, who introduced him to Mr. Stevens, who had just concluded an address to a jury in the old court-house. Their reception was rather discouraging. Assuming that stern look for which Mr. Stevens was sometimes noted, he said: "You had better take the young man home." Being pressed for a reason by the astonished father, who had thought the arrangement with the son understood, Mr. Stevens repeated his advice with emphasis. Finally, assuming that bland smile which he could command with equal facility, he said: "Because his face is too ——— honest to be a lawyer." The father replied, "If that is the only objection we will take the risk," and the "too honest" young country lad became a law student of Thaddeus Stevens on the 6th of January, 1846.

Young Livingston was fortunate in his choice of a preceptor. He was noted in his early life, as he is to-day, for the legibility and elegance of his penmanship, while Mr. Stevens was a close competitor with Greeley and Forney in tempting clients and compositors to indulge in profanity while trying to decipher their chirography. Stevens therefore was not long in estimating the value of his new student as an amanuensis, and the result was that young Livingston was domiciled in the private office, while the other students studied in the other room. Thus he heard the great lawyer's conferences with clients, and in this way learned more of practical law than he could have possibly gained from books alone in the same time, although Mr. Stevens spoke of him in after life as one of the most studious students he ever had.

After studying law two years Mr. Livingston was admitted to the Bar, Jan. 26, 1848; and at once opened a law office, pursuing a general practice on his own account until, in 1851, he entered the office

of Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., to assist him in his extensive orphans' court and general practice. The estimate which Mr. Stevens facetiously put upon the country lad, as having too honest a face to be a lawyer, was soon illustrated by the moderate fees he charged his clients, which became proverbial, and the subject of criticism by some of his less conscientious contemporaries; but it by no means detracted from his popularity, when, in 1862, he became a candidate for District Attorney, to which office he was elected, serving a term of three years. The energy, ability and conscientious integrity with which he discharged the duties of that office brought him still more favorably into public notice, and he secured one of the largest and most lucrative practices in the county.

Although in a pecuniary sense it was no promotion to yield such a growing practice for a seat on the Bench, Mr. Livingston was induced to stand for the nomination for President Judge, and, receiving more votes at the primary election than all his competitors combined, was elected by a large majority in the fall of 1871, and entered upon his official duties on the 4th of December, following. He was re-elected in 1881, and again in 1891, triumphing over the most bitter factional opposition ever made against any candidate in Lancaster county.

A flattering but deserved compliment was voluntarily paid Judge Livingston in 1882, when he received the joint endorsement of the Republican organization and the Bar of Lancaster County as a candidate for Judge of the Supreme court, "in the full confidence that the spotless integrity and judicial attainments, and his untiring industry, that have made him the honored head of our court, eminently fit him for the discharge of the high duties devolving upon a member of the Supreme court."

But the crowning recognition of an upright judge, a Christian gentleman and an exemplary citizen was achieved in 1901, when John Boyd Livingston received the nomination, by the unanimous vote of his party, for a fourth term as President Judge of the courts of Lancaster county, while his name was placed on the ticket of the opposition party as their candidate for the same office. This is a unique example of a reward for merit—merit recognized because it commanded recognition solely upon the admitted claims of the beneficiary. It is the first instance in the political history of Lancaster county when the merits of a candidate have commanded recognition irrespective of partisan predilections, and Judge Livingston is now rounding out a tenure of professional and official life without a parallel in the judicial annals of the Commonwealth.

While devoted to his profession and the scrupulous discharge of every official duty which devolves upon him, Judge Livingston has kept himself in touch with the various local interests of his fellow citizens, especially with the cause of popular educa-

tion. He was a school director for many years, assisting in organizing the night schools, was principal for a time, and occasionally, when a teacher was ill, he assumed his old role of schoolmaster by filling the temporary vacancy. He served as president of the Y. M. C. A., and took an active part as a member of the library committee in selecting and installing the library of that institution; served as a member of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College, which, in 1897, conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL. D.; and is an active member of the board of trustees of the First State Normal School, at Millersville, having been first elected by the stockholders and subsequently appointed by the State executive. He is a communicant of St. James Episcopal Church, and a member of the vestry.

Judge Livingston was united in marriage, May 18, 1853, to Anna M. Swentzell, who died Sept. 24, 1902, and was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery Sept. 27th. She was a sister of Rev. Dr. Frederick Swentzell (deceased), and aunt of Rev. Dr. Henry C. Swentzell, rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, New York.

HON. MATTHEW STANLEY QUAY, United States Senator from Pennsylvania, was born Sept. 30, 1833, at Dillsburg, York Co., this State. He comes of honorable American ancestry, being a son of Rev. Anderson Beaton and Catherine (McCain) Quay, the former a prominent Presbyterian divine, who was in the ministry for many years, being pastor in charge of flourishing churches at Dillsburg, York county; Beaver, Beaver county, and Indiana, Indiana county, successively.

Through his mother Rev. Anderson B. Quay was descended from James Anderson, who came from Scotland in 1713, and subsequently married Elizabeth Jerman, daughter of Thomas Jerman, a noted Quaker preacher. The latter emigrated from Wales with his wife, Elizabeth, and about 1700 settled in the Chester Valley, where he erected one of the first mills in the province. Patrick Anderson, son of James, and great-grandfather of the Senator, was the first white child born in what is now Schuylkill township, in the northern part of Chester county, Pa. He was one of the prominent men of his time and place, and took an active part in the stirring events preceding and during the Revolutionary period. He was a captain in the French and Indian war, and when the Revolution broke out was a member of the Chester County committee, on which Anthony Wayne was also serving. In 1776 he entered the service as captain of the First Company, Pennsylvania Musketry Battalion, of which he took command after the battle of Long Island, in which Col. Atlee was captured and Lieut. Col. Parry was killed. In 1778 and 1779 he was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly, and his son, Isaac Anderson, represented that District in Congress from 1803 to 1807. Ascenath Anderson, daughter of

Patrick Anderson, became the wife of Joseph Quay, the Senator's grandfather, and they lived near Phoenixville, in what is now Schuylkill township, Chester county. Senator Quay's great-grandmother, Ann Beaton, was a daughter of Daniel Beaton, and a sister of Col. John Beaton, who was active in military affairs in Chester county during the Revolutionary war.

Matthew S. Quay graduated from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, in 1850, took up the study of law with Penny & Sterrett, in Pittsburg, and was admitted to the Bar of Beaver county in 1854. In 1855 he was appointed prothonotary of that county, was elected to that office in 1856, and again in 1859. In 1861 he resigned to accept a lieutenancy in the 10th Pennsylvania Reserves. He was subsequently made assistant commissary general of the State, with the rank of lieutenant colonel; was appointed private secretary to Gov. Andrew G. Curtin; and in August, 1862, was commissioned colonel of the 134th P. V. I. He was mustered out Dec. 7, 1862, on account of ill health, but the following week, Dec. 13, took part as a volunteer in the assault on Marye's Heights. Having received the appointment of State agent at Washington, he served in that capacity for a time, until recalled by the Pennsylvania Legislature to fill the office of military secretary, created by that body. In 1864 he was elected to the Legislature, and again in 1865 and 1866. In the year last mentioned he was secretary of the Republican State Committee, of which he was chairman in 1878. In 1869 Mr. Quay established the *Beaver Radical*, which he edited. In 1873 he became secretary of the State of Pennsylvania, which incumbency he resigned in 1878 to accept the appointment of recorder of Philadelphia, resigning the latter office in January, 1879, when he was again appointed secretary of the Commonwealth; in October, 1882, he again resigned this post. In November, 1885, Mr. Quay was elected State treasurer by the largest vote ever given a candidate for that office. He resigned in September, 1887. On Jan. 18, of the latter year, he was elected United States Senator for the term ending March 3, 1893, and immediately took a most active part in the deliberations of that body. He was member of the committees on Manufactures, Pensions, Public Buildings and Grounds, Post Offices and Post Roads, and Claims, and chairman of the committee to examine the various branches of the civil service. Mr. Quay has been reelected to this high office, continuing to hold a most prominent place in that legislative body to the present time (1903).

In 1855 Matthew S. Quay was united in marriage with Miss Agnes Barclay, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Shannon) Barclay, natives of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent. Children as follows have been born to this union: Richard Roberts, Andrew Gregg Curtin, Mary Agnew, Coral and Susan Willard, all natives of Beaver. The eld-

est son is a lawyer. The second son graduated from West Point June 11, 1888, and is in the United States army. The Senator owns one of the hand-somest farms in Lancaster county.

MAJOR SIMON B. CAMERON. Prominent in the social, business, political and military affairs of Lancaster county, this gentleman, now located in Marietta, is active as becomes the descendant of so worthy an ancestor as Gen. Simon Cameron, who was his grandfather.

Gen. Simon Cameron was one of Lancaster county's most distinguished citizens. Born March 8, 1799, in Maytown, this county, he was descended from Donald Cameron, who came from Scotland to America in the spring of 1775, in the same vessel with Rev. Colin McFarquhar. He was accompanied by his sons, John and Simon, the latter's wife and Ann McKenzie, probably a sister of Simon's wife, whose maiden name is known to have been McKenzie. Coming from the same neighborhood as the reverend gentleman, they were undoubtedly well acquainted, and having been tenant farmers in their native place they resumed their occupation upon the glebe lands of Donegal Church. As none of their names appear upon the Donegal assessment roll for two or three years, it is probable that after Mr. McFarquhar purchased a farm about two miles north of Mount Joy they carried on its cultivation. Simon and John Cameron took the oath of allegiance in June, 1778, before James Bayley, who owned and occupied the "Graybill farm," now the property of Abraham N. Cassel.

Charles Cameron, son of Simon, was married about 1794 to Miss Martha Pfoutz, daughter of John Pfoutz. She was a woman vigorous in both mind and body, possessed of a cheerful and indomitable spirit, which enabled her to face bravely the many vicissitudes she and her husband experienced in providing for the needs of their family. Charles Cameron learned the tailor's trade in Maytown, and for a few years carried on the hotel at the southwest corner of the square in that village, but with meager success. There their eldest son, William, was born in 1796, and the others, John, Simon, James and a daughter (who married a Mr. Boggs), were born in a small frame house not far away, to which the family moved in 1797. From Maytown the family removed to Vinegar's Ferry, and thence, about 1809, to Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

Simon Cameron was about nine years old when the family located in Northumberland, and, his father dying not long afterward, he was early thrown upon his own resources. In 1816 he entered as an apprentice to the printing business with Andrew Kennedy, of Northumberland, editor of the *Northumberland County Gazette*, but continued only one year when his employer, because of financial reverses, was obliged to close his establishment. By riverboat and on foot the young man made his way to Harrisburg, where he obtained a position in the

printing office of James Peacock, editor of the *Republican*, with whom he remained until he attained his majority. In January, 1821, at the solicitation of Samuel D. Ingham, he went to Doylestown, where he published the *Bucks County Messenger*, which, in March of the same year, was merged with the *Doylestown Democrat* under the name of the *Bucks County Democrat*. Toward the close of 1821 the plant was purchased by Gen. W. T. Rodgers. Mr. Cameron was engaged that winter as a journeyman printer in the office of Gales & Seaton, publishers of the *National Intelligencer*, at Washington. Returning to Harrisburg in 1822, he entered into partnership with Charles Mowry in the management of the *Pennsylvania Intelligencer*. At the conclusion of his services as State printer he was appointed by Gov. Shulze, of whom he was an early friend and supporter, to the office of adjutant general of Pennsylvania. Thus began the career of public service which ended only with the close of his life itself, and in which he made a record equalled by few.

Mr. Cameron early became interested in the development of internal improvements. In 1826 he began building the section of the Pennsylvania canal (then in process of construction) between Harrisburg and Sunbury, and not long afterward took contracts for other sections, on the western division. The charter granted by the Commonwealth to the State Bank of Louisiana provided that the bank build a canal from Lake Pontchartrain to New Orleans, and Mr. Cameron assumed the contract for the work, which was considered by engineers the greatest undertaking of the day. In Philadelphia he engaged twelve hundred men, whom he sent by sea to New Orleans, he himself, with his engineers and tools, going by river, from Pittsburg. This was in 1831. He spent half a year upon the work, and demonstrated its feasibility beyond a doubt. When the Bank of Middletown received its charter from the Legislature, in 1832, Mr. Cameron became cashier, and held that position for twenty-five years, the bank being a success from the start. The duties of that incumbency, however, were too limited to occupy all the time of a man possessed of his resources, and he interested himself in other fields of usefulness, particularly the promotion of railroads, serving at one time as president of four corporations, all operating lines in the region of his birth place. The establishment of the railroads from Middletown to Lancaster, from Harrisburg to Sunbury, from Harrisburg to Lebanon, was due to his efforts, and he also gave his influence in favor of the Cumberland Valley road, and succeeded in securing to Pennsylvania the ownership of the Northern Central railroad, from Harrisburg to Baltimore.

Mr. Cameron organized the Pennsylvania delegation to the first National Convention ever held in the United States, which met in Baltimore, having been recalled from his work in Louisiana for that purpose. This delegation supported Van Buren for the Vice Presidency. After the Convention Mr.

Cameron was appointed a visitor to West Point, by Gen. Jackson. In 1838 President Van Buren tendered him an appointment as commissioner, with James Murray, of Maryland, under a treaty with the Winnebago Indians, to settle and adjust the claims made against the Indians by the traders. In 1845 he was elected to the United States Senate, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of James Buchanan (who became Secretary of State under Polk), and served four years with a fidelity which the most exacting of his constituents could not question. In the winter of 1857 he was re-elected to that body, to succeed Senator Brodhead, and was thus again brought prominently to public notice. In the political movements which preceded the campaign of 1860 he was named as the choice of Pennsylvania for the Presidency, and his name was early associated with that of Lincoln for the Republican National ticket.

Gen. Cameron's influence was strongly felt at the Chicago Convention in 1860, and he so won the confidence of Mr. Lincoln that when that gentleman was elected to the Presidency he voluntarily offered the General a cabinet office. From the organization of the cabinet it was a recognized fact that of all its members Gen. Cameron held the closest personal relations with the President, who during his service as Secretary of War, consulted him in private as well as in the regular cabinet meetings. Gen. Cameron, anticipating that the Civil war was too serious for speedy settlement, set on foot the extensive preparations which time justified. On Jan. 11, 1862, he resigned from the cabinet, and the same day was nominated by Lincoln for the most important diplomatic mission in his gift—the minister to Russia being intrusted with the transaction of our affairs there at a time when a tact and discretion were never so necessary. He was given an honor never before or since accorded a cabinet officer—that of naming his successor as Secretary of War.

The General played a prominent part in nominating Lincoln for a second term, and meantime took active part in the politics of his native State, winning for the Republican party a standing which defied opposition. In 1866 he was again sent to the United States Senate, in which body he served longer than any other representative from Pennsylvania, and made a record also unsurpassed for activity and brilliant service. After his last election he served eleven years, resigning in 1877. He was at the time one of the foremost members of that body, holding the chairmanship of the committee on Foreign Relations, appointment to which incumbency was a recognized acknowledgment of superior statesmanship. Though he made no claims to being an orator, and seldom participated in debate, Mr. Cameron's influence in National legislation was as great as that of any man who ever held a seat in the Senate. He armed himself with facts, his arguments were clear and characterized by common sense, his propositions eminently practical, and his judgment in matters of finance,

commerce, manufacturing, internal improvements, etc., was always accepted as correct, and consequently reliable. He encouraged every project looking toward the development and opening up of the Western States, and his work was never without visible results.

Gen. Cameron married Margaret Brua, daughter of Peter Brua, of Harrisburg. The children born to this union were Rachel, who married Judge Burnside, of Bellefonte; Brua, who is mentioned below; Margaret, wife of Richard J. Haldeman; James Donald; and Virginia, who married Wayne MacVeagh.

Brua Cameron was a Civil engineer by profession. He was cashier of the Bank of Middletown, founded by his father, and in May, 1861, commissioned paymaster in the regular army, serving as such until his death, which occurred in 1864, at Lochiel, Pa., when he was thirty-eight years of age. He married Elizabeth Bastedo, daughter of Gilbert and Marian Bastedo, of Nelson, Ontario, Canada, the former of whom was a farmer by occupation. Mrs. Cameron survived her husband several years, passing away Dec. 31, 1871, at the age of forty-eight years, near Nelson, Ontario. The remains of both rest in the cemetery at Middletown. They were members of the Presbyterian Church at that place, and socially he was a Mason and Odd Fellow. Mr. and Mrs. Brua Cameron had the following named children: Simon B., whose name introduces this sketch, Marian Bastedo, widow of David Watts, of Harrisburg, who was an ironmaster; Margaret B., who died when eight years old; Janet R., who married Dr. George Husband, a physician of Philadelphia; and James, who died in infancy.

Simon B. Cameron was born May 11, 1855, in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he passed the first twelve years of his life, and the next three were spent in Lititz, Lancaster county, where he attended the Academy. He was subsequently a student at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., and Upson Seminary, New Preston, Conn., and took the examination for entrance to Sheffield Scientific School, Yale. Being offered a position on the Wheeler exploring expedition, he accepted, and was thus occupied two years, after which he was engaged two years as instructor in Upson Seminary. In May, 1881, Mr. Cameron came to East Donegal township, Lancaster county, to take charge of the Donegal farms for his grandfather, and he continued there until his marriage. He then moved to a farm two and a half miles from the Donegal farms, which was given him by his grandfather, residing on that place until his removal to Marietta in 1894. Here he has carried on a real-estate and insurance business, and in 1898 was elected justice of the peace, in which capacity he is still officiating. Like his honored forefathers, he is a Republican in political sentiment, and has been quite active in party affairs, serving as delegate from Lancaster county to the State Convention in 1894. He has not sought office, however, though

he has been a member of the school board one year since locating in Marietta.

Since January, 1890, Mr. Cameron has been a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, and he served as quartermaster of the 4th Regiment until May, 1897, when he was promoted to his present position, in the 3d Brigade, on the staff of Gen. J. P. S. Gobin, as commissary of subsistence; he ranks as major. During the riot at Hazleton, Pa., he provided the food for the troops in service. He accompanied the National Guard to the coal fields in the troublesome times in 1902. The Major is a member of the Loyal Legion, and fraternally of the Masonic Order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He is also an elder in the Presbyterian Church and assistant superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School in the town in which he resides.

On Feb. 15, 1887, Simon B. Cameron was united in marriage, at Harrisburg, with Miss Helen Markley, and two children have blessed their union: Simon B., born May 20, 1888, died June 18, 1901; and Elva M., born Aug. 4, 1890. In religious connection our subject is a Presbyterian.

Dr. George H. Markley, father of Mrs. Cameron, was born in Lancaster, and was a member of the old Markley family which has long been prominent in this county. In 1863 he removed to Harrisburg, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying May 11, 1900. He was a physician, and also conducted a pharmacy. Dr. Markley married Miss Emma Snyder, of Harrisburg, daughter of Charles and Emma Snyder, the former of whom was a justice of the peace for many years. Mrs. Markley now makes her home in Harrisburg. Of the children born to Dr. and Mrs. Markley, Helen, Mrs. Cameron, was born in Lancaster; Elva married Ralph Shaw, a lawyer of Paterson, N. J., where he is now assistant district attorney; and Miss Katherine lives with her mother.

DAVID HAYES AGNEW was born at Nobleville, now the borough of Christiana, in Lancaster county, Nov. 24, 1818, only child of Robert and Agnes (Noble) Agnew. The latter had been previously married to Rev. Eleazer Henderson, by whom she had two children, James N.; and Mary Henderson, who married Davies Wallace, of Lancaster county, and had a son, E. D. Wallace, who now resides at Blue Ball.

The Agnew family, which has been prominent in this country for nearly two centuries, can be traced through many generations of North of Ireland and Scotch ancestry to Norman progenitors. The earliest authentic record of the family comes from Agneaux, a quaint village in northern France, from which the family derives its name—this being the reverse of the process in this country where the family has invariably given the name to the place. The little town of Agnew, Lancaster Co., Neb., named in honor of Dr. Agnew, is a typical example of this

method, and shows the space of time and changes in living and civilization between the Agneaux of the Old World, and the Agnew of the New.

James Agnew, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, with two brothers, emigrated from Ireland about the year 1717. He was a typical Scotch-Irishman. In an old graveyard near Gettysburg lie a number of the earlier members of the Agnew family. On one of the grave-stones is the coat of arms of the Agnews of Lochnar, and on another a rude carving of Weights and Measures, with the inscription, "The Weights and Measures of Scotland." His biographer, Dr. J. Howe Adams, says Dr. Agnew evinced a pathetic interest in this little deserted spot, where so many of his lineage were laid to rest, and always spent much of his time when he visited Gettysburg taking tracings of the various stones.

Robert Agnew, the father of David Hayes, was born in Adams county, Pa., and received his general education at Dickinson college, studied medicine and became a surgeon in the United States Navy. On his first voyage the vessel was wrecked off Cape Hatteras, and he narrowly escaped with his life. This incident changed his plans. He settled at Nobleville, where he soon acquired a large general practice, which finally made inroads upon his health, and he determined to retire. His popularity, however, was such that he concluded the only way to do this was to remove from the neighborhood. He, therefore, after a practice of a quarter of a century, removed to Baltimore county, Md., where he purchased a handsome country seat. While a citizen of Lancaster county he was prominently identified with the Octoraro United Presbyterian Church as a leading member of the Sessions. He died Oct. 10, 1858, aged seventy-three years. The farm house in which his distinguished son was born is still standing and in good repair. The old flouring mill, built by Dr. Robert Agnew in 1816, on a branch of the Octoraro at Christiana, is now a ruin. For many years the driveway leading from the public road to the farm buildings, led over the embankment of the mill pond.

After receiving his primary education in the country school David Hayes Agnew was sent to the Moscow Academy, at that time a flourishing school, of which the Rev. Francis Latta was the principal. It derived its name from this incident: Soon after the war of 1812 there was a mania in this State for laying out new towns. The proprietor of the "General Wayne Tavern," on the Lancaster turnpike, sold his property, including fifty acres of land, to a party of speculators for the fancy price of \$16,000, who laid out a town (on paper), to which they gave the name of Moscow, after the Russian town of that name which had been recently destroyed by fire to prevent its occupation by Napoleon Bonaparte. The speculation failed, and "Cossack Street" again became the Lancaster turnpike and the others with Russian names were lost in the bosom of the farm.

It was on this property that Mr. Latta built the Moscow Academy in 1826, and there that young Agnew received the foundation of a good classical education. From there he was sent to Jefferson College at Canonsburg, Pa., an institution then the centre of Presbyterian influence in Western Pennsylvania, and as such influenced his parents in choosing a school to complete the education of their son, together with the fact that the Rev. James Ramsay, a relative, was a trustee. He did not stay to graduate as had been intended, but left to enter Newark College, which had just been opened at Newark, Del. (now Delaware College), under the auspices of the State, and of which his cousin, Rev. John Holmes Agnew, had been elected Professor of Languages. He resigned his position when he discovered that the College was supported in part by the proceeds of a lottery, and there being no special inducement for his young cousin to stay, he left before graduating. He now felt that he had reached the age when he could prepare for the profession which had been the dream of his boyhood. After studying some time with his father, he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1836, being one of the youngest members of the class. He graduated in 1838, among his classmates being Surgeon General Barnes and Dr. Henry E. Muhlenberg.

After graduating Dr. Agnew returned to Nobleville in order to assist his father in his extensive practice. He remained with his father two years, until the latter removed to Maryland in 1840. The younger Agnew lived in the old homestead, where his parents had resided for many years, and his mother's family had long dwelt in that locality, the village having been named after them, and when the name was changed in 1847 to Christiana it was in honor of Christiana, wife of Wm. Noble, Dr. Agnew's uncle. While living here he met his future wife, Margaret Creighton Irwin. Their parents had been friends for many years, Dr. Robert Agnew having been their family physician. After he went South the son was called in to attend a member of the family. An attachment was formed between Miss Irwin and himself which culminated in their marriage at the Irwin homestead, Pleasant Garden, on Nov. 21, 1841, in Dr. Agnew's twenty-third year. The life-long friend of his father and himself, Rev. Dr. Easton, performed the ceremony.

Dr. Agnew had been in practice nearly five years, and was quite successful as a country practitioner, when he unexpectedly drifted in another direction. His father-in-law was extensively engaged in the iron business. At his death his sons assumed control of his extensive business, and Dr. Agnew was urged to enter the firm to represent his wife's interest. This looked like a promising opportunity, and he joined the firm of Irwin & Agnew in the management of the iron works at Spring Garden, Chester county. But this seemingly auspicious move was made on the eve of the great revolution in industrial methods, when railroads, the telegraph and improved

machinery were working new conditions. The Irwin iron works had been erected and fitted for making charcoal iron, and had been located with a view to convenience to water powers and abundance of wood. They were not adapted to the new conditions, and the panic of 1837 made matters worse. The firm made a determined struggle against unequal forces, but three years after the admission of Dr. Agnew to the firm they were obliged to make an assignment, and Dr. Agnew returned to his first love worse off financially than when he began, being heavily in debt. He felt keenly the failure of his firm, and determined to make up to the creditors all they had lost, and through his future success he was able to pay every cent of indebtedness of the firm, even claims that had been outlawed by lapse of time.

About the time Dr. Agnew was making up his mind to locate in Philadelphia, where he would have better facilities to pursue his favorite studies of Practical Anatomy and Operative Surgery, Dr. Nathaniel Sample, then the most eminent physician in Lancaster county, invited him to take temporary charge of the practice of his son, who had been sick for some time; but while thus engaged he was injured in a runaway accident which confined him to his bed for nine weeks, and the effect of which he carried to his grave, in a slight limp in his gait, his hip having been severely injured. As soon as he was well enough he went to Philadelphia, where he entered upon that career as a surgeon which gave him more than a national reputation. Some years afterward, when meeting a citizen of Soudersburg, Dr. Agnew said, "I located at Soudersburg when a young man; I stayed long enough to know all the roads in that district; but I found that the people around there wanted a better doctor than I was likely to prove, so I moved." How limited is human foresight!

Dr. Agnew located in Philadelphia, in 1848, when he was thirty years of age, with seven years of country practice and two years of business experience, and soon attained a fair practice. In 1852 he began his teaching of Practical Anatomy and Operative Surgery in the Philadelphia School of Anatomy, and his name is still the most distinguished in the long list of able men who have been connected with that institution. In 1854 he was elected a surgeon in the Philadelphia Hospital, which was his first opportunity to perfect himself in the teaching of Clinical Surgery; and in speaking of it to his friend and professional associate, Dr. J. William White, he said he "might as well attempt to be a gardener without a garden as a surgeon without a hospital." During the Civil war he had large opportunities, principally in the Hestonville General Hospital, for operative work. In 1863 he was elected surgeon to Wills' Eye Hospital; in 1867 surgeon to the Orthopedic Hospital; in 1870 professor of Clinical Surgery, and in 1871 Professor of Surgery in the University of Pennsylvania, retaining the latter positions until 1889, when he resigned them to be

created Emeritus Professor of Surgery and Honorary Professor of Clinical Surgery. During all these years he grew steadily in professional strength; his clinics were crowded; his office was filled; his services were in daily demand in all parts of the Middle States, and the University of Pennsylvania was sending out, year after year, hundreds of young men who justly regarded him as the best possible adviser in all cases of surgical disease or injury. He was one of the surgeons employed in the Garfield case, spending many days and nights with the President during a period of three months, involving a loss of weeks from his practice, then the largest of any American surgeon, for which he refused to make a charge, and for which Congress appropriated a sum which gave him only \$5,000.

Dr. J. William White, who attended to his surgical cases when Dr. Agnew's health began to fail in 1888, and who was a constant attendant in his last illness, in his memoir read before the College of Physicians, thus spoke of the closing days of his active career: "After his retirement from the chair of Surgery he gave each year, at my urgent solicitation, backed by that of the class, a clinic at the University Hospital. It was always known in advance and the amphitheatre was packed from floor to ceiling. . . . He never lost his hold on the love and respect of the students, and until the day of his death was the most popular member of the University faculty."

Dr. Agnew entered into rest on March 22, 1892. The immediate cause of death was uremia. His remains repose in West Laurel Hill.—[J. M. W. GEIST.

COL. JAMES DUFFY was for many years one of the prominent residents of Marietta, but his reputation was not by any means confined to that locality. He was active in many lines before connecting himself with the Marietta Hollow Ware & Enameling Co., with which he was identified from 1877 to the close of his long life.

Col. Duffy was a grandson of John Duffy, a native of Newtown Cunningham, County Donegal, Ireland, who was a leather dresser by trade. He married Ann Bradley, and their son, James, the father of our subject, was also born in Newtown. The latter came to America in 1800, locating first in Lancaster and later in Marietta, in the organization of which borough he took an active part. He was engaged in many undertakings which proved of great benefit to the county, and being a man of good business ability carried on the contracting business profitably. He constructed the Marietta and Lancaster turnpike, the turnpike from the Elizabethtown to the Susquehanna river, and the road from Carlisle to Baltimore, through York Springs and Gettysburg. Mr. Duffy died in 1836, aged sixty-five years, in the faith of the Catholic Church. He was a Democrat politically. Previous to his emigration to this country he was a member of the famous Light Horse Cavalry, of Ireland. James

Duffy married Catherine Sheriden, like himself a native of County Donegal, who died in 1820. Twelve children were born to them.

Col. James Duffy, our subject, was born in Marietta Sept. 16, 1818, and in his boyhood engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna, rising in time to the rank of pilot. He was thus employed until 1846, and the following year made a trip to Europe. In 1848 he established a line of boats for transporting coal from Pottsville to New York, in the interests of the Schuylkill Navigation Co. In connection with James Mehaffy he began the lumber business, in which he continued until 1865. Meantime, in 1861, he began transporting supplies for the Government to forts in New Mexico and the West, among other places to Salt Lake City. The magnitude of these contracts can be estimated from the facts that millions of dollars were employed, and over thirty thousand oxen were used. After seven years spent in this line Mr. Duffy retired from active business, devoting his attention to his landed interests and he won the reputation of being the largest tobacco grower in the State. In 1877 he became interested in the Marietta Hollow Ware & Enameling Co., in which he controlled one-half the stock. He was one of the directors of the Bald Eagle Valley Railway Co., and was active in the support of many enterprises. He was a Democrat, and in 1875 he was appointed a member of the Board of Fish Commissioners for Pennsylvania. In religion, like his forefathers, he was a Roman Catholic. His death occurred in November, 1886.

Col. James Duffy was married, Sept. 8, 1863, to Martha, daughter of John Park, of Marietta, and to them were born the following named children: Josephine; Catherine, deceased; James, who married Miss Malone, and has three children, James, Josephine and Richard; Donald Cameron; Thomas Bayard; John Park, deceased; Martha Park; John Park (2), who also passed away; and Mary Agnes, who died in infancy.

CAPT. SAMUEL EVANS, now one of the venerable residents of Columbia, has long been one of the best known citizens of Lancaster county, where he is looked upon as the most reliable authority in matters pertaining to local history. His efforts in gathering and preserving data of interest and consequence have been both laborious and successful—all the more so that he has ever aimed at accuracy in every particular, a fact which invests his articles with especial value. Capt. Evans was born Jan. 20, 1823, near Marietta, this county, in the stone mansion on what is now Col. James Duffy's park farm.

Major Samuel Evans, his grandfather, was born near Landenburg, Chester Co., Pa., of Welsh and Irish extraction, and became a man of importance in his time and place. He was captain of the 8th Company, in the Chester County Battalion, commanded by his father, Col. Evan Evans, and he par-

ticipated in the battles of Trenton, Princeton and Brandywine. He was mustered out of the service holding the rank of major, having been but twenty-one years old when given that rank. He was one of the judges of the Chester court, and served several years as a member of the State Legislature. Major Evans married Frances Lowrey, youngest child of Col. Alexander and Ann Lowrey, the former of whom owned and lived upon the present Duffy farm. Mrs. Lowrey was of English extraction.

Alexander Lowrey Evans, father of Capt. Samuel, was given advantages for education such as but few young men of his day received. He was a college graduate, and became a fine classical scholar. Possessed of rare abilities, he displayed in his writings literary attainments of a high order. Like his father, he had a taste for military life, but had no opportunity for seeing active service. He was an ardent Federalist, but he never sought political honors. His death occurred in July, 1839. In 1822 he married Hannah Slaymaker, youngest daughter of Hon. Amos and Isabella (Fleming) Slaymaker, of Salisbury, the former of whom was an ensign in the Revolutionary war, and a member of Congress in 1811 and 1812. Mr. Slaymaker was a charter member and one of the promoters of the Philadelphia and Lancaster turnpike, which was built in 1792, and which was one the first built in the country. He was also one of the proprietors of the Philadelphia and Pittsburg stage line, which was established in 1800. Mrs. Slaymaker's father, James Fleming, who was of Scotch-Irish extraction, inherited the military ardor of his race, and served in Capt. David Buyer's company; he was at the battle of Long Island.

Capt. Samuel Evans remained at the place of his birth until he was fifteen years old, and during his boyhood attended regularly the best schools of the neighborhood. In April, 1838, he was apprenticed to Israel Cooper, a Quaker, one of the prominent builders of Columbia, with whom he remained six years. For one year after reaching his majority he continued in that locality, and then for eighteen months he followed his trade successively in New York, Pittsburg, St. Louis and New Orleans. Returning to Columbia, he engaged in building there and in Lancaster, and also followed the lumber business along the river.

Although his business received the attention its successful conduct required, it was hardly to be expected that a man of Capt. Evans' active and progressive disposition should be satisfied with only a commercial outlet for his intelligence and energy. He early took an active part in the political affairs of his locality, attaching himself to the Whig party, in time becoming an aggressive advocate of anti-slavery principles. He was a liberal and welcome contributor to the editorial and local columns of the newspapers of his party, and he showed himself apt at giving and parrying the blows which were so freely exchanged at a time when party feeling ran



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high. He always attended the primaries, and frequently represented his District in the county conventions, where he took a prominent part in framing the platforms of his party. In 1856 he had the honor of being a delegate to the Republican State Convention held at Philadelphia. In 1853 Capt. Evans was elected a justice of the peace for the lower ward of Columbia, and in 1857 was nominated by the Republicans for clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, and Oyer and Terminer, and was elected. During his term, though the business in court was quite large, there was not a single adjourned court of Quarter Sessions. In the spring of 1861 he returned to Columbia, and was again elected a justice of the peace of the lower ward.

When Sumter was fired upon, and a company of volunteers was raised in Columbia by Col. Fisher, Mr. Evans enrolled himself as a private, and marched with the organization to Camp Curtin, about May 1, 1861. He was appointed orderly sergeant of Company K, 5th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, and on June 21, 1861, was promoted to a second lieutenancy. On the following day he marched with his regiment to Cumberland, Md., via Hopewell and Bedford, part of the way by rail. From Cumberland the regiment proceeded to New Creek, and made a forced march by night from the latter place to Ridgeville, a distance of ten miles, to relieve Col. Kane. From West Virginia the regiment returned to Harrisburg, thence to Washington and Tennytown, about Aug. 20, 1861. From there they marched to Camp Pierpont, south of the Potomac, on the Drainesville turnpike. On Oct. 1, 1861, Samuel Evans was appointed quartermaster of the regiment, with the rank of first lieutenant, and was given charge of the brigade quartermaster's department for some months, and was also assigned as assistant commissary of subsistence of the brigade and division, which responsible position he held for a year or more. At Culpeper he was appointed on Gen. Warren's staff, and was assigned to the duty of issuing commissary supplies to detached troops at Warren's and Grant's headquarters, to the destitute, to loyal citizens, and to contrabands who followed in the wake of the army. He also had charge of the cattle of the 5th Corps, numbering a thousand head, and during battle issued fresh beef to the soldiers, and supplied the wounded in the hospitals on the battlefield. On May 11, 1864, at the battle of Todd's Tavern, he issued twenty thousand rations to the wounded. When this battle was pending he was ordered to issue fresh beef to some of the troops at the front. A detail of men was sent from the intrenchments, a hundred yards away, to take the beef and divide it. They were compelled to crawl along the ground, and could neither go back nor forward. Those in the intrenchments were compelled to lie down, and the beef of several cattle had to be abandoned. During his three years as a soldier Capt. Evans was not absent from a single battle in which the troops to which he was attached were engaged;

this included Drainesville, the seven days fighting on the Peninsula, Fredericksburg, South Mountain, Antietam and the Wilderness. While not seeking danger, he always obeyed the orders of his superiors, and never required a subordinate to do an onerous or responsible duty while a battle was pending, but went himself and saw that his orders were executed. For meritorious conduct in the Wilderness campaign President Johnson commissioned him a brevet captain. With his regiment he returned to Harrisburg, and was mustered out of the service in July, 1864. In addition to his own service to his country, Capt. Evans and his wife each sent a substitute to the army, both of whom remained until the close of the war.

In 1866 the Captain was again elected justice of the peace in Columbia, and he was re-elected to the office in 1872, 1877, 1884, 1889 and 1894, continuing to serve until 1900, since when he has been a notary public. In political affairs his interest is as keen as ever, but with advancing years he has been less active and more inclined to conservatism, though he has remained a staunch Republican. Capt. Evans is a member of Col. Welsh Post, No. 118, G. A. R.; Department of Pennsylvania, and also affiliates with the following societies: Colonial Society, Sons of the Revolution, Scotch-Irish Society, Maryland Historical Society (corresponding member, with headquarters at Baltimore), Harford County (Md.) Historical Society, Virginia Historical Society, and Lancaster Historical Society, of which latter he is vice-president.

Industry and good management in his earlier years brought Capt. Evans a well deserved competency, in the expenditure of which he and his family have shown both judgment and common sense, as well as a keen appreciation of what is best in life. In 1852 the Captain married Miss Elizabeth Anderson, who died in the summer of 1855. In 1857 he was married to Miss Mary Shoch, a lady of German and Scotch-Irish stock. Mrs. Evans taught school for a number of years, and has always taken a deep interest in literary subjects and matters of education generally. She is highly cultured, and is the author of many poetical writings of high merit. Like her husband, she has a decidedly progressive disposition, and both occupy a high place among the citizens of Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have but one surviving child, Miss Lilian Slaymaker Evans, who was born in Columbia, and now resides with her parents. She belongs to and takes a deep interest in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the first member of the Society from Pennsylvania, and stands No. 41 in the roll, which now contains forty thousand names. She organized the chapter of Donegal, and was its first regent, as she was of Witness Tree Chapter, which she also organized. At the first meeting of the Continental Congress of the Society, which was held in Washington, D. C., Feb. 22, 1892, she was the youngest regent present. As ex-officio

regent Miss Evans has attended nearly all the meetings of the Continental Congress of the Society. She is also a member of the Society of Colonial Dames, and takes a deep interest in its meetings and projects. She is proud, as well she may be, of her Scotch-Irish lineage, and is a member of the National Scotch-Irish Society.

JONATHAN MESSERSMITH FOLTZ, Surgeon General of the United States Navy, was born in Lancaster, Pa., April 25, 1810, being the youngest son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Foltz of this city. His ancestors came from Prussia in 1755, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. Receiving a thorough academic education, he studied medicine with Dr. William Thompson, and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1830. On April 4, 1831, though not yet twenty-one years of age, he was commissioned an assistant surgeon in the navy, and soon after embarked upon the frigate "Potomac," for an expedition against the pirates of Sumatra, and a three years' cruise around the world. This expedition, under command of Commodore John Downs, attracted much attention at the time, and was completely successful, the fortified towns of the Mohammedan pirates being bombarded and taken by storm. Surgeon Foltz landed with the storming column, and was warmly commended in the report of Captain Shubrick as "active and zealous in the discharge of his duties, binding up and dressing the wounded under the fire of the enemy." Soon after his return from this cruise he published the medical statistics and observations upon it. Being stationed at the Washington navy yard from 1834 until 1838, he formed friendships with many of the noted men of the day, and was present at the memorable duel between William C. Graves of Kentucky, and Jonathan Cilley of Maine, when the latter was killed. Dr. Foltz had tried to adjust the differences between the duelists, and only remained upon the scene from considerations of humanity, and in the hope that he might save life. In 1837 Yale College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts, then seldom granted.

In 1838 Dr. Foltz was commissioned past assistant surgeon, and appointed to the charge of the naval hospital then maintained at Port Mahon, on the island of Minorca, in the Mediterranean. Visiting Algiers enroute to his post, he met the French expedition against Abdel Kader, under the Duke of Orleans and the noted Captains Pelissier and McMahon, the latter afterward Marshal McMahon. He made a study of the "pernicious fever" as he found it in the French military hospitals, and published a notable monograph upon that disease, but his most successful literary and professional work was an essay published in 1843 after his return to America, and entitled "The Endemic Influence of Evil Government, Illustrated in a View of the Climate, Topography and Disease of the Island of Minorca."

His next service was in the frigate "Raritan,"

as fleet surgeon in South American waters, and on the outbreak of the war with Mexico, when his vessel was ordered to the Gulf Coast, he applied for shore service, and was present at the battle of Palo Alto, assisting in the treatment of the wounded. At the battle of Resaca de la Palma, he cared for Major Ringgold when that gallant officer received his mortal wound, and at the battles of Alverado and Tobasco and the siege of Vera Cruz, he rendered efficient service. He published "A Report on Scorbutus," as it occurred in our fleet. He had written in 1842 a series of articles "On the Employment of Steam Ships of War in the United States Navy." These articles were embodied in the report of the Secretary of the Navy, and they led directly to the building of our first steam war ships, the "Princeton," and the "Union." He next served in the "Jamestown" on the coast of Brazil, and at the Philadelphia Naval Asylum. During the administration of James Buchanan, he was stationed at the navy yard and naval hospital in Washington, and, having long been the intimate friend as well as medical adviser of the President, was in closest touch with the stirring events of the day. He was one of the party which accompanied Buchanan to Washington shortly before his inauguration, when they were all attacked by the mysterious "National Hotel disease," believed to have been an attempt to poison the president-elect.

On the breaking out of the Civil war he served first in the "Santee" and then in the "Niagara" of the Gulf squadron at the bombardment of Forts McCrea and Barancas, and was then appointed fleet surgeon of the Western Gulf squadron under Admiral Farragut. He established a hospital at Pilot Town, on board the "Hartford," took part in the bombardment of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, the capture of the Chalmette Fort, the fight at Vicksburg, and all the naval battles of Admiral Farragut on the Mississippi, remaining attached to the "Hartford" as fleet surgeon for more than a year, and rendering valuable service in advising and directing measures for keeping yellow fever out of New Orleans, and away from our naval and military forces.

On May 8, 1862, when off Baton Rouge, Surgeon Foltz went in an open boat under fire to attend wounded, and on July 15th, during the fight with the ram "Arkansas," he performed a like service. He was frequently commended in general orders and reports. He became a member of the Naval Medical Board in 1863, and in 1866 president of the Board. In 1867 he was chosen by Admiral Farragut to be fleet surgeon of the European squadron, with which that officer visited the great harbors of the Old World, and he accompanied the Admiral to the many audiences granted, and the splendid receptions tendered by monarchs and potentates, including the Emperors of France and Russia. Returning to America in 1870, he again became president of the Medical Board, and on Oct. 25, 1871, was appointed by President Grant chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and Surgeon General

of the Navy, with the relative rank of Commodore. He held these positions until April 25, 1872, when he reached the age fixed by law for retirement. In 1874 he was elected a vice-president of the Jefferson Medical College. His death occurred at his home in Philadelphia, April 12, 1877, and he is buried in the Lancaster cemetery.

Dr. Foltz married in 1854, Rebecca Steinman, daughter of John Frederick Steinman, of Lancaster, Pa., and had three sons, all of whom were living in 1902: Frederick Steinman, a captain in the 2d U. S. Cav., late captain of the port of Havana, Cuba, supervisor of police and chief of the Cuban secret service; Charles Steinman, one of the editors of the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, treasurer of the Penn. Iron Co.; and Dr. Jonathan Clinton, a practicing physician of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia.

GEN. THOMAS WELSH (deceased). One of the military heroes whom the city of Columbia delights to honor is Gen. Thomas Welsh, whose brilliant career during the Civil war was cut short by an untimely death. His name is perpetuated in G. A. R. post, No. 118, at Columbia, and the affectionate remembrance in which his name is held by his old comrades in arms is undimmed by lengthening years. He did valiant service in the Mexican war, and had participated gallantly for more than two years in the great national struggle of 1861-65 when death overtook him.

Gen. Welsh was a native of Columbia. He was born in 1824, son of Charles and Nancy (Dougherty) Welsh, old residents of Columbia. He was a young man of twenty-three at the breaking out of the Mexican war. He entered as a private, and was assigned to Co. C. of the 2d Kentucky Foot Regiment. He was promoted to first sergeant Feb. 23, 1847, at the battle of Buena Vista he was severely wounded in the leg, and the preservation of both life and limb was due to the care of Dr. Blanton, surgeon in the regular army. On account of disability from wounds he was discharged as first sergeant June 11, 1847. Returning home for complete recovery, he was commissioned in December, of the same year, second lieutenant of the 11th United States Infantry, then in Mexico. He marched to Vera Cruz, and participated in the sharp campaign under Gen. Scott. At the close of the war Lieut. Welsh resigned his commission and returned to civil life. He became a merchant at the Basin, and the owner of several canal boats. He was elected justice of the peace in 1856, and during Gov. Bigler's administration was appointed superintendent of the lock.

When Fort Sumter was fired upon in April, 1861, a company of seventy-eight men was recruited at Columbia in one night for the three months' service, and on April 17, 1861, Lieut. Thomas Welsh was elected captain of this company. Two days later it reported at Harrisburg for duty, and became a part of the 11th P. V. I. Capt. Welsh was commissioned lieutenant colonel. At the expiration of the three

months' service Lieut. Col. Welsh assisted in the organization of the 45th P. V. I., for three years' service, of which he was commissioned colonel July 22, 1861. He participated in all the campaigns of the 9th Army Corps, and was a model and brilliant soldier. The regiment lost 145 men at the battle of South Mountain, Sept. 16, 1862, and thirty at Antietam. Col. Welsh was promoted to brigadier-general March 13, 1863, and in that capacity participated in the Mississippi campaigns. After the surrender of Gen. Pemberton, and while his command was being transferred to the East, Gen. Welsh died at Cincinnati, Aug. 14, 1863, of disease contracted during the investment of Vicksburg. His death was a shock not only to his own brigade and to his many friends at home, but to innumerable friends of the Union cause, to whom his brilliant and patriotic career had become a pride and inspiration.

A family of five, a son and four daughters, remained to mourn him. Gen. Welsh had married at Columbia, Oct. 25, 1850, Miss Annis F. Young, who was born at Wrightsville, Lancaster county, in 1831, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kline) Young, of New England ancestry. She was a charter member of the Lutheran Church of Columbia, and died Feb. 23, 1894. Both are buried in Mount Bethel cemetery. The children born to Gen. and Mrs. Welsh are as follows: Alice; Mary Y., principal of the Columbia high school; Effie; Addie, who died at the age of two years; Lilian, a physician of Baltimore, Md.; and Lieut. Blanton C., who graduated from West Point, in 1882, and in October, 1885, married Miss Emily Benson, of New York. He is now a retired army officer at Montclair, N. J., and has a son named for the distinguished and honored father.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS ATLEE, first President Judge of the Second Judicial District of Pennsylvania, came of ancient and honorable lineage. He was one of three (some accounts say five) children born to William Atlee, of Fordhook House, England, who, contrary to the wishes of his family, married Jane Alcock, a cousin of William Pitt, and maid of honor to the Queen of England. The match was a clandestine one, and the young couple sailed for America (he in the capacity of secretary to Lord Howe), landing at Philadelphia, in July, 1734.

Judge Atlee, the oldest child of his father, was born in Philadelphia July 1, 1735. His father died in that city in 1744. His mother, acting under the advice of her husband's friend, Edward Shippen, Esq., removed to Lancaster with her young family, and when of a suitable age, William Augustus read law in the office of Mr. Shippen. In 1758 he was admitted to the Bar, and his abilities were such that he rose rapidly in his profession, and in a few years was one of the foremost lawyers in the State. He also took an active part in local affairs, and on Sept. 15, 1770, was elected chief burgess of the borough of Lancaster, and he was elected three times subse-

quently to the same position. While acting in that capacity, so important and valuable were his services esteemed by his associates, that at a meeting of the burgesses held March 16, 1774, "was taken into consideration the many services Mr. Atlee had done for the corporation in penning and preparing the above law to be laid before the Assembly, drawing the draught of the borough, waiting on the Assembly with the bill, and other services, and he refusing to accept a draught on the treasurer, or any other satisfaction for the same, it is therefore unanimously agreed (he having retired at the request of the other gentlemen present), that Messrs. Henry, Lowman and Hopson have some piece of plate made such as agreeable to Mrs. Atlee, genteel and not too expensive, and present the same to her as a testimony of their approbation of Mr. Atlee's conduct in serving the borough."

The act of the Assembly to which reference has just been made was "for regulating the buildings, keeping in repair the streets, lanes and alleys, highways, etc., in the borough of Lancaster." The committee appointed to procure the testimonial attended to the duty assigned them, and in the report of the borough treasurer, presented on June 29, 1776, the following item occurs: "May 16, by cash to Charles Hall for a silver tea Sett as a present to Mr. Atlee, for his trouble relative to the Borough Law, £14, 5s., od."

The first demonstration in the Revolutionary struggle made in this county was at a meeting held at the court house on Wednesday, June 15, 1774, in pursuance to a call received from Philadelphia by Mr. Atlee, and published by him. Strong sentiments against further imports from and exports to Britain were expressed, and he with a number of other prominent citizens were constituted a committee to further these aims. He was one of the deputies sent from Lancaster county to the convention called at Philadelphia on July 15th, and he was one of the members of the committee appointed by that convention to prepare a long and elaborate draft of instructions to the Representatives, which were soon to meet in General Assembly to appoint persons to attend a congress of deputies from all the Colonies. The Continental Congress assembled soon thereafter in Carpenter's Hall, Philadelphia, and among other things recommended the election of "Committees of Observation." Mr. Atlee was one of the members of the Committee elected to represent Lancaster borough.

During the stirring times that followed, no man was more active in the good cause than he. He had been chosen as chairman of the local committee of safety, and as such his duties were both arduous and incessant. He was in constant communication with President Reed and other State officials. The dangerous number of prisoners kept here, their plans for escape, the condition of the barracks, were fruitful themes, and required unremitting care and attention. But Mr. Atlee seems to have been the right man in

the right place, and to have discharged the duties of his position in a way to deserve the approbation of those at the head of affairs.

In May, 1777, he was one of the committee of thirteen appointed by the war office to supply the army with blankets and other supplies, for Lancaster county. On Aug. 16, 1777, he received from the Supreme Executive Council of the State, the appointment of second Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, his associates being Thomas McKean, who later was thrice elected Governor of the Commonwealth, and John Evans. During the years 1777 and 1778 he also held the position of Commissary of the British prisoners confined at Lancaster, an office that was attended with many cares and annoyances, and required unremitting attention.

But the State and county had still further need of his services after the struggle for independence was over. On Aug. 19, 1784, he was reappointed as a Judge of the Supreme Court. In November, 1789, he was sent from this county as a delegate to the convention held in Philadelphia, to amend the State Constitution framed in 1776. On Aug. 17, 1791, he was appointed the President Judge of the newly established Second Judicial District, composed of the counties of Chester, Lancaster, York and Dauphin, a position he held until the day of his death, Sept. 9, 1793. Few names in our local history stand forth more conspicuously or more deservedly than that of Judge William Augustus Atlee. He was equally distinguished as a citizen, a lawyer, a patriot and a Judge. Like his illustrious brother, Colonel Samuel J. Atlee, he was an ardent advocate of the independence of the Colonies, and his services to the cause were many and continuous throughout the entire war. The numerous public positions to which he was elected and appointed show the confidence and esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens. He deserved that confidence for he was a man of the highest integrity. His career on the Bench was both able and successful. He appears to have been endowed with many of the requirements for that exalted position, integrity, legal learning and sound judgment. In his capacity as a member of the Supreme Court of the State during the formative period of our judicial history, he rendered most efficient service in laying its foundations deep and strong, and it has been noted that the opinions pronounced during his term of service on the Bench show a wonderful unanimity on the part of the incumbents; so much so that Lord Mansfield, one of the most eminent of English Judges, in referring to the Courts' decisions as recorded in the official reports of that period, remarked that "They do credit to the Court, the Bar and the Reporter. They show readiness in practice, liberality in principle, strong reason and legal learning." Judge Atlee is said to have been a man of great affability, of an attractive and winning personality, in whom the sense of right and duty was strongly developed, and of unquestioned integrity. He also appears to have escaped the carp-

ing censure of political enemies and critics to a degree quite unusual in those days. From his first entrance into public life in 1770, until his death, a period of almost a quarter of a century, he possessed the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens, in an unusual degree. It is highly gratifying to reflect that the same confidence has in a long measure been enjoyed by his successors.

JUDGE JOHN JOSEPH HENRY, the second of the President Judges of this district, was born in Lancaster Nov. 4, 1758. His father, William Henry, was a celebrated inventor and a gunsmith by profession, holding a number of important positions on the patriot side during the Revolutionary war. Young Henry was early brought into close relations with men eminent in that struggle, and his military ardor was so aroused at being denied the privilege of enlisting as a soldier, that while still a youth of seventeen, he ran away and made his way to Boston, where the first Continental Army was assembling. Here he joined the fatal expedition of General Arnold against Quebec, and went through all the sufferings and horrors of that campaign, and here were sown the seeds of disease which later made him an invalid for life. He wrote a very full history of that expedition, which was published the year after his death. Being exchanged he returned home, after a long imprisonment, still longing to be a soldier, but his health would not permit. He bound himself as a clerk in the office of John Hubley, Esq., prothonotary, meanwhile reading law and improving a defective education. In 1785 he was admitted to the Bar, and at once began the practice of his profession. In 1793, upon the death of Judge Atlee, he was appointed President Judge of this district, being only thirty-five years old. But while bright prospects opened for him professionally, disease laid its hand heavily upon him, and sometimes rendered him incapable of holding the regular terms of his Court. He, however, continued to hold his commission until 1810, when he resigned it, after having been on the Bench seventeen years. He died April 15, 1811.

WALTER FRANKLIN, third President Judge of this district, although born a few years prior to the outbreak of the struggle with the mother country, was still too young to share in the war of independence. He was born in the city of New York, at which place his father was living at the time, in February, 1773. His father having removed to Philadelphia while Walter was still in his minority, he began his career in the latter place by entering a law office, and was admitted to practice in 1794, at the early age of twenty-one years. He must have attracted attention from the beginning, as in 1809 he received the appointment of Attorney General of Pennsylvania from Gov. Simon Snyder. He held that office two years, until 1811, when, Judge Henry having died, he was raised to the Bench by an appointment as President Judge of the Second Judicial District of Pennsyl-

vania, consisting at that time of the counties of Lancaster, York and Dauphin, and to which Cumberland and Lebanon were subsequently added. He held this position until his death, Feb. 7, 1838, after a continuous service of twenty-seven years.

Judge Franklin was thoroughly identified with all the interests of his adopted city. He did not confine his attention to the affairs of his office only, but took part in all that was going on around him. He was an early advocate of the liberation of slaves, and presided at an anti-slavery meeting held in this city in November, 1819. His rank among his judicial brethren in the State was high. As a citizen he was correct in his deportment, courteous and dignified in his bearing, and a favorite with the people among whom his lot was cast. He was the founder of a family of lawyers, and some of them are with us still.

JUDGE ORESTES COLLINS, of whom but little is known or remembered, became President Judge of the District by the appointment of Governor Joseph Ritner, Aug. 8, 1836. He resigned on Dec. 26, 1838, and was re-commissioned on Dec. 27th of the same year, and was removed by a decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in July, 1839.

JUDGE BENJAMIN CHAMPNEYS, fifth of the President Judges of the Second Judicial District of this State, was a native of Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., N. J., born in 1800. His ancestors emigrated from England to New Jersey along with John Fenwick, the grantee of that province, in 1675, and played an important part in its early history. Judge Champneys's father removed to this State, was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, and was a surgeon on the frigate "Philadelphia," while that vessel was commanded by Commodore Decatur.

Benjamin Champneys was prepared for college by private tutors, and entered the Sophomore class at Princeton, passing through the Junior year, and leaving upon his father's death. Upon leaving college he entered upon the study of the law in the office of Chief Justice Ewing, of New Jersey, but subsequently came to Lancaster, where he entered the law office of George B. Porter, Esq., who afterward became Governor of the Territory of Michigan. At the conclusion of his student days he was admitted to the Lancaster Bar April 2, 1818, at the early age of eighteen years. Owing to several important cases conducted by him, he at once assumed an important position at the Bar. Being then a stanch Democrat, he was nominated by that party for the State Legislature in 1825 and elected, and re-elected in 1828.

Governor David R. Porter appointed him President Judge of the Courts of this county July 8, 1839, and he remained on the Bench three and a half years, when, having been nominated by the Democratic County Convention for the place of State Senator, he resigned in order to enter upon his canvass. He was elected in 1842, and served the full

period of three years. In 1846 Governor Shenk appointed him Attorney General of the State, and he discharged the duties of the office until 1848.

Judge Champneys continued his affiliations with the Democratic party until the outbreak of the Civil war, when his patriotism led him to range himself with the friends of the Union, and thereafter he was a sturdy Republican. His new political friends sent him to the State Legislature in 1863, and to the State Senate in 1864, 1865 and 1866. That was the last public position held by him. Judge Champneys is the earliest of our President Judges remembered by the present generation. His well known face and figure, his genial personality and his courtly manners are well remembered by men of middle age. As an advocate he was eloquent, as a Judge, able and upright, and as a citizen, everything that is best in citizenship.

JUDGE ELLIS LEWIS, sixth in the regular order of succession of the President Judges of this district, was a native Pennsylvanian, born in Lewisberry, York county, May 16, 1798. He was of Welsh descent, his ancestors having come from Wales in 1708. Although at one time in affluent circumstances, his father lost his estate, and young Ellis was thrown on his own resources. He became a printer's apprentice, and studied law while learning his trade. At the age of twenty-four he was admitted to practice, and rose rapidly in his profession. He was twice elected to the State Legislature, in 1828 and 1832. In 1833 he received the appointment of Attorney General of the Commonwealth from Governor Wolf, and in the same year was tendered and accepted the position of President Judge of the Eighth Judicial District (Northumberland county). In 1843 he was appointed to the same office in the Second District, which place he held until 1851, when he was elected a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State, and was Chief Justice from 1854 to 1857. He was renominated by the Democratic party, but declined the honor. Judge Lewis was a sound lawyer, noted for his knowledge of Medical Jurisprudence, which won for him the degree of M. D., from the University of Pennsylvania, and the degree of LL. D. from several other institutions. He was the author of a legal treatise, and his decisions while on the Bench have won for him a high standing among our Judges. He died at Philadelphia March 19, 1871.

JUDGE HENRY GRIMLER LONG was the first President Judge of pure German ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Nicholas Long, was born at Levenbrucken, Bavaria, and came to America in 1754, settling in Lancaster. His father was Jacob Long, an officer in the Revolutionary war, and a successful business man of this city. Judge Long was born Aug. 23, 1804, and his literary education was that of the schools of the day. He read law with George B. Porter, who was one of the leading mem-

bers of the Bar of the State, and was admitted to the practice of his profession in 1827. He was elected county solicitor soon after he began his career at the Bar, and was re-elected to that position for a period of twenty years. Almost at the same time he was appointed by the prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, assistant prothonotary for the Second Judicial District, then comprising the counties of Lancaster, York, Berks, Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. In the fall of 1838 he was elected a member of the State Legislature.

In 1857 the Judiciary of the State became elective, having previously been selected by the Governors. Mr. Long had been suggested as a candidate, contrary to his desire, by his friends, but he desired his name not to be considered. At the Whig convention in 1851 he was unanimously nominated without his consent. He served the ten years of his term most acceptably, and in 1861, political changes having occurred, he was nominated a second time by the People's party, and again elected, and served the full term, retiring from the Bench Dec. 4, 1871.

Judge Long by his legal earnings and by inheritance acquired a large estate. By his will he made provisions in certain contingencies for the erection of a Home for Needy Women, and also for a public park for the city of Lancaster, devoting more than \$500,000 to these purposes. The death of his only daughter, Catharine H. Long, a few years ago, has made the sum left to these public benefactions available, and both projects are at present moving forward to their consummation. Judge Long died March 5, 1889.

HENRY GEIST was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, Nov. 13, 1782, son of Simon Geist, who emigrated from Germany in 1750, and he died June 29, 1858, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. He was united in marriage to Agnes McCready, who died in 1832. In early life he assisted his father in managing his large farm, and becoming overheated in the harvest field, he sat down in the barn "to cool off," during a shower, contracted a cold which settled in his eyes, resulting in total blindness. His case was a remarkable illustration of how nature compensates for the loss of one sense in the more exquisite development of the others. When this misfortune overtook him he had a wife and five small children depending upon him for support. Thus thrown upon his own resources his future looked discouraging indeed, but he did not despair. His Christian training had taught him to believe, with Laurence Sterne, that "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." His parents deeded him a small farm "in consideration of the natural love and affection they have and bear unto the said Henry Geist, their son," on which they built a modest home, the same being now in the possession, by inheritance, of his grandson, Henry Martin Geist.

Nature had endowed the afflicted man with rare musical and mechanical instincts, and these he in-

dustriously cultivated. He was an expert performer on the violin, and after he lost his sight that which had been indulged in merely as a pleasure became one of the means of supporting his family. In those days big annual fairs were held in "the shire town" of Lancaster, at which the prominent feature was dancing, continuing for several days, and in which every section of the county was represented. Mr. Geist became the leading violinist on those occasions, and his services were also in demand at dancing parties held in other sections in connection with sleighing carnivals, then more common than now. The musician was then "paid by the tune," the currency being "fips," "levies" and "quarters." His sense of touch had become so acute that it was impossible to impose a spurious coin upon him, although it was often tried, sometimes by friends as a test, but in some instances by those mean enough to try to cheat a blind man. These he invariably detected and exposed, and they were generally summarily ejected from the room. On one occasion the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster received a counterfeit half-dollar which the officers declared was calculated to deceive the best judges. The late Joseph McClure, who chanced to be present, said, "We have a blind man in our neighborhood upon whom you couldn't pass that coin!" The bankers were incredulous and a wager was the result. Mr. McClure was to bring his blind expert to town, and the party losing was to bear the expenses of the trip. Several genuine coins were placed on the counter with the counterfeit. Passing several as genuine he detected the counterfeit as soon as he got it in his fingers. This sensitive touch also served him in judging the quality of textile goods, and in the various mechanical occupations he followed. It enabled him to plane a board as level and smooth as one with his sight, his fingers following the movement of the plane each backward stroke.

In those days thatched roofs were in vogue. Mr. Geist took up this trade, and there were few straw roofs in the neighborhood that had not been made or repaired by him. The late Jacob Eshleman, passing by one day when he was working on the roof of a large barn, begged him to come down, fearing he might fall, and finally offered to pay him the price of the job if he would do so. But he assured his friend that he was not so liable to fall as one with his sight, because, conscious of his danger, he was more cautious in his movements and was not liable to vertigo from looking down. He never met with an accident in this, or in any of the occupations in which he had occasion to handle all kinds of edge tools.

Another occupation he took up was dressing flax and weaving it into cloth. All the farmers raised flax and had it converted into cloth for everyday wear. Mr. Geist built for himself a little shop in front of the barn, invented a rotary machine, operated by treadle, for "scutching" the flax after it had been "broken," by means of which he could do as much work in a day as three men could do by the old hand

process. He also, with the aid of his brothers-in-law, Mark Brooke (wagonmaker) and George Fogle (cabinet-maker), erected a loom for weaving carpets, and, subsequently, another for tow-cloth and linen and taught his daughters to operate them, doing much of the weaving of the neighborhood. Everybody then wore "tow" or "flax" cloth for summer wear. In the winter season he took up shoemaking, a trade he had learned in his youth. When he had difficulty, in consequence of nervousness, in inserting the "wax-ends" in sewed shoe-work, he had his youngest son sit beside him with his lesson book in hand, and it was in this way that the editor of *The New Era* got most of his primary education. He also worked at carpentry, and built a frame addition to his house on a novel plan of his own designing, which attracted much attention at the time. While framing this building under the shade of the cherry trees, his son pursued his studies and helped his father in handing him the tools as needed. He could build as good a post-and-rail fence, when given the starting and terminal points, as most men having the use of their eyes, and when a two or three rail fence was to be supplemented with a base of dry stone masonry he was equal to the task. One of his specialties was making wheelbarrows, which, though not as highly finished, were more durable than those turned out of the modern shops. He did all the work on them except the ironing. He was handy in all domestic affairs. Being an early riser, he made the fire, fed the cow and pigs, pared the apples at the annual "butter bee" (on a machine of his own construction), dressed the sausage skins at butchering time, and did many other chores required about a country home in those days. Those who saw him about his work, or traveling through the neighborhood, would not infer that he was blind, so natural were his movements.

The Rev. Dr. Easton, who had been his pastor for over thirty years, wrote of him that "in the loss of one of the noblest sources of earthly enjoyment he ever justified God. All acquainted with him were constrained to bear witness to his meekness and patience. And those who witnessed will never forget his emotions when, the day before he died, the precious words of his own covenant with God were repeated, how feelingly he manifested his acquiescence in their truth."

COL. MATTHIAS SLOUGH, like so many of the influential men of Lancaster county, came of German ancestry. Whether born in this country or abroad is not known. He came to this place with his father in 1747, a lad of fourteen years of age. The father, Jacob Slough, bought several lots in the southeast angle of Center Square, and on them is thought to have built the "Swan Tavern," so famous in the after history of the city.

As early as 1761 young Slough became the landlord of the "Swan." It was the beginning of a public career that lasted during the succeeding forty

years, making Col. Slough one of the most prominent men in the county and well known abroad. The first office of public trust held by him was that of County Coroner, in 1755, and he retained it until 1768. In 1757 he was elected as assistant burgess of the town, and was re-elected to the same position in 1758, 1760 and 1761. That he was an intelligent man, and a patron of education, is shown by his having been a charter member of the Lancaster Library Co., in 1759. Strange as it may seem, he was also treasurer of the county from 1763 to 1769, holding the office of coroner and treasurer at the same time. It was in 1763, while he was coroner, that the massacre of the friendly Indians took place in the public workhouse by the "Paxton Boys," who rode into the town, put up their horses in the "Swan" stables, and then carried out their infernal work. It was also at the "Swan" that the unfortunate fracas between Capt. Chambers and Dr. Reiger occurred, which resulted in a duel and the death of the former.

Col. Slough was an early member of the Union Fire Co., in 1764. In 1773 he was elected to the State Legislature; he was re-elected in 1774, 1775, 1777, 1780, 1781, 1782 and 1783. A man of his local prominence was certain to be found at the front when the Revolutionary war began. He was a prominent member of the first public meeting called in the county, in June, 1774, to protest against the offensive acts of the mother country, and was one of the committee on public correspondence. He was one of the eight deputies chosen from Lancaster county to represent her in the State convention at Philadelphia July 15, 1775. In the same year he placed his entire stock of powder—four quarter casks and 200 pounds of lead—at the service of the State. He was present at the military convention held in Lancaster July 4, 1776, to vote for general officers to command the military forces of Pennsylvania. He was elected colonel of the Seventh Lancaster County Battalion, one of the thirteen raised in this county. He joined the Flying Camp in New Jersey with his troops in the summer of 1776. His command took part in the battle of Long Island, on August 27th, of the same year. Later it was on duty guarding Hessian prisoners confined at Lancaster and Lebanon. In 1777 he was appointed by the War Office one of the commissioners to supply the State troops with shoes, blankets and other supplies.

At the close of the war for Independence, he resumed his former occupations, of innkeeper and general merchant. He became a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of Lancaster, in 1794. He was also largely interested in stage lines about this time, running coaches from Lancaster to Philadelphia three times weekly, and westward to Shippensburg. In 1797 he is found exercising the office of deputy postmaster in the borough of Lancaster. In 1782 he along with several other prominent citizens, was

elected a curator of an academy which had been established two years previously.

Col. Slough was a man of considerable wealth. In addition to being the owner of the "Swan Tavern," he held much other real estate. His lands began at Witmer's Bridge over the Conestoga, and extended along that river a considerable distance toward Graeff's landing. He had a mill on the site of the old water works, southeast of the city. In 1799 he sold to the directors of the Poor of the County what is today known as the Poor House Farm, for £3,129, 7s, 16d. During the Revolutionary war he was the agent for the purchase of horses for the French auxiliary forces serving in this country. He was also one of the projectors of the Philadelphia & Lancaster turnpike, the first turnpike built in this country, and superintended the construction of the most western section.

Col. Slough was the father of a large family, seven sons and four daughters. His wife was Mary Gibson, daughter of Col. George Gibson. This George Gibson was the son of the Gibson who kept the first public tavern in Lancaster, with the noted hickory tree before the door. One of Col. Slough's daughters, Mary, became the wife of Gov. Simon Snyder, of Pennsylvania. Most of his children having removed to Harrisburg he joined them there in 1806. He died in that city Sept. 12, 1812, in the seventy-ninth year of his age.—[F. R. D.

HON. MARRIOTT BROSIUS, LL. D., was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, March 7, 1843, on the western bank of the East Branch of the Octoraro. The old homestead yet retains the dignity of the farmhouse and is now a place of historic interest, where

By sylvan dell, through meadows green,
The flood of the East Branch is seen,
Around the brae, through painted lea,
Seeking a passage to the sea,
The swelling tide flows ever on,
By glen and brake till race is won;
Where, mingling with the salted wave,
Returns unto the springs which gave.

There, in one of the richest agricultural districts in southern Lancaster county, in a community composed largely of Friends and Free Presbyterians, all of whom were intensely anti-slavery in sentiment, the boyhood days of Mr. Brosius were passed. During these years he acquired the habit of industry and developed a love for knowledge which continued with him during his entire life, often burning the midnight oil when preparing for some great effort.

Henry Brosius, his paternal great-grandfather, came from England and settled near Philadelphia in 1780. He was a member of the Society of Friends. His son Mahlon, the paternal grandfather of Marriott Brosius, settled on the east bank of the East Branch of the Octoraro and established a pottery. He was an upright, conscientious gentleman, and



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exemplified the teachings of George Fox in his daily walk and life.

Clarkson Brosius, father of the late Congressman Marriott Brosius, was a leader in his community, and although for years incapacitated physically yet he was foremost in every good work for the elevation of his fellowmen. He was a thorough gentleman, and devoted to his calling, that of farming. He was methodical, scientific and enterprising, and ranked high as a model farmer. He was largely instrumental, in 1856, in organizing the Octoraro Farmers' Club, which gave an impetus to higher farming in southern Lancaster and Chester counties. Clarkson Brosius died Oct. 8, 1863. His last thoughts were of his boy far away on the firing line. The entire community was grief stricken at his untimely death.

On the maternal side Mr. Brosius's great-grandfather was Samuel Hambleton, a consistent reformatory Friend. His sons were Samuel, Charles, Eli and Thomas. Samuel was the father of Rachel, the mother of Mr. Brosius. Each of the other sons of Samuel, Sr., offered their only sons to their country's cause. Gerrit Smith, son of Thomas, died in the service. Charles Burleigh, son of Charles, was seriously wounded; he now resides in Atglen, Chester Co., Pa. Benjamin Kent, uncle of Mr. Brosius, tendered three sons that our nation might live. Mahlon G. Brosius, younger brother of Clarkson Brosius, was also in the service; he is now one of the most enterprising citizens of Chester county. From the above we may learn that Mr. Brosius's patriotism was not only cultivated but hereditary.

The mother of Mr. Brosius died when he was seven years old, and two years afterward Mary Ann Brinton became his stepmother, and how well she performed a mother's part is attested on every side. Her testimony is that Marriott was ever dutiful and self-denying for the happiness of the other members of the family. Mr. Brosius's early school days were passed in Octoraro and Chestnut Hill Academies, under the tutorage of the veteran teacher, Thomas Baker, who early predicted him a glorious future. His summers were passed in manual farm labor, and under his father's direction superintending the hands employed. With a dictionary in his pocket and some favorite classical author in his hand, his time for rest was spent in study. The study of political economy had a decided fascination for him, and he was authority on all national issues. When the war of the Rebellion was inaugurated then our young student farmer became restless. A conflict raged within his bosom, between his duty to his invalid parents and his duty to his country. The supremacy was won by his unqualified patriotism, and he obtained his parents' permission to enlist at a heart-breaking cost. He was enrolled in Co. K, 97th Regiment Pa. Vols., recruited by Capt. Wayne, grandson of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, the celebrated major general in the Revolutionary army. He was of Irish-Quaker ancestry. Mr. Brosius's history in

the service is summed up by his colonel, Henry R. Guss, afterward Gen. Guss, who says: "Mr. Brosius's record is linked and written with the 97th Regt., in whose rolls his name was inscribed in 1861. Its history is his history and its fame is his fame and its glorious deeds are the sum of the faithful brave deeds of the men who with him went forth at the call of this country to do battle for the preservation of the life of the nation. Among the most earnest yet quiet and unobtrusive in all his actions was Marriott Brosius. From the day of his enlistment in the service until stricken down by the bullet of the enemy he was ever at his post of duty, active and vigilant as a sentinel, brave and courageous in line of battle. He was regarded as a model soldier as well from the force of culture that indicated the perfect gentleman as from the exact fulfillment of duty that indicated the trained veteran soldier." In the above few lines his war record is summed up. Aside from special acts it is complete. During the terrible charge on May 20, 1864, at Bermuda Hundred, which rivaled Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, the 97th Regiment, 300 strong, charged across the wheat-fields upon 2,000 Confederates, Pickett's Division, protected by rifle pits. Mr. Brosius was struck in the breast by a rifle ball which imbedded itself in his diary. After charging up to within twenty-five yards of the rifle pits and losing 237 men, killed, wounded and missing, the recall was sounded. In the retreat Mr. Brosius stooped to assist a fallen comrade from the field, when a minie ball entered near the spine, and, passing between the ribs and shoulder blade, crashed through the right shoulder joint. Sergt. Brosius was confined to the hospital for eight months, three months of which time he could not be moved in bed. After the removal of the shoulder joint and a portion of the arm bone the wound healed but his arm ever after was comparatively useless. During all these months he bore his sufferings with Christian fortitude—no murmuring, no repining, he was ever cheerful and resigned. In February, 1865, Sergt. Brosius was promoted to a lieutenantancy, although he had been mustered out of service for disability the previous December.

After his return to civil life Lieut. Brosius entered Millersville State Normal School, where he remained two sessions. After teaching a short time in Chester county, he entered the office of the late Hon. Thomas E. Franklin to study law. He also matriculated in the Law Department of Ann Arbor, and graduated therefrom in April, 1868, and was immediately admitted to the Lancaster County Bar. For two years he was State lecturer for the I. O. G. T., after which term he devoted his time exclusively to the practice of law. When attending the Millersville Normal School he became acquainted with Miss Elizabeth Jackson Coates, a daughter of Simmons Coates, of West Grove, Chester county. Mr. Coates was of the distinguished Coates family of Chester county; he was a man of high standing in his community, educated and cultivated and prominent in

the Society of Friends. The acquaintance of Mr. Brosius and Miss Coates soon ripened into the strongest mutual attachment, with the usual result, and shortly after he was admitted to the Lancaster Bar she became his wife, and no more congenial union was ever formed. Four daughters blessed their union, two of whom are living: Gertrude, wife of Herbert B. Coho, of New York (they have two children, Gertrude and Helen Elisabeth); and Grace, who married Clement Biddle, Jr., of the Carnegie Iron Works, Pittsburg, Pa. Loretta R. died aged six years, and Florence died aged nineteen months. Mrs. Brosius contributed largely to her husband's successful career. His modest, retiring, unassuming nature required some one to lean upon in his many trials and tribulations, and at these times she cheered and comforted him and he learned to rely upon her wise counsel. She never doubted her husband's ability to distinguish himself. She knew his capabilities better than anyone else, and had fondly hoped for the realization of her waking dreams. The home life of the Brosius family at No. 419 West Orange street, Lancaster, was happiness personified, each member of the household contributing to the happiness of the others; gentleness and love permeated the entire atmosphere. The love for the good and beautiful was promoted by the esthetic surroundings. Mr. Brosius once said to a friend of his youth that the highest encomium ever paid to him was by his daughter, who said, "Papa, we never saw you angry."

Mr. Brosius's career at the Bar, and the high esteem in which he was held by his associates, has been so beautifully portrayed in authoritative classic language that we introduce in this place the address of W. F. Beyer, Esq., at a meeting of the Lancaster Bar to adopt memorial resolutions regarding the death of Mr. Brosius, which occurred on the 17th of March, 1901. Mr. Beyer in part said:

Mr. Chairman: In common with other of his associates, I desire to add the testimony of my appreciation of the life and manly qualities of our late associate, the Hon. Marriott Brosius.

We were born on adjoining farms that our respective fathers owned, in Colerain township, and, although he was a dozen years my senior, I knew him and his family from earliest childhood. When I came to Lancaster, leaving the Law School, he took me into his office for the few weeks preceding my examination and admission to the Bar, and afterward aided me in my early practice. For twenty years our homes have been on the same side of the same square in this city, where our families have met and grown up together. Never once during these more than forty years has a single unpleasant incident strained the chain of early friendship, but its links have rather grown brighter with the constant social intercourse of recurring years.

I will not rehearse the story of his army life, which has frequently been printed, and is a matter of history. Let us pass to his career at this Bar, where his industry and ability, the thoroughness with which he prepared his cases, his uniform courtesy and fairness, will long be remembered. He loved public questions, but he was not a politician in the modern sense. Those of us who were with him in his first campaign for Congress at the primary election in 1888 know that he had no combination back of him, as we now understand the word, but that he went

before the people, and the people of this great county chose him gladly, and they have chosen him ever since. There have been many vile stories of our local politics, some true and some false, in the past thirteen years, but none of them in the remotest degree has ever been associated with his good name. The bitterness of defeat often moves the tongue to slander, but in this case no sound has been heard.

As a member of Congress, he rapidly rose to prominence, and it may truly be said that this county never had a more industrious, careful and conscientious representative. For some years he has held the chairmanship of the Committee on Banking and Currency, one of the most important committees in the House, and there, as at home, he has proven himself a thoroughly honest man. It fell to his lot to shape the legislation affecting the money of a nation of 70,000,000 people, under which a large portion of the Government bonds were refunded at a lower rate and the National banking system practically reorganized, the whole involving hundreds of millions, yet not a dishonest dollar stuck to his fingers. And now the end has come in the midst of his usefulness. He was one of the people, and the whole people mourn him, while we, his intimate associates, will cherish his memory as that of the noblest type of man.

Justice J. Hay Brown, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, said:

The virtues of our dead friend and brother have been justly extolled by those who have spoken and it is not needful that I should longer dwell upon them. But if I do not speak of them it is not because any other man's appreciation of them was higher. In every relation of life he was exemplary and from the beginning to the end he was pure and his hands were clean. His good qualities ought to be remembered here and recalled from time to time in order that they may be emulated. As a citizen, soldier, lawyer, statesman, husband and father he was pure, brave, successful, able, affectionate and God fearing. More than this cannot be said of mortal being, and though he fell at his work when the rays of the day's sun were still shining upon him and before the shades of eventide had gathered about him, his life was not lived in vain.

In 1882 Mr. Brosius, a delegate in the Republican State Convention, in the midst of a factional contest, made a speech in favor of harmony in which he said: "I love my party better than any wing or faction of it and only less than my country," which so carried the convention that he was by acclaim nominated for a Congressman at large, but was defeated, although he ran seventy-six hundred ahead of the others on the Republican ticket. In 1888, after an exciting contest, he was elected as the Republican candidate to represent the Tenth District in Congress: almost without opposition he was nominated and elected in 1890, 1892, 1894, 1896, 1898, 1900. His death left a vacancy in the LVIIth Congress, where he had only entered upon his term a few days previously.

It was no easy task to follow Stevens and Smith as the representatives of Lancaster county in the National Congress—the grandest district in our nation, and whose representatives had always taken a leading part in shaping National legislation, yet Mr. Brosius soon secured respectful consideration from that body and was frequently selected by his party members to lead the discussion in the House of Representatives in consequence of his clear conception, persuasive rhetoric and faultless diction in

presenting the subject under consideration. His fame as an orator was not confined to Congressional halls, it was only bounded by our National confines, and he was eagerly sought for to deliver memorial addresses in our National cemeteries and other places. In 1876 he delivered the Centennial address in Lancaster. On Sept. 18, 1888, he delivered the oration at the unveiling of the monument on the Antietam battlefield. He also delivered the oration on the dedication of the Ross monument, in Lancaster City; the address on the occasion of the dedication of the monument in memory of the Revolutionary patriots who lie buried at Donegal, Pa.; on the battlefield of Gettysburg, 1896; and many others, but space will not permit the enumeration. On two occasions he delivered the memorial addresses at Arlington—a compliment never as yet paid to any other orator. As a political speaker, Mr. Brosius was sent by the National Republican committee, at solicitation of candidates in closely contested districts—the inspiration of his presence, his fluent, convincing reasoning, winning many to his party standard. But his great ability to sway people consisted not alone in his eloquence. His sterling integrity, unimpeachable honesty and unqualified veracity were important factors in directing the general consensus of public opinion. In consequence of Mr. Brosius's diversified learning Ursinus College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

During his Congressional career Mr. Brosius served on a number of important House committees, including Agriculture, Civil Service (of which he was chairman), Pension Bureau and Banking and Currency (of which he was chief). He was an acknowledged authority on National financial legislation. At the last meeting of the committee on Banking and Currency resolutions strongly commending Mr. Brosius's impartial and courteous rulings were adopted, and the members of the committee, regardless of party affiliations, paid him high compliments for efficiency, little thinking they should never on earth meet him again.

Mr. Brosius was a member of the Society of Friends, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Grand Army of the Republic, trustee of Lancaster General Hospital, member of Lancaster County Historical Society, of the Young Men's Christian Association, and of other organizations.

Mr. Brosius died on the morning of the 17th of March, 1901. The arrangements for the interment were made by Col. E. F. Pierce, Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives, and Mr. Fishback, Mr. Brosius's private secretary, the time appointed being 2 p. m., March 20. Mr. Brosius's body lay in state at his home on the above date, and for hours a constant procession passed the casket, all anxious, through their tear-dimmed eyes, to have a last fond look on their beloved friend. The Congressional committee, composed of senators and members of the House of Representatives, arrived in Lancaster the morning of the funeral to take part in the funeral

obsequies. Rev. Dr. Alleman delivered an eloquent sermon, after which the body was borne to Greenwood cemetery, where the interment took place, in the midst of a large concourse of friends.

REV. WILLIAM EASTON, D. D., for over fifty years pastor of the Octoraro United Presbyterian Church, was born in Ancrum, Parish of Maxton, County of Roxburgh, Scotland, Oct. 2, 1804. His parents emigrated to this country in 1816, and settled in Washington county, N. Y. He was educated at the Cambridge Academy, New York, taught by Dr. Alexander Bullions, and afterwards at Union College, same State, whence he graduated in 1822. He received his theological training under Dr. Banks in the Associate Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, was licensed by the Associate Presbytery, June 7, 1826, and ordained and installed pastor of the United congregations of Octoraro, East Nottingham (now Oxford), and Muddy Run, June 7, 1827, preaching one-half the time in Octoraro, one-fourth in Oxford and the other fourth in Muddy Run. He resigned the Oxford portion of his charge in 1854, "on account of the distance and his own disability fully to attend to all the duties as he could wish," but continued to preach in Octoraro until 1878, when the infirmities of age compelled him to ask for a dissolution of the pastoral relation, which was granted Oct. 22nd, of the same year. On June 12, 1879, the life which began in Scotland three-quarters of a century before, which had continued for over half a century in the congregation of Octoraro, through the vigor of youth, the prime of manhood, and the maturity of years, had drawn to a close, and the weary body laid down to rest in Jesus. His mortal remains repose in the cemetery adjoining the church where his lifework had been performed, and where also repose the dust of the sainted Gellatley and Cuthbert, the founders of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in America.

The semi-centennial of Dr. Easton's pastorate, June 7, 1877, was a notable occasion. It was largely attended by those who had been brought up under his faithful ministry, and by citizens of the surrounding country who had learned to respect and love him; and at his funeral, two years later, the Rev. Dr. Cooper paid this just tribute to his memory: "As a man, Dr. Easton was distinguished for the great gentleness of his disposition. His heart was overflowing with kindness. Sometimes, it is true, he rebuked sin in a manner calculated to give offense, but he was prompted to do so by such a deep conviction of divine truth that no consideration of expediency seemed to him to justify surrendering its claims. He was unflinching in his fidelity to the cause of his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He was a man of remarkable candor, despised time-serving, and lived in open antagonism to all phases of sham, duplicity and darkness. He could say with the Apostle, that 'in simplicity and

godly sincerity,' he had his conversation in the world."

When Dr. Easton came to Lancaster county it was the prevailing custom among farmers to furnish liquor to their help in harvest time. There was a small farm attached to his residence in Smyrna. At his first harvest, when the men asked for their "morning bitters" and were refused, they laid down their scythes, declaring they would not work without it, intimating that his refusal was prompted by meanness. Ascertaining the cost of the liquor they were accustomed to receive, he said he would gladly add double its cost to their daily wages, rather than place temptation in the path of his fellow men. His offer was accepted by some, but others preferred whiskey and left. The following harvest Dr. Easton had his pick of harvest hands, and in a few years the custom was entirely abolished, while the increased wages he paid had become the standard in that neighborhood. At that period the prevailing sentiment was decidedly pro-slavery. One Sunday Dr. Easton created quite a sensation by preaching what his critics denounced as an "abolition lecture." It was, however, a vindication of the Bible against those who claimed that it justified slavery, which he indignantly repudiated. He lived to see the public sentiment of the nation reversed on the slavery question, from what he found it when he came to Pennsylvania fifty years before.

CHARLES MILLER HOWELL. Although he retired from the active pursuits of a marble manufacturer in March, 1901, the Major finds plenty to do, for he still serves as secretary to the board of trustees of the "Home for Friendless Children" for the city and county of Lancaster, Pa., a position he has held continuously since May, 1876, besides being interested in other affairs. Major Howell is of Welsh-Scotch extraction. His paternal great-grandfather, the progenitor of the family in New Jersey, was a native of Wales, Great Britain. He settled in Lambertville, N. J., where he married Miss Julia Ann Holcombe, daughter of John Holcombe, about the year 1740. An old relic, a cane with ivory top and brass ferrule, owned by Prince Howell the Good, of Wales, in the ninth century, was owned by his descendant in 1883; and this relic of "High-born Howell" was exhibited at the centennial at Philadelphia in 1876.

Amos Howell, Sr., grandfather of Charles M. Howell, was born near Trenton, N. J., May 22, 1754, and died Dec. 14, 1811, aged fifty-seven years, six months, and twenty-three days. He married Martha Jones, who died at Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19, 1821, aged about sixty-eight years. It has been handed down as an incident in the life of Amos Howell, Sr., that at the crossing of the Delaware river by Gen. Washington and his army on the night of Dec. 25, 1776, he was the owner of the "Howell's ferry" (now called "Stockton"), where the crossing was made, on the New Jersey side, and the services

and assistance rendered by him on this occasion were of such a nature as to call forth the acknowledgments of Gen. Washington, who in token of his appreciation presented him with a horse.

Amos Howell, Jr., father of Charles M. Howell, was born at Lambertville, N. J., July 31, 1792. He removed to Philadelphia when a young boy, and learned the trade of coachmaking, which he afterward carried on extensively in all its various branches until his death, at the southeast corner of Arch and Eighth streets. He served in the war of 1812-14, and died in Philadelphia April 11, 1832. His wife, Sarah (Provost), was born in Philadelphia Jan. 21, 1799, and died at Buckingham C. H., Va., Aug. 30, 1863. Her mother, Hannah Provost, grandmother of Charles M. Howell, was born at Inverness, Scotland, and died at Philadelphia, Pa., March 13, 1820. By his marriage with Sarah Provost Amos Howell had eight children, of whom Charles Miller was the eldest; the others were Henry Provost, Elizabeth Prentice, Martha Jones, Emeline Margaretta, George Hocker, John Martin and Paul Alexander.

Charles Miller Howell was born at Philadelphia, Pa., at 8:30 A. M., Sunday morning, April 24, 1814, and obtained his early education in the private schools of his native city, which he attended until he was twelve years old. He was then sent to the academy in Plainfield, Conn., where he remained two years. Upon his return to Philadelphia he was indentured an apprentice with Gen. Peter Fritz, a marble manufacturer, in that city. After his term of apprenticeship he worked several years for Mr. Fritz as a journeyman. In the spring of 1838 he began business for himself, and carried on the trade until September, 1843, when he moved to Lancaster and established his business on the south side of East King street, three doors east of Christian street. In 1850 he purchased the Gompf property, on the east side of North Queen street, between Chestnut and Orange streets, in Lancaster, where he continued to do a flourishing trade for a period of fifty-eight years. In 1864 he built the two handsome brick houses at Nos. 133 and 135 North Queen street, this being the first notable modern building improvement on North Queen street; the three story back-building at No. 135, where he resides, he erected in 1850. Mr. Howell has been one of Lancaster's most active business men, closely identified with the material interests and worthy local enterprises of the city, and as a member of both branches of city council, as a member of the city school board, and as city treasurer, he did efficient service for the public. In 1856 he was elected county treasurer on the Democratic ticket, and discharged the duties of that office with entire satisfaction.

Mr. Howell was noted in his boyhood days as a lad of refined tastes and accomplishments, and as an apt scholar. He was especially gifted as a penman, and became famed for his chirography, as well as for his skill in making pens, those being the days when pens were made of the gray-goose quill, and



Charles M. Howell.
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copy-books of plain white paper sewed together. He became so skilled with the pen-knife, as well as pen, that the school master imposed on him the duty of making pens for the school, and of setting the copy at the head of the page. These duties, requiring so delicate manipulation of touch, no doubt had much to do with the Major's subsequent proficiency with the mallet and the chisel. Although now in his eighty-ninth year, he still writes visiting cards for his friends and no professional pen-writer ever wrote a steadier or more graceful hand, and he is grateful that this faculty is retained. As a marble manufacturer and monument builder Mr. Howell was at the head of his profession. Many of the finest works in granite and marble that adorn the local cemeteries were designed, executed and erected by him, or under his immediate supervision.

As a Free and Accepted Mason Mr. Howell has attained exalted positions. As soon as his apprenticeship under Gen. Fritz had closed, the old veteran, who was P. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and who took a natural pride in the skill and ability of his apprentice in marble-masonry, proposed him for membership in Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 155, F. & A. M., in June, 1839. In due course he was made a Mason in that lodge, and remained a member until 1843, when he withdrew, came to Lancaster, and was for a few years a regular visitor at the meetings of Lodge No. 43. He was admitted to membership June 14, 1848, and filled several positions during that year. At the December meeting he was elected Junior Warden, in 1849 Senior Warden, and in 1852 Worshipful Master. In 1854 he was again elected Worshipful Master. On Dec. 27, 1856, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for Masonic District No. 1, composed of the counties of Chester, Lancaster, Lebanon and York, and was continuously re-appointed for twenty years, when he declined a re-appointment. Upon the establishment of the representative system he was appointed Representative of Lodge No. 43, to the Grand Lodge, and continued in that position until 1879. He is Past High Priest of Chapter No. 43, Royal Arch Masons, was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest in 1856, and filled that office for twenty years. He is P. T. I. G. M. of Goodwin Council, No. 19, and was District Deputy M. P. G. M. for several years. He is a member of Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection, and of Harrisburg Consistory, 32d degree, A. A. S. R. He was one of the charter members of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, M. K. T., was its first Eminent Commander, and was continuously elected to that office for eight years. He was appointed Division Commander of his Templar district in 1865, and served until 1884. He served in all of the elective offices and was elected R. E. Grand Commander in 1871. In honor of his valuable Masonic services the following Masonic lodges and chapters have been named after him: Howell Lodge, No. 405, Honeybrook, Chester county; Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496, Millers-

ville, Lancaster county; Howell Chapter, No. 499, York, York county; and Howell Chapter, No. 202, West Chester, Chester county. In appreciation of his services his Masonic brethren in different parts of the State have presented him with testimonials and many elegant, costly presents.

Although Major Howell was not a soldier in active service in the field, he has a military record of which he may well be proud. His grandfather, Amos Howell, Sr., as before stated, owned the Howell's ferry, on the New Jersey side of the Delaware river, and greatly assisted Gen. Washington with his army, in crossing on the night of Dec. 25, 1776, and his father, Amos Howell, Jr., was a soldier in the war of 1812-14. With these patriotic examples it is not to be wondered that young Howell also should feel some military aspirations, even during the piping times of peace. In the twenty-third year of his age he was elected captain of the 8th Company, 74th Regiment, Militia of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the 1st Brigade, composed of the militia of the city and county of Philadelphia; he was duly commissioned by Gov. Joseph Ritner, his commission bearing date April 17, 1837. In 1838, when the Buckshot war broke out in Harrisburg, Major Howell was a sergeant in Capt. Fritz's Company of National Grays of Philadelphia. That company, with other troops, were sent to the State capital to suppress the insurrection. The troops left Philadelphia about 8:30 A. M., during a snowstorm, on a very cold day, and reaching Lancaster at night were quartered at the "Franklin House" for the night. The next morning they took the cars for Harrisburg, formed a line on the bank of the Susquehanna river and marched to the capitol with colors flying and drums beating. During this trip and bloodless campaign Major Howell was chosen sergeant of Major Gen. Robert Patterson's bodyguard—the General being in command of the entire forces. At the Encampment of Volunteers at Camp Wayne, Paoli, Sept. 10, 1840, of which Col. John K. Murphy, of Philadelphia, was commandant of the right wing and Gen. Frederick Hambricht, of Lancaster, of the left wing, Major Howell was sergeant-major of the right wing. In 1842 Major Howell was elected major of the 1st Regiment, Volunteer Artillery, 1st Brigade, 1st Division, composed of the militia of the city and county of Philadelphia, and was duly commissioned by Gov. David R. Porter, his commission bearing date Aug. 3, 1842, and running for seven years.

Major Howell was also an active fireman under the volunteer service, and was a member of the Columbia Hose Company, of Philadelphia, when he was but eighteen years old, serving seven years. He was then placed on the Honorary Roll, which constituted him a life member. He then became an active member of the Phoenix Hose Company, to which his father belonged, and remained with them until the volunteer service gave place to the paid department. After coming to Lancaster he continued to take active interest in fire matters, and his long service in

Philadelphia made him a safe worker and wise counselor. He was one of the chief organizers of the Empire Hook and Ladder Co., and its president from 1858 to 1884, when it was disbanded to give place to the paid department. In 1872 he was appointed, by Hon. F. S. Pyfer, mayor of Lancaster, chief engineer of the fire department, and subsequently elected by the firemen themselves to the same office, and served with great diligence and efficiency.

Major Howell declares, jokingly, that he supposes he has been a church and Sunday school worker for so many years because he was born at 8:30 A. M., on a certain Sunday. His connection with and attendance upon the First Presbyterian Church and its Sunday-school, of Lancaster, commenced in September, 1843. He was elected a trustee of the church at that time, and served for twenty-five years. He is still an elder in the church. He was elected secretary and treasurer of the Sunday-school and served in both offices until 1888—a period of forty-five years, when he resigned these offices for the purpose of separating them, and placing younger persons in the two positions. He then became a teacher of Class No. 15, composed of young ladies. He served as teacher until Jan. 6, 1896, and then resigned the position and became a scholar in the same class, performing the duties of secretary up to Jan. 5, 1902, making a continuous membership of fifty-nine years. During the first fifty-six years he was absent from Sunday-school but fourteen times, and can give reasons for the absent days, and since then has attended quite regularly. Twice in succession he was absent but once during terms of thirteen years each. His attendance upon the church services will compare with the school attendance.

On Dec. 28, 1841, Major Howell was married to Miss Elizabeth Michael, daughter of John and Elizabeth Michael, who for half a century owned and controlled "Michael's Hotel" (or the "Grapes," as it was called), now known as the "American House," in North Queen street. Mrs. Howell died Oct. 22, 1877. Their children were Sarah Provost, wife of Rev. William D. LeFevre; Elizabeth Michael, deceased; Charles May, deceased; Henry N., ex-chief of the Lancaster Fire Department, who married Anna M. Burger, and they reside with his father at No. 135 North Queen street, where he conducts a very successful fire insurance business, representing six of the best companies in the world; and Frank Roderick, a marble mason, who married Miss Susan Ann Baumgardner, and died Jan. 9, 1899. Major Howell has nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, whose voices gladden his heart and make merry music in his home.

It would be like the play of "Hamlet" with Hamlet out if we closed this sketch without reference to a matter with which—even more than with his prominence in Masonic affairs, his remarkable record in church and Sunday-school work, and his long and successful career as a monument builder—the people of Lancaster are familiar, and that is Major Howell's

reputation as a skater on the ice, for the entire community of Lancaster knows of this. For an ordinary lifetime he was not only the champion skater of this section, but had no superior in the State, if indeed, in the country. Time and again have the papers of Lancaster made complimentary notes of his performances on the ice, and the last of these notices was written and published when he was eighty years old. His last appearance on the ice was three years ago, when he was eighty-five years old, and the only reason he has not indulged in the sport since was because there was not ice on the Conestoga river fit to skate on. He still feels anxious to skate, and the wish and hope of the entire community is that he may be spared to skate and gladden many with his smiles until he has rounded out a full century of time.

[Since the above was written Major Howell has died, passing away April 10, 1903.]

REV. DR. THEODORE APPEL, author, teacher, and minister, was born April 30, 1823, within the present limits of the borough of Easton, Pa., on the west side, along the Bushkill. He was one of the thirteen children of Andrew and Elizabeth (Gilmore) Appel. His ancestors on his father's side were of German stock, while from his mother he derived a mixture of Irish and Quaker blood. Andrew Appel was ambitious for his children, and gave them the best education his limited means and the times allowed.

When Theodore Appel was eight years old he was sent to school, where he pursued his studies for four years, becoming then a clerk in a store at Easton. However, he kept up his mathematical studies, of which he was very fond, and also pursued other branches, with a view of somehow obtaining a college course, and of eventually fitting himself for the ministry. His zeal and perseverance met with gratifying success. After two years spent in Dr. John Vandever's Academy, he was in 1839 admitted to the Sophomore class at Marshall College, in Mercersburg. Under the influence of Drs. Nevin and Rauch his tendencies toward the ministry were strengthened, and he became thoroughly permeated with religious thought. On graduating, in the class of 1842, when he delivered the Latin Salutatory, he immediately entered the Seminary of the Reformed Church, where Drs. Nevin and Schaff became his mentors. During his seminary course he acted as tutor in Greek in the college. In 1845 he graduated from the Seminary, and received a call to Cavetown, Md., which he accepted, and had charge of four congregations embracing the country along the South Mountain from Cavetown to Waynesboro. During his pastorate he organized a fifth congregation, which became the Harbaugh Church. In 1847 the charge was divided, and he remained pastor of the Cavetown section.

In 1851 Rev. Mr. Appel removed to Mercersburg, to become pastor of the Mercersburg Church

and professor of mathematics in his Alma Mater. When Marshall College was removed to Lancaster, in 1853, Rev. Mr. Appel came with it, and continued in his professorship in the college under its combined name until 1877. Dr. Appel was ever a man of energy and untiring industry. In addition to his educational and pastoral work, from 1873 to 1888 he delivered several series of popular lectures on astronomy throughout the Reformed Church, and during the same period he became secretary of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions, and also secretary of the board of visitors of the Theological Seminary. In 1872 he was honored with the degree of D. D., conferred by the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Appel is also an author of more than common note. During 1886 he published three books: "College Recollections," "The Beginnings of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church" (a comprehensive doctrinal work of the greatest religious and historical value) and "Letters to Boys and Girls about the First Christmas at Bethlehem." In 1889 appeared "The Life and Work of Dr. John W. Nevin," and in 1895 he edited "Lectures on English Literature of Dr. W. M. Nevin." From 1878 to 1886 Dr. Appel was missionary superintendent and edited the *Reformed Missionary Herald*, and from 1889 to 1893 he had charge of the editorial department of the *Reformed Church Messenger*. In addition to these labors Dr. Appel still found opportunity to contribute frequently to the *Mercersburg Review*, his articles covering the period from 1849 until 1895. Since 1897 he has lived quietly at his home in Lancaster. Although the vigor of youth is gone, he is still interested in the Reformed Church.

In 1854 Rev. Dr. Appel was united in marriage with Miss Susan Burton Wolff, daughter of Rev. Dr. B. C. Wolff, professor in the Reformed Theological Seminary. They had a family of four children, namely: Miss Charlotte, at home; Elizabeth, wife of Theodore W. Nevin, of Pittsburg; Bernard W., now deceased; and Theodore B., a practicing physician of Lancaster.

THEODORE B. APPEL, M. D., one of the younger physicians of Lancaster, was born in that city Sept. 8, 1871, son of Rev. Dr. Theodore Appel and his wife Susan Burton Wolff.

After completing the course of study in the common schools, Theodore B. Appel graduated from the Lancaster High School, in 1885. He then entered Franklin and Marshall College, and received the degree of A. B. there with the class of 1889. Immediately following his graduation he was elected vice-principal of the Berwick High School, but after one year entered the office of Dr. M. L. Herr to prepare for his professional career. In 1894 he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania. For the two years following he was resident physician at the

Presbyterian Hospital in Philadelphia, where he pursued a practical course of great value in his later work, and in 1896 he entered upon the private practice of his profession in Lancaster, where he has practiced successfully since. He is now senior surgeon at the Lancaster General Hospital, and is assistant surgeon of the Pennsylvania National Guard, being attached to Battery C, at Phoenixville, Pa. Dr. Appel has paid especial attention to surgery, and has won a reputation in that line not bounded by the confines of his own county.

Professionally Dr. Appel is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, the Lancaster Pathological Society, the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, and the American Medical Association. He also belongs to the Hamilton Club of Lancaster, and to the University Club of Philadelphia.

On June 18, 1900, Dr. Appel was united in marriage with Miss Mary Calder, a daughter of the late George Calder, of Lancaster. Two daughters have been born of this union. In religious belief Dr. Appel follows the faith of his fathers, and is affiliated with the First Reformed Church.

JOSEPH WALKER FAWKES, inventor, was born in the village of Christiana Sept. 25, 1815. He was the youngest son of Joseph and Eliza Walker Fawkes, who purchased and removed to the old McKnight farm, near Georgetown, in the spring of 1835. The farm had been neglected, and was overgrown with sumach, thistles and mulleins, but Mr. Fawkes was a progressive farmer, and with his three sons in a few years made it the most fertile tract in the district. He erected a new dwelling, barn and other outbuildings, and sold a portion of the original for more than he originally paid for the whole.

Joseph W. Fawkes in boyhood developed a taste for mechanics, his principal amusements being the construction of waterwheels, tilt-hammers, boats and other devices, operated on the small stream which flowed through the farm. He served an apprenticeship to Benjamin Simmons, of Sadsbury township, and when free took contracts on his own account. He built the new house and barn for his father, and erected a machine shop in order to indulge his taste for mechanics. One of his earliest inventions was a rotary lime spreader, the pioneer in that line. But his most important essay was the designing and construction of the traction steam plow, in which the engine derived its traction from a large driving drum instead of wheels, driving a gang of half a dozen plows. This was exhibited at the agricultural fair in Lancaster in 1858, attracting much attention, and the inventor was awarded a medal of honor. In 1861 it was exhibited at the "United States Fair" in Chicago, in competition with another steam plow, which derived its traction from two immense driving-wheels, ten or twelve

feet in diameter. The practical test in the prairie soil demonstrated the superiority of Fawkes drum cylinder device, as it rode on the surface while the big drivers sank and stalled the machine, and Fawkes was awarded the premium. Lack of capital prevented him from profiting by his invention. He moved on a farm at Moline, Ill., and subsequently to Spring Lake, Iowa. Returning to Chicago, he turned his inventive genius to account in the manufacturing of rotary electric goods, formed a company, and was doing a prosperous business when the factory was destroyed by fire, and the failure of some of the insurance companies and litigation resulting therefrom greatly depleted his savings. In 1887 he moved to Burbank, Cal., where he engaged in fruit culture, in which he was quite successful, continuing in that occupation until his death, which occurred March 14, 1892, in the seventy-seventh year of his age.

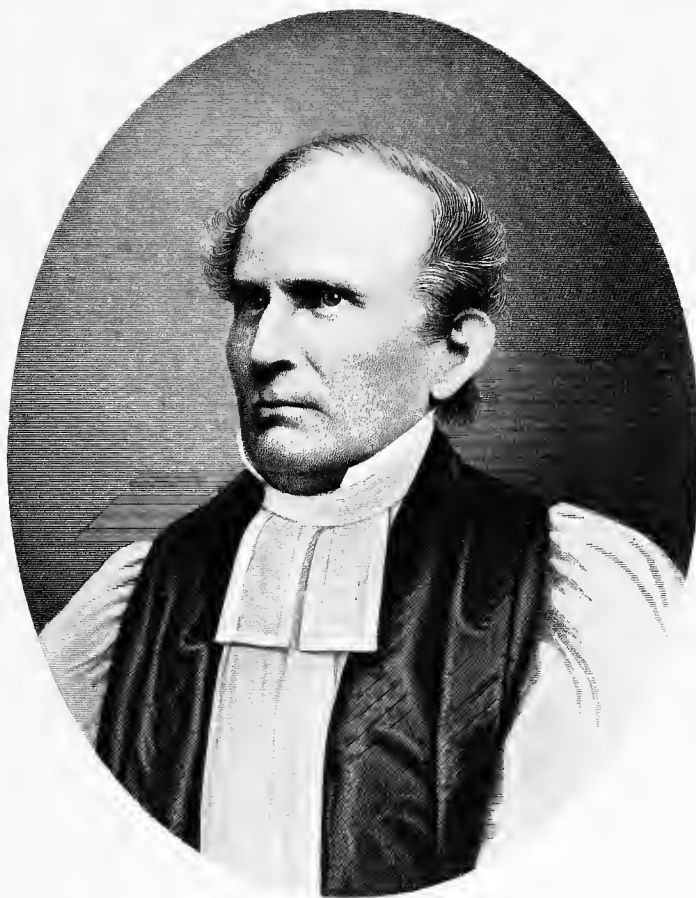
Before leaving Lancaster county Mr. Fawkes married Anna Eliza Baughman, born Oct. 25, 1825, who survives, with seven children, all married and living in Los Angeles and vicinity.

RIGHT REV. SAMUEL BOWMAN, D. D., was the fourth son of Samuel Bowman, an officer of the Revolutionary army, who took an active part in the battle of Lexington, and at the close of the war settled at Wilkesbarre. Samuel Bowman was born there May 21, 1800. The judicious and enlightened views of his patriotic father, supplemented with the refined tastes and Christian virtues of his mother, nurtured under the influence of the Episcopal Church, were the environments which surrounded his early life and molded his subsequent distinguished career. He received his early education at the Wilkesbarre Academy, at that time an institution of high repute. He was destined for the legal profession, and pursued his studies in that line for some time under the late Charles Chauncey, Esq., of Philadelphia: but the sudden death of his father, by accident, impressed him with an invincible desire to devote his life to the ministry of the Gospel. Going home from the funeral, the young man took up the family Bible and conducted family prayer in the afflicted household, where he then felt a large weight of responsibility. He applied for holy orders, and was admitted to the Diaconate by Bishop White, Aug. 25, 1823, and to the Priesthood by the same bishop, Dec. 19, 1824. In 1823 he began his ministry as deacon in the parishes at Pequoa and Leacock, where he remained two years. After a brief residence at Easton, Pa., where he had the charge of Trinity Church, and where he met Miss Sitgreaves, who became his wife, he returned to his first cures in Lancaster county, which he held until September, 1827, when he was invited to become co-rector with Rev. Dr. Clarkson, of St. James' Church, Lancaster. After the death of Mr. Clarkson, in 1830, Dr. Bowman became sole rector and filled that position until his death; for on his elevation to the Episcopate his

parishioners, dreading to sever the relations so long and so happily sustained, prevailed upon him to retain his residence in the old parish, electing Rev. J. Isidor Mombert co-rector. In 1843 Dr. Bowman received from Geneva (now Hobart) College the degree of S. T. D. In 1845 the Diocesan Convention of Pennsylvania, against his own protest, placed him in nomination for the Episcopate. The conservative clergy elected him in preference to Dr. Tyng, but the laity refusing to concur he cordially supported the nomination of Dr. Alonzo Potter, who was eventually chosen. In 1847 he was elected Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, but his strong attachment to Lancaster controlled his decision to decline. In 1858 he was elected Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania over Dr. Alexander H. Vinton. Dr. Bowman, who in no way sought the office, made an eloquent appeal to the convention to elect Dr. Vinton. This appeal, so full of sincere humility and fervent zeal, completely disarmed the opposition and strikingly showed his own fitness for the office. He was consecrated the same year in Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Dr. Bowman was distinguished for purity of life, dignity of bearing, with suavity of manner, and eloquence of speech. The church service when read by him, in his silvery yet resonant voice, never failed to hold his auditors spellbound, and when he arose to speak in a miscellaneous audience he commanded the closest attention and held it to the close. He was a central figure in all meetings for the public welfare, and his logical presentation of facts and argument determined the convictions of his hearers. He was deeply interested in education, for many years was an active member of the Public School Board and a Trustee and Secretary of the Board of Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. Gerhart, President of the College, at the semi-centennial of the Bishop Bowman Church Home, said of him, "I knew him only to respect, to honor and revere him, for his abilities, the nobleness of his Christian character, the soundness of his judgment and his fidelity to every trust. Dr. Bowman stood for several decades as one of the pillars of truth and righteousness in this community. The distinguishing characteristic of his life was Christian faith, a faith that was firm and unshaken amid all trials, a faith that was active in good deeds, of which this 'Home' is one of many illustrations."

The St. James' Orphan Asylum, the Church Home, the Yeates Institute, and St. John's Free Church, bear testimony to his liberality and zeal in educational, Christian and charitable works. It was through his influence that Miss Yeates endowed the Institute in honor of her father, Hon. Jasper Yeates, Judge of the Supreme Court and warden of St. James' Church: and he organized St. John's, the pioneer free church of the diocese, to vindicate the practicability of his long-cherished ideal of a church where the Gospel should be as free as any other gift of God. He started the enterprise by pledging one-tenth of the whole cost (\$15,000) out of his limited



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income, and supplemented this after he became Bishop by pledging one-tenth of the cost of a rectory which he urged the vestry to build. The last sermon he ever preached was in this church, on Sunday evening, July 28, 1861, from the text, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." On the following Tuesday he left on an Episcopal visit to the oil regions. On his way to Butler, over the Allegheny railroad, owing to a landslide, the passengers were compelled to walk some distance, and, being unable to keep up with the others, he was found lying by the roadside, his face buried in his hat, stretched out at full length, "a corpse without signs of bruise or struggle, his watch and papers untouched." It is an interesting coincidence, that Franklin Wright, then superintendent of the Allegheny railroad, was the one who identified the remains of the Bishop. He had spent his boyhood days in Lancaster and was presented for confirmation in St. James' Church. He escorted the remains to Pittsburg, whence they were brought to Lancaster, where they repose in the shadow of the church he served so well. St. James' Church, Titusville, was built as a memorial to this saintly man and named in honor of his old parish.

Bishop Bowman was married the second time to Harriet R., daughter of Rev. Joseph Clarkson, a former rector of St. James'. His first wife, Susan Sitgreaves, bore him three children, one of whom, Ellen, became the wife of Bishop Vail, of Kansas. Her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Motter, survives, and resides in Washington, D. C.

JAMES PYLE WICKERSHAM, born March 5, 1825, in Newlin township, Chester county, died at his home in Lancaster City March 25, 1891, after having achieved the very highest distinction in the work to which he devoted the best years of his long and useful life.

Born of an honorable ancestry, brought up under the influence of the best type of Friends, he laid early the foundations of a strong character and a great career. From the country school he passed to Unionville Academy, where Bayard Taylor was one of his fellow-students. At fifteen he took charge of a school, and in 1845 became principal of Marietta Academy, giving up his intention of reading law upon advice of his family. From twenty pupils in a rented room, under his management the school had grown by 1852 to over a hundred pupils in a fine building owned by the principal. Meanwhile he had been married in 1847, to Emerine I. Taylor, a former schoolmate, a woman of rare intelligence and character. In 1853 he was one of the organizers of the State Teachers' Association, and was prominent in the agitation for the establishment of the County and State Superintendency. In 1854 he was active in the first county institute, and was delegate from Lancaster county to the American Association for the Advancement of Education. Also in 1854 the county superintendency was created and

he was chosen for the place. In July of the same year we find him active in the first meeting of the county superintendents. In 1855 he held a Normal Institute at Millersville, which made such an impression that it was determined to make it a permanent institution, and Mr. Wickersham was called to be its head. Resigning the superintendency in the fall of 1856, he devoted his great energies to developing the great school which now distinguishes the First Normal District of Pennsylvania, and is perhaps his most significant monument. When the war surged northward in 1863, he led a company (mostly Millersville students) into service, and was chosen colonel of the 47th Regiment. During these years of activity he filled with ability the Presidency of the State Teachers' Association, and other similar places in the line of his work. He had also found time to write several books, notably his "School Economy" and "Methods of Instruction," which were for a long period the standard, and they have been translated into French, Spanish and Japanese.

In 1866 Governor Curtin appointed Dr. Wickersham (having meanwhile been recognized by a degree from Lafayette College) to be State Superintendent of Schools, which place he filled continuously for the next fourteen years, being successively reappointed by the series of Governors, all agreeing that he was pre-eminently the man for the place, and the Senate confirming him by unanimous vote. In the educational history of the State, these years were the period of construction. Receiving from Dr. Burrowes the outlines of a great scheme "in the rough," he adapted, adjusted, reconstructed and perfected it in every part, making of it an organism which his successor said "could almost run itself." There was no legislation in school matters, but bore the impress of his hand, accepting and improving all helpful ideas, and preventing errors and retrograde steps. The value of this service can only be estimated fully by the future; but, meanwhile, it has not been forgotten by those best qualified to judge. William T. Harris, first of American educators and philosophers, said at the Brooklyn meeting of the N. E. A.: "If I were asked to name the five leading educators of America, I would name James P. Wickersham, of Pennsylvania, as one." And in Winship's "Great American Educator," that keen observer and critic accompanies his portrait with such words as these: "All the schools of the State were better because he was State Superintendent. Good laws were made and bad practices abolished by him. A million children have better school houses, better school books, better teachers than before. Teachers have many advantages because of him. . . . No State Superintendent has had clearer or higher ideals of what the Superintendent, the teacher, the directors and the people ought to do for the schools. . . . Wickersham was a natural leader, and to the people of the United States he was the best known of the educators of

Pennsylvania for forty years." It is not too much to say that Dr. Wickersham found the school system a brilliant idea in the experimental stage and left it a successful and permanent organism. His little "Digest" became the foundation of the body of school law of the State, and none of his decisions have been reversed.

In addition to the onerous duties of the School Department, the Soldiers' Orphan work, crippled and discredited by the mismanagement of others, was placed in his hands, and at once reduced to order, and so remained until the close of his service, when instead of the old history of deficit, he turned over an unexpended balance to his successor.

From 1870 until his retirement from the State Superintendency, Dr. Wickersham was editor and part owner of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*, and his work upon it added greatly to its circulation and influence. In the framing of the Constitution of 1874, his carefully prepared statements before the committees of the convention were most useful in adopting the educational provisions. In 1876, he earned wide credit for his unique presentation of the educational interest of his State at the Centennial Exhibition. After the close of the exhibition, he visited Europe to study their systems of education, making official report thereupon in 1878. Along with official duties, his face was known all over the State by reason of frequent attendance at educational conventions and institutes, where his ringing speeches were a source of inspiration and instruction.

Soon after the close of his fourteen years service, President Arthur appointed Dr. Wickersham Minister to Denmark, but after some time spent there he resigned on account of the ill health of his wife.

In 1886 was issued his "History of Education in Pennsylvania" (printed in a publishing house established by himself), which every year becomes more and more valuable as a reference work, quoted by all writers on its subject. His voice and pen were actively influential in securing the adoption of the free text-book system, which has been so valuable an aid in school work. He was also a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, in his home town.

His membership and activity in Post 84, G. A. R., were worthy of special mention. The soldiers' burial place in Lancaster cemetery was secured by his advocacy, and many an old soldier profited by his generous help. After more than fifty years of intense activity, this useful man, honest and capable public officer, model citizen, passed away at his home in Lancaster, after a brief illness, March 25, 1891.

J. HAROLD WICKERSHAM, son of the late distinguished educator, Dr. James P. Wickersham, was born at Marietta, Pa., Feb. 24, 1856. His boyhood was passed at Millersville and Lancaster, where he received his early education in the public schools.

Graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1872, he spent three years at Franklin and Marshall College, and two years at Yale, graduating there with the degree of B. Ph. Returning to Lancaster, he entered the printing house of the Inquirer Printing and Publishing Co., in a subordinate position, and by diligence and good judgment advanced to general manager, which position he still holds. After his father's death the name of the company was changed to the Wickersham Printing Co., and our subject was elected its president. The plant is of high grade, and does a large and successful business.

Mr. Wickersham was married in 1880 to Miss Jessie, daughter of John Hough, of Fort Wayne, Ind. He is prominent in the business and social life of Lancaster.

JOHN ROHRER DIFFENBACH is descended from an old family of Lancaster county, his grandmother on his father's side having been a direct descendant of Hans Herr, the progenitor of the numerous and influential Herrs of this section; and his paternal grandfather was a native of Lancaster county. George Diffenbach, the latter, was a farmer and tanner. He married Maria Herr, sister of Rev. Christian Herr, of Pequea. George Diffenbach, Jr., son of George and Maria, was also a farmer and tanner. He married Barbara Rohrer, a sister of Squire Rohrer, and an aunt of Dr. Amos K. Rohrer, deceased, a prominent physician of Mountville, whose ancestors came to America in 1732. To this union were born seven children, two of whom are now living: Adam, a farmer in Minnesota, now eighty years old; and John Rohrer, of Lancaster, now in his eighty-ninth year. A daughter, Mrs. Connelly, made her home with her son John, and died at the age of ninety-two years. In Strasburg, in association with Alexander Hood and Squire Hoffman, George Diffenbach, Jr., held the first meeting for and took the first steps toward the establishment of the free school system in Pennsylvania.

John Rohrer Diffenbach was born in Strasburg Sept. 13, 1813, and was educated in his native town. He left school at the age of eighteen years to enter a store, and afterward he spent a year in Lancaster, where he served as salesman in the store of P. K. Brenerman. In 1833, before he attained his majority, Mr. Diffenbach began a career as a merchant at the Buck, where he was engaged for two years, removing thence to New Holland, where he was a merchant two years, and then to Silver Spring, finally locating at Marietta, where he was in business from 1839 to 1868, enjoying a fine and profitable patronage. In 1868 he came to Lancaster, where he bought the splendid property, at the corner of Lime and Orange streets, which is now occupied by Mrs. Louise Brenerman; and in 1882 he purchased the ground and built the elegant dwelling on North Duke street, into which he moved his

home and family the following year, and where he is still found. After coming to Lancaster Mr. Diffenbach still retained an interest in two stores, one at Lebanon, and the other at Lykens Valley, but in 1875 he sold them, and has since confined himself to looking after his properties and investments. During his long and useful life, Mr. Diffenbach has spent at least \$100,000 in building and improving his properties, and since his advent in Lancaster he has disbursed as large a sum in taxes, living expenses, and in assisting worthy objects—a most creditable record.

At first a Whig in politics, Mr. Diffenbach became a Republican upon the formation of that party. While a resident of Silver Spring he was appointed a justice of the peace by Gov. Ritner, but resigned the office on the occasion of his removal from the district. He has never sought official honors of any kind, and, though often solicited, has uniformly declined to take any position of responsibility, and it is to his credit that while justice of the peace he never returned a case to court, always bringing the parties together and effecting a settlement between them. At one period of his life Mr. Diffenbach was a surveyor, making the draft and helping to make the survey to avoid the inclined plane on the Pennsylvania railroad between Mountville and Columbia. Mr. Diffenbach has been interested financially in almost every bank in Lancaster, as well as in the Marietta banks and the trust companies of Lancaster.

On Sept. 29, 1840, Mr. Diffenbach was married to Miss Martha Brenerman, who was born in Columbia, Pa., May 7, 1818, daughter of Capt. Brenerman. Like her husband, she, too, enjoys a serene old age.

DR. JOHN GAINER MOORE, whose death at his home in New Holland, Pa., Jan. 18, 1883, removed from Lancaster county one of her most skillful and successful practitioners of dentistry, was one of the county's most esteemed public-spirited and useful citizens.

The ancestral line of the Moore family goes far back in the world's history to the time when Andrew Moore, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, emigrated to County Antrim, Ireland, in 1612, when James I ruled over the united countries known as the British Isles.

Dr. Moore was peculiarly fortunate in his parentage. His distinguished father, Dr. Mordecai M. Moore, was for many years known not only in his native State, but through a large section of country. Dr. Moore's mother belonged to one of the old and honorable families of Lancaster county.

In a record of representative men of this kind, it would not be fitting to omit extended notice of Dr. Mordecai M. Moore. He was born near Christiansburg, in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, April 19, 1807, a son of Gainer Moore, a well-known member of the Society of Friends, who was

a descendant of one of the earliest settlers in that section of Pennsylvania. Dr. Moore obtained a limited education in the common schools, but spent much of his leisure time in study. After teaching school in Lancaster county for several years he studied dentistry and surgery with Dr. Van Patton as a preceptor. Dr. Moore practiced dentistry in Lancaster City until 1849, when he went to California. On his arrival there he became interested in gold mining, and was elected the first president of the Keystone Mining Co. He also practiced both dentistry and medicine in California. In 1853 he returned to Lancaster, where he became intimately acquainted with ex-President Buchanan. Three years later he returned to California, and remained until 1859. The exposure that he was subjected to while in the mountain regions of that State caused him to have erysipelas, which so affected his eyes that he became totally blind. This affliction was borne with remarkable fortitude by Dr. Moore, who devoted his time to religious thought. Being a member of the M. E. Church, he was made an exhorter, and afterward a local preacher, and, notwithstanding his blindness, he traveled extensively in the West, preaching the Gospel. Dr. Moore would have a friend take him to a railroad station, and would engage the services of a trustworthy boy to take him to places he wished to visit. In this way he visited his brother George, in Iowa, and from there traveled to California, where he conducted a series of religious meetings. On his return to Lancaster, Dr. Moore prepared a lecture on "What a Blind Man Saw in California," which he delivered in a number of places.

It is recorded of Dr. Moore that at one time, while suffering from a tumor on his left side, he retired to his room, took an ordinary pocket knife, and with coolness and skill, removed the offender and bandaged the wound without assistance.

On May 8, 1885, Dr. Moore became a resident of the Masonic Home, Philadelphia, and was the fourth to be admitted to that institution. There his death occurred in his ninety-first year, after living in darkness almost half a century. In 1885 he united with the Tioga M. E. Church and had the honor in 1892, of breaking the ground for the new edifice. He was a member of Christiana Lodge, No. 417, A. F. & A. M., for nearly sixty years and at the time of his death was one of the oldest Masons in Pennsylvania.

In 1827 Dr. Mordecai Moore was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bomberger, of Lancaster, who died two weeks after the couple had celebrated their Golden Wedding, in 1877. Of their eight children, but two are living. Rev. Samuel B. Moore, a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mrs. Harriet Pownall, of Chester, Delaware county.

Dr. John Gainer Moore, son of Dr. Mordecai, was born in Lancaster, Lancaster county, March 10, 1830, and died Jan. 18, 1883, in New Holland, where he was buried. He acquired his primary edu-

cation in the common schools in Lancaster and later pursued a higher course in Franklin and Marshall college. His profession was learned under his father, and he entered upon its active duties in 1849, taking up the practice of his father, who went to California. In 1857 he went to New Holland, and from that time until his death practiced between Lancaster and New Holland alternately, being very successful in his profession, and gaining a wide celebrity for his skill. The last years of his life were spent as a semi-invalid, an aggravated form of dyspepsia refusing to yield to treatment. In many lines aside from his profession was Dr. Moore known and admired. He was a strong and vigorous writer, and an eloquent and forceful orator, while his intense interest in his section's advancement and progress made him an interested and earnest advocate of every enterprise looking in that direction. He was intellectually strong, and all educational measures were sure of finding a warm supporter in him. In religious work he was zealous and consistent, and took an active part in the affairs of the Lutheran Church and the work of the Sunday school. His benefactions were large, both in the church and the community. In politics he preferred to be independent.

On Nov. 17, 1859, Dr. Moore was united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Kohler, in the Lutheran Church, in New Holland (it being the first marriage held in the church), to Miss Anna E. Wilson, who was born in Harrisburg, Pa., daughter of Morris and Catherine (Diller) Wilson, the former of near Bridgeport, Conn., and the latter of New Holland, Pa. Morris Wilson was born March 31, 1797, and died Nov. 10, 1826, in Elizabethtown, Pa. He studied law with Judge Elder, of Harrisburg, removing then to Elizabethtown, but practicing both in the Harrisburg and the Lancaster courts. He was a man of brilliant parts, and came from a family of culture, refinement and wealth. The mother of Mrs. Moore died March 12, 1882, at the age of eighty-six years. She was interred in New Holland, where she was a beloved member of the community, an active worker in the Sunday school, a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and a woman who was noted for her charities. The only child of this marriage was Mrs. Moore.

Roland Diller Moore, the only child of Dr. John and Anna (Wilson) Moore, was born April 5, 1863, and on Jan. 19, 1901, was united in marriage, in Camden, N. J., to Miss Helen Dugan, daughter of Michael Dugan, of Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Moore is the very efficient and capable manager of his mother's estate, consisting of some of the most valuable property in the city, and he is one of the most public-spirited and progressive of the younger business men. His improvements have been permanent, substantial and attractive, while he is also engaged in other lines of endeavor, ever keeping in mind the advancement of the interests of his city as well as his personal

preferment. Fraternally he is connected with the B. P. O. E. and is very popular.

Mrs. Moore is one of the most highly esteemed ladies in Lancaster. Her beautiful home in New Holland was erected by her uncle, the late Roland Diller. She has many friends not only on account of her well-known and highly appreciated husband, but for herself, her personal attributes winning them and retaining them.

ROLAND DILLER was one of Lancaster county's oldest citizens at the time of his death, in 1882, in his eighty-fifth year, in his old home in New Holland. His burial was in the old cemetery at that point. Early in life he was engaged in mercantile pursuits, but later became a skilled conveyancer and surveyor, continuing to perform these duties almost to the time of his death. His mind was of a legal turn, and had he given it to the law he would doubtless have become distinguished in that profession. His tastes, however, were of a quieter nature although on occasion he could fight for what he believed to be right. For over forty years he was justice of the peace in Earl township, and it is known that during this time he wrote more mortgages, deeds, releases and similar documents than any man who ever lived in Lancaster county. His reliability was such that his services were in constant demand, and it is estimated that his name appears on more than half the legal documents issued during his official life in eastern Lancaster county.

In his convictions of right and justice, Mr. Diller stood as a rock. This was notably manifested during the period known as Anti-Masonic, in 1828. It is not possible to recount in this limited space the details of the controversy in this locality, but Mr. Diller was one of the founders of the *Anti-Masonic Herald*, in New Holland, and during its existence was a liberal and consistent contributor to its support. As a politician he was a strong Whig, and later a stanch Republican. Although prominent and active in his party, he would never accept any public recognition, although frequently urged to do so by his fellow-citizens who would gladly have shown him honors.

Mr. Diller was long the secretary and treasurer of the New Holland Turnpike Co., retaining the office until a short time prior to his death. Perhaps though Mr. Diller was best known for his deep knowledge on every subject. For twenty years he was known as the largest book buyer in Lancaster county, and it was his greatest delight to bury himself among the thousands of volumes in his comprehensive library, and to there enjoy the best thought of the world. Singularly unselfish, this great storehouse of wisdom and pleasure was at the service of his friends, it seeming to be a gratification to him to have his "book friends" appreciated.

Roland Diller was a son of Peter and Elizabeth Diller, of New Holland, the former of whom was a man of prominence in his time and one of the large landowners of this county. For many years Peter

Diller operated a hotel in New Holland, and he was well known as one of the county's substantial men. He owned five, well-improved farms at the time of his death. The children born to Peter and Elizabeth Diller were: Roland, who never married; Solomon, who married Margaret A. James; Lydia, who married Rev. Peter Filbert; Catherine, who married Morris Wilson, and became the mother of Mrs. Moore; Mary, who married Henry Shirk; Samuel, who married Eliza Ringwalt; and Elizabeth, who married Dr. John Luther, an eminent physician of New Holland.

COL. DANIEL H. HERR. One of the most striking characters of Lancaster, a man whose life has closely touched the history of his native county during the past half century, who, as educator, citizen, patriot, soldier, professional man, merchant and attorney, has been identified with the rapidly growing interests of Lancaster, and who to-day is most highly esteemed for his unique and eminently successful career is Col. Daniel H. Herr, mechanical engineer and patent attorney.

Col. Herr is a worthy descendant of Hans Herr, the venerable pastor of the persecuted and faithful band of Mennonites, who, in 1709, upon the invitation of William Penn, settled in the fertile but primitively wild valley of the Conestoga. Hans Herr was a non-conformist of Schwabia, Austria, and one of a colony whom religious persecution had driven to Zurich, Switzerland. William Penn visited the colony, and invited them to find homes and rest from persecution in the Colony of Pennsylvania.

Christian Herr, son of Hans, was one of a committee appointed to visit the promised land. They crossed the ocean, selected a tract of 10,000 acres on the Conestoga, and the migration speedily followed. The people composing this colony were the first white settlers in this county, at that time a part of Chester county. Hans Herr had five sons: Abraham, Christian, Emanuel, Isaac and John. They were the ancestors of the Herr family which for the past two centuries has been conspicuous and eminently serviceable in the development of Lancaster county.

Abraham Herr, the first son of Hans Herr, was a grandfather when he came to America, and he settled in Lancaster township on the east side of the Wabank road, near the Mennonite Meeting House. This old homestead is still in the possession of an Abraham Herr. There he reared a large family and died at a ripe old age. One of his (Abraham's) sons, was Emanuel Herr, who was the great-grandfather of Daniel H. Herr, and he (Emanuel) was given a portion of the ancestral acres in Lancaster township.

Christian Herr, his son, and the grandfather of Daniel H., was reared on part of the old home farm. He married Catherine Kauffman, the only daughter of John Kauffman, and died comparatively young in years.

Daniel Herr, son of Christian and the father of

Daniel H., was born in Lancaster township June 6, 1809, and became a farmer and mill owner. He married on March 9, 1830, Susannah M. Hornberger, who was born July 10, 1811, daughter of Stephen Hornberger, who kept a well known tavern on the Columbia turnpike. She was a descendant on her mother's side from Henry Gross, a pioneer of Lancaster, who imported a communion set from Wurtemberg for the use of Zion's Lutheran Church of this city. Daniel Herr engaged in farming for a time on the old homestead, which he sold, and later farmed for some years on the Conestoga creek, now known as the Brubaker farm. He sold the latter farm, and removed to Manheim township, where he bought the Dietrich farm of 167 acres, and later retired to Eden, where he died Sept. 12, 1852, aged forty-three years. His widow survived until Sept. 16, 1875, passing away at the age of sixty-four years. To Daniel and Susannah Herr were born ten children, of whom five survive.

Daniel H. Herr was born Jan. 14, 1835, at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa., where his father had purchased a home, and his boyhood was spent in Manheim township. His early education was received there, and in Cumberland county. When a lad of eighteen (in 1853), after the death of his father, he went to Dayton, Ohio, where he was employed in a dry-goods store. Returning to Lancaster county in 1856, he engaged in teaching school, and soon after entered the State Normal school at Millersville, graduating in the scientific course in 1858. He was at once appointed professor of penmanship, drawing and bookkeeping, and assistant in mathematics, filling these positions for four years. In the spring of 1862, Professor Herr, together with Professor Andrew R. Byerly and Hon. David N. Fell recruited Co. E, of the 122d P. V. I., nine months' service, thirty-six students of the Normal School being enrolled in the company. Prof. Herr, as he was then known, told Prof. Byerly that he intended to enter the army, and Prof. Byerly said that if he (Herr) took the initiative, he too, would go. They shook hands, Mr. Herr went to Harrisburg, saw Gov. Curtin, was accepted, was commissioned second lieutenant, and was sworn in as mustering officer. Returning to the Normal School, he exhibited his commission and appointed a meeting with the students. The rest is easily told. Thirty-six students joined the company, and Col. (then lieutenant) Herr, assisted by Mr. Byerly and Mr. Fell, recruited the remainder in Lancaster. Prof. Byerly was made captain, Prof. Herr first lieutenant, and Mr. Fell second lieutenant. Col. Herr was mustered in as first lieutenant on July 26, 1862, and was mustered out May 16, 1863. The regiment joined the Army of the Potomac, was in the second battle of Bull Run, under fire at Fredericksburg, and engaged at Chancellorsville. Lieut. Herr, on Aug. 4th (before the battle of Chancellorsville) was made quartermaster of Piatt's Brigade, then in Gen. Sturgis' Independent Division; and, after the second bat-

tle of Bull Run, this Brigade became the First Brigade, Third Division, Third Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, under Gens. McClellan, Burnside and Hooker. He participated in the engagements at Pleasant Valley, Harper's Ferry, Berlin, Warrentown Junction and Falmouth. After a regular quartermaster reported for duty, Lieut. Herr was detailed to go to Washington on important missions, the order coming from the corps commander; and, later, he was one of the detail on general court martial in the field, the army then lying before Fredericksburg. This was during the fall and winter of 1862-63. During the summer of 1863, Lieut. Herr and others raised a company of Pennsylvania militia for emergency service, which became a part of the 47th Regiment. Lieut. Herr was commissioned adjutant of the regiment, which followed Lee in his retreat to the Potomac, being a part of Gen. John E. Wool's troops, organized for the defense of the State, and later they did service in Schuylkill county, in suppressing the "Mollie Maguires." He then served as post adjutant of Taggart's Free Military School at Philadelphia, Pa., for training officers for colored troops. Passing Gen. Casey's board of examination at Washington, he was recommended by the board for rank of Lieut. Colonel. Accepting a captaincy, he was assigned to Co. F, 122d regiment, infantry, United States Colored Troops, at Lexington, Ky. The regiment was attached to the Army of the James, under Gen. Butler, and saw active service in the operations before Petersburg and Richmond, and the many engagements involved in that campaign. After the surrender of Gen. Lee, at Appomattox Court House, the 25th Army Corps was organized at City Point, and this corps was assigned to the Department of the South, under Gen. Phil. Sheridan, with headquarters at New Orleans. This corps, under command of Gen. Weitzel, was sent to Texas, covering the entire southern part of that State. Capt. Herr was detailed by Gen. Weitzel as assistant inspector general stationed at Corpus Christi, Texas, where he remained until the troops were discharged in the spring of 1866. Prior to that, however, Capt. Herr had been made a member of the Court of Claims, created by order of Gen. Sheridan, and assisted in the adjustment of the claims of citizens for confiscated property.

Returning to Lancaster, Capt. Herr re-entered civil life as a draughtsman for the old Norris Locomotive Works, where he did work for the Pennsylvania, the Chicago & Northwestern, the St. Louis, Alton & Terre Haute, and the Lehigh Valley railroads, and during this period, two of the heaviest locomotives then known to the world, were constructed, each locomotive weighing sixty tons, and having five pairs of driving wheels connected. He remained with this company until 1868, when, owing to the death of one of the firm, it suspended operations. Going to Reading, Pa., Mr. Herr made a deal with the Howe Sewing Machine Co., securing control of several counties, and doing business in his

own name. In 1878 he removed to Philadelphia, making that city for a time his headquarters as a commercial traveler. Returning to Lancaster in 1879, he was for one year principal of the Mulberry Street Grammar School, in Lancaster, and then taught school for one year at Florin, same county.

In 1881 Col. Herr returned to Lancaster, accepting a position as bookkeeper for Richard Blickenderfer, iron founder. A little later he became draughtsman for David H. Kulp, pattern maker and patent attorney, and when the latter concluded to retire from the patent business, Mr. Herr purchased and has since continued this active and successful work.

In 1879 at Philadelphia, Mr. Herr married Miss Emma Adams, a native of Lebanon county, daughter of Jacob and Mary Adams, her father having been formerly a well known business man of Reading. To Mr. and Mrs. Herr was born one son, Paul Adams, a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, afterward taking a post-graduate course in Chemistry and Physics, and securing his master degree in June, 1901; he is now at the head of the Department of Natural Science in Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn. Col. and Mrs. Herr are prominent members of St. James Episcopal Church. He is a stanch Republican in politics, and a member of George H. Thomas post, No. 84, G. A. R. In 1875, he was appointed by Gov. Hartranft, Major and Aide-de-camp on the staff of Maj. Gen. Bolton, commanding the second Division, National Guard of Pennsylvania. In that capacity he performed valuable service during the railroad riots of 1876 and 1877. He is a public-spirited citizen of Lancaster, and one of its most highly esteemed citizens; while as a patent attorney, his work is of such a conscientious and intelligent character, as to win and hold for him the most prominent inventors and manufacturers in the community as his clients.

STEELE. The Steele family, many of whose members were conspicuous for patriotism and gallantry during the Revolutionary war, is of great antiquity. The original members came from Scotland. The first mention we have of the family in this state is in the history of Chester county. At an early date Ninian Steele with his wife and children, came from the North of Ireland and settled in New London township, Chester county. There he died in 1745, leaving a wife, Mary, and six children, as follows: Robert; Martha; Samuel, who died in 1760; Susannah; Ninian; and William.

Samuel Steele, second son of Ninian, resided at what is known as "Thunder Hill," New London township. He died in May, 1760, leaving eleven children: Robert; Ruth, born 1719, married Samuel Futhey in 1750, and he died Jan. 27, 1790; Jane, married George Campbell, and he died in March, 1812, leaving eight children; Samuel; Francis; Joseph; James, married Isabella Read, of New London, and his descendants went to western Virginia; William, born 1731, married Eliza-

beth Magee, Jan., 1756, and died Sept. 5, 1797 (she died July 5, 1779); Ninian; Ann; and Elizabeth, married and settled in Northumberland county, with other members of the family.

William Steele, probably the youngest son of Ninian, settled near Chestnut Level. On the breaking out of the Revolution he was appointed First Lieutenant, First Pennsylvania Battalion of the Flying Camp, June to December, 1776. He was a representative man among the early settlers. He obtained a large tract of land on the west side of the Octoraro.

William Steele, son of William, noted in above paragraph was also a staunch supporter of American Independence. He was also appointed a lieutenant during the Revolutionary war and married Abigail, a sister of Francis Bailey, of Sadsbury.

James Steele, son of William and Abigail, was born in Sadsbury township about the beginning of the Revolutionary war. He was in the War of 1812, and became a brigadier general in the same. He died about 1840.

General John Steele was born in Drumore township in the year 1758. His parents had emigrated from Scotland at an early date. He was prominent in the Revolutionary war and was elected State Senator of Pennsylvania in 1801. He died Feb. 27, 1827.

Archibald Steele was a brother of Gen. John Steele, and raised one of the first Lancaster county companies in the Revolutionary war. His company was in the famous march to Quebec in the winter of 1775. He died in Philadelphia in 1832. He had three sons, George, William, and Matthias, in the War of 1812.

HUGH STANLEY GARA was in his lifetime one of the prominent citizens of Lancaster, not only as one of the best insurance men of the county, but also as a public-spirited citizen and a Mason of high degree. Active in every line in which he became interested, he not only made a success in his chosen life work, but found time to serve his fellow citizens well without sacrificing one for the other, and in Masonic circles he was widely known and highly esteemed.

Mr. Gara came of a race which Pennsylvania especially has reason to thank for many of her best citizens, his parents, Patrick and Mary Gara, both having been natives of the North of Ireland. Their marriage took place in Lancaster county, Pa., and here were born to them four children, all now deceased; Isaac B. was a prominent citizen of Erie, this State, where he edited the *Erie Gazette*, and served as postmaster; he was deputy secretary of the Commonwealth under Gov. Geary. Samuel H. was a resident of Philadelphia. Hugh Stanley is mentioned below. Margaret married Joseph Baldwin, a farmer of Ogdensburg, New York.

Hugh Stanley Gara was born March 28, 1817, in Soudersburg, East Lampeter township, this county, where he lived until he was eleven years of

age, and in the public schools of which locality he received his first instruction. Later he attended the Parkesburg (Pa.) Academy. At the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the mercantile business, his first employment being in the mercantile store of James Whitehall, in Strasburg Borough, and he was subsequently with James Shirk, in the same place. He was still a youth when he came to Lancaster and entered the store of David Markley, from whose employment he went to Boon & Cockley, serving three years as manager of their foundry. He then formed a partnership with David Cockley, conducting a general dry goods store, of which, after some years, in 1845, he became sole proprietor, continuing in this line for twenty-five years. Mr. Gara first took up the insurance business in 1840, being always looked upon as the pioneer in that field in Lancaster, and after retiring from mercantile life devoted his business hours to general insurance until 1891, when, because of his advancing age, he sold out, Christopher Hager purchasing his interest in that line. He was the veteran insurance man of Lancaster, and was highly thought of as an able and successful man in that line. He was a stock holder and manager of the Keystone Watch Co., of which he was one of the founders (only under another name) and was its president for many years. All Mr. Gara's business transactions were characterized by the utmost honesty and strictest integrity, traits which were recognized and thoroughly appreciated by all with whom he had dealings. After relinquishing the activities of business life he gave himself almost entirely to the duties of notary public, acting as such twenty-five years prior to his death, and to the work of the Masonic fraternity, serving as secretary, continuing for a period of twenty-five years, in various Masonic bodies. He attained to the thirty-second degree, and at the time of his death was one of the best known and oldest Masons in the locality. He was "made" Feb. 12, 1862, in Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., of which he was elected secretary in 1864. He also held that office in Chapter No. 42, R. A. M., was recorder of Goodwin Council, No. 19, R. S. E. & S. M.; Commander of Commandery No. 13, K. T.; and a charter member of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, A. A. S. R., and its secretary for many years. He was secretary of all bodies named at the time of his decease, which occurred March 9, 1896, in Lancaster. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Gara was laid to rest in Lancaster cemetery with every mark of respect and honor due so worthy a citizen, and his death was mourned as a loss to the community, in general. Though ever busy, Mr. Gara always found time to be affable and courteous, and he was exceedingly pleasant to all with whom he came in contact, whether in the business world, in social life, or in the domestic circle.

Mr. Gara was a staunch Republican, and not as a partisan but as a patriotic citizen, and took an active part in public affairs in his locality. He held office

as a matter of duty, and evidently discharged the duties of the various incumbencies to which he was chosen in the same spirit. For many years he was a member of the school board, of which he was secretary during some fifteen years of that time; he was one of the board of prison inspectors for nine years, and also served as county recorder. As will be seen, his services seems to have been especially in demand as secretary, and in addition to his work in that line already mentioned, he held such relations to the Lancaster Board of Trade for two years. For many years he was president of the Union Building & Loan Association. A life long member of the Presbyterian Church, Mr. Gara served as a member of the board of trustees of the local congregation, for forty years, until his death, and was president of the same for nine years. He was an elder for thirty years, and, in fact, was zealous and active in all that pertained to the welfare of his home church especially, and Christianity in general, his earnest efforts in this connection, however, being no more than might be expected of one so deeply interested in moral advancement everywhere. He was orderly sergeant in the Lancaster Fencibles, a crack military organization.

On Oct. 15, 1841, Mr. Gara was married in Lancaster to Sarah J. Buck, and two children blessed this union: William H., who died young; and Elizabeth Batterson. The latter is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, claiming descent from early American ancestry through her mother, who was born in Lancaster, Sept. 19, 1820, a granddaughter of John Okely (who was a member of the Constitutional Congress) and who died March 13, 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Okely) Buck, the former a native of Bedford, England, the latter of Bethlehem, Pa. Both died in Lancaster county, and the father is buried in St. James Episcopal cemetery, the mother in the Lancaster cemetery. They had a family of seven children, one son and six daughters, of whom Sarah J., Mrs. Gara, was the youngest. John Okely, of Northampton county, Pa., Mrs. Gara's grandfather, was a member of Congress from Northampton county in 1773-74-75. He served during the Revolutionary war, first as lieutenant, and finally became assistant commissary general, remaining in the army until the close of the struggle.

BENJAMIN R. KREIDER, a resident of West Lampeter township, and one of the more prominent men of Lancaster county, was born in East Lampeter township, Aug. 18, 1855, and is a son of Isaac and Anna (Rohrer) Kreider, both of whom are still living in East Lampeter township.

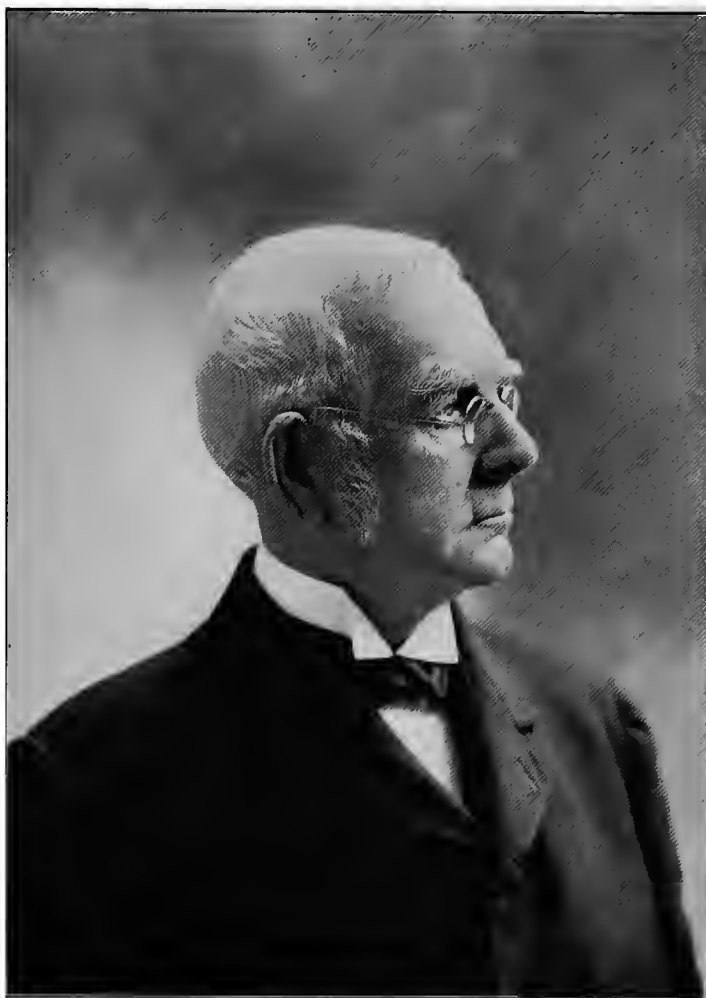
Benjamin R. Kreider was educated in the public schools, and after he had passed his twenty-first birthday began operations on his own account as a fence builder, in which work he was engaged for five years. For the past nineteen years he has been employed in gathering and delivering milk to the

creameries and the caramel factory. Mr. Kreider owns a small farm of seven acres which he purchased in the spring of 1892. This property is in West Lampeter township; the residence has been greatly rebuilt by him, and the other buildings on the place have been changed and added to, Mr. Kreider expending some fifteen hundred dollars in adapting the place to dairy purposes. It is said Mr. Kreider delivers more milk to the factory than any other contractor in the county, his daily average being seven thousand pounds or more.

Benjamin R. Kreider was married Oct. 10, 1876, to Susan, a daughter of John and Susan (Wenger) Musser, of Earl township. Mrs. Kreider was born Jan. 21, 1856, and became the mother of the following children; Anna Mary, Harry Musser, Clara Bertha, Lizzie B., Ada May and Elmer Benjamin. Mrs. Kreider died May 27, 1901, and with her husband belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. His two oldest children are married, Anna Mary is the wife of Jesse Kreider, of Salisbury, who is an extensive farmer and dairyman; Harry M. married Fannie Shriner, of Manheim township, and is an employe of the silk mills in Lancaster township, having his home in West Lampeter township.

HUGH M. NORTH. Among the legal lights of Pennsylvania the name of Hugh M. North, of Columbia, shines as a star of the first magnitude. His mastery of legal lore, his tenacious memory, his natural ability, have all combined to make him one of the foremost lawyers of the State, one who is consulted by the members of his own profession and one whose decisions are regarded as ultimate.

Mr. North was born May 7, 1826, in Juniata county, Pa., a son of John North, of Scotch-Irish descent, and his wife, Jane McAlister, whose father, Hugh McAlister, of Revolutionary fame, was the founder of McAlisterville, Pa. Hugh M. North was given as good educational facilities as his father's circumstances permitted, and when twenty years of age he was graduated with honor from the academy at Mifflinburg, Pa. He then entered the office of Judge Casey, of Union county, who later became Chief Justice of the United States Court of Claims. Young North applied himself to his studies with the same energy that had characterized his school work, and when he went to take his examination for admission to the Bar he had a fund of legal knowledge superior to many lawyers then old in practice. He was admitted to the Bar in Union county in March, 1849, and in the August following to the Lancaster County Bar. Columbia was chosen as the future home of the young lawyer, and there he immediately entered upon his practice. His fine intellectual attainments soon won recognition, and before long his time was fully occupied, and his large and lucrative practice yielded him a handsome competence. There were calls for his services from all over the State, and every important case in his own vicinity found



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him actively interested on one side or the other. In every branch of the law he seems equally at home, and the thoroughness with which he studies the subject under litigation, his skill, his insight into human nature, and his fine presence, make him a tower of great strength before courts and juries. His generous disposition has prevented him from putting any obstacles in the paths of younger members of the profession; instead, he is ever willing to aid in any way those who seek his counsel. In 1880 he was instrumental in organizing the Lancaster County Bar Association, for the "improvement of law and its administration," and so generally was his pre-eminence conceded that he was unanimously elected president, to which office he has been re-elected annually ever since. He is a prominent member of the American Bar Association, and for a time was a member of its council for the State of Pennsylvania.

Questions of public importance, local or national, have found in Mr. North a deep and intelligent student. He has held a number of offices in the borough of Columbia, and in 1854 became a member of the State Legislature, having been elected on the Democratic and Independent tickets. In 1860 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention held at Charleston, S. C., and there served on a number of important committees. Active work in that convention required the exercise of rare judgment, and it was men like Mr. North who were able to carry it through with honor and with dignity. In 1864 he was the Democratic candidate for Congress against the late Thaddeus Stevens, and in 1872 was the opponent of A. Herr Smith; in 1874 he was a candidate before the State Convention for lieutenant governor, and polled the second highest vote; in 1876 he was delegate-at-large to the Democratic Convention at St. Louis.

Mr. North's work has brought him many well-deserved honors. He is solicitor for the Pennsylvania Co., the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., two national banks of Columbia, and many other corporations, including iron companies, insurance companies, etc. He is president of the First National Bank of Columbia, and a director in a number of other corporations.

Mr. North is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a vestryman of St. Paul's, Columbia, and rector's warden. He has been for many years a member of the standing committee of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, and was a deputy to the general conventions of 1895, 1898 and 1901. He was honored some years ago with the degree of LL. D. from Franklin and Marshall College.

On Dec. 23, 1868, Mr. North was united in marriage with Miss Serena M. Franklin, daughter of the late Thomas E. Franklin, LL. D., of Lancaster, well known and prominent in the legal circles of the State, and Attorney General of Pennsylvania under Govs. Johnson and Pollock. To Mr. and Mrs. North have been born two children, viz.: Serena

Mayer, who on April 11, 1901, was married to Joseph Baldwin Hutchinson, general manager of the Pennsylvania Railway Co.; and Hugh M., Jr., who graduated from Yale University in June, 1897, and is now a member of the Lancaster Bar.

HUGH MAXWELL was born Dec. 7, 1777, in Ireland, and when quite a young man he came to Philadelphia.

At the age of nineteen he entered into partnership with Matthew Carey in that city, Carey being a printer of prominence. They published one of the early literary magazines and subsequently Maxwell edited the *Port Folio*. Whilst in the book-publishing business he made his own engravings and cast his own type. Meeting with losses in the financial crisis following the war of 1812, he abandoned the printing business and for a while engaged in the pursuits of a farmer. In 1817 he removed to Lancaster and began the publication of the *Lancaster Gazette*. Subsequently he purchased the *Lancaster Journal*, which he edited until 1839. This paper was one of the ablest Democratic newspapers of Pennsylvania. He was the inventor of the printer's roller which was patented in 1817. In 1820 he was one of the most active promoters of the Conestoga Navigation Company, which had for its object the improvement of the Conestoga creek. When the subject of uniting Philadelphia and Columbia by railroad was mooted he called the first meeting at Columbia having that object in view. Mr. Maxwell was one of the founders of the Mechanics' Literary Association of Lancaster, and became its first president. The Lykens Valley and Short Mountain coal fields were discovered by him and William White, an ex-sheriff of Lancaster, and they sent the first coal from that section to market.

Mr. Maxwell was a vigorous writer and as an editor had few superiors in his day. His editorials were bold and fearless and showed much independence of thought. He died Nov. 1, 1860.

REV. EMANUEL VOGEL GERHART, D. D., LL. D., Professor of Theology and President of the Theological Seminary of "the Reformed Church in the United States," located at Lancaster, is one of the most remarkable men not only of this locality and great religious body, but of the State. At the age of eighty-five years he still stands in the vanguard of theological achievement, vigorous in mind and body, controlling great religious interests and managing business affairs with the clear judgment of a man of fifty.

Dr. Gerhart comes of sturdy, Pennsylvania ancestry, his grandfather, Abraham Gerhart, having been born in Sellersville, Bucks county, this State, where he lived an honest, industrious life as a farmer, and reared a family to become respected members of society. Dr. Gerhart was born June 13, 1817, at Freeburg, Pa., where his father, Rev. Isaac Gerhart, was pastor of the Reformed Church. His early

education was carefully looked after by his intelligent father, and at the age of sixteen years, he entered the High School which the Reformed Church had established in 1831, at York, Pa., and of which the distinguished Rev. Frederick Augustus Rauch, Ph. D., was at that time the principal. When, in the fall of 1835, the School was removed to Mercersburg, young Gerhart was one of the eighteen students who followed the removal of the Institution, and when, during the winter of 1836, the school developed into a college, he became a member of the first sophomore class of Marshall College. Graduating from this noted institution in 1838, he then entered the Theological Seminary of the German Reformed Church, at that time located at Mercersburg and completed his theological studies in September, 1841.

While pursuing his theological studies under the scholarly direction of the learned Drs. Rauch, Mayer and Nevin, he became a teacher himself, instructing in the School for Women, under the principalship of Mrs. Sarah Ann Young; also in the preparatory school of Marshall College until the autumn of 1842. Dr. Gerhart was examined and found worthy to be licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Synod of the Reformed Church in its session held at Reading, Pa., in October, 1841, and was ordained to the ministry at the Grindstone Hill Church, in August, 1842, by a committee of the Mercersburg Classis. For one year this enthusiastic young clergyman was the pastor of four churches in the vicinity of Chambersburg, but in the following May he accepted a call to Gettysburg. The succeeding six years and two months were occupied in his duties to four German-English churches, his labors being acceptable and being blessed in many ways.

During the summer of 1849, Dr. Gerhart was commissioned a missionary to the foreign born Germans located in Cincinnati, Ohio, and he accepted this charge with the same belief in his success that has been a great factor in all his work. For two years he faithfully filled this mission in that city, and the church was well satisfied with the result, while the experiences of a missionary made Dr. Gerhart still more competent to meet other demands. His next great work was the organization of churches through Ohio, Northern Kentucky, Wisconsin, Indiana and elsewhere, being a pioneer in many localities, and making many of his ministerial trips on horseback. Many a neglected hamlet and forgotten household came to bless the name of Emanuel Vogel Gerhart.

In the winter of 1851, at a special meeting of the Synod of Ohio, Dr. Gerhart was elected Professor of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary and President of Heidelberg College, institutions which were then in their infancy. These were located at Tiffin, Ohio, a stronghold of the Reformed Church, and here for four years, from 1851 to 1855, Dr. Gerhart labored in this double capacity in the in-

terests of a liberal theological education, with a vigor only appreciated by those who know him best.

It was in 1855 that the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College strengthened their faculty by making him the President of this growing institution, and the Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy. Here he taught for thirteen years and was one of the most valued of the instructors. In the spring of 1868, by the mother Synod of the Reformed Church, which is now called the Eastern Synod, he was chosen to the chair of Systematic Theology in the Theological Seminary, at that time located at Mercersburg. In 1871 this institution was moved to the city of Lancaster and during all these years the same position in the faculty has been held by Dr. Gerhart.

To mention all the works in the way of books, essays, lectures and valuable theological papers which have issued from the facile pen of Dr. Gerhart, would be a task indeed. Perhaps those which have attracted the most attention have been: A "Monograph of the Reformed Church;" "Philosophy and Logic;" "Institutes of the Christian Religion," in two volumes; and in addition to these a notable contribution to theological literature which Dr. Gerhart has named "A Philosophical Introduction to Theology," which is in printed form, but which has not yet been offered to the general public. For more than a half-century his life has been spent as a Teacher in religious colleges and seminaries of his church, utilizing his generous endowment of mental gifts in her service. As a clergyman he has administered the duties of his position with extraordinary success, and as an educator few can be named as his equal. Exceptional as has been his career in duration, he is a singularly unostentatious laborer, only those who have been admitted into the inner recesses of his life, ever realizing the depths of his zeal or the extent of his usefulness.

Dr. Gerhart was married at Hagerstown, Md., on Jan. 3, 1843, to Miss Eliza Rickenbaugh, a native of that place, where her father, Martin Rickenbaugh, was formerly a well-known business man. Four children were born to this union: Col. William R., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1863, who was in the army during the Civil war, remaining in the service until 1867, and is now a solicitor of patents; Rev. Robert Leighton, who was also educated in Franklin and Marshall College and a graduate of the Theological Seminary in the class of 1871, and is a minister in the Reformed Church, in Lewisburg, Pa.; Virginia, a young lady possessing rare talent as an artist; and Paul, also a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, who studied law and was admitted to the Bar, but gave up the profession to engage in the mercantile business, and who was removed from life suddenly, in June, 1901. The wife and mother departed this life in January, 1864, and in August, 1865, Dr. Gerhart was married to Mrs. Mary M. Hunter, widow of Frederick S. Hunter, of

Reading, Pa. She passed away one year later, and after a widowhood of nearly nine years Dr. Gerhart was, on Dec. 29, 1875, married to Miss Lucia D. Cobb, eldest daughter of the Rev. Asahel Cobb, a distinguished clergyman of the Congregational Church of Massachusetts, and the evening of the venerable doctor's life is made bright by the companionship of this cultivated and intellectual companion.

On June 13, 1897, Dr. Gerhart reached his eightieth birthday, and no better evidence of the esteem in which he is held on account of his labors for the Reformed Church could be found than in the fact that the *Reformed Church Messenger* devoted its entire issue of that date to a most interesting and instructive recital of the life events of this learned theologian, as viewed by many in high authority. Among the sketches gladly contributed appeared those from the pens of such friends as Dr. Bowman, Prof. Schiedt and Hon. W. U. Hensel. Never before in the history of the *Messenger* was there such tribute paid in its pages to any one. No better ending can be made to this inadequate sketch than in the words which close a paper written on Dr. Gerhart by the editor of *The Forum*, and published in its issue of December, 1901:

"And now, let us briefly add, notwithstanding the modesty of this venerable man, that in no way is the lesson that all this active, struggling, useful, pure life has taught, better exemplified than in the mere sight and presence of the man himself as we see him still moving along the streets of Lancaster, with step so wonderfully firm for his years, with mind so clear, with countenance so restful, with conscience so at ease, with soul so pure, we cannot but feel that that alone is sermon enough for one day."

ELIPHALET ORAM LYTE, A. M., PH. D., who has been principal of the First Pennsylvania State Normal School at Millersville since 1887, is one of the most widely known and popular educators of Lancaster county. He is beloved, as well as respected, among his pupils and all with whom he has had relations in his long and successful career, for though strict as a conscientious discharge of his duties requires him to be, he exercises his authority judiciously. He impresses his earnestness and sincerity upon all, winning their admiration as well as allegiance, and in this fact no doubt lies the secret to much of his success with so many of his pupils. A lifelong devotion to the profession of his choice has made him peculiarly alive to its needs and requirements, and no less active in attempting to supply them. His connection with the Normal School has covered the greater part of his life, so that his interest is as much one of affection as of duty.

Dr. Lyte was born June 29, 1842, near Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, and there passed his early life, in the winter attending the public schools, and during the remainder of the year assisting his father in the care of his nursery. He had commenced preparation for college when the war of the Rebel-

lion broke out, and he enlisted in the Union army for three years, serving his full term, and rising from the ranks of an infantry regiment to commissioned officer in a battery of light artillery. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and he was actively engaged in a number of the great battles which it fought, proving efficient in every capacity. He was wounded at the battle of Chancellorsville, and has never completely recovered from the effects of the injury.

Returning home at the close of the war Dr. Lyte resumed his studies, and commenced teaching, being engaged two years in the district schools of Lancaster county. Subsequently he became a pupil in the institution with which he has so long been connected, graduating therefrom in the regular course in 1868, and later taking up the scientific course, which he also completed. From the time of his graduation he has been a member of the Faculty, having first been elected Professor of Rhetoric and Bookkeeping, and later as Professor of Pedagogy and English Grammar. In 1887 he assumed the duties of his present position. His promotion to so responsible a position is the best evidence of his success in more subordinate, but equally important, work, and his long continuous service in that capacity is the best evidence of his worthiness to fill so great a trust. In addition to attending to his duties as principal, he fills the chair of Psychology and Logic. That he has not been without honor in his incumbency is shown by the fact that in 1878 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and in 1887 that of Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Lyte has grown with the institution which has had so important a bearing on the intellectual life of Lancaster county. During his connection with the Normal School he has watched with pride, and aided in, her liberal expansion, which has been in keeping with the spirit of this advanced age, and with the constantly increasing patronage she has enjoyed. The number of pupils at present is larger than in any similar institution in the State. The course of study has been broadened, many branches having been taken up which add to the interest of the work, widen the student's outlook, increase his efficiency for the duties for which he is preparing, and thus affect the value and raise the standard of the common schools. The various buildings include gymnasium, library, physical science and mechanical arts buildings, all of which have been found necessary with the growing needs of the establishment.

Dr. Lyte has kept abreast of the times in his own studies, Language, Philosophy and Pedagogy being his specialties. He is the author of a number of text books, a series on Language, one on Bookkeeping and several on Music, and is a popular lecturer on educational and literary topics, having many valuable ideas on the subject of public education especially. He is an eminently practical man, and as such his opinions are received with marked

respect. Many of his plans for the development of the Normal, and the broadening of its usefulness, have been put into operation with complete success. Practically all his energies have been turned into this one channel, his love for his work being of that genuine kind which overcomes all obstacles and outlasts discouragement. He has frequently declined positions more lucrative, and which promised more renown, his attachment for his institution proving too strong to be easily severed. The Millersville State Normal has always borne a high reputation, and the standard has been elevated considerably under the present administration. Dr. Lyte has always been in hearty sympathy with educational organizations, and in 1891 was honored with election to the office of president of the Pennsylvania Teachers' Association. He is a life member of the National Educational Association, of which he has served as director for a number of years. He was president of the N. E. A. in 1899, and he has also been vice-president of the council of education of that body. He is likewise a member of the American Academy of Political Science.

Fraternally Dr. Lyte is a thirty-third degree Mason, receiving his last degree in 1885; he also holds membership in the Loyal Legion, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

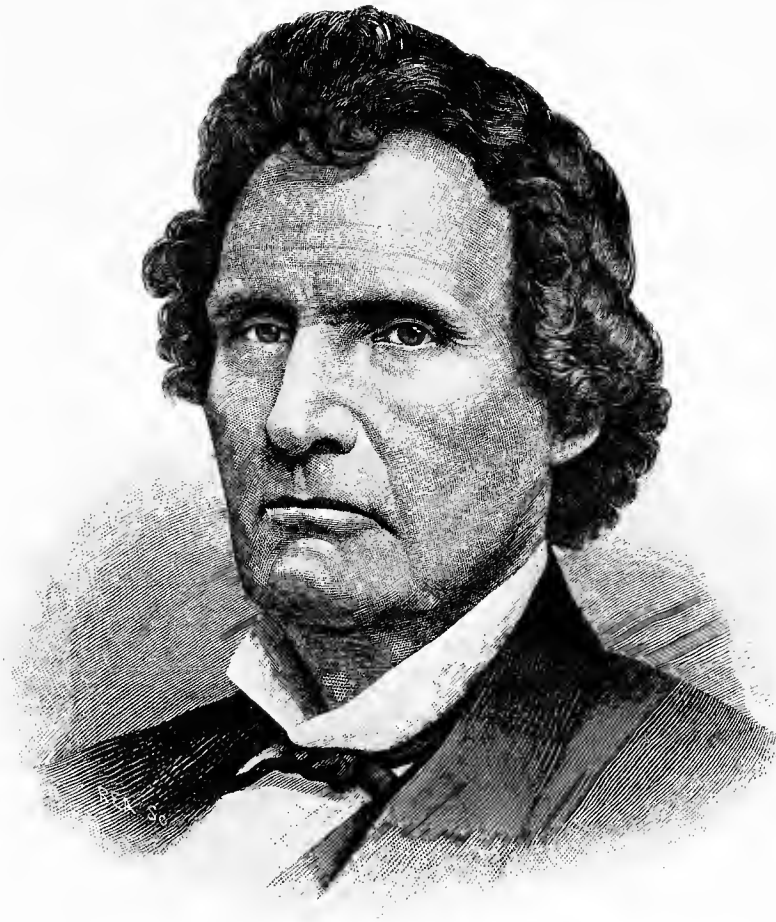
In March, 1872, Dr. Lyte married Mary McJunkin, daughter of Dr. Isaiah McJunkin, of Philadelphia, and they have had two children, Louis and Gilbert. Dr. and Mrs. Lyte are members of the Episcopal Church. They are widely known socially, and are everywhere esteemed among the circle of their acquaintances.

THADDEUS STEVENS represented Lancaster county in the United States House of Representatives during the last ten years of his eventful life. It is the highest honor this district, then the Ninth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, has ever known. During those years he did more than any other man in Congress to shape the policy of the Nation, both in war and in peace, to advance the cause of human freedom, to which his life had been devoted, and to save from dismemberment the American republic, the hope of the world. And the Nation, saved and regenerate, conferred upon him a title higher than King—the Great Commoner. We believe that he was brought by divine providence to do his appointed work, as much as was George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. From 1861 to 1865 Abraham Lincoln and Thaddeus Stevens were the two mightiest forces in the land in shaping the policy and determining the destiny of the Nation. As Henry Watterson has said, "Thaddeus Stevens was the House of Representatives" during these four years of Titanic strife. Many of our people know him only as a name. We wish to present such a connected sketch as will give them more definite knowledge of his life and work. He was born in Danville,

Vt., April 4, 1792. His parents were Joshua and Sarah (Morrill) Stevens, who removed from Methuen, Essex Co., Mass., about the year 1786. He was evidently of Anglo-Saxon stock, though little is known of his ancestors. His father was a surveyor and shoemaker. He resurveyed the town of Danville in 1790, and his measurements are the legal lines to-day. He was an athlete and a famous wrestler, but a man of rather dissipated habits. When he died or where is not known with certainty. In the war of 1812 he is said to have enlisted as a soldier, and in the attack on Oswego to have received a bayonet wound from which he died a few days afterward. Thaddeus never wearied in talking of his mother and of the noble fight she made with penury in bringing up her four boys. She was a remarkable woman, and her sons all achieved distinction. The eldest became a judge in Illinois; Alanson, the second son, was a practicing physician of high reputation at the time of his death. The third of the brothers became a farmer and was a gentleman of intelligence and culture. Thaddeus, the youngest, was the one on whom especially she placed her affections. The boy, though healthy, was in some degree deformed. He had a club foot, and doubtless required greater attention than the others. He could never sufficiently acknowledge his indebtedness to her. Long years after he said of her:

"I really think the greatest pleasure of my life resulted from my ability to give my mother a farm of 250 acres and a dairy of fourteen cows, and an occasional bright gold piece, which she loved to deposit in the contributors' box of the Baptist Church, which she attended. This always gave her much pleasure and me much satisfaction. My mother was a very extraordinary woman. I have met very few women like her. My father was not a well-to-do man, and the support and education of the family depended upon my mother. She worked day and night to educate me. I was feeble and lame in youth, and as I could not work on the farm, she concluded to give me an education. I tried to repay her afterward, but the debt of a child to his mother, you know, is one of the debts we can never pay." He gratefully cherished her memory to the last, and by his will he established a fund, the income of which was forever to be used to plant each springtime "roses and other cheerful flowers" upon her grave.

The mother moved from Danville to Peacham, where there was an academy, that she might educate her boys. During his early years Mr. Stevens was a very diligent reader of everything that came in his way. When about fifteen he taught school and started a library in the town. There he prepared for college, entering the Sophomore class at Dartmouth in 1811. Two terms of his Junior year were spent at the University of Vermont, and his Senior year at Dartmouth, where he graduated in 1814. The records of the university show him as a speaker in a "Forensic Disputation" in 1813, and tell of a drama, "The Fall of Helvetic Liberty," a tragedy in



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three acts by Thaddeus Stevens, in which the author played one of the parts.

When he graduated at Dartmouth he was twenty-two years old. He determined to study law, and, as his native State did not afford the opportunities he desired, he removed to Pennsylvania. There he taught for a time in an academy at York while reading law. He visited Lancaster, after his admission to the Bar, but finally decided to open an office at Gettysburg. It was discouraging experience for the young lawyer, and he was on the point of leaving the place when a case of murder, such that no other would undertake the defense of the criminal, came into his hands. He astonished everybody by his skill, his eloquence and the display of those qualities which afterward made him one of the ablest and most noted lawyers in the United States. His fame spread, and he was soon employed on one side or another of nearly every important case tried in that part of the State. He did much work gratuitously. Many a man, claimed as a slave, gained his freedom through Mr. Stevens, and, when legal expedients failed, he at times paid out of his own pocket the price demanded for the slave. There he spent fifteen years of his intense life, gaining in actual practice that ready and familiar acquaintance with the law for which he was noted above other men.

Mr. Stevens took little part in politics until 1829, when the Anti-Masonic excitement swept over Pennsylvania. "He once told me," says Alexander H. Hood, Esq., for many years a member of the Lancaster Bar, a man of unusual native ability and a close personal friend of Mr. Stevens, to whose sketch, written in 1871, we are indebted for much that is contained in this article, "that the last talk he had with James Buchanan, who was an ardent Democrat, was in 1827, at York. They had both been engaged on the same side in the trial of a cause, and when the jury were out they walked down a lane some distance from the town and took a seat on the top rail of the fence. Buchanan suggested that it was a good time for a man of brains to enter politics, and added that Stevens would do well to come into the support of Jackson. Stevens answered by saying that he saw the advantages of such a course, but would not forsake his old opinions, which he believed to be right, for the sake of joining a party in which he had no faith." They took opposite sides in politics and often assailed each other bitterly. The first became President of the United States, occupying the White House at one end of Pennsylvania avenue, while at the same time, from his own State, his own county, his own city, the second stood at the other end of the avenue, recognized as the mightiest man in the United States Congress.

In 1831 Mr. Stevens was elected to the Legislature from Adams county. His ability was, of course, recognized, though he was of the unpopular minority. Few men have ever been more foully abused by an opposition press. He was charged with all manner of evil, but cared little or nothing to refute

calumny. He had favored the free school law of 1834, introduced by Hon. Samuel Breck, of Philadelphia, who had come to the Senate for the sole purpose of securing its passage. This law had passed with little opposition, but revulsion of feeling all over the State at the prospect of taxation for the proposed system of free schools sent back a Legislature pledged to its repeal. Mr. Stevens had not served on the committee on Education and had taken no part in preparing the bill of 1834. He had little to do also with the educational work of the session of 1834-35 until the crisis came and he saw the infant free schools in danger of destruction. Then, gathering up his great strength, he threw himself with his whole soul into the contest, and won the day, not more by his eloquent, inspiring words, than by the bold and resolute position which he assumed. Competent judges of all parties who witnessed the fight agree that had he not stood like a rock, furnishing shelter and imparting strength to the free school combatants, and bidding defiance to the fiercest of those who would have struck them down, the law of 1834 would have been swept from the statute books or been saved only by a veto from the governor, and the day of universal education in Pennsylvania would have been postponed for years. One who was present, Dr. George Smith, of Delaware, wrote in 1880, "Stevens's speech was one of the most powerful I ever heard. The House was electrified, and the school system was saved from ignominious defeat." In honor of its author, the speech was beautifully printed on silk by some school men in Reading, and proudly kept by him as a relic till his death. It is given in the *Pennsylvania School Journal* for July, 1865, along with another which he made in 1838, in behalf of a bill to establish a school of art in Philadelphia, in which he championed most vigorously the higher institutions of learning. "Immediately after Mr. Stevens concluded this great effort," says Hon. John W. Forney, "he received a message from George Wolf, then Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, and a leading member of the Masonic fraternity. Gov. Wolf was the firm friend of popular education. Of a different and more methodical character, he did not and could not bring to the movement the attributes with which God had clothed Thaddeus Stevens; but he was earnest and sincere. When Mr. Stevens, in response to his invitation, entered the Executive Chamber, he threw his arms about his neck, and, with tearful eyes and broken voice, thanked him for the great service he had rendered to our common humanity." We have always thought, in reading of this educational crisis and the far-reaching result of his victory, that the greatest thing Mr. Stevens did at this time was, providentially, to hold Samuel Breck's crude law of 1834 intact, for the work of Thomas H. Burrowes, secretary of the Commonwealth, during the three years of the Ritner administration, and the calling of this remarkable man to the organization, direction, improvement and support of the school system of Penn-

sylvania for the rest of his life of extraordinary usefulness. We have seen and heard Mr. Stevens spoken of as the "father of the school system." He used to laugh at this as very ridiculous. No man in Pennsylvania history has ever merited such title of distinction, and he was the last man to assume or allow it. His service to the schools was great beyond estimate, but that of Dr. Burrowes far greater. "Old Thad." and "Old Tom," as they came to be familiarly known, were near friends for nearly forty years, and to no other two men of the past generation do the schools of the State owe so great a debt of obligation.

In the Constitutional Convention of 1837 he was a conspicuous figure. The debates fill thirteen large volumes. Stevens refused to affix his signature to the result of their deliberations because the new Constitution limited the right to vote to "white" citizens. His name alone, of all the members of the convention, was conspicuous by its absence.

In 1838 Mr. Stevens was appointed by Gov. Ritner a member of the Board of Canal Commissioners. The political triumvirate of Pennsylvania was at that time Ritner, Burrowes and Stevens. The Gubernatorial campaign of that year was most bitterly contested. The excitement was unprecedented. Thomas H. Burrowes was chairman of the State Central Committee of his party, and Thaddeus Stevens was the master spirit of the campaign. These men stood shoulder to shoulder through the stubborn fight. Ritner was defeated. The organization of the Legislature was delayed for weeks. At the most critical period in this fierce struggle bloodshed was looked for at any moment. Political ruffians from the Philadelphia slums and elsewhere were present with the avowed purpose to "kill Stevens." He faced the storm at Harrisburg with the same defiant, unflinching courage which he displayed nearly a generation later at Washington. Each faction organized its own "house"—the "Hopkins House" and the "Stevens House"—but finally victory fell to the other party, who had retained possession of the Representatives' chamber. Stevens refused to recognize the legality of the "Hopkins House," and remained absent during its sessions. Later he attended an adjourned session, at the request of his constituents. The leader of the opposition party had a resolution passed, providing for the appointment of a committee to inquire into his status as a member of the body. He contemptuously refused to appear before this committee, but sent them a letter which conclusively established the illegality of their proceedings and his absolute right of membership. The House by a party vote declared his seat vacant, and ordered a new election. He was returned by a large majority. The Legislature the next winter gave him "satisfaction" by expelling the member who had been responsible for his own expulsion. "While an intense partisan, he had won an acknowledged position as the most formidable debater and

perhaps the greatest orator at that time in public life in Pennsylvania."

Mr. Stevens took part in the Harrison campaign in 1840, and after the election was slated for a cabinet position, but this appointment was prevented by Clay and Webster. Stevens never forgave Webster for the part he took in this transaction; nor did he go into the support of Clay in 1844, till Clay made known to Stevens that, should he be elected, atonement would be made for past wrong.

Mr. Stevens closed his service in the Legislature of Pennsylvania with the session of 1841. His long-continued attention to politics, and the large sums he expended, had materially impaired his fortune. He had also lost very heavily through the operations of a partner in the iron business. In the summer of 1842 he saw that Gettysburg did not afford an adequate field for his professional practice, and this induced his removal to Lancaster in August of that year. His course in 1844 has been already noticed, and from that time till 1848 he took little part in politics, though he was always keenly alive to what was going on in the country. During this period his practice was very remunerative, and from this and the sale of his Adams county farms he brought down his debts to within what he considered a manageable limit. In 1843 he was in danger of being sold out by the sheriff. In 1844 he paid interest on debts amounting to \$217,000. In 1849, when he first went to Congress, he had reduced his debts to \$30,000. On March 4, 1853, when his first service in Congress ended, his debts amounted to about \$60,000. These figures are given by Mr. Hood, who had opportunity to know the facts. What he was worth at his death it is difficult to say. After the payment of certain personal bequests he directed that the residue of the estate be used for the founding and support of an orphans' home in which there should be no distinction of race or color. The amount of the fund is now (1903) over \$60,000, and it is the purpose of the trustees to permit it to accumulate until it shall reach \$100,000, when the necessary buildings will be erected in the eastern part of the city of Lancaster, on land adjoining the Children's Home.

When the Free Soil movement began he was favorable to its principles, though he supported Zachary Taylor with all his might for the Presidency. In 1848, after a sharp contest with the opposing candidates for the nomination he was named for Congress by the supporters of Taylor, and elected by a large majority. During the four years that he served at this time he was recognized as one of the leading men in Congress, and enjoyed to a large extent the confidence of Gen. Taylor, who, though a slaveholder himself, was, without declaring it openly, opposed to the further extension of that evil; and it is very certain that it was through his adroit management that California came into the Union as a free State. The Fugitive Slave law was passed after the death of President Taylor. This law and all kin-

dred measures Mr. Stevens opposed to the extent of his power. Profoundly impressed with the gravity of the crisis, Mr. Stevens introduced into the House a series of resolutions covering the leading points at issue between the political parties. These, of course, stood no chance of approval or adoption. On Feb. 20, 1850, he made his first set speech in Congress, in which he violently attacked the Fugitive Slave law, and discussed the slavery question with the utmost vigor and frankness.

"We can say anything," and his hard firm tone compelled men to listen—"we can say anything within these walls or beyond them with impunity, unless it be to agitate in favor of human liberty. That is aggression." While he announced his "unchangeable hostility to slavery in every form and in every place," he declared that he felt bound by the Constitutional provisions. Some of these compromises he greatly disliked, and if they were still open he would never consent to them, but he was precluded from objecting. It was a matter of regret that Congress had no power over slavery in the States, and, if it had, he would, regardless of all threats, support "some just, safe and certain means for its final extinction." He then proceeded to discuss the wisdom of slavery in a style which it is impossible to condense or abridge without injuring the argument. "This speech," says Hon. Samuel W. McCall, in his "Life of Thaddeus Stevens," published by Houghton, Mifflin & Co., in the "American Statesmen" series, "not only commanded the admiration of his friends and justified the votes they had given him for Speaker, but it achieved the success of drawing upon him the fire of the opposition. It had strength and directness. It clearly expressed great ideas, which were not dressed up and concealed in any frippery or labored rhetoric. His trenchant power of argument, his courage, the force of his compact eloquence, not merely established his position in the House, but they attracted the attention of the country. The proceedings of the House which most intensely interested him were those relating to the slavery question. He was a member of the Judiciary committee, and gave much of his time to the work of a technical and legal character which came before that committee, but his heart was with the slave, and his most elaborate speeches were made in his behalf."

Shortly after this first great speech in the House of Representatives the leaders of the opposition are credited with saying: "Our enemy has a general now. We cannot buy him, we cannot allure him with office, we cannot seduce him. He is in earnest. He is bold. We can neither flatter nor frighten him." Such he had been always and such he continued to the end. When the California question came before the House he seized the opportunity to state more fully his position with regard to slavery in the Territories as well as to make more emphatic, if possible, his hostility to slavery everywhere. On June 10, 1850, he delivered another philippic, which was even

more forcible and uncompromising than his February speech.

He constantly declared his undying hostility to the Fugitive Slave law. Referring to the people of Lancaster county in this connection on one occasion, he said: "The distinguished Senator from Kentucky (Henry Clay) wishes further to make it the duty of all bystanders to aid in the capture of fugitives; to join in the chase and run down the prey. This is asking more than my constituents will ever grant. They will strictly abide by the Constitution. The slaveholder may pursue his slaves among them with his own foreign myrmidons, unmolested, except by their frowning scorn. But no law that tyranny can pass will ever induce them to join the hue and cry after the trembling wretch who has escaped from unjust bondage. Their fair land, made by nature and their own honest toil as fertile and as lovely as the Vale of Tempe, shall never become the hunting ground on which the bloodhounds of slavery shall course their prey and command them to join the hunt."

In 1851, for the first time in many years, a fugitive slave resisted, with arms, the claims of his owner. About two miles from Christiana, Lancaster county, a number of fugitive slaves were hiding at the house of a colored man named Parker. An elderly man, named Gorsuch, of Maryland, assisted by his son, and a deputy marshal from Philadelphia, named Kline, came to the house of Parker, about an hour before daylight. Gorsuch, the younger, with Kline, summoned the persons inside to surrender. To this it was replied they would defend themselves, and at the same time the click of firearms was heard. Kline ran and hid behind a tree. Young Gorsuch went to his father and reported that an attack would be dangerous. The father said it would never do to back out so, and started toward the house, his son following. Gorsuch hailed the house again, and on receiving the defiant answer, fired a pistol, the ball taking effect in the leg of one of the blacks in the house. This shot was returned by a volley, killing the elder Gorsuch. The firing alarmed the neighborhood. Castner Hanway and Elijah Lewis were the first to reach the place. These were white men and Abolitionists. Their influence prevented further firing, and they assisted the younger Gorsuch to remove the dead body of his father to Christiana, the nearest railroad station to the scene of the fight. This occurrence raised the pro-slavery spirit to a flame. For a week no colored man could pass along the railroad without being arrested. Hanway and Lewis were taken to Philadelphia and tried for treason. In this trial Mr. Stevens and John M. Read, later one of the judges of the Supreme court, were the counsel for the prisoners. Stevens was the inspiration for the defense. Its lines were laid down by him. But because of his extreme anti-slavery views it was thought best to give the part of leading counsel to one of the ablest Democratic lawyers in the State, in the person of Judge Read, whose exhaustive argu-

ment on the law of treason knocked the breath out of the prosecution, and Mr. Stevens was content with a brief speech. The prisoners were acquitted, and from that day the Fugitive Slave law was practically a dead letter in Pennsylvania. The great merit of Mr. Stevens in this transaction was in the bold, firm stand he took at the beginning. His defiant attitude kept up the courage of those who would otherwise have desponded. His share in the trial was not very conspicuous, but there were good reasons for the course he pursued. The great object was attained, and that was all he desired.

Mr. Stevens was elected to the XXXIId Congress, which was organized without difficulty, and on the ballot for Speaker he received sixteen votes, among them those of Joshua R. Giddings and Horace Mann. He made two or three important speeches, and in March, 1853, "retired, as he thought permanently, to private life, from which he did not emerge again until his countrymen, aroused to fever heat, were about to decide the question amid the clash of arms, and he was to do the work which was to make his name immortal."

From 1853 to 1858 he steadily pursued the practice of his profession in Lancaster and elsewhere, though at the same time taking part in the initiatory movements which resulted in the formation of the Republican party, he being one of the delegates from Lancaster, the Ninth Congressional District, to the convention which nominated Fremont. In 1858 the necessities of the country required his presence in Congress, and, after a warm contest, he was elected by a large majority. He had scarcely taken his seat in that body, in December, 1859, when the first symptoms of the Rebellion began to be developed. Although nearly sixty-eight years old when he re-entered Congress, the great work of his life lay yet before him. He had never met his intellectual superior, either at the Bar, in the Pennsylvania Legislature, or during his four years in Congress. But it is the work he was yet to do that has given him enduring fame in the history of a great nation saved and purified from the taint and curse of negro slavery. There was a long contest over the organization of the House in 1859, and Mr. Stevens was in the thick of the fight, a conspicuous figure. Noisy threats of disunion and bloodshed filled the air. Stevens had been through such scenes before, and enjoyed lashing his opponents into fury. His wit, always apt and telling, flashed like the lightning, and often scorched like flame. Many of the Southern members hated him intensely, and feared him as no other man, as well they might, and yet, personally and socially, not a few of them admired and were attracted by him. When the House was not in session he was often the center of a group in which all sections of the country were pleasantly represented.

Then came the Presidential election in 1860. Stevens was a member of the Pennsylvania delegation to the National Convention. The vote of this

delegation was transferred to Mr. Lincoln on the ballot which secured his nomination. Lincoln was elected, and Congress met in December for the most extraordinary session in our national history. Mr. Stevens was a master spirit during this eventful session. He thought that the time had at last arrived for determining whether secession was a rightful act. If it were, "then the Union is not worth preserving for a single day;" for, if the emergency then existing should pass away, "fancied wrongs would constantly arise," and induce States to secede. He then made a powerful argument against the right of secession, and declared that the South had no just grievance. "Rather than show repentance for the election of Mr. Lincoln, with all its consequences, I would see this Government crumble into a thousand atoms. If I cannot be a free man, let me cease to exist."

Hon. Henry L. Dawes, who was a member of Congress at the time, has preserved a striking picture of the effect of the speech. It was a tremendous scene. The same heroic figure as when he saved the School Law from repeal in 1835, at Harrisburg, but on a vastly broader arena, filling it with a sense of his presence and his power, "No one," says Mr. Dawes, "could forget the scene in which it occurred, though all I can say of it and of him seems tame enough without the inspiration of the occasion and of his presence. This speech was delivered in that last session after the election of Mr. Lincoln, when the House was more like a powder magazine than a deliberative assembly. His denunciation of the plotters of treason to their face was terrible, and his expose of the barbarism of the so-called civilization behind them was awful. Nearly fifty Southern members rose to their feet and rushed toward him with curses and threats of personal violence. As many of his friends gathered around him, and, moving him in sort of hollow square to the space in front of the Speaker, opened before his assailants and stood guard over him while he arraigned the slaveocracy in an indictment for its crimes against humanity surpassing in severity even the great arraignment of Mr. Sumner. He was then an old man, approaching seventy, on whose frame and voice time had already made sad inroads, but still standing erect and firm as a man of thirty-five. Calm and self-possessed as a judge, he lashed them into a fury, and then bade them compose themselves at their leisure. The excitement aroused by his fiery denunciation and defiant scorn beggars all description and can live only in the memory of those who witnessed it."

Through all the four bloody years of the Civil war, as chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, Mr. Stevens was most emphatically the right man in the right place. "Had he been younger and not deformed," says Mr. Hood, "his natural courage would have sent him to the battlefield at the firing of the first gun. Men, firm believers in the doctrine of special providence, aver that his lameness was a necessity, ordained to keep him where he was. With-

out entering into any discussion on this point, it is enough to say, there were so many illustrations of the doctrine during the war, that to a thinking mind it is somewhat difficult to deny the proposition."

The House of Representatives, now that the Southern leaders had withdrawn, had a large Republican majority. Galusha A. Grow was elected Speaker. Thaddeus Stevens was made chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, the most important committee of the House, the post of all others for him at such a crisis. The duty of this committee was to provide means for prosecuting a great war and having charge of the appropriation bills, to decide how the money should be spent. Thus Mr. Stevens was directly in charge of the great work of raising and spending the money needed during the four years of the war of the Rebellion, aggregating not hundreds of millions, but thousands of millions. Stevens drove the revenue bills and the appropriation bills with his accustomed energy. He favored the issue of legal-tender notes and the enormous bond issues of the Government. Says Mr. McCall, in speaking of this tremendous task of the Ways and Means committee: "What other men have ever done so well? With national credit almost destroyed, with property values greatly lessened, and with half the men of military age in the field in a civil war, twenty million people were called upon in four years to meet an expenditure of \$3,500,000,000, and they showed themselves able to respond to the gigantic demand. The achievement not only stands without a parallel, but it stands unapproached. The credit was not chiefly due to leadership. What was demanded of the leaders was the ability to comprehend and the boldness to call into play the splendid capacity and the fervent patriotism of the people. But the one man who is as much entitled as any other, with the exception of the Secretary of the Treasury, to the glory of these financial achievements, was the chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, and the leader of the House of Representatives—Thaddeus Stevens."

He was from the first in favor of emancipation as a war measure, urging that the slaves should be armed if the war continued, and declaring that slavery caused the Rebellion. After waiting in vain for action by the Military committee, he boldly presented his bill to the House, and secured an assignment for its consideration without awaiting the report of any committee. This unusual course excited violent opposition, and an attempt was made to prevent a vote upon the measure by repeated roll-calls upon motions to adjourn and other dilatory propositions. After an all-night session the House adjourned without action, but the struggle was resumed at its next meeting and continued for a week. Stevens concluded the debate in a characteristic speech. His efforts were at last crowned with success. The bill passed by 83 to 54, and the hundreds of thousands of black soldiers who enlisted before the

end of the war refuted by their conduct the predictions that they would be guilty of inhumanity.

"A review of the course of Stevens upon all the measures coming before the House," says Hon. Samuel W. McCall, himself a member of the House of Representatives, "would involve practically a history of legislation during the war. He was so unquestionably leader that no man was next to him, and his industry and energy responded so fully to all demands that he was almost always upon his feet or in charge of measures before the House. When the enormous amount of committee work which he was called upon to perform is remembered, and especially the preparation of revenue and appropriation bills, which would alone be a sufficient tax upon the strength of an ordinary man, it is almost incredible that one of his advanced age should have been able to attend so constantly upon the sessions of the House and perform the part that he performed there." His memory seemed a prodigious storehouse, in which everything was in order and everything at command. His will was indomitable as ever, his mental force and intellectual grasp never greater, though his physical vigor was slowly losing ground under the tremendous strain of heavy duties and vast responsibilities.

The war ended, but the troubles it brought in its train stood out in such bold relief that people only then began to have something like a correct idea of their magnitude. The South, though beaten and vanquished, was far from being in a temper to accept the situation as the fortune of a war brought on by themselves against their brethren. There was a debt of nearly, if not more than, three thousand millions, taxing the people and their posterity for many years to come. Besides this, there were four millions of emancipated slaves to be cared for, to be instructed and protected from the aggression of those who had formerly been their masters. Of the leading measures adopted to reconstruct the South, Mr. Stevens was the author. The whole general plan, though possibly not original with himself, was by adoption peculiarly his own; and though some modifications may have been made in Congress, yet the principal features of his measures were retained, and were the means employed to govern the people of the section lately in rebellion until its several portions were again admitted as component parts of the Union, as States, members of the great family of communities forming the indivisible Republic.

During the whole period, from the beginning of the war to the end of his life, Mr. Stevens was scarcely a day absent from his seat, and for the most of that time his labors were truly herculean. During the war, in times of peculiar adversity, when everybody else seemed to lose heart, his indomitable energy, and his full assurance of final success, inspired with new life the hearts that were ready to give up the combat. After the disastrous battles of Fredericksburg and Chickamauga he seemed more than ever

determined to fight on, no matter how gloomy the prospect before the country.

Men will wear out, and Mr. Stevens was no exception to the general rule. When he left Lancaster for Washington, about the end of November, 1866, he was so feeble as to be unable to sit up in the car, and a bed was made for him on the floor. Those who knew his condition had great fear whether he could survive the journey. After his arrival at Washington he rallied, and during most of the session he remained comparatively well. At the adjournment he came home, and remained there till November, 1867, when he took his last journey to the capital. He then seemed much better than he had been for some time, and appeared very hopeful in regard to his health.

After the death of Abraham Lincoln his successor in office, Andrew Johnson, adopted a policy that aroused strenuous opposition on the part of the Republican leaders. On the 25th of February, 1868, Mr. Stevens, with Mr. Bingham, appeared in the United States Senate and presented articles of impeachment against Andrew Johnson. The trial, of which Mr. Stevens was one of the managers on the part of the House, ended on the 26th of May. During all this time Mr. Stevens, so feeble as to be carried daily to the Capitol in a chair, was always present attending to his duty. His will was indomitable. Nothing but death could conquer him. He prepared his speech before the Senate with great care. After standing for a few minutes, in addressing that body, his strength gave out, and he was forced to resume his chair. He spoke for nearly half an hour from his seat, when his voice became weak, and the reading of his speech was concluded by Gen. Benjamin F. Butler. He was greatly disappointed at the acquittal of the President, and was for a time depressed, but soon regained his accustomed gayety and spirit.

He attended the sessions of the House when at all able to do so, though his strength was ebbing fast, and took part in the proceedings. On July 7, 1868, within a few weeks of his death, he introduced five additional articles of impeachment, "apparently for the purpose of reviewing the law of impeachments, in one of the longest speeches of his later years, and to express his dissatisfaction with the Senate on the rulings of the Chief Justice." On July 16th he introduced a resolution looking to the acquirement of a naval station and depot in the West Indies, and supported it in a brief speech. On July 27th Congress adjourned until September. Mr. Stevens was too weak to make the journey to Lancaster. But he would die, he said, "like Nicanor, in harness." "I mean to die hurrahing," was a favorite expression with him. "You have changed my medicine?" he said to his physician, Dr. Henry C. Carpenter, a few days before his death. "Yes," replied the doctor. "Well," replied Stevens, grimly with a smile, "this is a square fight." And those who knew him, know just how he would say it, and how characteristic of

the man. He died on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 1868. The Republican primary election in Lancaster county had been called for Saturday of that week, for the nomination of the member of Congress. Although he was dead, it was found when the votes were counted that all were cast for Thaddeus Stevens.

The character of Thaddeus Stevens was made up of contradictory elements. Nature designed him for one of the great men of the race, and, so far as time and circumstances gave his powers opportunity to act, he fulfilled her intention. One of his most remarkable endowments was that never-failing spirit of generous kindness, which made it his pleasure to do good to and confer benefits on all who came within his reach. His inherent liberality grew by continual practice, till it became almost one of the necessities of his being. No man, woman or child approached Thaddeus Stevens, worthy or unworthy, and asked for help, who did not obtain it when he had the means. Another quality most strongly developed was his unconquerable perseverance and determination to accomplish anything which he undertook. No matter how often defeated, he was always ready to "try, try again;" and this he would do when, to all appearance, he had not the slightest chance of success.

During the war his good offices were often required to save men sentenced to be shot, and he never refused to invoke with success the kind feelings of President Lincoln, who was only too happy to have some person to intercede for the miserable delinquent. It is true that in a speech in Congress, Stevens justified Juarez for shooting Maximilian; but it is very certain that had he been ruler of Mexico the fallen emperor would have been sent home safe and sound. There is no doubt that had Mr. Stevens been invested with the power of life and death, but few criminals would have been executed. A woman's tearful face, or the wail of a child, was beyond his power to resist. This, in a ruler, might have been a great weakness, but in Mr. Stevens's position it was, doubtless, one of the most amiable traits in his character. Nothing ever pleased him better than to tell of his success with the President on occasions like those above referred to. He never took the credit of success to himself, but always ascribed it to the goodness of "Old Abe." Let us illustrate what has been said by introducing one of these stories: "A young fellow from Lancaster county was to be shot for desertion. It was rather a hard case, and his mother, in great distress, called on me to help save him. I took her at once to the White House and introduced her to the President. On the road I told her to tell her story in her own way, which she did in such a manner as none but a mother could tell it. I said nothing. I saw by the President's eye it was all right. There was no use in my saying a word. While she was talking the President began to write. It was but a couple of lines, but it was effectual. Fearing a scene, I took her into the ante-room, telling her as we went along her son was safe. As soon as she fully understood

it, she broke out: 'Oh! this is the man our newspapers said was a brute and a devil. Why he is the loveliest man I ever saw in my life! He is an angel! He does the work of the Almighty, and stands in His place on earth! I could worship him for his goodness—my poor Ben is safe.' There was a great deal of desertion about that time. Some hard-hearted devils thought all should have been shot, but then I had nothing to do with that. It was Lincoln's business, and he did all those things as he believed to be right. He was a great man. In his place, perhaps, I would have done the same thing."

Mr. Stevens was about five feet eleven inches high; clear, ruddy, smooth skin. His natural hair was chestnut, but he lost it from brain fever when about thirty-five years old, and afterward always wore a wig. He had very fine teeth; was strongly built, but not corpulent; his appearance when his features were at rest was very dignified. When young, he was a great lover of athletic sports, and could make a full hand at anything where swiftness of foot was not required. He was a splendid horseman, and very fond of the chase. His favorite exercise during much of his life was horseback riding, and he spent much of his leisure in the saddle. He was also fond of attending horseraces. He was an excellent swimmer, and often swam across "Joe's Pond," as he called it, which he said was one and a half miles wide and as cold as a spring. He declared that he could swim the Bosphorus as easily as Byron did. He resembled Byron in another particular, for he had a club foot, but, unlike Byron, he did not seek to conceal his deformity. This affected his walking, and he assisted himself with a very common hickory cane. He had a large mouth, thin upper lip, prominent aquiline nose, and massive head. "No stranger," says Hon. Henry L. Dawes, "would pass him on the street without turning for a second look at an unmistakably great character. On great occasions, when his untamable spirit had got the mastery of him, he no longer looked like a man, at least like any other man I ever saw."

He hated oppression and injustice in all its forms. This was the ruling passion, and exhibited itself in full force as he drew near his end. In the principal cemeteries of Lancaster it was stipulated, by charter, that no person of color should be interred within their limits. He had bought lots in both Woodward Hill and Lancaster cemeteries, but when he received the deeds he sent them back, refusing to be buried in the grounds of either. Shreiner's cemetery, the smallest in the city, was free from this objection, and there he was laid to rest, within a short distance of the public schools which his fearlessness and love for humanity aided in establishing in Pennsylvania forever. For the reason above stated, he ordered in his will the following should be inscribed upon his tomb: "I repose in this quiet and secluded spot, not from any natural preference for solitude, but finding other cemeteries limited by charter rules as to race, I have chosen it that I might be enabled to

illustrate in my death the principles I have advocated through a long life—equality of man before the Creator."

In one of his essays, in which he touches the drama of History in its mightiest actors, Alexander Smith says: "I sit as in a theatre—the stage is Time, the play is the World. What a spectacle it is! I hear or cry 'Bravo!' when the great actors come on, shaking the stage." Thaddeus Stevens is, beyond question, one of these great actors, upon this stage of Time, in this play of the World; and life has been and will be better for untold millions because of the part he has played in the great drama of human history.

There is no "life" of Mr. Stevens that is full enough to be satisfactory. It should be a great book in several volumes. What a book it would be if there had been near him some Boswell, quietly noting, without his knowledge, wit and fact and memorable incident, and capable of carrying on the story of his work to the end—the success which crowned him at the last! Edward McPherson, Esq., one of the executors under his will, had collected matter with the thought of an extended biography, but he died before this was fairly begun. There would be no large sale for such a "life," but it should stand in the great libraries, and in the collections of students of history and statesmen.

Vermont has given to Pennsylvania two extraordinary men, Thaddeus Stevens and Elnathan Elisha Higbee. They found their way, providentially, to the same part of the State, where, after busy years of unconscious preparation for service of which neither had any premonition, they came, one before the State, the other before both State and Nation, to do their appointed work. Each spent the last years of his useful life in the city of Lancaster. When Mr. Stevens died, in 1868, he was the most widely-known and most honored man in Pennsylvania. When Dr. Higbee died, in 1889, he was, we think, the man best beloved in all the State. Only those who knew them, in themselves and in their work, can estimate the value of their lives as compared with those of men in general. Their work was done in widely different fields, and in it mankind has been greatly blessed.

We close with this bit of humorous verse by Charles G. Halpine, on "Uncle Thad Stevens," written at a time when the Old Commoner was the most influential member of the United States Congress. The lines were read and laughed over, grimly we suppose, by Mr. Stevens himself, and will be read again with interest by many of his old admirers. They are as follows:

Gnarled and tough from seventy winters,
A gritty, grisly, bitter "Rad"—
Though our Union fall to splinters,
Here's to Pennsylvania Thad.

Brown his wig but green his vigor,
Angry often, never sad—
Full of wit, and prone to rigor,
Here's to Pennsylvania Thad.

Though lame his leg, his mind is rapid,
And all the House is hushed and glad
When, to squelch some talker vapid,
Rises Pennsylvania Thad.

He's in candor a believer;
All may know the thought he had;
For no mealy-mouthed deceiver
Is our wrinkled Uncle Thad.

Into epithets he rushes;
All are "traitors" or are "mad"—
All who dare to cross the wishes
Of our Pennsylvania Thad.

Thad, we like you; you are able;
And the biggest brick we've had
In our loud Congressional Babel
Is our Pennsylvania Thad.

Spite of age, he still is human,
And while to man he is not bad,
Oh, dear! a good man to woman—
The kindest man is Uncle Thad.

Go it, my old shoulder-bitter!
Though at times your logic's bad,
You're just as brilliant as you're bitter—
Here's to Pennsylvania Thad.

ELIAS H. HERSHEY was born Dec. 12, 1841, in Dauphin county, son of Jacob and Nancy Hershey. His ancestors emigrated from Switzerland between 1719 and 1739, settling in Lancaster county, Pa. He was married to Elizabeth Miller Frantz, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth, in the year 1868; their living children are Annie, Mary, Christian and Ezra. Bishop Hershey's forefathers in Europe were Mennonites, which faith he embraced in 1862, was chosen to the ministry in 1874, and elected Bishop in the Reformed Mennonite Church in 1884. In the following lines, from his pen, he notes some historical points, and delineates leading principles:

The Church of Christ originated on the day of Pentecost, with the effusion of the Holy Ghost. This divine endowment, in persons willing to forsake sin, works the change of temper and life denominated the "new birth," which is manifested by being peaceable, harmless, passive under injuries and wrongs without ever resenting aggression, humble and pure in life, just in all transactions, loving our neighbor as ourself, united in faith and doctrine, reproving all unfaithful worshippers by withdrawing from their worship.

Such was the character of the primitive Church, according to history, until about the beginning of the fourth century, when worldly rulers united the Church with the State, and, by compulsion, made many of their subjects Christian formalists. From that time we find a class of believers differing from the formalists in rejecting infant baptism, and asserting baptism on faith, leading spiritual lives separated from the world by abstaining from a fleshly walk and worldly irregularities from vain ambition, idle amusements, pride, folly, and from all unfaithful worship, being strictly non-resistant, and maintain-

ing the doctrine that Christians take no part in worldly government. Their position provoked the same persecutions which the Head of the Church and his early adherents suffered. At times they are unnoticed, then they appear prominently, according to the tolerance of worldly rulers. They are variously called Poor Men of Lyons, Waldenses, Albigenses, Berengarians, Petrobroscians, Henricans, Leonists, Mennonites. Menno Simon, in the year 1524, became a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, which priesthood, and the connection with the Church, he renounced, Jan. 12, 1536, and associated with persons of one heart with him, at whose solicitation, and under the impulse of love for souls hungering for the pure Scriptures, he yielded himself to preaching and writing for the propagation of sound Gospel doctrines. His labors prospered against violent opposition. There are many branches diverging from the origin cited, holding some of the views of those early believers.

The Reformed Mennonite Church had its beginning through a number of Mennonites, in the early part of the nineteenth century; being impressed that Menno Simon had soundly interpreted the Scriptures, they withdrew from their church to restore the practice of his teachings, being in full accord therewith, and believing that the support given them by the shedding of much innocent blood in Europe, between the years 1524 and 1781, was a martyrdom in behalf of doctrines founded on the Gospel.

DOCTRINES. They believe in the Godhead of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration, that the New supersedes the Old, and is the true text-book for the Church; that the Holy Ghost is the sure interpreter, without the necessary aid of advanced human learning; that conversion is a gift of God, bestowed upon all who by divine light are willingly led to abhor sin, that they may turn to righteousness, the change being the nature of God born in them, by which they lead new lives; that the clergy are to be exemplary leaders, not arbitrary lords; that through the love of God in them Christians are always in fellowship, as was the first State of the Church; that there can be only one visible Church, separated from professions maintaining the doctrine of divided organizations; that the Church as a body is required to separate from the company of members who again persist in sin, or commit gross violations, by avoiding them in church communion, in secular dealings, in eating social meals, in customary social intercourse, without respect of persons, or regard to social relations, for their spiritual reformation, and to preserve the purity of the Church, and to cause all to fear sin. Matt. xviii; 1 Cor. v; 2 Thess. iii; that Christians do not vote, hold office in civil government, sit in judgment to pass civil or criminal sentence, do not litigate, do not have ownership in chartered corporations, do not use deadly weapons in war or self-defense to destroy the tares, Matthew xiii; do not in-

dulge in worldly pastimes and frivolous plays, in dancing and foolish conversation, Ephesians v; do not make vain display in raiment, but clothe with modest apparel, 1 Timothy ii; are exemplary in their deportment to fill the high station assigned them of being chosen out of the world, and being the light of the world they display in walk and conversation the virtues of grace.

ORDINANCES. They are regarded as testimonies, not saving means. Circumcision commanded to Abraham was a token of the covenant God had made with him, and was typical of regeneration. Rom. ii. The baptism of John in Jordan was a testimony to repentance, foreshadowing a state in which "all flesh should see the salvation of God," under the higher administration of Christ, who was to save his people from their sins. It was an act of righteousness, because an act of obedience, as all obedience is righteousness, though our works of obedience do not save us, they are only a fruit of having been saved. It is the entire consecration and submission of all our will power to the Divine will that gives God power in us to save us, and to bring us under His control. This power the Savior promised to His disciples, to be given only after his ascension to the Father. Luke xxiv, 49.

The baptism commanded in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, expresses a full union with the Godhead, indicating our adoption as full heirs, by faith, annulling the baptism of repentance. Acts xix.

Baptism is associated with faith in the Scripture examples, as an expression of faith, the saving virtue being ascribed to faith. By faith the malefactor on the cross had the promise of Paradise without baptism. He had no opportunity after he had repented and confessed faith, to be baptized, or to confirm his faith by works; the promise rested on his sincere confession and appeal. Baptism has not more virtue to save us than obedience to any other commandment, yet, believers, when they have opportunity, will observe baptism and every other commandment, as a fruit of faith, for by works faith is made perfect. James ii.

Not having merit to save, we understand why baptism is treated indifferently as to form. "The true worshippers worship the Father in spirit and in truth," not seeking merit in forms, regarding the outward ordinances as symbolizing inward conditions, understanding that no particularity in forms is urged in Gospel teaching, lest we might become religious formalists, instead of spiritual worshippers. Spiritual worship involves the whole life given in service to God.

The breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup is commanded as a commemorative ordinance bringing to mind the sacrificial offering on the cross, impressing solemn obligation to divine love, inspiring the heirs of redemption with a will-

ing obedience to all Gospel teachings, leading us near to God in contemplating his mercy to a fallen world. The manner, time and frequency of observing it being not particularized is likely to direct more attention to its spirituality.

The washing of feet is indicative of the divine cleansing, and of the mutual aid members of the Church extend to one another by blameless example, kind admonition, brotherly reproof, and every service of humility and love. It portrays the fellowship and unity in the household of faith, confirmatory of the doctrine of oneness prominent in the Gospel message, leading in its observance to contemplation.

The kiss of charity is understood to be a social salutation in acknowledgment of the fervent love believers bear to one another, and is practiced when they meet, by each sex separately to denote peace.

PRINCIPLES. While they strive diligently to conform, in their outward life, to all New Testament teachings, they seek no salvation in anything outward, believing the unction of the Spirit will prompt all outward actions, as an indwelling presence.

They recognize God in things temporal as well as in things spiritual, that God in the Old Testament age prescribed worldly government, and used worldly rulers as his agents to accomplish his purposes. It was said unto Pharaoh that God raised him up to show his power in him, though he destroyed him. God established civil statutes by Moses, which he refutes by Christ, in saying, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil." Matthew v. The fact that Paul says, "the powers that be are ordained of God," as applying to worldly government, signifies that they are comprehended in his infinite plan. Every good tendency in mankind emanates from God, and works human amelioration and beneficent ends. It is an active principle in worldly affairs, formulating government for the good of mankind. Governments are good or bad in proportion as this influence prevails.

They regard regeneration as the higher and fuller influence of the spirit of God wrought by Christ's coming formulating the kingdom or conditions in which the mind and spirit of Christ hold sway, evincing its practical effects in the visible Church by "transforming every faithful member to the image of God's Son." To be loyal to their Head, the believers in Christ cannot take part in the kingdom "out of which he has chosen them," nor obey worldly rulers, in demands conflicting with "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus." They will rather suffer "as lambs to the slaughter." To give tribute, honor and fear is commanded, yet the authors of this teaching proved by their example that they meant as far as the Divine law allows, for they continued preaching against the prohibition of the authorities, and suffering for it.

Understanding the Scriptures to teach a respon-

sibility resting on every member of the Church to reprove sin known to them, they cannot commune with disorderly members, but must as a spiritual duty labor for their reformation, and see "that the wicked are put away" from the Church, when amendment does not follow.

Separation from discordant worshippers, they believe, is based on the principle that fundamentally mankind are created to be in social accord; that the disturbance of this law through sin is overcome by the Redeemer who came to destroy the works of the Devil to restore the love of God through the Holy Ghost, giving ascendancy to the fundamental life in us, that "love may knit together our hearts." This principle pervades the teaching of our Savior and the Apostles, in their earnest advocacy of oneness, and in their condemnation of disunity. Agreeing with their doctrine, we must reprove divisions, and live in unity as taught by our Savior, "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." The observances taught the church demand unity of action.

They believe, therefore, in one United Christian Church, in fulfillment of Scripture injunctions and types. The idea of outward ordinances suggests agreement, the appeal "to the church" in disposition, forbids division, Matthew xviii; "by this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" teaches the unbroken tie to all observers, John xiii; the prayer, "that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me," is significant of unity, John xvii; the condemnation of divisions points to the same truth flowing from divine love. Christ uses the natural vine as a type of Christian system and unity bearing uniformity of fruit, demonstrating that when one branch ceases to receive the life of the vine, it is like a soul ceasing to abide in Christ, the spiritual character withering and the carnal life springing into fruitfulness, dooming the soul to death, which is "the wages of sin," John xv. The temple built by Solomon at Jerusalem is used as a type of the Church, "ye also, as lively stones are built up a spiritual house," 1 Peter ii. The natural body is used as an illustration. For as the body is one and hath many members and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so is Christ. One member does not say to another, I have no need of thee. God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked. That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things which is the Head, even Christ. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 1 Corinthian xii; Ephe-

sians iv. The figures here drawn accord with Gospel teaching throughout, being confirmatory of the effect of God's love working harmony among the redeemed, displaying the impulse of the Creative Mind transforming the passive creature into the "likeness of God" who is blessed forever. Amen.

A. J. STEINMAN, Esq., member of the Lancaster Bar and prominent in his ownership and control of the Penn Iron Works, as well as in the newspaper world, being senior publisher and editor of the *Intelligencer*, comes from one of the oldest and most honored families in the State.

Christian Frederick Steinman (1711-1760), a native of Dresden, Saxony, married Anna Regina Rosin (1717-1783). Their eldest son, George Michael, born at Erfurt, in 1738, sailed with Moravian Colonists from Zist for St. Petersburg in 1767, and the next year was one of the zealous band who founded Sarepta, in Astrakhan, where he settled and married in 1793. The parents embarked for Pennsylvania as a fruitful field for missionary labor, and settled at Bethlehem, where another son, John Frederick (1752-1823), was born.

The Moravian Church records at Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., report that Christian Frederick Steinman arrived with his family at that new ecclesiastical establishment in November, 1756, and that he had been appointed to oversee and take care of the workmen who were to build the saw and grist mill near the town, on the stream issuing from the great Lititz Spring. After a large part of this work was done, the Church authorities changed the site of the mill to a spot quite a mile below the village, whither "Brother and Sister Steinman removed in April, 1757, taking up their abode in a house bought by the brethren." They returned to Bethlehem in 1758, but in October of the next year returned to Lititz as permanent residents, where he died, being the first married man who had died in the new settlement, and the fifth person buried in the Moravian cemetery, his grave being numbered "5," and the seventh from the main entrance walk in the second row from the south end of the grave-yard, in its southwestern corner. His widow removed with her son, John Frederick, to Lancaster, there married John Christopher Heyne, and died without children born of her second marriage.

John Christopher Heyne established a tin and copper-ware business in Lancaster in 1764, on the present site of the Steinman Co.'s hardware store, which John Frederick Steinman continued to carry on after the death of John Christopher Heyne, in 1781—a business which in his hands and in those of his descendants, has expanded into one of the largest and most opulent hardware houses in the country. John Frederick Steinman was burgess of Lancaster in 1800, and elected chief burgess in 1801. He married, in 1777, Sybilla Margaretha Mayer

(1753-1831), eldest daughter of George Ludwig and Maria Barbara (Diemer) Mayer, of Lancaster. George Ludwig Mayer (1727-1793), a native of Ulm, came to America in 1752; his wife, a native of the same place, died in Lancaster in 1777, and was buried in Trinity churchyard, her husband being buried there, and noted on the church records as an old member thereof. The children of this union are: George Michael Steinman (1779-1799), who went to Cape Francois, San Domingo, with his uncles, Jacob and John Mayer, the former United States consul there, and with the latter largely associated in commercial enterprises, and there died of yellow fever; Anna Maria (1780-1844), wife of George Bryan, clerk of the State Senate and auditor general; Rebecca Regina (1782-1845), who married Daniel Dinkle, and died at Carlisle, Pa.; Susanna Julianna (1785-1817), wife of Joseph Cottrell, a hardware merchant of Columbia and Lancaster; Sybilla Amelia (1786-1839), wife of John Christian Ernst, a farmer and merchant, of Easton, Pa.; John Frederick, born at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 19, 1789, who died Oct. 5, 1884; and Eva Henrietta Steinman (1791-1842), wife of Richard Treat Leech, a farmer and merchant, of Pittsburg.

Of these, the only son, John Frederick Steinman, succeeded, on attaining his majority, to his father's mercantile business in Lancaster City, which he developed into large proportions, and conducted with great success until his retirement from the business, in 1849, when he transferred it to his eldest son, George M. Steinman, who had been his partner since 1836. He was a non-commissioned officer of a volunteer company in the war of 1812, and marched to Elkton. He was first president of the Conestoga Steam Cotton-Mill Co., organized by citizens of Lancaster; active in the City Councils for many years, and a member of the first Select Council of the city; chief organizer of the school system of the city, and a director of the school board for a number of years, over which he was the first to preside; took an active part in building the first reservoir, and while he took a deep interest in the prosperity of his own, the Moravian Church, he was liberal in his opinions of other religious demonstrations. His public spirit led him to assist in all worthy local enterprises. His first wife, Maria Gill, of Lancaster, whom he married Sept. 5, 1811, died Nov. 25, 1818, having borne him one son and three daughters, Henrietta Dickert, born March 1, 1813, became the wife of George H. Bomberger, of Lancaster; George Michael, born July 11, 1815; Margaretta Rosina, born 1817, and died the same year; and Mary Gill Steinman, born Oct. 14, 1818, wife of Elam D. Hurst, of Lancaster. By his second marriage in 1824, to Mary Smith (1794-1851), daughter of Charles Fahnestock, of Warren, Chester Co., Pa., he had the following children: Susan Smith, Margaretta Sybilla, Charles Fahnestock, Rebecca (wife of Jonathan M. Foltz,

Surgeon General United States Navy), John Frederick, Amelia and Andrew Jackson.

Andrew Jackson Steinman, Esq., who is now senior editor and publisher of the *Intelligencer*, the oldest newspaper now published in Lancaster (having passed its 108th birthday on March 9, 1902), has been associate or chief editor of that staunch Democratic journal since 1868. He was born in the city of Lancaster, Oct. 10, 1836, and graduated from Yale in 1856, and was admitted to the Bar in 1859. He graduated in the same class with Chauncey M. Depew, Justices Brewer and Brown of the United States Supreme Court, Chief Justice Magrader, of the Illinois Supreme Court, General Swayne, and others of scarcely less note, and his meeting with all these distinguished men in the Autumn of 1901, at the re-union of their Class during the bi-centennial anniversary of Yale College, was quite a memorable event to him. The November-December (1901) double issue of *The Rostrum*, under the caption, "Local Men of National Fame," has this to say of Mr. Steinman: "He drifted into the *Intelligencer* rather unexpected to himself in 1868, because there was some change then about to take place in its management, and he being chairman of the Democratic County Committee at the time, and his party feeling the importance of maintaining a daily organ, practically requested him to take charge of the ship. He accordingly did take charge, and that he has successfully piloted it through all the storms which battered it in an overwhelmingly Republican county is evidenced by its large circulation, newsy columns and general flourishing condition. Mr. Steinman is a Democrat of Democrats, his paper always being 'regular' in every emergency from presidential candidate down to ward constable, swallowing both Greeley in 1872 and Bryan in 1896; though the natural independence of his mind is always compelling him to give reasons rather original and slightly different from those ordinarily given by politicians for sticking to their party. In his strictures upon local events he is biting and sarcastic, cutting and slashing in all directions without the slightest regard as to where the chips fly, and in this connection, we must allude to an experience he had in 1880, while the Hon. W. U. Hensel was connected with him in publishing the *Intelligencer*, which has happened possibly to no other journalist in this country: we allude to what is still remembered distinctly as the famous attempt to disbar both gentlemen (as they were both members of the Bar) for the publishing of an editorial which reflected upon the integrity of the Court. The paragraph at which the Court took umbrage was on the disposition, by the Court, of an alleged violation of the election laws by a Republican, and was as follows: 'Logically, the last acquittal like the first was secured by a prostitution of the machinery of justice to serve the exigencies

of the Republican party. But as all the parties implicated, as well as the Judges, belong to that party, the Court is unanimous—for once—that it need take no cognizance of the imposition practiced upon it and the disgrace attaching to it.' The late Judge Patterson, who was the trial judge, summoned both Messrs. Steinman and Hensel before him and asked them both, separately, if they were the author of the article, and both gentlemen acknowledged responsibility for it in their editorial capacity, whereupon the Judge ordered rules to be served upon them to answer for contempt of court, and to show cause why they should not be disbarred and their names stricken from the list of attorneys. The case immediately attracted widespread attention in this country, and was even noticed in England. The case was argued before the Court, Rufus E. Shipley, of Philadelphia, representing the respondents and Samuel H. Reynolds, the rule. The opinion was delivered on the next regular opinion day, both Judges concurring that the rule for contempt should be discharged, and that the rule for disbarment should be made absolute. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, where Mr. Shipley was reinforced by Colonel A. K. McClure and Francis E. Gowen, and Mr. Reynolds by John B. McPherson and Henry W. Palmer. The case was most exhaustively argued on both sides. The opinion of the Court was finally delivered by Chief Justice Sharswood, in which the rule was discharged, holding, in substance, that the conduct of a Judge was as proper a subject for criticism by the press as the conduct of any other public official, and the fact that the comments were made by practicing attorneys in the Court in their editorial capacity, in no wise altered the case, closing his opinion in the following language: 'To say that an attorney can only act or speak on this subject under liability to be called to an account, and to be deprived of his profession and livelihood by the very Judge or Judges whom he may consider it his duty to attack and expose, is a proposition too monstrous to be entertained for a moment under our present system.' Thus were Messrs. Steinman and Hensel gloriously sustained and an important question forever settled before the Court of last resort in Pennsylvania. In addition to lawyer and editor, Mr. Steinman is one of the leading business men of the city. He became interested in the Penn Iron Works in 1879. They employ hundreds of men, and pay more money annually for labor at their office than is paid at any other place in the city. Mr. Steinman has never held office and has never been a candidate for any, holding to the idea that an editor can wield a more independent pen out of office than in it."

Mr. Steinman married Miss Caroline Morgan Hale, of Reading, Pa., niece of the Hon. Gideon Welles, who was the distinguished Secretary of the

Navy under Lincoln. Four children were born of this union: Miss Elizabeth, attending the noted school at Farmington, Conn.; Jack and Hale, both of whom attend the Yeates School; and Caroline, Mr. Steinman takes a prominent part in the Cliosophic Society, composed of Lancaster's leading literary men and women, and he is as ready in debate as he is at wielding the pen. So trenchant is the latter, that the editorials of the *Intelligencer* attract attention wherever independence of thought and grace of diction are appreciated; and, whether as a lawyer, journalist, literary authority or business man, you will always find him in the front rank.

THE GRUBB FAMILY was first represented in America by John Grubb. There is still in existence a letter written to his uncle by King Charles I, in November, 1642, with the Royal signature and the Royal seal appended, asking the loan of £200 in money or plate, "to aid the King in defending the realm and the church against his enemies." This letter was addressed to "our truly and well beloved John Grubb, Esq." Lord John Grubb's family are interred in the old manor churchyard on his estate in England, and on it were many memorial tablets bearing epitaphs in Latin and having the family arms and crests. This family is descended from people who distinguished themselves as early as the tenth century.

John Grubb, the first of the family on these shores, was a son of John and Helen Grubb. At the age of twenty-five years he came to America to mend his fortunes, which had been much impaired by the support he gave to the Royal cause. Sailing from London in the ship "Kent," in 1677, he arrived at Burlington, West Jersey, after a lengthy voyage, and received 340 acres of land on Chester creek. As early as 1682 Grubb's landing, Brandywine Hundred, Del., was known to fame, and here Emanuel Grubb, the eldest son of John, was born July 19, 1682. John Grubb became the possessor of a tract of land 600 acres in extent, was made one of the Colonial justices in 1693, and was twice elected to the Colonial Assembly. The historian says of him, "He came from that stock of men second to none on the face of the earth—the English country gentlemen." At Grubb's Landing he erected a tannery, and was the first manufacturer of leather in Penn's province. In 1703 he left Grubb's Landing and located in Marcus Hook, Pa., where he presently invested heavily in land. He died there in March, 1708. He was an extensive land owner in both Pennsylvania and Delaware. Like his ancestors, he was a devout supporter of the Established Church of England. Frances Vane, his wife, belonged to an old English family, and they had a family of nine children: Emanuel, John, Joseph, Henry, Samuel, Nathaniel, Peter, Charity and Phoebe. Of these,

Peter Grubb was the ancestor of the family of Clement B. Grubb, of Lancaster. His special dis-



HENRY BATES GRUBB



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tion is his discovery of the vast beds of iron ore at Cornwall, Lebanon county, and his standing as a pioneer in Pennsylvania manufacturing interests. In 1734 he became the proprietor of the celebrated Cornwall ore hills, of almost pure magnetic ore. On this property he built the Hopewell Forge and the Cornwall Furnace, naming the latter after the English mining county where his father was born. In this furnace, during the Revolutionary war, he cast cannon ammunitions for Washington, and, as a loyal adherent to the cause, accepted no remuneration. The Cornwall furnace, which is the oldest in the country, is still in operation. It was noted by Aurelius, in his history, as early as 1756. Peter Grubb became a member of the Society of Friends in 1732. He first married Martha, widow of James Wall, and daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Bates, of Gloucester, N. J. She died in 1740, and late the following year he married Hannah, widow of Thomas Marshall, and daughter of Benjamin and Ann Marshall. His second wife died in 1770. The children of Peter Grubb were Curtis and Peter (2).

Peter Grubb (2) was born in Cornwall and died in 1786 at Hopewell Forge, now called Speedwell. Under the old English law of entailment two-thirds of the property of Peter Grubb (1) went to his son Curtis, the other son, Peter, receiving one-third. Disagreements between the brothers followed, and Peter bought Mount Hope, where, in 1784, he erected a furnace, which is still in existence, though unused for years. In 1771 Peter Grubb (2) was married to Mary Shippen Burd, a daughter of James and Sarah (Shippen) Burd, sister-in-law of Judge Jasper Yeates, of Lancaster, granddaughter of Judge Shippen, and niece of Peggy Shippen, who was the wife of Benedict Arnold. She died at Hopewell Forge Feb. 23, 1776. Their children were: Alan Burd Grubb, born at Hopewell Forge Feb. 6, 1772; and Henry Bates Grubb, born at Hopewell Forge Feb. 6, 1774. Peter Grubb (2) served as colonel in the 8th Battalion during the Revolutionary war.

Henry Bates Grubb was married at Pine Grove, Pa., June 18, 1805, to Ann Carson, daughter of John Carson, of Dauphin county. She died in October, 1806, leaving one child, Henry Carson, who was born in 1806, and died in 1873. On Dec. 1, 1808, Henry Bates Grubb was married to Harriet Amelia Buckley, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Brooke) Buckley, the former of whom owned the "Competence farm" and Brooke Forge, in Pequea. Children as follows came to this union: (1) Edward Burd Grubb, born Dec. 17, 1810, died at Burlington, N. J. He married Euphemia Parker, of Carlisle, and they had four children—Gen. E. Burd Grubb, minister to Spain under President Harrison; Henry Grubb; Charles Ross Grubb; and Euphemia, who is now Madame de M. de Cerkez, of Paris, France. (2) Clement B. Grubb is mentioned below. (3) Mary Shippen Grubb was married Sept. 2, 1845, to George

Wellington Parker, and her daughter Mary married Hon. William Welsh, who was consul to Florence under President Grant; his father, Hon. John Welsh, was minister to England. (4) Sarah Elizabeth Grubb, born Nov. 19, 1818, died Nov. 27, 1884. She was married Feb. 16, 1846, to John G. Ogelvie, and their daughter, Elizabeth, married Dr. Herbert Norris, of Philadelphia. (5) Alfred Bates Grubb was born Jan. 6, 1821, and died Feb. 2, 1885. He was married March 25, 1856, to Ellen Farnum, daughter of Henry Farnum, of Philadelphia, and to this union were born Alfred Bates Grubb (2), who is a director of the Manheim National Bank; Ellen; Ann Newbold, wife of George J. Chetwood; Mary Elizabeth; and Rosalie, wife of Charles Grosholtz, of Philadelphia. Henry Bates Grubb, the father, died at Mount Hope March 9, 1823.

CLEMENT B. GRUBB, second son of Henry Bates, was born at Mount Hope Feb. 9, 1815, and died at his Lancaster residence Oct. 31, 1899. He was but eight years of age when his father died, at which time he was placed under the tutelage of Dr. William Augustus Muhlenburg, who later founded St. Luke's Hospital, New York City. Mr. Grubb's literary training was completed at Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, and he was but seventeen years of age when he took up the threads of his father's business, running the Mount Hope, Mount Vernon, Manada and Cadorus charcoal furnaces, besides two others—an anthracite furnace, St. Charles, in Columbia, which he built, and the Henry Clay furnace, at or near Columbia, which he bought and rebuilt. Mr. Grubb was sole owner of the Chestnut Hill ore bank, and one of the owners of the Cornwall ore bank, and for twenty years was president of the First National Bank of Lancaster. He was a very active business man throughout his long life, giving employment to thousands of men, and he had the rare faculty of being in perfect sympathy with all his employes, by whom he was admired and beloved to a degree enjoyed by few. His justness and liberality to those in his employ were among the most marked characteristics of his remarkable business career, and many there were who attributed their start in life and their subsequent success to his advice and assistance. He never lost an opportunity to do a favor for his men, but his benefactions, though numerous, were always unostentatious, like the man himself. His manners and habits were proverbially quiet, and he was the soul of kindness, and his disposition displayed itself in his intercourse with all his fellow men, whether in business or in social life. His gentleness was not the result only of good nature and training, but of the happy combination of these with a strong character, well controlled and perfectly balanced. In spite of the many demands upon his time and attention he was never too busy to be obliging, and as a friend he was true to every obligation imposed by that sacred relationship. He was baptized into the Episcopal Church by Bishop White, the first American

bishop in Pennsylvania. Mr. Grubb was liberal in his support of church work and religious enterprises, and he served as a vestryman of St. James Church, Lancaster. In political sentiment he was a staunch Republican, and he was one of the first members of the Union League Club of Philadelphia. However, he was no office seeker, the attractions of domestic life appealing more strongly to him, and though he thoroughly enjoyed social life and the company of his numerous friends, he was happiest in the home circle. His death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1899, was widely and sincerely mourned.

Clement B. Grubb was married, Feb. 27, 1841, to Mary Brooke, daughter of Charles Brooke, a distinguished ironmaster, and they became the parents of the following named children: (1) Harriet B. Grubb is the widow of Stephen B. Irwin, of Philadelphia. She has one son, John Hiester Irwin. (2) Charles Brooke Grubb, born Oct. 6, 1844, in Lancaster, received a fine education, graduating from Princeton College. He has never married, and at present resides in the old family mansion in Lime street, Lancaster. He was a partner of his father in the iron business, succeeding on the latter's death to the different furnaces and his father's interests in the Cornwall ore bank and the Conestoga ore bank, in the management of all of which he proved himself a competent business man and won high standing in commercial circles. At one time he was a vestryman of St. James Church, and socially he is a member of the Masonic fraternity. His political support has been given to the Republicans. (3) Mary Lilly Brooke Grubb is the wife of Joseph Bond Beall, of New York, who owns several cotton plantations in the South. They have three children, Mary Lilly, Ethel Grubb (wife of Surgeon George Tucker Smith, of the United States navy) and Florence. (4) Ella Jane Grubb is the widow of Col. L. Heber Smith, who carried on a furnace at Joanna, Pa., where his family still reside. Six children were born to them, Clément Grubb, Heber L., Mary Grubb, Daisy Emily (wife of William S. Morris), Stanley MacDonald and William Howard. Col. Smith took a prominent part in the Civil war. (5) Daisy Elizabeth Brooke Grubb is the present owner of Mount Hope. Through the Shippens the family are related to Gen. McClellan, and also to Gen. John R. Brooke, who was prominent in the Spanish-American war.

Mount Hope, the old home of the Grubb family, is an historic place, long noted in connection with the mines surrounding. The dwelling, which was built in 1800 by Henry Bates Grubb, is a spacious and inviting mansion, and the grounds, which comprise some 3,000 acres, are beautiful and artistic. In 1848 Mrs. Henry B. Grubb erected a church on the property, and in 1900 elaborate additions were made, as stated on the chancel building corner-stone, "to the glory of God and the memory of Clement B. and Mary Brooke Grubb."

JOHN WRIGHT, the founder of Wrights Ferry, now Columbia, Lancaster county, was a Quaker, who for many years in the last century had been a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly. He was born of Quaker parents in Lancashire, England, in 1667, and came to Pennsylvania in 1714. He was elected to the Assembly from Lancaster county in 1729, and held that office until in 1748. He was one of the leading citizens of his day, and took an active part in securing the establishment of the new county of Lancaster in 1719. Samuel Wright, son of James, and grandson of the above mentioned John Wright, laid out the town of Columbia on its present site in 1787. The place was one of three sites proposed by Congress in 1790, as the place for the permanent capital of the United States. Columbia was incorporated by act of State Legislature in 1814.

SLAYMAKER. Among the old and honored families of Lancaster county, there are a few which have become particularly conspicuous on account of their identification with the progress and development of their localities, and their peculiar fitness for the positions of trust and responsibility in which they have been placed by their fellow-citizens. Such in a marked degree is the case in the Slaymaker family.

In its German orthography the name was spelled Schleurmacher, and was one held in high esteem in its native land. When Mathias Schleurmacher, or Slaymaker, left Germany to find wider opportunities in the New World, his immediate family in Strasburg, were people of position and eminence, one being a clergyman of repute, and another a diplomatist of celebrity, being at that time secretary of Legation from the German government to the Court of St. James, afterward becoming Charge d'affairs to the same place. Mathias was also a man of judgment and foresight, and when he reached America in 1710, he made a wise selection of land in the State of Pennsylvania. His purchase was 1,000 acres from the London Co., and its location was in what was then known as the London Lands, then situated in Strasburg, now Paradise township. Building his log cabin near a beautiful spring of clear, pure water, he settled down to an agricultural life, clearing up his land as quickly as possible, the whole of it being at that time but a wilderness. Being a man of gigantic size, he compelled the respect and admiration of his savage neighbors, who were ever impressed by physical strength, while his honesty and kindness in dealing with the Indians won for him their respect and friendship, a matter of no little moment in that unsettled region. Mathias Slaymaker not only gave the name to Strasburg, but he liberally contributed to the county's improvement, cleared lands, made



Mount Hope Furnace, Tennessee, 1724

BUILT BY HENRY BATES GRUBB. A. D. 1800. **McHOPE** REMODELLED BY HIS SON CLEMENT B. GRUBB. A. D. 1885

roads, built school houses and encouraged religious movements, filling out to the utmost our idea of a useful and noble life. He was permitted a long career, and the work he did laid the foundations upon which his family and fellow-citizens have since builded. His remains lie in the old cemetery of the Presbyterian Church, in Leacock township, where many of the family rest. The five sons of Mathias Slaymaker were: John, Lawrence, Mathias, Henry and Daniel; while his daughters were: Margaret and Barbara. All record of Lawrence disappeared after he joined a band of pioneers and went to the West. Mathias purchased that portion of the original 1,000 acres which, in 1832, belonged to his great-grandsons, John M. and Nathan E., the latter of whom was for many years the secretary and treasurer of the Lancaster County Mutual Insurance Co. John, son of Mathias the settler, was the father of the late Capt. John Slaymaker of Paradise township, and he became a soldier in Braddock's army at the age of twenty-two years, participating in the disastrous battle of Braddock's Field, later becoming a captain in the Revolutionary army. After the close of that war he returned to his home in Lancaster county, and ended his long term of public service as commissioner of this county, his death occurring in 1798, at the age of sixty-five years.

Henry Slaymaker, the great-grandfather of our subject, was also a very prominent man in his State and county during and after the Revolutionary war. During its progress he was a conspicuous member of the Whig party, and was one of the first in his neighborhood to take his stand with the Colonies. Being a magistrate at this time, he administered the oath of allegiance to those patriots who espoused the cause of the Republic, and he used prompt measures in suppressing efforts on the part of the Tories, and in punishing them for furnishing the British army with horses and provisions. When Mr. Slaymaker became the oldest justice in Lancaster county, succeeding Mr. Hubley, he was appointed principal judge of the county courts, and presided as such for one year. It was during this time that Judge Slaymaker had the site cleared for the erection of the old jail in Lancaster county, the same being the present site of the Fulton Opera House, and a number of other places of business. His efforts were ever directed toward public improvement consonant with the wise administration of public money. His prominence in his county was recognized by his appointment as a delegate to the convention called for the formation of a constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, which met at Philadelphia, July 15, 1776. His marriage was to Miss Richardson, and the three sons of the union were: Amos, Henry and Samuel.

Amos Slaymaker, son of Henry, also gave his State distinguished and faithful service. He served

during the Revolutionary war as an ensign in the company commanded by his uncle, Capt. John Slaymaker, and belonged also to an association formed for the suppression of the Tories, in the eastern end of the county, at the head of which was Col. James Mercer, afterward conspicuous in the State. Mr. Slaymaker built and operated a hotel until 1804, on the Lancaster and Philadelphia pike road. For many years he served as a magistrate; was county commissioner from 1806 to 1810; and was a member of the State Senate from 1810 to 1811; a member of Congress during 1814-15, and it was during this period that he became peculiarly useful to his government. With a small number of other substantial and upright citizens, he lent his credit and endorsed notes which were placed in the Georgetown Bank, which enabled the Government to safely tide over its financial crisis at the time when it was necessary to raise funds for the speedy defense of New Orleans. He was public-spirited and liberal, and his record is that of unsullied statesmanship.

In association with his two brothers, Henry and Samuel, Amos Slaymaker was one of the promoters and proprietors of the great stage line which ran from Philadelphia through Lancaster, the accepted line of transportation at that time, which was prior to the development of the great railroad system of later years. Amos Slaymaker died in 1835, at the age of eighty-five years, full of honors and esteemed far and wide for his high character. His family consisted of six sons and four daughters, and those of whom we have record are: Jasper; Henry died on the old farm; William died in Virginia; Amos died in Maytown, this county; Isabella married Evan Green; Mrs. Mott; Elizabeth married Barton Henderson; and Hannar married Samuel Schoch.

Jasper Slaymaker, the father of our subject, also became a distinguished citizen of Lancaster county. His early death at the age of thirty-nine years cut short a career which promised to attach higher honors to an already eminent family name. He was born in Salisbury township, and was afforded superior educational advantages. He was a student with James Buchanan, at Dickinson College, at Carlisle, and in the office of James Hopkins, Esq., at Lancaster. He was early in his career admitted to the Lancaster Bar, was the first prosecuting attorney of the mayor's court, and served with honor for two years, 1816 and 1817, and 1817 and 1818, in the State Legislature. He was well known through the county, and was regarded as one of its most promising public men. His death occurred Aug. 27, 1827, at the age of thirty-nine years. His marriage to Jane Evans resulted in the birth of these children: Amos, of this sketch; Frances, who married Rev. Solomon McNair, a Presbyterian clergyman, and died in 1876; Samuel, who married Char-

lotte Tate, and was a prominent stock broker in Philadelphia, where he died in 1887; James B., who married a Miss Wilson, and is a nurseryman, farmer and fruit grower in Delaware; and Jasper, who married Sarah Elder, and is a retired merchant at Sunbury, Pa. The mother of our subject was born in Donegal township, in 1800, and died in 1885, at the age of eighty-five years. She was a daughter of Samuel and Frances (Lowery) Evans, of Donegal township (more extended mention of the Evans family being found elsewhere).

AMOS SLAYMAKER, who for many years was one of the leading attorneys of Lancaster county, the eldest son of Jasper and Jane (Evans) Slaymaker, was born in the city of Lancaster, in June, 1819. Until her death he remained with his mother, except for a period when she resided with a daughter. His early education was obtained in the city schools, a study of the languages being pursued in Lancaster Academy, which was followed by a period of study in Delaware College in Newark. From there he entered the sophomore class in Dickinson College, at Carlisle, where three years were passed, and where he graduated with honors in 1838.

Mr. Slaymaker naturally adopted the law as his profession and in its study became a pupil of Hon. John R. Montgomery, in Lancaster. His preparation was such that in 1841, he was admitted to the Bar, and immediately entered upon a long and successful practice which was terminated by his retirement from its cares and triumphs, in 1885. In 1867 he was made registrar in bankruptcy of this Congressional district, under the Bankrupt Law, discharging the duties of this office with an eye single to the public good.

Although not connected by membership, Mr. Slaymaker is a constant attendant and a contributor to the Episcopal Church. As a man of means, leisure and high intellectual attainment, Mr. Slaymaker takes a prominent place in Lancaster. While he is retired from all active business life, his interest continues in public affairs, and he can usually be found in his costly library, where he is surrounded with the best thought of the past, as well as the latest disquisitions and polished literary efforts of the present.

JOHN D. SKILES, president of the Fulton National Bank, and connected with many other enterprises that have added greatly to the material development and prosperity of the city of Lancaster, enjoys the distinction of being perhaps the only man in this community who has been continuously in business for a period of half a century, the fiftieth anniversary of his advent into commercial circles having occurred in April, 1902.

John D. Skiles was born April 29, 1829, in Leacock township, this county, where he passed his boyhood. At the age of ten years he entered the general store of Moses Eby, at Intercourse, where he

clerked for three years. For the succeeding three years he was employed in John Wenger's store, in West Earl township, and in 1845 secured employment with Michael Peiper, a grocer in Lancaster. At the end of five years he entered the dry-goods store of FonDersmith & Herr, where he continued for about two years, at the expiration of that time embarking in business for himself as a grocer at the corner of East King and Duke streets, and remaining there until 1858, when he bought the property owned by the Lancaster County Bank, corner of East King and Christian streets; there he engaged in the grocery business until 1865. At that time he bought out a dry-goods business on East King street, and devoted his attention to that branch of trade until 1878, when he sold out and retired from that line. In 1861 he had invested in a leaf tobacco business with his brother-in-law, James B. Frey, under the firm name of Skiles & Frey, and he has been continuously in the leaf tobacco business since 1861, handling immense quantities of tobacco, which is packed in the firm's warehouse located on North Duke street.

On Dec. 1, 1854, Mr. Skiles married Emily M. Frey, daughter of Jacob Frey, one of the early settlers, and formerly a merchant of Lancaster. The only child of this union, William P., died at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Skiles entered into rest in January, 1897. Mr. Skiles married, a second time, his present wife having been Miss Rebecca M. Porter, of Newark, N. J. One son, John D. Skiles, Jr., was born of this union March 29, 1900—his mother's joy and his father's pride.

Mr. Skiles was one of the organizers of the Fulton National Bank and of the Lancaster Trust Company. He was a director in the Fulton National Bank until the death of John R. Bitner, succeeding that gentleman as president of the bank on Sept. 6, 1897; and he has been a director of the Lancaster Trust Company from its organization to the present time. Indeed, his influence has been felt in almost every notable public enterprise looking to the development and prosperity of the city, for an ordinary lifetime, and among his most conspicuous business interests may be mentioned his connection with the Pennsylvania Traction and Conestoga Traction Companies, as director; he is still connected with some of the suburban trolley lines, having been associated with the trolley systems of Lancaster since 1893. He is president of the board of managers of the Lancaster Cemetery Company; has been for thirty years (and is still) treasurer of the Mechanics' Building & Loan Association; a member of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College; a trustee of the Reformed Theological Seminary of the United States, at Lancaster; a director of the Y. M. C. A.; and has many other business connections. He served ably for three years as prothonotary of the court, from 1885 to 1888. Socially he is a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and of the Lodge of Perfection and the Commandery; and he was one



John H. Hiles

of the organizers and directors of the Hamilton Club. Religiously he is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he has been a trustee for many years, and in the upbuilding of which church he has taken an active and substantial interest. So many have been his enterprises, so great his activity, so sound his judgment, so far-reaching the aims and purposes of his life, that it is difficult to determine in what particular path his influence for good has been most felt; but it is a notable fact that, with all the varied interests he has had in hand, he has never for a moment lost sight of the leaf tobacco trade, in which he is still a prominent figure. In banking circles, in the mercantile world, in the leaf tobacco trade, in the church, in the social circles, everywhere, the name of John D. Skiles stands for all that is enterprising, progressive, liberal and honorable.

WILLIAM HAYES GRIER, printer, editor and politician, was born in the village of McEwensville, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1841. His grandfather, Rev. John Hayes Grier, was a native of Bucks county, and was born in 1788. He graduated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, in the same class with James Buchanan, who, in 1857, became the fifteenth president of the United States. Entering the ministry, soon after his graduation, Mr. Grier was placed in charge of the Great Island and Jersey Shore Churches, in the West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna. This was in 1814, and he remained there until 1854, when he retired, after having been actively engaged in the ministry for fifty-six years. He died at his home in Jersey Shore, in February, 1880, at the mature and mellow age of ninety-two years.

Dr. John Hayes Grier, eldest son of the venerable clergyman and father of our subject, was born in Brandywine Manor, Chester Co., Pa., June 2, 1813. After receiving a preparatory education he was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, and entered upon the practice of his profession in McEwensville in 1840. There he remained for fifteen years, when, in 1855, he removed to Jersey Shore, where he practiced until 1859. He then settled in Oriole, in the beautiful valley of Nippenose, where he passed the remainder of his life, following his profession until his death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1894, in his eighty-second year. He married Amanda M. Quiggle, who died Aug. 1, 1897, in her eighty-first year.

William Hayes Grier, the subject of this notice, is the eldest son of the Doctor. He received his primary education in the public schools, after which he entered the academy at McEwensville, and spent four years in that institution. On Oct. 20, 1856, he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a compositor in the office of the Jersey Shore *Vidette*, and remained there until 1858, when he accepted a position to teach school in Clinton county, for a term of four months, at a salary of \$25 per month.

Having finished his school in 1859, young Grier removed to Akron, Ohio, and entered the office of the *Democrat*, remaining there until 1861, when, owing to the impending war, he returned to Jersey Shore, and resumed work in the office of the *Vidette*, where he had learned his trade. There he remained until Fort Sumter was fired upon, when he enlisted April 18, 1861, becoming a private in the Jersey Shore Rifles, known as Company A, 5th Pennsylvania Reserve Regiment. They were assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and passed through all the battles of that division from Dranesville to Cold Harbor, with the exception of Chancellorsville. On June 27, 1862, our subject was wounded in the leg at the battle of Gaines Mills, and was laid up for six weeks in a hospital at Washington. He rejoined his regiment in time to participate in the second battle of Bull Run. In March, 1863, he was promoted to first sergeant, and on June 4, 1864, was commissioned second lieutenant.

On the expiration of his term of enlistment in 1864, Lieut. Grier returned home and became foreman of the printing department and associate editor of the *Columbia Spy*, remaining with that paper until October, 1866, when he was nominated by his party (Democratic) for the State Senate against his old Colonel, Joseph W. Fisher, but was defeated because his party was in the minority. Soon after his political experience he founded the *Columbia Herald*, printing the first copy on a hand press. His enterprise proved successful, and he continued the publication of his paper until 1870, when he was appointed traveling agent for the Columbia Mutual Fire Insurance Company. After six months experience in the insurance business he resigned, and until 1873 successfully conducted a job printing office in the city. That year he purchased the *Herald*, and was employed in its publication until January, 1885, when he sold out.

From early life Mr. Grier took an active part in politics, serving his party repeatedly in county conventions, and he was delegate to the national convention which nominated Samuel J. Tilden for president. He served as a member of the State committee for several years, was on the county committee, and was chairman of that body through the important campaign of 1874. Although his party was in the minority in Lancaster county, he did much to preserve its organization, and in 1878 again sacrificed himself for State Senator. Ever active and aggressive as a politician, William Hayes Grier was never discouraged over defeat. In 1883 he was a candidate for auditor general, when many distinguished men were brought forward, and on the second ballot he received the second highest vote. The first political office he held was that of assistant assessor of internal revenue, to which he was appointed in 1866 by President Johnson.

Subsequently he was clerk of the Council for two years, was tax collector, and was appointed by Gen. William McCandless, who was secretary of internal affairs in 1875, chief of the bureau of statistics. He has frequently served his fellow citizens in many local and minor offices, and in 1876 was elected school director in his district for a term of three years. In 1881 he was justice of the peace, and in 1883 was appointed superintendent of public printing at Harrisburg, by Gov. Pattison, to fill a vacancy. On the expiration of the term he was re-appointed for a full term, from July 1, 1885, to July 1, 1889, which he served. In 1887 he was tendered the office of chief of the Southern division of the Pension Bureau, Washington, but declined. On Gov. Pattison's re-election in 1890, he was re-appointed superintendent of public printing, and he filled the office with credit, retiring in 1894.

Col. Grier has been twice married. His first wife, Miss Mary E. White, whom he wedded in 1865, died in 1884, leaving two daughters. In 1890 he married (second) Miss Annie, daughter of Gen. William Patton, of Columbia. He is a Freemason, and has taken both the Blue Lodge and Royal Arch degrees. For a man of such political activity as Col. Grier, it was impossible after his long career as an editor and publisher, to do without an organ after the sale of the *Herald*, in 1885. Consequently but a short time elapsed until in December, 1889, he started the *Independent*, a weekly paper, which he is still publishing.

CORNELIUS F. ROLAND, president of the New Holland National Bank, and a man of high standing and recognized worth at New Holland, was born at that point May 30, 1822, a son of Henry and Margaret (Seeger) Roland. His father was born in Hinkletown, and his mother in New Holland, and the family was long and intimately associated with the best interests of Lancaster county.

Henry Roland was a farmer, and the most of his earlier life was spent in New Holland. While still a young man he removed to Philadelphia to take a position as a clerk in a general store, where he remained until the death of his father, when he returned home to care for the large estate left by his father. He died in January, 1847, at the age of sixty-seven. His widow long survived his loss, and died at the age of eighty-two. They were buried in the New Holland cemetery. Both belonged to the Lutheran Church, of which he was an officer for many years, and a most earnest and devoted worker.

Henry Roland and his wife were the parents of the following family: Catherine, who married Esaias Kinzer, of Leacock township, both deceased; Jonathan H., who married Elizabeth James, was a farmer, and died at the age of fifty-four; William, a physician, who died in York, Pa., at the age of eighty-two; John F., a graduate of West Point, who died in Charlestown Harbor, where he had command

of a fort, at the age of thirty-six; Henry A., a farmer and miller, who died in 1901, at the age of eighty-two; Cornelius F.; Julia, the widow of Hon. William H. Heister, at one time the secretary of the Commonwealth, and representative from Berks county in the State Legislature.

The paternal grandparents of Cornelius F. Roland were Jonathan and Catherine (Huber) Roland, farming people of prominence and wealth in Earl township.

Cornelius F. Roland was married in New Holland Oct. 26, 1846, to Elizabeth Shirk, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Barnitz. Born to this union were the following children: Charles A., who died at the age of three years; Horace, an attorney in Reading, married to Ellen Daly, by whom he has had four children; Henry S., unmarried and living at home; Cornelia, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-five. Mrs. Roland was born in New Holland, and died in April, 1887, at the age of seventy years. Her remains rest in the New Holland cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary (Diller) Shirk, both of Lancaster county.

Mr. Roland was reared in New Holland, and when fourteen years of age attended the Lititz Academy, and later the school at West Chester. In 1839 he went to Philadelphia, where he clerked for a short time in a general store. Business was prostrated by a panic shortly after his arrival, and he came back to New Holland, to farm for several years. For three years he was engaged in a store, but gave up that work in 1871. In 1881 he organized the present bank, of which he is still the capable and energetic president, and which ranks very high, the stock being now quoted at over 200 per cent. Mr. Roland is a large landed proprietor, owning a number of valuable farms. In religion he belongs to the Lutheran Church, of which he is a liberal supporter and a hard-working member.

JOHN KOHR, who has been bishop of the New (or Reformed) Mennonite Church since 1896, is a retired farmer, living in the Kohr homestead in Manheim township, one and a half miles northeast of the city of Lancaster, on the Fruitville pike.

Bishop John Kohr, father of our subject, was the successor of John Herr, reformer of what is known as the Old Mennonite Church, or rather an adherent to the true principles of the founder, Menno Simon, early reformer of the Catholic Church. The church has no discipline save the plain indisputable word of Christ, the principle and character briefly described by Bishop Elias Hershey, under his name in this work, which is well worth referring to. Bishop Kohr faithfully filled the office of Bishop for many years, and being well preserved in body and faculties to the close of his long life, was able to the end to serve diligently and profitably in his high calling in the church. His death occurred in the fall of 1887, after a brief illness with pneumonia, when he was nearly eighty years of age. The vacancy was

deeply felt, and in 1896 his son, John Kohr, was called by the church to be his successor.

John Kohr was born in 1847, one mile from his present home. He accepted the faith in the fall of 1868, and was admitted into the church by water baptism in the fall of 1869. Bearing evidence of his faithfulness and godly zeal, the church called him to the ministry to publicly declare the doctrines of Christ, in the fall of 1879. In 1896, as before stated, he was called to the office of Bishop. Having retired from all the active duties of life, his time is now given for the most part to the church. Mr. Kohr occupies the home where his father lived to the close of his days.

In the fall of 1876 Mr. Kohr was united in marriage with Miss Ida N. Weaver, daughter of Anna and Martin (Herr) Weaver, of Strasburg township, and this union has been blessed with two children, Enos and Mary. The daughter died in her first year. The son has erected on his father's farm property a number of greenhouses, which he manages successfully, being engaged in growing flowers, etc., principally for the cut-flower trade. Enos Kohr accepted the faith of his ancestors at the age of twenty-one years. He was united in marriage to Miss Viola Godshak, of Montgomery Co., Pa., in the spring of 1903.

John Kohr has one brother, Jacob, and four sisters, Annie, Hettie, Mary and Lizzie.

REV. DARIUS WILLIAM GERHARD, A. M., rejoices in an ancestry that came to this country in 1737, and they date back a good deal more than that as members of the Reformed Church. The Gerhards are descendants of Paul Gerhardt, the great German poet, who lived two hundred and fifty years ago. The first Gerhardt (as the name was originally spelled) of this family of whom we have any record was Christian Gerhardt who was Burgomaster of Gruesenhaerichen, Germany, in 1637. He had five children, of whom one was the poet Paul. The poet had one son, Paul Frederick, and his son was Christopher; Christopher's son was William, and his son was Frederick, who was born March 26, 1714, in Langenselbold, a town in the Wittrau, Hesse-Cassel. Frederick's parents were members of the Reformed Church, and he was brought up in that faith—a faith that has been zealously clung to by all the descendants to the present day. On Jan. 22, 1737, Frederick Gerhardt married Elizabeth Fischer, and soon after came to America, settling in Philadelphia, where a son, Peter, was born Oct. 28, 1737, and not long after, his wife died. Frederick then moved to the vicinity of Heidelberg, Berks county, where on Feb. 14, 1740, he married a widow whose maiden name was Barbara Reiger. From this union there were nine children, five sons and four daughters. One of these sons was Frederick, born Sept. 23, 1744, and his son Frederick was born in 1770.

Rev. William T. Gerhard, Rev. D. W. Gerhard's

father was born on Dec. 10, 1809, and died Aug. 20, 1886, having been for many years one of the most prominent figures among the clergy of Lancaster. He married Miss Elizabeth Seibert, a daughter of Jacob Seibert, a prominent farmer of Lebanon county. From this union eight children were born, five sons and three daughters, of whom three sons survive, as follows: Rev. Darius W., of Lancaster; Dr. J. Z., of Harrisburg, where he spent twenty-one years as resident physician at the State Insane Asylum, but is now enjoying a large private practice, in which he gives special attention to nervous troubles; and Dr. M. U., of Lancaster, where he enjoys a fine practice.

Rev. Darius William Gerhard, A. M., was born in Berks Co., Pa., March 21, 1838, was educated in the public schools of his native county, and prepared for college in the Allentown Seminary. Before entering college, he taught school for two winters, and was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1862, taking one of the class honors, the German oration. He graduated in July and entered the army in August, enlisting in the nine months' service in Co. E, 135th P. V. I., and serving nine months and sixteen days, when he was honorably discharged. He then entered the Reformed Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, from which he was graduated in 1866. He served the Reformed congregation at McConnellsburg for one and one-half years during his theological course, and was called there and ordained, remaining another year as an ordained minister. His next field of labor was New Holland but he served four congregations—New Holland, Zeltenreich, Vogansville and Salem (at Heller's), for twenty and one-half years, at the end of which time, he began confining his labors to Salem (at Heller's) and Willowstreet, which became part of his charge. This continued for six years, when Conestoga Center was added. In the spring of 1888, Willowstreet and Conestoga Center were made one charge, and from this time on, Rev. Gerhard was pastor of Salem only. Here he built up one of the largest congregations of any rural church in this section, his congregation having reached three hundred and fifty communicants in 1900, while the Sunday school numbered fully two hundred. Under his earnest pastorate, the church was remodeled and enlarged in 1896, and with its Gothic windows, symmetrical tower and magnificent location, it is one of the most attractive church edifices in Lancaster county. Rev. Gerhard planted near the church a little sprig of Virginia juniper, taken from near the tomb of Washington at Mt. Vernon, and it is now six feet high, and another tree which he planted, a magnolia, towers above the church. This church (Salem) is the oldest Reformed church in the Conestoga valley, the congregation having been organized in 1722.

Besides all the pastoral labors of Rev. Gerhard he has done some literary work. Simply to be pastor of Salem (Heller's) church for thirty-five years,

driving through all kinds of weather in visitations among a large rural congregation, is a big work; but this was only a small part of all that this devout and devoted pastor has done. For fifteen years past, he has published *The Pastor's Helper*, a well edited and interesting publication which the people to whom our subject has ministered, as well as many outside the Reformed Church, have learned anxiously to look for. No clergyman in Lancaster has been more generous in assisting the reporters of the daily newspapers in reporting college commencement exercises and the proceedings of local Reformed gatherings generally; and, besides all this, he has been a frequent contributor to the church publications, notably *The Reformed Messenger* and *The Guardian*. He wrote and published a history of the New Holland Charge (four congregations) in 1877, in which he gave in his introduction a resume of the history of the Reformed Church in general; and the late Dr. Thomas G. Apple, in an article in the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, says this of the history: "We have not seen anywhere a more satisfactory account of the Reformed Church in so small a space. The facts are carefully gathered and well arranged; the style is good. It is well adapted to convey a correct knowledge of the Reformed Church to those who may seek for light on this subject." These are precious words to Mr. Gerhard, coming from so learned a source. Mr. Gerhard also wrote and published a history of Lancaster Classis covering its entire history of fifty years. The *New Era* says "he has admirably performed his task."

Mr. Gerhard has been stated clerk of Lancaster classis of the Reformed Church without interruption, since 1869; has been secretary of the Alumni Association of Franklin and Marshall College for twenty-three years, and was elected to his twenty-fourth term in the summer of 1902; has been delegate to Synod and the General Synod time and again, and was president of the district synod in 1898; has been repeatedly secretary and press reporter of the Lancaster Ministerial Association, declining these positions finally because of his increased pastoral and other duties; and is class secretary of his college class, which was graduated in 1862, and he published a history of the class at its twenty-fifth annual reunion, in 1887. Surely Mr. Gerhards stands an unchallenged champion in activity and hard work among the clergy of his age.

Rev. Gerhard married Miss Mary C. Geise, of Reading, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Geise, a coal dealer and farmer. From this union there were five children born as follows: (1) Paul Lambert, A. M., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., is now a missionary teacher in Sendai, Japan, where he occupies the chair of English language and literature. (2) Elizabeth R., a graduate of the Lancaster High School, was in 1900 assistant matron at Bethany Orphan Home, but is now living at home. (3)

Mary E., a graduate of the Lancaster High School and of the Woman's College, Frederick, Md., receiving from the latter institution the degree of A. B., is the teacher of the Brick Hill school in East Drumore township, Lancaster county. (4) Martha E., a graduate of the Lancaster High school, and the Millersville Normal School, is a teacher in Tyloria, Little Britain township. (5) William S. is a member of the class of 1903, in Franklin and Marshall College. These are descendants of a family that has been noted for its piety and devotion to the Reformed Church for generations, and who, like their father, are worthy descendants of a time-honored and respected family.

JACOB BAUSMAN was born Oct. 18, 1812, in Lancaster township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and was the fourth in the family of John Bausman (Feb. 5, 1780-Nov. 20, 1861) and Elizabeth Peters (Dec. 19, 1779-Dec. 18, 1851), who were married April 4, 1805. His paternal ancestry is traced back to Philip Bausman, born in 1539, in Hockenheim, two miles from the city of Kreuznach, in Rhine-Prussia, Germany.

The family in Germany were uniformly farmers and vine-dressers. John Bausman, the father, born Feb. 5, 1780, in Freilaubersheim, son of Johann Heinrich Bausman (Oct., 1746—April, 1793) and his wife, Barbara Bernhardt, came to America in 1802, to become the heir of his uncle, Andreas Bausman (Feb. 25, 1734—Sept. 15, 1814) and his wife, Elizabeth Weigel (Aug. 10, 1728—Sept. 26, 1813), who were childless. Andreas left Germany in 1755, and settled near Lancaster, where others of his kin had lived for a number of years. He invested his money in real estate and amassed a large fortune. [See record of his will, proved Sept. 22, 1814, Register's Office, Lancaster, Will Book K, Vol. I, Page 639, &c.] He lived and died on his lands between Lancaster and Millersville, which are still in the Bausman family.

The first of the name to settle in Lancaster came in 1725, and after that the name occurs frequently in the early baptismal records of the First Reformed Church, as shown in Vols. IV and V of the Pennsylvania German Society. Members of the family held various positions of more or less importance. William Bausman (July 1, 1724—March 30, 1784) married to Elizabeth Hiester, a collateral ancestor, was chief Burgess of Lancaster in 1774-1775, a member of the Committee of Safety, and master of the barracks during the Revolutionary war, in all of which positions he rendered conspicuous service. [See Pennsylvania Archives.] He built in 1762 the old stone residence at Nos. 121-123 East King street, Lancaster, which is still used as a dwelling house. His son William (June 1, 1759—April 25, 1833) was register and recorder of the county from 1809 to 1818.

Andreas Bausman, whose lands we have re-



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ferred to, bought 317 acres along what is now the turnpike to Millersville, for the equivalent of \$680, from which a single acre has since been sold for nearly as much, and out of the products of a single acre of which nearly as much has been realized in one year as the total original investment. When he died, in 1814, he was probably the richest farmer in Lancaster county, and his nephew, John Bausman, became his executor and chief heir, and founder of the prominent family of his name; which, though having distinguished members in professional and mercantile circles, has been pre-eminent in the agricultural life of the county, and now holds under cultivation many hundreds of acres of land, almost adjoining the city, in Manor and Lancaster townships, the richest and most populous section of this great county. As one rides out along the Millersville street railway or turnpike about half the distance, he sees a beautiful private residence, built on the right of the way. To the left is a commodious and comfortable one story and a half farm house, and near by a substantial stone spring house. These buildings illustrate right fitly the progress of the best type of the Lancaster county farmer. That spring house was built by Andreas Bausman in 1775, when he made whiskey and shipped it to Pittsburg in casks—two of them strapped upon a horse's back. Upon this site he established the homestead, which bids fair to remain in the family for generations to come. Here came John, after he had reared his family and quit farming, and here his son Philip built the present mansion house, which is now owned and occupied by Philip's son, David.

Nine children blessed the marriage of John Bausman and Elizabeth Peters (who was the sister of the late Hon. Abraham Peters), eight sons and one daughter. The youngest son is Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bausman, the famous preacher of the Reformed Church, editor, oriental traveler and author, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Bausman, the subject proper of this article, died Feb. 11, 1894, in the eighty-second year of his age, but his portrait will still be recognized as that of one of the most conspicuous, influential and busy citizens of Lancaster in his day. Probably no man in the county was better known, and for half a century he was recognized as one of its most stable, prosperous and farsighted business men. His early education was received in the district school near his home. At the age of sixteen his father sent him to the famous boys' school of John Beck, at Lititz, from which went forth so many well equipped youths of that day. He remained two years under the instruction of Father Beck. Farmers' boys seventy-five years ago left school and went to work a little earlier than, as a rule, they do now. So it happened that when young Bausman was about nineteen he was put to the mill at Wabank, then one of the most extensive of the local manufactories. He did not confine himself strictly to the dull grinding of the millstones, but very soon displayed that

aptitude for trade and shrewdness of business venture which characterized his subsequent life. At that time probably no gristmill here did so large a business as the Wabank. It was owned by Jacob Huber, subsequently high sheriff of the county, and Mr. Bausman, about 1835, was conducting it for him on shares. That was the year of a wonderful wheat crop, which in the succeeding year was almost an utter failure in this county. As early as April, in 1836, it was to be seen that the fly had destroyed the crop, but before that Mr. Bausman had, on his own account, begun to buy up heavily of the grain then in store. Wheat commanded from \$1.10 to \$1.20 a bushel, and during the entire winter he continued making large investments of this kind. About this time, too, there was a revival in the condition of navigation along the Conestoga. The old companies having failed, their rights, sold at sheriff's sale, were bought by the Colemans, who built new packets, which connected at Safe Harbor with the Tide Water canal. The latter had a dam at Safe Harbor to float boats across, and with seventeen miles of slack water navigation, seventy-one chains, with a fall of sixty-four feet, there was a valuable water-power at every lock, and times were brisk along our great local waterway. Arks loaded with flour, whiskey and other products of agricultural development were being loaded and floated off from every port, and trade and commerce flourished. Mr. Bausman, as has been stated, bought largely of wheat. It advanced rapidly in price; so did flour, in anticipation of a light wheat crop; and so rapid was the rise that on one occasion, when an arkload of 500 barrels of flour was detained for a short time to remove the heads of the barrels, as they had become wet, to prevent damage to the entire contents, flour advanced \$1 a barrel during the detention, and Mr. Bausman made \$500 by the accident. During the year of the grain famine very little grain or flour was shipped away from the county. The entire product of Mr. Bausman's operations was needed for the local demand; flour brought \$11 a barrel in Lancaster city. After seven years' experience in the Wabank Mill, young Bausman, accompanied by John Linter, concluded to try his fortunes in the West, then offering glittering inducements to energy, enterprise and capital. The far West then was Ohio, and between Springfield and Dayton the Lancaster county boys engaged in distilling and farming. In the fall their fathers came out to view the situation, and, not being entirely satisfied with it, induced the young men to return to Pennsylvania, which they did. Jacob Huber failed in the meantime. His assignee, Christopher Hager, exposed the Wabank mill property for sale and it was bought by Mr. Bausman and Col. William B. Fordney. When he engaged in business for himself Mr. Bausman rapidly extended and enlarged his operations, and for fifteen years they were of a very extensive character. He became known all over eastern Pennsylvania as a large dealer in grain, lumber, flour

and cattle, and the sawmill connected with his gristmill did a large business. During the year of "the Irish famine," in 1847, he dealt largely in corn, making frequent purchases or engagements to deliver as much as 10,000 bushels at one transaction in the Philadelphia Corn Exchange.

Mr. Bausman sold his mill property to the Wabank Hotel Company, the story of whose venture to establish a summer resort on the Conestoga is still remembered by our older citizens. From the Wabank Company the mill passed to the Oberholtzers. Meantime Mr. Bausman, who was almost a daily visitor to Lancaster city, and was constantly associated with its active business and commercial concerns, engaged in many local enterprises, and ventured without stint or timidity into judicious speculations. He was one of the original and continuous members of the Lancaster Gas Company, which had such a prosperous career. He was early in the direction of the cotton mills, and one of the joint owners of No. 3 until it was sold to John Farnum & Co. He was a part owner of the Beaver Street Cotton Mill, which was sold after the death of Dr. John L. Atlee, one of its joint proprietors. He was one of the managers of the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company during its existence. One of his largest business interests, and what proved to be an unfortunate venture, was his association with Thomas Baumgardner and B. F. Shenk in the Enterprise Coal Company, of the Shamokin region. But the greater part of Mr. Bausman's time and attention during the last twenty-five years of his life was devoted to the management of the affairs of the Farmers' National Bank. That institution has a history of nearly a century. It was established first on Jan. 10, 1810, with a capital of \$300,000 at that early day. Conrad Schwarz was its first president; George Graeff succeeded him in 1814, and the line of his successors embraces the names of William Jenkins, George Louis Mayer, George H. Krug and Christopher Hager. Mr. Bausman became a director of the institution in 1855, and in 1868 was elected to the presidency, which position he filled and adorned until January, 1892, when by reason of his age he declined a re-election and was succeeded by his son, J. W. B. Bausman, Esq. Mr. Bausman owned a number of farms, and took an active interest in their management. He was one of the first stockholders of the Manor Turnpike Road Company, and served as a director until his death. He was identified with the Millersville State Normal School from the time of its institution, and for many years was trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, and the treasurer of its board for twenty-eight years. He was a prominent member of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, and a liberal contributor to every form of church benevolence.

Mr. Bausman was not married in early life, and made his home at his father's residence until he was over forty years of age. On Jan. 31, 1854, he married Mary Baer, who died Feb. 11, 1862; the only

child of their union is John W. B. Bausman, a well-known citizen of Lancaster, and a sketch of whose career follows this. Jacob Bausman after his marriage lived on his farm on the Columbia turnpike, about three miles west of Lancaster city, until 1883, when he and his son moved into the mansion at the corner of West Chestnut and Concord streets, Lancaster, where his son still resides. Until the time of his death, in February, 1894, he was a familiar figure on the streets of the city. Every day found him at the bank, which chiefly engaged his attention, and where he gave direction to business interests. He was widely known as a business man of sagacity, integrity and stability. He took great pride in his native county, in the ancestral vocation of his family, and in the wealth and high cultivation of the lands of the Manor on which his ancestors settled, and where their children remained among the first citizens of the community. He recalled with clear recollection the different stages of his career and noted the development of our material interests.

The miller of to-day has to watch more closely than in years gone by the fluctuations of the grain market; the farmer no longer has a distillery on his premises, nor offers the bottle to every hand before every meal; but, in the main, agricultural modes of to-day are not radically different from those of half a century ago in Lancaster county; and in the history of what makes for prosperity, stability and permanency, no name shows to better advantage in local annals than that of Bausman.

JOHN WATTS BAER BAUSMAN, a prominent and influential citizen of Lancaster, was born March 12, 1855, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., only child of Jacob Bausman (Oct. 18, 1812—Feb. 11, 1894) and Mary Baer (May 25, 1816—Feb. 11, 1862), who were married Jan. 31, 1854. The record of his paternal ancestry is set forth in the preceding sketch of his father. His mother, Mary Baer, was a daughter of Henry Baer (Oct. 16, 1783—Oct. 15, 1843) and Anna Hershey (Sept. 9, 1791—April 15, 1861). Henry Baer was a son of Martin Baer (March 14, 1755—Aug. 19, 1838), who was married to his cousin, Elizabeth Baer (Aug. 25, 1765—July 3, 1849). Martin Baer was a son of Benjamin Baer (Feb. 16, 1727—Aug. 10, 1799) and Maria Meylin (April 10, 1735—July 27, 1806), and Benjamin Baer was a son of Henry Baer (died July 10, 1750) and Barbara, his wife, the great-great-great-grandfather, and original settler, who came from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, to Lancaster county, Pa., in the early part of 1717. With a view to acquiring land he made application on the 27th of July, of that year, to William Penn's deputies for a warrant for 500 acres. [See Everts & Peck's History of Lancaster County, page 866.] The warrant was issued May 4, 1718, and the land "surveyed and laid out" on the 30th of the same month. On June 20, following, a patent was granted by the Proprietaries of the Province [see Rolls Office



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Mr. Harris was reared in the political school of Jefferson, and was inclined from the attack upon Sumter, to frown upon the armed subjugation of the South, deeming it without the range of the Federal Constitution. The fearless utterance of his sentiments on this topic led, on Feb. 20, 1863, to his arrest by military authority, but he was discharged from custody by habeas corpus the following day. Mr. Harris wrote and published his *Geographical Hand Book* in 1862—a useful book of reference for the student, teacher and general reader. During the same year, 1862, he wrote and published a pamphlet of eighty-six pages entitled “The Cause of the War Shown,” an utterance of his sentiments which had largely led to his before mentioned arrest. Having written, in 1872 he published, his “*Biographical History of Lancaster County*,” an octavo of 600 pages, containing sketches of the early settlers and eminent men of the county. In 1876 he published his “*Review of the Political Conflict in America*,” the same being a condemnation of the coercive principles of the banner of victory against the Southern States.

Mr. Harris has been quite an investigator, especially in the field of religious thought. Having early freed himself from one of the most stubborn schools of protestant thought into a change of faith, he was baptized into the Roman Catholic Church Feb. 23, 1863. His articles, however, on Frederick Schleiermacher Origen, the ancient divine, and others that appeared in the *Mercersburg Review* in 1873 and afterwards, evince a rationalistic change of thought to have taken place from that which he first, upon investigation, adopted.

Mr. Harris is quite a linguist, and has ever had great fondness for that kind of study. Besides being fairly conversant with the classical languages of Greek and Latin, a large part of his library is made up of the writings of German and French authors, which languages he reads with ease. Outside of his mother tongue he has devoted most time to the mastering of the German language, for a clearer understanding of the great writers and thinkers in all departments of science and philosophy, who have left their brightest and best couched only in the language of their native country.

AMOS ELLMAKER. Lancaster county has produced few men of intellectual attainments so brilliant as those of Amos Ellmaker, lawyer, jurist and statesman. Fitted by mental endowment to fill the highest political stations in the land, admired by a wide constituency, courted by men of eminence and renown, he possessed that equable nature which was unmoved by the glitter of political preferment, and though he filled many positions of importance and eminence he declined many others, preferring the practice of his profession in Lancaster county.

Mr. Ellmaker was a native of Lancaster county,

born Feb. 2, 1787, son of Nathaniel Ellmaker. Giving in his early youth abundant evidence of superior ability. Amos was afforded by his father the opportunity of acquiring a liberal education. He was sent to Princeton College, there completing his classical education, and choosing the law as his profession he attended the then celebrated law school at Litchfield, Conn., conducted by Judge Reeves. Admitted to the Bar, Mr. Ellmaker began practice at Harrisburg, and he speedily established himself as one of the leading members of the Pennsylvania Bar. His professional life became one of great activity. He was an officer in the army that marched from Pennsylvania to the defense of Baltimore in the war of 1812. He was appointed prosecuting attorney for Dauphin county, and from the same county was three times elected to the State House of Representatives. In 1814 he was elected to Congress, but declined to serve; for the same year he was appointed Presiding Judge for the district composed of Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. Resigning this judgeship later, he was appointed Attorney General of the Commonwealth, which office he also resigned, in 1821.

Removing that year to Lancaster, Mr. Ellmaker there entered upon the practice of law, and met with extraordinary success. Completing a brilliant career as an advocate, he retired in affluence a number of years later. Judge Ellmaker was in 1832 a candidate of the anti-Masonic party for Vice President of the United States, and two years later he received next to James Buchanan the highest legislative vote for United States senator. Upon the accession of James Monroe to the Presidency Mr. Ellmaker was tendered, but declined, the cabinet appointment of Secretary of War, a position for which he was admirably qualified, and though urgently solicited by his many friends to accept he preferred the enjoyments of a quiet life. He was a natural leader of men and political thought, and during the anti-Masonic and the Whig campaigns of his active life his political views and sentiments were widely sought. He commanded a wide influence in professional and political circles, and though deaf to many beckoning calls to honors and preferments he retained and cherished to the last the affections and admiration of the people of Pennsylvania.

Judge Ellmaker married, in 1816, Mary Rachel Elder, of Harrisburg, a member of a distinguished pioneer family of Pennsylvania, many representatives of which attained high political and professional honor. She was a granddaughter of Rev. John Elder, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and for more than a half century pastor of the church at Paxton, Pa. Several of his sons were officers in the Revolutionary army. Judge Amos Ellmaker died Nov. 28, 1851. His family consisted of six children, Franklin, Nathaniel, Catharine C., Elizabeth E., Thomas and Levi.

THOMAS ELLMAKER, M. D., a retired physician of Lancaster, and perhaps the oldest member of the medical profession in that city, is a son of Hon.



Thos Ellmaker

Amos and Mary Rachel (Elder) Ellmaker. He was born in Lancaster county March 22, 1825, and in the schools of Lancaster city received his early education, subsequently attending St. Paul's Episcopal College, on Long Island. Attending lectures at Jefferson Medical College, he graduated from that institution March 24, 1846, and at once began the practice of medicine at Landisville, this county. He continued successively in practice for a period of five years, and then removed to Lancaster, where, on West King street, he successfully conducted for twenty years a drug store. Dr. Ellmaker then retired from active life. He has since retained his residence at Lancaster, but has traveled considerably through the West. He is proficient in the French, Latin and Greek languages, and is well read in the sciences also. He is the owner of a large and well-selected library, which he keeps up to date by judicious purchase. He has been a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, of the State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. He served as president of the Lancaster Medical Society, and as secretary for three years. In politics Dr. Ellmaker is a Republican. He is an attendant of and a liberal contributor to the Presbyterian Church, and among the social organizations he is prominently affiliated with the Order of United American Mechanics. He also has prominent business and financial connections.

Dr. Ellmaker has never had need to use glasses, and he is a remarkably well preserved man for his age. The city and county of Lancaster have no warmer friend than Dr. Ellmaker. He has been identified with many business interests, and in any cause for public improvement his aid is ever ready.

WILLIAM KONIGMACHER SELTZER, a well-known member of the Lancaster County Bar, who has retired after an active practice of thirty-seven years, resides in one of the handsomest and most comfortable residences in Ephrata—a village which has become noted for its attractive residences and air of solid comfort.

The Seltzer family is of German extraction. Three brothers came from Germany to America, one of them settling in Berks county, Pa., one in Lebanon county, and the third in Virginia. It was the settler in Berks county who founded the branch in which William Konigmacher Seltzer traces his direct ancestral line. For many years his respected grandfather, John Seltzer, was a leading farmer in the vicinity of Womelsdorf.

Jacob Van Reed Seltzer, son of John, and the father of William K., was a wholesale merchant in Philadelphia for a number of years, remaining in business until his health failed. Returning to his old home in Berks county, after six years of retirement, he died there in 1853, at the early age of thirty-six years. He married Mary Konigmacher, daughter of the late William Konigmacher, the well-

known farmer, tanner and stone contractor, who furnished all the fine stone for Franklin and Marshall College; St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lancaster; the courthouse; the Lancaster county prison; the store front of the building erected by the late John N. Lane, now owned by J. R. Foster; and many other of the city's most notable buildings. The stone was furnished from the famous quarries which are located near Durlach, this county, and which cannot be equalled in the State.

The Konigmacher family has an old and honorable record also, great-grandfather Dr. Jacob Konigmacher being an eminent physician of his time. Among the prized possessions in Mr. Seltzer's home is a veritable "great-grandfather's clock," which was once used by this ancestor, and which still serves its purpose, although its face has looked out upon the domestic life of its owners for fully 125 years.

Upon the death of Jacob Van Reed Seltzer his widow removed to Ephrata, which was her old home, taking her nine-year-old son, William K., with her, and through all these years mother and son have been spared to one another, the tender affection between them realizing the highest maternal and filial love. Mrs. Seltzer is a woman of superior mind and attainments, mentally equipped and physically as strong as many women who have not yet passed the half-century life mark.

William Konigmacher Seltzer was born Aug. 8, 1844, at Womelsdorf, Pa., and was educated in the schools there and in Lancaster county. For a time he pursued higher branches at the State Normal School at Millersville, after which he taught school for several years, all the time, however, having his mind fixed on the study of the law. Finally, with this end in view, he went to New Haven, Conn., and there took a preparatory course, later entering the Yale Law School. Upon his return to Lancaster county he entered the law office of the revered Hon. Nathaniel Ellmaker, of the city of Lancaster, and was admitted to the practice of his profession in September, 1865. Later he was admitted to the Supreme and Superior courts, and for a period of thirty-seven years engaged in successful practice. For twenty-five years, as justice of the peace, Mr. Seltzer administered impartial justice. Although a lifelong Republican, and active in the work of the party, he received his first appointment to this position from a Democratic governor, Pattison. Mr. Seltzer resigned the office some four years ago. For a number of years he was also a notary public, and as such attended to a great deal of business. As stated above, Mr. Seltzer is a lifelong Republican, and it can also be said that his Republicanism is such that where he stands politically is not questioned. He has served as delegate to county, State and National conventions, and was one of the famous 306 who, in the Republican National Convention

of 1880, believed so strongly in the wisdom of Gen. Grant's serving a third term as President that they went down to defeat with their colors nailed to the mast.

Mr. Seltzer's interest in educational matters has made him a particularly useful member of the school board, on which he has served for five years, and he is serving his second year as its efficient president. Although he is a most effective speaker, and a most desirable candidate for almost any office in the eyes of his friends, he has steadily declined political preferment, private life being more to his taste. Since June, 1866, he has been president of the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lancaster county, which manages about \$18,000,000 of local insurance.

In his early manhood Mr. Seltzer was sworn in as a militiaman and served during the Civil war, for one year as a member of Battery I, Pa. Light Artillery, under Capt. Nevin. In this connection, as in other relations of life, he gave faithful and satisfactory service. For nearly twenty years he has been a vestryman in the Lutheran Church, and for a considerable period was superintendent of the Sunday-school. Fraternally he is a Thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Consistory and all the bodies leading up to that honorable body.

In 1869 William K. Seltzer married Miss Emma Keller, daughter of Jacob B. Keller, a retired merchant of Ephrata, who had also been a prominent miller and farmer in his day. Six children were born to this union, five of whom are still living: Henry Kent, who graduated from Lehigh University, class of 1895, is now following a successful career as a civil engineer in Kansas City, being connected with the responsible firm of Waddell & Hedrick, consulting engineers, the senior member of this well-known firm having received a decoration from the Emperor of Japan. Jacob Franklin died at the age of ten years. Naomi M. was educated at Ladies College, Hagerstown, Md. Lillian R. was educated at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. Mabel R. was a student at the excellent Quaker George School, near Newtown, Bucks county, which is under the supervision of the Society of Friends, and at present is attending Irving College, at Mechanicsburg, Pa. William Van Reed, also a student, is at home.

The professional life of Mr. Seltzer has been a successful one, but the business affairs of the great company which he so efficiently directs leave him no time to continue in that line. His familiarity with the risks and responsibilities of the business has made him highly valued by his associates, and gained him the confidence of the public. A pleasant, genial gentleman, overflowing with the milk of human kindness, with an open hand and a ready smile, Mr. Seltzer is one of the most popular and highly esteemed citizens of Ephrata.

PATRICK McEVOY (deceased), who was one of Lancaster's most prominent men, was born in Mount Mellick, Queen's County, Ireland, in 1805, and came to America in 1823. He found employment with a railroad contractor, but in a few years embarked for himself in the same business. Returning to Ireland, he in 1835 was married there to Julia Maher, a native of the same place as himself. With his wife he returned to America, and purchasing a tract of land just outside the limits of Lancaster, resided there until his death. He became the business partner of Mr. Malone and in a few years was one of the most extensive railroad contractors in the country. He had large contracts in the construction of the Pennsylvania railroad, the New York and Erie, and on the Susquehanna tide-water canal. One of the finest pieces of railroad in the United States is the section of the Central Pennsylvania railroad at Kittanning Point, and this was constructed by Mr. McEvoy.

In 1867 Mr. McEvoy became a member of the banking house of Evans, McEvoy & Co., in Lancaster; he was the owner of considerable real-estate, a stockholder of the Pennsylvania Central railroad; a director of a number of turnpike companies and also of the old Lancaster Bank. In 1864 he was a Presidential elector on the Democratic ticket. He was a very liberal man and was one of the founders of the Buchanan-McEvoy-Reynolds Relief Fund of Lancaster city, and he bequeathed various amounts to the Boys' Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia; and the Catholic Seminary at Overbrook, Pa. He died Feb. 1, 1870, and is interred in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Lancaster.

REV. JACOB R. HERSHEY. The Hershey family is not only one of the most prominent, but is also one of the oldest families in Lancaster county, having been founded in 1719. Its numerous representatives have been noted for their excellence, as farmers, their intelligence and morality as citizens, and for their work and influence in the Mennonite Church.

Andrew Hershey was born in Switzerland in 1702. His father removed to the Palatinate, and became a member of the court of Freidensheim. In 1719 the records tell that with his father and brother Benjamin, Andrew Hershey emigrated to America and settled in Lancaster county, Pa. The other brother, Christian, was forced to remain behind at the court, but in 1739 he also came to America and joined the two brothers who had preceded him. They were all serious-minded, worthy men, and were chosen to be ministers in the Mennonite Church. Andrew Hershey lived to the age of ninety years, and died in 1792. He had the following children: Christian, Andrew, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Peter, Catherine, Maria and Adli.

Andrew Hershey (2), son of Andrew, was born in Lancaster county, and married Magdelina Bachman. He was a farmer all his life and died July 16, 1806; his widow survived until Sept. 10, 1833.

Jacob Hershey, son of Andrew (2) was a well-known farmer of Lancaster county. He married Anna Newcomer, and their children were: John, Christian, Abraham and Joseph. Jacob Hershey died in 1825, at the age of eighty years, while his widow survived until 1830, dying at the age of eighty-one years.

Bishop Joseph Hershey, son of Jacob and father of Rev. Jacob R. Hershey, was for many years a bishop in the Mennonite Church, and by precept and example, promulgated his belief. His residence was on the old Hershey estate in Salisbury township, where he died in 1855, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, a daughter of Andrew and Esther (Kauffman) Roop, died April 19, 1887, aged eighty-nine years and ten months, and was laid to rest by her husband's side in the old Hershey cemetery, in Salisbury township, this quiet spot having been a part of the original estate. The children born to this union were: Rev. Jacob R., of this sketch; Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; Barbara, deceased wife of David Hoover; Anna, who died young; John, who died young; and Abraham.

Rev. Jacob R. Hershey, son of Bishop Joseph and Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, was born on his present farm, Aug. 9, 1817, and there grew to manhood. For many years he was well known in agricultural circles, but he retired from all active labor in 1877. Brought up under Christian influences, in a pious and godly home, his beloved parents setting him noble examples, the young man early professed religious conviction and became a minister in the Mennonite Church. In 1858 he was ordained to the work, and for forty-two years has been a faithful laborer in the field of usefulness in which he was placed. He is known and beloved over a wide extent of territory, and particularly in the Old Road and Paradise charges, where his labors have been much blessed. Although no politician, his sympathies have always been with the Republican party. For a considerable period he served as school director, and has taken a deep interest in educational matters. With the exception of four years passed on a neighboring farm, the one he now occupies has always been his home. Here he is surrounded by all that makes advanced life comfortable, is the center of loving relatives and friends, and appears much younger than many of his contemporaries, as he reads without glasses. With the exception of a hardness of hearing, he shows that Time has touched him very gently.

On Nov. 29, 1839, in Lancaster, Rev. Hershey was married to Margaret Eby, born July 14, 1819, in Salisbury township, daughter of Peter Eby (whose

wife was a member of the Weaver family), and sister of Bishop Eby. (For sketch of Eby family, see another part of this volume). To Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey were born nine children, of whom we have the following record: Josiah; Magdalena, the wife of John R. Buckwalder, of Kinzers, Pa.; Peter, who went to the West and has never been heard from; Ephraim, a farmer in Salisbury township; Mary, who married Christian Metzler, a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lizzie, who died young; and Margaret, also deceased.

EPHRAIM HERSHEY, the third son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey, was born on the old homestead, in Salisbury township, Dec. 6, 1844. Until his marriage he remained under the parental roof, and then took charge of the farming operations there for three years. He next removed to his present excellent farm of ninety-three acres, and has developed them in the same excellent manner. In his locality he is much esteemed, and he and family belong to the Mennonite Church. He belongs to no political party, casting his vote as he deems best for all concerned.

On Jan. 1, 1867, Ephraim Hershey was married to Susan E. Leaman, of Paradise township, and to this union were born the following children: Ira, who married Sarah Kreider, is a farmer in Salisbury township, and has six children; Emma M., who married John G. Wenger, lives in Salisbury township, and they have four children; Frank B., who married Lydia W. Buckwalter, is a farmer in Salisbury township; and Omer E., Elam W., Ephraim K., Jacob R., Jr., and Alice W. are at home. Mrs. Susan E. (Leaman) Hershey was born May 3, 1845, in Leacock township, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Buckwalter) Leaman, the former of whom was a farmer, and for many years a school director of East Lampeter township. He died in 1891, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in Mellinger's cemetery, near Lancaster. His widow resides in Paradise township, with her daughter, Mrs. John Kreider. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leaman were members of the Mennonite Church.

JACOB E. HERSHEY, general farmer, was born in Salisbury township, on his present farm, Sept. 13, 1856, son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey. He was reared to farm life and has followed agricultural pursuits exclusively, on this farm, all his active life, with the exception of three years spent on a neighboring estate. Mr. Hershey like the other members of his family is highly esteemed as a man of honor and reliability, and belongs to a family which is one of the most substantial in this part of Lancaster county. He has shown a deep interest in educational matters, and has served as school director for the past fifteen years. In politics he is a Republican. With his family he belongs to, and assists in supporting, the Mennonite Church.

On Oct. 26, 1876, in Lancaster, Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Mary Esbenshade, and the children born to this union were as follows: Herbert, at home; Clayton, who married Ella Buchwalder, has one child, and lives in Paradise township; Milton, Elwood, Bertha, Mabel, Edna and Margerie, are at home; and Willis died young.

Mrs. Mary (Esbenshade) Hershey was born in Earl township, Nov. 25, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Bushong) Esbenshade, of Lancaster county, both of whom died in East Earl township, where they were farming people all their lives. The father of Mrs. Hershey died in 1898, aged sixty-nine years, and the mother died in August, 1901, aged seventy-one years. Both parents were interred in Eaby's cemetery in West Leacock township, having long been members of the German Baptist Church. They had these children born to them, besides Mary, who is the wife of Jacob E. Hershey; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Kochel; Sarah, wife of Rife Myers, a farmer of Earl township; Emma, wife of Frank Buckwalder, of Paradise township; Susan, wife of Elam Kreider, of West Leacock township; Lydia, wife of Martin Ebersole, of Paradise township; Amanda, wife of Walter Mays, of East Earl township; and Adam, a farmer of East Earl township.

NATHANIEL ELLMAKER, lawyer, philanthropist and Christian gentleman, was born in Harrisburg, Pa., April 27, 1817. He was descended from that sturdy German stock that came to Pennsylvania early in the eighteenth century and did so much to give tone and direction to Pennsylvania during its formative period. The first comer of the name was Leonard Ellmaker, who reached Lancaster county in 1724. He became a prominent and well-to-do citizen. His son, Nathaniel, became still more prominent in the affairs of the Commonwealth, being honored with election to the State Senate in 1796. He was a man of more than average ability, of much independence of character, great probity, and an unswerving lover of truth. Still more prominent in public affairs was Amos Ellmaker, son of the last named, who was born in Lancaster county Feb. 2, 1787. From boyhood he manifested a tendency toward something higher than the rural life to which he was born, and his father wisely allowed him to follow the bent of his inclinations by sending him to Princeton College, where he was graduated. Later he studied law. He began the practice of his profession in the city of Harrisburg. He was appointed prosecuting attorney of Dauphin county, and was thrice sent to the State Legislature by the same constituency. In 1814 he was elected to Congress, but declined to serve, having been appointed President Judge of the district composed of Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties. Still higher honors awaited him. Resigning his judgeship, he was made Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

He resigned that position also, and in 1821 came to Lancaster, where he resumed the practice of his profession. His success was remarkable. He became prominent in politics also, and he was the Anti-Masonic candidate for the Vice-Presidency in 1832. Two years later he was a candidate for the United States Senate, his vote being next to that of James Buchanan, who was the successful candidate. He declined the position of Secretary of War, tendered him by President Monroe. Amos Ellmaker was the father of Nathaniel Ellmaker, whose name introduces this article.

With such a father, and under such training as his home life so generously gave, young Ellmaker naturally developed those sterling traits of character which became so conspicuous during his long and useful later career. As already said, Nathaniel Ellmaker was born in 1817 in Harrisburg, where his father at that time resided. His early education was carefully attended to at his own home. Upon his father's removal to Lancaster, in 1821, home instruction was supplemented by the private schools of that city. Still later he attended the well-known school at Lititz, taught by that eminent instructor, John Beck. In due time he graduated from thence to complete his education at an academy of high repute in Burlington, N. J. Young Ellmaker was bright and quick, and emerged from that institution with a mind well equipped for the battle of life which he was soon to enter.

Making choice of the law as his life work, he took the full course at the Yale College Law School. At its conclusion he entered the office of his illustrious father, where the real practical duties of his profession were fully and quickly mastered. On May 2, 1838, his aspirations were finally realized by his admission to the Lancaster Bar, which he was destined for a period of sixty years to adorn with his legal abilities and eloquence, and to uplift by his dignity and high personal character. Ably equipped as he was for the duties of his profession, he quickly acquired a large practice at a Bar noted for its strong lawyers. In conducting the business of his large clientage he was continually brought into those intellectual combats in which the strong lawyer, conscious of his powers, delights. The eloquent Col. Fraser, the learned and sarcastic Stevens, the well-read Franklin, and a host of other eminent celebrities, were the men young Ellmaker was time and again called upon to meet in legal combat, nor did these veterans always escape without marks of the legal fray. He sought rather than shunned them, for he well knew that the highest honors were won in honorable battle with the giants of his profession, and not with its weaklings. He became a favorite with the people of the county, as his father had been before him, and his practice in the Common Pleas was large and lucrative. His wide legal knowledge, united with his elevation of character and suavity of manner, made him a dangerous opponent before a jury. His love of justice, and his natural hatred



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of wrongdoing in all its forms, impressed themselves on the community, and his clients generally were of the best class in it. This confidence was transmitted from father to son, and to be once his client was to remain so always. His practice in the Orphans' court, than which there can hardly be a higher test of confidence, was admittedly the largest ever enjoyed by a member of the local Bar.

Mr. Ellmaker, as may be inferred from what has already been said, never took a retainer in a case which he knew to be unjust. For this reason, no doubt, was his early resolve never to act for corporations, where perhaps such cases might confront him, and to the last he preferred to stand with the people, refusing all corporation business. That determination cost him much money. But what of that? His conscience remained calm and serene, and that was greater reward to him than great gains won in an unworthy cause. Pages might be written of those noble traits of character which marked every step of his career in his long and useful life. It is certain that Mr. Ellmaker imbibed his lofty ideas of propriety and duty from his illustrious father, in whom they were also conspicuous.

In addition to the claims of an arduous profession upon him, Mr. Ellmaker found time to do a large amount of miscellaneous reading. The result was that few men were so thoroughly informed of what was going on in the great world of to-day as he was. His general knowledge had a wide range, and was fully at his command, making him an admirable companion in social life.

Although his father was in public life as statesman, politician and a holder of high party trusts, he cautioned his son from pursuing a like course. The request was heeded, and, although from his being so well known to the public, and a member of the dominant party, almost any local political honor was within his easy reach, he turned aside from the alluring temptation and remained until the end an ardent lover of his first mistress, the law.

Mr. Ellmaker was at once one of the most liberal and most modest of men. His hand and his purse were ever open to the calls of charity. Every worthy organization in the community had in him a friend and a patron. His benefactions were liberal, but they seldom reached the public ear, and only when publicity was unavoidable. Truly his charity was of the kind spoken of by the Master when he said, "Let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth," and many a deserving local charity has had cause to regret his departure.

Nathaniel Ellmaker was married to Cecilia Hager, daughter of Christopher Hager, a prominent merchant of Lancaster. No children came to bless this happy union. The widow is still living. Mr. Ellmaker's early religious affiliations were with the Episcopal Church, but later he united himself with the Lutheran Church.

It is difficult in a brief sketch like this to do full justice to a life so pure and beautiful as that of

Nathaniel Ellmaker. Although he was decided and firm in his opinions, they were advanced in a manner not calculated to wound or give offense, but his sense of right was so strong that nothing could swerve him from it. In accepting a legal work, he made it his aim never to defend a case he believed unjust. He believed in the justice of it so strongly that his sincerity impressed itself upon the jury, and carried the day. Although reluctant to intrude his opinions upon the public, any public scheme intended to deceive or defraud was pretty sure to be sharply antagonized by a communication from his pen in the public journals. In all the relations of life Mr. Ellmaker was justly regarded by the community as a high-toned, upright, conscientious gentleman; a model man, in fact, of whom no praise was too strong and no words too eulogistic. We can only say the world was better because of his having lived in it, and poorer because of his departure.

To those who knew Mr. Ellmaker in his lifetime, or had dealings with him, his personal character could not have failed to become well known. To those, however, of the next generation, for whom this book must be principally intended, his personality cannot be so readily comprehended without a brief sketch of the man himself.

In stature he was six feet or over, weighing in his best days 180 pounds or more, had a light complexion, light hair, worn short, a face cleanly shaven, an honest, open countenance, kindly manners, free from all affectation, guile or trickery, a hand shapely as a lady's, with a clasp friendly and true. He was brisk in his movements, walked fast, and frequently cautioned himself against undue haste in his work by repeating the admonition, "The more hurry, the less speed." He dressed in good taste, without anything flashy or loud; carried his watch on a braided guard, without seal or ornament.

Whatever talents may have come down from his distinguished father, much of his physical and mental activity and love of the humorous, no doubt, he inherited from his mother, who was in all respects a superior woman. She was the daughter of Thomas Elder, in his time a leading lawyer of the Dauphin County Bar, under whom his father, Amos Ellmaker, studied law.

Although raised in two cities, Harrisburg and Lancaster, it should be remembered that Mr. Ellmaker stored up vitality for after life by spending much of his vacation time when a boy in the country, partly with his grandfather, Thomas Elder, visiting the latter's farm in Dauphin county, but oftener with his relatives and friends down in the Earl townships, taking part in the work that was to be done, assisting in a country store, driving an ox team, and helping wherever he could be useful. There he formed friendships that lasted all his life, and funny things happened to him, of which he loved to tell in after years, one of which only we have space to relate—though we cannot tell it in his humorous manner. He was on a visit to his favorite cousin and attended

church with him. When service began, the singers, after several efforts, failed to start the hymn. Then an old Presbyterian elder took the matter in hand and started the hymn, but by mistake started it in a metre too long for the verses; nothing daunted, however, he stuck to it bravely, repeating parts of the verses where the metre was too long, in a most laughter-provoking manner, to the end. The cousin, who had given Mr. Ellmaker a front seat, kept his eyes with a long-drawn face on Mr. Ellmaker, who was struggling hard against an explosion of laughter, while some of the younger folks behind him were tittering—all of which the cousin greatly enjoyed. On the way home from church, each man driving his own team and accompanied by his wife, the cousin commenced racing, driving around and past Mr. Ellmaker several times. When at home Mr. Ellmaker threatened to report him to the church for racing on Sunday, whereupon the cousin declared he did not race, but that his horse had run away with him. In some such manner the two cousins, when old in years, still young at heart and in friendship true, innocently enjoyed themselves whenever they met.

Mr. Ellmaker did not delight much in the subtle intricacies of the law, outside of a well-prepared brief of the authorities needed to support his case. He would have the witnesses called together, examined, and their testimony taken down before the trial, and if possible have everything ready when the case was called. After the jury was selected, case opened, and witnesses called, his abilities came into play. Fully convinced that his client's case was a just one (as already stated, he would not take a case that he did not consider just), the expression of his face and demeanor fully indicated that fact, and no doubt often helped to impress the jury with a similar opinion. There was no levity, no laughing matter with him, but a serious watchfulness, searching questions to a witness, and telling replies to opposite counsel, "shots on the wing" when opportunity offered. When he objected to the evidence offered he cited his authorities, stated his reasons without delay or any display of oratory, and, if overruled, took his exceptions and let the trial go on. When the testimony was closed, and it came to addressing the jury, then his reserve force would show itself. The Bar knew this, and when an important case in which he was engaged was to be won, and he could be given the last speech, he would generally win it. He would move the jury by his sincerity of manner and earnestness of pleading, while he would demolish his opponent's case by his irresistible ridicule.

Judge Brubaker declared him a dangerous man before a jury; and Col. Dickey, who was engaged both with him and against him in a number of cases, said "Mr. Ellmaker was the strongest man in his day before a jury at the Lancaster Bar." Give him a case of an innocent maiden against her false-hearted lover, for a breach of promise of mar-

riage; or a suit against a rich railroad company, for running down the wife of a market farmer and mother of his children, and there was no telling how high the verdict would be. Once a high verdict case was sent back by the Supreme court principally on that account, and the second verdict was higher than the first. In another suit against a railroad for damages the company moved for a change of venue, alleging that a fair trial could not be had in the county. It was but a short road, and the idea that it would affect the entire population of the county he made to appear so ridiculous that he had members of the Bar shaking in their seats with laughter, the court refused the application, and the company thought best to settle their case.

As already stated, Mr. Ellmaker took an interest in public affairs, especially anything that closely affected his own community. He was one of the men who, with Dr. F. A. Muhlenberg and Bishop Bowman, had the manner of the ringing of the church bells changed from the old way of ringing them all at the same time, causing a deafening and confused clangor, which, if not noisy enough to waken the dead, was at least sufficient to hurry the sick and dying out of the world. The mode was changed through their efforts to an alternate ringing, as practiced up to the present day.

Politically Mr. Ellmaker was a Silver Gray, Henry Clay, Whig, and opposed to the Ultra-Abolitionist, but joined the Republican party and voted for Lincoln, and when the news came that Fort Sumter had been fired upon all former party lines were wiped out with him—the Union party embraced both. Republican and Democrat, all joined to save the Union, and a mixed county ticket was nominated by the committee of which he was an active member. He was one of the solicitors instrumental in having the non-combatant people, who thought it wrong to bear arms (many of whom were his clients), excused from the war draft.

Mr. Ellmaker was a broad churchman, and said one of the pleasant sights he loved to behold was Bishop Bowman, the Episcopalian, Parson Baker, the Lutheran, and Father Keenan, the Catholic priest, walking together to visit the public schools, of which they were directors.

In his home life the wish of the German poet was fulfilled:

O, zarte Sehnsucht, sueszes Hoffen,
Der ersten Liebe goldne Zeit!
O, dasz sie ewig gruenen bliebe,
Die schoene Zeit der jungen Liebe.

Between him and his life's partner love never grew old. It was beautiful to see. Wherever one went the other went—whether to cross the ocean to visit foreign lands, to climb the Alps, or search among the old German Church records; whether to rest from their year's labors and enjoy life for a season along the seashore, or among the mountains; or whether confined to the sick room; wherever the

one was, there the other was sure to be, in faithful attendance while life lasted.

In 1860 he and his wife built their charming country home, the beautiful "Friedenthal," now thickly embowered among the stately trees they planted, and sacredly guarded and kept by his surviving life partner, in all respects as he loved to see it. No gun was then, or is yet, allowed to be fired to disturb the wild birds that come in the spring to build their nests, rear their young, sing their songs, and spend the summers; thrushes pick up crumbs at the kitchen door, and Phœbe sometimes chooses a place for her nest under the roof of the library porch. In this lovely place they shared their generous hospitality in an unostentatious and befitting manner. The old and young, learned and unlearned, priest and layman, rich and poor, were kindly welcomed and entertained, not in large assemblies with music and dancing, but in smaller parties, wisely chosen to be congenial to each other. A Sunday-school was for a time taught by the mistress, and a German class met at stated evenings, where college professors and learned ministers took part in the study and discussion of the German classics, and frequently became engaged in warm disputes as to the proper interpretation of word or sentence, to the enjoyment of the host and hostess. Having no offspring or their own, nephews and nieces in part supplied the place, and uncle and aunt enjoyed their company, and even sometimes took part in their plays and amusements. One autumn day, for instance, the children suggested that uncle should take them chestnut hunting. Doubting whether any nuts could be found, and to avoid disappointing them in their expectations, he provided himself with nuts from the kitchen, and when under the trees dropped them unnoticed by the children among the fallen leaves and allowed the children to pick them up. On returning home, however, it was discovered, to the surprise of both uncle and children, that the nuts were boiled, and uncle had to own up to what he had done, to the great merriment of the children; he enjoyed the joke as much as they, although it had been somewhat turned upon himself.

Nothing better need be written of Mr. Ellmaker than to quote from what was said by his brother attorneys at a Bar meeting held soon after his death: "For sixty years of practice at the Bar," they said, "he had all the time maintained the highest standard of professional honor. His private life was pure and simple, and his integrity and fidelity were never doubted by either his professional brethren, by his clients, or by the community in which he lived. He was always kind and courteous, full of pleasantries, and entertaining, and, whether grave or humorous, in all he said or related, there was never anything unseemly. Nothing ever passed his lips that could not have been spoken with propriety in the most polite circle or uttered in the hearing of innocent children."

JOHN B. ESHLEMAN, Esq., one of the best county commissioners that Lancaster county has ever known, comes from an old and honored family. His grandfather, David Eshleman, was born in one of the Hempfields, and died in West Hempfield in September, 1834. He married Maria Summy, and their children were: Anna, who died in 1834, unmarried; Jacob S.; Benjamin, deceased; Peter, now living in Grant county, Ind.; David, and Martin, both of Lawrence county, Ill.; John, deceased; Henry, living in Lancaster county; Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Musser; Mary, deceased; Barbara (Mrs. Wilhelm), now deceased, and Elizabeth, living in Clark county, Ohio. The father of this interesting family was a farmer in West Hempfield township.

Jacob S. Eshleman, father of John B. Eshleman, was born in Hempfield township and was a farmer. He was a prominent citizen and held the office of supervisor and other positions of trust. He married Fannie Greider Bruckart, and his other children besides our subject were: Mary, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, widow of the late John L. Gingrich, of West Donegal township, Lancaster county; Jacob, who died Dec. 24, 1864, in the Rebel prison at Salisbury, N. C., while serving in the Union army as a member of Company B, 45th P. V. I.; Samuel, of West Hempfield township; Anna, wife of Ephraim Bard, of West Hempfield township; Martha, deceased wife of Fred Johns, of Lancaster; Peter, of West Hempfield, and Eugenie, deceased.

John B. Eshleman was born Feb. 11, 1839, in West Hempfield township, and has spent the greater part of his life there, where he was educated in the public schools. He began teaching in 1857, and taught in that township and in Columbia borough for thirty-six years. In 1880 he was elected to the Legislature. He served one term as justice of the peace in West Hempfield township. In 1893 he was elected a county commissioner, and so well did he perform the duties of that responsible office that the Republicans of Lancaster county—to whose interests he has been devoted for many years—re-elected him, by a magnificent majority, to a second term, and he had the honor of being the president of the board of commissioners during the entire period.

Mr. Eshleman was married, in West Hempfield, to Miss Martha B. Kauffman, a daughter of David and Susan (Bishop) Kauffman, and the children born of this union were: Minnie, wife of Fred B. Daum, living in Philadelphia; Susan, wife of George M. Weller, of West Hempfield; Stella, wife of Morris Witte, of West Hempfield; J. Guy, stenographer with Hon. W. U. Hensel at Lancaster, Pa., and Clara N., at home.

Mr. Eshleman is a P. G. of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Columbia, and a P. C. P. of Shawnee Encampment, No. 23, also of Columbia; he has been and is now a trustee of both and a representative to the grand bodies of both organizations. He is also identified with Olivia Lodge (Rebekah

Degree, Odd Fellows), of Wrightsville, and Lancaster Canton. His family attend the United Brethren Church.

An earnest Republican, yet never officiously obtruding his views on others; a Christian gentleman, and with a public record (officially) of which any man might well be proud, John B. Eshleman is naturally a strong man—politically, socially and in the business world, and in his present retirement from office he carries with him the well wishes of hosts of friends and admirers.

CAPT. HENRY NEFF BRENEMAN, deceased. For a number of years the late Capt. Henry N. Breneman, whose death occurred Oct. 10, 1901, was a very conspicuous figure in Lancaster county, having worthily held offices of trust and responsibility in military, official and business life.

Henry Neff Breneman was born on the old homestead in Strasburg, Lancaster county, Jan. 13, 1830. The family is of Swiss origin and the grandfather of the late Henry Breneman was Rev. Henry Breneman, a preacher of the Old Mennonite Church. The parents of Capt. Breneman were Henry and Elizabeth (Neff) Breneman, the former of whom was a miller and farmer near Strasburg. His children were as follows: Anna, deceased, married Daniel Herr, who is also deceased; Elizabeth married Henry Musser, and both are deceased; Susan married Amaziah Herr of Strasburg, and is deceased; Henry N., of this sketch.

The early education of Capt. Henry N. Breneman was acquired in the public schools, and he finished in the Lititz Academy. At the age of twenty-one years he went to learn the milling business at the mill at Camargo, owned by his father, remaining there five years and subsequently engaging in the mercantile business in the store of Henry H. Breneman & Co., in Camargo. He then engaged in farming, and until he came to Lancaster was a resident of Strasburg township, except for one year, when he was a resident of Strasburg and was a member of the firm of Herr, Breneman & Co. In 1866 he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements, erecting a factory near his house, and carried on both this enterprise and farming for some years.

Capt. Breneman took an active part in Republican politics, and served his town as assessor, school director for twelve years, and justice of the peace for fifteen years. During the Civil war he served as 1st Lieut. of Co. G, 22d P. V. I., until compelled to return home by reason of illness. Immediately after the battle of Gettysburg, he raised and became captain of a company of three months' men, which was attached to the 15th Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia as Company B. In 1875 he was elected sheriff of Lancaster county, serving three years.

On May 24, 1894, Capt. Breneman removed with his family to Lancaster, after which time, in partnership with his son, Joseph, under the style of

H. N. Breneman & Son, he became prominent as a builder and contractor. This firm did much contract work in Lancaster and the adjacent country, their most notable buildings in this city being the Court House annex, the "Lincoln Hotel," the silk mills and the new "Wheatland Hotel" on North Queen street.

On March 17, 1858, Mr. Breneman was married to Anna M., daughter of the late Joseph Potts, of Strasburg, and she and nine children survive, as follows: Winona S., wife of Abraham F. Strickler, of Lancaster township; Dr. Park P., a practicing physician of Lancaster; Anna M.; Joseph P., a contractor of Lancaster; Elizabeth B., wife of Milo B. Herr, of Lancaster; Maud M.; Herbert N., assistant superintendent of Motive Power of the C. M. & St. P. R. R.; May, at home, and Lida L., at home. Capt. Breneman was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 156, F. & A. M., of Quarryville, and the Lodge of Perfection, and Lancaster Commandery, Knights Templar, of Lancaster. By nature he was kind and genial and was much beloved by all who knew him. Although during his last years he was no longer active in politics, his former efficient services were always remembered.

Mrs. Anna M. (Potts) Breneman was born in the village of Lampeter, daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Miller) Potts, of Lancaster county. For a number of years Mr. Potts carried on a lumber business in Strasburg, but for seven years prior to his death he was a farmer of Strasburg township. He held many of the town offices, and was long one of the school directors. He was born in 1813 and died in 1856. The mother of Mrs. Breneman was born in 1813 and died in 1880. Both parents were laid to rest in the Strasburg cemetery. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Potts: Anna M., who became Mrs. Breneman; and Joseph, unmarried, who lives retired in Strasburg.

BROWN. Among the early settlers of Lancaster county were the Browns, generally known as "the Browns of Nottingham." As early as the year 1680, James and William Brown, of England, members of the Society of Friends, immigrated to America and settled near Marcus Hook, on the Delaware river. James married Honour Clayton, and they had six children, four sons and two daughters, of whom their third son, Jeremiah, was the ancestor of the family we propose to follow.

In the year 1669 a colony of Friends took up eighteen hundred acres of land in Nottingham, Chester county, forty miles from Marcus Hook. William Penn donated them forty acres of land for a meeting house, graveyard, etc. Among those Friends were James and William Brown, before mentioned, and from these brothers have descended most of that name now residing in the southern ends of Chester and Lancaster counties, Pa., and the northern end of Cecil county, in Maryland.

Jeremiah Brown, third son of James, in 1710, married Mary Cole, of Nottingham, and became the father of Patience, Jeremiah, Joshua and Isaiah.

In the year 1758, Joshua Brown, son of Jeremiah, purchased five hundred acres of land in that part of Little Britain now known as Fulton township, Lancaster county, and removed thereto, his eldest son, Elisha, remaining on the farm in Nottingham. On this farm, situated in the Conowingo valley, a substantial brick dwelling house was erected, which has braved the storms of more than a century. Joshua Brown was an eminent minister in the Society of Friends, and for the love of the gospel traveled extensively to all the meetings of the society in the different colonies. During the time of the Revolutionary war he felt it his duty to visit Friends at Winchester, Virginia, who had been banished from their homes in Philadelphia for no crime but their faithful adherence to their well-known peace principles. While on that visit one of their number died. After attending his funeral, and encouraging Friends to faithfulness under their suffering, he, in company with Achilla Douglas, of Virginia, proceeded to visit the meetings of Quakers in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina and encourage Friends during that trying period to stand fast to their Christian testimony against all wars and fightings. In the latter State the two were arrested by the authorities as spies and cast into prison. Friend Brown showed the officers his credentials of unity with his friends at home and the object of his mission among them. After a thorough investigation, the judge of the court admitted he believed them to be innocent men; he nevertheless committed them to prison. The jailor and his wife were kind to them, and soon they were allowed the freedom of the town by day, returning to the jail in the evening to lodge. They held religious meetings in the court-house frequently, which the citizens attended with openly expressed satisfaction. The prisoners were offered their release on condition "they would leave the State, never to return." This they could not conscientiously consent to, and after a detention of about six months they were discharged. Notwithstanding this long and unexpected imprisonment, Joshua felt it a religious duty to visit the meetings of Friends in the Carolinas and Virginia. This valuable Friend and undaunted Christian died on Oct. 15, 1798, in the eighty-second year of his age, a faithful minister of the gospel for forty-eight years.

Joshua Brown was born March 5, 1717, and Oct. 15, 1736, married Hannah Gatchell, who bore him eleven children, of whom ten grew to maturity. Of these, four, Mary (intermarried with Vincent King), Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Joshua, settled and remained on the homestead or in the neighborhood. Vincent and Jeremiah King, sons of Mary (Brown) King, were noted physicians. Jeremiah purchased of his father his grist and saw-mill, which he enlarged, and it ultimately became the chief

merchant mill in southern Lancaster county. Isaiah was a humble blacksmith, who inherited forty acres of land, a part of his father's farm; he died in the year 1805, leaving one son, who subsequently removed to Illinois. Joshua, the youngest son, died in 1823 on the mansion farm, leaving no children.

Jeremiah Brown, as has been stated, purchased his father's mills and a portion of his farm. He was a man possessed of great energy and perseverance and was eminently successful in business. His supplies of grain at that time were chiefly drawn from the rich valleys of the Pequea and Conestoga, in Lancaster county, and the Codorus valley in York county, from whence it was carted in wagons to the mill, and the flour in turn carted thirty miles to Christiana Creek, Del., where it was shipped to Philadelphia, then the nearest and most expeditious route to a market. About the year 1800 he purchased the extensive Slate Hill, at Peach Bottom, in Lancaster county, on the Susquehanna river, and commenced the manufacture of roofing-slates. From these quarries, the first opened in this section of the State, he furnished the slate which yet covers the State capitol at Harrisburg, the Friends Asylum for the Insane at Frankford, numerous public buildings in Baltimore, Washington, Alexandria, and Fredericksburg in Virginia. These quarries he continued to work successfully until the year 1827, when he relinquished them to his three sons, Levi, Jeremiah and Slater Brown, who continued to work them until a recent period. He was several times chosen a member of the Legislature of his native State while its sessions were held in the borough of Lancaster, and during his term was instrumental in procuring the passage of several acts of vast benefit to his constituents.

In the year 1810, he, with others, established the Farmers' Bank, at Lancaster, an institution which to the present time, has stood the test of all financial struggles with unblemished credit; and at the time of his decease, in 1831, he was perhaps its largest stockholder, holding in his own name, one thousand shares of its stock. Although active and energetic in business, he did not neglect his religious duties. During a long life when health permitted, he was diligent in his attendance upon all the meetings of the Society of Friends and for many years was an esteemed elder in the church. Near the close of his life he built, at his own expense, the present commodious brick meeting-house at Penn Hill, which from all appearances may stand another century a monument of his liberality and devotion to the principles and testimonies of the Society of which he was a lifelong and consistent member. He died July 7, 1831, aged nearly eighty-two years.

His children, Sarah, Levi, Hannah, Deborah, Jeremiah, and Slater Brown, all married and settled near their native home; many of their descendants to the third and fourth generation reside in the township and vicinity. Sarah married Timothy Haines. Hannah married Isaac Stubbs, mother of

Dr. J. B. Stubbs, who will be represented on another page. Of the three sons, Levi was a retired man, a miller and farmer, much esteemed, who died in 1846, aged about seventy years. Slater, the youngest son, inherited the paternal mansion, farm, and mills, was successful in business, and took an active part in political affairs; for some years he served as one of the prison inspectors of the county; his death occurred on the 5th of June, 1855, aged sixty-eight years.

Jeremiah Brown, son of Jeremiah, was born April 14, 1785; he married, May 14, 1807, Ann, daughter of Roger and Rachel Kirk, of Nottingham. Enjoying a robust constitution, in early life he was placed in his father's mill to learn the trade, in which capacity it was necessary much of the time for him to continue half of the night season; at other times he drove one of the teams, hauling wheat to and flour from the mills. He was a man of good natural abilities and sound judgment, and in early life was frequently chosen for responsible positions in the neighborhood.

In the year 1826 he was elected a member of the State Legislature on the Federal ticket, and served to the satisfaction of his constituents during that session, which will be remembered as the one in which the State inaugurated "her great system of internal improvements." The following year he was again nominated, but owing to the breaking up of the old political parties in that year, many Federalists joined in the Jackson excitement and by a very few votes he was defeated by Hon. George B. Porter, a leading Democrat, afterwards Governor of Michigan. In the year 1836 he was placed at the head of the ticket and chosen a member of the convention to revise the Constitution of the State. In the year 1840 he was nominated and elected a member of Congress for Lancaster county, in connection with Hon. Francis James, of Chester, and Hon. John Edwards, of Delaware county, those three counties forming the Congressional district. In 1842 he was again unanimously nominated, and with his colleagues re-elected to the xxviii Congress. Although not accustomed to public speaking, he was assiduous and diligent in his committee rooms, where, after all, the effective work is accomplished. During his term of service the well-known "tariff of 1842" was enacted, in support of which he took a conspicuous part, and which, during its continuance, proved so beneficial to the extensive manufacturers of his district.

Having completed his second term of Congress, he devoted himself to his private affairs until the year 1850, when he was nominated and elected associate judge of the courts of Lancaster county for the term of five years, which position he filled to the entire satisfaction of his fellow-citizens. In the year 1855 he was solicited to be a candidate for re-election, but on account of enfeebled health and advancing years he declined the honor and retired

to private life. His valuable life closed the 2d day of March, 1858, in the seventy-third year of his age.

Judge Brown left seven children: Kirk and Edwin, now deceased; Hannah, deceased wife of Samuel C. Wood, who resided on the mansion farm; Rachel K., deceased, who removed with her children and their families to Kansas; Deborah H., (widow) residing with her son in the adjoining township of Little Britain; Alfred M. Brown, residing on his farm; and Levi Kirk, mentioned below.

LEVI KIRK BROWN, whose death occurred in Goshen, April 28, 1899, was one of the most widely known men in his own and in Chester counties. He was born June 27, 1814. At that time his father, Jeremiah, conducted a merchandise store at Goshen, but the latter's election to the legislature, placed the responsibility for the management of the store on Levi, who remained there until 1835. Three years later he removed to Oxford and purchased a portion of the hotel property formerly owned by his uncle, Timothy Kirk. He conducted a general store business in the building now known as the "Octoraro Hotel" for five years. Mr. Brown afterwards sold the property to Rev. John M. Dickey for the Oxford Female Seminary. While a resident of Oxford he was elected a member of the first council of this town, in May, 1838; he was re-elected the following year; in 1840 was elected burgess, and the next year he was re-elected to the council. From Oxford he went to West Chester and engaged in store keeping with his brother Lewis. During his residence there he purchased the "Chester County Hotel," changed the name to "Brown's Mansion House," and conducted it as a temperance house about four years. Mr. Brown afterwards engaged in business in Philadelphia and Baltimore. In 1853, at the desire of his father, who was growing feeble, Mr. Brown returned to Goshen and managed affairs at the old homestead.

After his return to Goshen, Mr. Brown became one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the lower end of Lancaster county. He was a man of good judgment and many people sought his advice in legal, financial and other matters. He settled nearly a hundred estates and assisted in many accounts. He was a director of the National Bank of Oxford for about twenty-eight years, and a director of the Conowingo Bridge Company for about twenty-three years. For nine years he was supervisor of the new system in mending roads in Fulton township, for which purpose Mr. Brown, Henry Carter and Lewis Haines had a special law enacted. Mr. Brown was a member of the Society of Friends for many years and served as clerk and assistant clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting for about twenty-eight years. For many years the deceased was interested in the welfare of the Indians, and at the time of his death he was secretary of

the Seven Yearly Meetings on Indian Affairs. Several times he visited in an official capacity the Indians in Nebraska and Dakota.

In 1835 Levi Kirk Brown married Hannah C. Moore, who was born in Cecil county, Md., in 1816, and died July 29, 1893. Of their children the following survive: William H., of Philadelphia, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Jacob K., of Goshen; Charles E., of Philadelphia; Theodore F., of Pittsburg, assistant auditor of the Union Freight Line at Pittsburg; Mrs. Mary L. Havaland and Annie S., both at home.

JACOB K. BROWN was born in Oxford, Chester county, Sept. 5, 1842. He grew to manhood on the home farm, which he now owns. His education was acquired in the well equipped public schools of Lancaster county. Early trained to agricultural pursuits, he has continued to follow farming as his life work, cultivating the home place, which consists of 135 acres of fine land, well improved with substantial buildings. The general appearance of the place proves its owner a first class thorough farmer.

On Sept. 22, 1874, Jacob K. Brown married Sarah Lamborn, and three children have brightened their home: Mary Edna, and Chester L. are at home; Edith died in childhood. The Republican party has found in Mr. Brown a staunch adherent, and he takes a keen interest in all that pertains to the public welfare.

SAMUEL KENEAGY, M. D. Samuel Keneagy was born June 20, 1820, and was the son of Henry Keneagy. He received an ordinary school education and finished at the Strasburg Academy, after which he began to read medicine in the office of Dr. F. S. Burrowes, in Strasburg, in 1842. Subsequently he attended the sessions of the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in the spring of 1844, and then began the practice of medicine in Strasburg. He took a warm interest in politics and in 1858 he was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, to which he was also re-elected. During the Civil war he was surgeon in the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment, after which, in 1868, he accepted a professorship of Anatomy in the State Agricultural College, located in Center county, Pa. The Doctor was one of the early members of the County Medical Society, and also of the State Medical Society.

SMITH ARMOR, M. D. The medical history of Lancaster county includes the names of practitioners who for many years have been professionally associated with their respective localities. Among those at Columbia whose lives have been devoted most successfully to the healing art is Dr. Smith Armor. Almost a full half century measures the limits of his professional engagements and his career is most intimately related to the human welfare of Lancaster county.

Dr. Armor is a native of Delaware. He was born near Wilmington, in Feb., 1824, the son of James and Ann (Lyman) Armor, and the grandson of William Armor, a native of Scotland, of Scotch-Irish extraction, whose latter days were passed in farming in the State of Delaware.

James Armor was born in Delaware, in 1780. Reared on a farm, he followed that vocation through life. During the war of 1812, he helped enlist a company of soldiers and was commissioned lieutenant, serving with that rank. He died in 1843, aged sixty-three years, his wife surviving until 1878, then passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. To James and Ann Armor were born these children: Ferris, who was a school teacher of Beaver Co., Pa.; John; James; Thomas, of Emporia, Kan.; Eleanor, and Smith. All are now deceased except Smith.

Smith Armor spent his boyhood days on the home farm but his mind was active and he aspired to a professional career. The Wilmington Academy gave him a good education and largely by his own efforts he won his way through one of the early medical institutions, the Hahnemann School of Medicine of Philadelphia, graduating in 1851 at the age of twenty-seven years. Spending a year in travel, the young physician settled in 1852 at Marietta, Lancaster county, where he practiced successfully for four years. Then in 1856 he came to Columbia, where he has since followed the practice of his profession, rapidly winning the recognition which his professional attainments warranted and holding the confidence and esteem of his large clientele to the present day.

Dr. Armor married at Columbia, Pa., in 1853, Sarah Martin, who was born in Muncy, Pa., in April, 1824, daughter of William A. Martin. To Dr. and Mrs. Armor were born two daughters: Chellie A., who married Denison Reeside, a real estate agent, and is now a widow residing in Baltimore, Md.; and Elizabeth H., who lives at the old home with her father.

In politics Dr. Armor is a Republican, but prior to the administration of President Buchanan he was a Democrat. In religious affiliations he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has shared largely in the social and public life of Columbia, has attained a commensurate financial reward for his active and invaluable professional service, and holds a revered place in the affections of his fellow townsmen.

JACQUES LE TORT was a French-Canadian Indian trader, who first located on the Brandywine, but subsequently established a trading post in Conoy township. His wife took up 900 acres of land in Donegal township, near Sparks' Mill, which afterward came into the possession of the Zeiglers and Stehmans. He afterward moved to the spring bearing his name in Cumberland county, near Carlisle. In 1727 it was reported to the Pro-

vincial council that Le Tort and some others had built trading posts near the Conestogue and were seeking for minerals. Le Tort was accused of having done some misdemeanor and had been summoned in 1694 to appear before the council. He was arrested and his goods seized, but subsequently they were returned, he giving bail in £500 with securities thereon.

HENRY E. MUHLENBERG, M. D., than whom no physician in the interior of the State of Pennsylvania is better known, was mayor of the city of Lancaster from the spring of 1899 until April, 1902.

The history of the Muhlenberg family is an exceedingly interesting one. Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, M. D., was the youngest child of Rev. Dr. G. Henry Ernest Muhlenberg, a celebrated botanist, called the Linnæus of America, and was born March 14, 1795, in the city of Lancaster, where his father was pastor for thirty-five years of the Evangelical Church of the Holy Trinity. His preliminary education he received in the German and English private and parochial schools of his native city and under the tuition of his father, who was a university scholar and a gentleman of high culture, refined tastes and exalted character. After the completion of his preparatory studies Frederick A. Muhlenberg was placed as a student of medicine in the office of the eminent Dr. Benjamin Rush, of Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg was personally acquainted with Dr. Rush, had been associated with him in works of general benevolence and patriotism, and had a high appreciation of his ability as a physician and his excellence of character. The son entered his office probably in the year 1812, and continued with him as private pupil, also hearing his lectures in the University of Pennsylvania, until the spring of 1814, on April 4th of which year he received the degree of M. D. from that justly celebrated institution, graduating with high honors, diligently won. After his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania he returned to his native city, with the view of entering upon his profession, and, his father dying one year later, May 23, 1815, he was thrown upon his own resources. On Feb. 6, 1816, Dr. Frederick A. Muhlenberg married Miss Eliza Schaum, a granddaughter of Rev. John Helfrich Schaum, one of the early ministers of the Lutheran Church sent over from Halle; he came to America in the year 1745.

Dr. Muhlenberg devoted himself with all the energy of his nature to the noble profession he had chosen for his lifework, and in the discharge of the duties connected therewith, in the department of general practice and surgery, which then were intimately allied, he spent fifty years of the best part of his life ministering to his fellow men, and alleviating the ills that "flesh is heir to." In this long period of practice he built up for himself a widespread reputation and a competent support. In 1821-23 the Doc-

tor served as prothonotary, having been appointed by Gov. Heister, and his occupancy of this office brought him in contact with the best of the leading legal and literary gentlemen of Lancaster—a circumstance which improved his mind and widened his influence. He was afterward appointed register of wills by Gov. Shulze, and served two terms. As president of the Lancaster Bank, with James Evans, Esq., cashier, he aided in rescuing that institution from destruction, and in raising it to a high degree of usefulness and prosperity. With other gentlemen, he interested himself for the improvement of the Conestoga, by a series of locks, to bring it into connection with tide water, for commercial purposes; and he used his influence and contributed of his means to make this enterprise a success. The money was lost, but the improvement remains. In early life Dr. Muhlenberg was also much interested in politics, being connected with the Democratic party, and along with Mr. Buchanan he aided in promoting the measures of that organization so long as they were in his judgment calculated to promote the general good. He was also a member of the military company which in 1812, with Mr. Buchanan as captain, went to Baltimore to volunteer its services in defense of that city on the appearance of the British. On their arrival at Baltimore, however, the danger was past. Dr. Muhlenberg remained a steadfast friend of James Buchanan until, as President, he took sides with the South in the Kansas trouble, and failed to oppose with the necessary vigor the efforts of the Secessionists to dismember our country. Love of country then impelled the Doctor to forsake the friend of his youth and the party favoring such pernicious doctrines. In the great Rebellion his voice gave no uncertain sound. He could not prefer party to the welfare of his country. Descended from a grandfather—Rev. Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg—who was called an "arch rebel" by the British when they were encamped around his residence, in the neighborhood of Valley Forge, and occupying Philadelphia; the nephew of Major Gen. Peter Muhlenberg, who had served in the Revolution with distinction, from its commencement to its brilliant close at Yorktown; named after another uncle, Hon. Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, who had been obliged to flee from New York on its occupancy by the British troops, and was afterward speaker of the 1st and 3rd Congresses of the United States; conscious also that his own father had several times been obliged to flee from Philadelphia in disguise in order to escape falling into the hands of the invaders of our country, and had lost in consequence nearly all of his property—by nature and by education all the pulsations of the Doctor's heart were for that glorious Union which had been secured at such sacrifices. Without hesitation he united with the war party to preserve the Constitution and the Government. His aid was solicited and given in the organization of the Union League, and he became its first president. Throughout the entire struggle he and all of his



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name were found on the side of their country, and none rejoiced more than he did on the final triumph of the cause of the Union.

Dr. Muhlenberg found time also, despite his close attention to his practice, to which he gave an absolutely unselfish devotion, to promote the cause of liberal education in the community. In connection with several other gentlemen of Lancaster, of different denominations, he brought about the establishment of a public school for the benefit of the poor of the city, and one of his nieces was principal, for a long period, of the female department of this school. Subsequently he helped materially in the progress and success of the Lancaster County Academy, of which he was one of the trustees. This institution was afterward merged into Franklin College, incorporated in the year 1787 by the Legislature of Pennsylvania, for the benefit of the Germans and their descendants, at about the same time that the public-school system was introduced into Lancaster. The Doctor's father had been an early trustee and president of Franklin College, and the son, aided by other public-spirited gentlemen of Lancaster of the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, managed its finances with such care and ability that the institution was put upon a very substantial footing. It was owing largely to his efforts and influence that it was finally united with Marshall College, the removal of which from Gettysburg to Lancaster was successfully effected. The college has since been known as Franklin and Marshall College.

Dr. Muhlenberg was a potent factor in the welfare of the Lutheran congregation of the Holy Trinity, in Lancaster, where for years he officiated as a member of the vestry, either as trustee or elder. It was in a great measure due to his advocacy that English preaching was introduced into that church. The Doctor was twice married, the first time to Miss Eliza Schaum, before mentioned, and the second time to Miss Ann Eliza Duchman. He had five children by the first marriage, and nine by the second.

Dr. Henry E. Muhlenberg, son of Dr. Frederick A., read medicine with his father and Dr. Benjamin Rush, and took his degree at the University of Pennsylvania with the class of 1838. After graduation he became associated with his father, and soon won a large and lucrative clientele. In addition to his private practice, he was consulting and visiting physician to the Lancaster County Hospital. He was an active member of the Board of Councils, and also a member of the County Medical Society. In 1869 he was appointed, by President Grant, collector of Internal Revenue of the 9th District, which office he held until his death, in July, 1877. He married Miss Catharine Cameron, daughter of the late John Cameron, a distinguished Pennsylvanian. Of their family, three sons and two daughters are living. Major John Cameron Muhlenberg is paymaster in the United States army, stationed at Omaha, in the Department of Missouri; Charles E. is connected with

the Dayton Cash Register Co., of Dayton, Ohio; Annie A. is the wife of Major J. P. Cress, in the Ordnance Corps, United States Army, stationed at St. Louis; and Miss Mary E. is living in Lancaster, Pa. Another son, William C., who was a first lieutenant in the 2d United States Infantry, died at Boise City, Idaho.

Henry E. Muhlenberg was born in the old family home in West Orange street, Lancaster, Jan. 18, 1850, son of Dr. Henry E. and Catharine (Cameron) Muhlenberg. After receiving a partial education in the public schools of Lancaster and in Yeates Institute he was appointed, by Congressman Thaddeus Stevens, to a cadetship at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and remained there three and one-half years, at the end of which time he resigned and returned home to read medicine with his father. In 1871 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, and then went to Texas as a member of an engineering corps, helping to make the preliminary survey of the Texas & Pacific Railroad. Returning to Lancaster, Dr. Muhlenberg remained at home a little over a year, and then entered the United States Marine Hospital service, in which he continued about four and one-half years, doing duty in New York, Boston and Philadelphia. Returning to Lancaster in July, 1877, at the death of his distinguished father, he took up the work of that very successful physician and surgeon, and the mantle of the dead father fell on worthy shoulders. After practicing for a time in the office which had been so long occupied by his father, in West Orange street, Dr. Muhlenberg, in 1881, removed to South Prince street, next door to the "Stevens House," and there he has ever since been located, enjoying one of the most extensive practices ever accorded to a physician in Lancaster. A staunch, energetic Republican, Dr. Muhlenberg served as physician to the county alms-house and hospital for two terms, 1872-73; and during President Cleveland's first administration he was held over as a member of the Board of Examining Pension Surgeons of Lancaster, of which body he was treasurer, having been first appointed a member of the Board by President Grant. He also served one year as a member of the common branch of the city council from the Fourth ward, and in February, 1899, was elected mayor of Lancaster by the largest majority ever given a Republican for mayor in Lancaster, his majority having been 1,011. He at once began the work of conducting the administration on independent principles, and, as a result, there were notable departures from previous administrations of the highest office in the gift of the people of this city. He retired from this incumbency in April, 1902.

Dr. Muhlenberg was married, in 1879, to Miss Emma J. Fell, daughter of the late John P. Fell, a contractor of Wilkesbarre, Pa. They have no children, and make their home at the "Stevens House," next door to the Doctor's commodious offices. These offices are particularly interesting because of Dr. Muhlenberg's rare and valuable collection of old

china and antique furniture—a collection that has no counterpart in this section of the country. The antique chairs in his front (or receiving) office are the same that stood in the office of the Doctor's grandfather; while in the private office, in the rear, is a table that was made in 1772, and which has no nails in it, the parts being put together with wooden pegs. In the same room stands a quaint little table that came from the celebrated monastery at Ephrata. The Doctor is a Lutheran in religion, and is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, affiliating with the Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, holding membership in the latter body in Philadelphia. He is also a member of the Elks, the Eagles, the Young Republicans and the Hamilton Club. Progressive and aggressive in all things, Dr. Muhlenberg was the first physician in Lancaster to administer antitoxin in the treatment of diphtheria. In social, professional and political affairs he is thoroughly independent, having opinions of his own and being possessed of the courage of his convictions.

LEWIS J. KIRK, a member of the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster county, is one of the most intelligent and conscientious officers who have ever held this prominent position.

The Kirk family belongs to the best blood of Lancaster county, one not dependent upon a royal ancestor, but honored through a long line of honest, industrious and intelligent men and women. Grandfather Roger Kirk was born in 1752, owned large estates and became an affluent mill owner and operator in Chester county, where his life was passed and where his memory is honored. Jacob Kirk, the son of Roger and father of Lewis J. Kirk, was born in 1775 and died Aug. 25, 1841. The well-known settlement of Kirk's Mills, with attendant industries, was founded by Jacob Kirk, between 1812 and 1816, and as early as 1814 the place had become important enough to have a postoffice established.

Jacob Kirk was twice married, his first wife being Sarah England, his second, Hannah H., a sister to the first wife. The children of the first marriage of Jacob Kirk were: John, born in 1804; Mary, born in 1805; Roger, born in 1807; and Hannah, born in 1809. The children of his second marriage were: Sarah, born in 1817, married to Lewis Haines; Rachel E., born in 1820, wife of Timothy Haines; Elizabeth, born in 1822, unmarried; Levi, born in 1825, unmarried; Mary, born in 1827, who married William P. Haines, a nephew of Lewis and Timothy Haines; and Lewis J., born in 1829, all of the family except the youngest having passed off the stage of life.

Lewis J. Kirk was born at Kirk's Mills in 1829, and was educated in the public schools and in the academy at Kennett Square, Chester county. His first business enterprise was in the line of merchandising and milling and he still retains possession of a mill property. In 1857 he took an extended trip in Enrope, a visit which was a source of great

pleasure and profit to a man of his intelligence. Mr. Kirk has not only been regarded as a representative citizen of his locality, but of the whole county, through which he is well known as a most honorable, upright and law upholding citizen.

Although a staunch Republican, Mr. Kirk has accepted few political honors. As township auditor he met every public demand, and on Sept. 20, 1901, he was appointed by Judge Livingston to fill a vacancy in the board of county commissioners. This unsolicited appointment met with the heartiest public approval, and to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens Mr. Kirk accepted the honor, was sworn into office on September 23d, just three days after his appointment, and has given to the office the same intelligent and careful attention that he has invariably bestowed upon his private affairs, keeping up the record made by his exemplary father in the House of Representatives of the State.

The Kirk family has been long a leading one in the Society of Friends and Lewis J. was reared in this simple faith. His marriage was on May 12, 1864, to Miss Adaline Caldwell, a daughter of the Hon. James A. Caldwell, a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, and Adaline (Maxwell) Caldwell, who was a granddaughter of Gen. Steele. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kirk: Robert C., born July 10, 1866; Mary Adaline, born May 10, 1870; and Natalie, born July 4, 1872, who passed out of life Aug. 18, 1875.

A dignified, intelligent gentleman, Lewis J. Kirk is deservedly a strong man, personally, politically, and religiously one who enjoys the confidence of all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN B. KIEFFER, PH. D., of Franklin and Marshall College, enjoys the distinction of having been largely instrumental in enlisting the interest of the eminent philanthropist, Gen. De Peyster, to the extent of securing from him the magnificent library building which now adorns the campus of Franklin and Marshall College.

Rev. Ephraim Kieffer, Dr. Kieffer's father, was the son of Joseph Kieffer, who was the son of Abraham Kieffer, who was the son of Dewald Kieffer, who was the son of Abraham Kieffer, who was the son of Dewald Kieffer, of Kettenheim, Germany. The progenitor of this branch of the family—the Doctor's great-great-great-grandfather—came to the shores of America, in the ship, "Two Brothers," in 1848. He settled in Berks county, Pa., and his grandson, Dr. Kieffer's great-grandfather, Abraham Kieffer, after serving two or three terms of enlistment in the Revolutionary Army, located in Franklin county, Pa., where he acquired considerable property, and left behind him seven sons and seven daughters, the ancestors of a large portion of the prolific race of Kieffers.

It is said, however, that the Kieffers were originally French, and not German, and that during the Huguenot troubles in France a Michel Tonelliers

was driven from that country, and settled in Germany. The better to conceal his identity he transformed his name into Kieffer, and, marrying a German woman, became the ancestor of all the Kieffers in America. The name has various spellings, such as Kieffer, Kiefer, Keefer, Kifer, Kuever, and possibly Cuvier.

Rev. Ephraim Kieffer married Eleanor Spangler, only daughter of Martin and Lydia (Gardner) Spangler, of York, Pa. She died in Mifflinburg, Pa., in 1847 leaving six children. Of these one died in infancy, and the rest are as follows: Hannah M. Cornelius; John B.; Rev. J. Spangler, D. D., for more than thirty years the pastor of the Reformed Church at Hagerstown, Md.; Mrs. Lydia J. Furst, of Cedar Springs, Pa.; and Rev. Henry M., D. D., the pastor of the historic Reformed Church at Easton, Pa., and author of the "Recollections of a Drummer Boy."

Dr. John B. Kieffer was born in Bellefonte, Pa., Oct. 20, 1839. His preparation etc., for college was made in the old academy at Mifflinburg, and mainly under the instruction of Aaron C. Fisher. He entered the Sophomore class in Heidelberg College, Ohio, in the fall of 1857, where he came under the influence of Prof. E. E. Higbee, and was graduated with the first honors of his class in 1860. In the fall of the following year, Prof. Higbee having resigned his professorship, the trustees of the institution persuaded young Kieffer to abandon his resolution of enlisting in the Union army, and to assume the charge of the department of ancient languages, of which he became professor the following year. This position he held four years, and then at the earnest request of his father, who wished him nearer home, and of Dr. Higbee and Dr. Harbaugh, professors of Church History and of Dogmatics in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, Pa., he returned to his native State, and took charge of the department of Ancient Languages in Mercersburg College. There he was associated for years with Dr. Thomas G. Apple, who later became the president of Franklin and Marshall College, and after thirteen years of faithful labor at Mercersburg, was elected to the chair of Ancient Languages in Franklin and Marshall College. This was in 1878, and since that time he has been actively associated with the work of that institution. From 1878 to 1886 he was professor of Latin and Greek, and since 1886 has been professor of Greek. In 1888 he took charge of the Library of the College in addition to his other duties. He is a member of the American Philological Association, and of the British Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies. For fifteen years he has been treasurer of the Association of the Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States, and of Maryland. In 1884 he received the degree of Ph. D. from his Alma Mater, Heidelberg College, and on the same day the same degree from Franklin and Marshall College.

Dr. Kieffer was married in 1878 to Miss L. M.

B. Troupe, then of Mercersburg, and formerly of Clear Spring, Md., and a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Cushwa) Troupe. To this union was born one child, Josephine B., member of the class of 1902, of Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania.

DARE. The Dare family of Colerain township, Lancaster Co., comes of an ancestry dating far back. As early as 1686 William Dare was an innkeeper in Philadelphia, where his house was known as the "Blue Anchor." The family of Alkimah Dare, who married Ann Dickey, was as follows: (1) Reuben, born 1804; died 1812. (2) Charles, born 1785; died in infancy. (3) George T., born at the Lazaretto, near Philadelphia Nov. 30, 1806, married Ann Dickey, and died Nov. 13, 1890, at San Diego, Cal.; he studied medicine and followed his profession in Colerain for many years. (4) John Kelsey, born Oct., 1809, died 1859. (5) Ann, born March, 1812, married Mahlon Pusey, and died April, 1867. (6) Edward P., born May, 1815, died December, 1893. (7) Mary C., born April, 1818, married William Whitesides, of Colerain, and died September, 1876. (8) James M., born November, 1820, died April, 1864. (9) Frances M., born April, 1824, is still living. (10) E. O., born May 3, 1827, is living in Harrisburg. Mr. Dare is noted for his phenomenal memory, being able to recall dates and incidents of long ago with wonderful exactness.

ELISHA W. BAILY, M. D. Among the prominent citizens of Christiana, Lancaster county, is Dr. Elisha W. Baily, who for many years has been identified with the interests of this part of the great State of Pennsylvania, and is well and favorably known. His present residence is in Sadsbury township, but two miles from the thriving borough of Christiana. He was born in Londonderry township, Chester county, Oct. 17, 1821, a son of Israel and Hannah (Baily) Baily, the former of whom was a farmer and also an auctioneer in Chester county, where both passed out of life, the father in 1823, and the mother in 1868, at the age of sixty-eight years, having been a consistent member of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends. The mother was twice married, the children of the first union being Byard, who died at the age of nineteen; Susan, who married Kersey Speakman, and died in 1850; and Elisha W. The second marriage of the mother was to Joshua Speakman, and the children born of this marriage were: Col. Franklin B., who during the Civil war was the distinguished commander of the 133d P. V. I., and died Sept. 9, 1901, the proprietor of the "Coatesville Hotel;" and D. Hannah, who is the widow of Harry Jones, of Coatesville.

The Baily family in America originated from three English brothers of the name, who in early days settled in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia, descendants of these brothers having made the name known all over the Union. The grandfather

of Dr. Baily lived in early life in Chester county, where he became a farmer and where his last days were spent. Both grandfathers bore the name of Baily.

Like very many other men who have attained prominence later in life, Dr. Baily was reared on a farm, and was under the guidance of a good and pious mother until the age of sixteen years, receiving his preparatory education in the common schools of his locality. Then he became a student in the Unionville Academy, where Bayard Taylor was one of his schoolmates, and later he studied mathematics under Dr. Baily, of Andrews Bridge, Lancaster county, and then engaged in school teaching. For two years he followed this profession, in the meantime reading medicine under the wise tuition of this same Dr. Baily, and in the course of time became a private student with the distinguished Dr. Pancost, in Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia. In 1844 he graduated from this great institution and located for his first practice in Atglen, Pa. In 1856 he removed to Bloomfield, Perry county, where he was successfully practicing in 1861, when the outbreak of the Civil war changed the future of so many lives.

At this date, Dr. Baily took medical charge of Camp Curtin for three months, then with the 47th P. V. I., under Gen. Brannon, took part in the army movements until 1863, when he was made a member of Gen. Woodbury's staff. He had general charge of the Island of Key West, and was health officer while on Gen. Woodbury's staff. In the spring of 1864 Dr. Baily was placed in charge of a hospital boat on the Mississippi river where he continued until July, alleviating the miseries he could not cure, of the brave men placed in his care. From here he was sent through the Shenandoah Valley, with Gen. Sheridan, taking an active part in the battles of Winchester and Cedar Creek, remaining until the close of the war, being finally mustered out at Harrisburg. No greater heroes lived through those years than the army physician and surgeon, and the history is yet to be written which will do them justice. The wonders they accomplished and the miraculous cures that followed their necessarily hurried surgery marked a degree of skill which is not surpassed, although modern discoveries have given the medical and surgical staff of the present day so many advantages.

Dr. Baily resumed his practice among the good people of Atglen, and in 1873 was honored by his fellow-citizens with election to the Legislature, where he spent four years, representing his constituency with great credit. Again he resumed practice, but failing health warned him that a change was necessary, and the next ten years were spent in Philadelphia, coming to his farm on May 31, 1892, trusting that the pure air and country exercises would restore him to former robustness. In this hope he has been joined by a wide circle of attached friends.

Dr. Baily was married on Nov. 10, 1852, in the city of New York, to Mary A. Cook, who was born

at Point Pleasant, Ocean county, N. J., a daughter of Thomas and Ann (Williams) Cook, farming people of New Jersey, where their lives were passed. On Jan. 8, 1903, Mrs. Baily passed her seventy-third birthday. On Nov. 10, 1902, the good Doctor and his wife celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of a host of prominent people. Dr. and Mrs. Baily had one daughter born to them, Ella, who married George Martin, and died at the age of thirty-two years; she left behind two children, Norman and Zelda, who have been adopted by Dr. Baily and bear his name. Norman is attending the Westchester State Normal School, and Zelda the Christiana high school.

In his political affiliations, Dr. Baily has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he is in full accord with the administration, although he is no officeholder. For many years he has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, and was master of the Adams Lodge, in Perry county, and has ever taken an active interest in its affairs. Although not a member of any especial religious organization, Dr. Baily takes an interest in all benevolent and charitable work, freely contributing to the support of many enterprises. Although not in active practice he has kept pace with the strides made in his science, leaving, however, to younger aspirants the tests of medical skill in which he once excelled. In his neighborhood he is well known, his pleasant personality making him a delightful host. Few men are more universally esteemed.

CHARLES ALLEN FONDERSMITH, banker, was born in Lancaster, Pa., July 24, 1846, son of Henry Clay and Anna Maria (Burg) FonDersmith. At the age of nine years he removed with his parents to the borough of Columbia, and there during the following six years attended the parish schools, and also acquired a commercial education in the dry-goods establishment of his father.

At the early age of eighteen years Mr. FonDersmith responded with alacrity and enthusiasm to the call of his country for defenders. He became corporal at the time of his enlistment, and returned a sergeant, in Co. E, 195th P. V. I. At the close of his term of enlistment he returned home, where he was promptly offered a position in the Columbia National Bank, as messenger boy and man of all work that might offer. At the expiration of two years in that employment his attention to his duties and his efficiency as an all-around assistant resulted in his election as a regular clerk, and a little later in his promotion to the more responsible position of receiving teller.

In those days the visitation of the pay car on railroad lines had not yet materialized. The Pennsylvania Railway Company was accustomed to have the banks along the line which were its depositories pay the employes nearest at hand, and it often fell to the lot of young FonDersmith to pay the monthly wages



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to the construction gangs at work on the main line between Columbia and Philadelphia; in this work he left Columbia as early as 5 o'clock in the morning, returning late in the day. The men who were employed at the excavations at Powelton avenue, in West Philadelphia, were among the number. The payments were generally \$50,000 every month. What a contrast with the business of that road to-day!

In February, 1869, Mr. FonDersmith was offered and accepted a situation in the Farmers National Bank, at Lancaster, combining the duties of discount clerk with that of receiving teller. He remained in that responsible dual position until March, 1882. In the latter year the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster was chartered, and he was at once elected cashier of the new organization, which received under his careful direction the powerful impetus which carried it forward with such marked success. But once more his old love, the Farmers National Bank, needed a competent and able man at its head as cashier, and the directors at once extended him a call to assume that position, and in December, 1886, he returned to this, the oldest and largest banking institution in the county, where he remains to this day.

A little incident connected with his return to the Farmers Bank shows in such an emphatic manner the confidence and esteem in which he is held by the directors of that institution that reference to it here seems eminently appropriate. A few weeks after re-entering upon his duties he went before the board and reminded them that his bond had not yet been presented and filed. The board, in answer, replied that no outside bond would be required; that it, as a body, would go his bond; they did so, and thus the incident was closed. It would be difficult to present a stronger example of confidence and regard between employers and employe than the one just cited.

It will be seen from the brief outline here given of Mr. FonDersmith's career that he has had a thorough training as a financier. He has filled every position in an ordinary bank, from general utility boy to the responsible one of cashier, and there is no position in a bank which he cannot fill, and fill well, in an emergency. No banker in the county of Lancaster is so well known as he. For more than thirty years he has been in close contact with the most influential men of finance and trade, and few have exercised a greater influence on both. His general personality and affability have won him a wide circle of friends and universal public esteem.

Although Mr. FonDersmith has been a lifelong Republican in his political affiliations, he has never been induced by the pride of place or the emoluments of office to enter upon a political career, being another conspicuous example of that class of men who, while discharging all the duties of good citizenship, nevertheless refuse to be drawn into the mire of politics. By education and by preference he has always been in hearty communion with the Lutheran

Church, and she in return has bestowed her lay honors upon him. He is a member of the vestry of Trinity congregation and an elder. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Muhlenburg College, one of the educational institutions of the Lutheran Church. Among other positions of honor and trust, he is a member of the board of home missions attached to the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania; one of the board of trustees of the Ann C. Witmer Home, one of the charitable institutions of Lancaster, to which he has stood in close relation since its organization; and is a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., and chairman of the educational course. He was one of the organizers of the Hamilton Watch Company, and is largely interested in the same. From 1883 until 1899 he was one of the owners and operators of the large paper-mill on the Conestoga river, at Eden, an establishment noted for the excellence of its product. He has for years been a director of the Marietta Turnpike Company. He is at the present time president of the Lancaster Board of Trade, and was largely instrumental in the founding of that organization.

In Masonic circles Mr. FonDersmith has been prominent for years, being a member of nearly all the affiliated organizations, and having held the highest official rank in them all.

Mr. FonDersmith has always been recognized in the community as one of its most public-spirited citizens. Foremost in every good and laudable work, both his time and money have ever been forthcoming when circumstances called for them. Few men in the community have so freely placed their personal services at the command of the public, and none have been more faithful in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities placed upon them.

It may be mentioned in this connection, as an instance of Mr. FonDersmith's progressive character, that when the scheme for the introduction of electric light into Lancaster was first broached, in 1886, he was the first man approached to lend his endorsement to the project by a subscription to the stock of the company then formed, and he subsequently became one of the largest stockholders, until its consolidation with the Lancaster Arc Light Company, in 1888, and ultimately with the Edison Illuminating Company, in 1889.

With no local enterprise, perhaps, has Mr. FonDersmith been more closely identified than with that noble charity, the Lancaster General Hospital. He was one of its founders, in 1893, and has been most intimately connected with it ever since; he has been its treasurer since its organization, and is also a director and member of the executive committee. Its establishment upon a permanent basis was, as is well known, a difficult and thankless work, and was achieved through the tireless and persistent efforts of Mr. FonDersmith and the few good men and true co-operating with him. Nothing that he has done, perhaps, in his long and busy career can

afford him more pride and pleasure than his successful labors in this good cause.

In 1877 Mr. FonderSmith was united in marriage with Miss Annie Downing Truscott. No children have been born of this union.

CALEB EUGENE MONTGOMERY, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, is distinguished by reason of an old and honored ancestry, paternal and maternal, as well as by his own professional work, which has made him one of the leaders of the Bar. He was born in Millersville, April 21, 1862, and is of English descent. He was graduated from the Millersville State Normal School in 1881, and after an academic course at Yale, where he was a member of the class of 1885, he taught school in Shortlidge's Academy, Media, for one year, and then registered as a law student with the late Hon. Marriott Brosius. He was admitted to practice law on March 8, 1889, and two years later was admitted to the Supreme Court, in which, as well as in the Superior Court, he has had an extended practice. For one year after being admitted he was associated with James C. Packer, Esq., son of the late Congressman Packer of Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa. James C. Packer was the Solicitor of the Philadelphia and Erie and Northern Central Railways, and Mr. Montgomery became the acting solicitor of these great corporations for the year of 1892, as well as assisting Mr. Packer in the settlement of the vast estates left by his father. Returning to Lancaster in 1893, Mr. Montgomery looked after legal business of his preceptor, Mr. Brosius, who had been elected to Congress, and this brought him into contact with an extensive clientage.

A stanch Republican, as well as personally popular, Mr. Montgomery was strongly urged for the position of county solicitor, in 1891, and he has, for years past, been a member of the Young Republicans' Club. He has taken an active part for the Republican party in every campaign since 1887, and is a pleasant and forceful speaker. Indeed he began making speeches for the Republican party when a law student, and owing to the unwillingness of those who are at the head of the party's affairs, to permit him to give it up, he has continued to perform this arduous part of campaign work.

Mr. Montgomery was the son of Prof. John V. Montgomery, who married Sarah T. Wickersham. His mother came of Quaker ancestry—being a daughter of Caleb and Abigail Wickersham, and a sister of the late Hon. James P. Wickersham, for many years State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and later Minister to Denmark. His father held the chair of penmanship and drawing in the State Normal School, at Millersville, from its founding to his death in 1885, with marked ability, having we believe, no superior in his specialty in the United States. The *Pennsylvania State School Journal*, the most prominent authority in matters educational in this State, declared that the lamented Montgomery

was one of the foremost educators of his time—a pioneer and ardent advocate of industrial education. Lafayette College, in recognition of his great work, had conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts. Hugh and Mary Montgomery, the grandparents, lived in Mechanicsburg, this county.

On Jan. 21, 1891, Caleb Eugene Montgomery was married to Miss Mary Reynolds, daughter of the late Hon. S. H. Reynolds, the most distinguished lawyer at the Lancaster Bar during the past century, and whose descendants wear the crest that came from the ancient and honored Scotch ancestry of the Reynolds family. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have become the parents of three children: Mary Reynolds, who passed away at the tender age of one year; Frederick Reynolds, who was twelve years old Feb. 27, 1903; and Caleb Eugene Montgomery, Jr., who was eight years old Feb. 25, 1903.

Mr. Montgomery is president of the Lancaster Country Club, of which he was a founder, a club that numbers in its membership the very cream of Lancaster's social life, and which has built an elegant clubhouse and established golf links and other athletic sports at Rossmere, the superb new annex to Lancaster. He has also been a member of the University Club of Philadelphia, belongs to the Yale Alumni Association of Philadelphia, and to the D. K. E. Fraternity of Yale. Religiously he is an Episcopalian. The Montgomery home at No. 802 North Duke street is a center of attraction for the most cultured social life of the community.

MARTIN CHARTIERE. One of the foremost and most noted Indian traders of Lancaster county was Martin Chartiere. He was a French Canadian, and married an Indian squaw. He established his permanent home with the Shawnese Indians when they came from the south and settled on Pequea creek. He spoke the Delaware language fluently, and had much influence with the savages. The agents of the Penns gave to Chartiere a vast tract of land extending from the mouth of the Conestoga creek several miles up the Susquehanna river. He built his trading post on this tract, which is now owned by the Shomans near Washington borough. He died in 1708, and left all his land and property to his son Pierre, who sold his farm in Manor to Stephen Atkinson in 1727, and moved to the Yellow Breeches creek, and from there went to Ohio. He gave the English and proprietors of Pennsylvania much trouble during his lifetime.

ANDREW ORTLIP BAKER. On Jan. 5, 1899, there passed away at his home in Columbia one of its best known and most highly respected citizens, one who for many years had served as master mechanic in the railroad shops at that place. Mr. Baker was born in Doe Run, Chester Co., Pa., June 11, 1822, a son of Isaiah and Abigail (Ortlip) Baker, who spent their entire lives as farming people in that county. Andrew O. was the fourth in order of birth

in their family of six children, the others being Rachel, wife of James Gottier, of Coatesville, Pa.; Alice, deceased wife of George Booth; Anna, wife of Isaac Faddis, of Ercildown, Pa.; Phineas and Frank, both deceased.

Andrew O. Baker was reared by an uncle and spent his early life on a farm in his native county, where he remained until seventeen years of age and then entered the employ of the old State road. When the Pennsylvania Railroad Company purchased the same, he remained with them for a few years and then went to Pittsburg, where in 1847 he became connected with the Pittsburg & Fort Wayne railroad, was made fireman in Jan., 1851, was promoted to engineer in 1855, and was made master mechanic in the shops at Columbia in Sept., 1868, which position he most creditably and acceptably filled until the date of his death.

Mr. Baker was three times married, his first wife being Rachel Hill, by whom he had two children: William, deceased, who married Lilly Hinton; and Mary, who died in childhood. His second wife was Eliza Dougherty, and to them were also born two children: Anna Jane, deceased wife of Edward McDowell, of Philadelphia; and Eliza J., a school teacher of Columbia. On Oct. 14, 1858, in Lancaster Mr. Baker wedded Mary B. Wright, and they had eight children, of whom are named: Susan, wife of George Supplee, a machinist of Columbia; Nathaniel L., who married Amelia Fry and is a draftsman with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, Pa.; Emily W., wife of Charles G. Burton, who is connected with a music store in Philadelphia; Abigail O., wife of Neil Walker, a machinist of Columbia; Andrew, who died in infancy; Mary, who died in childhood; and Alice, wife of J. Edgar Zollinger, of New Haven, Conn., master mechanic of New Haven Iron & Steel Co.

Mrs. Baker was born in Columbia, Pa., March 4, 1829, a daughter of Charles M. and Susan (Stump) Wright, life-long residents of that place. The father, who was a large land owner, never engaged in any active labor. Religiously he was a member of the Society of Friends. He died in 1861, aged sixty-seven years, his wife, in 1847, aged forty-eight, and both were laid to rest in the old Mt. Bethel cemetery. Their children were: Sarah, deceased wife of Charles Franciscus; Mary B., now Mrs. Baker; Catherine, deceased wife of Wesley Breece; Emily, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Beverly Mayer; and Rhoda, James and Charles, who all died unmarried. Mrs. Baker's paternal grandparents were James and Elizabeth (Barber) Wright, of Columbia. The grandfather also was a wealthy property owner and never engaged in any business. The maternal grandparents were Frederick and Barbara Stump, who were born in Germany and died in Columbia.

During all his railroad career, Mr. Baker never met with an accident, and was regarded as one of the most efficient and trusted employes of the road. Fra-

ternally he was an honored member of Columbia Lodge, No. 286, F. & A. M.; Corinthian Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M.; and Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, K. T. By birthright he was a Quaker, but in later years attended the Presbyterian Church. By an honorable, upright life, he won an untarnished name, and the record which he left behind him is one well worthy of perpetuation.

HON. GEORGE FORREST. This worthy and representative citizen of Lancaster is a gentleman who has been much in the public eye, and whose high character for ability and integrity has won to him a large circle of friends throughout his section of the State. He has been for long years connected with the business interests of the city as a tobacco inspector for some of the large dealers of New York. He has served his county in the Legislature, and his fine executive ability has been utilized frequently by his fellow citizens in different municipal offices of trust.

The family of which Mr. Forrest is a member is a very old one in Lancaster county; it is of English descent, and the members of the family were in America at the time of the Revolutionary war and took part in that sanguinary struggle. The grandfather of George Forrest was Joseph, a white-smith, and later the pioneer harness smith of the county. He married Elizabeth Bruner, who was a daughter of Casper and Rebecca Bruner, natives of Germany, and also very early settlers in the county, where Casper Bruner was for long years a manufacturer of jack screws. Joseph Forrest was a youth at the time of the war of 1812 and took part in that struggle as a drummer boy. He died in 1854 at the age of fifty-seven years, and his wife died in 1830, at the comparatively early age of thirty-two. These early members of the family were highly respected citizens of the county and were members of the Lutheran and the Reformed Churches, respectively. They now lie buried in Lancaster cemetery. Their children were: Jacob; Joseph; Mary, who married William Payne; Casper; Henry; Peter; John; and Susan, who married Augustus Holbaugh, of Belfonte, Pa. Of this family Casper Forrest was the father of George.

Casper Forrest, the father, was born in Lancaster, May 9, 1820, and on March 4, 1840, was married in the same place to Ann M. Milicheock. To the marriage were born: Elizabeth, deceased in 1887, was the wife of Henry Gentz, a large brick manufacturer; Henry, deceased in March, 1882, married Elizabeth Helm; Samuel was accidentally killed on the railroad in the year 1887; Sarah, deceased in 1900, was the wife of William Bransby, of Philadelphia; George is mentioned below; Mary married Byron Cummings, a machinist of Lancaster; Susan died at the age of six years; William is in the tobacco business at Lancaster. The mother of this family was born near Baltimore, Md., and died in Lancaster July 22, 1887, at the age of sixty-six years, and is

buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. She was the daughter of George and Rebecca (Roth) Milicheock, and was a lady of fine strength of character.

Casper Forrest, the father of the family, was at a tender age bound out to serve an apprenticeship in the making of powder horns and as a machinist, in which trade he served for a period of ten years. He then worked at the business as a journeyman for a period, but gave up the trade and entered the flour and feed business. After a period at this, he in 1870 engaged in the manufacture of brick, which he continued for some three years. Owing to an overconfidence in mankind, he was led into the signing of bad paper by designing parties, the result of which was to bring great financial reverses on him. He is a man of fine grain of character. He affiliates in a fraternal way with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. Politically he supports the policies of a Democratic party.

Hon. George Forrest was born in the town of Lancaster, Pa., on Manor street, in what was then known as Betheltown, Jan. 2, 1852. He attended the public schools, and after finishing the high school course took up the printing trade with a publishing company, at the head of which was Stuart A. Wylie. He served an apprenticeship with them for four years, and one year longer as a journeyman. He then went to New Haven, Conn., where he was in the office of the vice-president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, engaged in the office work of civil engineering for the period of a year. This employment, however, was not to his taste, and he went to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade for the next three years. He then came back to Lancaster and engaged with the firms of H. C. Linde and Hamilton & Co., leaf tobacco inspectors of New York, who had a tobacco warehouse in Lancaster, in which his brother Henry held the position of inspector. He served under his brother until he became an expert himself, and at his brother's death, in March, 1882, he succeeded to the position, which he has since continued to fill. Mr. Forrest is looked upon as one of the best judges of leaf tobacco in this part of the State, his services being highly valuable to the company by whom he is employed.

During his career in Lancaster, since his return from Philadelphia, Mr. Forrest has been quite prominent in the political life of the county and city. His Democracy has always been of the Jacksonian variety, and he has at all times been ready to engage in the work of organization of the different campaigns which have been waged in the county. He thus won recognition at the hands of the leaders, and his genial personality had made him so popular with the people that in 1892 he was nominated to a place on the ticket as a representative to the Lower House. He received a handsome vote, and served with distinction during the following session. In the year 1890 he was elected to a position on the

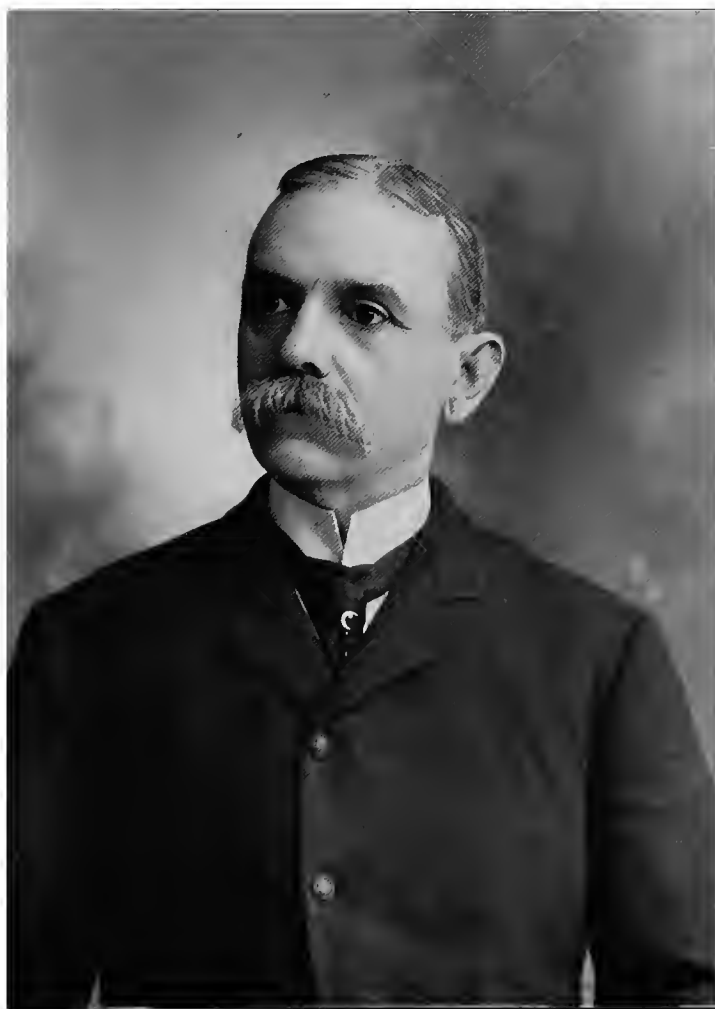
city school board, and in 1899 became secretary of that board, an office in which he has since served to the satisfaction of that body. In matters of fraternal interest, Mr. Forrest affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has filled all the chairs. He has been trustee of Herschel Lodge for the past ten years. He is a member of Ridgely encampment. He is also a member of the Artisans; of the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the B. P. O. E., in which he has filled all the chairs, also serving as trustee for three years, chairman of the Social Room four years, and was one of the committee of the Advocate of New Quarters.

On Nov. 10, 1881, Hon. George Forrest married in Lancaster Clemmie C. Pool, who became the mother of: G. Edward and Harry Mortimer. Mrs. Forrest is a native of Lancaster, a daughter of Samuel J. and Mary C. (Stormfeltz) Pool. Her father was the pioneer silver plater of Lancaster. He died July 7, 1900, at the age of sixty-six years, her mother dying in 1898 at the age of sixty-one years, and they both lie buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were devout and highly respected members of St. John's Lutheran Church. Their children were Mary E., who married William Wiley, of Lancaster, Pa.; Edward C., of the Lancaster cemetery; Katie, deceased in girlhood, and Clemmie C., Mrs. Forrest.

Courteous, genial and well informed, Hon. George Forrest is a highly respected citizen of his native city, and has been prominently and honorably associated with its history.

S. CLAY MILLER, the extensive wine and liquor dealer of Center Square, Lancaster, is a descendant of German ancestry, and his parents were well known residents of Lancaster county. His mother's maiden name was Fanny Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had eight children: Mary, Jacob P., Fanny, Henry, S. Clay, Lizzie, Washington and Samuel. The father lived to be eighty-two, and the mother was seventy-two at the time of her death.

S. Clay Miller was born in Manheim, Lancaster county, April 25, 1844, and when eleven years old left home to work on his uncle's farm, in Pequea township, the first three years receiving his board and clothing, and during the next two four dollars a month besides. When he was sixteen he was put in charge of a country tavern near Elizabethtown, where he remained for a year. He enlisted Oct. 3, 1861, in the Union army, where his experiences were varied and interesting. For some months his command was engaged in building long fortifications at Port Royal, S. C., and was landed at Tybee Island April 9, 1862. After a two days' engagement Fort Pulaski was captured, on the 20th of the following May. St. John's and James Island were also captured by this command. Mr. Miller was pushed overboard and nearly drowned in the St. John river, and was severely wounded by a spent ball which struck him on the left thigh in the battle of Poca-



S. Delany Miller

taligo, S. C., disabling him for some time. After the battle this ball was found in his pocket. On July 18, 1863, at the second assault on Fort Wagner, Gen. G. S. Strong, with Mr. Miller at his side carrying the colors, leaped upon the works, and both were swept back by a storm of shell and musketry fire from Fort Wagner, Fort Sumter, Fort Moultrie and surrounding batteries. Gen. Strong was fatally wounded, and recommended the gallant young soldier for promotion with almost his last words. Mr. Miller, if not the youngest, was the smallest soldier to carry the flag. He was given a medal from Gen. Gillmore, dated Aug. 23, 1863, with the inscription, "S. C. Miller, Company H, 76th Pa. Vet. Vol. For gallant and meritorious conduct. Q. A. Gillmore, Major General." On the reverse is a representation of Fort Sumter, surrounded with water. The 76th Pennsylvania arrived at Bermuda Hundred, on the James River, May 1, 1864, and in June Sergt. Miller was the first to plant the flag on the enemy's works in the destruction of the Richmond and Petersburg railroad. Young Miller was wounded in front of Petersburg ten days later, and on the 22d of July was promoted to color-bearer sergeant. At Drury's Bluff, when the Union men were driven back, Sergt. Miller was one of the last to leave the line, and saved his colors under very creditable circumstances. This was the famous engagement when Gen. Butler was caught in the fog. A retreat being ordered, Sergt. Miller reported a squad of Union soldiers captured by the Rebels, and rallied men enough to charge back and save the eight men from Rebel prisons. At the mine explosion, on July 30th, Miller, the boy soldier, was knocked and tramped on by a stampede of the colored troops, but managed to save his colors under heavy fire. On Aug. 14, at Deep Bottom, he was wounded by a shell, and sent to the hospital at Fortress Monroe for two months, but rejoined his regiment in front of Petersburg as soon as he was able to do so, and an hour and a half after his arrival in the trenches was struck on the neck by a flying bit of a shell, which hardly more than broke the skin however. This young officer carried the colors in nearly all the engagements in which his regiment participated, except those that occurred while he was lying in the hospital. Some of his escapes were indeed miraculous. Four times he was hit by bullets, and he was swept off the parapet by the bursting of a shell and knocked back into the trench with the flag in his hand. The 76th Pennsylvania suffered severely during the war, losing over six hundred out of its original complement, in killed, wounded and missing. Major Reinoehl said that on the night he formed his command for the charge on Fort Wagner four hundred were in the lines, and only two hundred came back. Sergt. Miller has a letter of commendation from Gen. Littel, Major William Diller and Major A. C. Reinoehl, former officers of the regiment.

Upon the death of Major A. C. Reinoehl, postmaster at Lancaster, Mr. Miller was appointed his

successor, the honor coming as a tribute to his record as a soldier and his worth as a citizen. The appointment came through Congressman Brosius, who had been waited upon by a committee of prominent Lancasterians, urging the claims of Mr. Miller over and above those of a goodly number of very excellent men who were candidates for the position. Mr. Brosius (himself a soldier) recognized the merits of this citizen-soldier, and gave him the office, to which he was inducted March 1, 1901.

Mr. Miller was married in March, 1869, to Miss Louise, a daughter of William Rudduck, of Philadelphia, formerly of London, England, and to this union were born five children: Leon R., who is an engraver; Herbert C., a note clerk in the Lancaster Trust Co.; Mabel L.; Effie I.; and Louise B. All except Leon are at home. The family are in the membership of St. James Episcopal Church. Mr. Miller is a prominent Mason, and has taken the Thirty-second degree in the fraternity, passing of course through all the intervening organizations. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Hamilton Club, the Young Republican Club, the Elks, Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, G. A. R., and the Union Veteran Legion. Mr. Miller has been chief marshal of many Republican parades, and handled them well in the Garfield, Harrison and McKinley campaigns. He planned the great battle between the two local posts of the G. A. R., which was fought in Conestoga Park about five years ago, he commanding the Confederate forces. The event excited widespread interest, and brought at least 25,000 visitors to Lancaster. Perhaps no man in the State has a finer record as a soldier than S. Clay Miller.

LINDLEY MURRAY, the English grammarian, was born in 1745 near the Swatara, in what was then Lancaster county, but is now embraced within the territory of Dauphin. His "Grammar of the English Language," which was issued in 1795, was for many years the standard authority on that subject. After accumulating considerable money in mercantile pursuits, on account of his health becoming impaired he went to England, where he died in 1826, on his estate at the old gate, near York.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HULL, wholesale and retail druggist of Lancaster, and the most prominent and largest dealer in that line in the county, is descended from an old family, originally from Switzerland, which settled near New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., early in 1700. Mr. Hull was born in New Holland on Washington's birthday, 1838. He was the son of Wendell and Margaret (Darrow) Hull, of New Holland.

Wendell Hull was a shoemaker, who later conducted the Bird-in-Hand "Railroad House" and finally the "Eagle Hotel," in New Holland, until his death in 1882 at the age of seventy-three. His wife survived him until 1892 at the age of seventy-

two. They are buried in the New Holland cemetery. Mrs. Hull was a member of the German Reformed Church. Her husband was a liberal supporter of the church but not a member. The issue of their marriage was: Levi, a retired citizen of New Holland; Madison, Henry and William, who all three died young; Anna, Mrs. John Piersol, of Indianapolis, Ind., deceased; George W., the subject hereof; Emma, now the wife of Tobias Bartlett, of Reading, Pa., ex-tax collector and a man of wealth and prominence; Susan and Julia, both living with their brother, George, and William H., who died in 1892.

Mr. Hull lived with his parents and attended school until his fifteenth year when he went to Reading, Pa., and was for two years a clerk in the Court House. After this he served with Charles A. Heinitsh for three and one-half years as a clerk in the drug business. Thereafter he was manager of the drug store of Benjamin Kauffman for a year and a half, and after that again for another year and a half for John Markley, who had bought out Kauffman and was no druggist himself. He then took his final service with Dr. Thomas Ellmaker in whose drug business he remained until May 12, 1872, when he purchased it. It was then only a single storeroom and cellar but did not remain so long under the proprietorship of Mr. Hull. He soon purchased his present stand, then a small affair, and rebuilt it to accommodate his fast enlarging business. He expanded into a wholesaler as well as a retailer and now occupies five floors with the most modern, best equipped, largest and best managed drug business in Lancaster county, employing ten men.

Mr. Hull is prominent socially as well as in business, though he takes but little interest in politics and would never accept the trials of public office. He is a member of no church but a liberal supporter of all. He belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge, and is a man of charitable disposition and habits. He has acquired wealth, is self-made, clever, well-known and well thought of by all who know him.

REV. WILLIAM RUPP, A. M., D. D., Professor of Theology in the Eastern Seminary of the Reformed Church of the United States, lives in a charming home, at No. 602 West James street, Lancaster, just opposite the Seminary in which he occupies so important a position.

The ancestors of Rev. William Rupp were among the early settlers of this state, his great-great-grandfather, George Rupp, having come to America, from Alsatia, in 1750, locating in Lehigh county, where Chapman station now is, and where he took up a large section of land, on a grant received from the Penns. Quite a romance is connected with George Rupp's coming to America. In his native land he had met Miss Ursula Von Peterholtz, whose family belonged to the nobility, and objected to the wooing of young Rupp, in spite of the fact he was

a most superior young man. Though so many years ago, human nature was just the same, and "love found a way," the young couple eloping to America, where they founded a family which has become honored in every locality where it is found. Some of the descendants of this fair maid and gallant lover still live on a portion of the original grant of land.

Solomon Rupp, the father of Dr. Rupp, was a farmer of Weisenburg, Lehigh county. He married Maria Fry, a daughter of Peter Fry, also a farmer of Lehigh county, and to this union were born these children: Rev. Dr. William; John, a lawyer; Benjamin, deceased, who had just entered upon the practice of law; Solomon, a farmer and justice of the peace, living on the old homestead; Henry F., a farmer and teacher, living near Seipstown, in Lehigh county; Alvin, the superintendent of the public schools of Allentown; and Louisa Ellen, the wife of Benjamin Frees, a farmer of Weisenburg.

Rev. William Rupp was born in Lehigh county, April 17, 1839, and after attending the public schools of the district, took a course in the Allentown Seminary, which is now known as Muhlenberg College, and after leaving there, engaged in teaching for some time. In 1857, he entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1862, at the head of his class, and was awarded the highest class honor, the Marshall oration. Still in pursuit of higher learning, Dr. Rupp entered the Reformed Seminary at Mercersburg, from which he was graduated in 1864, in February, 1865, being ordained at Pine Grove, in Schuylkill county.

Immediately Dr. Rupp took upon himself the duties for which he had been preparing, and for one and three-fourths years he served two Reformed congregations, one at St. Clair and the other at Port Carbon, and then resigned, to accept a call at Berlin, Somerset county, where this indefatigable worker served four congregations for a period of ten years and nine months. Leaving Berlin in 1877, Dr. Rupp went to Manchester, Md., and there served four congregations, remaining with this charge for eleven and one-half years, and then accepted a call to Meyersdale, Somerset county, where he became the beloved pastor of one congregation, taking charge in December, 1888, and remaining in that field for the succeeding five years.

In 1892, Dr. Rupp was elected professor of Practical Theology in the Eastern Seminary of the Reformed Church of the United States, his election having taken place at the meeting of the Pittsburg Synod at Irwin, and he was inaugurated the following year at the meeting of the Synod at Greenville, Mercer county, and he took up his residence in Lancaster in December, 1893.

Dr. Rupp was married in October, 1865, to Miss Emma A. Hambright, a daughter of the late Adam F. Hambright, who was for so many years a trusted and honored official of the Pennsylvania railroad,

of Lancaster. This union has been blessed with eleven children, nine of whom are living: William N., a clothier on West Orange street, Lancaster; Henry Harbaugh, who graduated from the Reformed Theological Seminary in the class of 1901; Frederick Augustine, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, in 1900, and at once became resident physician in the M. E. hospital in Philadelphia; Charles E., of the class of 1902, in Franklin and Marshall College; T. F., of the class of 1903, same college; Paul B., of the class of 1904, same college; Mary Louise, at home; Viola G. is the wife of Rev. D. E. Master, of Apollo, Armstrong county; and Emma A. is the wife of Rev. J. L. Barnhart, Saegerstown, Pa. One child died in infancy, and Lillie G., at a later age.

Dr. Rupp was honored with the degree of A. M. within three years after his graduation, and with that of D. D. in 1883. These degrees were conferred by his Alma Mater, the old Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. Rupp has been a thoughtful contributor to many publications, almost continuously to the Reformed Church *Messenger*, and since 1868, has been one of the favorite writers for the well-known and highly valued *Mercersburg Review*, and he has held the position of editor of this journal since 1897, and in addition has been the author of many valuable papers in the *American Journal of Theology*, and a number of learned pamphlets have come from his pen. A profound theologian and scholarly in other lines, Dr. Rupp has, by his teaching and his writing, exerted a wide influence for good, deservedly winning his high position in the Reformed Church, as well as commanding the respect of religious teachers and the world-at-large.

B. F. SIDES, M. D., was born Sept. 26, 1822, in Bart township, this county, a son of John and Sarah (Barr) Sides, of Lancaster county. John Sides was a son of Peter Sides, of German ancestry, who was one of the oldest settlers of this county. The children born to John Sides were: Abraham, who for thirty years was an efficient engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Barbara, who married Dr. Samuel A. Johnson; Elizabeth, who married P. W. Housekeeper, of Drumore township; Peter H., colonel of a regiment during the Civil war, who married and lived in Philadelphia; and our subject, Dr. B. F. Sides.

Reared in the home of his Grandmother Barr, B. F. Sides received careful early training and was kept at study in the private schools of Lancaster county, and was later placed at the New London, Mt. Joy, and Strasburg schools. Deciding upon a medical career, he then entered upon the study of the science under the careful instruction of Drs. Alexander and Patrick Cassidy, who were the leading physicians of the county, at that period. For three years he benefited by their instruction, entering then the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from

which institution have graduated many of the distinguished practitioners of the country. In the spring of 1846, Dr. Sides was graduated, and with zeal entered upon the practice of his noble calling, in the county of his birth, settling among the good people of Drumore township, where for over fifty-five years he has been and is still in active practice.

On March 2, 1854, Dr. Sides was married to Miss Elenora E. King, a daughter of John and Isabella McSparran King, of Drumore township. To Dr. and Mrs. Sides three children were born, these being: Janet, who died in infancy; Sallie B., who passed away in young womanhood; and Isabella S., born Dec. 11, 1854, who married the late Sanders McSparran, and resides in Philadelphia (she has two daughters, Sallie B. and Amelia).

Mrs. Sides was born March 28, 1830, her origin being Scotch-Irish, and her family one of the leading ones of Lancaster county. The family is not a numerous one, her only sister being Mrs. Janet S. McCullough, widow of Sanders McCullough, of Oxford, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Dr. Sides joined Washington Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 156, at Chestnut Level, which later was moved to Drumore Center, and still later to Quarryville, where it is now located. His political convictions have made him a staunch Democrat, but his life has been too filled with work in his profession to permit him to accept any political office, no matter how flattering the offer. Dr. Sides is a truly representative man, one of the class whose lives reflect honor on good old Lancaster county.

REV. JAMES LATTA was pastor of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, and also principal for some years of an academy held there. His pastorate began in 1771, and covered a period of thirty years. When he was called to the charge his salary was fixed at £100 Pennsylvania currency, and this was never increased and sometimes was not paid in full. He manifested a deep interest in the cause of American Independence. On one occasion he accompanied the soldiers on their campaign, and also acted as chaplain for some time. In 1785 he vigorously defended the church incorporation acts, and this action on his part incensed a number of the members of his congregation against him. He advocated the introduction of Watt's Psalmody in church service, but they were not adopted into general use, until years after his death. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from the University of Pennsylvania. His death occurred in January, 1801. Francis Latta, his son, was pastor of the same church from 1810 to 1825.

WILHELM HEINRICH STEIGEL. In 1760 the eccentric German Baron Steigel began his strange career. He had for many years been manager of the Elizabeth Iron Works for Benezet & Co., of Philadelphia. After purchasing 200 acres from the Messrs. Stedman of Philadelphia, said acres be-

ing located in Lancaster county, he built a grand mansion, and afterwards laid out a town which he named after his native city in Germany—Manheim. This town was laid out in 1762, and in 1763 it had three houses. Among the first settlers of the town were the Naumans, Kaisers, Longs, Heintzelmans, Minnichs and Wherlys. Baron Steigel also erected a glass works, and becoming bankrupt he was imprisoned in 1774 for debt, whereupon the Assembly passed a special act for his relief. During the Revolution he was a Tory.

Baron Steigel landed at Philadelphia Aug. 31, 1750, having emigrated to this country on the ship "Nancy." He married Elizabeth Huber, a daughter of Jacob Huber, an iron-master, and in 1757 he purchased his father-in-law's iron furnace in Elizabeth township, tearing down the old structure and erecting a new one, which he named "Elizabeth Furnace." His wife died in 1758, and he then married Elizabeth Holtz, of Philadelphia. In 1762 Baron Steigel formed a partnership with Charles and Alexander Stedman, of Philadelphia, and about the same time Manheim was founded. The success of Elizabeth Furnace was phenomenal. The glass works he erected in 1765; and the building is said to have been so large that a four horse team could easily turn around in it. Specimens of the stoves and also of glassware made by Steigel's workmen are still in existence.

In August, 1769, the Stedmans sold their interest to Isaac Cox and he in turn sold to Baron Steigel, who thus became the sole proprietor. About 1770 Baron Steigel and his family removed from Elizabeth Furnace, and took up their residence in Manheim. In 1769 he built a tower near Schaefferstown in Lebanon county, which spot to-day is called "Tower Hill." He lived extravagantly and made a great display of wealth not warranted by his income. A number of people preyed upon his generosity, and these causes finally landed him in a debtor's cell. In December, 1774, he was liberated from prison, penniless. Some of those who had been his workmen, employed him to teach their children. In 1783 he died and was buried at "Charming Forge," presumably in the neighborhood of where Brickerville now stands.

REV. JOHN M. WOLGEMUTH, a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church in West Donegal township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Aug. 31, 1828, and is a son of Christ and Anna (Metzler) Wolgemuth, born in Mt. Joy and in Rapho townships, respectively. Both are long since dead. The father who was a farmer, lived retired the last thirty years of his life. In his active days he was a man of considerable importance locally, and served as supervisor for some years. He died in March, 1887, at the age of eighty-nine years; and his widow in Nov. 1894, at the age of ninety years. Both were members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and were buried in the cemetery connected with the Cross

Roads Church in East Donegal township. To them were born the following children: Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Hoffman, and has her home in Elizabethtown; Jane, who is the widow of Henry Nissley, and has her home in Manheim; Rev. John M., the venerated minister; Christian, who died young; David, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Abraham, who died at the age of eighteen years; and Anna, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Rev. John M. Wolgemuth were Christian and Jane (Eshleman) Wolgemuth, residents of Mt. Joy township, who came from Switzerland in their early days.

John M. Wolgemuth, whose name introduces this article, remained with his parents, helping them in the care of the family homestead, until he reached the age of twenty-one years. Then he rented his father's farm for two years, and a second farm for five years, then purchasing the farm on which he is now living. In 1878 he gave up active farming, putting the place into the care of his son, Eli. In 1871 he was ordained a minister of the Brethren in Christ, and has made an excellent record as a clergyman of that faith. When a young man he served a number of years on the election board, and has been one of the leading men of his day.

Rev. John M. Wolgemuth and Elizabeth Hernley were married in West Donegal township Nov. 9, 1848, and they had one child, Elizabeth, who died in 1888; she was the wife of Jacob B. Nissley, now a farmer in Cumberland county, and left four children. In 1851 Mr. Wolgemuth married for his second wife, Hettie Hernley, a sister of his first wife, and to them came three children: Susan married Martin Wolgemuth, now a retired farmer at Rheems, Pa., and has a family of five children. Eli H. is a farmer of West Donegal township, whose sketch appears on another page. Anna married Reuben Nissley, a farmer of Rapho township, and has four children. Mrs. Hettie Wolgemuth was born in Lancaster county in 1824, and is a daughter of John and Susan (Keenzy) Hernley, both natives of Lancaster county.

JOHN A. CHARLES (deceased) was for many years one of the leading and representative business men of Lancaster, whose career as a merchant was a most successful one, while his reputation as a citizen was above reproach. The birth of John A. Charles took place Sept. 3, 1827, in Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., and his death occurred in his home in Lancaster, March 24, 1902; he was interred in Woodward Hill cemetery. His parents were Andrew and Margaret Charles, natives of Lancaster county, the former of whom was engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, in Strasburg, where he was a prominent citizen and one of the burgesses for a number of years. When sixteen years old, John A. Charles left home to accept a clerical position in a general store owned by a Mr. Carson, going from there into the dry-goods business under a Mr. David Bair, a prominent merchant, where he thoroughly

learned all its details and in 1861 felt competent to embark in the business for himself, becoming a partner with Mr. Bair. In 1876 he sold his interest and became a member of the old established firm of Marks & Roth, the firm name then becoming Marks, Roth & Charles. At the death of Mr. Marks, Mr. Charles bought his interest and the business was conducted successfully until his retirement from activity in 1898. His whole business career was marked with evidences of esteem from the public, his personal integrity and honest methods contributing to this end. Mr. Charles was one of the founders of Grace Lutheran Church in this city, was a member of the church council from the beginning, and also served as trustee and elder. For twenty years he was treasurer of the charity fund and was generous in his private benefactions. Both church and community were better because of his life. His political identification was with the Republican party, although he was never an aspirant for political honors, preferring to give his time and labor to the advancement of his business and the furthering of the good work of his church.

The marriage of Mr. Charles took place on Jan. 5, 1865, in Leacock township, Lancaster county, to Miss Annie L. Bard, who was born in the old family homestead in Leacock township, a granddaughter of John and Catherine Bard, of Lancaster county, and the only child of Daniel and Anna (Johns) Bard. The former was born on the same farm in Leacock township, was prominent in his neighborhood and served many years as a school director. His death took place July 1, 1882, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother of Mrs. Charles was born in Earl township, and after her husband's death, resided with her daughter until she too passed away, Dec. 19, 1893, at the age of seventy years. The parents lie buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery, at Mechanicsburg, of which church the grandfather was one of the founders, and of which the family have been members for three generations. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles, namely: Daniel B., who is married and is engaged in the lumber business in Michigan; John A., Jr., who died unmarried March 1, 1898; and Anna Bard, who resides at home.

JOHN D. BRUBAKER comes of a long line of clerical ancestors, his great-grandfather, grandfather and father having been ministers and bishops in the Mennonite Church. His father, Jacob K. Brubaker, was born in Lancaster county in 1814 and was a farmer in early life. After his marriage he removed to Dauphin county, where he owned and cultivated a farm until 1850. He then returned to Lancaster county and settled upon a farm in Manor township which he had purchased the previous year. It was situated between three and four miles west of the city of Lancaster and contained eighty-eight acres. On this he made many valuable improvements, and in 1853 he added to his holdings by buying an adjoining farm which contained 104 acres. He contin-

ued to reside upon this property until his death, which occurred in 1879, but in 1858, placing his farm under the management of his son, John D. he abandoned farm work to devote the remainder of his life to the service of the church which he loved so well, and of which he was so conspicuous an ornament. In that year he was ordained to the Mennonite ministry, and a few years before his death was made a bishop. He preached in the churches of Millersville and Rohers-town with great force and acceptability. He was a man of kindly disposition and loving heart, gifted with a bright clear mind, and his wise counsel was constantly sought by all whose privilege it was to know him. His widow, whose maiden name was Katherine Denlinger, yet survives him, at the age of four score years. They were the parents of three children, of whom John D. was the eldest. The others were Fannie, who married David Charles, of Hempfield, and Jacob, who died in childhood.

John D. Brubaker was born in Swatara township, Dauphin county, on Feb. 8, 1837. In 1858 as has been said, he assumed the management of the paternal acres and even as a young man of twenty-one years he displayed that admirable judgment and tireless industry which have insured his success in life. For forty years he was one of Lancaster county's most successful farmers—active, industrious, wide-awake and progressive, always keeping abreast of the front rank in the march of advancement. From year to year he added to the estate which he inherited from his father, although much of his real property he has divided among his sons, giving to each a small farm. In 1898, having accumulated a handsome competence, and having passed the sixtieth milestone on life's highway, he determined to retire, to enjoy the ease which he had richly earned. His present home is situated three miles west of the city of Lancaster, and is one of the most attractive and pleasant in the township, it being Mr. Brubaker's chief care to beautify it more and more from year to year.

On March 16, 1858, he was married to Maria, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Shirk) Landis, who was born in Manheim, May 8, 1839. Their children are five in number. Levi L., the eldest, was born Nov. 14, 1859. He married Anna Newcomer, and is a farmer of Pequea township. Isaac L. was born March 14, 1862, is a Hempfield farmer and the husband of Susan Gambier. Mary was born Dec. 4, 1863, and lives at home, unmarried. Jacob L. is a Manor township farmer. He was born April 6, 1870, and married Susan Charles. John L. was born July 13, 1873. He, too, has followed farming as a vocation, and married Ida Brubaker.

John D. Brubaker united with the Mennonite Church in 1862 and since that time has been one of the most active members and liberal supporters.

CASPER SHAFFNER, a son of John Casper Shaffner, was born in February, 1737, in Lancaster, and died in 1826. He was a member of the "Committees of Correspondance" and of "Inspection and

Observation," of Lancaster county, during the Revolutionary war period. He also served as a lieutenant in the Revolutionary service. He had one son, Casper, who married a daughter of Charles Hall, of Lancaster, a noted silversmith of the early part of the last century.

WINTERS. For three-quarters of a century the name Winters in the eastern part of Lancaster county has been associated with success and popularity in the practice of medicine. Dr. Isaac Winters, grandfather of John L.; began practice in 1820, and the family has never lacked a worthy representative in the profession from that time. They come of English stock, the first of the name in America emigrating from England prior to the Revolution, in which struggle he served as a soldier under Washington. He died at his home, near Lebanon, Pa., within a month after returning from the war, leaving a wife and son, John. This John Winters was born Nov. 21, 1776. After reaching manhood he settled in Lancaster county, making his home in the village of New Holland, where for many years he was engaged as a blacksmith. On Jan. 16, 1796, he married Catharine Diefenderffer, who died July 12, 1843, and his death occurred July 13, 1859. They had seven children: John, Isaac, Maria, Ludwig, Levi, Margaretha and Cyrus.

Isaac Winters, son of John, was born in New Holland, July 13, 1800. His youthful educational advantages were limited to the facilities of the district school in the home neighborhood, and even those he was not permitted to enjoy to the full, for he was one of a large family, and as the father's means were not abundant the sons were expected to become self-supporting at an early age. But the hard work, to which he had become accustomed from childhood, did not warp his inclination toward a higher calling, and by the time he was fifteen he had decided upon adopting the medical profession. For one year thereafter he worked as a clerk in Lebanon, and the next four years he devoted to preparation for his life work, first studying under Dr. John Leaman, of New Holland, and later at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1820. Dr. Winters located for practice in the village of Hinkletown, which was the scene of his active professional life of fifty-three years, for he continued his labors almost to the day of his death, July 27, 1873. The success which attended his later life was in sharp contrast to his early struggles, and was solely the result of his own efforts. But in overcoming the numerous obstacles in his path he showed that the lessons of self-reliance and perseverance taught by the hardships of his youth were not wasted—perhaps in after years they enhanced the prosperity which fell to his lot. So poor was he at the beginning of his professional career that he had to borrow the money to buy a horse (indispensable in a country practice) and a new suit of clothes, and when the horse was

stolen, before the end of the week, the young doctor had considerable trouble borrowing a hundred dollars to replace him. He found a friend in Henry Roland, who let him have the money without security, and it was repaid in a year. Before the expiration of that time he had so won the confidence of his patrons that he was well advanced on the road to success, and his future was assured. Time justified the good opinion formed of him at the outset of his professional life, and he was regarded as an immensely useful and valued member of the community to the end of his days. The tributes of affection and esteem paid him at the time of his decease were many and laudatory, and he is still held in loving memory by many of the old residents of his section. His standing among his brother practitioners was of the highest, and in diagnosis especially he was regarded as one of the most skillful physicians of his time.

The Doctor's practice, though large, did not engage all his attention, for he was a man of many interests, and won his honored position among his fellowmen by efficient service in other fields as well. The affairs of the day possessed deep attractions for him, and he kept himself well informed upon all subjects concerning current history. As a stanch Democrat the progress of political events also came under his consideration. He twice accepted nomination for representative to Congress, simply to demonstrate his loyalty to the party, as defeat in each case was a foregone conclusion. He was a man of fine presence, and in the days of militia training held a commission as a brigadier general. As a swordsman he was reputed to have few equals in the State. Dr. Winters's personality attracted many to him, and his high character more than sustained the favorable impression made on first acquaintance.

Dr. Winters married Elizabeth Nagle, whose father, Richard Nagle, a resident of Lancaster county, was born in Ireland Feb. 23, 1765. Six children were born to this union: John Leaman, now deceased, who was a practicing physician at Hinkletown for some years; Richard N., who resides at his father's old home at Hinkletown; Isaac D., who is mentioned below; Mary C., Mrs. Isaac S. Long, of New York; George W.; and Barton N., of Ephrata, this county.

ISAAC D. WINTERS, M. D., was born Nov. 23, 1828, in Hinkletown, and after receiving his fundamental education in the public schools commenced preparation for the medical profession under the able tuition of his father. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College, and soon after located at Goodville, where he continued in practice throughout his entire active life. The mantle of professional success fell on his shoulders, and he occupied a high position in the profession. He was a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, of which he served as vice-president in 1849-50. Like his father, Dr. Winters was a broad man, and became prosperous in lines outside of his profession. He was a

stockholder and director in the New Holland National Bank, of which institution he was one of the organizers, and he also assisted in organizing the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was one of its directors. He owned two farms, comprising 220 acres.

On Jan. 10, 1854, Dr. Winters married Susan Martin, who was born in Goodville in 1833, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bowman) Martin. They had two sons, Barton M. and John Leaman, both of whom adopted their father's calling, and are located at Goodville. They are mentioned below. Dr. Isaac D. Winters passed away Nov. 7, 1889. He was a member of the Center Lutheran Church, and no man in the community enjoyed more fully the unfeigned respect of his fellow men in every walk of life.

BARTON M. WINTERS, M. D., of Goodville, was born on the old homestead in that place Dec. 11, 1854, and acquired his preparatory education in the public schools, and at the Millersville State Normal. He took up the study of medicine with his father and Dr. Keeler, at Goodville, entered Jefferson Medical College, and graduated with the class of 1877, since which time he has been located in practice at Goodville. He was associated with his father until the latter's retirement, in 1880, when he succeeded to his father's partnership with Dr. Keeler. The relations continued until Dr. Keeler's death, in 1896, since which time he and his brother John L. have been associated as general practitioners. With the exception of such time as he finds necessary to devote to his duties as director of the New Holland National Bank and the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Dr. Winters gives his attention to the demands of his professional work, which, indeed, is so extensive as to leave him little time for other matters. If heredity counts for anything, the position to which he and his brother have attained is not to be wondered at. But their training for this useful calling was carefully and thoroughly conducted, and they have given evidence of their ability to sustain the reputation of the family for eminence in this especial field.

On Jan. 29, 1882, Dr. Winters married Salinda Sensinig, who was born in Goodville, daughter of Christian and Catherine Sensinig. They have one child, Sue L. Mrs. Winters is a member of the Lutheran Church. The Doctor is a staunch Democrat politically.

JOHN L. WINTERS, M. D., was born at Goodville Dec. 29, 1868, and in his boyhood attended the local public schools. Later he studied at the Millersville State Normal School, and he commenced reading medicine with his brother, Barton M. In 1888 he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated April 2, 1890, preparing for general practice. After graduation he located at Goodville, where he has since been engaged in practice, and by his diligence and merit has established a fine practice. He is a thorough student, and keeps in

touch with the advanced ideas of his profession, especially in surgery, in which particular line he bids fair to become a master. His office is equipped with a complete assortment of surgical instruments and appliances. He is particularly successful as an operator in gynecological cases. Dr. Winters is a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society.

On July 2, 1900, Dr. Winters married Miss Mary Yoder, daughter of L. B. and Josephine (Johnston) Yoder, of Churchtown, this county.

JACOB BETZ (deceased). One of the most prominent business men and citizens of Lancaster, was Jacob Betz, whose death occurred in this city, at the old water works, May 14, 1900, and who is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. The birth of Mr. Betz occurred Dec. 4, 1822, in Rheinbaiern, Germany, and he was the son of Jacob and Magdelina (Huhn) Betz, natives of Dresden, Germany. The father died in his native land; but the mother came to America in the neighborhood of 1846.

In 1842, Mr. Betz emigrated to America, and until his death resided in the vicinity of the city of Lancaster, first settling in Manheim township, but later removing to Lancaster, where he became very prominent in business circles. In his early life he engaged in farming, but soon became interested in quarrying stone and sand, and by his industry, thrift and keen business sense, built up an excellent trade. During his business career, he operated sand and stone quarries on Rockland street, near Ann, in Lancaster township, not far from his residence, and one in East Lampeter township. For years, he supplied the car shops at Altoona with all the sand used, and furnished stone to the Peacock furnace for many years. In addition to quarrying the stone, Mr. Betz also took contracts for hauling same, and in every respect gave such entire satisfaction that his reputation for fair dealing was firmly established. In 1870, Mr. Betz retired from active business life in favor of his son, Jacob. In addition to his quarries, Mr. Betz was a large land owner and at the time of his demise was the owner of thirty new houses and a large tract of unimproved land in the Seventh ward; three tracts of unimproved land in East Lampeter township; a farm in Manheim township, as well as large amounts invested in bonds, stocks and mortgages. After his retirement, Mr. Betz devoted the greater portion of his attention toward the buying of property, improving it and then disposing of it at considerable profit. During a long and useful life, Mr. Betz was a consistent member of Zion's Lutheran Church, in whose good work he took an active part. While a Democrat in politics, and supporting the candidates of that party in both local and national affairs, Mr. Betz was not an office seeker, and refused to accept nomination, his interests being centered in his business and home.

On April 19, 1851, Mr. Betz was married to Catherine Miesel, in Lancaster, and the following

family were born to this union: Peter, who died at the age of three years; Mary, who died at the age of eighteen months; Jacob, a farmer and quarryman of Lancaster, Pa., who married Elmira Drown; Catherine, married to Charles Riedel, of Lancaster, Pa.; Charlotte, deceased, wife of Charles Reidel, of Lancaster; Elizabeth, married to Mark Keepert, a jeweler of Reading, Pa. Mrs. Betz was born at Geltheim, Germany, Aug. 9, 1825, daughter of Nicholas and Barbara (Mieselin) Miesel, of Germany. Nicholas Miesel was a farmer in his native land, where he died, in 1830, at the age of thirty years, while his wife died in 1835, at the age of thirty-two. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miesel: Christina, who died at the age of thirty-five years, married Fred. Nies, and he died in New Jersey; Catherine came to America in 1847, settled in Lancaster, Pa., making the trip one year after her sister, and taking forty-five days in the journey. Mrs. Betz is very well preserved and intelligent, and is surrounded by her children's love and devotion, after her life of hard work. She is highly respected throughout the community, and numbers many friends among her acquaintances.

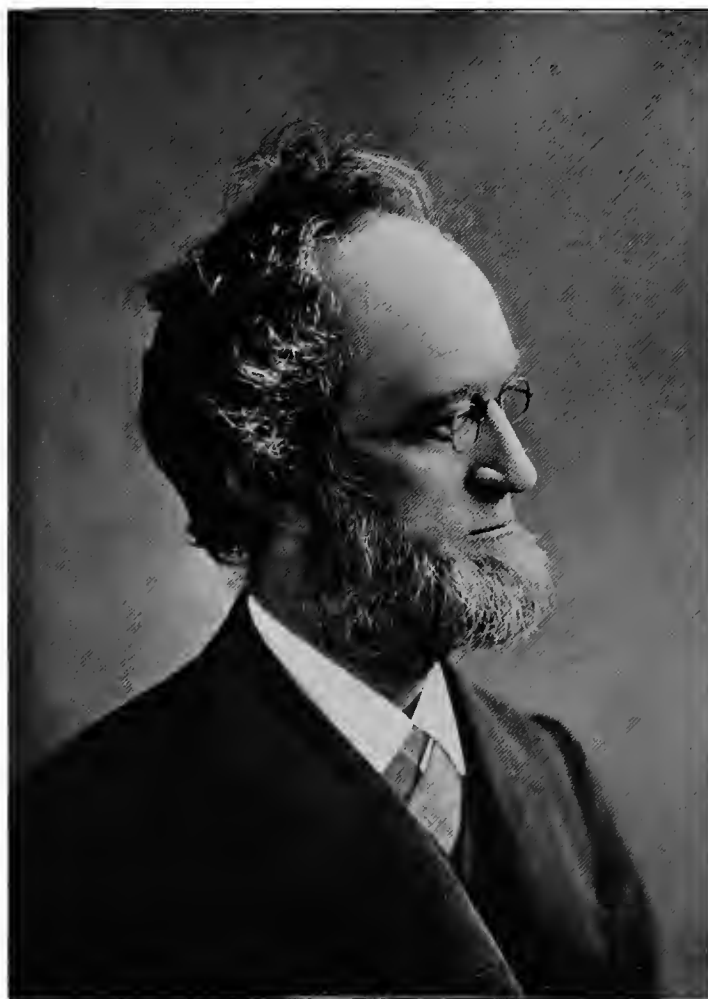
PHILIP BETZ, proprietor of the sand quarry of Lancaster, was born in Rheinpfalz, Germany, Feb. 4, 1834, a son of Jacob and Magdelina (Huhn) Betz, of the same locality. The father of Philip remained in Germany all his life, being a farmer, after having served in the German army, and dying in 1844, aged seventy-five years. The mother with three children, came to America in 1846, settling in Lancaster county, two of her sons having made the journey a few years before. After settling down with her children, the good woman kept house for them, and the sturdy boys worked among the farmers, and took care of their mother until her death in 1861, at the age of seventy-five years. The children belonging to this family were: Conrad, who died in Lancaster county; Jacob, deceased; Elizabeth, of Lancaster, widow of Frank Kline; Philip; Mary, of Lancaster county, widow of Henry Fogle.

J. M. W. GEIST was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, Dec. 14, 1824, and inherited the marked characteristics and strong intellectuality of his German and Scotch-Irish ancestors. In his early youth the country subscription schools were his only means of obtaining an education. Inspired by ambition, and carried forward by his energy, he was a diligent student, and early displayed a receptive mind. At the age of sixteen he began to teach school in the very room where he had been a student, and followed that occupation successfully for several years. In the meantime he was induced to take up the study of medicine, although his inclinations were in the direction of the printer's art. For three years teaching school and the study of medicine occupied his attention. Then he went to Philadelphia to attend medical lectures, but in the end, not finding the work congenial, he abandoned it, and drifted into a

printing office to pursue the vocation of his early preference. His leisure hours meanwhile had been spent in contributing articles in both prose and verse to the newspaper press. This developed a natural love for literary composition, and, following the natural bent of his mind, he soon drifted into journalism.

Mr. Geist began his professional career in July, 1844, as the editor and publisher of the *Reformer*, a temperance journal published first in Lancaster and afterward in Harrisburg, Pa., as the *American Reformer and State Temperance Organ*. He also edited the *Yeoman*, an independent Democratic campaign paper published in the latter city, and in 1847, he was at work on the *Pennsylvanian*, in Philadelphia, as assistant news editor. His next change was to a literary journal, *Lippard's Quaker City*, of which he was assistant editor. At the same time he was doing duty on the *Evening Argus*, both papers being controlled by the same ownership. The suspension of these brought him to the *Sunday Globe*, on which paper he succeeded the late Dr. Thomas Dunn English as editor. Under his vigorous control the *Globe* was instrumental in driving the notorious impostor and swindler, Roback, from the city, its circulation running up from 1,000 to 20,000. Later Mr. Geist became editor and one of the proprietors of the *Sunday Mercury*, but not being able to reconcile Sunday newspaper publishing with his obligations as a churchman he sought a more congenial occupation. In his earlier days he had been a frequent contributor to the *Saturday Evening Express*, of Lancaster, and upon the invitation of the proprietor he disposed of his interest in the *Mercury*, and removed to Lancaster to take charge of the editorial columns of that journal. There his successful and influential career has been carried forward. His removal took place in 1852, and in 1856 he purchased a half interest in the paper and began the issue of a daily edition. *The Express* quickly became the most influential paper in the great county of Lancaster, and Mr. Geist's reputation as a writer of vigorous idiomatic English rapidly extended throughout Pennsylvania.

Mr. Geist, while a Whig in politics, had not been active in political affairs up to this time. But events were now transpiring which turned his journalistic career in that direction and served to make him a power in the party with which he united his fortunes. The Whig party was no more. Where should its members go? Mr. Buchanan's candidacy became an issue. Although a resident of Lancaster, few Whigs, save intimate personal friends, supported him. The repeal of the Missouri Compromise and "Free Kansas" became issues. Thaddeus Stevens lived in Lancaster, and his well known anti-slavery views had permeated the public conscience. Who should oppose Mr. Buchanan? John McLean was spoken of, and he was the choice of Mr. Stevens. Public sentiment seemed to incline toward a new man as well as new principles. Mr. Geist, in



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a series of powerful editorials, demanded a new order of things. But his constituency was overconservative, and for a time unwilling to break away from their political traditions. He urged prominent Whigs to issue a call for a county convention. The party had split into two factions, the "Woolly heads," under the leadership of Thaddeus Stevens, and the "Silver Greys" led by Edw. C. Darlington, editor of the *Examiner*. Each mistrusted the other, and as a consequence neither was ready to take the initiative. Thrown back upon himself, Mr. Geist cut the Gordian knot by drawing up the following call, which appeared at the head of his editorial column for the first time on May 17, 1856:

The citizens of Lancaster county, without regard to past differences or divisions, who are opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; to the policy of the present National administration; to the extension of slavery in the territories, and to the subjugation of the freemen of Kansas by the invasion of armed mobs from Missouri, encouraged in their lawless acts by the connivance of the Federal authorities; who are in favor of the admission of Kansas as a free State, and of restoring the action of the Federal Government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, are hereby requested to meet in Fulton Hall, in the city of Lancaster, on Saturday, May 31, 1856, at 10 o'clock A. M., to appoint three delegates to represent this Congressional District in the National convention, which will assemble in Philadelphia on the 17th of June next, for the purpose of recommending candidates to be supported for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.

MANY CITIZENS.

The "Many Citizens" was a fiction, the entire program having been engineered by Mr. Geist, with two intimate friends, comparatively unknown in politics. In accordance with that call the county meeting was held on the day named, and the old political leaders were surprised at the large attendance. Benjamin Herr, Esq., a prominent member of the Bar, was president, and Ellwood Griest and Dr. George Markley were secretaries. A committee was appointed to name delegates to the National convention, and the men were appointed. Thaddeus Stevens, who concluded at a late hour to participate in the proceedings, was one of those sent to the National convention, and Mr. Geist one of the delegation sent to the State convention. Strong resolutions breathing the spirit of the call were passed and, on motion of Mr. Stevens, a committee was appointed to confer with committees of other parties who were opposed to the extension of slavery, with a view to "forming a Union American Republican Party." Thus was the Republican party in Lancaster county born and christened, and such was the part Mr. Geist more at the accouchement. A few weeks later the Lancaster City Fremont Club was organized, with A. S. Henderson as president, and F. R. Diffenderffer as secretary, and the new party was ready for business. From that time the stirring editorials of Mr. Geist were a powerful factor in laying deep and strong the foundations of the party—foundations that are to-day as strong in the affections of the people of the county as when they first shouted for "Fremont and Freedom."

When the Civil war at last came along and burst in fury over the country no pen was more busy in upholding the cause of the Nation than Mr. Geist's. It was an inspiration as well as a clarion note, and every movement maintaining the Nation's sovereignty and for the relief of the sick and the wounded had his most earnest support. He never wavered and he never doubted, and the fervent spirit of patriotism that marked all his utterances, as they are recorded in his editorial columns, was far reaching in its effect throughout the State.

In 1876 the *Express* was merged into the *Examiner*, and Mr. Geist became the editor of the consolidated journal. A difference between himself and the publisher in regard to the policy of the paper caused him to retire in a few months, and in conjunction with ex-State Senator John B. Warfel he started *The New Era*, which almost at a bound sprang to the front rank in the journalism of the State, where it stands to-day. Its success was as decided as it was immediate, and outside of the big journals of the metropolis there is no newspaper in Pennsylvania that has a more devoted clientage or wields a stronger influence within its territory.

Mr. Geist has persistently refused to accept or be a candidate for public office, holding that any salaried political position must detract from an editor's freedom and independence. He was twice offered the best local federal positions by members of Congress who were grateful for services his journal had rendered them, and once a lucrative position in the custom house at Philadelphia by a senator, on partly personal and partly political grounds. The only public position he ever held was that of a Harrison elector, in 1892. He was active in the re-organization of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was chairman of the committee which selected and installed the library of that institution, and chairman of the committee which organized the series of excursions by which the money was raised to purchase the books. He has been chairman of the local board of visitors of the State Board of Charities for several years, and author of a report urging certain reforms in prison administration, notably divorcing it from partisan politics, which was highly commended by the State Board. His sincerity is perhaps one of his most striking characteristics. Millions would not tempt him to advocate a cause that he did not believe to be moral or deserving.

Mr. Geist is prominent as a churchman. He was intimately associated with the late Bishop Samuel Bowman in the founding of St. John's Free Church, Lancaster, the pioneer free church in that diocese, and has been a member and secretary of the vestry for forty-six years, and warden for the past twenty-one years. In 1873 he wrote and published, for the use of the congregation, a history of the parish, and has just completed (1902) a revised and enlarged edition, handsomely illustrated with portraits of the ministers who have officiated at St. John's and views of the church edifice, which is regarded as the hand-

somest and most complete Parish History that has been produced.

Mr. Geist was married in 1850 to Miss Elizabeth M. Markley, daughter of the late Dr. George Markley. She died in 1892. They had eight children, four of whom, three sons and one daughter, died young. Four daughters survive: Mrs. John M. Newbold and Mrs. Samuel S. Martin, of Lancaster; Mrs. Dr. J. Paul Lukens, of Wilmington, Del.; and Miss Emma, at home.—[F. R. D.]

ANDREW JACKSON MUSSER, President of the Central National Bank of Columbia, is, as the position he occupies would naturally indicate, one of the foremost citizens of that thriving town. His active participation in the financial history of Columbia began late in life, and supplements an honorable and successful career as mechanic, soldier and business man.

The paternal ancestry of Mr. Musser is of Swiss extraction. Peter Musser, the great-grandfather, was of Swiss parentage, and was an early resident of Lancaster county. He married a Miss Dietz, and they had five children: John, Christian, Henry, Peter and Annie. Of these, Peter was born in Lancaster county, Nov. 29, 1776. He married Elizabeth Rohrer, of Lancaster county, born Aug. 14, 1788. She died Oct. 8, 1822, in her thirty-fifth year, while her husband lived to the age of seventy-one, passing away July 2, 1848. Their children were: Henry R., Mary, Annie, Joseph and Betsey.

Henry R. Musser was born in West Hempfield township June 18, 1808. In early life he adopted the vocation of a cattle dealer and butcher, which he pursued at Lancaster, Marietta and Columbia. In 1846 he removed to Fairfield, Ohio, where he continued his business successfully until death, June 1, 1873, in his sixty-third year. He became a prominent business man of Fairfield, and was there actively interested in the public schools. He was married three times. By his first wife, Miss Shirk, he had one child, Henry S., now of Fairfield, Ohio. By his second wife, Annie, daughter of John and Barbara Mouk, there were six children, namely: Elias H., a tailor of Rochester, Ind.; Thomas Jefferson, who died in Fairfield, Ohio; Benjamin Franklin, proprietor of a meat market in Darke county, Ohio; Andrew Jackson, whose sketch appears herewith; Barbara Ann, who married John Horn, a farmer of West Hempfield township; and Isabella, who died in infancy. The third wife of Henry R. Musser was Fanny Bucher, and the children by that union were: Joseph, deceased; Emanuel, a butcher of Dayton, Ohio; Elizabeth; Isabella; David, a plasterer; and George, a traveling salesman, all residents of Ohio.

Andrew Jackson Musser was born at Marietta, Lancaster county, March 2, 1841. Bereft of a mother's care by death, his home from his fourth year was his maternal grandfather, John Mouk, in West Hempfield. At the age of eighteen he re-

moved to Columbia and there began a three years' apprenticeship to the cabinet maker's trade. This completed, he followed the trade for a few months, but soon after, under the call to arms by President Lincoln, he enlisted Aug. 9, 1862, for nine months, at Columbia, in Co. K, 135th P. V. I., serving the full term, and experiencing active service, participating in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, but escaping without injury. Returning to his old home when mustered out, Mr. Musser resumed work at his trade, which he continued diligently until 1871. In that year he purchased an old and well established cabinet making and undertaking business at Columbia. This was continued most successfully for more than a score of years. In 1892 Mr. Musser retired from business. Two years later he was elected a director of the Central National Bank of Columbia, and early in 1899 he was elected president of the bank to fill an unexpired term of several months, and he was re-elected July 26, 1899.

Mr. Musser married at Columbia, in September, 1861, Cassandra E., daughter of John and Mary Shenberger, farmers of York county, Pa. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Musser consists of two children: John S. and Franklin B. John S. is a farmer and upholsterer of Greenville county, Va.; he married Gertrude Kerr and has three children. Franklin B. acquired telegraphy in his youth and is now superintendent of the electric railway system of Harrisburg, Pa.; he married Miss Sue R. Nowlen.

For six years Andrew J. Musser served the borough of Columbia as a councilman. He is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 286, F. & A. M.; and of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F. Of the latter he is past master, having filled all the chairs, and also having been representative to the grand lodge of Pennsylvania. Among other fraternal institutions he is a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection of Columbia, and in business relations he is a director and president of the Columbia Building & Loan Association. In business Mr. Musser is progressive, and his keen judgment is a most valuable guide. Public-spirited and popular, he essentially fills a commanding place in the commercial and financial affairs of his native county.

JOSEPH SIMON was one of the most prominent and richest Indian traders in the province. He came to Lancaster about 1740, and at once embarked in the trading business. He established a store at East King street and Centre Square, and made frequent trips through Ohio and Illinois. He was one of twenty-two Indian traders who were attacked by Indians at Bloody Run in 1763. On that occasion goods to the value of £82,000 currency were stolen. Simon was one of the heaviest losers. He owned many thousands of acres of land in different parts of Pennsylvania, and during the Revolutionary war furnished powder, shot and guns for

the use of the militia. He had the following children: Rachel, married to Solomon Etting, moved to Philadelphia; Leah, married to Levi Philips; Miriam, married to Simon Gratz, moved to Philadelphia; Belah, married to Solomon Cohen; Shinah, married to M. Scuyler; Susanne, married to Levy Levy; Hester; Moses; and Myer. Joseph Simon died Jan. 24, 1804. His wife died in 1790. They are interred in the Hebrew cemetery in Manheim township, north of Lancaster.

One of the children of Joseph Simon, Miriam, married Simon Gratz, and for some years resided on the corner of Duke and East King, where Farmers' Bank is located. REBECCA GRATZ, their daughter, was born in that house, and the family subsequently moving to Philadelphia, she was raised there. She was a favorite beauty of that city, and Washington Irving was her warmest friend, and it was he who talked Sir Walter Scott into the idea of making her his heroine in "Ivanhoe." Rebecca is buried in Philadelphia, but her parents are buried in the Hebrew cemetery north of Lancaster mentioned above.

GEORGE NAUMAN (Deceased). Among the leading lights of the legal profession in Lancaster, Pa., for over thirty years, and a man who was repeatedly chosen to conduct cases and represent the interests of vast corporations, was George Nauman, who passed away after a short illness, at his residence on East King street, Feb. 14, 1899.

George Nauman was born Feb. 5, 1841, at Holton, Maine, son of George and Mary (Dummett) Nauman, natives of Lancaster and England, respectively. Col. Nauman, the father, was a distinguished officer in the United States army, was born Oct. 7, 1802, and entered at the Military Academy as a cadet. In 1821, he was made acting assistant professor in French in that institution, and three years later was graduated, the same year receiving his appointment as second lieutenant of the First Regiment of Artillery. During the summer of 1829, he acted as assistant instructor of French at West Point, and in May, 1832, received the rank of first lieutenant. During the Florida War, he served continuously, from 1836 to 1838, being in the battle of Wahoo Swamp, and was made captain in the spring of 1837. During the Mexican War he was brevetted Major for gallant service at the battles of Contreras and Churubusco, and he was wounded at the battle of Chapultepec, but continued on duty and commanded the First Regiment of Artillery, and was prize commissioner at Vera Cruz, at the close of the war. From May, 1854, to January, 1861, he was stationed at various points on the Pacific coast. On July 23, 1861, he was promoted lieutenant-colonel of the First Artillery, and was at Newport News in March, 1862, during the famous engagement between the "Merrimac" and "Monitor." In 1863 he was stationed in Boston Harbor and engaged in placing that port in proper state

for defense. On Aug. 1, 1863, he was promoted colonel of the Fifth Artillery, but unfortunately died ten days later, his health having been seriously impaired by the hardships to which he had been subjected. For forty years, he served his country faithfully as an officer, was stationed in every section of the Union, and in every position acquitted himself with honor and distinction. At the time of the outbreak of the Rebellion, he was residing with his family in Florida, and although offered high rank under the Confederate government, was true to the flag under which he had fought so long.

Col. Nauman was married to Mary Dummett, in St. Augustine, Fla., she being a daughter of Thomas Dummett, a native of England, who became a sugar planter on the Isle of Barbadoes, until the abolition of slavery there, when he removed to Connecticut. When the United States acquired Florida, he was one of the first to introduce sugar planting in the new territory. Mrs. Nauman died in 1861, leaving six children, three of whom still survive.

George Nauman remained with his father until 1853, at the different military posts at which he was stationed, but at that time went with his mother and other members of the family to St. Augustine, Fla., Col. Nauman going to California. In 1859, he was graduated from St. James College at Hagerstown, Md., with degree of B. A., after which he read law for a year in the State of Florida, his mind thus early showing its natural bent. In the fall of 1860, he became a student in the Law Department of the University of Virginia, and in June, 1861, located in Lancaster, Pa., continuing his legal studies, and being admitted to the Bar in 1862. Immediately after this, he entered upon the practice of his profession, and met with marked success during his entire legal career, numbering among his clients the most prominent men and corporations of Lancaster and surrounding country. For three years he served as city solicitor, and frequently represented the Pennsylvania Railway Co.; was counsel for the Lancaster Street Railroad Co., and all of the three oil lines in the county.

Mr. Nauman was one of the leading Democrats of the county, and was frequently called upon to represent his party in various offices, and he served many times as chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee. At one time he was chosen as candidate from his district for Congress, but the party being in the minority, he was not elected. In 1888, upon the retirement of Justice Gordon, Mr. Nauman was offered the nomination, but declined the honor, and the Hon. James B. McCollum was placed upon the ticket. In 1896, when the gold question played so important a part in party issues, Mr. Nauman was very pronounced in his views upon the question, and held to the gold standard unflinchingly.

Mr. Nauman's strength as a lawyer lay in his keen, analytical reasoning; his thorough knowledge

of the statutes and his clear, forcible manner of presenting his case to the jury, rather than in lofty flights of oratory, although as an orator he possessed no mean gifts. A close student, both of books and human nature, Mr. Nauman's mind was well filled with useful facts, and he was justly recognized as one of the best informed men in Lancaster. He was also an accomplished linguist, speaking several languages fluently, and was a cultured, refined scholar and a man who commanded deepest respect everywhere from all classes.

In Lancaster, in 1867, Mr. Nauman was married to Miss Elizabeth Henderson, and nine children were born to this happy union, two of whom are deceased: George is a member of the Civil Engineer Corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad and is a graduate of Lehigh University; Alfred is a hardware merchant of Lancaster; John is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, read law with his father, and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar, now being his father's successor in his large practice, with offices at his father's former location, on North Duke street (he is single and resides with his mother). The other children are: Frank, Elizabeth, Spencer and Harriet.

The father of Mrs. Nauman was Amos S. Henderson, who at one time, was one of the leading bankers of Lancaster, and a man very prominent in financial and commercial circles, and one who enjoyed universal respect. The religious connections of Mrs. Nauman and her family are with St. James' Episcopal Church, in which they are active workers, and of which Mr. Nauman was also a member.

MAJOR ELLWOOD GRIEST, ex-postmaster of Lancaster, and father of Hon. W. W. Griest, secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, was a man of far more than ordinary attainments, and was a worthy descendant of the sturdy stock from which he sprung.

Major Griest was born in Chester county, at Griest's fording, on the Octoraro, June 17, 1824, a son of William and Margaret Griest, who belonged to the Society of Friends. After receiving an ordinary English education he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, after which he worked as a journeyman in Lancaster, Chester and Delaware counties. He first engaged in business on his own account in Bart township, Lancaster county, and afterward in Christiana, and was in business in the latter place when he entered the service of the United States, in December, 1862, as a clerk in the subsistence department, 3d Division, 6th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was captured by Mosby's guerrillas Oct. 11, 1863, and confined in Libby prison until Jan. 30, 1864, when he was paroled and exchanged. He was next assigned to duty on Johnson's Island, Lake Erie. In August, 1864, he was commissioned commissary of subsistence with the rank of captain. He was ordered to Gen. Sheridan's army and placed on his staff as issuing commissary

at headquarters, remaining with Sheridan until February, 1865, when the latter went on his raid through the Shenandoah Valley. Capt. Griest was left as post commissary at Winchester. Later he was detailed with Sheridan at New Orleans, and afterward at Jacksonville, Fla. He was mustered out of service in April, 1866, with the brevet rank of major. Before returning home a lieutenant's commission in the United States Infantry was tendered to him, which he declined.

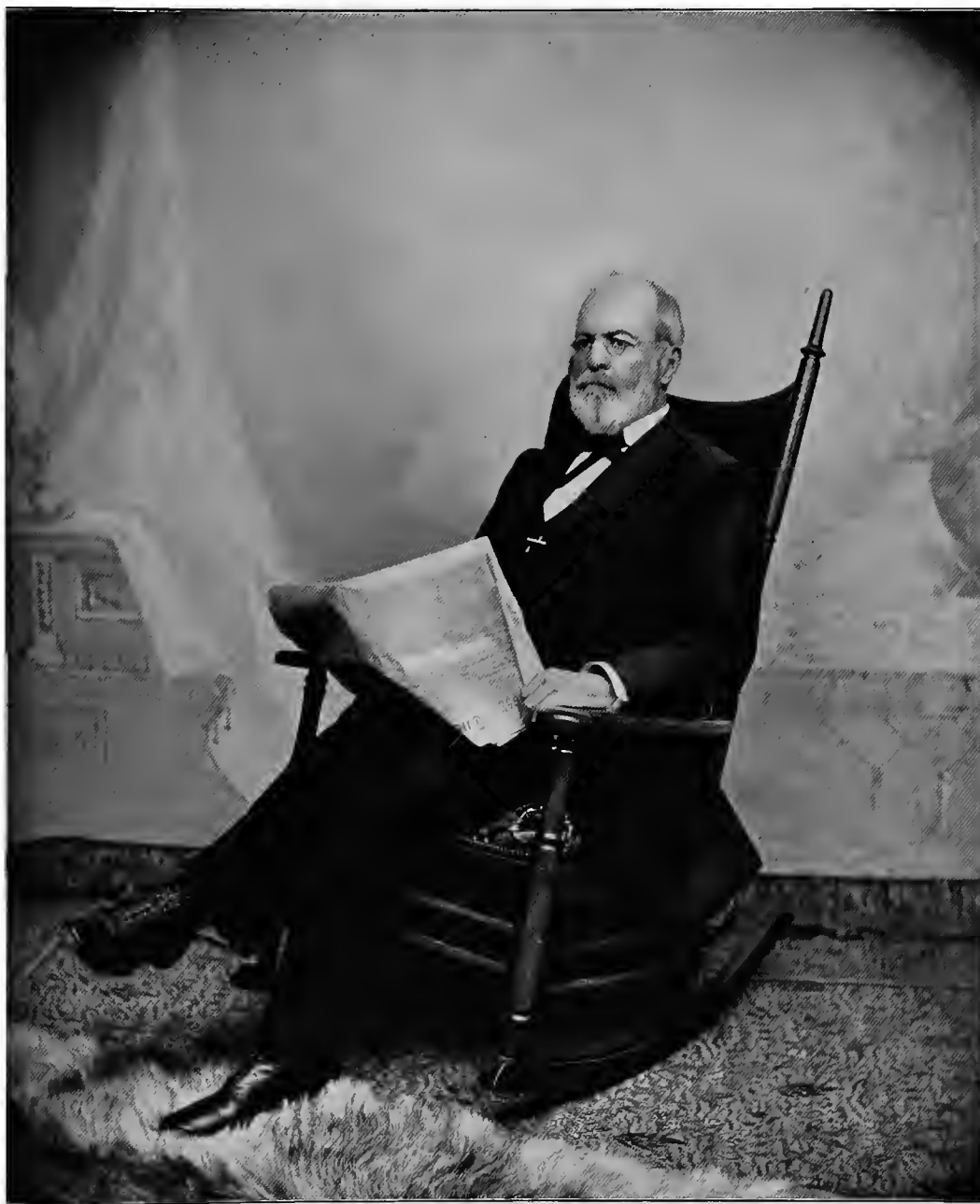
In September, 1866, the county commissioners appointed Major Griest county treasurer, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Samuel Ensinger. While treasurer he was employed by Stuart A. Wylie to edit the Lancaster *Inquirer*. In 1868 he entered into partnership with Mr. Wylie, and the firm continued until the death of the latter, in 1872. Mr. Griest then became the editor and proprietor of the *Inquirer*, and so continued until his death.

Mr. Griest was, as a young man, a radical Abolitionist. He was one of the organizers of the Republican party, took an active interest in politics, and frequently presided at county conventions. He was a delegate to the State Convention in 1856. In 1866 he became a candidate for Congress to succeed Thaddeus Stevens, but withdrew in favor of O. J. Dickey. After Mr. Dickey died he again became a candidate for Congress, but was defeated by A. Herr Smith by sixty-two votes, after an exciting contest. The candidates were A. Herr Smith, who received 3,763 votes; Ellwood Griest, 3,701; Jesse Kennedy (Mt. Joy), 1,015; S. C. Kauffman (Columbia), 1,956; David Evans (city), 162. Two years later Mr. Griest was again an unsuccessful candidate. In 1888 he was a Presidential elector on the Republican ticket. President Harrison appointed him postmaster Dec. 11, 1890; and on Feb. 16, 1898, he was appointed postmaster for a second time by President McKinley, and held that office at the time of his death.

In his religious views Major Griest was a Quaker, and belonged to the Eastland Meeting, in Little Britain township. Fraternally he was a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, G. A. R., and of Lodge No. 43, of the Masonic fraternity.

Major Griest died, after a lingering illness, at the old family home, No. 429 South Prince street, in February, 1900. His wife, who had also long been an invalid, soon followed her devoted husband, and entered into rest in August, 1900. Frank, the eldest son, who was assistant editor of the *Inquirer*, passed away in March, 1900, and Hon. W. W. Griest is the sole survivor of the family.

HANS TSCHANTZ was one of the first Mennonite ministers to locate in Lancaster county, having come to this country with Hans Herr, Ulrich Brackbill, Christian Herr, Martin Mylin and others about 1709. He was connected with the Strasburg district of the Mennonite Church in Lancaster county. He became a Bishop in that church and



Ellwood Griest

in 1742, when Martin Meylin (Mylin) built a fine and commodious house for himself, he was mildly reprimanded by Bishop Tschantz and asked to declare openly what his intentions were in erecting such a handsome affair. He stated that he had only done so for his comfort, and after some discussion the Bishop reprimanded him and the matter ended there.

EDWARD SHIPPEN, one of the leading men of Lancaster in Revolutionary times, was a grandson of Edward Shippen, of Philadelphia, who had come from Yorkshire, England, to Boston and finally settled in Philadelphia in 1693. Edward Shippen, the subject of our sketch, was born in Philadelphia in 1703, and came to Lancaster in 1752, when he was appointed prothonotary of the county. He was paymaster for the supplies furnished to the Provincial soldiers during the French and Indian War, and was also a county judge of Lancaster county. He died at an advanced age, and is buried in the graveyard of St. James' Episcopal church. His son, Edward, became Chief Justice of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania in 1790. One of his daughters married Benedict Arnold in 1778.

HENRY EDWIN SLAYMAKER, ex-postmaster of Lancaster, well known in his community on account of his connection with Reigarts Old Wine Store, a leading business house, comes from prominent Pennsylvania families. His marriage to Miss Steele, daughter of late Capt. John Steele, adds considerable to Mr. Slaymaker's social standing.

The first of the family to emigrate to this country was Mathias Slaymaker (in German Schleiermacher), a native of Hessen-Cassel, who arrived from Strasburg, Germany, in the year 1710. He settled on a thousand-acre tract known as the "London Lands," located near the residence of Peter J. Eckert in Strasburg township. Mathias had two brothers, one a clergyman and settled in the Emperor's dominion high up in Germany, and for some time secretary of the German Legation to the Court of St. James, afterward holding the position of Charge d' Affairs to the same government; his eldest son was governor of a German Island. President John Adams, while minister to England, resided with a descendant of this brother. Another descendant of this branch was governor of an Island under German Dominion. Mathias' other brother was a major in the King of Prussia's tall regiment, and it is supposed that a son of this brother was an officer (major) in the Hessian troops hired by George III to fight his rebellious subjects in America, as a captured soldier of that name was at one time confined in the Lancaster jail.

Mathias Slaymaker, the emigrant, was married in Germany. He had five sons: Lawrence, Mathias, John, Henry and Daniel, and two daughters, Mar-

garet and Barbara Eckman. Of these Lawrence and Margaret were born before the emigration to America. Lawrence married a sister of Jacob Pfautz, and had one child who married a member of the Lefever family and later moved to Cumberland county. Mathias married a Miss Smith and had two sons, John and William, and three daughters, Rachel, Rebecca and Elizabeth. John married Elizabeth White and had Mathias, John, William and Alexander, and five daughters, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Kitty and Ann. Henry married Faithful Richardson, three sons being born to the union, Amos, Henry and Samuel, and six daughters, Mary, Hannah, Faithful, Lydia, Sarah and Sophia. Daniel married Gilsey Young, and had Daniel, William and Mathias, sons, and Elizabeth and Gilsey, daughters. Margaret married Michael Fickel, and reared a large family. Barbara married Hironimus Eckman.

Henry Slaymaker, father of Amos, assisted in clearing a portion of the present town site of Lancaster. The London Lands were left to John, Henry, Mathias and Daniel, and a portion of the estate is still held by the family.

The Slaymaker family resisted all the efforts of the British to make them desert the Colonists during Revolutionary times, and every member remained faithful to the Republic during its struggle for liberty. Henry was a magistrate during this time and was active in behalf of freedom; he succeeded Mr. Hubley as principal justice, presiding for a year. Henry's son Amos was a member of Col. James Mercer's military company, formed by young men who entered into articles of agreement to suppress all those called Tories. Its movements were attended with great hazard, and it was constantly in aid of the new Republic. The traditions of the family are replete with stories of this period. One in particular when Magistrate Henry Slaymaker, hearing of a gang of Tories operating in the vicinity ordered out the company in pursuit of it. After a hard march through a stormy night it was learned that the Tories had been apprised of their coming and had made their escape. Henry Slaymaker was a delegate to the convention for framing a constitution for the State of Pennsylvania, which met at Philadelphia, July 15, 1776.

Amos Slaymaker served two terms in the Revolutionary war as an Ensign in a company commanded by his uncle, John S., who was also engaged as an officer in Braddock's war. Amos was magistrate for many years, a member of Legislature, of the Pennsylvania Senate, and afterwards a member of Congress from his district.

The John Slaymaker of Revolutionary fame was a sturdy patriot and soldier. In Braddock's disastrous campaign against the French he was engaged during the day of Braddock's defeat. He had charge of a cannon and in getting it into action had eleven horses shot while hauling it into position. In 1776 he took a company into Bergen, N. J., and

was in the skirmish under Gen. Bull, at Chestnut Hill, where the General was taken prisoner. Upon John's return home he was elected county commissioner, and after filling that office he retired to private life, dying in 1798, aged sixty-five years.

Samuel Slaymaker, third son of Henry Slaymaker and Faithful Richardson, married Ann Cochran, daughter of Stephen Cochran, of Cochranville, Chester Co., and they had offspring as follows: Henry Y., Stephen C., Samuel R., James A. and Eliza. Samuel and his brother Henry were proprietors of the great stage line of Reeside, Slaymaker & Co., from Philadelphia to the West, before the era of railroads. The firm built the large stage barn on the corner of Duke and Chestnut streets, with the three one-story brick houses still standing on the north side of Chestnut street, extending from the Rote Iron Works to Cherry street. The barn was destroyed by fire the evening of Nov. 1, 1832, at which time Samuel R. Slaymaker & Co. were the owners of the stage line. Samuel died April 3, 1830, at his residence in East Orange St., now the property of Dr. George Rohrer. Ann (Cochran) Slaymaker died at the home of her son Samuel R., in York.

Henry V. Slaymaker, of Margaretta Furnace, York Co., married Margaret Reigart and the following children were born to this union: Mary R., Ann C., Henrietta E., and Adam R. Margaret died at Margaretta Furnace. Henry Y. died at his daughter Henrietta Ruthrauff's in Davenport, Iowa.

Samuel R. Slaymaker married Anna Smith, of Philadelphia, and had the following children: Henry Stephen, Robert S., Margaret and Jonathan S. (who was captain of a company in the 2nd Iowa V. I., and was killed at the taking of Fort Donelson during the late Civil war).

James A. Slaymaker died at Detroit, Michigan.

Stephen C. Slaymaker, of Margaretta Furnace, York Co., married Susan, youngest daughter of Adam and Mary Reigart, and had children as follows: Henry Edwin, Samuel Howard, Adam Reigart and Stephen Cochran. Stephen C., was born in Lancaster, Jan. 17, 1802, and died at Margaretta Furnace Jan. 1, 1835. Susan (Reigart) Slaymaker, born at Lancaster April 4, 1804, died at the home of her son, Henry E., May 7, 1886, and both are buried in St. James Episcopal Church yard in Lancaster.

Henry Edwin Slaymaker, the subject of the present sketch, was born at Margaretta Furnace, York Co., Oct. 26, 1828. At the age of twelve years Mr. Slaymaker came to Lancaster with his mother in 1841, and after attending the Franklin Academy and High school for some time entered the late Col. Mayer's hardware store on North Queen street, remaining there three years. Then he became a salesman for John F. Steinman & Son, hardware dealers. After two years' service he formed a partnership with the late William C. Pinkerton in hardware under the name of Pinkerton &

Slaymaker with store on North Queen street. The business was closed out in 1857 and Mr. Slaymaker then took charge of Reigart's Old Wine Store on East King street, established by Adam Reigart, our subject's grandfather, in 1785, and has successfully conducted the business for the estate ever since.

Henry E. Slaymaker married Mary Steele, youngest daughter of Capt. John and Jane P. Steele, of Harmony Hall, Leacock township. They have had three daughters, Mary Reigart, who married Edward P. Cowell, employed by the Lehigh Valley R. R., and they have two children, Mary Edna and Henry Slaymaker; Frances Steele, who died at the age of seven months; and Susan R., at home. In politics Mr. Slaymaker was first a Whig, but in 1860 he became a Constitutional States Rights Democrat, and has remained with that party since.

Mr. Slaymaker was a member of St. John's Episcopal church of Lancaster, having helped to organize it and serving as one of the first set of vestrymen. He is now a member of St. James church, and is prominent in its affairs. He was a member of Lancaster Fencibles, the crack military company of the time, and at the beginning of the war he helped to organize the Union Guards, which did such good service in the Army of the Potomac. While prevented from going to the war when the Rebels invaded Pennsylvania, Mr. Slaymaker raised a company known as Co. B, 10th P. V. I. After some service the company was disbanded.

Mr. Slaymaker held the office of auditor of Lancaster until its abolishment. From the age of eighteen years he was a member of the Union Volunteer Fire Co., No. 1, and for twenty-eight years was its president. After the establishment of a paid department the company formed the Union Fire Co. Association. Mr. Slaymaker was elected its president, and still retains that position. For more than twenty years he was chairman of the Property committee of the school directors of Lancaster, and when the first modern school building was erected in the town he superintended its construction, giving the work as careful consideration as he would his own business. President Cleveland appointed him postmaster during his first term and it was during this time the new postoffice on North Duke street was ordered by the government. At the end of his term it was found that Mr. Slaymaker was the government creditor to the amount of one cent, a draft for which amount was sent him from Washington. Mr. Slaymaker retains the draft as a curiosity. For three years he was jury commissioner of the county.

Mr. Slaymaker is a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M.; also of the Chapter, No. 43, and the Lodge of Perfection, and from time to time has held the lodges' most important offices, at present being treasurer of the former, and trustee of the latter. He is a trustee of the Witmer Home, a manager of the Home for Friendless Children since its establishment. Hale and vigorous, no more

familiar figure than that of Mr. Slaymaker is known to Lancaster. Clever and kind, and a most entertaining companion, it is small wonder that the gentleman has long been regarded as one of Lancaster's foremost men.

Mrs. Slaymaker comes of a family whose record is indelibly written in American history. General John Steele, her grandfather, was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, in 1758, a son of William Steele. He was educated in the school at Chestnut Level, kept by the Rev. James Latta. While still in school, the war of the Revolution was begun, and young Steele exchanged the school room for the camp, enlisting the same day as did his three brothers, Archibald, William and James. He entered the ranks as a private, but before he was twenty-one was in command of a company, being made a first lieutenant in the 10th Pennsylvania, Dec. 4, 1776; Captain, May 27, 1778; transferred to the 17th Cavalry in 1781; retired in January, 1783; and later honored with the rank of general. He was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, but recovered and returned to his regiment, following Washington through many battles, participating as officer of the day in the memorable success enacted at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, Oct. 19, 1781. In June, 1780, while a member of Gen. Washington's body guard, he had the honor of guarding Mrs. Washington, in the absence of her husband, at Morristown, N. J. After the war was over, Gen. Steele served in the Pennsylvania Senate, being presiding officer in 1805 and 1808. In the latter year he was appointed collector of the port of Philadelphia, an office he continued to hold until 1826. He was a man of undoubted genius. For a time he engaged in the publishing business in Philadelphia, where he located in 1784, casting his type with his own hands. The last year of his life was spent on his farm at Octoraro. His death occurred Feb. 27, 1827, and he was buried in Old Pine St. Church Yard, Philadelphia, Pa. Besides his service in the field, this sturdy patriot had loaned money to the Government, and he was one of the founders of the Society of the Cincinnati. In 1784 he wedded Miss Bailey, who had waited for him during seven long years he served his country. She died in March, 1828. In politics he was a Jeffersonian Democrat.

Capt. John Steele, son of Gen. John Steele, entered into rest Oct. 27, 1853. During the war of 1812, he commanded a company, and later succeeded to the position held by his father as collector of the Port of Philadelphia. He was also controller of the public schools of that city. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. Fraternally he was a York Rite Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 51, of Philadelphia, in which he was past master, and in which for thirty years he had held official position. He also filled the chair of Right Worshipful Grand Master in the Grand Lodge. Capt. Steele married Jane Porter, who was born in 1791, and died in

1867. Ten children blessed this union, as follows: William, Sarah, John, Abiann, James, Robert, Margaret, Jane D., Mary and Marshall, all deceased, except Mary, who is Mrs. Slaymaker.

Mrs. Slaymaker and her two daughters are active members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, belonging to Donegal Chapter. The youngest daughter, Susan Reigart Slaymaker, is at present most acceptably serving as corresponding secretary.

JOSEPH SHERER, son of Samuel Sherer, was born in the north of Ireland in 1731. In 1734 his parents located in Paxton township, then in Lancaster county, now in Dauphin county, Pa. He received an ordinary education and began life as a farmer. During the French and Indian war he served as a non-commissioned officer, doing duty on the frontiers. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War he commanded a company in Colonel Burd's Battalion of Associators. He was a member of the Lancaster county committee and a member of the Constitutional convention of July 15, 1776. He took sick while attending the sessions of this convention, and died on December 2d following. He left behind him a wife and eight children.

JOHN B. GOOD, for twenty years a member of the Bar at Lancaster, was born June 18, 1823, in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and died in Lancaster Sept. 6, 1884, in his sixty-second year. He was a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bowman) Good, who had six children, of whom John B. was the eldest. Lydia, the eldest daughter and second child, married Jacob Hoover, of Berks county, Pa., and is now deceased; Elizabeth became the wife of Mr. Husser, and is deceased; Sarah, the wife of Peter Meisser, died in Lancaster county; Mary died unmarried, in Lancaster county; and Nancy also died in this county. The father was a cabinet maker by trade.

In early life Mr. Good was reared to farming, and in connection therewith managed to secure an excellent education. At the age of eighteen he began to teach school, and was thus engaged for several years, in the meantime devoting his leisure to the reading of law. He was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1864, and practiced continuously up to the time of his death. He was considered a practical and conscientious exponent of legal science, and had a large and appreciative clientele. For many years he was before the public as a writer for various periodicals, possessing a facile pen and apt descriptive powers. As a Republican he took considerable interest in local political undertakings, and among other offices maintained with credit filled that of justice of the peace, from 1847 to 1858. In February, 1865, he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was ever after a loyal supporter of that denomination. At the time of his death he had held the office of class-

leader since 1866, and of exhorter since 1867. He was president of the first lay conference held in Philadelphia, Pa., in March, 1872.

In Reading, Pa., in 1847, Mr. Good married Elizabeth Bowman, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Good) Bowman, and granddaughter of Christ and Elizabeth Bowman, the former a miller of Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Good was born in Bowmansville, Lancaster Co., Pa., which town was named after her father, who was a farmer in the county, and who died in 1871, at the age of seventy-nine years. The mother was a native of Berks county, Pa., and died in 1873, at the age of seventy-nine. The parents are buried in Bowmansville cemetery. They had the following named children, of whom Mrs. John B. Good was the last survivor; Isaac; Moses; Elias; Lovina, wife of John H. Good, of Brecknock township; Nancy, wife of Christ Gehman; Elizabeth, Mrs. John B. Good; and Leah, wife of Solomon Ott. Mrs. Good lived in her pleasant home with her daughter, Eleanor M., her other daughter, Clara L., being the wife of Leonard Lewis, a machinist of Lancaster.

ELNATHAN ELISHA HIGBEE, D. D., LL. D., State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania from April 1, 1881, to the time of his death, Dec. 13, 1889, was born at St. George, near Burlington, Vt., March 27, 1830. He was the youngest of a family of ten children, eight sons and two daughters, born to Lewis Higbee and Sarah Baker. His mother came from noble stock, and was a woman of surpassing loveliness of disposition and force of character. He often spoke of her in terms of the warmest gratitude and the tenderest affection. It was in deference to her wishes that he declined a cadetship at West Point and continued his course at the University of Vermont, though the military academy held out for him high promise, and would have fallen in admirably with his daring and adventurous spirit, for he had in him, in large measure, that of which the ideal soldier is made. It was through her he used to take a passing pride in tracing his relationship with Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga and Crown Point. His father, at one time a member of the State Legislature, was a strong representative of the sturdy New England type of manhood, a fearless upholder of the right, of which he had an intuitive sense, with a rich vein of humor that was ever flashing into forms of quick-witted speech.

Just when Dr. Higbee's formal education began is not known. Nearly all we know definitely is that "when a little urchin he knocked at the old Polebrook school-house with his father's stove-pipe hat on, and claimed admittance." As a boy he was full of energy and excelled in all out-door sports. He was "in love with the hills, skillful with rod and line, a fine shot and a natural-born athlete." Though only sixteen when he taught his first school, he easily outstripped the most active and stalwart of his boys. "He could run faster, jump higher, knock a ball or

kick a foot-ball further than any of the rest," says one who knew him well, "and as a skater he was as fleet as the wind, and as alert, nimble and agile as seems possible to any master of the art." He was, of course, a hero to his pupils on the play-ground, while in the school room his brilliant intellectual powers and his tact in management made him no less an object of admiration. He learned to skate as perhaps not another lad in ten thousand has done. His older brother tells the story as follows: The little fellow had buckled on his skates for the first time, but had hardly got upon the ice before a sudden and stunning fall put an end to his anticipations of sport. He promptly took them off and could not be induced to put them on again that winter. Ice coming again the next winter, he went out with the boys as before, put on the skates a second time, and glided away from everybody—a skillful master of the art! Between his fall and the second time he buckled on skates, he had become a skillful skater—not on, but off the ice! *The boy had thought it out.* Going along the road to school during the summer—anywhere, everywhere—without a word on the subject to anybody, he was trying the slide, studying it, until he had mastered its theory and the concept was clear. Then much of the strength and skill acquired in other directions here came into play, and he led the lively company many a merry chase.

His preparatory studies must have been prosecuted with vigor, for at the age of fifteen we find him admitted into the freshman class of the university. Here he was a leader among his fellows, conspicuous no less for the brilliancy of his intellectual achievements than for his marvelous feats of strength and agility in the various athletic sports of the day. He became known as the champion football player of New England, as well as one of her champion wrestlers, having in his college days encountered but one man—a Canadian of firm-set limb and mighty strength of loins—whom he could not put down and keep down in this good-natured test of bodily skill and strength and endurance. He was also a famous cricketer, until a finger broken by the ball compelled him to forego the vigorous game. At one of the corporation dinners at Burlington, Vt.—given by the city corporation on graduation day to the university and its alumni—to the right and left of President Buckham, of the university, sat Dr. James McCosh, president of Princeton College, and Dr. E. E. Higbee, president of Mercersburg Theological Seminary. After Dr. McCosh had been introduced and had made his speech, President Buckham, in introducing Dr. Higbee, remarked: "The last time I saw him was many years ago, on the campus behind the university. It was on the day when his class graduated. He had the foot-ball in his hand as he shouted, 'Here goes for the last kick!' The records of the university show that the ball went over the cupola of the four-story building, higher than it was ever kicked before or since!" Thus he enriched the traditions of his Alma Mater



ELNATHAN ELISHA HIGBEE, D.D., LL.D.

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR BEAVER.

In the name and by authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

A PROCLAMATION.

Again devolves upon the Executive the sad duty of announcing to the people of this Commonwealth the death of an eminent citizen and faithful official. Dr. E. E. Higbee, Superintendent of Public Instruction, died this morning at his home in the City of Lancaster. For nearly nine years and by the appointment of three successive Governors he served the people of this State with singular fidelity, and purity, and singleness of purpose, as the honored head of the Educational Department of the State Government.

He was born March 27, 1830, and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1849. He received his professional education at the theological seminary at Mercersburg, in this State, and entered the ministry in 1854. He became professor of languages in Heidelberg College, Ohio, in 1859; but three years later removed to the city of Pittsburg, and resumed his labors in the ministry. Soon after he returned, as one of its professors, to the theological seminary from which he graduated, and in 1867 was elected to the presidency of Mercersburg College, which position he filled until his appointment as Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1881, and this latter office he held by re-appointment in 1885 and 1889, until the time of his death.

Dr. Higbee was a man of broad culture, a polished and thoughtful scholar, familiar alike with the treasures of ancient and modern thought and literature. As an instructor his extraordinary attainments and varied resources brought to him abundant success in every department of effort; and as an educator, in its broadest and best sense, he had attained a rank among the first of the nation. As a public officer he was painstaking and conscientious; as a man he was pure, simple-hearted and genial, gentle and kind.

The teachers of the State and his associates in the great work of education loved him with a filial devotion, and the Commonwealth trusted him as a pure, noble, true, and honest man.

The funeral services will be held at the First Reformed Church in Lancaster, on Monday, December 16th, at half-past 11 o'clock a. m.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Harrisburg, this 13th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and of the Commonwealth the one hundred and fourteenth.

By the Governor :

CHAS. W. STONE,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

JAMES A. BEAVER.

by exploits of physical skill and dexterity in such a signal way as to associate his name with the most attractive reminiscences of college days, becoming recognized by general consent as *facile princeps* among his fellows.

Supt. E. Mackey, of Trenton, N. N., in a rare tribute to Dr. Higbee, written shortly after his death, says: "He was in sympathy with his students in all their legitimate pastimes and pursuits. I was fond of skating. The creek was a mile away. I was never refused permission to absent myself from chapel exercises and study hours to enjoy an evening's skating. Dr. Higbee himself, it was said, was the finest skater ever seen on the creek. He must have been a most accomplished athlete. Even when he was nearly fifty years old I have seen him kick a foot-ball from his hands straight over the college cupola—a feat no student could perform during my college days. The college building was four stories high, and the cupola not more than ten feet wide."

Mr. J. T. Motter writes: "My earliest acquaintance with Dr. Higbee dates back to 1849, when I was but a lad of eleven years and he a youth of nineteen. He was the best man—not only at books but also at every kind of sport. I began the study of Greek and Latin under him at this time, and also the pursuit of every kind of outdoor sport, of which he was very fond. He was as fine a shot as I ever knew, and he disdained to shoot at any game in repose, preferring, as he said, to give them a fair chance for life. He rarely raised the gun to his shoulder to glance along the barrel in shooting partridges, pheasants or woodcock—and he rarely failed to bring down his bird. I have seen him wing the chimney swallow in his wayward flight. These feats of skill in marksmanship were common when he was a young man, but as he grew older I never knew him to take the gun into his hand. His beautiful hazel eye was quick as the lightning, and the most expressive feature of his face. It seemed, at times of great earnestness, to pierce through men and things, until the very core of the matter lay bare before him, and he saw everything in clearest vision. His power of ordinary sight was also remarkable. He could tell from a long distance not only the genera but the species of trees, as for instance the different oaks, maples, etc., and enjoyed testing his eyesight in this way; he could count the strands of a rope at a greater distance than any one else while at Mercersburg; and on the way to Europe and return his eye in this test was as good as the sailors', and about as quick and sure as their own to detect and distinguish objects on the horizon."

As a student at the university he was especially strong in the departments of mathematics, the classical languages and related studies, and of English literature. He was an omnivorous reader, with an intuitive power of discrimination and susceptibility for the true, the good and the beautiful. He reveled in the delights afforded by the noble collection of books stored in the university library, whose most

unfrequented nooks he diligently explored, mousing into and through musty "volumes of forgotten lore," and enriching his mind with the treasures of poetic thought and chaste expression which entered so largely and so naturally into the splendid mental and spiritual equipment he was acquiring, and which proved an inexhaustible source of perennial freshness and ever-multiplying power in his subsequent career as a thinker, a writer and a speaker of extraordinary ability. He often spoke of the severe mathematical training he there received, the rigid discipline of his Latin and Greek studies as there enforced, and his introduction under competent guidance into the domain of speculative thinking and philosophical methods of investigation, as leading factors in the educational advantages he enjoyed; but he never ceased to "thank his stars" for the influences that worked together for his greatest intellectual good, in sending him with hurrying feet to the library as the storehouse of the accumulated wisdom of the ages. Here he acquired that remarkable "habit of swift and discriminating reading, until he had amongst books, as Prof. Winsor expresses it, 'the instinct that serves the Redman when he knows the north by the thickness of the moss on the tree-boles.'"

We have said that he excelled in mathematics. In this connection it is interesting to recall the following incident: When he first began the study of algebra it seems that he was unable to get along with the new work to his satisfaction. So the lad applied to his father for permission to stop the study. "What is algebra?" inquired the father. Elnathan told him as well as he could, whereupon he was asked, "Can the other boys get it?" "Yes, they seem able to do it, at least better than I can." "Then," said the father, with emphasis, "You'll keep at it, and get it too." And he did get it, as all know who ever witnessed the facility, the lightning-like rapidity with which he employed the media of this branch of analysis in the solution of the most intricate problems. He once told us boys in class-room of how, one day on the playground, the meaning and use of algebra came to him like a flash of light, so that he never after had trouble with it.

In college we find him, on the other hand, approaching Prof. Torrey with the question whether he might not give up one or two of the other branches, for which he had no liking, in order to devote himself more assiduously to the study of mathematics. "The fact that you seem to have no special aptitude for the branches you name," Prof. Torrey advised, "is the very best of reasons why you should apply yourself most diligently to the mastery of the truths they contain, for you need them most; the mathematics, for which you have special talent, will for that reason require no special effort on your part, but may be trusted to take care of itself in the ordinary course of your studies." The wisdom of this counsel was not lost upon the young inquirer at the time, and in after years was gratefully acknowl-

edged as fully justified by his own more mature experience. He used to speak of this as "the best advice" he had received while a student at college.

His collegiate course terminated in 1849. He was one of the honor men of his class. His connection with the university did not cease with his graduation, for besides maintaining a correspondence with several of his old professors upon abstruse questions, involving learned disputations, he was invited, "by a unanimous vote of the faculty," in the language of President Smith, to deliver a Master's Oration at the commencement of 1852; in 1857 he responded to an invitation of the Literary Societies "to serve as poet for their annual celebration;" and at another time he delivered a poem upon some "high festal" occasion in the history of the Owl Society. The Master's Oration was entitled "Thesis Theologica—scripta dictu in U. V. M.—Relation of the Church to the Incarnation in the Creed"—a very scholarly disquisition, showing already, at this early age, the wide range of his acquaintance with the ponderous tomes of patristic literature, the records of the old church councils, and the domain of more recent theological learning.

Dr. Higbee's first employment, after graduating, was as assistant teacher in an academy at South Woodstock, Vt., where he had classes in the higher mathematics, the ancient classics and philosophy. At the termination of this engagement he went to Emmitsburg, Md., at the request of his sister, to take charge of the mathematical and classical departments of a select school which his brother-in-law, Rev. George W. Aughinbaugh, had organized in that place. He was then reading law, and fully determined, at no distant day, to return to his native State and qualify himself for the legal profession. He once humorously accounted for his coming to Emmitsburg by recalling the familiar anecdote related of John C. Calhoun and Daniel Webster. These statesmen were standing in front of the Capitol at Washington, when a drove of mules was going by. "Look, Dan," said Calhoun, "there goes some of your constituents." "Yes," Webster replied, "they are going south to teach school." Then with a merry twinkle in his eye he added, "I've come South to teach school." How many hundreds of pupils and thousands of admiring friends have lived to see the day when they devoutly blessed the good fortune that permitted them to share in the benefits of his "coming South!"

In 1850 he accepted the position of private tutor in the family of Hon. Joshua Motter, of Emmitsburg, among whose daughters he found his wife, the faithful, life-long partner of his joys and sorrows. This position he held for one year. The serious earnestness with which he prosecuted his labors here, as teacher of a small band of pupils, is especially evinced by his lectures on the Science of Logic, and the Fine Arts, which were prepared with the same painstaking care that characterized his later prepared lectures on Church History, Ethics,

and Æsthetics. Here too, during the winter of 1850-51, he was brought so nigh unto death by an attack of typhoid fever, of a most malignant type, that the physicians could no longer count the flurried pulse-beats, gave up all hope, and gravely declared, "It is only a question of a few hours' time with the poor fellow." On the contrary, his great life work was just begun. When he rose from this sick bed, and could venture out of the house, Dr. Aughinbaugh tells us he weighed less than ninety pounds. "The battle for life," says Dr. Aughinbaugh, "was terrible. For six weeks I did not leave his room for rest, except on Saturday night, that I might be in better condition for pulpit duties on Sunday."

In the latter part of 1851, or early in 1852, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Mercersburg, attracted from law to the study of theology mainly by the writings of Dr. John W. Nevin. Drs. Nevin and Schaff were his teachers. Of his course here we will not take time to speak, save to note the interesting fact that he spent considerable time in preparing for publication an edition of Pindar in the original. The plan of the work had been carefully mapped out, in consultation with Prof. Pease of the University of Vermont, who advised him "to put the Greek on one page and an English metrical translation on the other, with explanatory notes at the foot of the page and critical notes at the end." His earlier admiration for Dr. Nevin grew into the profoundest veneration by personal association and fuller acquaintance. Indeed, he regarded Dr. Nevin, in certain lines of thought, the ablest man in America, and with but one man his equal in Germany. We remember well when he put into our hands, for the editorial columns of *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, this tribute to his venerated teacher:

In the recent death of Dr. J. W. Nevin, at his home at Caernarvon Place, near Lancaster, at the advanced age of eighty years, the world of scholarship and ripe Christian thought has lost a noble citizen. Though not the best known to its educators, he was the greatest teacher of his time in Pennsylvania. He was unequalled in his power over the minds of his pupils, inspiring in them such a reverence for truth, and such an humble attitude to receive it, as to free many from all self-conceit, and put them on the way of earnest search and prayer. While gifted himself with intellectual powers only granted to a chosen few, yet in his humility he urged his pupils to yield their minds to *truth* as something broader and more glorious than aught that he or the most learned had attained; and guarded them most zealously from the abomination of *intellectual slavery*. In no scholar of our acquaintance have we seen the language of our Saviour more fully verified, "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment." And in no educator of the present age have we seen such a reverent acknowledgment of the aim of all thought-life, as given by the greatest teacher of man, "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth."

The same all-absorbing love of the truth and comprehensive grasp of its wide-reaching scope was the inspiration of Dr. Higbee's own interior thought-power, and his own words, as above quoted, might be most fittingly applied to himself. After completing

the Seminary course he accepted the professorship of mathematics in the high school at Lancaster, Pa. There he remained one year, making life-long friends of many of his pupils. The last eight years of his life were also lived in Lancaster, and it was there that he died in 1889, at the home of his son-in-law, Prof. George F. Mull, of Franklin and Marshall College.

In 1854, five years after his graduation from the university, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Maryland Classis of the Reformed Church. His first field of ministerial labor was in the Congregational Church of Bethel, Vt. After laboring there a few years he returned to Emmitsburg as a supply to the Reformed Church, but soon became pastor of the First Reformed Church of Tiffin, Ohio. There he was elected professor of Latin and Greek in Heidelberg College. It was at Tiffin that Dr. Higbee's father, now an old man and very feeble, first heard his son preach. Upon returning to the house, he expressed the pleasure he had had by exclaiming, in subdued tones, with tears coursing their way down his cheeks, "Well, I have heard Elnathan preach, and now I am satisfied. He knows how to do it."

Grace Reformed Church, Pittsburg, next enjoyed his ministrations for a few years, whence he was called, in 1864, to the chair of Church History and New Testament Exegesis, occupied by the eminent theologian, Dr. Philip Schaff, in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, where he had graduated. "Here," says Prof. Kerschner, "eight delightful years of my friend's life passed away." When in 1871 the Seminary was removed to Lancaster, Dr. Higbee resigned the chair he had so ably and acceptably filled, and became President of Mercersburg College, holding the position until 1880. His pastoral labors covered a period of ten years. The sixteen years following, of educational work at Mercersburg, spent so quietly that the world knew little of him who labored there, were, like those of Moses in Horeb, years of quiet preparation made unwittingly for a wide field of great activity. There, in the chair of Church History and New Testament Exegesis, he made the acquaintance of the great theologians, ecclesiastics, and statesmen of past ages, for to him these men lived again; and in their companionship his wonderful mind found congenial spirits and converse upon highest themes in statecraft and religion.

As President of Mercersburg College Dr. Higbee passed from the contemplative to the active sphere, from the legislative and judicial habit to the executive. Dr. Kerschner says of that period: "His labors were vastly increased; his anxieties were endless; his remuneration was small; the discipline of the college, no light burden when faithfully discharged, rested mainly upon him; he was a committee of ways and means where such seemed not to exist; his duties were often harassing, always incessant." During this time he taught classes in Psychology, Logic, Æsthetics, Ethics and the His-

tory of Philosophy, and gave special attention to the Philosophy of History and the Theory of Education. "But the chapel was the scene of Dr. Higbee's severest labors, of his dearest joys, and of his noblest spiritual victories." Thus was he prepared to cope with men and grasp the issues presented in his brilliant and inspiring eight years' administration of the Department of Public Instruction, which he began in his fifty-first year.

A very fair estimate of his labors at Mercersburg, and the fruits thereof, may be had from discriminating and appreciative articles in the Memorial number of *The Pennsylvania School Journal* (February and March, 1890) and in the Dr. Higbee Memorial Volume, an extraordinary collection of tributes unequalled perhaps in the history of education in America—notably those of Prof. J. B. Kerschner, Supt. E. Mackey, Rev. E. N. Kremer, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Rev. S. L. Whitmore, and others. The whole period of his activity from this time onward is well covered by the splendid memorial tributes there given. State Supt. Schaeffer, who was one of his students at Mercersburg, says of him: "He was one of the most remarkable educators of modern times, greater at Mercersburg than was Dr. Arnold at Rugby. In the eyes of his students he was a linguist, a mathematician, a scientist, a philosopher, a theologian, a historian, an orator, a poet—all combined in one. Had his magnificent powers been concentrated upon a single specialty, he might have rendered services therein that would have been acknowledged in every clime and tongue."

Dr. Higbee was largely instrumental in bringing about the foundation of Mercersburg College in the fall of 1865. Laboring there, in season and out of season, studying, teaching, preaching, lecturing, writing articles for the *Reformed Quarterly Review*, and the *Reformed Messenger*, of which he was co-editor for a time, and serving upon some of the most important committees by appointment of the highest judicatory of the church—maintaining the most intense activity whereby his physical resources were drained to their utmost capacity—with a sublime disregard of personal ease and comfort—his intellectual and spiritual resources were ever multiplying themselves by use and development into the splendid proportions of rare excellence attained in his later years.

Comparatively unknown to the State at large, he was appointed by Gov. Henry M. Hoyt, upon the recommendation of Hon. John Stewart, Hon. John Cessna, and others, to take charge of the Department of Public Instruction at a time when peculiar talents were needed, Messrs. Breck, Burrows, Dieffenbach, Hickok and others had devised the system, admirable in its adaptation to the diverse conditions of the several parts of the State, in its balance of centralization with local control; and Dr. Wickersham with singular executive ability had compacted it. What the State needed was to be aroused to employ to better purpose the means at hand. As Gov. Hoyt

expressed it, he wanted somebody to put "spiritual content" into it. To this task Dr. Higbee applied himself. He personally inspected the State from end to end. He penetrated the remotest corners, and sometimes spent weeks with superintendents, holding meetings night after night in country districts. By his scholarly presence and wise counsels, by his self-sacrificing spirit and consuming zeal, in cities, in boroughs, and in whole counties, he aroused and directed the energies of school officers and of the public. He was not a worshipper of system. System with him was not an end but a means. He deeply impressed upon his hearers that the children were not for the schools, but the schools for the children. He always insisted upon regard for the individual while dealing with masses of children. He demanded for each child the buildings, the grounds, the appliances, and the teachers, that were needed to develop the physical, intellectual, moral, religious, and æsthetic nature of the child. How well he did this work let the result show. Never before was there in Pennsylvania a more widespread, earnest, substantial support of public instruction. The expenditures upon school property were one million dollars in 1881, and in 1889 two millions, an increase of one hundred per cent. The amount devoted to public instruction increased from \$7,300,000, in 1881, to \$12,000,000, in 1889, an increase of over sixty per cent. The aid granted by the Legislature, in the State appropriation, increased one hundred per cent. Teachers were encouraged to attend the County Institute by receiving pay for their time spent there; uniformity in the school month was effected throughout the State; and twenty per cent. was added to the length of the school year.

Appointed in 1881 by Gov. Hoyt, Dr. Higbee was reappointed by Gov. Pattison, in 1885, and by Gov. Beaver, in 1889, each time in response to the almost universal desire of the leaders of educational work in all parts of Pennsylvania. He was busy with his institute work until within two or three days of his death. He was stricken at Mifflintown at the depot while waiting for the train, after having addressed the teachers eloquently at both morning and afternoon sessions of the County Institute. A few days before he had been at Huntingdon. Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh writes of his work there:

He attended the entire sessions on Thursday, remarking to me once during the day that he could not this season do his work with his accustomed vigor. I am said he, half jocosely, "only fifty-nine, but I look like a man of eighty, and feel like a man of ninety." He made the closing address of the afternoon session. His theme was the Identity of Home and School Training. In this address for forty minutes he held the rapt attention of fully 1,300 people. In it he spoke with all his usual earnestness, and that profound depth of thought and feeling which so often characterized his platform utterances. He reached beyond the ordinary ken, and saw and described visions not revealed in like fullness to other men. His extraordinary grasp of our educational environment, his deep and exhaustive analysis of character as a factor in education, his earnest and Christian charity for the honest work of the

teacher, his intense and righteous resentment of all sophistries in education, and his marvelous and rhythmic diction, combined to make his address a memorable one. It was probably the last, rich, full outpouring of the treasures of his wonderful mind.

Medical attendance was promptly summoned, but nothing could be done save to render his condition as comfortable as possible for the journey home, which was at once undertaken. There was no return to consciousness. Early on Friday morning, Dec. 13, 1889, the spirit took its flight, and Dr. Higbee was at rest. In accordance with his own frequently expressed wish he was buried at Emmitsburg, Md., a few miles south of Gettysburg—a place hallowed by the sweetest and saddest memories of his earthly life.

The funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 16th, in the First Reformed Church at Lancaster, where he had preached his first sermon, on the last Sunday in Advent, 1854, when employed there in the mathematical department of the Boys' High School. Among those who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the distinguished dead were Gov. Beaver, Secretary of the Commonwealth Stone, Lieut. Gov. Davies, Adjt. Gen. Hastings, the Lancaster school board in a body, the faculty and students of Franklin and Marshall College and of the Theological Seminary, professors of the State Normal School at Millersville, officials of the Department of Public Instruction, clerks of the Soldiers' Orphan Department, and others among the leading educators of the State, including county, city and borough superintendents, principals of normal schools, teachers and clergymen of Lancaster and neighboring towns and cities.

Addresses were made by his old friends and co-workers, Dr. Thomas G. Appel, E. V. Gerhart and Benjamin Bausman. "Call it coincidence or presentiment or what we may," said Dr. Appel, "there is a melancholy satisfaction and comfort in recalling the last few days of his life on earth. For some time—some days, I mean—previous to his death he seemed to be going about taking leave of his friends. He spent the morning of his last Sabbath on earth with us in the Chapel communion service. He was smitten down at the post of duty with his harness on. His work on earth was done, and well done. He had expended his energy and strength upon it, and at the end of his journey he laid aside his pilgrim staff and sandal shoon and entered into his rest."

And Dr. Bausman: "I always felt when I heard Dr. Higbee preach that back of all there was something, one-tenth of which he had not told us. So strong, yet so humble; such a fine classical scholar, yet never telling anybody about it. If you started him quoting poetry, or discussing ancient or modern literature, what a grand fund he had! What masterly readiness to dip out of any part of history or literature just such things as were needed! His knowledge of the Scriptures, his study of literature

—all these mental acquirements—do they lie dead and buried under that coffin-lid? I bless God for the life of such an earnest Christian worker; I thank God for what he was to me—that I have known Dr. Higbee.”

In the memorial session of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, held at Mauch Chunk in 1890, Dr. Edward Brooks paid this tribute, in part, to the man and his work: “Dr. Higbee was a surprise to Pennsylvania when appointed. Wickersham had devoted so many years, such wisdom and energy, and with such success, to the work, that it seemed strange he should not be his own successor; more strange, that his successor should be one unknown to the common school men; and, still more strange, that he should be a man whose associations had kept him out of touch with us—if not antagonistic, certainly not in sympathy. But the wonder was greater when we came to know him, and see him discharging his duties. ‘None named him but to praise.’ He touched the heart of the educational body, and the pulse of the educational sentiment, as no man has done before. He did more to uplift the profession of teaching than any of his predecessors. His work was the complement of theirs. Burrowes had given shape to legislation—Wickersham had consolidated the system with an executive ability that no other could have supplied—it was left for Higbee to touch the heart, with a personal power and inspiration that no one else possessed. Each of these men came to the front when needed—all did their work nobly. Educational movements are rhythmical—now science, now theology, is on the topmost wave; the tendency of to-day is toward materialism, especially among the great thinkers of the German universities. Dr. Higbee set his face against the error of carrying all education down to the level of sense-perception, and taught that we must *unsense* the mind. Then as a Christian man he threw into his work an immense uplifting influence from the spiritual side.”

Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, speaks of him in a memorial address before the National Educational Association at St. Paul, as “one of the most remarkable educators of modern times,” and says: “It was at Mercersburg that I first learned to know him. He astonished the students in various ways. While suffering from hay-fever he frequently occupied himself in tracing mathematical curves of the higher orders, or in talking of the beauties of the Greek verb. His lectures were a well-spring of inspiration for his auditors. They abounded not only in all kinds of learning but also in seed thoughts that afterward sprouted and grew into sermons. Daily the students came away from him with new impulses to study and investigation. His influence widened their reading, deepened their thinking, increased their zeal in studying the Scriptures, and stimulated their desire to preach Christ and Him crucified. Subsequent study abroad convinced me that the uni-

versities of Berlin, Leipsic and Tübingen, whilst they could boast of more thorough specialists, did not possess his superior as a lecturer and inspirer of young men.”

Hon. John Stewart, who knew Dr. Higbee long and very intimately, says that from him he received “more valuable information on all the great subjects of human thought and speculation than from any other man” he has ever known. “No better man,” he adds, “has ever occupied the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction in this or any other State, and the common school system throughout the land will, in all time, reap great benefit from the labors of Dr. Higbee. Yet after all it was as a preacher of the gospel that he found his highest calling and was most successful.” He regarded him the most interesting preacher he had ever heard, and he knew no other man his equal in scholastic attainments. Gov. Hovt, whose acquaintance in Pennsylvania was very wide, and who was himself a man of fine scholarship, says of him: “Dr. Higbee was, in my opinion, the very best all-round scholar in the State.”

John W. Appel, Esq., a well-known member of the Lancaster Bar, and a gentleman who greatly enjoyed acquaintance with Dr. Higbee, says: “He sometimes taught us Homer and history. The whole scene before Troy seemed to be enacted there before us in the recitation room. There were Achilles, Agamemnon and Nestor right before us. He seemed to know the whole story by heart. On one occasion, when the student reciting was stumbling through one of Nestor’s fine speeches, bungling the scanning, Dr. Higbee, becoming impatient, suddenly jumped to his feet, and, looking at the class, said, ‘Hear!’ and commenced and ran through the entire speech in Greek from memory, and without the aid of the book. ‘Oh, how grand! how beautiful!’ he said as he finished it. The dramatic manner in which it was done astonished us as much as if Nestor himself had appeared bodily before us. No language, as he taught it, was ever dead. His magic touch made the dead speak and the dumb oracles break their silence.”

Dr. Higbee was a gentleman of fine taste in art and music, so cultivated as to make him a judicious critic in those directions. He was the author of several hymns that have found their way into the books. He was familiar also with the best works of the leading novelists, with hearty admiration of Sir Walter Scott, whose masterpiece, “Ivanhoe,” in particular, he had read an almost incredible number of times, until it might almost be said that he “knew it by heart.” He has been called a poet, and that he was. It was his habit during a part of his life to write short original poems in his letters to certain of his nearest friends. They seemed to be the offspring of the moment. These letters, in his beautiful handwriting, would often be illustrated with pen-and-ink or sepia drawings, as delicately done as those of Thackeray, presenting points in the land-

scape about him, or some fanciful sketch of rocks and streams, bushes and trees, sky and birds—perhaps the hunter and his dogs, all exquisitely touched in and occupying but little space. What he did seems but a hint of what he might have done with leisure to devote himself to work of this kind.

But in the field of instruction his rank was simply extraordinary. Men skilled in specialties said of him, "Dr. Higbee should teach nothing but Greek,"—"Dr. Higbee should never teach anything but Latin"—"nothing but Philosophy of History"—"nothing but English Literature"—"nothing but Shakspeare and the great dramatists"—"nothing but Church History and Exegesis"—"nothing but Mathematics"—in fact, nothing but the specialty in which he happened, for any length of time, to be giving instruction, because in it he had become so able a master. So thorough was his acquaintance with these varied lines of study and research that he turned, at times, for relaxation and pleasure, to the calculus in mathematics, or to the Greek comedy in the original for the enjoyment it afforded him.

Many of his pupils speak of him as a man with the gift or power of inspiring in them a new and nobler enthusiasm, such as no other man could arouse. We have heard our most earnest superintendents and principals of Normal schools, as well as teachers, say this of him in the work he endeavored to do in the State. Built firmly into the development of the mind, his work told mightily in the life of the soul. The secret of his power lay in the fact that he lived constantly in two worlds—the spiritual, invisible to the eye of sense, being ever the substantial; and the material, upon which we tread and with which we are in contact on every side, ever the fleeting. For him the past and the future were always the present.

The name and fame of Dr. Higbee will become a tradition in the records of the school department and the school history of Pennsylvania. One of the best things this man did was to introduce the observance of Arbor Day into the great State of Pennsylvania—with its cumulative benefits through the years, and we trust, through the centuries. Other men gave him their generous aid in this great work, but the enduring honor of being our Arbor Day State Superintendent of Public Instruction belongs to him alone, and as such he will continue to be gratefully recognized in the years to come.

Vermont has given to Pennsylvania two great men in Hon. Thaddeus Stevens and Dr. E. E. Higbee, and Pennsylvania is heavily her debtor. The former filled a very large space in the political history of the State and the Nation. In the eye of the world also he filled a much larger space than the latter; but, grand as his record has been, it may be that, when the angel accountants come to reckon up the sum total of benefits conferred upon their kind by each of these great men, they will stand more nearly together than even ourselves might suppose.

Dr. Higbee was grandly beloved and trusted,

largely—let this be the great lesson of his life—because, in addition to all his other royal gifts and attainments, he had that which so many men lack—a mighty, an all-mighty, moral purpose; too rare, indeed, but which, when possessed, is the very crown of the highest manhood, the noblest womanhood. He believed in God with child-like faith in the wisdom of the divine guidance. "God's providences," he said, "are mysterious, and not one of us knows what calling of life is best for us, temporally or spiritually. What a varying life I have had, and how little after my choice or election! When I look back upon it, I can see that I had no controlling power over it. But God has been merciful and kind, and I ought to be filled with unfeigned gratitude—and I am."

The memorial to Dr. Higbee from the teachers and superintendents of Pennsylvania was perhaps the most unique in kind, and the most effective in result, in the history of education in America. Its purpose was not only to honor the memory of a great man beyond other men revered and beloved throughout the commonwealth, but also to widen and deepen the blessed influence of his noble life. This memorial includes:

1. A Monument of Quincy granite, suitably inscribed, a single block weighing over eleven tons, the design on one side being a massive Roman Cross of polished stone, apparently cast upon the native rock, and on the other the simple inscription with a single pregnant line of epitaph that Kings might envy, "O Man Greatly Beloved (Daniel x:19)"—for he is believed to have been, at the time of his death, the one man best beloved in all the State.

2. A Bust in Bronze of heroic size with suitable pedestal, placed in the Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg.

3. A lifesize portrait of Dr. Higbee, suitably framed, placed in the Department of Public Instruction; in the State Library at Harrisburg; in each of the thirteen State Normal Schools; in each of the institutions of learning with which he was at any time connected, as student, professor or president; and in the offices of all the city, county, borough and township school superintendents of Pennsylvania. Copies of the picture were also sent to each school district, county institute, or school making contributions to the memorial fund, the number sent being determined by the amount contributed. Some twelve thousand of these fine portraits were thus distributed to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Higbee in every part of Pennsylvania.

4. A large Memorial Volume containing many remarkable tributes of loving memory, together with selections from the writings, addresses, poems, etc., of Dr. Higbee, to accompany, so far as possible, each portrait sent out by the Memorial committee, to the limit of ten thousand copies. "It is the design of the Committee that this volume shall be the personal property of the teacher, both for the thoughts it may suggest and the inspiration it may afford. Indeed,

in a certain sense the Committee regard this as probably the most extraordinary book of its kind, and one of the best professional works on teaching—showing the matter, life, and abiding results of a great teacher's work—yet issued from the American press. The picture and book complement each other admirably, but the volume, at the same time that it costs most money, is the most valuable feature of the Dr. Higbee Memorial, for in it are to be found the very life and moving spirit of the man." The book contains as much matter as an ordinary volume of five or six hundred pages. In printing it more than three tons of paper were used.

The Dr. Higbee Memorial has gone upon the educational records of the State, and will be spoken of in years to come as the first grand effort made in Pennsylvania, by the schools at large, to show enduring respect to the memory of a man whom the State "delights to honor" because of his great service in the work of general education.

The Memorial Committee appointed by the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association for this duty were Dr. J. P. McCaskey, chairman; Supt. M. J. Brecht, secretary; Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, Dr. George M. Philips and Prof. H. W. Fisher.

We have seen a remarkable letter, bearing date "Feb. 8, 1881," which was found among Dr. Higbee's papers shortly after his death. It is from a man of eminent ability and fine scholarship, who knew Dr. Higbee well, and was written shortly before his appointment to the superintendency. He says: "How I would love to see you and such as you in like positions! I have been thinking of Horace Mann—his statue in Boston, and the reverence with which he is regarded everywhere. If you have this place assigned to you, there will be in our State House at Harrisburg some day a statue of Parian marble to mark the figure and countenance of E. E. Higbee." In this splendid memorial the prediction is more than realized, and in a form far beyond the choicest marble of old Greece, in the noblest setting that could be chosen for it in the State Capitol grounds at Harrisburg.

REV. ELIAS GROFF. One of the large land-owners and successful retired agriculturists, as well as one of the most earnest and devout ministers of the old Mennonite Church, in Lancaster county, is Rev. Elias Groff, of Strasburg township. A true son of that locality, he was born there Jan. 1, 1838, a son of Emanuel and Mary (Landis) Groff, both members of families of more than usual prominence in the county.

John Groff, the grandfather of Elias, married Susan Rife, and became one of the largest corn farmers in this locality, his success in the growing of that cereal being noted by his neighbors, who, in friendly spirit, called him "Corn Johnnie Groff." His landed possessions grew with his years, and at the time of his death, Jan. 13, 1864, he owned four farms in Strasburg township, one in West

Lampeter township, and one in Providence township. His neighbors spoke of him as a most worthy member of the Old Mennonite Church, in which he reared his large family, almost all of them still clinging to that religious belief. His wife was born Aug. 13, 1780, three years later than her husband, and survived him two years. Their children were: David, deceased, was a farmer of Lancaster county; Martin, a physician, practiced his profession many years in Philadelphia; Emanuel was the father of Elias Groff; Abraham, deceased, was an extensive farmer; Polly married Isaac Weaver, of Strasburg township; Fannie married Peter Weaver, of West Lampeter township; Annie married Henry Neff, of East Lampeter township, later of Strasburg; Betsey, after the death of her sister, became the second wife of Henry Neff; Susan married Henry K. Denlinger, of Gordonville; and Barbara, the youngest and only surviving member of this large family, married Benjamin Barr, and moved to Missouri, where he died.

Emanuel Groff was born in 1813, and lived through almost a century, his death occurring in 1889. He was reared on the farm, and educated in the schools of the times, also acquiring a general knowledge of several trades, as was the custom of the time, when an extensive farm also contained its own shops, so that when a young man had reached his maturity, he was often able to go out into the wilderness and be his own carpenter, shoemaker and blacksmith. In the case of Emanuel Groff he was one of the best farmers of Lancaster county, and at the age of fifty retired from the duties of active life. A man of influence in the Old Mennonite Church, he was long one of the trustees, and was ever one whose judgment and piety gained him the esteem of the community. Emanuel Groff married Mary Landis, a member of one of the most prominent families of Lancaster county, a daughter of John and Mary Landis, of East Lampeter township, who was born about 1815, and died in May, 1890; they had six children. Elias, the subject of this biography, was the eldest; Susan married Levi Herr, of Strasburg township; Harry L. is a farmer of Strasburg; John L. is a retired farmer of Strasburg township; Barbara Ann married Amos Ranck, of Paradise township; and Emma, married Henry Leaman, of Paradise township.

Elias Groff was also a farmer boy, and was educated in the public schools. He received in the family circle the teaching which perhaps had much to do with his successful ministry in later years. At the age of twenty-two he took charge of one of his father's farms and began operations for himself, later purchasing this property, which contains eighty-two acres. Here Mr. Groff has made his home and has improved the property until it is one of the most desirable farms in the neighborhood, all of the surroundings denoting thrift and prosperity. This excellent and most valuable land does not comprise all of the land owned by Elias

Groff, as, soon after purchasing his farm of his father, he added thirty-four acres, so that this one farm contains 117 acres, and since that time he has continued to buy occasionally a desirable piece of property until he now has three farms in Strasburg township, one in Paradise township, one in Drumore township, and also an unimproved tract in Providence township.

Since 1901 Mr. Groff has lived retired from active farm life, but is by no means an idle man, for brain and body are busy laboring for the good of the Church to which he is devoted. Since 1864, he has been a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, and since 1872 has been dedicated to ministerial labor. On Sept. 15th, of that year, he was ordained a minister of the Church, by the pious Bishop Benjamin Herr, who assigned him to the Strasburg district, where he has since labored with a devotion and allegiance to duty which have gained him the confidence and affection of the numerous congregations he visits.

Rev. Elias Groff was married in 1860, to Mary Ann Herr, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Hershey) Herr, who was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 31, 1838, and they have become the parents of eight children: Lizzie, born June 25, 1862, married John Hess, a farmer of Strasburg; Enos H., born in August, 1864, is a farmer in Strasburg township, and he married Martha Brubaker; Emanuel H., born in October, 1866, married Susan Herr, and is a farmer in Pequea; Emma Sue, born in January, 1869, is at home; Elias B., Jr., born in November, 1870, married Fannie B. Herr, and is a farmer in Strasburg township; Harry M., born in April, 1873, married Ella Shaub, and is a farmer in Strasburg township; Ada E., born in February, 1875, married Henry R. Herr, a farmer of Pequea township; and John Elmer, born in December, 1879, is a college student in Lancaster city.

This family through its branches and inter-marriages is connected with many of the old and prominent ones of the county, and no one is more highly esteemed than the beloved pastor, who has faithfully served so many years, Rev. Elias Groff.

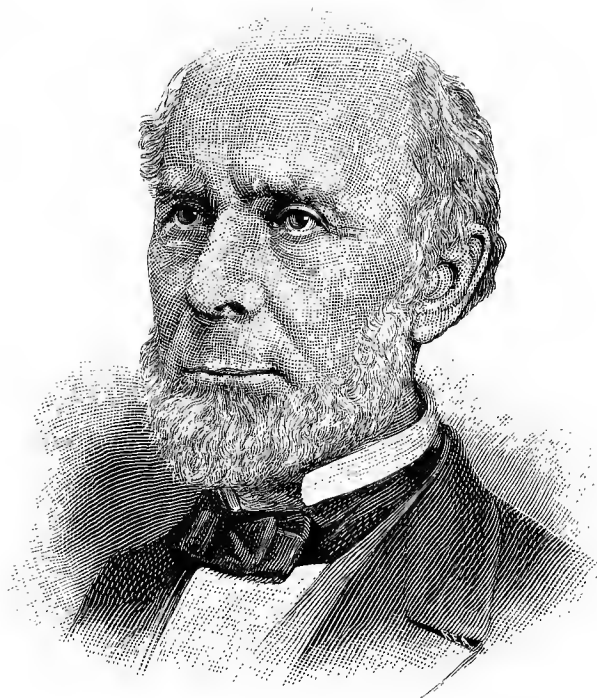
THOMAS HENRY BURROWES, LL. D. Few men in Pennsylvania were more widely known, and more universally respected for ability and attainments, and certainly no man for enthusiastic devotion to the cause of the public schools or extraordinary service in their behalf, than Dr. Burrowes, the great organizer of the public school system of Pennsylvania. Like Lindley Murray, "he never taught a school," but yet has aided the work of general education as few men have done who have spent their lives in the school room or in the work of school supervision. The man who has been only a successful business man or politician, however brilliant his talents and important his work, may soon be forgotten; but insensibly, and to an extent far greater than might be supposed, has a feeling of personal grati-

tude toward Dr. Burrowes spread and become intensified among those hundreds of thousands in our State to whom the common school has been a boon of priceless value. Here at least his fame is assured; and nobler fame than that which springs from enduring benefaction conferred upon his kind let no man toil for.

He was born Nov. 16, 1805, in Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Pa. His father, Thomas Burrowes, was a native of County Cavan, Ireland, and was educated as a clergyman of the Episcopal Church, but did not enter the ministry. He came to Delaware in 1784, and thence to Pennsylvania in 1787, settling at Strasburg, and devoting himself closely to mechanical pursuits. His mother was born in County Monaghan, Ireland. She was the mother of thirteen children, of whom seven reached maturity, and was as remarkable for decision of character as for kindness of heart, maternal traits which were conspicuous in the character of her distinguished son. The same traits of character were no less marked in his brother Francis, the eminent physician who died in Lancaster in 1852, and who is also buried in St. James churchyard.

On the death of the elder brother of the father the family went to Ireland, in 1810, to take possession of certain family property. After seven years spent there, they, in 1817, removed to Quebec, in Lower Canada, remaining there till 1822. They returned to Ireland, and having disposed of the property in 1825, finally returned to this country. During all this time the education of the growing youth was not neglected. He was all the while in touch with thought and books and the stirring life of the world. A part of his stay in Ireland was spent at Trinity College, Dublin. Later he was fortunate in being a law student in the office of Amos Ellmaker, Esq., in Lancaster. He took the law course at Yale College, and in 1829 was admitted to the Bar in his native county. Preferring the more active life of politics to the law, he served for a time in the State Legislature. In 1835, before he was thirty years of age, he was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth under Gov. Joseph Ritner. This led to his remarkable career in connection with the work of education in Pennsylvania. It is not our purpose in this connection to present a personal sketch of the man—that may be found elsewhere—but rather to show his vital relation to the progress of the State in her educational interests.

In the work which he did during his life, and in the growing power and widening influence of that work since his death, broadening and deepening as time goes on, and that for generations, Thomas Henry Burrowes is the master-builder in the educational system of Pennsylvania. Here so far beyond all other men does he stand that there is no second. It is the same relation as that of his old friend, Thaddeus Stevens, to his associates in the House of Representatives during the Civil war. Five things he did, any one of which should mean enduring fame for benefaction conferred upon his kind and so upon the State.



THOMAS HENRY BURROWES, LL.D.

The Dr. Burrowes Memorial Tomb stands in St. James' Churchyard, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in a sunny area of greensward sloping gently to the pavement. It is in the heart of the city, on the opposite side of North Duke Street from the United States Government building. It is a Roman tomb of beautiful model, fine proportions and exquisite workmanship; made of four blocks of solid Quincy granite, and weighs nearly twenty thousand pounds. Each of the four panels has its inscription, the western panel facing the street. The eastern and western panels are inscribed as follows:

The western panel shows the inscription :

Of the immortal dead who live again in minds made
better by their presence.

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In Grateful Memory of

Thomas Henry Burrowes

16 Nov. 1805 : 25 Feb. 1871.

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He organized the Common School System of Pennsylvania.

The eastern panel shows the inscription :

He also Organized the Soldiers' Orphan Schools, and wrote
the Normal School Law of Pennsylvania.

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And wisest they in this whole wide land
Of hoarding till bent and gray !
For all you can hold in your cold dead hand
Is what you have given away.

He gave his best ; his giving was princely ; his work has been
grandly cumulative, and will be so through the ages.
To no man now living does Pennsylvania
owe so great a debt of gratitude.

These panels are 54 x 26 inches in size, the north and south panels being 26 x 21 inches. On the south panel appears the symbol of the Cross and Crown, with the word "Resurgam," *I shall rise again!* while the north has these words of honorable mention for the living and the dead :

*Erected by
Many Thousands of
that vast number whose lives
have been better
for this man's life and work.
1895.*

"Of those immortal dead who live again in minds made better by their presence."

In Grateful Memory of
Thomas Henry Burrowes.

16 Nov. 1805 : 25 Feb. 1871.

A man of immense faith, unselfish enthusiasm, wise counsel, broad learning, high courage, resolute purpose, rare foresight, and great executive ability, whose privilege it was to confer upon his kind such wide and ever-growing benefaction, through his service to the State, as has not been surpassed since the time of William Penn. At Thirty years of age he was Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Joseph Ritner from 1835 to 1838. He then put into successful operation the Common School System of Pennsylvania, thus linking his memory with the cause of General Education inseparably, and with the imperishable lustre of a noble fame. For more than Thirty years he was the one man in his native State conspicuous above all others in her Educational councils. He was twice Superintendent of Public Instruction; he organized the system of Soldier's Orphan Schools; he wrote the Normal School Law; he founded the Pennsylvania School Journal; and, at the time of his death, he was President of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College. To no man now living does Pennsylvania owe so great a debt of gratitude. For Ten years he was a Vestryman of this Church, and his mortal remains lie buried in the adjoining Churchyard.

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"For I know that my Redeemer liveth."

This Memorial Tablet is within St. James' Church, upon the middle section of the north wall, with a fine tablet, of nearly equal size, to the memory of Bishop Bowman, in the next space to the east. Between them stands a window of striking design and warm, rich color effects in heavy glass, to the memory of Miss Margaret Markee, a lady who gave her intense life to the work of the school-room. The legend beneath, traced on opal glass framed in hy sapphires, "Suffer Little Children," was the animating spirit of her useful life. It is a rare group of memorials to three remarkable people, commending their example and perpetuating their memory.

First.—He was the great organizer of the public school system of Pennsylvania. When the party to which he belonged elected Joseph Ritner to the office of governor, in 1835, Mr. Burrowes, in recognition of his great political services, was honored with the appointment of Secretary of the Commonwealth, the chief office in the gift of the executive. He was then in his thirtieth year, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of the position in December, 1835, the youngest man in the history of the State who has ever held this high office. At this point began his first connection with the educational interests of the State, and, as he often frankly admitted, his first knowledge of the subject. At that time the governor appointed all the executive officers of the State, except county sheriffs, coroners, commissioners, auditors, township constables, supervisors and assessors. All the rest—from a judge of the Supreme court to a justice of the peace, from secretary of the Commonwealth to clerk of the lowest county court—were at his disposal. He had also control of the immense system of public works in which the State was engaged.

As confidential friend and official adviser of the Governor, much of the burden of this vast power and patronage devolved, of course, upon the Secretary. He has often said that in the confidence of youth and the ardor of an active politician, he felt little hesitation as to his ability to acquit himself creditably of this duty; but that when, for the first time, he realized the vast importance of the educational portion of his responsibility, he was almost deterred from assuming it. Sustained, however, as he was, by the noble determination of Gov. Ritner to uphold the newly-created system of common schools at every risk, he determined to remain at his post as one of duty; and to prepare himself to the utmost for its proper administration.

The opportunity of a lifetime was now before him, and grandly did he improve it. The school law which had been enacted in 1834, mainly through the agency of Hon. John Breck, who had come to the Legislature from Philadelphia for the sole purpose of securing its passage; and which was saved from repeal by the magnetic eloquence of Thaddeus Stevens in 1835, he soon found practically inoperative, and at once set himself at work upon the system. The ordinary duties of the Secretary's office occupying his time during the day—correspondence and other writing connected with educational affairs received attention at night, and usually late at night. The result of his investigations was given to the Legislature in a report dated Feb. 19, 1836, at which time the revised school law of 1836, which continued to be the school law of the State until 1849, was passed as drafted largely by himself. After two years' additional experience in, and study of, educational work entrusted to his charge, it had so grown upon his hands as to require, as he has told us, "half his time and nearly all his thoughts." As he grew older, and saw the development of the public school system, he enjoyed recalling "the day of small things," and one evening

he gave an editorial article for insertion in *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, from which this paragraph is taken:

"It was on political grounds alone that the writer was appointed to the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, and so little reference was there to the educational department of his duties, that he scarcely knew, and certainly did not think properly, of his responsibility in that respect when he entered the office. It was, therefore, with some surprise and no little alarm that he beheld the accumulated letters on common school affairs, from every quarter of the State, brought in a bushel basket about two weeks after the day he assumed the duties of the office—the mass having been kept back to that time, owing to the pressure of more urgent business. He can never forget the headache—aye, and the heartache—produced by their perusal and the attempt to systematize and understand the vast subject thus presented. There were questions of every school hue, kind and shape—involving difficulty as to location of school houses, the assessment and collection of tax, the qualifications of teachers, the selection of branches of study and school books, the use of the Scriptures, instructions in catechism, modes of government, kinds of punishment, opposition to the system, etc., etc. And these, too, addressed to one who knew about as much of the details of school affairs as he did of the local geography of the moon! * * * A great Commonwealth, with vast and growing resources—agricultural, mineral, manufacturing and commercial—yet with a population of a distracting variety of national origin, involving much variety in language, religion and customs, and with no very kindly feelings the one to the other, and, worse than all, with bitter hostility in the large majority to the system itself—was beheld and had to be taken as the field of operation. On this field it is now evident, as it was then soon suspected, that little light from abroad, in the arrangement of details at least, could be obtained. Thus it was that with little borrowed assistance, and founding it on the actual wants of the State and the few grand leading principles in the otherwise crude laws of 1834 and 1835, the Pennsylvania System was built up by herself and for herself."

"The needed schooling for the duties of the place," says Dr. Wickersham, "came mostly in the shape of the voluminous correspondence that required attention. The system was new and badly understood, and there were not then as now local officers competent to enlighten the school boards and the people in regard to the proper construction of the law or the practical details of its application. In consequence, every mail brought to Harrisburg, from all parts of the State, a multitude of letters. The copied answers remaining in the department show that, although the correspondence of the Secretary of the Commonwealth was then much greater than now, as all the county officers, judges, and other magistrates were appointed by the governor, and a vast system of public improvements was in progress, he scarcely wrote

one-third the number of letters written by him as the Superintendent of Common Schools. Information was constantly asked concerning every detail of the system, election and organization of school boards, the location of school houses, the assessment and collection of school taxes, the distribution of the State appropriation, the examination and qualification of teachers, the selection of branches of study and textbooks, the use of the Scriptures and the Catechism in school, school government in all its branches, the residence of pupils, the opposition to free schools, etc., etc. To attend promptly to the immense correspondence taxed to the utmost the powers of the Superintendent; but it was just the discipline he needed to make him what he became, the Great Organizer of the System. His letters as a whole are a marvel of perspicuity, and furnish striking evidence of the study given the subject in all its bearings and the care taken in their preparation. When the writing of letters became over-burdensome resort was had to printed general notices and circulars, of which a number was issued. Some two or three months after its passage Superintendent Burrowes published, in pamphlet form, and forwarded to every school director in the State, the Act of 1836, 'with explanatory instructions and forms for carrying it into operation,' together with forms for all the official acts of school directors. This was the first publication of the kind issued by the School Department, and doubtless furnished the model of all documents of a similar character published since that time.

"Nor did he remain in his office simply performing the work that came to his hand. In the summer and fall of 1837, and again at the same season in 1838, he spent some months in visiting the different counties, where he addressed public meetings, counselled with directors and teachers, gathered stores of information for himself, and infused life into the working of the system. In this way all the counties were visited except eight, personal interviews were had with thousands of directors and large numbers of teachers and citizens interested in education and schools and some academies were inspected. In view of these useful services, the Legislature voted him an increase of salary. No document that ever emanated from the Department of Public Instruction is more worthy of study than Dr. Burrowes' third report, made in February, 1838. It is a masterly presentation of its author's views, matured by the experience of three years in the office of Superintendent, on the subject of public education in the State, present and prospective."

Second.—He wrote the Normal School Law of Pennsylvania, under which our thirteen State Normal Schools have been organized, and which is said to be the best law of its kind in the United States. In his annual report of 1838 he recognizes this as an essential feature of the system, and speaks of it at length, but under another name. His discussion of this question under the head of "Improvement of Teachers" shows his mastery of the subject at that

early day, when he was but thirty-two years old. His convictions were sure, his faith firm, and the subject of the training of teachers for the schools was ever after a leading subject of thought with him. Since the organization of these schools they have given instruction to 150,000 students, from 12,000 to 15,000 of whom have received diplomas as graduates. There are at present probably 6,000 students in attendance, not including the Model Schools, under 350 instructors, and the schools are yearly growing in numbers and influence. To have had a strong hand in building foundations and rearing upon them such superstructures as this is to have done grand work for humanity, whose influence must be cumulative through the ages.

After the passage of the law of 1854 providing for the County Superintendency, a measure which he had strongly favored, he seized upon it as the opportunity for a grand stride forward. He had the salary of the office in Lancaster county made \$1,500 per year—one-third larger than that paid by any other county in the State—so that he might secure the services of Prof. J. P. Wickersham in this office. The school at Millersville soon followed. The man and the opportunity were now both at hand to aid in working out his grand theory, and he brought all his hopeful energy and strong personal influence to bear in furtherance of the experiment upon the broad plan which he had so long contemplated. With the organization of the school at Millersville, in which he was very deeply interested, his encouragement and advice, above all his abounding faith, had much to do. The growth and development of this school he studied with keenest interest; it was to him an object lesson of great practical value; and when the hour struck for him to write the Normal School Law for Pennsylvania, it was done almost within a day. But for twenty years he had been unconsciously preparing for this great service to the State. Hon. H. C. Hickok, then Deputy Superintendent of Common Schools, knowing his unusual skill in drafting bills for legislative enactment, and his thorough familiarity with the Normal School question, wrote him on Friday requesting draft of a bill for the organization of State Normal Schools. He received it on the following Monday, and it was enacted into law—mainly through the influence of Hon. Andrew G. Curtin and Hon. H. C. Hickok—with a few verbal changes and the addition of a single section relating to the endowment of these schools.

His ability to work so rapidly toward a definite result he once explained to the writer by saying that when he had thought a thing out carefully the whole matter assumed some orderly arrangement in his mind, everything being "on its own hook," so that, when he came to write, it often seemed as if all he had to do was to take each item down in order from its proper hook and put it on paper. The Normal School question he had mastered, so far as that was possible to him. After twenty years of thought upon it, and much careful observation, everything, no doubt,

seemed to be "on its own hook" when the request came from the State authorities to write the law. He had done much work of this kind that had not become law, and the Normal School sections of the proposed bills of 1853 and 1854 were the basis of the present act, but the sections were much changed to conform to the new views which he had come to entertain upon the subject.

It was not known that he was its author until some months after its passage, when, at a "Harvest Home" at Millersville, at which Gov. Pollock and State Supt. Hickok were present, and which was held to raise funds from the sale of stock looking toward the erection of the Lancaster County Normal School into the Millersville State Normal School, Mr. Hickok, during an eloquent address in behalf of the school, stated the fact of its authorship as follows:

"There is another reason why Lancaster county should stand by this work—I am going to say this in confidence and wish it kept a secret. This Normal School bill had a Lancaster county origin. The great outlines of the bill were the work of the president of this meeting, Hon. Thomas H. Burrowes, a circumstance which has given the State a mortgage on Lancaster county, which she is bound in honor to redeem, by establishing the first State Normal School under the provisions of the law. And the provisions of this excellent law are an evidence that when the friends of common school education want a good thing done they should go to the same source for it."

Third.—His third great work was the organization of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools of Pennsylvania. Those who know little of Dr. Burrowes can have no knowledge of the immense faith that was evident in all he did. We have recently been struck with a statement by Dr. Wickersham, in his "History of Education in Pennsylvania," which throws this quality of the man into strong relief, and they who knew him read between the lines the secret of his undying success. The extract is as follows:

"The task of finding suitable institutions willing to receive on the required conditions orphan children above the age of ten years was one of extreme difficulty, and a man less hopeful and less persistent than Dr. Burrowes would not have succeeded in accomplishing it. He had but fifty thousand dollars at his command, the Legislature had in no wise committed itself in favor of the system or placed itself under obligation to appropriate an additional sum, the Normal Schools declined the venture of erecting buildings for the orphans as an attachment to their model schools, few boarding schools cared to be troubled at the rates offered with a class of children for whom they had no special accommodations, and, more discouraging than all else, there was a general want of confidence in the permanency of the enterprise that chilled every effort. Still, full of faith and zeal, Superintendent Burrowes labored on in his good work, and at last the obstacles that had stood in his way were one by one overcome, and the system was placed on a comparatively firm basis."

It cost him all he had; for when the meager and inadequate appropriations were exhausted his sympathy with these orphans caused him to admit too many of them into the schools and to make himself responsible for outlay for which he was never afterward reimbursed by the State. John W. Jackson, late of Lancaster, a careful financier and a man of strict integrity, who had intimate knowledge of the facts of which he spoke, told the writer that he knew Dr. Burrowes to be worth sixteen thousand dollars when he went into the work of organizing the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools. So interested was he in the success of these new Pennsylvania schools that when the appropriations were exhausted—which were then much too small for the number of pupils that presented themselves and the work to be done by the Superintendent—or when they were not immediately available, he was in the habit of making himself personally responsible for supplies, and of drawing largely upon his private funds. The result was financial distress and disaster, from which, in his later years, he never recovered. He paid the price of a heroic and generous sympathy that was without calculation. But if the loss was his so also should be the glory, for it is none too much to say that, if he had not taken hold of this work, the honorable record of Pennsylvania in connection with its Soldiers' Orphans would never have been made. No other State has such a record, but no other State seems to have had a Gov. Curtin to make the suggestion and a Dr. Burrowes to embody it in a patriotic system of schools now in the thirty-eighth year of their honored life—a proud fact in the history of a great Commonwealth.

Fourth.—Hon. John Hamilton, Secretary of Agriculture of Pennsylvania from 1899 to 1903, who has for an ordinary lifetime been intimately connected with the Pennsylvania State College as professor, treasurer and member of the board of trustees, having his home at the college all the while, and knowing thoroughly whereof he speaks, says of Dr. Burrowes:

"No other man in Pennsylvania has had so much to do with the development of her system of public instruction as Dr. Burrowes. From the time of its organization until the time of his death he took a deep and intelligent interest in everything that tended to promote its advancement and perfect the system. In the fall of 1869 he was elected to the presidency of the Pennsylvania State College, a position in which he continued until the time of his death, in 1871.

"He came to this college in the darkest period of its history. The number of students had dwindled to a handful. Public confidence had been withdrawn. The institution had become involved in debt, and the trustees, just before his election to the position of president, had seriously considered the propriety of surrendering their trust to the authorities of the Commonwealth, and of confessing that the scheme which they had undertaken for providing practical instruction for the youth of the Commonwealth had failed.

President Burrowes brought with him the trust of the public, because his had been an educational career that was widely known in Pennsylvania, both in itself and for the success that had attended it. And, although he now was in the sixty-fifth year of his age, his enthusiasm and natural vigor seemed just as great as it had been years before. His presence re-established public confidence, the number of students attracted by his reputation very greatly increased, the course of study was reformed, and the institution was put into practicable working condition. During his administration, the experimental farm at the State College was founded and put into operation. President Burrowes took as his title that of president of the Pennsylvania State College and professor of agriculture—having been a farmer, the life was not new to him—and during the term in which he was its president he gave personal attention to the interests of agriculture, and also had direction, in connection with the Hon. H. N. McAllister, of Bellefonte, of the three experimental farms belonging to the college.

"There can be no doubt of our indebtedness to Dr. Burrowes for most of this that we enjoy today, for if he had not assumed control at the period at which he did, in all probability the college would have ceased to exist, and the experiment of industrial education, in so far as it was undertaken under the management of the Board of Trustees, would have been a failure.

"There is not time to speak of the personal qualities of President Burrowes, nor to go into details with regard to his ability as an instructor, and his qualities as a man; but if I were asked to sum up his character and life in a single sentence, I would give him the same title that was accorded to his illustrious fellow townsman, Thaddeus Stevens, that of the Great Commoner. Thaddeus Stevens earned this title in his dealings with the political affairs of the Commonwealth and the country, and Dr. Burrowes earned it through a life devoted to the interests of education for the common people of this State. He, more than any other man, could be truly entitled the Great Commoner in education in Pennsylvania."

Fifth.—He founded *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, now in its fifty-first volume, and published it, mainly as a labor of love, for eighteen years. It was never a source of financial profit to him. But it has been a potent agency in securing every important measure of school reform since January, 1852. At a meeting of the Lancaster Educational Association Jan. 3, of that year, John C. Martin presented a series of resolutions urging the establishment of such a periodical and requesting Dr. Burrowes to edit and publish the same. He accepted it as "a call to duty;" and, with the extraordinary faith that always characterized the man, he issued the first number before he had a hundred subscribers. With the single exception of the *Ohio Educational Monthly*, whose first issue also bears date January, 1852, it is the oldest educational magazine in the United States. From the first it was the organ of the State Teachers' Association. In 1855 it was made the official organ of the

Department of Public Instruction, and has so continued since that time with an ever-widening field of usefulness. The year 1852 was about the beginning of the great educational reform in Pennsylvania, and the *Journal* appeared just in time to aid in shaping the movement, and gave to Dr. Burrowes just such a periodical as was needed for the work which he, of all men in the State, was best fitted to do. He transferred it in 1870 to Dr. J. P. Wickersham and Dr. J. P. McCaskey. Since 1880 it has been published by Dr. McCaskey, who went upon it in 1866, as assistant to Dr. Burrowes.

This journal has been conducted for the past fifty years upon the plan adopted by Dr. Burrowes, and its influence as the organ of the school officers and teachers of the State, and the medium through which the proceedings of their annual meetings have been made known to the public, can hardly be overestimated. The educational records of the State are found nowhere else outside of its fifty volumes. The only complete set of the annual reports of the State Superintendents of Public Instruction; the only continuous record of the proceedings of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association, of the Superintendents' annual meetings, of the Pennsylvania State Directors' Association, the only continuous history of the work of the Department of Public Instruction since 1854—all the archives of this department of the State government, which had been carefully preserved for so many years, having been lost in the late fire that destroyed the Capitol building at Harrisburg—all this matter of greater or less importance is found from year to year in *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, and nowhere else. This monthly periodical—in addition to an immense amount of valuable matter upon a very wide range of subjects of educational interest—has thus kept the record intact and beyond the reach of destruction from any cause whatsoever. Dr. Winship, of the *New England Journal of Education*, says of it: "*The Pennsylvania School Journal* has been in a class by itself. No other State educational journal has approached this in scope or in power. It is the best history of education of a State that is to be found in all the land."

Dr. Burrowes died in 1871. It was thought fitting that some worthy memorial should bear witness to the gratitude of Pennsylvania towards this man who had so long been recognized as the Nestor of her educational councils. A large committee was appointed, but nothing was done. Sixteen years later the long-delayed effort was renewed with vigor, and the onyx tablet and noble granite tomb in St. James' (Episcopal) Church and churchyard in Lancaster, and thousands upon thousands of life-like portraits in schools all over the State, have recalled and will keep alive his memory. Upon the north end of the tomb are the words: "Erected by many thousands of that vast number whose lives have been better for this man's life and work." On the east side, below other inscriptions: "He gave his best; his giving was princely; his work has been grandly cumulative,

and will be so through the ages." Within the church, upon the north wall, is a fine tablet of black onyx, showing this inscription in gold:

"A man of immense faith, unselfish enthusiasm, wise counsel, broad learning, high courage, resolute purpose, rare foresight, and great executive ability, whose privilege it was to confer upon his kind such wide and ever-growing benefaction, through his service to the State, as has not been surpassed since the time of William Penn. At thirty years of age he was Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor Joseph Ritner, from 1835 to 1838. He then put into successful operation the Common School System of Pennsylvania, thus linking his memory with the cause of General Education inseparably, and with the imperishable lustre of a noble fame. For more than thirty years he was the one man in his native State conspicuous above all others in her Educational councils. He was twice Superintendent of Public Instruction; he organized the system of Soldiers' Orphans' Schools; he wrote the Normal School Law; he founded the Pennsylvania School Journal; and, at the time of his death, he was President of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural College. To no man now living does Pennsylvania owe so great a debt of gratitude. For ten years he was a vestryman of this Church, and his mortal remains lie buried in the adjoining churchyard."

A statue of Thomas Henry Burrowes of heroic proportions should stand in the new Capitol Building at Harrisburg, to emphasize, in her foremost man in this special field, the over-shadowing value and importance of enduring educational service to the State. For he has been and can never cease to be a vital force of the first rank and of the highest order in Pennsylvania.

SCHNEIDER (OR SNADER). Matheis Schneider, Jacob Schneider with his wife Magdalen, and Christian Schneider with his wife Susanna Margretha, with fifty-six other Palatinates and their families, sailed from Cowes, Isle of Wight, on the south coast of England, July 7, 1729, for America, in the ship "Allen," James Craigie, master. They landed at Philadelphia, and took the oath of allegiance to King George II, then King of England, Sept. 15, 1729. [Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. II, Page 18.] They originally came from northern Switzerland, near the boundary line of Baden and Wurtemberg, Germany. Some time prior to their coming to America they had found their way to Holland, from which country they were sent to England, with a view of being transported to Pennsylvania. They soon found their way to Weber-Thal, Lancaster Co., Pa., where their friends, George Weber, Henry Weber and Jacob Weber, Swiss Menonites, had settled a few years earlier.

Christian Schneider had surveyed for him, under a warrant from the proprietaries of Pennsylvania, dated Jan. 10, 1733, 138 acres of land on the north and south of Conestoga creek, adjoining said George

Weber's land. This tract of land was afterwards conveyed to him by deed for the consideration of £20, 6s, 1d, by Thomas Penn and Richard Penn. He erected a cabin on this tract, on the south bank of Conestoga creek, at a spring on land now (1903) owned by John Trego, in East Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he and his family resided up to the time of his death, in 1793. His wife died in January, 1767 [Zeltenreich Church Record]. The name is spelled in various ways, viz.: In his will he signed it "Sneder;" in a deed to his son Christian he wrote it "Schnyder;" in the patent deed to him it is written "Sneider," alias "Schneider;" later on we find it written "Schnader," "Sneider," "Snyder," "Sneder" and "Snader." When they came to this country they invariably wrote it "Schneider," which is undoubtedly the proper orthography.

Jacob Schneider and Matheis Schneider took up by patent about 250 acres of land some distance northeast of Weber-Thal, where Center (now St. John's) Reformed and Lutheran Church is erected. Jacob Schneider also purchased considerable land from William Morris, who had previously received a patent for the same. The writer has been unable to find that Matheis left any descendants, or that he ever married. The descendants of Jacob are numerous and widely scattered; among them may be mentioned Rev. Charles Schneider, pastor of the Reformed Church at Shamokin; Rev. Davis Schneider, Reformed missionary in Japan; Edward R. Snader, professor of Physical Diagnosis at Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

They were all followers of Zwingli, and in this country their descendants have generally united themselves with the Reformed Church. Many of them are buried at Center (now St. John's) Reformed Church, above mentioned. The descendants of Christian Schneider are buried in New Holland and Zeltenreich's Reformed burying-grounds. The children of Christian and Susanna Margretha Schneider were: John Jacob, Christian, Philip, Michael (sometimes called John Michael), Margaret, Elizabeth.

Michael Schneider, fourth son of Christian, on Nov. 25, 1766, married Elenora Mueller, a daughter of Lenhard Mueller, one of the early Huguenot settlers of Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He received a deed from the Executive Council of Pennsylvania, dated April 4, 1785, for 100 acres of land surveyed under a warrant to Andreas Graeff. This land adjoined his father's tract on the west. He also purchased forty-four acres and 146 perches of land from Peter and Barbara Worst, immediately north of his 100-acre tract. He and his brother Christian erected a barn on the tract of land originally taken up by his father, Christian Schneider, in 1781, which is still standing on land now (1903) owned by Elias Martin. He died Sept. 2, 1831, in his eighty-seventh year. His wife died Sept. 22, 1821, in her seventy-ninth year. Michael and Elenora Schneider left five

children: Christian, Michael, Lenora, Sophia, Susanna.

Christian Schneder, eldest son of Michael, lived on part of the original tracts of land granted to his father and grandfather, of which he became possessed by devise and purchase to the time of his death. His first wife was Margreta Diller, a daughter of John Diller, who was a son of Hans Martin Diller, who with his father, Casper Diller, came from Heidelberg, Germany, about 1733, and settled at Millcreek, Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa. His wife died Aug. 6, 1827, in her forty-sixth year. He afterward married Susan Schneder, widow of Jonas Schneder, but had no children by that union. He died Jan. 17, 1851, in his eighty-third year. Christian Schneder by his first wife, Margreta Diller, had children as follows: Catharine, wife of Benjamin Witmer; Magdalena, wife of John Messner; Margaret, wife of John Plank; Caroline, wife of John Koser; Isaac Schnader, who married Susanna Weaver; Christian Schnader, who married Elizabeth Yohn; and Michael Schnader, who married Lydia Schnader.

Isaac Schnader purchased about eighty acres of land, part of which belonged to the old homestead, and lived upon it until his death, in 1881, when it was sold, and the last of the land originally taken up by Christian Schneider in 1733 passed out of the family name.

Susanna Weaver, the wife of Isaac Schnader, was descended from Jacob Weber, one of the Swiss Mennonites who settled in Weber-Thal about the year 1723. Jacob Weber settled near Blue Ball, and took up about 750 acres of land in that neighborhood. He died in 1747. His children were: Jacob, Samuel, George, John (known as Hans Weber, and so named in deeds and papers), Henry, Barbara (who married Peter Gander), Elizabeth (who married Peter Eaby), Mary (who married Abraham Kendrick) and Ann (who married Christian Root).

John Weber, fourth son of Jacob, married Barbara Buckwalter, and had children: Jacob, John, George, Abraham, Joseph, Anna (wife of John Sherick), Barbara (wife of Peter Worst) and Elizabeth (wife of Ulrich (Owen) Bruner).

Joseph Weaver, son of John, married Mary Landis, a descendant of Rev. Benjamin Landis, who with his son, Benjamin Landis, settled in East Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., Pa., about the year 1717. The children of Joseph and Mary (Landis) Weaver were: Nancy, who married Christian Kurtz; Barbara, who married John Geigley; Mary, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, who married John Pleam; Lydia, who married Esaias Schneder; Joseph, who married Nancy Martin; John, who married a Kurtz; Solomon, who married a Ream; Henry, who married Barbara Ranck; Phoebe, who married Jacob Overholtzer; and Susanna, who married Isaac Schnader.

We have the following record of the children Isaac and Susanna (Weaver) Schnader left:

(1) Solomon Schnader married Elizabeth Jane Crawford, a daughter of James and Mary (Bothwell) Crawford, who came to this country from County Tyrone, Ireland, about the year 1800, and settled in what is now Crawford county, Ohio. Their children are: Edward L. Snader, an actor of prominence on the American stage, whose wife is Fanny McIntyre, a celebrated singer and actress; and Susie Snader, wife of William Duncan, of Bloomfield, Ohio.

(2) Mary Ann Schnader is the wife of John Spatz, a manufacturer of Mohnsville, Berks Co., Pa. Their children are: Emma, wife of Jeremiah Mohn, a manufacturer of Reading, Pa.; Isaac S., a manufacturer of Mohnsville, Berks Co., Pa., who married Ellen Gring; Annie S., wife of Aaron Warner, a farmer of Mohnsville, Pa.; and Sue, wife of Monroe Killian, of Mohnsville, Pennsylvania.

(3) Susanna Schnader became the wife of Hiram D. Mohn, of Reading, Pa., and their children are: Frances, wife of John Robinson, of Reading, Pa.; Emma, unmarried, of Reading; Harvey D., who married Clara Hempfield, and resides in Reading; and Martin, Aaron and Elizabeth, all of whom are unmarried and live in Reading.

(4) William D. Snader married Emily L. Weiler, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Weaver) Weiler, and their children are: Suetta Snader, wife of Dr. A. V. Walters, of Brownstown, Pa.; and William D. Snader, an employe at the County Hospital, Lancaster.

(5) AARON WEAVER SNADER, the youngest child of Isaac and Susanna (Weaver) Schnader, whose portrait appears herewith, was born in East Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the old Schneider homestead, Feb. 23, 1844. He spent the first seventeen years of his life on his father's farm, during which time he attended the public school of the neighborhood during the winter. At the age of seventeen years he commenced teaching school, which profession he followed for twelve years. When not teaching, during the summer months, he worked on his father's farm, with the exception of two short sessions during which he attended a select private school taught by Amos Horst, at Hinkletown, Lancaster Co., Pa., and one session at the Millersville State Normal School. In 1870 he was registered as a law student with Hon. John B. Livingston, at Lancaster, Pa. He still continued teaching, pursuing his legal studies during such leisure time as he could spare. In 1871 his preceptor was elected Judge. Mr. Snader continued his legal studies with Philip D. Baker, Esq., and was admitted to practice May 23, 1873. After remaining in the office of his preceptor a little over a year he removed to New Holland, Lancaster county, where he has resided up to the present time (1903), and where he still continues the practice of his profession. In 1876 he was elected justice of the peace. In 1877 he was elected surveyor of Lancaster county. In 1880 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Penn-



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sylvania, and was re-elected in 1882 and 1902. In 1881 he assisted in organizing the New Holland National Bank, and was a director of said institution for seven years. In 1883 he assisted in organizing the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has been its president for twenty years. In 1894 he assisted in the organization of the New Holland Water Company, and has served as president of said company to the present time (1903). He was a member of the Earl township school board one year, and has served as treasurer of the New Holland borough school board from its organization, in 1895, to the present time. Mr. Snader is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society. In 1874 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and has represented his lodge (No. 413) in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the last ten years. He is a confirmed member of the Reformed Church, as were all his paternal ancestors.

In 1875 Mr. Snader was married to Sarah White Huffman, a daughter of Jonathan and Margaret (White) Huffman. Their children are: Edward White Snader, at home; Isaac Huffman Snader, who is a salesman; and Margaret, at home.

The Huffman family, to which Mrs. A. W. Snader belongs, was founded in this country by her great-grandparents, who came to America from Wales, where three of their children were born. Rev. David Huffman, one of their children born in America, was a farmer by occupation, and a local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born Jan. 7, 1769, and died May 26, 1855. His wife was Elizabeth Williams, a daughter of Capt. Williams, of the Revolution. She died Aug. 9, 1843. Both are buried in the M. E. churchyard at Geigertown, Berks Co., Pa. The Williams family came to this country from England. The children of Rev. David and Elizabeth (Williams) Huffman were: John, who married Abigail Cramp; William, who married Sarah Cramp; Hannah, wife of John Geiger; Henry, who married Mary Walters; Catherine, wife of Michael Hoffman; Ann, wife of Michael Sands; Jonathan, who married Margaret White; Elizabeth, wife of George Ireson; and Matilda R., wife of Peter Brown.

Jonathan Huffman, seventh child of Rev. David and Elizabeth (Williams) Huffman, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a farmer and butcher by occupation. He received the average schooling afforded boys in his day. He married Margaret White, who was born Oct. 5, 1811, daughter of John and Sarah (De Haven) White, and died in 1882. They had a family of ten children: George, now deceased; Elizabeth Ann, who married Peter Hart, of Reading, Pa.; Henry, deceased, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Harriet, deceased; Sarah White, Mrs. Aaron W. Snader; John E., a farmer of Berks county; Mary, Mrs. H. Rhoads, of Reading; Emma, wife of Martin Wickline, of Reading; Hannah, who died when young; and William, who died when young. The father of this family died in 1874.

The De Haven family, from which Mrs. Margaret (White) Huffman is descended on her mother's side, was founded in America by Herman De Haven, who came to this country in 1706 from France, and settled near Philadelphia, Pa., near which city the De Havens came to own large tracts of land. They were Huguenots, and left their country because of religious persecution. Mrs. Snader traces her line from Herman De Haven through his son Edward and the latter's son Herman, who was her great-grandfather. He married Susannah Miller, of Reading, Pa., and they had eight children: John's whereabouts were unknown; James married Ann Ranck; Edward married Ann Thompson; Abraham wedded Agnes Thompson, sister of Ann; Isaac married Hannah Miller (they were the ancestors of the De Havens of Pittsburg, the famous iron men); Hannah married John Keemer; Alice married Thomas Lincoln; Sarah married John White, and they were the grandparents of Mrs. Aaron W. Snader. John and Sarah White both died when near middle life. They were the parents of nine children: Harmon, of whom nothing is known; Susan, who died young; Edward De Haven, who married Margaret Ammon; Margaret, who married Jonathan Huffman, father of Mrs. Aaron W. Snader; Dr. John De Haven, of Philadelphia, who married Mary Meredith; Elizabeth, wife of William Pierce; William, who married Margaret Hough; Harriet, wife of Robert Baldwin, of Lancaster county, who served in both houses of the State Legislature; and Sarah Ann, who married Peter Fernbaugh, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

JACOB ESHLEMAN came to America and landed at Philadelphia from the ship "Morton-house," James Coultas, master, Aug. 19, 1729. He was born July 4, 1710, and was twice married, his first wife having been Barbara Barr, and his second, Catharine Eshleman. He had issue by his first wife, one son, who was named Jacob, and who was born Nov. 7, 1742, and who died June 13, 1813.

Jacob, the son, married Barbara Groff, a daughter of Jacob Groff and his wife, Barbara, who had been a Brackbill. He had children as follows: Jacob, born Feb. 20, 1768, married Mary Brockbill; John, born May 17, 1770, married first, Mary Weaver, and second, Alice Groff; Susan, born April 11, 1776, married Henry Brackbill; Fannie, born June 26, 1778, married Joseph Potts; Benjamin, born Oct. 5, 1782, married Fannie Herr; David, born April 15, 1784, married Mary Groff; Barbara, born Jan. 13, 1789, married Jacob Bauchman; and Maria, born March 16, 1791, married David Miller.

GOV. SIMON SNYDER was born at Lancaster, in November, 1759. He was a member of the State convention which framed the Constitution of 1790. In 1797 he was elected to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and was reelected so often that he served for eleven years. In 1802 he was chosen

speaker of the House of Representatives. Most of the time that he was in the Legislature Lancaster was the Capital of Pennsylvania. In 1808 he was elected Governor of the State, and was reelected in 1811, and again in 1814, so that he was Governor nine years. During his administration the State Capital was removed from Lancaster to Harrisburg. He died in 1820.

JOHN FRANKLIN MEGINNESS, to whom the inception of this biographical history of Lancaster county is due, was born July 17, 1827, in Colerain township, Lancaster county. He came of Irish ancestry. In his sketch of the Meginness family, published in 1891, an attempt is made to prove his ancestors were descendants from one of the early Irish kings. His parents were Benjamin and Sarah Meginness. His boyhood was passed upon his father's farm, and his vigorous frame and constitution were largely the result of the hardy out-of-door life of his early years. His opportunities for securing an education were confined to the schools of the neighborhood, and of these he availed himself to the greatest possible extent, a love of learning and reading being life long characteristics.

In May, 1843, Mr. Meginness accompanied his parents to Illinois, whither they removed with their family. But he found the new Western home uncongenial, and five months later turned his face toward the home of his boyhood, not, however, before having gained fresh experiences in the school of life while making sundry boat trips between St. Louis and New Orleans. Coming eastward, the distance between Chambersburg and Wheeling was traversed on foot. The winter of 1844 was spent in the old home, among relatives, and in attending school. In the spring of 1845 he was working in the Montour Iron Works, at Danville, Pa., from which place he enlisted, on April 9, 1847, in the 5th U. S. Infantry, for service in the war with Mexico. The captain of the company, afterward Gen. Randolph B. Marcy, selected him as clerk in his office.

Mr. Meginness's company reached Vera Cruz July 20, 1847, and soon took up the line of march to join the forces under Gen. Scott. He participated in the engagements that preceded the capture of the City of Mexico, which place he entered with the American army Dec. 7, 1847. He always took pride in having made the march from Vera Cruz to the City of Mexico, and back again to Vera Cruz, carrying all his equipments, without ever having fallen out of line. He acted as clerk of his company during the entire period of his service. His early fondness for literary work is shown in the fact that he kept a journal of all those early experiences. His term of service having expired with the war, he was discharged at East Pascagoula, Miss., in August, 1848.

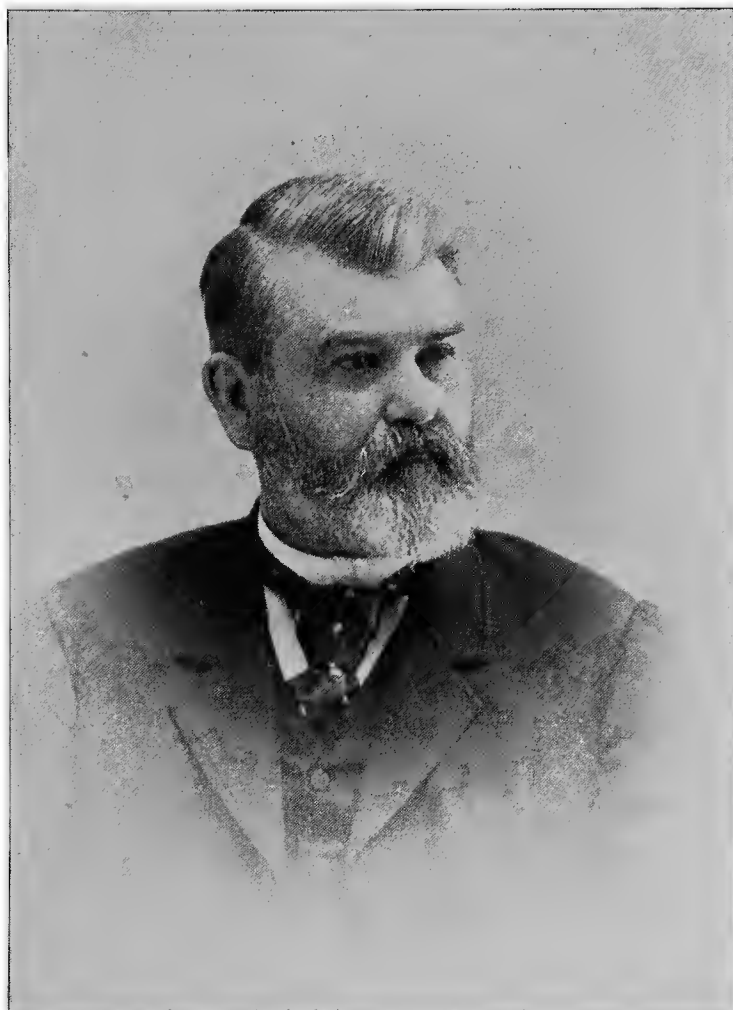
Mr. Meginness at once returned to Montour county, Pa., and a little later went to Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, where he successfully conducted a

public school through two terms. On Oct. 25, 1849, he was married to Miss Martha Jane King, of the same county, taking up his residence at Jersey Shore. Ten children were born of this union.

Mr. Meginness began his journalistic career on June 9, 1852, by becoming the editor of the Jersey Shore *Republican*, a weekly newspaper, which he conducted until it was sold by its owners in 1854. In June, of that year, he, in conjunction with S. S. Seeley, founded *The News Letter*. A year later he retired from the paper. But the literary instinct was strong within him, and he at once set to work on a history of the West Branch Valley of the Susquehanna, and so vigorously did he apply himself to the task that the book made its appearance in 1858. It was the pioneer history of that portion of Pennsylvania. A revised and greatly enlarged edition of the work appeared in 1889. The editorship of *The Sentinel*, a weekly paper published at Peru, Ill., was offered to him in 1857. He accepted the position, and with his family moved to that place. Two years later the office was burned down, and he was again without a job. Having made the acquaintance of Stephen A. Douglas, the young editor through his influence secured a position on the Springfield *Daily Register*, during the Lincoln-Douglas campaign. At its close he was offered the editorship of the *Spectator*, at Carlinville, Ill., accepted it, and two years later became the sole owner. Then came the war of the Rebellion. All things came to a standstill. He sold his paper at a sacrifice, and once more returned to Pennsylvania.

In the winter of 1862 Mr. Meginness received an appointment as quartermaster's clerk at Alexandria, Va. He was later made chief clerk of the Bureau of Transportation, at that point, a very responsible position which he resigned to accept an appointment in the Division of Referred Claims, in the Paymaster General's Office at Washington. Remaining in this place only a few months, he was transferred to a first-class clerkship in the third Auditor's office, of the Treasury Department. Later he was transferred to the Second Comptroller's office, Treasury Department, and remained in that position until June 1, 1869, when he finally left the Government, after several years of faithful service.

Once more Mr. Meginness went to Williamsport, Pa., where he became managing editor of the daily *Lycoming Gazette*, in 1869. Upon the consolidation of that journal with the *Bulletin* he was appointed city editor. Changes in ownership again made Mr. Meginness editor-in-chief, which position he held from 1872 until 1889, when, worn down by hard literary labor, he resigned for a rest. In addition to his labors on the paper he had also, in 1888, begun a monthly, the *Historical Journal*, devoted to local history, biography and necrology, which attained a self-supporting circulation. But his pen was never idle. After his retirement from the field of journalism he undertook an extended biography of the stolen girl, Frances Slocum, who had been



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carried off by the Indians. This required much laborious research, including two journeys to Indiana for conference with the Indian descendants of the lost maiden. The book was a successful one.

Mr. Meginness traveled extensively, visiting many distant parts of the United States, also the island of Cuba. During the last thirty years of his life many letters and sketches by him appeared in the principal journals of Philadelphia and New York. His published writings number about twenty volumes, nearly all of a historical and biographical nature. While it may not be said that he was a great historian, it is nevertheless a fact that few men have done more for the early history of Pennsylvania. He had the true historic instinct, and was indefatigable in his search for new materials. It would be difficult to name one still living who has done so much. He early adopted the pen name "John of Lancaster," and by it he and his writings became widely known throughout the State of Pennsylvania.

Socially Mr. Meginness was a man of strong and attractive personality. The writer of this sketch knew him long and well, and can bear testimony to his estimable traits of mind and heart. His great stores of historical information were always at the command of his friends. His latest literary project was the preparation of this Biographical History of Lancaster county, his birthplace, and no one who knew him thought that he, too, would form the subject of a sketch in it. Apparently in the most vigorous health, he was stricken without a moment's warning, just as he entered his own home from a visit to Harrisburg, on the night of Nov. 11, 1899, and while showing to his wife a completed, printed copy of his own creating, recounting the incidents of their Golden Wedding, which had been celebrated two weeks previous.—[F. R. D.]

JAMES MADISON WALKER, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar with office in the Grant Law Building, North Duke street, descends from an old English family, the head of which was Anthony Walker, of St. Andrews Wardrobe, London. The origin of the family dates, so far as is known, back to the sixteenth century from one DeForrester, a King's forester. A descendant adopted the name of Anthony Walker, from his occupation, a walker of the royal forests. This member died May 11, 1590, leaving an estate to be divided among his heirs, one of whom was Thomas Walker, Esq., of Westminster, who held various positions and titles of honor, among them Usher of the Court of Exchange, marked Proclamator and Baron of the Court of Common Pleas. He died Oct. 12, 1613, leaving a son, Clement Walker, Esq., of Middle Temple Hydon, County Somerset, who had special livery of his father's lands; he died in 1651.

John Walker, his son, celebrated as the one to introduce the system of fallowing land and of revising wheat crops more thoroughly than formerly,

was a man of great intelligence who set an example of superior farm culture greatly needed at that period. He married into the ancient family of Heneage, descendants of Sir Robert Heneage, mentioned in history as living during the reign of Henry III, in the thirteenth century. The Heneage coat of arms was conferred upon the Walker family by this marriage. The family belonged to the Established Church. Lewis Walker, a descendant, became a follower of George Fox, the Quaker, and was disowned by his relatives and deprived of government honors; or as said by some one at the time, "he laid down these honors conferred by government."

Lewis Walker left England about 1684, and coming to Pennsylvania settled at, or near, Valley Forge, Chester county, on one thousand acres of land purchased from his friend and co-laborer in the Quaker faith, William Penn.

Asahel Walker, Esq. (2), son of Asahel Walker (1), was born Feb. 7, 1788, in Sadsbury township, and being a man of energy and ability set an example of thrift derived from his English ancestors. Asahel was the grand uncle of James M. Walker. He held office in the county, and married Sarah Coates, daughter of Samuel Coates, of Chester Valley, near Coatesville, the family being of English origin. Mrs. Coates had six brothers: Warrick, Samuel, Levi, Joseph, George and Richard. Samuel and Levi were ministers of the Society of Friends; Joseph was a doctor and practiced at Downingtown, Chester county. Asahel Walker (2) died Dec. 5, 1856; and his wife, Sarah, died May 5, 1869, in her seventy-eighth year. They had children: Anna, married to William P. Cooper, 1838; Susanna, married to Moses Pownall, 1838; Susanna, widow, married to Pusey Barnard, 1860; Phebe, married to William P. Cooper, 1848; Sarah, married to D. D. Linville, 1849; Samuel, married to Sarah L. Harris, 1855; Asahel (3), not married; Joseph C., married to Lucy H. Ellmaker, 1856; Mary Alice, married to Alfred Ellmaker, 1856; Margaretta, married to Frank J. Pennock, 1859; Asahel Walker (1), Asahel (2), and Asahel (3) successively owned and occupied an ancient stone mansion house historic on account of its associations with Revolutionary times, and the notorious Doane boys.

Isaac Walker, a son of Isaac Walker (brother of Asahel Walker (2)), was born in Sadsbury township, Pa., Jan. 27, 1808. He was the son of Isaac and Deborah (Dickinson) Walker, grandson of Asahel and Anna (Moore) Walker, the great-grandson of Isaac and Sarah (Jarman) Walker, and the great-great-grandson of Lewis and Mary (Morris) Walker. The English genealogy is given in the biographical sketch of the Walker family in the Biographical History of Lancaster county.

Lewis Walker came originally from the Scottish border, but directly from Wales. He first settled in Philadelphia, but soon after purchased one thousand acres from William Penn and moved to Valley Forge. He built the first stone house at the place,

and it still stands though in altered form. He donated ground for a Quaker meeting-house and cemetery. Washington used the house for his quarters, and the church was made a hospital. The land is still owned by Walker's descendants, all of whom have been Friends.

Isaac Walker was married Nov 2, 1831, to Eliza Ann, daughter of Abner and Mercy Kinsey Brooke, of Sadsbury. She came of highly respected people, early settlers of Montgomery and Bucks counties. Eleven children were born as follows: Anna Maria; Mary Louisa; Isaac Buchanan; Eliza Josephine; Mercy Brooke; James Madison; Esther Jane; Sarah Frances; Abner Brooke and Deborah Dickinson, twins; and Isaac Lewis.

James Madison Walker, a well known attorney descended from this family, was educated in the public schools of his home, and later at the State Normal School at Millersville. He left school just before graduation to get married, afterward teaching in Colerain, Bart, Eden, and Drumore townships. While also serving as a justice of the peace in Colerain he read law with Alexander Harris, Esq., and received much help from Hon. Judge Livingston, who gave him access to his library and directed his studies. Admitted to practice in 1879, he was later on admitted to the Supreme and Superior courts. Returning to the Gap in 1886 he has since resided there. He was a notary public for six years, and postmaster under President Cleveland's second term. He held the full term, Congressman Brosius, a personal friend from normal school days, preventing his removal. Mr. Walker was associated with the District Attorney in the celebrated Barney Short murder trial, Mr. Brosius being counsel for defence.

Mr. Walker married Eliza Fawkes, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe (Hood) Fawkes, the father being a well known farmer of Sadsbury township, and brother of Joseph, inventor of the steam plow. The following children have been born to this union: Isaac Hampton, an electrician who died in Philadelphia in 1901, in his thirtieth year; William E., farming his father's farm in Sadsbury township, a very fertile hundred acre tract, part of the thousand acre "Penn Tract;" James Marshall, electrician at Gap engaged in electric and telephone supply business; and Joseph Louis, engaged with Townsend & Co., of Smyrna, having also served four years as his father's assistant as postmaster.

Mr. Walker lives in a lovely home at the Gap, spending one or two days a week in Lancaster attending to his large law practice. His residence commands a fine view of the magnificent Gap scenery, the famed Pequea Valley, etc. He is also almost within view of the country seat of his old friend ex-Attorney General W. U. Hensel, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. Mr. Walker is a Democrat and as such has served his party in numerous conventions, etc. He is a Master Mason, being a member of the Christiana Lodge, No. 417, F. &

A. M. Mr. Walker rather inclines in his religious views toward the Friends, but is not a member. He is highly esteemed by all who know him for his integrity, kindness and liberality.

DANA GRAHAM. Prominent in the business circles of Lancaster for a period of years prior to 1888, was Dana Graham, whose widow, Mrs. Lucy M. Graham, together with her family, still survive him, highly esteemed members of the society of the city.

Dana Graham was born in Townsend, Mass., May 9, 1821, and died in Lancaster, Pa., April 14, 1888. He was the son of Samuel and Asenath (Adams) Graham of that place, and where the parents continued to reside until their death. The father, who was born in Townsend, Dec. 20, 1795, was a cooper by trade; his wife was born on July 19, 1802. They reared a large family to maturity, six of whom are now living. Dana, the gentleman whose honored name heads this paragraph, was the eldest of the family; then followed Asenath, widow of George Gibson, who lives in New York State; Eldridge, of Persia, Iowa; Elima, Cynthia, Eliakim, Warren and Samuel W., who are deceased; Samuel A., who lives in California; George, a Massachusetts farmer; Martha, the widow of George Merriam, Newton, Mass.; and Emily F., of Springfield, Ohio. The mother of this family was the daughter of John and Asenath Adams, the former born April 7, 1777, the latter Dec. 27, 1779.

Dana Graham was born as stated and reared in his native town, receiving a fairly good education in the public schools. In young manhood he was apprenticed to the comb-making trade in the town of Leominster, Mass., and where he remained until Oct. 25, 1850. He then in connection with a gentleman by the name of John Shaffner, engaged in business in Lancaster Pa., and which was continued until the firm was broken by the death of Mr. Shaffner. Mr. Graham then reorganized the firm with his oldest son as a partner, and continued the business. He was a gentleman who took a prominent position in the community, and his fine ability was recognized by his fellow citizens, whom he served on the board of aldermen for five years, and in the common council two terms. He was active in the local political life of his city, having been a staunch supporter of Republican principles. In fraternal affiliation he was an active and worthy member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also a member of the Encampment, was a high degree Mason and belonged to the Junior O. U. A. M.

On Jan. 19, 1848, in Northfield, Vt., Dana Graham was happily joined in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Grant, who was born in Berlin, Vt., a daughter of Azariah and Phoebe (Vose) Grant, formerly of Charlestown, Mass., where Mr. Grant was a school-teacher; both the parents passed away in Berlin, Vt. To the marriage of Dana Graham were born the following children: Ella V. died in in-

fancy; Ella V. (2) died at the age of twenty years; Lina L. married Joseph Herzog, a liveryman at Lancaster, Pa.; Emma C., a trained nurse, resides at home; John S. is a hotel proprietor, Lancaster, Pa.; Dana B. died at the age of three years; Dana H. is a comb manufacturer at Lancaster, Pa.; Harriet E. died in infancy; Grant A. lives in Lancaster, Pa.; and Charles died in infancy. Mrs. Graham is a lady of fine mold of character, hospitable and genial in her home life, and has been a splendid mother to her large family of children, who are much devoted to her. In maternal lines Mrs. Graham is a direct descendant of Robert Vose, who with his wife, Anna, settled in Malden, Mass., in 1650; his eldest son Samuel taught school in Charleston, S. C., and served under Washington in the Revolutionary war. Samuel's son, Rev. Robert Vose, a Methodist minister, was Mrs. Graham's grandfather. Mrs. Graham is a leading member of the St. John's Episcopal Church of Lancaster, and is much interested in the charitable and religious work of the church. Both she and her family receive the good offices of a large circle of friends, whom they delight to entertain in their pleasant and commodious home.

PETER J. ROEBUCK, M. D., of Lititz, one of the most successful practitioners of medicine in Lancaster county, is called "Senator" as frequently as "Doctor," for he was State Senator from the Northern District of Lancaster county; and although now completely and absolutely devoted to his profession, and not a political aspirant in any sense, he is still among the foremost Republicans of the county.

Dr. Roebuck's grandfather was of German parentage, and settling in Lebanon county, Pa., became a prominent farmer. His wife was a Miss Sholly, of Lebanon county, and to their union were born six children, among whom was Jacob Roebuck.

Jacob Roebuck was born Jan. 14, 1807, and spent his early days on the parental estate. In early manhood he was married to Sarah, daughter of Ludwig Yengst, of Lebanon, and they had a family of eleven children, all of whom are yet living. The father of this interesting family was in his more active days an ardent Whig, and became a Republican in his later years; in religion he was a devout member of the Reformed Church. He remained a farmer to the day of his death, which occurred Sept. 5, 1877.

Peter J. Roebuck, son of Jacob, was born in Dauphin county Dec. 10, 1838, and remained with his parents until he reached the age of ten years, when he entered the home of an uncle, that he might have better educational opportunities than his native community presented. When he was somewhat older he spent two years in the store of John Bruner, and six months in a store in Dauphin, after which he returned to the farm to recuperate his failing health. After a time he resumed his studies, and finally became a student in the Annville Academy, taking up teaching after leaving that school. When he was nineteen years of age he entered the office of Dr.

J. Seiler, of Grantville, Dauphin county, to prepare for the profession of medicine. After spending three years with him Dr. Roebuck entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1860. That year he located at Derry Church, Dauphin county, where he practiced his profession until 1867, in which year he removed to Ohio, where he spent two years. After his return to this State he located at Lititz, and there he has resided to the present time, in the enjoyment of a practice hardly second to that of any physician of Lancaster county. In recent years his practice has become so heavy that he has felt the need of an associate, taking into his practice, in that capacity, his nephew, Dr. John Paul Roebuck, a son of Dr. John Henry Roebuck, a practicing physician of Bethlehem. This young man graduated from the Medico-Chirurgical College, Philadelphia, in 1899, going immediately thereafter to Lititz, to assist his uncle.

Dr. Peter J. Roebuck is justly regarded as one of the most skilled physicians and surgeons in his part of the county, and has established more than a local reputation as an oculist. He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, of the State Medical Society, and of the American Medical Association. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and began to take an active interest in political affairs as early as 1873, when the adoption of the new constitution for the State was under discussion. This interest culminated in his election as State senator, and his re-election the following election. So excellent was his record that he was strongly urged for Congressional honors in 1878.

Dr. Roebuck was married, Sept. 3, 1864, to Miss Emma J., daughter of Samuel H. Thome, M. D., of Palmyra, Pa., whose ancestors belonged to the Scotch-Irish settlers of Pennsylvania, early making their home in Lancaster county.

Dr. Roebuck is known as a generous and public-spirited citizen of Lititz, and his presentation of a magnificent drinking fountain to the borough of Lititz stamped his character as a benefactor of the town. The formal presentation occurred Oct. 3, 1895, the presentation speech being made by A. F. Hostetter, of Lancaster, and the speech of acceptance on the part of the borough being made by Charles I. Landes, now a judge of the county. An illustration of this beautiful fountain was published in the Lancaster *New Era* at the time, and a fine souvenir leaflet, containing the illustration, and the speeches connected with the ceremony, was printed. The plot of land lying between the "Springs Hotel" and the Springs grounds belongs to the borough, and was a part of the original farm of 600 acres on which the early settlers established Lititz. An ordinance setting apart this plot of ground for the fountain, forever, was prepared by A. F. Hostetter, and passed by the town council Aug. 20, 1895. The fountain is of bronze metal, and most beautiful in design. It is surrounded with concrete pavement and curbing,

and the basin is also of concrete. Triangular plots of grass, enclosed with concrete coping, give a charming effect, and three powerful electric lights make it a veritable "thing of beauty." Two of the large posts have spigots from which the water is drawn, and in front of the fountain is a drinking trough for beasts. Hidden within the concrete pavement that surrounds the fountain is a receptacle for ice, a place where a huge lump of ice is placed on top of the water pipes, which are here laid in coils, thus offering to all in the heated term delicious spring water, cooled by the ice, and yet not touched by it—carrying out the highest hygienic principle for drinking water.

In 1901 the Doctor became one of the instigators and founders of the Farmers' National Bank of Lititz, becoming its first president. The institution stands with a capital of \$60,000. They have erected a fine building for the business, and it is safe to say that their counting room is one of the finest in the county.

Possessing personal magnetism in a marked degree, endowed with rare conversational powers, enthusiastic in all that he does, and liberal, though firm, in his acts, Dr. Roebuck has been a power for good wherever his busy life has passed, and especially to the people of Lititz, in whose welfare he has shown enduring interest.

JOHN McCASKEY. There are branches of the McCaskey family in different parts of Pennsylvania and the Western States, some who came very early in the history of the country, and all doubtless of Scotch and Scotch-Irish origin. It is not unlikely that they came originally from the beautiful region of Caskieben, in the County of Inverness, bordering on Moray Firth, Scotland, the home of the clans Macpherson, Frazer, Grant, MacKenzie, MacDonald and others. The name comes down like many another from prehistoric times. "Mac" is the old Scotch way of saying "son of," so that "McCaskey" means simply "son of Caskey," and the name appears in both forms in many parts of the country.

John McCaskey came to Lancaster county from Castle Blaney, County Monaghan, Ireland, about the year 1795. His ancestors emigrated from Scotland to Ireland probably a hundred and fifty years before that time. He was the oldest son and a freeholder, inheriting through his father, William McCaskey, who had been a soldier in the British service in America during the war of the Revolution, and was a man of means and energy. At his death John was left the responsible head of the family. After his marriage to Margaret Gorman and the birth of his eldest son he decided to emigrate to America. The family party included his three brothers, William, James and Hugh, all of them men of character, and John Henry and Thomas Gorman, his brothers-in-law. His brothers and Henry Gorman finally settled in Western Pennsylvania and Ohio. He settled in Leacock township, near the old Leacock meeting-

house, north of Gordonville and west of Intercourse. He had been brought up in the Presbyterian Church, as became a good Scotch-Irishman, and was one of the prominent men of this congregation, his large family forming for many years no inconsiderable part of its membership. In this graveyard he is buried. In the same ship with him came a number of friends, William Spencer and others, also of the Presbyterian faith, who settled in and near Strasburg, Lancaster county. He became one of the best known men of his time in his locality. His chief business was that of drover, for many years upon a very large scale. As drover and farmer he accumulated what in his day was regarded a handsome fortune. Though he never learned to read or write he carried his large business in his accurate memory, and had the reputation of being one of the most honest men in his community, respected by everybody as a generous man of stanch integrity, undaunted courage, and marked force of character. He owned two valuable farms near Leacock meeting-house, one of them being his own home, the other that of his son, William. He had ten children, three sons and seven daughters. The sons were James, born in Ireland, who was killed at the age of thirteen by the kick of a horse; John, who died when about thirty-five years of age, leaving a son, John, also dead; and William, who survived him. His daughters were Jane, who married Thomas Downey, and had one son and four daughters; Sarah married John Galbraith, and died early; Agnes married Job Barefoot, and had four sons and four daughters; Margaret, who married James S. White, and had two sons and one daughter, is now (1903) in her ninety-fourth year, the only surviving member of the family, and has for many years made her home with her nephew, Dr. J. P. McCaskey, of Lancaster; Mary married James Whiteside, and had two sons and one daughter; Eliza married Andrew White, and had one son and three daughters; and Matilda, who married James Moore, had one son.

William McCaskey married Margaret Piersol in February, 1836. Their children are John Piersol, publisher of the *Pennsylvania School Journal* and principal of the Lancaster High School, who married Ellen M. Chase, and has had five sons and two daughters; Joseph Barr, dentist, who married Fannie Connell, and has two sons and one daughter; William Spencer, colonel of the 20th U. S. Infantry, who married Eleanor Garrison, and has had four sons and two daughters; Cyrus Davis, who married Harriet Bricker, and has one son and three daughters; James Newton, dentist, who married Mary Hamaker; Catharine Wilson, wife of James H. Marshall, who has two sons and four daughters; and Margaret Salome, who married Llewellyn Spohn, and has two daughters. The children of John, the oldest son of William, are five sons and two daughters: Edward William, a graduate of West Point and captain in the regular service; Richard Douglas, dentist, of Lancaster; Walter Bogardus, graduate of the Pennsylvania State College and lieutenant in the regular

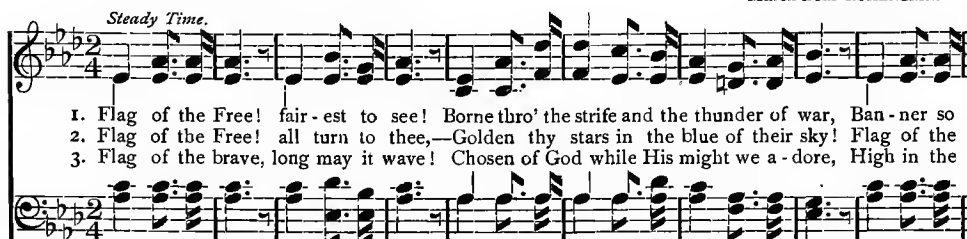
The words of Hail Columbia were written by Joseph Hopkinson in Philadelphia, in 1798, for the President's March, then a very popular air. The Star Spangled Banner was written in Baltimore in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, and adapted to an old French air long known in England as "Anacreon in Heaven," and later in America as "Adams and Liberty." My Country, tis of Thee, written in Boston in 1832 by Samuel F. Smith,

was set by Lowell Mason to the music of the old tune God Save the Queen. The words of Flag of the Free, here given, go well to the Wedding March in Lohengrin. There is always room for a new song that has in it anything to suggest the thought of country, to stir pride in the flag, to quicken the patriotic heart-beat. This music is distinctive in character and known throughout the world, and the song is already sung very widely.

FLAG OF THE FREE.

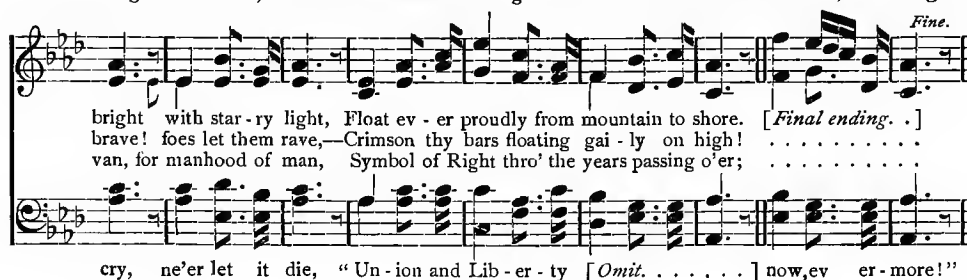
J. P. McCaskey.
March from LOHENGRIN.

Steady Time.



1. Flag of the Free! fair-est to see! Borne thro' the strife and the thunder of war, Ban-ner so
2. Flag of the Free! all turn to thee,—Golden thy stars in the blue of their sky! Flag of the
3. Flag of the brave, long may it wave! Chosen of God while His might we a-dore, High in the

Cho.—Flag of the Free, all hail to thee! Floating the fair-est on o-cean or shore, Loud ring the

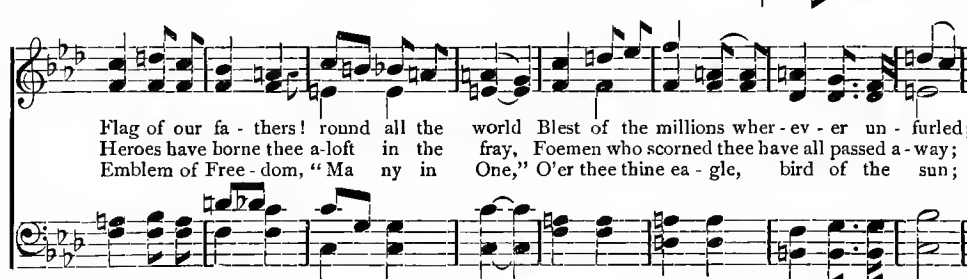


bright with star-ry light, Float ev-er proudly from mountain to shore. [*Final ending. .*]
brave! foes let them rave,—Crimson thy bars floating gai-ly on high!
van, for manhood of man, Symbol of Right thro' the years passing o'er;

cry, ne'er let it die, "Un-ion and Lib-er-ty [*Omit.*] now, ev-er-more!"

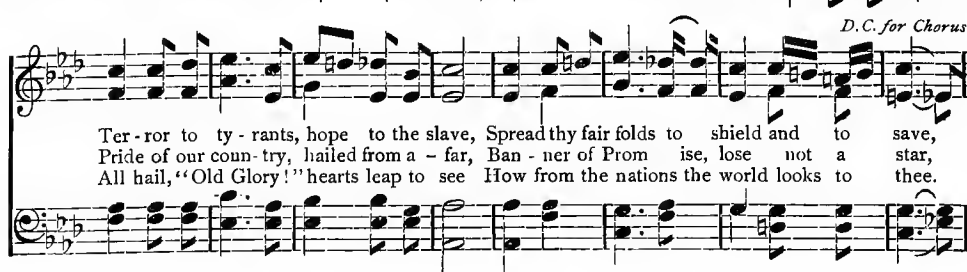


Sa ges of old thy com-ing fore-saw, Em-pire of jus-tice, em-pire of law;
Splendid thy sto-ry, might-y to save, Matchless thy beau-ty on land or wave,
Flower of the a-ges, promised of yore, Flower of the a-ges, fade nev-er-more!

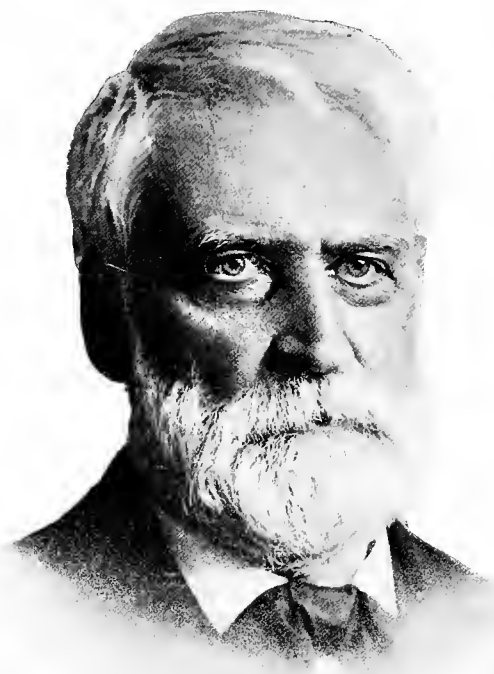


Flag of our fa-thers! round all the world Blest of the millions wher-ev-er un-furled;
Heroes have borne thee a-loft in the fray, Foemen who scorned thee have all passed a-way;
Emblem of Free-dom, "Ma ny in One," O'er thee thine ea-gle, bird of the sun;

D.C. for Chorus.



Ter-ror to ty-rants, hope to the slave, Spread thy fair folds to shield and to save,
Pride of our coun-try, hailed from a-far, Ban-ner of Prom-ise, lose not a star,
All hail, "Old Glory!" hearts leap to see How from the nations the world looks to thee.



JOHN PERSOL McCASKEY.

army; Donald Gilbert, graduate of the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania; one daughter, Elsa Piersol, at home; and two children deceased. There were seven grandsons named for him, the eldest in each family. He was a great favorite with his two or three dozen grandchildren, whose parents were expected to bring them all, or as many as convenient, on festal days to the old homestead. The writer tastes yet, after sixty years, the cuts of choice licorice the kind old man was in the habit of sharing out to the little folks whenever he saw any of them. He always kept on hand a stock of the best quality, but cut it too sparingly, we thought. There was both delight and disappointment in it, for it was very good and we never got enough of it, nor were we ever at liberty to ask, like *Oliver Twist*, for "more." He sees, and feels too, the big, old-fashioned copper cents that "grandfather" used to count out to him for reading the news of the war with Mexico, the Congressional debates, the messages of the President and much besides, as given in the weekly issues of the old "Dollar Newspaper." In person he was a man tall, well-proportioned, and of venerable appearance. He was blind in the last years of his life, but to the end directed his business much as usual, keenly alive at the age of seventy-six to matters of private and public interest.

JOHN PIERSOL McCASKEY, principal of the Boys' High School, is a man well known in Lancaster. He enjoys all sorts of good things, music, painting, sculpture, literature, the drama, the wonder and beauty of nature, the society of friends—filling the breathing spaces in a busy life with these things to a degree unusual among men. He has worked hard and long, but enjoys his work, and has made it his business to enjoy and get good out of life at every turn. Not many men have seen so much that is worth seeing, heard so much that is worth hearing, or done so much that is worth doing. He touches literature, music, art work, business, teaching, the work of editor and publisher, with equal confidence, good judgment and success. With a wide range of talent, he has lived what Roosevelt would call "the strenuous life," for most marked of all is his talent for work and his unfailing enjoyment of it.

For forty-seven years Dr. McCaskey has been teaching in the high school of Lancaster, and the Saturday holiday has all the while been his day of largest opportunity. "All days are good," but this has usually been a day for something new—very often in Philadelphia, and not to be missed—in concert or play, at opera, lecture or art exhibition, at times for many Saturdays in succession. The cost he has thought of little account as weighed against the pleasure of the trip and the profit of such inspiration and culture. This is one secret of his power as a teacher—his warm and eager life in the large world of art and literature and music, the Bible and the church. From this rich experience has

come endless suggestion for his morning readings and morning talks to the boys on all sorts of subjects, which are recalled by many now grown to manhood as perhaps the very best feature of their profitable life in the high school. Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes once said to him: "You have the strong beginnings of all that is worth getting or worth having in education or life. You can now go open-eyed where you will, and it depends upon yourself how far you will go and in what direction." He has never lost the impulse given by these hearty words of cheer and encouragement.

Dr. McCaskey began teaching in the Boys' High School in 1855, and, with the exception of one year, 1857-58—most of which he spent in the old *Evening Express* printing office, learning something of the printer's trade that was to mean so much to him afterward—he has been in the school ever since, in 1865 becoming its principal. The teachers here, Profs. James C. Gable, Carl Matz, Carl Thorbahn and Miss Mary Martin, have been associated with the school for many years. They are all people of strong individuality, of practical business sense, with interests outside of the school as well as in it, people of character, energy and high rectitude, "good to live with." The school is recognized as of unusual power in its teaching force and in its quickening intellectual and moral atmosphere. There are many in this community who would be glad to know that the Doctor had rounded out his fifty years of useful life here, in one of the best lines of work in the world, and one for which he is especially fitted. He has the unique record of having been present at every one of the fifty or more sessions of the Lancaster County Teachers' Institute since its organization, in January, 1853, the first three sessions as a pupil in the Boys' High School and since as a member of the Institute. For more than thirty years he was its treasurer, until the organization of the Lancaster City Institute. For ten or twelve years he published its proceedings in large pamphlet form with extended reports of lectures, addresses and papers read, and full statistics as to the schools and teachers in the various districts. He joined the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association in 1855, at Pittsburg, attended three or four sessions in those early years, and has been at every annual session since 1865. Since 1866, with the exception of one year, he has been secretary of that body. The *Pennsylvania School Journal* being its official organ, he has given such careful attention to its annual reports of proceedings that, in fullness and accuracy for so many consecutive sessions, they are believed to surpass those of any other like association in the United States. During the past three years, as secretary, he has also issued a large volume of proceedings of the State Educational Association and its departments, which has been distributed to the members, the edition for the current year being 2,500 copies. In this important work he has, for thirty years, been ably assisted by J. D. Pyott, an

expert in reporting. He has for some time been the "patriarch" of each of these leading school organizations in county and State, no other man having been an active member for so many years.

Dr. McCaskey belongs to St. James' Episcopal Church, has been for forty years or more in regular attendance at the morning service, has been a member of the vestry since April, 1867, and has added to the memorial wealth of the old parish a window, a tablet in black onyx and gold, a noble granite tomb and other memorials in the churchyard, each a work of art of enduring value.

Dr. McCaskey was one of the original stockholders of the Inquirer Printing Company, now the Wickersham Company, and for many years its secretary. He was also one of the original members of the Adams and Perry Watch Company, and for twenty years stood by that hard-fought enterprise, through its various changes and reorganizations, with all the money he could put into it, being secretary of the several companies organized after the first year or two of failure and disappointment. When the final crash came he was the third largest stockholder and lost very heavily—what would seem a handsome fortune to most men. He laughs and says he has, by this time, with increase of value at ordinary rate of interest, at least \$40,000 buried in the foundations of that great enterprise that pays no dividend beyond the gratification of seeing it a successful local industry. He is now, we believe, the only stockholder in the new Hamilton Watch Company who came through the heroic struggle of the old companies that sunk nearly half a million dollars to make a good foundation for the great and successful enterprise that has succeeded them.

The Doctor had much much to do with the introduction of Arbor Day into Pennsylvania, which has led to the planting of millions of trees, observing the day in his own school before that time, publishing in *The School Journal* many articles upon the subject, and being closely associated with Dr. E. E. Higbee, its editor-in-chief, who, as State superintendent of public instruction, introduced the observance of the day, and made it semi-annual. The Boys' High School, of which he is principal, has for each of our thirty-seven consecutive Arbor Days had its attractive programme of music and literary exercises, adapted to the occasion, each day planting more trees than it has had pupils enrolled except once, when roses were planted in memory of Dr. E. E. Higbee. It has thus far planted more than 6,000 trees. He has all the while used *The Pennsylvania School Journal* as an influential agency in encouraging this good work. This periodical, being sent regularly to each of the twenty-five hundred school districts in Pennsylvania and to many superintendents, school directors, teachers and others who are centres of suggestion and influence in their localities throughout the State, has been for many years a leading factor in creating public opinion favorable to tree-planting and forestry. We do not know of

any other publication that has been doing better work in this vital direction. His memorial work in honor of Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes, Dr. E. E. Higbee, Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, Hon. Samuel Breck (author of the School Law of Pennsylvania), and other school men, has been phenomenal. It includes a noble granite tomb to Dr. Burrowes in St. James' Episcopal churchyard in Lancaster; a massive memorial cross to Dr. Higbee, made by the late Herman Strecker; a bust of Dr. Higbee in bronze, of heroic size; some twenty-five thousand life-size portraits of Dr. Burrowes, Dr. Higbee and Thaddeus Stevens distributed to schools in all parts of the State; a memorial volume of tributes from many loving friends of Dr. Higbee, together with much characteristic of the man that he had said and written and done—an extraordinary book, of which 10,000 copies were printed; and pamphlet sketches of Dr. Burrowes and others, of which 50,000 copies have been distributed. As one result of this great work, in which he was the moving and controlling spirit, there have been placed in the state department of Public Instruction, at Harrisburg, under his direction, life-size portraits, richly framed in gold, of the men who had most to do with the founding and development of our common school system. The memory of what some of these men did for the cause of general education had almost faded from the public mind. He has brought them back to the grateful regard of the State, making their faces and their work familiar in the schools and to school men. Whatever deficit there was at any time in the memorial funds, while the work was in progress, he supplied as needed, that everything might be done promptly and well. Thus his contribution to these funds amounted to not less than \$3,000, or more than one-fourth of the fund needed—and in this in addition to the time and labor required. But all was gladly given. In the Dr. Higbee and Dr. Burrowes memorial work he had invaluable assistance from Dr. Nathan C. Schaeffer, County Superintendents M. J. Brecht, M. G. Brumbaugh and nearly all the county, city and borough superintendents of Pennsylvania. It is said to be the noblest work of its kind that has ever been done by public school men in honor of public school men.

For years Dr. McCaskey has been much interested in the line of good memory work in literature, which he regards the best work that can be done in any ordinary school of any grade, and in *The Pennsylvania School Journal* and otherwise has published very widely the selections memorized weekly in the high school, urging the importance of this subject upon teachers and superintendents. He thinks, "Teachers cannot be too rich in wealth of this kind, nor toil for it too long or too earnestly. Fair rank in the university of letters is here within reach of all, with or without diploma." He has but one regret in this connection—that he has not been doing, regularly and persistently, this best of all school work all his life, both as pupil and teacher. Not being able to find what he wanted for use as a text

book in this direction, some years ago he compiled the "Lincoln Literary Collection" for his own school. It contains over 600 favorite selections, and is published by the American Book Company. It would be a good thing for the schools if this book were found in every school library, for confident reference when good things are wanted for reading or recitation.

Of late years he has been giving attention to the publication of fine engravings, his "Lincoln Art Series" now containing twenty of the best and most satisfactory things for schools and homes that can be found anywhere. His own school-room is very attractive for its display of good pictures, fine English art proofs and others. We doubt whether it can be surpassed anywhere in Pennsylvania. A number of the pictures here are printed from his own plates. Of the "Lincoln Art Series" he has distributed many thousand copies to all parts of the country. The "picture on the wall" is an educating influence, silent but often far-reaching for good or ill. If well chosen, it may become a blessing for generations. The value of pictures such as these upon the walls of schools and homes it is impossible to estimate. He has undertaken to put into the new building of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lancaster a finer collection of engravings and pictures generally than is to be found in any other Y. M. C. A. building in the United States. He is placing them there as a memorial to his mother. They supplement admirably the splendid Cross and Crown memorial window which he has placed in the same building in honor and in grateful memory of Dr. Burrowes and Dr. Higbee, on the first landing of the main stairway. These things give to the interior of this fine building an air of artistic elegance, lifting it quite out of the commonplace of ordinary surroundings. Of this window, Dr. Winship, seeing it when exhibited in Boston, says, in the *N. E. Journal of Education*: "The central figure shows an ecclesiastical crown of sparkling gems surmounted by a Maltese cross set with brilliant jewels. It was made by Redding, Baird & Co., of Boston, who had it on exhibition for a time, and thousands visited their establishment to enjoy the elegance of the brilliant setting. It contains probably a thousand jewels, and is one of the most beautiful windows ever made in honor of educators." This superb window, costing a thousand dollars, is of great size, contains nearly one hundred and twenty (120) square feet of glass surface and weighs nearly half a ton.

Dr. McCaskey knows well the value of surroundings, the silent influence of appropriate mottoes and well-chosen pictures speaking from the walls, and one of his earliest ventures was the Lancaster School Mottoes, a dozen heavy cards printed on both sides, which are still published, and of which thousands of sets have been sold. This was followed by the Pennsylvania Song Collection, which was afterwards broadened out into the first number of the Franklin Square Song Collection, on the book list of Harper

& Brothers, New York. He issued eight volumes of this popular collection, which has sold more than a quarter of a million copies in the United States and Canada, and is known in many other parts of the English-speaking world. His latest collection, "Favorite Songs and Hymns," containing between four and five hundred of the best songs and hymns in the world, is published by the American Book Company of New York. If he had done nothing else in music but compile this one book, it would have been a great thing to do. Many pleasant letters come to him expressing hearty appreciation of this work. Among others, Prof. Edmund D. Murdagh, president of the board of education of Oklahoma, writes: "Though an absolute stranger to you, I wish to express my sense of the obligation under which you have placed the profession through your recent collection of songs and hymns. I have just bought, for our Normal School, one hundred copies, and we are delighted with the book. I need not specify points of excellence. Every page is helpful and suggestive. You have done a great service to the cause of education. May I not tender the thanks of our school?"

In addition to many smaller annual song pamphlets and song books, for institutes and schools, two dozen or more, which have been scattered by hundreds of thousands, he published, some years ago, through Harper & Brothers, a large quarto collection of readings and songs, entitled, "Christmas in Song and Story," which the *Episcopal Recorder* pronounced "a perfect cyclopedia of Christmas song." In the vaults of the Wickersham and New Era Printing Companies he has thousands of music plates, that have cost more than ten thousand dollars. He has also written songs and adapted words to well-known or attractive airs that have found their way to permanent favor, and he celebrated the six hundredth issue (December, 1901) of *The Pennsylvania School Journal* by the publication of a stirring patriotic song, entitled the "Flag of the Free," adapted to the familiar air of the wedding march from Lohengrin. This work in music he has enjoyed perhaps more than any other, and he regards it as extraordinary good fortune that he has been able all these years to be in close touch with a master of harmony and musician of high rank such as Prof. Carl Matz, without whose constant practical help and unflinching advice in all matters relating to music, his work could not have gone forward with the ease and freedom that have made it so enjoyable.

But Dr. McCaskey's most influential and far-reaching work has been in connection with *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, every number of which he has put through press, month by month, for more than thirty-six years. He went upon *The Journal* in May, 1866, and, with his customary staying power, he is at it yet, busy upon it day and night as leisure is afforded from the pressure of other duties. It is now in its fifty-first volume, the December number, 1901, being its six hundredth issue. The influence of this Journal, as the organ of the school

officers and teachers of the State, and the medium through which the proceedings of their annual meetings have been made known to the public, can hardly be overestimated. The educational records of the State are found nowhere else outside of its fifty volumes. The only complete set of the annual reports of the State Superintendents of Public Instruction; the only continuous record of the proceedings of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association through its fifty sessions; the only complete record of proceedings of the annual sessions of the City and Borough Superintendents' Association; the only complete record of the annual meetings of the Pennsylvania State Directors' Association; the only continuous history, and the only one that makes any approach to completeness, that is now in existence anywhere, of the work of the Department of Public Instruction of the State since 1854, all the archives of this department of the State government, which had been carefully preserved for so many years, having been lost in the late fire that destroyed the Capitol building at Harrisburg—all this matter of greater or less importance is found from year to year in *The Pennsylvania School Journal*, and nowhere else. This monthly periodical has kept the record intact and beyond the reach of destruction from any cause whatsoever.

Dr. McCaskey's connection with *The Journal* has brought him into close personal relations with all the State superintendents who have held office at Harrisburg since 1854 except one, Hon. Charles R. Coburn, whom he knew but not intimately—Thomas H. Burrowes, Henry C. Hickok, J. P. Wickersham, E. E. Higbee, D. J. Waller, and N. C. Schaeffer. In an article upon "No. 600," he says: "The writer went upon *The School Journal* as associate editor in 1866, and has put through press each one of the 428 monthly issues since that time. Dr. Burrowes wished us to take hold of this work in 1865, but made the condition that we should give it all our time, leaving the Boys' High School. We could not do this. A year later he said, 'Come on your own terms,' and laughed, as he added, 'but I don't want to write your obituary.' We have been at it ever since, glad and grateful for the noble field of opportunity it has afforded these many years. These fifty volumes now occupy five or six feet of space upon the shelf, and make a goodly showing for Pennsylvania educational interests as well as for her school history. It does not pay any large return on the investment, but enough, with two or three other sources of income, as school work, music, and art work, to make ends meet. It has been a blessed privilege to be associated with it and its great work, and the men who have had to do with it, during the past third of a century and longer. For what time we have yet to live we ask nothing better." *The New England Journal of Education* says of it: "*The Pennsylvania School Journal* has been in a class by itself. No other State educational journal has approached this in scope or in power. It is the best history of educa-

tion of a State that is to be found in all the land. It has always been admirably edited, has had high literary flavor, and has given not only important and interesting facts concerning school affairs in Pennsylvania, but the most important facts regarding education in general. Dr. J. P. McCaskey, its longtime editor, has been privileged to be a mighty educational force, largely because of the opportunity afforded by this journal to his devotion to the cause of education in the Keystone State."

The most important work of Dr. McCaskey, as we have said, has doubtless been that upon *The School Journal*, with its constant suggestion as to school work, its reports and records, arbor day, music, star-study, school decoration, ideal memory work, improved condition of school buildings, out-houses and grounds, etc., in all of which his influence has been felt for a generation; then perhaps the two or three dozen collections of music of various kinds which he has published, some of them known and enjoyed in schools and homes all over the land; and third in importance, his life in the Boys' High School for the past forty-five years. He holds, both in practice and theory, that a teacher is an influence—the great end of the school being thought and life, the growing life toward mature manhood and womanhood. There must be scholarship, but character is of first importance. Ordinary school work must have careful attention, but not to the exclusion of other good things too often ignored. Therefore, he had vocal music introduced into the Boys' High School some thirty years ago, under a special teacher, this finally extending to all the schools of the city. Prof. Carl Matz has been in charge of the vocal music in the high schools and Prof. John B. Kevin-ski in the lower grades, for twenty-five years, and longer. In the same way, some years ago, Dr. McCaskey had instrumental music—instruction on orchestral instruments, as violin, flute, cornet, trombone, clarinet, oboe, etc.—introduced into the school, which was soon adopted by the school board as an optional branch and extended to the Girls' High School. This instruction is given before and after school hours. Hundreds have been busy at work here on musical instruments. Not less than a hundred boys and girls are now under training with Prof. Carl Thorbahn, and we all know the good work done by the high school orchestra and orchestra school on Commencement Day and other special occasions during the year.

Dr. McCaskey has been offered place in the school department and elsewhere, and has been urged repeatedly to be a candidate for the city and county superintendency, but has always declined these positions, his hands being full of work such as he preferred to be doing. Besides, he could not turn to the smaller field when already busy in another so large, so attractive, affording constant opportunity these many years for the gratification of his varied tastes, and so much better suited to his peculiar talents. He has resolutely declined all calls for papers

or addresses except on rare occasions before the county or city institute, the State Association, and once, a few years ago, before the American Institute of Instruction at Montreal. His work in the school room and at the printing office occupying five days in the week, these calls would require too much time in the evenings and on Saturday, which must be kept free for other things. He would enjoy such work, and would be glad to do it, but there is no time for it. In his business his purpose has always been never to make a dollar that could in any way represent loss or hurt to any human being. This thought he has constantly urged upon his pupils. He could readily have been one of the wealthy men of Lancaster, for he has made what most persons would regard "plenty of money," but that has not been the purpose of his life. To have plenty of work worth doing, and time and strength to get it done, are the great things. He seems content with either loss or profit, as it comes, so that the loss be not too heavy, and thinks "Both are good; which is better who can tell?"

Dr. McCaskey was born on a farm near Gordonville, Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 9, 1837. He comes of a strong ancestry, in which Scotch-Irish predominates, other lines being Douglas of Scotland—his great-great-grandfather being Archibald Douglas, Davis and Piersol of Wales, Wilson of England or Scotland, Eckert and others of Switzerland and Germany. His mother, the most blessed influence of his life, was Margaret Piersol, third daughter of Capt. John and Catharine (Wilson) Piersol. His forbears on his father's side came to America about 1793, and on his mother's long before the Revolutionary war, in which a number of them bore an active part. His great-grandfather, William McCaskey, served for a time in the British army during the war of the Revolution, and his grandfather, John McCaskey, used to tell of his pleasure, as a little child, in climbing upon his father's knee on his return from the war in America. His great-grandfathers, Zaccheus Piersol and Gabriel Davis, served in the American army during the same war, the latter as captain and a member of the Committee of Safety. John P. McCaskey is the eldest of a family of seven children, six of whom are still living: John Piersol, the subject of our sketch; Joseph Barr, dentist, of Lancaster; William Spencer, colonel of the 20th Regiment, U. S. Infantry, now in command of Fort Sheridan, near Chicago, after four years' service in Cuba and the Philippines; Cyrus Davis, with the R. & O. railroad, Philadelphia; James Newton, dentist, Harrisburg; and Catharine Wilson, wife of James H. Marshall, assistant postmaster of Lancaster. His name has in full that of both his grandfathers, and he is the youngest of seven grandsons named after their grandfather John McCaskey, the oldest son in each of the seven families being so named. His father, William McCaskey, was a man of iron will, resolute and fearless, of good practical judgment and unusual executive force and ability.

His father's family belonged to the Presbyterian and his mother's to the Episcopal Church. They attended service regularly at both churches, the old Leacock Church west of Intercourse and All Saints', at Paradise, which he speaks of as a fortunate experience. He learned to read at an early age, before going to the old Zook school house, and was required to read daily and much, often aloud, in the Bible—the great book of the household—so that by the time he was ten or eleven years old and left home for Oak Hill Academy, and later to attend school in Lancaster, he was saturated with the history and literature of the Book. This he regards as the choicest blessing, after the influence of his mother in childhood, that has ever come into his life—a conviction that grows stronger and deeper with the passing years.

In May, 1849, Dr. McCaskey came to Lancaster, and was for a year in the secondary school on Duke street, under a noted teacher, Howard Worcester Gilbert. He entered the Boys' High School in 1850, and has been there ever since, with exception of two years, one as pupil and the other as teacher. Here the men who most impressed him were Rev. John S. Crumbaugh, a man of remarkable presence and power, and Dr. E. E. Higbee, with whom he was afterward to be associated so closely and so happily for eight years and more of his memorable service as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. He regards these two men as great teachers, and to have been under their inspiring influence—two of them for one year each and one of them for two years—as the best good fortune of his boyhood life in the school room.

In 1860 Dr. McCaskey was married to Ellen Margaret Chase, at Bath, N. Y. Of their seven children five are still living, four sons and one daughter. Two of the sons, Capt. Edward William and Lieut. Walter Bogardus, were on duty for the past three years with the 21st U. S. Infantry in the Philippine Islands, the former as quartermaster of his regiment and also as depot quartermaster in Southern Luzon, and the latter for a time as depot commissary at Calamba, on the Laguna, and afterward upon the staff of Gen. Wheaton. Richard Douglas is a dentist in Lancaster. Donald Gilbert is a student in the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. Elsa Piersol is at home. Edward is now stationed at Fort Snelling, Minn., and Walter at Fort Lincoln, N. Dak. Dr. McCaskey talks pleasantly of himself as being one of the richest men of the community in boys, having six sons, one of them a young man in the Beyond; four manly fellows, brave, true, capable, generous, doing good work in the world; and a foster son, William S. Gordon, worthy to stand with the rest, who came from Russia at sixteen years of age with no knowledge of English, but who has done extraordinary work in these twelve years, and is now a rising lawyer in the city of New York. Each of the boys, after graduating from the Lancaster High School, took a course

of training elsewhere: Edward graduating from West Point Military Academy in 1886, Richard from the Pennsylvania Dental College, Walter from Pennsylvania State College, and Mr. Gordon from Yale University and the New York Law School. The boys Walter and Donald each took the two years' course on the Pennsylvania Nautical School Ship before entering upon their college course.

In politics Dr. McCaskey has always been a Republican, casting his first vote in 1860, for Andrew G. Curtin as Governor of Pennsylvania, and Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States. He was honored with the degree of Master of Arts by Franklin and Marshall College, and some years afterward with that of Doctor of Philosophy by the same institution of liberal learning. Each of these honorary degrees came to him as a surprise. He had never thought of either, and says that while he has done little to merit them he is grateful for the generous courtesy which awarded them, and appreciates the personal regard which prompted the authorities by whom they were conferred.

COL. WILLIAM SPENCER McCASKEY, now in command of the 20th United States Infantry, with headquarters at Fort Sheridan, twenty-five miles north of Chicago, Ill., was born near Paradise, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 2, 1843. He is of a family well known in Lancaster city and county, two of his brothers being Prof. J. P. McCaskey, the well-known teacher and publisher, and Dr. J. B. McCaskey, dentist, on East King street. On the side of his father, William McCaskey, who was a man of iron will and fine executive ability, he is of strong Scotch-Irish stock, his grandfather having come to this country about 1795. Among his mother's ancestors are Douglas and Wilson, of Scotland; Davis and Piersol, of Wales; Eckert and others, of Switzerland and Germany, all of whom came to Pennsylvania long before the war of the Revolution. His great-grandfather, William McCaskey, was a freeholder in County Monaghan, Ireland, and an officer in the British army on duty in America during the Revolutionary war. Two of his maternal grandfathers, Gabriel Davis and Zaccheus Piersol, were officers in the American army.

After removing to Lancaster, in 1855, the subject of our sketch attended the public schools. In 1859 he left the high school and was an apprentice for two years in the *Examiner* printing office, in Lancaster, until the breaking out of the Civil war. While in this office he belonged to a military company of young fellows who were drilled regularly by the late Dr. E. K. Young. Nearly all the members of the company of boys who had been trained by this earnest drill-master afterward became officers in the army. Perhaps the most noted of them all, and certainly the man who has seen most service—having been a soldier on active duty for more than forty years—is Col. McCaskey.

When Fort Sumter was fired upon, April 13,

1861, and President Lincoln issued his call for seventy-five thousand men for ninety days, two companies from Lancaster responded promptly. The Lancaster Fencibles, Capt. Emlen Franklin, of which he was one of the youngest members, not yet eighteen years old, and the Jackson Rifles, Capt. Henry A. Hambright, filled up their ranks at once, and left for Harrisburg April 19th, within less than a week from the fall of Sumter. They were sworn into the United States service April 20th, and became respectively F and K Cos., of the 1st Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. The first sergeant of the Fencibles was David Miles, afterwards lieutenant-colonel of the 79th Regiment. On the 21st of April, the regiment, with two others, under command of Gen. Wynkoop, was sent toward Baltimore to reinforce the 6th Massachusetts, which had been attacked in that city. Fort McHenry was not then garrisoned, and the object of the movement of the Pennsylvania Brigade was to attract the attention of the Baltimoreans in the direction of Cockeysville, in order that Fort McHenry, on the opposite side of the city, might be occupied with troops from Washington.

During the months of May and June the regiment guarded bridges on the Northern Central Railroad, north of Baltimore, marched through Baltimore to Cantons, thence to Hagerstown, Md., and later was stationed in Frederick City as provost guard, after which it joined Gen. Patterson's army, at Martinsburg, Va., and took part in the pursuit of Gen. Joseph E. Johnston's army en route to reinforce Gen. Beauregard at Bull Run. Gen. Patterson's army halted at Charleston, W. Va., and was at that point during the battle of Manassas. The regiment, while at Charleston, volunteered to remain in the service beyond its term if it should be needed. The Fencibles and Rifles, who had all the while been conspicuous in the regiment for discipline, drill and manly conduct and bearing, returned from their ninety-days enlistment July 27th, the regiment having been mustered out at Harrisburg, and were welcomed with enthusiasm by the people of Lancaster. Nearly all of them began immediately to plan for re-enlistment for three years or the war. Of the 75,000 men who answered the first call for volunteers, but twenty remain on the active list of the army (March, 1903) as commissioned officers, and the name of Col. McCaskey is the tenth upon this list of honor.

Capt. Henry A. Hambright, of Co. K (Lancaster Rifles), was appointed to a captaincy in the regular army, but was detached for the purpose of raising a regiment of riflemen to be accepted for three years or the war. The regiment was mustered into the service at Camp Negley, Pittsburg, Sept. 5, 1861, as the 79th Pa. Vols. Nine of the ten companies were recruited in Lancaster county. One of these, Co. B, was raised by Capt. David Miles, Lieut. Druckenmiller and Sergt. McCaskey, who was promoted to second lieutenant Oct. 9, 1862, the day following the battle of Perryville, having served one year as



WILLIAM S. McCASKEY,
COLONEL TWENTIETH U. S. INFANTRY.

LEGISLATURE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS.

The Senate passed the following preamble and resolutions, April 6, 1903, which were presented by Hon. Milton Heidelbaugh, recommending Colonel William S. McCaskey, of Lancaster, for promotion to the rank of Brigadier General on the active list of the Regular Army of the United States. They were approved on the following day by the House of Representatives :

WHEREAS, Colonel William S. McCaskey, a native of Pennsylvania, who is now in command of the Twentieth Infantry, Regular Army of the United States, at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, enlisted from Lancaster county in the war of the rebellion, as a soldier in the First Pennsylvania regiment in 1861, when seventeen years of age, and at the close of the three months' campaign re-enlisted in the Seventy-ninth Pennsylvania regiment, serving gallantly in twenty-eight engagements in which that regiment took part from 1861 to 1865, never absent from his company or regiment at any time from any cause, and rising from the ranks to a Captaincy before he was twenty years of age ; entered the Regular Army shortly after the close of the war and rendered important and valuable service, always in connection with troops, west of the Mississippi for more than thirty years ; commanded the Twentieth regiment with distinction during the Spanish-American campaign ; reorganized it for the war in the Philippines ; was appointed for eminent fitness to garrison duty in Manila, where for nearly two years the regiment under his command rendered service which General MacArthur pronounces "not showy but of incalculable value" ; afterwards under General Bell in Southern Luzon, where he contributed largely to the success of that final vigorous campaign, and

WHEREAS, By gallantry in action, continuous and vigilant service for more than forty years, great administrative ability, energy, intelligence and high personal merit, Colonel McCaskey has honored the State of Pennsylvania ; and

WHEREAS, Should his term of service end with the age limit of retirement, he will be the last man on the active list of the Regular Army from Pennsylvania and probably the last from the United States, who carried a rifle or bore a commission during the entire period of the Civil War ; and

WHEREAS, There is a strong desire on the part of those who are acquainted with his military record that his signal service, both at home and abroad, should be fitly recognized ; therefore,

Resolved (If the House of Representatives concur) that the Legislature of Pennsylvania recommend to His Excellency, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, that Colonel William S. McCaskey, in recognition of his services, at the earliest day practicable, be promoted to be a Brigadier General on the active list in the Regular Army of the United States.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the foregoing preambles and resolutions be forwarded to His Excellency, the President of the United States.

—*Pennsylvania Legislative Record.*

first sergeant. He was made first lieutenant April 10, 1863; captain July 1, 1863, and was mustered out with his company July 12, 1865.

With the 77th and 78th Regiments and a light battery, the 79th Regiment formed what was known as Negley's Brigade of Pennsylvania Volunteers. The brigade embarked at Pittsburg and was sent to Louisville in October, 1861, where it was reported to General William T. Sherman. It formed part of the advance to Green River, Ky., and during the spring of 1862 was detached and started to the relief of Gen. Grant at Fort Donelson, Tenn. Its services not being needed, it returned to the Army of the Ohio. During the advance on Nashville, and toward Shiloh, it was detached and stationed at Columbia, Tenn., forming part of Mitchell's flying division. In June, 1862, they made a movement, over two ranges of mountains, and in concert with troops from Huntsville, Ala., feigned an attack on Chattanooga, thereby causing the evacuation on Cumberland Gap by the Confederates, and permitting its occupancy by Federal troops. This was the first movement toward East Tennessee. In September the brigade retired to Nashville, with Gen. Buell's army, and was known thereafter as Starkweather's Brigade.

After a year of hard service, in which these men of the Keystone saw much of Kentucky on long and hurried marches, and were drilled into a magnificent fighting organization, the 79th had its awful baptism of fire at Perryville, or Chaplin Hills, Ky. In this bloody engagement, which was a close stand-up fight, without cover, the regiment lost one-third of its strength in killed and wounded.

Starkweather's Brigade, of Rousseau's Division, to which this regiment belonged, stood like a rock in the way of the Rebel advance, and saved the day when the enemy came, driving everything before them, confident of victory. Five men were shot by the side of First Sergt. McCaskey, but the shortening line closed up and they held their ground, biting cartridges until tongues and throats were so black and dry they could hardly speak. More than 50,000 troops were engaged in this desperately contested battle, the importance of which has not been generally recognized. Gen. Bragg, with the memories of Shiloh fresh in his mind, wrote: "For the time engaged, it was the severest and most desperately contested engagement within my knowledge." Gen. McCook declared it to be "The bloodiest battle of modern times for the numbers engaged on our side." Of less than 13,000 troops of the 1st Corps engaged, 3,299—more than one-fourth—were killed, wounded and missing. The brigade took part in the pursuit of Bragg's army, having the usual rearguard fighting.

This was followed by incessant marching, skirmishing, fighting — Murfreesboro, Chattanooga, Chickamauga. On Dec. 31, 1862, and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 1863, the battle of Stone River, or Murfreesboro, was fought, and the regiment did its full share of duty, whatever was required of it. It formed part of

Rousseau's 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, under Gen. Thomas. It participated in the Tullahoma campaign, having several engagements. It was also in the Chickamauga campaign and was engaged in that battle for two days, suffering heavily. It was identified with Gen. Baird's division, still the 1st of the 14th Corps. The division held the key point of the line on Sunday, Sept. 21, 1863, and remained in line until ordered to retire. The 14th Army Corps, under Gen. Thomas, ever afterward known as "the Rock of Chickamauga," saved the army from rout in that great battle. The 79th also passed through the siege and starvation experience of Chattanooga, from September to November, 1863.

The 79th went into the battle of Chickamauga with seventeen officers and 350 men, of whom sixteen were killed, sixty-six wounded and forty-seven missing, an aggregate of 129. An incident occurred here which we have heard repeatedly spoken of, showing the coolness of Capt. McCaskey in the midst of the greatest danger. As they lay on the firing line, protected by almost nothing in the way of earthworks, the line of the enemy just beyond, and each firing to kill any who might be exposed, he saw that two of his men had been wounded by the tin cases from a gun in the rear firing grape and canister at point blank range. He got up, walked back to the commanding officer, then to the gun, had its position changed, then to his place in the line and lay down unharmed, all the while a conspicuous mark, the bullets raining about him, and many of them no doubt aimed directly at him. He seemed to bear a charmed life, for, though present in each of the twenty-eight battles in which the regiment was engaged (never absent from the regiment at any time for any cause), and constantly on active duty, he was never wounded. Bullets cut his clothing, spent balls hit him, and he was knocked down by the impact of a cannon ball striking the timbers near his head, but he was never hurt.

In March, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted, and came home to Lancaster for a furlough of thirty days. Returning to Chattanooga, they joined Gen. Sherman's army May 7th, and within an hour participated in the first charge made upon the enemy's works on Rocky Ridge, Ga. During the next four months the regiment took part in all the movements and battles of the 14th Army Corps, including Buzard's Roost, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Chattahoochie, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, July 22d and 28th, and closing with the battle of Jonesboro, Ga., Aug. 31, 1864. During these four months there was hardly a day that the regiment was not under fire.

On July 21st, 1864, Capt. McCaskey performed exactly the same service on a different part of the Peach Tree Creek battlefield for which the late Gen. Lawton and the present Gen. Baldwin were granted medals of honor. He led the charge of the regiment, though there were many senior offi-

cers present, and they were successful in capturing the enemy's works. The 79th Pennsylvania and the 21st Ohio were ordered to charge the works. Capt. McBride, then in temporary command of the 79th Regiment, asked Capt. McCaskey to lead the charge with his company, saying it was also the wish of the older captains that he should do this. He knew the risk, but accepted it promptly, and led right over the entrenchments, several paces in advance of old Co. B, which followed him with cheers, the whole line rushing forward, as Co. B set the pace. They succeeded in driving out the enemy. Nearly all the medals of honor mentioned in the army register are for similar or less dangerous acts of distinguished gallantry. One of the several brevets for which he was recommended was for this charge at Peach Tree Creek.

The 79th formed part of the 1st Division, 14th Army Corps, on Sherman's famous March to the Sea, engaged in the siege of Savannah, Ga., and accompanied the same army on its march through the Carolinas, engaging in the battles of Averysboro and Bentonville, N. C., in the last of which the regiment lost heavily. In the latter part of this engagement it was commanded by Capt. McCaskey. This was the last engagement of any importance between the armies of Gens. Sherman and Johnson. The regiment proceeded to Richmond and thence to Washington, where it participated in the grand review in May, 1865, and was then mustered out of the service, July 12, 1865.

From the 19th of April, 1861, until July 26, 1865, with the exception of a few weeks in 1861, he was continuously in the service. He was promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant and from that to a captaincy in quick succession, the latter commission dating July 1, 1863. He was seventeen years and six months old when he entered the service, and was a captain before he was twenty years of age. He was never absent from his company or regiment when it was engaged in battle or campaigning, and has lost but one month from sickness in more than forty years. This was during the late service in the Philippines, when the doctors told him he must quit or die.

After the close of the war, like many another, Captain McCaskey looked about for something to do in civil life. One day, early in 1866, Thaddeus Stevens, Jr., came into the office of Dr. McCaskey, to say that his uncle, the "Old Commoner," had asked him whether there was any one whom he would like to have appointed second lieutenant in the regular army; that he had an appointment to make, and would name any friend whom he would recommend. "Young Thad." wished Captain McCaskey appointed, with whom he had served as a private in the Fencibles, and whom he knew as a brave and skillful officer. It was some days before a letter was sent to him at Poughkeepsie, where he was then at Eastman's Business College, and before a reply was received Mr. Stevens called again, say-

ing that his uncle must make the appointment within two or three days. He was much surprised and gratified at the offer of a commission. He had not thought of this, but it seemed the thing that fit his case exactly, and it had come to him as a gift from a friend. He received his commission in the regular army April 26, 1866, and has passed through all the grades up to his present rank. He has filled with marked efficiency every position in line or staff that was open to him. From April, 1866, until April, 1898, he served on the frontier in Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Texas and Missouri. He has been associated with troops continuously during his forty and more years of service. He was never on ordinary staff duty, and has commanded troops and served with them a longer period than any other officer now on the active list. He was selected for duty on the staff of the governor of Illinois, and again on that of the governor of Wisconsin, as Instructor and Inspector, but was relieved at his own request, for the reason that he could not afford to live in a city with his large family. He has been on duty at many forts and distant posts in the Northwest, some of which are now thriving cities. In 1876 he succeeded Gen. Custer in command of Fort Abraham Lincoln, near Bismarck, N. D., when that dashing cavalry officer started on his fatal campaign against the Indians in the Big Horn mountains. We have heard him say that the hardest thing he has ever had to do was to tell Mrs. Custer and the ladies of the post the awful news of the disaster, that came during the night, brought down the river by a scout to him as the officer in command of the post.

At the outbreak of the Spanish-American war the 20th Infantry was ordered to the Gulf. It left Fort Leavenworth April 19, 1898, and went into camp at Mobile. Col. Hawkins and Lieut. Col. Wheaton, of the regiment, were both made brigadier generals of volunteers, and the command devolved upon Major McCaskey. He took the regiment to Cuba, and was present, in command, day and night, in the battle of El Caney and during the dreadful experiences of the campaign before and after the capture of Santiago. In his official report he says: "The effective strength of the regiment at the beginning of the first day's fight, July 1st, was 23 officers and 570 enlisted men," and gives a detailed account of movements, duty and casualties, with very courteous individual mention of officers of the command. He adds: "The non-commissioned staff and other enlisted men of the regiment sustained the reputation of the army for fortitude, intelligent performance of duty, and ability to endure under privations. They were cool under fire or in the charge, were under perfect discipline at all times, and showed remarkable ingenuity in the construction of entrenchments, the lines of which were mainly built with bayonets, meat ration cans or tin cups."

In a racy little book, "What I Saw in Cuba," Burr McIntosh, among other things, pays many compliments to the officers of the 20th Regiment. He went

to Cuba on their transport, and when the regiment was landed managed to swim ashore, contrary to Gen. Shafter's orders in regard to newspaper men. He says: "I started inland in search of Gen. Bates and his command. A number of camp fires were glowing along the roadside in front of the lines of tents pitched by the men of the 20th and the 3d, the Independent Brigade commanded by Gen. Bates. As I approached them almost the first man I met was Major McCaskey. Aboard ship he had always been the essence of courtesy and kindness, but I knew he was a strict disciplinarian, and it was with some hesitation I ventured within a few yards of his camp fire. He recognized the figure, and with a stern look asked: 'How did you get ashore?' I removed my hat, bowed and answered, 'Please, sir, I fell off the side of the boat. They tried to rescue me, but there were no loose ropes, so I had to swim in.' After this edifying explanation I was invited to partake of the evening meal, which was being prepared for him and two of his officers. I remember this most because of the fact that it was the only one I enjoyed during my stay in Cuba."

From Cuba Major McCaskey took the regiment to Montauk Point for some weeks, and from there back to the old headquarters at Fort Leavenworth. Like all the other regiments from Cuba, the 20th returned a wreck, and he at once set about and completed the work of reorganization. His own health had by this time been so much impaired that he was ordered on a long sick leave, and was about to go to southern California when orders were received for the regiment to start for the Philippines. Of course, he did not accept the leave, but took the four weeks' voyage to Luzon instead. They left Leavenworth Jan. 21, 1899.

Col. Elwell S. Otis, who was in command of the army in the Philippines, with headquarters at Manila, needed a strong garrison in the turbulent city, and chose for this important service his own old regiment, the 20th United States Infantry, of which he had been colonel for more than thirteen years. It was now commanded by his intimate personal friend, Col. McCaskey, with whom he had been pleasantly associated all these years, and in whose vigilance and ability in this trying situation he had the fullest confidence. The regiment was held here for nearly two years, and kept the great city of two or three hundred thousand people in order by vigilant service at all hours of the day and night, though conflagration and uprising were all the while threatened. This service was of a special character and of the utmost importance, and the 20th was held as the garrison regiment during the administrations of both Gen. Otis and Gen. MacArthur.

Manila was under strict martial law, the curfew regulation was in force and the duties that confronted the regiment were both delicate and important. It was absolutely necessary to prevent the disaffected natives from getting together to form organizations and cause disturbance. At the same time, upon the

cosmopolitan inhabitants martial law must be administered without unnecessary harshness, friction or oppression. There were no tribunals, either civil or criminal in existence, except the provost police courts. All disputes of every kind had to be decided temporarily, at least, off-hand, by the military police captains at the various stations, or by Colonel McCaskey, who was chief in command. In addition to the police duties assigned to it the regiment acted for a time as a reserve to the forces in the trenches, and was frequently called upon, and for months was held in constant readiness by day or night to respond promptly to any orders, either to reinforce a threatened point without or promptly to put down disturbance within. The protection of all the high officials and of trains on the railroad, the care and guarding of all prisoners, both civil and military, looking after ladrones and others in the suburbs and elsewhere, the safety of the immense depots of supplies, and especially of the Maestranza Arsenal, which was the focus of all insurgent plans, and the enforcing of Customs regulations, were all a part of the duty of this regiment.

The 20th Infantry had been recommended by Gen. Otis to be sent to China in 1900, as a representative organization. Gen. MacArthur also wished it to go, but he found it impossible at that time to take it from the duty in Manila with which it was so familiar, and he would not risk a change at that important juncture. In a personal note to Col. McCaskey, dated March 18, 1902, Gen. MacArthur says: "I congratulate you heartily upon your return from the Philippines. I appreciate very warmly all the good work done by your regiment, especially in Manila. It was not showy, but of incalculable value. Nobody knows that fact so well as Gen. Otis and myself. We felt absolutely dependent upon the garrison of Manila, and knew that everything would be secure in the hands of your regiment."

The regiment was relieved from duty in Manila toward the end of January, 1901, and ordered to northern Luzon, where it was kept busy for some months in field duty and cleared the region of armed insurgents. At the time of leaving Manila it numbered 1,500 men, exclusive of officers. Civil government being organized in the north, the 20th was ordered south into Laguna and Batangas provinces, with headquarters at Tanauan. The service here was very trying. Nearly everybody was busy on scouting and other duty to keep the insurgents on the move. When, in December, 1901, Gen. J. F. Bell ordered his famous protection policy of concentration camps, it was welcome news for the regiments operating here, for both officers and men saw an end to their thankless and often fruitless expeditions through almost impassable tropical jungles and swamps, under burning suns or torrential rains. Immediate steps were taken by Col. McCaskey to carry out the policy in his jurisdiction, and the large camp of 18,000 or more people which he organized at Tanauan was pronounced by Gens. Wheaton and Bell

the model concentration camp of the provinces. The humane and effective system here carried out,—the people well fed, well cared for, with constant occupation, under constant sanitary inspection and medical care,—had much to do with the final collapse of the rebellion in these very troublesome provinces. If the 20th did one thing better than another during its three years' service in the Philippines it was the masterly way in which it carried out the new American Protection Policy, which culminated early in April in the surrender of Gen. Malvar and his entire command, thus ending the revolution not only in Batangas Province, but also in the Philippine Islands. The general plan and scheme followed in these camps were formed by Col. William S. McCaskey. To carry out his instructions he detailed a very efficient officer, Capt. H. C. Hale, ably assisted by Lieut. A. M. Shipp and others.

When a lieutenant in the Northwest Col. McCaskey married Miss Nellie Garrison, of Detroit. Their children are four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. Two of them, Garrison and Douglas, are first lieutenants in the regular service, the first in the 25th Infantry and the second in the 4th Cavalry. Both won their commissions in the Cuban war, Douglas having special honorable mention for gallantry in the desperate charge at San Juan July 1, 1898. Garrison, after his school course, graduated from the Pennsylvania Nautical School Ship "Saratoga," in 1893, having made four cruises. He was also cadet on Pacific Mail Steamship, 1896 and 1897, served in quartermaster's department, 1897-98, was in the battles of El Caney and Santiago, saw much active service in the Philippines, rescued two soldiers from drowning, in Luzon, at night, commanded army gunboats, 1901-02, escorted troops to Peking, China, 1902, and is at present senior aid on the staff of Gen. Lee in Batangas province, Luzon. His third son, Douglas, served in the 4th United States Cavalry at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and Yellowstone Park, Wyoming, 1894 to 1897, was agent of quartermaster's department in 1898, saw hard service in Cuba and the Philippines, and is now on duty at Fort Leavenworth as squadron adjutant of the regiment. The eldest son, Hiram Dryer, after graduating from the Lancaster High School in 1889 and Lehigh University in 1893, with the degree of mining engineer—his thesis being selected for the exhibit of the University at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893—was assayer at the Boston Copper Smelting Works at Great Falls, Montana, 1893-95, and instructor at Yeates Institute, Lancaster, and Military Schools at Mt. Holly, Miss., and San Mateo, Cal. In 1900 he went to Manila, and is now engineer and assayer in charge of the Department of Mines, Philippine Islands, and is a very competent man in his special line of work. The youngest son, Charles, was given his choice to remain at the University of Kansas or go with his father to the Philippines. He preferred to go with the regiment, and was in the action at Guadeloupe Church, Luzon, 1899, as a civilian. He

has been on duty in the Customs Department, Manila, since April, 1899, and is now Deputy Surveyor of the port of Manila. The eldest daughter, Margaret, is married to Captain William H. Chapman, of the regular service, and the youngest, Eleanor, is unmarried.

Col. McCaskey has a unique record. He is Lancaster county's most noted living soldier. In length of service he ranks first of all her brave sons whom she has at any time sent forth to military duty. In value of service his career is perhaps second only to that of Gen. John F. Reynolds, who must always stand as our foremost representative man in the army of the United States. He was the youngest major in the regular service, and is still, we think, the youngest officer of his rank in the army. He is a man of high honor, excellent habits and irreproachable character, who enjoys the respect and confidence of the officers and men of his command. He is the intimate personal friend, for almost a generation, of such men as Gen. Otis, Gen. Bates, Gen. Wheaton, Gen. MacArthur and others of their class, who give tone to the best element in the army. He has the reputation of being one of the most strict of disciplinarians, but at the same time most watchful of the interests and well-being of his officers and men of all ranks. His work has been commended, and he has been recommended for promotion by every general officer and every regimental and post commander under whom he has served since he entered in the regular army, in 1866, dozens of such papers being on file in the War Department. Among general officers who have commended him, some of them in strongest terms, are Gens. Sykes, Terry, Stanley, Otis, MacArthur, Chaffee, Wheaton, Bates, Patterson, Holabird, Davis (N. H.), Du Barry, Greene and others. He has been commended by all department inspectors and in all efficiency reports made by regimental or post commanders under whom he has served. He has never been in arrest, tried or admonished, has never been reported for non-payment of debts, is not addicted to the use of intoxicants nor to any other evil habit of army or social life. He is a courteous gentleman, a man of domestic tastes and habits, and it is a fortunate regiment that has such a man for its commanding officer, fortunate no less for officers than men. He could retire with the star of the Brigadier under the recent act of Congress, and that is now practically his rank in the army whenever he chooses to accept it. But he should be a Brigadier in active service rather than on the retired list. He has earned this honorable rank, and it can come to no man more worthily. He could have retired some time since on "term of service," but, being a man of unusual mental and physical vigor, he has had no wish to do so. Should he live until the age of retirement under the law, he will have the unique distinction of being the last officer, the last man, in the regular army who carried a rifle or bore a commission under the flag in the great war of the Rebellion.

WALTER BOGARDUS McCASKEY, Lieutenant in the 21st U. S. Infantry, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 8, 1873. He is the fourth son of Dr. J. P. McCaskey, principal of the Lancaster High School and publisher of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*. After graduating from the Boys' High School of Lancaster he was for two years on the Pennsylvania Nautical School Ship "Saratoga," taking the first prize for general efficiency by common consent of the officers and cadets. Lieut. Sims, of the U. S. Navy, instructor in navigation, endorsed him as "capable of sailing a ship to any part of the world." In climbing the ropes, setting and furling sails, and all other work of the ship, and in boxing, wrestling, rowing, swimming, he was easily "at the top." His quick grasp of a situation, rapid decision and execution, here as later in the foot-ball and military work made him always a leader. From the ship he went to the Millersville Normal School for review and to make some special preparation for college. Here he found a kindred spirit in Prof. Pinkham, and did much work during the year in the gymnasium, among other things learning the double trapeze act under his instruction. Prof. P. rated him "the most remarkable young man of his acquaintance, absolutely honest, and without fear." He was afterward for four years at the Pennsylvania State College, for the last two years of the course in the special department of electrical engineering, taking the highest cash prize in calculus at the end of the Sophomore year, and standing at the head of his class in mathematics and in other departments at graduation. He was quarterback and captain of the well-known State College foot-ball team, with the reputation of being one of the best quarterbacks in the United States. He was recognized by all as the most skillful and daring athlete at State College, his career here being one of the traditions of the College. One of the best games on Franklin field, Philadelphia, in 1895, was between the University of Pennsylvania and the State College teams. University of Pennsylvania had not been scored against before during the season. The umpire, Williams, of Yale, said in the *Press*: "I never saw a team play more honest foot-ball than did State College." The *Record* said, "the cleanest, hardest game on Franklin field this year." The *Ledger*: "McCaskey, the captain and quarterback, is as quick as lightning, a clean passer, a splendid tackler and interferes finely." His games were always fair and clean because he would not tolerate anything else. After a long and rigid inspection drill of the State College battalion of three hundred cadets by the U. S. Army inspector, the Commandant was directed to name him first for honorable mention from this college in the United States Army register. "I can't do that." "Why not?" "He is my brother." "Oh, name him second then." After graduating with distinction in the special department of electrical engineering, he entered the railroad service, for a time in the freight department, and afterward in the steam-gauging and draughting depart-

ments of the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Wilmington during the day, and on duty as a student of medicine and in microscopic analysis at night in the office of Dr. J. W. Crumbaugh, one of the leading physicians of Wilmington.

When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted in Capt. Whitson's company from Lancaster, of which he was afterward unanimously elected second lieutenant, and in which he served with such efficiency and such universal endorsement of the rank and file of the company as is seldom accorded to an officer, especially to one so young. This company was a part of Col. D. B. Case's 4th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw active service in Porto Rico. He was appointed by President McKinley as one of the five lieutenants apportioned to Pennsylvania in the increase of the regular army. In the written examination to which these appointees were subjected at Fortress Monroe, which lasted for a week, and covered twelve or fourteen important branches, he took the second place on the list of more than a hundred officers examined. Because of this high rank which was especially gratifying to Hon. Marriott Brosius, by whom he had been named to the President, he was offered a commission in the cavalry arm of the service, but his preference was for the 21st Regiment of Infantry, in which an older brother was serving as Captain. He joined the regiment near Manila and saw much active duty about Laguna de Baie (the large lake from which the Pasig river flows) and in the southern provinces of Luzon. He served for a time on the staff of Gen. Wheaton, and also as department commissary at Calamba, though he would have much preferred service in the field, during the active operations of Gen. Bell in Laguna and Batangas. He was a first-class "duty man" always, and with no unfortunate habits of any sort. In the *Manila American* of May 1, 1901, we find an account of a heroic rescue of one of his men quite in character with this young officer: "Gen. Cailles was being hard pressed by our troops, made up of detachments from the garrisons on the Laguna in the vicinity of Santa Cruz. Scouting parties reported the enemy encamped in a barrio about seven miles north of Cavinti. Acting on this information Lieut. McCaskey was sent out to learn if there was any chance for an ambuscade. After hiking over various trails, through deep gorges and ravines peculiar to the country, the small party came to the bank of a mountain stream which, it seemed, must be crossed. The current was very swift, and the officer, telling his men to wait until he had found a safe fording place, plunged in to try the stream. He is a powerful swimmer, one of the best in the army, and at home in the water. Inspired by his apparent disregard of danger and wishing to be with him, if needed on the other side, three of his men plunged after him, without thought of the depth of the water or the weight of their accoutrements. They were at once swept away by the current. On looking around he saw their peril, and turned to save the nearest man, who caught him about the waist,

but tearing himself loose, he landed him safely on the bank. In the meantime the other two had sunk, and it was a question how far they had gone down stream with the rapid current. Passing the apparently drowned man over to others of the command who had come up, and giving them hurried instructions in regard to restoring him to life, without pausing for breath, the young officer, relying on his skill and strength as a swimmer, repeatedly dived into the river in different places in the hope of rescuing his men. It was fruitless, however, and at last he was forcibly held back from making further attempts. Their bodies were afterward found and given hasty burial on the bank. Lieut. McCaskey deserves especial recognition for his heroic work, and his many friends in Manila and at home will be glad to learn that he has suffered nothing from his desperate effort to save the lives of his men."

After the surrender of Gen. Cailles he happened one day at Calamba to see Lieut. McCaskey, and recognized him as the officer who, at a critical moment, had saved the life of his chief of staff, to whom he was much attached. He was very ardent and earnest in the expression of his gratitude. Since his return from the Philippines (1902) he has been stationed at Fort Yates and Fort Lincoln, near Bismarck, N. Dak. He was married in 1899 to Miss Edna McClelland, of Beech Creek, Clinton Co., Pa. His name Bogardus is that of a maternal ancestor, Dominie Everardus Bogardus, who came from Holland in 1633, the second clergyman of New Amsterdam, now the city of New York. He came over in the ship "Zoutberg" with Gov. Wouter Van Twiller, and is described, in the "Annals of Old Manhattan," as a "tall and stately man of high character and hot temper." He was a powerful personality in the province and so relentless in denunciation from the pulpit of the excesses of Van Twiller and Keift, the first two Dutch governors, that the old record tells how on one occasion Keift ordered the drums to be beaten during the sermon to drown the preacher's voice. The first church was built for him in 1633, on Pearl street, between the present lines of Broad and Whitehall, and into it the congregation of fifty members was transferred from the "mill-tower" where service had previously been held. In 1639 he married Anneke Jans, in whose right the Bogardus heirs long claimed certain valuable property belonging to the Trinity Church corporation in New York. Their descendants have multiplied to many thousands. The ship in which he sailed for Holland Aug. 16, 1647, to lay his difference with Keift before the Classis of Amsterdam, was named "The Princess," and was wrecked on the coast of Wales. About one hundred of the passengers were drowned, including both Gov. Keift and Dominie Bogardus. Cornelius Bogardus, son of Everardus, was baptized Sept. 9, 1640. He married Rachel Dewitt. Their son Cornelius, born Jan. 5, 1698, married Catharine Tuoor Dec. 23, 1722. They had thirteen children, of whom Cornelius, third son, married Marry Philips. John, the fourth of

their five children, married Elizabeth Lawson Jan. 20, 1783. Cornelius, the eldest of their nine children, married Margaret Long Sept. 8, 1808. Of their six children, Sarah, the eldest daughter, was married to Asa H. Chase Feb. 24, 1835. Of their three children, Ellen Margaret, the eldest, was married to John P. McCaskey at Bath, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1860, and of their seven children Walter Bogardus is the fourth son.

Asa H. Chase, his maternal grandfather, the eldest of nine children, was born July 21, 1809, and had the reputation, when a young man, of being one of the best stage drivers in western New York; in the stage vernacular of that early day, "able to cut a fly off the ear of his lead horse." He was afterward a well-known passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, always a good churchman, and a man of sterling character. He married Sarah C. Bogardus Feb. 24, 1835. His father, Caleb Chase, born April 11, 1781, the oldest of three children, was a stonemason, noted for great strength, activity and skill in athletics. He married Barthenia Harris, of Connecticut, an estimable woman, the memory of whose virtues yet survives. His father, Joshua Chase, was born May 25, 1722, was married twice and had eight children in all. Caleb was the eldest son by the second marriage. The father of Joshua was Benjamin Chase, born July 15, 1682, the fourth of six children; he married Mercy Simmons June 23, 1703. He was the son of Benjamin Chase, Sr., youngest of three children, born in 1639, who married Philippe Sherman. William Chase and his wife Mary came to Massachusetts from England in 1630, just ten years after the landing of the Plymouth colony. On the records of the first church in Roxbury, now Boston Highlands, is the following minute, supposed to be in the handwriting of Rev. John Eliot, commonly called the Apostle to the Indians, who was the first pastor of that church: "William Chase came with the first company (1630), bringing with him his wife Mary and his oldest son William." He died in May, 1659, at Yarmouth. These lines of descent have been carefully kept in church records, the old family Bibles, and also, on the Bogardus side, through the claim, for generations, upon the Trinity Church property. Heredity is the first important factor in the makeup of any man, environment the second. It is very interesting to trace lines of worthy descent, and we add these paragraphs here that they may go into this record of biographical annals.

JOHN GANTNER, born in Lancaster July 4, 1761, enlisted at the age of seventeen in the company of Capt. John Hubeley, and marched under his command to Shamokin (now Sunbury), to assist in repelling Indian attacks on the settlers. After sustaining the hardships of a winter campaign on the Susquehanna he returned to Lancaster and was discharged. He afterward joined Colonel Armand's corps, and served two years, when he was discharged. He then enlisted in Capt. Sharp's company of dragoons, and was on the march to Yorktown, when

the news of the surrender of Cornwallis was received and they turned back. The date of the death of this Revolutionary hero has not been preserved.

WILLIAM R. WILSON. The profession of law when clothed with its true dignity and purity and strength, must rank first among the callings of men, for law rules the universe. The work of the legal profession is to formulate, to harmonize, to regulate, to adjust and to administer those rules and principles that underlie and permeate all government and society, and control the varied relations of man. As thus viewed, there attaches to the legal profession a nobleness that cannot but be reflected in the life of the true lawyer, who, conscious of the dignity and distinction of his profession, and honest in the pursuit of his purpose, embraces the richness of learning, the profoundness of wisdom, the firmness of integrity and the purity of morals, together with the graces of modesty, courtesy and the general amenities of life. Of this type of the profession was Mr. Wilson, who stood among the eminent members of the Bar of Lancaster county, and whose life was one of signal usefulness and honor in all its relations. In his private life he was distinguished by all that marks the true gentleman. His was a noble character, one that subordinated personal ambition to public good, and sought rather the benefit of others than the aggrandizement of self. He was the architect of his own fortunes, and his success was most worthily achieved. Endowed with high intellectual qualities, to which were added the embellishments and discipline of culture, his was a most attractive personality. Well versed in the learning of his profession, and with a deep knowledge of the well-springs of human thought and action, with great sagacity and extraordinary tact, he gained prestige as one of the representative members of the Pennsylvania Bar, which he honored with his life and services. He was summoned from the field of life's activities Feb. 26, 1901, and in the city of Lancaster, where he had maintained his home for more than half a century, his death came as a personal bereavement to the community, while it was fully realized that an able lawyer and a noble man had passed to his reward, in the fullness of years and well earned honors.

The great-grandfather of William R. Wilson was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and his grandfather was born in New York, near the Canadian line, and he eventually removed thence to Amity, Berks Co., Pa., where he married a Miss DeHart, who was a near relative of the Boone family, of which the celebrated frontiersman, Daniel Boone, was a member. The grandfather of our subject was a trader in furs, a line of enterprise much in vogue in the early days, and his children were two in number, namely: Sarah, who became the wife of R. Ringler; and John, the father of the subject of this memoir.

John Wilson was born in Amity township, Berks county, in 1792, and was there reared. About 1814

he removed to Reamstown, Lancaster county, where he passed the residue of his life, his death occurring Oct. 28, 1854, at which time he was sixty-two years of age. John Wilson was a self-made man in the best sense of the term. Though his early educational advantages were of the most meager sort, by personal application and well directed study he became a man of learning and broad mental grasp. He was one of the first men to open an English school in that section of Lancaster county of which Reamstown is the center, and he was for many years a successful teacher, not only of children, but also of young men and women, for that locality was at that time almost entirely given to the German language, which Mr. Wilson acquired most thoroughly, thus enabling himself successfully to instruct his pupils in the English. In 1825 he was commissioned justice of the peace by Governor Andrew Shulze, and for fifteen years he conducted a large and important business in this line. The office then became elective, and he was chosen by popular vote as incumbent of the same for another decade, thus serving as justice for a consecutive period of a quarter of a century. He was also a scrivener from 1825 until the time of his death. He served as major in the State militia in the early days, and was one of the commissioners at the division of the Cocalicos. He was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party, and was at one time a candidate on its ticket for representative in the lower house of the State Legislature. He was a man of lofty integrity, and was highly respected and much loved in the community where he passed so many years of his long and useful life.

In November, 1815, at Reamstown, John Wilson married Miss Lydia Rhoads, who preceded him into eternal rest, her death occurring March 9, 1846, and both are interred in the churchyard at Reamstown.

William R. Wilson, the subject of this memoir, was born in Reamstown, Lancaster county, Jan. 20, 1826, and there his early life was passed. His educational advantages were very limited in scope, since the impaired health of his father rendered it necessary for him to assist in the latter's office, his practical service in the line being initiated at the early age of fourteen years, while he thus aided in the support of the family, in which there were twelve children. He remained at the parental home until he had attained his legal majority, devoting every possible opportunity to study and the reading of the best class of literature, and he decided to adopt the profession of law as his vocation in life. Upon leaving home he came to Lancaster, and was entirely dependent upon his own resources for a livelihood. On April 19, 1847, he began the study of law in the office of the late Colonel Reah Frazer, at Lancaster, locally famous as the "war horse of Democracy," and recognized as one of the able members of the Bar of the county. The two gentlemen became firm friends and so continued until death severed the ties, each having named a son in honor of the other. Mr. Wilson devoted himself assiduously to his technical

study, and was admitted to the Bar of the State Aug. 18, 1849. In the following spring he here entered upon the active practice of his profession, and this he continued consecutively and with an eminent degree of success, until the time of his death, representing a period of more than half a century. With one exception he was, at the time of demise, the oldest lawyer, in point of service, of the Bar of the county, and no member was held in higher confidence and esteem. Mr. Wilson was for twenty-five years a member of the board which examines candidates for admission to the Bar, and was chairman of the same at the time of his death. The other members, in harmony with his personal request, acted as pall-bearers at his funeral. He was vice-president of the Lancaster Bar Association. He controlled a large and representative practice and was widely known, especially through the northern part of the county. He was for fifteen years a member of the board of education of Lancaster, and was known as a man of most scholarly attainments, being well read in all branches of literature, and having an excellent knowledge of the German language, which he acquired by personal application, his entire schooling having been confined to seven months, but this fact having slight bearing upon the acquirement of knowledge on the part of the determined and industrious youth. He always manifested a deep interest in politics, and rendered most effective service in many campaigns. Of his political proclivities a formerly published tribute spoke as follows: "He was a Democrat of Democrats. His faith never failed; his interest never abated; his ardor never cooled; and his loyalty never was questioned. Before the war, during the war, and after the war he remained the advocate, on the stump and in private, of Jacksonian principles. He voted as he believed and talked. He neither courted nor shunned political honors, and the frequent marks of his party's favor which came to him were highly appreciated, though unsolicited and barren of profit." He was a member of the city council on various occasions, and also served for a time as city solicitor. Of his ability in his profession one who knew him well has spoken as follows: "Mr. Wilson was a lawyer of much learning and painstaking care. He never went to trial without elaborate preparation on the law and the facts, and never quit until he had exhausted every resource. He was a familiar figure in the Appellate courts, and never failed to command the respect of these bodies for his erudition and ingenuity. He had the dignity and courtesy of what we must, too often, call the 'old school,' and but few surpassed him in cordiality and grace of manner. He was urbane toward his associates, especially the juniors of the Bar, and with him passes away almost the last active practitioner of his generation." His first case before the Supreme court was in 1853, and from that time forward he was concerned in much important litigation in this section of the State. His death occurred as the direct result of a stroke of apoplexy.

The parents of Mr. Wilson were members of the German Reformed Church, and while he never formally united with any religious organization he was a regular attendant and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, having been chairman of the board of auditors of the Lancaster church for more than twenty years, and having held other official positions in the same. He was one of the pall-bearers of President James Buchanan, and acted as auditor of his estate.

In the city of Harrisburg, Pa., on Jan. 10, 1852, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Caroline S. Oberly, daughter of Frederick and Maria Oberly, and her death occurred April 16, 1899. They became the parents of four children, of whom we enter the following brief record: Reah F., who is supervisor of one of the western divisions of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with headquarters at Blairsville, this State, was united in marriage, in 1883, to Miss Mary McGecham, of Lancaster, and they have three children, James R., Agnes and May; Lanna Theodosia remains at the old home; Harry O. still remains in the office of his father; and Alphonso is deceased.

In speaking of the death of Mr. Wilson a local paper summed up as follows: "All in all, we shall not look upon his like again. His taking off snaps a link in the chain that bound us to the past. His death will be mourned; his life and experience will remain a pleasant and useful memory; his place will not be filled."

AMOS R. HOUGENDOBler, postmaster at Columbia, and one of the oldest shoe merchants in the city, comes of an old and honored family which originated in Switzerland, three brothers of the name coming to Lancaster county over two hundred years ago. John, Nicholas and Isaac Hougendobler took part in the Revolutionary war, and are mentioned in the archives of the State. John purchased 600 acres of land in Hempfield township, near the Wrightsville Ferry, at the close of the Revolution, and a part of this original purchase is still in the possession of the family.

Amos R. Hougendobler, so well and favorably known in his locality, was born Oct. 3, 1843, in West Hempfield township, three miles from Columbia, son of Henry and Catherine (Getz) Hougendobler, both of whom lived on the old homestead until the close of their lives. The former died in 1856, at the age of fifty-seven, and the latter in December, 1881, at the age of eighty-eight, and the remains of both were buried in their private cemetery. They were most worthy members of the United Brethren Church. The record of their eleven children is as follows: Elizabeth (deceased) married John M. Greider, a prominent man in Lancaster county, he having served as justice of the peace, and also as Lancaster county treasurer; George, who died unmarried in 1871, served four years in the army during the Civil war, and was killed in a stone quarry; Henry met death in an ore mine, at the age

of seventeen; Christianna (deceased), married Aaron R. Lutz; Albert died in infancy; Barbara married Hiram C. Lockard, of West Hempfield township; Catherine (deceased), married Henry Baker, who was killed in battle in the front of Richmond, Va.; Mary married William Berntheisel, a retired farmer of West Hempfield township; John A. was shot through the heart at the battle of South Mountain, during the Civil war; Amos R. is the subject proper of these lines; Adeline became Mrs. Briggs, of Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

Amos R. Hougendobler was reared on a farm in West Hempfield township, and attended the district school. At the age of twelve years he came to Columbia and entered the store of H. F. FonDersmith, as clerk, remaining with him one year, when he was offered a larger salary, going into the store of Peter Haldeman, where he remained until the outbreak of the Civil war, in 1861.

Urged by patriotic impulses, Mr. Hougendobler enlisted for the service of his country, joining Co. K, 5th Pa. Reserves, known as the Cookman Rangers (so named by Joseph Fisher, who was appointed captain). But almost at the beginning of his service he met with a serious accident. Being first in the line of march, Campbell's Battery ran over his left heel on June 27, 1861. He was again unfortunate, being slightly wounded in the left leg at the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, and was sent to the Columbia College Hospital, in Washington, D. C. This was particularly discouraging, as the accident came upon the very day that his three-years' term of enlistment expired. He endured but one month in the hospital before he joined his company and came home. Mr. Hougendobler's war record is a grand one, and one of which his descendants will be very proud in the years to come. He participated in the following battles: Drainesville, Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, Charles City Cross Roads, Savage Station, Malvern Hill, Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bristol Station, Mine Run and the Wilderness. At Fredericksburg few of his company escaped death or wounds, or at least bullet holes in their clothing. His term of service expiring, Mr. Hougendobler was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., June 14, 1864. The saddest experience of his army life was the death of his brother John, who was in the same company, and was shot through the heart, at South Mountain, Sept. 14, 1862; his body was brought home and placed in the family graveyard, about two and a half miles northeast of Columbia, adjoining the farm where the family has lived more than sixty years.

On Sept. 6, 1864, Miss Margaret Kneisly was married, in Columbia, to Amos R. Hougendobler, and this union has also been blessed with eleven children: Ella M., who married Edward B. Koons, a contractor in Columbia; Glara K., who married Charles Curvel, superintendent of a shirt cutting factory in Chester, Pa.; Margaret, a school teacher; Catherine, who was educated in the Hahnemann

Training School for Nurses, in Philadelphia; John Andrew, a silk mill loom repairer (he is married); Anna G., a well known professional trained nurse at the Methodist Hospital, at Philadelphia, Pa.; Emily A., who stays in the store, as do also Harry and William (twins); Charles D., a clerk in the Columbia post office; and Mary E., attending school.

Mrs. Hougendobler was born in Columbia June 27, 1845, a daughter of Andrew and Margaret (Fordney) Kneisly, of Manor township. Andrew Kneisly was a blacksmith by trade, but later became boss inspector for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., and after a service of thirty years with the railroad was killed, a train running over him, in October, 1881, at the age of fifty-nine years. For many years he was a class-leader in the M. E. Church, and he was an active Christian in every walk of life. He was connected with the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, Columbia, and had held many of the offices. Mrs. Kneisly died at the age of eighty-one, and was buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. The family located in Columbia in 1834. The children born to these worthy people were as follows: William, a car inspector, who died in Columbia; Anna, a resident of Columbia; David and Barbara, deceased in infancy; Emma, a resident of Columbia; Samuel, who died in infancy; Margaret, the wife of Mr. Hougendobler; and Benjamin, who died in infancy. Misses Anna and Emma conduct a notion store in Columbia, and are highly esteemed ladies.

Mr. Hougendobler is one of the prominent men of Columbia, and is now postmaster there, having been appointed to that office through Hon. Marriott Brosius, in 1898. By his industry, efficiency and courtesy Mr. Hougendobler has given general satisfaction. He is a charter member of Gen. Welsh Post, No. 118, G. A. R., and is one of its past commanders and active members. He was a member of Department Commander Alfred Dart's staff in 1897, and is on the executive committee for Lancaster county of the Central Association of the Pennsylvania G. A. R. He is also a charter member of an A. O. M. P. lodge in Columbia, is a past master artisan and was trustee for many years. In politics he is a Republican, and he is an active and prominent member of his party in the city and county.

JOSEPH EHRENFRIED was born in Mayence, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, Dec. 25, 1783. His parents were Catholic in faith and designed him for the priesthood, sending him to school with that object in view. When he was nineteen years of age he left his native country, emigrating to America in 1802. He began his career in this country as a school teacher in the Grove school house, in East Donegal township, in 1803. A short while afterward he secured a situation as translator and book-keeper in Albright's printing establishment in Lancaster, where he acquired a practical knowledge of that art.

In 1808 Joseph Ehrenfried and William Hamilton established the *Volksfreund*, a German newspaper, which he disposed of to Johan Baer in 1817, the paper still being published in Lancaster by the son of Mr. Baer. He continued, however, in the employ of Mr. Baer for twenty years, during which time he translated a number of works into German, which were published, among them being "Buck's Theological Dictionary" and "Ehrenfried's Colloquial Phrases."

In 1837 Mr. Ehrenfried visited Germany, and returning to this country, located in Harrisburg, where he published the *Vaterland's Waechter*, and during the administration of Governor Ritner he held the office of German State Printer. He afterward established the *Friedenboten*, a German newspaper at Allentown, Pa. This he disposed of and returned to Lancaster, where in the autumn of 1845 he became deputy register of wills, which office he filled until in 1860. In 1816 he became a Swedenborgian in faith and in 1835 connected himself with the Lancaster New Jerusalem Society, of which he was president for twenty years.

In 1809 he married Mrs. Ann (Hubley) Smith, who was a daughter of Bernard Hubley, Esq., of Lancaster. He died March 6, 1862, esteemed by all who knew him.

CHARLES HOWELL LOCHER. For five generations members of the Locher family have followed one line of industry, beginning it among the hills of Maryland, as an accessory to extensive farming operations, and pursuing it with accelerated skill and profit. To Charles Howell Locher, president of the City Savings Fund & Trust Company, of Lancaster, the industry has been only an accessory to extensive financial and business operations, in which he has been most successfully interested.

Seven generations back Henry Locher, the founder of the family in America, left his native home in Switzerland and settled in the Colony of Virginia. Some of his descendants removed to Maryland, where Jacob Locher, the grandfather of Charles Howell, owned and operated a large farm, on the Hagerstown pike, 112 acres of which remained, until very recently, in the possession of the family. Jacob Locher was also a tanner and currier, as were his father and grandfather before him. He was a patriotic American, and during the war of 1812 enlisted from Maryland in the American army. He married Mary Grove, daughter of an extensive farmer of Maryland, and removed to Lancaster county, Pa., later continuing the leather trade at Harrisburg, where he died at the age of sixty-two years. His wife survived to the age of seventy-three, passing away in 1871.

David P. Locher, father of Charles Howell, was born at Shepherdstown, Va. (now West Virginia), on the banks of the Potomac, in July, 1827. He came with his parents to Lancaster county, and in the early days of his manhood became interested in busi-

ness which he prosecuted most successfully throughout life, becoming one of the best known businessmen in Lancaster. He built a small tannery on South Prince street, which he operated for two years, then building a larger tannery, which he managed successfully for many years, until 1868. In 1876 he bought a tannery on South Prince street, which he extended and operated most profitably until his death. Mr. Locher also owned and conducted an excellent and well improved farm of 120 acres in Manheim township, this county, which is still in the possession of the family. He was greatly interested in fine stock, and his herd of blooded Jersey cattle was the admiration of farming communities for many miles around. He was an admirable judge of horses, and kept a fine stable in Lancaster, his four-in-hand of Hambletonian breed being the only one in the city for many years. It was in 1870 that he engaged in the banking business in partnership with his son, Charles Howell, who has since followed that foundation branch of finance with remarkable success.

In November, 1848, David P. Locher was married, at Lancaster, Pa., to Clementina M., daughter of Robert Evans, a merchant of Lancaster. To this union were born four sons, Charles Howell, Robert E., Grove and Clement E., the three last-named being, respectively, president, secretary and treasurer of the Park Run Tanning Company, incorporated in 1895, and succeeding to the business so successfully conducted by the father. The death of David P. Locher occurred Feb. 11, 1884, when he was aged nearly fifty-seven years. His widow survives, residing in Lancaster, on East King street. She is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and a lady most highly esteemed for her many womanly and Christian qualities.

Charles Howell Locher was born at Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 21, 1849. The following year his parents returned to Lancaster, and there he spent his childhood and boyhood. He attended the city schools, and from the Lancaster high school, in February, 1867, he entered the bank of Evans, McEvoy & Co., as a clerk. While gaining experience there he acquired a taste for a financial career. On Nov. 30, 1870, the business of Evans, McEvoy & Co. was purchased by his father and himself, under the firm name of D. P. Locher & Son, the partnership continuing until the death of the father, in 1884. The bank then became the property of Charles H. and Robert E., his brother. It is now the City Savings Fund & Trust Company, located at the corner of West King street and Penn Square, and has a paid-up capital stock of \$150,000. Charles Howell Locher is president and one of the directors.

Mr. Locher has also been interested in many other successful business enterprises. In June, 1894, in company with John Keller and Michael Reilly, he purchased the Lancaster & Quarryville narrow gauge railroad, fifteen miles in length. The company was reorganized, with Charles Howell Locher



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as president, and he operated the road in connection with the board of directors until Dec. 28, 1899, when the property was sold for \$350,000 to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. Locher is also interested in the Park Run Tanning Company, incorporated in 1895 by the consolidation of the Conestoga Oak Tannery and the Park Run Tannery, both owned by Mr. Locher and brothers. The six stockholders were Mr. Locher, his three brothers, his mother and George Greiner, foreman, who is now deceased. In 1894 Charles H. Locher was one of the organizers of the Citizens Power, Light & Heating Company, which sold their property at a handsome profit to the Edison Company. He is now director and treasurer of the Lancaster Electric Light, Power & Heating Company. For the past twenty years he has been a stockholder and secretary of the Lancaster Hotel Company; he is treasurer of the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, having \$100,000 capital; and president of the Lancaster & Columbia Railway Company. He is also treasurer of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Association. In 1887 he laid out an addition to Harrisburg, a tract of thirteen acres, which was subsequently sold in building lots at a handsome profit, and is now well improved. Mr. Locher is recognized as one of Lancaster's most capable and successful business men. While prospering to an unusual degree in his own business affairs, his success contributes also to the general advancement of the city, for his investments and enterprises are constructive in their nature and insure the general welfare. He is public-spirited and generous in disposition, and earnestly supports those measures that promise to advance the best interests of Lancaster.

Mr. Locher was married, at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1872, to Miss Lila S. Reno, a native of Beaver county, Pa., daughter of Eli Reno, a farmer, who was also engaged in steamboating. To Mr. and Mrs. Locher were born five children, namely: David R., Mira E., James R., Lila R. and Robert E. David R. is president of the Eastern Milling & Export Company, of Philadelphia; he was married Oct. 23, 1901, to Miss Mary Eshleman, of Lancaster. Mira E. married Jay Nevin Shroder, manufacturer of paints in Lancaster, and they have one child, Jay N., Jr. Lila R. was married April 12, 1902, to Frederick Atwood McVay, treasurer of the Pittsburg Trust Company.

In politics Mr. Locher is a Republican, and he is serving at present as a member of the school board of Lancaster.

ALEXANDER CRAIG, M. D. (deceased). The entire medical career of this eminent physician of Columbia belongs to that city. His practice extended over a period of thirty-four years, beginning immediately after graduation and continuing until death closed his usefulness in the summer of 1899. During that time he was one of the prominent figures in the medical history of Lancaster county, contribut-

ing largely to the current professional literature, eminent as a surgeon, honored repeatedly by the various medical societies of which he was a member, and exerting a wide influence in the community where his mission was cast. The medical career was preceded by a term of military service during the Civil war.

Dr. Craig was born at Hillside, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Dec. 22, 1838, son of Alexander and Sybilla (Kern) Craig, and grandson of Samuel Craig, a soldier of the Revolution. The family were of Scotch-Irish extraction. Alexander Craig, the father, was a woolen manufacturer and a land owner of Westmoreland county, Pa. He died in 1869, aged seventy-four years. Sybilla, his wife, survived until 1888, passing away at the age of eighty years, at the residence of her son Alexander, in Columbia. To Alexander and Sybilla Craig were born three children: Alexander, the subject of this sketch; Louisa S., who married James B. Moore, of Wheeling, W. Va.; and George G., a physician of Rock Island, Illinois.

Alexander Craig, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Westmoreland county, and at Eldersridge Academy. The pathway to learning was rugged, and he continued his studies at night while engaged in teaching school. Choosing medicine as his profession, he began a course of reading in 1859, in the office of Dr. Eli Ferguson, at New Derry, Pa., and continued after his army service with Dr. C. D. Hottenstein, then of Columbia. In 1862 he patriotically abandoned his studies to enter the service of his country. In that year he enlisted as a private in Co. F, 135th P. V. I., and was soon afterward appointed hospital steward of the regiment, in which capacity he completed his nine months term of service. He then joined the 57th Regiment State Militia, serving as second lieutenant of Co. A.

The young student then attended two courses of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1865. On May 1st, of that year, Dr. Craig entered upon his long medical practice in Columbia. His military service gave him a predilection for surgery, and, while a general practitioner, he was especially recognized by his colleagues as an authority in surgery. His practice increased steadily and in a few years he became one of the most successful physicians of the city. His abilities were recognized by the profession throughout the State and even beyond its borders. In 1890 he was honored with the presidency of the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania, having previously filled the offices of vice-president in 1876, and of corresponding secretary in 1880-81. He was in 1878 elected president of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, of which he had for many years been an active and prominent member. In 1879 he was also honored by election to the presidency of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Union Medical Society. Among other professional organizations with which he was actively associated was the National Association of Railway Surgeons. In

an honorary capacity he was a member of the York County Medical Society and of the Grand Rapids Academy of Medicine of Grand Rapids, Mich. From 1869 he was surgeon at Columbia for the Pennsylvania Railroad. He prepared many papers and reports of surgery, which were presented at the various medical societies with which he was connected.

Dr. Craig was identified with a number of fraternal and social orders, including the G. A. R. and the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., and the Scotch-Irish society of America. He served as a member of the town council of Columbia from 1869 to 1878, and in the latter year was president of that body. He was one of the organizers of the Columbia Electric Light & Power Co., in 1883, and two years later was elected its president. From 1887 and until his death he was a director of the First National Bank of Columbia.

At Columbia, Oct. 29, 1867, Dr. Craig married Miss Eleanor M. Righter, a native of Lancaster, and the daughter of Washington and Elizabeth Mayer (Cottrell) Righter, granddaughter of Jacob and Edith (Evans) Righter, and great-granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier, who was taken prisoner by the British in Philadelphia, and died on board one of the prison ships. Washington Righter, the father of Mrs. Craig, was born Dec. 9, 1799. He was by trade a tanner, and became one of the pioneer lumber dealers of the Susquehanna Valley. In 1827 he removed from Chester county to Columbia, where he engaged in the lumber trade. For four years, 1843-46, he resided in Lancaster, serving during that period as clerk of the Orphans' Court. His death occurred at Columbia, Sept. 22, 1879. His widow, who was born in January, 1810, survived him many years, dying in her ninety-second year, Sept. 1, 1901, at Columbia. To Washington and Elizabeth Righter were born five children, namely: July E., who married Rev. Joseph Gregg, and died at Columbia, Nov. 7, 1881; Thaddeus Stevens, who died aged two years; Eleanor, widow of our subject; Washington, a lumber merchant of Philadelphia, who died July 16, 1902; and Joseph C., a lumber merchant of Williamsport. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Craig were five: Alexander R., whose sketch appears below; Washington, a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, class of 1893, and now resident engineer on the Pittsburg, Shaumut & Northern Railroad, stationed at Bolivar, N. Y.; Elizabeth, who graduated with the degree of B. S. from Wellesley College in 1891; Eleanor Sybilla, who attended Wilson College, for one year, and completed her studies in music at the Musical Academy in Philadelphia; and John J., a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, afterward resident physician at the Philadelphia Polyclinic Hospital. Dr. Alexander Craig died Aug. 16, 1899.

DR. ALEXANDER RIGHTER CRAIG, the eldest son of Dr. Alexander and Eleanor M. Craig, and now a rising young practitioner at Columbia, was born at Columbia, July 31, 1868, and graduated from the Columbia High School at the age of seventeen years.

Entering Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, he graduated in the class of 1890. His collegiate studies ended, he began the study of medicine and received the degree of M. D. from the University of Pennsylvania, in 1893, having been honored with the presidency of his class. He served for a year as resident physician of the Philadelphia Polyclinic College Hospital, and in February, 1895, began the practice of his profession at Columbia. He has attained a very large and lucrative practice, and enjoys the professional confidence of an unusually large acquaintanceship. In politics Dr. Craig is a Republican, and in religious affiliations a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a Mason, and is prominent in the social life of the city. He was married at Port Deposit, Md., Oct. 17, 1899, to Miss Florence C. Bromwell, daughter of R. E. and Josephine (Evans) Bromwell, her father being a prominent physician residing near Port Deposit. To this union two children have been born, Josephine Bromwell, on Nov. 15, 1900, and Margaretta, on Sept. 3, 1902.

HON. AARON HOSTETTER SUMMY, for some time a well-known farmer of Manheim township, now residing in Manor township, has had a career which, if fully written up, would fill a good-sized book.

The first Summys to arrive in this country came from Summiswald (Summy's Woods), Switzerland, landing in Philadelphia in 1732. Five brothers started from the old country, but one died on the ocean. One of the four who reached this country married a Mrs. Barr, a widow, near Landisville, where he lived and died, and from him the Lancaster county Summys are descended. It has recently been learned that one or more of the brothers also settled in South Carolina, along the Catawba river.

Peter Summy, the grandfather of Aaron H., married Barbara Long, and died on a farm of which the Fondersmith estate in East Hempfield forms a part. John Summy, the father of Aaron H., was a farmer and a Mennonite preacher. He married Susan Hostetter, daughter of Jacob Hostetter, a farmer at Salunga, this county, and an aunt to the late David Hostetter, the millionaire manufacturer of "Hostetter's Bitters." To this union were born seven children, only two of whom survive: Abraham, the well-known coal and lumber merchant at Marietta; and Hon. Aaron H. Summy, of Manheim township.

Aaron Hostetter Summy was born on his father's farm, in East Hempfield township, Aug. 28, 1830, and obtained his education in the public schools of his district, remaining at home until he was sixteen years old, when he went to learn carriagemaking at Roseville. In 1851 he married Lavinia Miller, a daughter of John Miller, at one time a commissioner of Lancaster county, and they had four children: Annie, the wife of John R. Burkholder, wholesale dealer in grain and feed; Lavinia, the wife of L. N.

Spencer, an attorney at law, in Lancaster; Frank, a bookkeeper in the Lancaster Trust Company; and John Miller, who died when twelve years old, from tetanus.

Mr. Summy was engaged in the lumber and coal trade in Marietta from 1852 to 1860, and then bought a farm in East Hempfield township, which he sold to buy the coach works of A. B. Landis, in Mt. Joy, where he continued five years. Selling out, he finally located on a farm in Manheim township, where he resided until April, 1902. In 1866 he bought the Abbeville Mills, on the Columbia pike, in Manor township, renting the property until April, 1902, when he took charge of the same himself, running the mills and renting the farm. But Mr. Summy had a varied career before he came to Manheim. At one time he ran the grist and saw mills at Graeff's Landing; was in business at Marietta; ran a sawmill at Chickies; was United States storekeeper and gauger at various distilleries; filled a clerkship in the War Department at Washington; was deputy marshal under Elias Billingsfelt, State marshal of Lancaster county during the State draft ordered by Gov. Curtin; and afterward assistant assessor under James Alexander, when the excise laws were first enacted and enforced; was a school director in his district; and was elected and re-elected to the council in Marietta. He served one term in the General Assembly from East Hempfield, and another while living at Mt. Joy. In the Assembly he served on important committees, and gave much attention to the interests of his constituents.

BENJAMIN SMITH BARTON, son of the Rev. Thomas Barton, pastor of St. James' Episcopal Church, Lancaster, was born in that city Feb. 10, 1766, his mother having been Esther Rittenhouse, a daughter of the celebrated philosopher David Rittenhouse. The death of his parents was the cause of his removal to Philadelphia in 1782, when he took a course at Gottingen and there obtained the himself to the study of the sciences and medicine. Going to Great Britain in 1786 he pursued his studies at Edinburgh and London. He subsequently took a course at Gottingen and there obtained the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He returned to Philadelphia in 1789, and began the practice of medicine. The same year he was appointed Professor of Natural History and Botany in the College of Philadelphia, and continued in that professorship after the college was merged into the University of Pennsylvania in 1791. On the resignation of Dr. Griffiths he was appointed Professor of Materia Medica, and he succeeded Dr. Rush in the department of the Theory and Practice of Medicine on the death of the latter. He died Dec. 19, 1816.

Dr. Barton contributed much to the natural science of this country and published a number of valuable works, among them being "Elements of Botany," which appeared in 1803; he also in 1805 commenced the publication of the *Medical and Phy-*

sical Journal. As a naturalist his merits were uncommon and he has the honor of being the first American who gave to his country an elementary work on botany.

SQUIRE HIRAM L. THOMPSON, who was for many years prominent as a justice of the peace and pension collector at Buck, Lancaster county, was born in East Drumore township May 8, 1824, a son of Tilghman and Elizabeth (Boehm) Thompson. The father was born in Harford county, Md., in March, 1804, and the mother in Lancaster county, in November, 1808.

Tilghman Thompson was the son of Nicholas Thompson, a native of Maryland, and a soldier of the war of 1812, who came to Lancaster county in 1814, and was located near Conestoga Springs for some years. Then, taking with him a part of his family, he moved to the remote West, where he died. His wife died in Lancaster county. They had one son, Tilghman, and two daughters: Rachel, wife of Martin Shaub, who moved into Ohio, where they died; and Sarah A., who married John Wilson, and is living, a widow, in Illinois.

Tilghman Thompson began life as a farmer in Lancaster county, but presently became a merchant, and was for some years engaged at Martinsville, this county, in that line. He purchased a farm and hotel property near Clearfield Church, in this county, where he made his home for some years, and then bought a farm on the State road leading to the McCall Ferry, where he died in January, 1864. His widow passed to her reward in 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson belonged to the Methodist Church, and are remembered in that communion as good, earnest Christian people. In politics he was a Whig and a Republican. Hiram L. was their only child.

Hiram L. Thompson acquired his education in the public schools, and when he was sixteen took up the work of a school teacher, in which he made a decided success. For eight years he taught at the Rising Sun school house, and he was also engaged at his profession in Maryland. In 1842 he taught school in Ohio, but after a year there came back to Pennsylvania. He taught in all for thirty-five years. Squire Thompson was a man of scholarly attainments, and by close application largely increased the somewhat limited education which he secured in the public schools and the Carlisle Preparatory School, which he attended for three months.

Squire Thompson was married, in April, 1846, to Miss Jane Laird, daughter of John Laird, of Rawlinsville, where Mrs. Thompson was born, and where she died in 1863, leaving one son, Tilghman L., who, following in his father's footsteps, also became a distinguished teacher. He was teaching at Quarryville when he was stricken with a fatal sickness, and passed away, leaving a wife and three children, Cora, Charlie and ———.

Squire Thompson was married the second time,

in 1886, to Miss Lizzie A. Beecher, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Herr) Beecher, and the same year they settled on the present farm in East Drumore township. Mrs. Thompson was born in East Drumore in 1844.

Hiram L. Thompson was a member of Co. I, 122d P. V. I., serving as sergeant of his company. For a time he was detailed as a clerk of his regiment. He was in the battles of Cloud Mills, second Bull Run, Fredericksburg (December, 1862) and Chancellorsville. When his term of enlistment had expired he was honorably discharged, at Harrisburg.

Hiram L. Thompson was elected a justice of the peace in East Drumore township, was reelected, and served until his death, giving excellent satisfaction to all concerned in the administration of the important duties of that position. Always a Republican, he was an active worker in the interests of that party, and his influence was widespread. He belonged to the Methodist Church, where his substantial and reliable character commanded respect and confidence, and served as trustee at Mt. Hope and also at Quarryville. His widow also unites with that church. Mr. Thompson died at his home in East Drumore, Jan. 16, 1902, after a few days' illness, in his seventy-eighth year. His wife and three grandchildren survive. The funeral was held on Jan. 19th, with services and interment at the Clearfield M. E. Church.

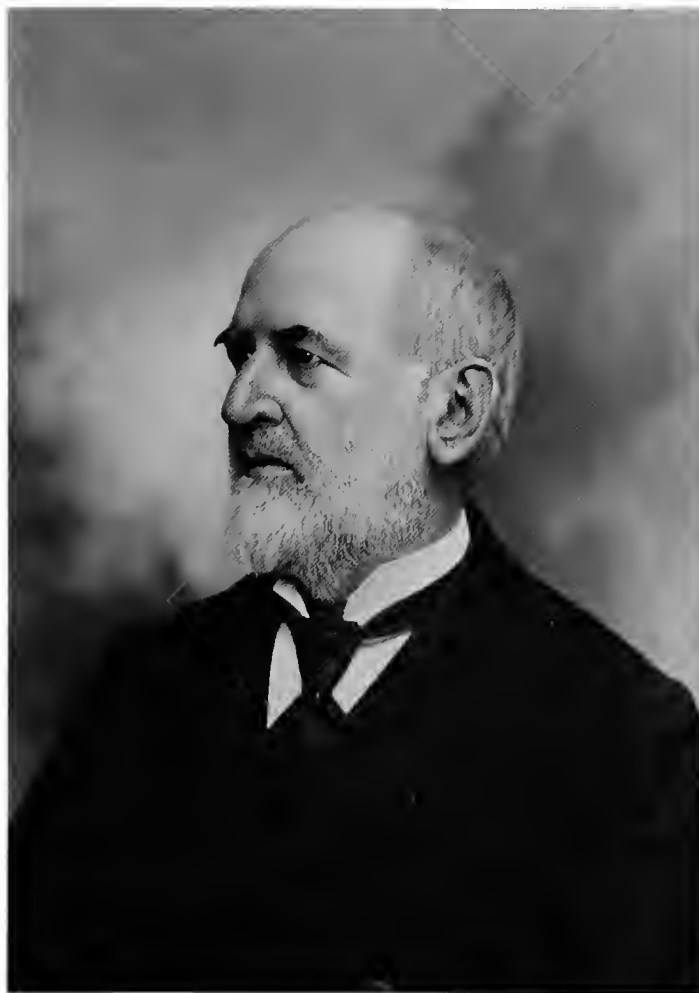
JOHN B. WARFEL was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 19, 1830, son of John Warfel, who was a farmer until 1836, in which year he was appointed recorder of deeds for Lancaster county; he then with his family removed to Lancaster city.

Mr. Warfel's paternal great-great-grandfather, George Warfel, came from Germany, and was one of the early settlers of what is now Conestoga township, Lancaster county. He was twice married, and by his first wife had two sons, Henry and Peter. Henry married Margaret Good, and by that union had seven children, three sons and four daughters. Their second son, Jacob, married Mary Stoutzenberg, whose father was Jacob Stoutzenberg, and whose mother was Barbara Eckman, a granddaughter of Mathias Slaymaker, who came to this country from Strasburg, Germany, in 1710. Jacob and Mary (Stoutzenberg) Warfel had five children, one son and four daughters. John Warfel, the eldest, and father of John B., married Maria Eshleman.

John B. Warfel's maternal great-great-grandfather, Jacob Eshleman, came to this country in the ship "Mortonhouse," from Holland, landing in Philadelphia in August, 1729. He was married to Barbara Barr, and they had one son Jacob, who married Barbara Groff, a descendant of Hans (John) Groff, a native of Switzerland, who was one of the first settlers in the Pequea Valley. Barbara Groff's mother was Barbara Brackbill, a daughter of Rev. Benedic-

tus Brackbill, who with his family came from Germany, landing at Philadelphia Aug. 24, 1717, and settling in what is now Strasburg township, Lancaster county. Jacob and Barbara (Groff) Eshleman had eight children. The eldest, Jacob, married Mary Brackbill, who was a daughter of Benedict Brackbill and his wife, Mary (Kendig), and a granddaughter of Ulrich Brackbill and his wife Fanny (Herr). Ulrich Brackbill was a son of Rev. Benedictus Brackbill, and Fanny Herr was a granddaughter of John (or Hans) Herr, who came from Switzerland in 1710, and who was the progenitor of the numerous Herr family now living in Lancaster county. Jacob and Mary (Brackbill) Eshleman had twelve children, Maria, the wife of John Warfel, and mother of John B. Warfel, being the fourth.

John B. Warfel received his education in the public schools of Lancaster, at the Strasburg Academy, and at Lewisburg (now Bucknell) University. From the latter, in 1895, he received the honorary degree of A. M. He taught the public school in the village of Paradise during the term of 1849-50, and the public school in Strasburg borough during the term of 1853-54. In the spring of 1854 he commenced farming on the place where he was born, and he continued in that occupation until 1863. In 1855 Mr. Warfel was elected a justice of the peace for Paradise township, and was re-elected in 1860. When elected a justice he commenced the practice of surveying and conveyancing, and in the latter business had a large clientage. He was elected a school director for Paradise township in the spring of 1856, and was re-elected in 1859 and 1862. In January, 1863, Mr. Warfel was appointed an examiner in the United States Pension Bureau, at Washington, D. C. He then abandoned farming, resigned his several positions in Paradise township, and with his family moved to Washington. While in that city, and serving as an examiner in the Pension office, Mr. Warfel commenced the study of law at Columbia College, attending the lectures at night. He graduated with the class of 1867, and shortly afterward was admitted to practice in the courts of Washington city, and at Lancaster, Pa. In April, 1867, he was appointed by the President of the United States assessor of Internal Revenue for the 9th Pennsylvania District, and he then moved with his family from Washington to Lancaster. In the spring of 1869 he was elected a member of the Lancaster city school board, and he has been re-elected and has served as a school director from that time to the present (1902). He was president of the board in 1877-78-79-80. In 1869 he was elected senator, to represent Lancaster county in the State Senate. He was re-elected in 1872, and again in 1875, and while in the Senate was chairman of the following standing committees: Federal Relations, Education, Private Claims and Damages, Railroads, and Pensions and Gratuities. In May, 1872, Mr. Warfel was appointed a State trustee of the Normal School at Millersville, and he has been re-appointed,



John B Warfel

serving continuously as such to the present time; he has been president of the board since May, 1897. In 1876 he was one of the Presidential electors for Pennsylvania, on the Republican ticket, elected to cast the vote of the State for Rutherford B. Hayes. He was president of the Howard Benevolent Association of Lancaster for a number of years; president of the Lancaster County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for more than a quarter of a century; a director of the Farmers National Bank for a number of years until 1888, and since then has been a director in the Lancaster County National Bank. He was one of the organizers and for some time the manager of the Inquirer (now Wickersham) Printing Company; was director and president of the Union Building & Loan Association; and director of the West End Building & Loan Association. He has been trustee and W. M. of Lodge No. 43, A. F. & A. M., and trustee of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T. He has been a trustee of the Lancaster Cemetery Association since February, 1882. He is also a trustee of the Home of Friendless Children, of Lancaster; of the Stevens Orphans' Home, of Lancaster; and of the Henry G. Long Asylum, also of that city. As executor and trustee Mr. Warfel has had charge of a number of estates, several of them quite large, and these occupied a great deal of his time and attention from 1874 to 1897. In April, 1877, in connection with J. M. W. Geist, Mr. Warfel commenced the publication of *The New Era Daily and Weekly* newspapers, and continued thus engaged until May 15, 1897, when he withdrew from the partnership, and retired from active business.

Mr. Warfel was married to Mary, daughter of the late Col. Isaac Girvin, of Strasburg township, Lancaster county. Of the children born to this union the following survive: Ila, wife of William F. Beyer, Esq.; John G., one of the firm of *The New Era* Printing Company; and Jessie F., at home. One son, Robert, died young.

REV. JOHN B. LANDIS, deceased. The traveler through many portions of the State of Pennsylvania, particularly through Lancaster county, will not fail to observe the air of comfort and neatness prevailing around the farmhouses, the excellence of the improvements, and the fine state of cultivation of the land, and perhaps come to a better understanding of the thriving appearance of his surroundings when he notices the modest white structures along the well-kept highways, in which devoted ministers of the Mennonite Church minister to their people. Many of the residents belong to that simple Christian denomination, and among those well-known and much beloved was Rev. John B. Landis, who for nearly fifty-three years faithfully served his Master and ministered to this people.

Abraham Landis, the father of John B., was the second son of Jacob Landis (3), the family being an old and honored one in this portion of the

State, and was born Nov. 1, 1767. He passed out of life March 10, 1851, after a life full of good deeds, and he ever stood high in the community. He was engaged as a farmer in East Lampeter township, where he first married a Miss Houser, and after her early death he married, in 1795, Elizabeth Brenneman, who was born Aug. 11, 1775, and died Nov. 15, 1857, leaving a family of ten children: Hettie, who married Christian Segrist; Nancy, who married Benjamin Stauffer; Jacob; Maria, who married Tobias Kreider; Elizabeth; Tobias; Abraham; Benjamin; Adam; and John B.

Rev. John B. Landis was born March 5, 1820, in East Lampeter township, and received his education in the common schools, being a studious and eager pupil. The year following his marriage, which was solemnized in 1844, he settled upon a farm of 108 acres in East Hempfield, and immediately began its improvement, devoting himself to it carefully and thoroughly, as was his habit, in whatever he undertook. Serious and thoughtful during his youth, it was but natural that he should enter the church at an early age, and on Oct. 18, 1849, he was ordained a minister of the Mennonite faith, in which he had been carefully reared by Godly parents. After ordination he took up the ministerial work connected with the Petersburg and Landisville Churches, and for over a half century never wavered in his allegiance, working hard, ministering to the sick and well, with advice, comfort, sympathy and religious counsel, having the great satisfaction of realizing that his work bore good fruit, and that he was of benefit to those he so faithfully tried to direct into the right path. Quiet and unassuming in manner, John B. Landis inspired respect from all with whom he came into contact, and his death, on April 26, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-two years, was widely mourned.

John B. Landis married Anna Krider, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Krider, who was born near Strasburg Dec. 29, 1819, and passed away Sept. 24, 1880. Although our venerable subject was thus deprived of his beloved companion, a family of children survived, and at one time eleven merry little great-grandchildren belonged to the family, but death has claimed three of these. The children of John B. and Anna Landis were named as follows: Elizabeth (deceased) was the wife of Israel Root; Maria is the widow of Martin P. Swar, of East Hempfield township; Anna is the wife of Christian F. Charles, of Mt. Joy township, who is a deacon in the Old Mennonite Church; Katie is the wife of Benjamin F. Charles, of East Hempfield township; Hettie is the wife of John M. Denlinger, of near Millersville; Fannie married Daniel Denlinger, of near Kinzers; Jacob has been a resident of the far West since 1890, his present residence being San Francisco. The grandchildren of the family, who are ever welcome in the old home, are as follows: The children of Maria—Salome, Milton, Harry and Martin; of Anna—Amos, Christian,

Landis, John, Jacob and Anna; of Katie—Ellen, Anna, John, Joseph, Benjamin, Fannie, Jacob, Lizzie, Katie and Clayton; of Hettie—Landis, Benjamin, Harry, John and Abraham; of Fannie—Lizzie, Daniel, Fannie, Ruth and Jacob. All are descendants of whom the family has reason to be justly proud.

DAVID ESHLEMAN, Sr., is one of the oldest and most respected residents of Manor township, Lancaster county, where he was born Nov. 8, 1817, son of Jacob and Catherine (Lutz) Eshleman, and grandson of John Eshleman, whose wife was a Zigler.

Jacob Eshleman, father of David, was also a native of Manor township, and died when over seventy-two years of age, a member of the Albright Church. Although the son of a blacksmith, he chose the carpenter's trade as a vocation, and carrying on same in connection with a small farm succeeded in securing a competency. He was thrice married. His first wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Lutz, and they had eight children, viz.: Jacob, a carpenter, went to Sterling, Ill., where he died; Elizabeth was married to Christian Myers, of Manheim township, and is now deceased; John, a carpenter, died in Hannibal, Mo., at the age of sixty-four years; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of William Tillman, of Lancaster county, Pa.; one son died in infancy unnamed; David is mentioned below; Mattie, wife of Michael Hess, died in Illinois; Martin was captured while in the Civil war, and died in Salisbury prison, South Carolina. The second marriage of Jacob Eshleman was to Barbara Stoner, who bore him three children, as follows: Daniel, a carpenter, who died in Jackson, Miss.; Barbara, widow of Frederick Doerstler, and residing in Millersville; and Christian, who was a shoemaker by trade, and is now deceased. The third marriage of Jacob Eshleman was to Susan Hurtzler, to which union were born several children, of whom only three reached years of maturity, namely: Susan, who was married to John Herr, of Millersville, and is now deceased; Henry, deceased, a farmer; and Annie, wife of Henry Millhause, of Iowa.

David Eshleman, Sr., early learned the carpenter's trade, but after working at that business fourteen years, rented a 128-acre farm of Jacob Frye, in Manor township, which he occupied three years. He then rented another farm, and a few years later purchased the 128-acre farm mentioned from Jacob Frye, lying south of Creswell, and near Highville. He cultivated it for ten years, and then placed it in charge of his son Isaac, and retired from active labor, but continued his residence on the farm ten years longer, with his son. In 1893 he purchased the property on which he now lives, at Creswell, where he is passing his declining years in quiet retirement.

The marriage of David Eshleman, Sr., and Eliza-

beth Kauffman, took place June 16, 1844. She was born July 3, 1826, and died July 14, 1880, the mother of nine children, viz.: Isaac, a farmer, and Cyrus, a laborer, of Manor township; Anna, wife of Reuben Baker, a miller, of Martic township; Aaron, who died when four months old; Hiram, present supervisor of Manor township; Abraham, who died at the age of nineteen years, ten months; Jacob, who is employed in iron works in Dauphin county; David, a farmer of Manor township; and Elizabeth, a graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, and at present employed as a stenographer in a watch factory at Lancaster.

David Eshleman, Sr., although he has lived beyond the proverbial span of man's life, is still hale and hearty, and bears himself much better than many men that are a quarter of a century his junior. Notwithstanding the immense amount of hard work he has accomplished, he still possesses a constitution of iron and a pleasant and genial disposition. Ever temperate in all things, Mr. Eshleman now enjoys the reward of his abstemiousness and the sincere respect of his acquaintances. He has always been a devout Christian, and was first a member of the Albright Church, but is now a member of the United Evangelical Society; he has contributed liberally in his day toward the erection of three church edifices.

CAPT. ELIAS McMELLEN is not only one of the most prominent and familiar figures in the city of Lancaster, but he is a remarkable example of the self-made man. Robert McMellen, his grandfather on his father's side, was a native of the North of Ireland, and came to America before the Revolutionary war, in which he took an active part. He was a farmer, and made his home in Lancaster county. Joseph McMellen, a son of Robert, was a stonemason. He married Barbara, daughter of John and Barbara (Hess) Derredinger, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, of German descent.

Capt. Elias McMellen, son of Joseph and Barbara McMellen, was born in the township of Conestoga, Lancaster county, Nov. 23, 1839. His mother was left a widow soon after his birth, the father dying in 1841, at the early age of thirty-one years. He left no estate, and the fatherless boy learned very early to take care of himself and of his mother as well. He was educated in the public schools of his district, attending until he reached the age of fourteen years, at which time he became a carpenter's apprentice. In 1853 he came to Lancaster, where, after working for a time in a sash factory, and later as a journeyman carpenter, at bridge building, he engaged in this latter business for himself, under exceptionally favorable circumstances. When he was twenty years old he built the bridge over Chickies creek, at Snaveley's mill, and continued at that work until 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Union army, becoming a private in Co. K,

79th P. V. I., which regiment was assigned to Gen. Negley's brigade, and became a part of the Western Army. Mr. McMellen took part in the battles of Bowling Green and Nashville, and in all the engagements of that memorable campaign. He was with Buell in his famous retrograde movement through Tennessee and Kentucky, and fought at Perryville, where he contracted camp fever through exposure, and was sent home on a furlough. In 1863 he was mustered out of the 79th Regiment on a surgeon's certificate, and the same year, when his health had somewhat recovered, was again received into the service, as first lieutenant of Co. C, 21st Pa. Cav., being assigned to duty in the Shenandoah Valley. This regiment was enlisted for six months, and at the conclusion of that term was reenlisted at Chambersburg for three years, at which time Lieut. McMellen was appointed recruiting officer for the regiment, with offices at Lancaster and Harrisburg. At the reorganization of the regiment he was appointed captain of the Color Company of the regiment, Co. I, 21st Pa. Cav. Capt. McMellen returned with his regiment to the Army of the Potomac, and took a gallant part in the battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor, James River and the siege of Petersburg. In August, 1864, the 21st Pennsylvania became a part of the cavalry division under command of Gen. Gregg, attached to Gen. Sheridan's Corps, and in the battle of Boydton Plank Road Capt. McMellen was shot in the left leg, Oct. 27, 1864. He was again wounded at Black Water Swamp, in the arm, and at Dinwiddie Court House by a fragment of an exploding shell, in the hip. Again, at Amelia Springs, April 5, 1865, he had his left ankle injured by his horse falling on him, but did not leave his command. Capt. McMellen participated in the last charge made by the Army of the Potomac, on the morning of the surrender of Gen. Lee. After the collapse of the Rebellion the 21st was ordered to Lynchburg, Va., and from there Capt. McMellen was sent, with Cos. I and A, to Campbell Court House, on provost duty. He was mustered out with the regiment July 8, 1865.

The war ended, this battle-scarred veteran hastened to resume the arts of peaceful life, and returned to Lancaster to take up the work of a carpenter and contractor, which he had thrown down at the cry of an imperiled country. In this work of building and contracting he has been very successful, and many iron, wooden and stone bridges in this and adjoining counties were erected by him, his reputation as a bridge builder being second to that of no man in eastern Pennsylvania. In 1876 he purchased the "Exchange Hotel," on East King and Christian streets, which two years later he completely remodeled, greatly enlarging it at the same time. His private residence for many years has been at No. 28 East Vine street, and next door to it he provided a handsome and commodious home for his mother, but in her latter years she preferred to make her home with him. She entered into rest

Jan. 7, 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-two years.

Capt. McMellen is a staunch Republican, and is a liberal contributor of both his time and money to the success of the party. It is said that he has in several notable campaigns paid the entire expenses of fitting out marching clubs, and their expenses in going elsewhere, that the cause he has cherished may be helped onward. In 1869 Capt. McMellen was elected a member of the select council, and served continuously until 1879, when he was elected prothonotary of Lancaster county, serving his three-years terms with much credit to himself and satisfaction to all with whom he had to do business. Repeatedly he has attended State and county Republican Conventions as a delegate, and in 1880 was an alternate delegate to the National Republican Convention which nominated James A. Garfield for the position of President of the United States. Capt. McMellen was elected a member of the select council in 1892, after an interval of some years, and again in 1894.

Capt. McMellen is a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, G. A. R., and of the 21st Pennsylvania Cavalry Association. He also belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M. He was one of the promoters and officers of Lancaster's first street railway company, became a stockholder of the Lancaster Traction Company, and has endeared himself to the Lancaster public by the erection of many substantial and comfortable homes.

Capt. McMellen was married Sept. 21, 1865, to Annie E., daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Markley) Wenditz, born at Chestnut Level, Lancaster county, Nov. 13, 1841. To this union were born the following children: Ella Minerva, Sara Elizabeth, Joseph Charles, Walter Elias and James Donald. The survivors are Sara E., who is the wife of M. M. Denlinger, M. D., and James D., who is at school. The mother died April 1, 1899.

Capt. McMellen is still vigorous and hardy, bearing himself with the ease and power of a man in his prime, and his appearance, at this writing (October, 1902) indicates that he has many useful and industrious years yet before him.

SIMON SNYDER RATHVON, Ph. D., one of Lancaster's most eminent and respected citizens, died March 19, 1891. He was born April 24, 1812, in the borough of Marietta, where, with the exception of three short intervals, he resided until 1848, when he removed to Lancaster. His people were remotely of Swiss descent, settling in Lancaster county many years ago. Between the seventh and tenth years of his age he attended four or five terms, of three months each, at three different common schools, where he "learned to read, write and cipher as far as compound division," which completed his education.

In 1832, Mr. Rathvon became a member of a literary society which numbered among its mem-

bers Prof. S. S. Haldeman, Judge J. J. Libhart and others who became prominent in their chosen fields; it was soon merged into a "Lyceum of Natural History" with Mr. Rathvon as secretary. It was while affiliating with this society that he first felt the need of proper literary training; and to understand and realize the want was a sufficient cause for action. At this time he devoted his spare time to the study of mineralogy, herpetology and ornithology, collecting and preparing specimens of all that the county produced.

In 1869 Mr. Rathvon assumed editorial charge of the *Lancaster Farmer*, continuing in the position until its suspension in 1884. In the columns of this periodical Mr. Rathvon is seen at his best as a scientific writer. Since 1861 Mr. Rathvon had been Professor of Entomology to the State Horticultural Society, and also to the Philadelphia Horticultural Society since 1864, succeeding Prof. Haldeman. Since 1862 he had been curator and treasurer of the Lancaster Linnæan society, and its Entomologist, and had averaged about four papers annually to its transactions. By request he contributed two papers to the United States Agricultural Reports for 1861 and 1862, which were properly illustrated, treating of the several orders of insects in a popular manner, in this way filling the position of United States entomologist. Since 1869 he had been entomologist to the Lancaster County Agricultural Society and had frequently read papers before that body. In June, 1878, Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The Doctor was a corresponding member of the following: Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, American Entomological Society, Davenport (Ia.) Academy of Sciences, and various local and State horticultural and agricultural societies; and in the transactions and reports of the above, in the *Pennsylvania Farm Journal*, *Lancaster Farmer*, *American Entomologist*, and the various local, daily and weekly newspapers are to be found some of his published articles, which number among the thousands.

Dr. Rathvon was married May 27, 1834, to Catherine Freyberger, at Marietta, Pa. The children surviving are Linnæus, Geo. F., William D., Robert H., Harry, Mrs. E. Maxwell, widow of David, Parthenia and Annie.

If Dr. Rathvon's studies and merits did not bring him wealth, they at least brought him honors. He was an honorary member of many societies, at home and abroad. He was a member of Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M.; of Chapter 43, R. A. M., and of Goodwin Council, and also of Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. He was for many years chairman of the Library Committee of the Mechanics Library. In early life he was known as a musician and took a pride in our volunteer soldiery. He became a member of a military company in early life and was its captain for a period of four years, holding his commission from Gov-

ernor Ritner. His first literary efforts were made in 1844.

His remote ancestor in this country, John George Rathvon, was a lieutenant in the Pennsylvania militia during the Revolutionary war.

FREDERICK A. GAST, D. D., professor of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in Lancaster, was born in that city, Oct. 17, 1835, son of Christian and Maria (Eckert) Gast.

Frederick Gast, his paternal grandfather, was born in Germany, and came to America with his children. These in the order of their birth were as follows: Henry; Margaret, the wife of Mr. Shroad; Christian, the father of Frederick A.; Conrad; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Mr. Hougendobler; Philip, deceased; and Col. Frederick, a railroad engineer, who served in the Mexican war, won his rank of Colonel in the Civil war, and died in California in 1901.

The maternal grandfather of Dr. Gast was Jeremiah Eckert, a native of Schuylkill, Pa., and who came to Lancaster at an early day. He built the first winding stair in this county, which at the time was something of a curiosity. His death occurred in 1859, and that of his wife in 1878. Two children were born to this couple: John, formerly a carpenter, later a marine; and Maria.

Christian Gast was for many years prominently connected with public institutions and business enterprises in Lancaster, and in the discharge of his large responsibilities evinced not only marked financial and executive ability, but conscientious and painstaking regard for the best interests of all concerned. He was born ten miles from Giessen, Germany, and came to Lancaster with his parents when ten years of age. By trade a shoe maker, he was also a shoe merchant, and gradually became identified with politics and county institutions. He not only held the position of county prison inspector, but was for many years superintendent of the county poor house, and held other positions in various institutions maintained by the county. He was a director in the Lancaster Cemetery Association, and was one of the founders and also a director of the Mechanics Association; also a director in the Lancaster County Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was a charter member of the Reformed Church, in which he was an elder up to the time of his death, Jan. 1, 1897, at the age of eighty-eight years, and he was a frequent delegate to the synod of the church. His wife, formerly Maria Eckert, was born in Lancaster county, Jan. 12, 1812, and is still living in this city. She is the mother of the following children: Emanuel, formerly with his father in the shoe business, but now deceased; Catherine A., deceased during childhood; Rev. Frederick Augustus; Albert, a confectioner, who was killed on the railroad while off on a fishing expedition; William,

formerly manager of his business but now retired; Mary E., deceased in infancy; Anna, widow of Jacob Martin, of Lancaster; Samuel D.; Charles E., attorney at Pueblo, Colo., and solicitor for the A. & T. R. R. Co.; and Margie, widow of William Welchans, living with her mother in Lancaster.

While yet a student in the Lancaster high school, Prof. Gast, at the age of sixteen, became assistant at the Oxford Academy, New Oxford, Pa., for a year, after which he completed his course in the high school, and in 1853 entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in July, 1856. He then spent a year as a student in the Theological Seminary at Mercersburg, but owing to the prevailing panic returned to his home, and in the fall of 1857 assumed charge of Mt. Dempsey Academy for a year, resigning his position to enter the ministry. As there was no vacancy at the time, he undertook the management of the high school at North Lebanon, and at the end of a year was enabled to carry out his intentions. In October, 1859, he took charge of the New Holland church, and in March, 1865, was commissioned chaplain of the 45th P. V. I., remaining with the regiment until it was mustered out. The following September he became the pastor of the Loundon and St. Thomas charge, Franklin county, and at the end of two years, in Sept., 1867, was called to the management of the Franklin and Marshall Academy. During his term of service, which extended to the summer of 1871, he was associated for a part of the time with Rev. Dr. C. S. Gerhard, who died November, 1902; Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, the State superintendent; and Rev. Dr. J. A. Peter, later president of Heidelberg University, who died in 1901. Prof. Gast taught in Franklin and Marshall college for a year (1871-1872), and in January of 1872, was elected tutor in the Theological Seminary. In October, 1873, the tutorship was converted into the professorship of Hebrew and Old Testament Theology, to which he was elected by the synod. In 1877 he was made Doctor of Theology by Waynesburg College. Dr. Gast is a brilliant scholar, an able writer, and one of the most cultured men in Lancaster county.

On Dec. 24, 1857, Prof. Gast married Adeline G. Frey, a native of Lancaster county, and daughter of Jacob Frey. Mrs. Gast died July 4, 1901.

HERSHEY. John Eby Hershey and Elias Hershey, two well known residents of Paradise township, are representatives of one of the oldest and most distinguished families in Lancaster county, and descendants of the sixth generation from Andrew Hershey, the founder of the family in America.

(I) Andrew Hershey was a resident of Switzerland about two centuries ago. He removed from his native land Friedensheimerhof in the Palatinate country prior to 1709, for in the latter year he emigrated with two of his sons, Andrew and

Benjamin, to America, settling in Lancaster county, near the present city of Lancaster. A third son, Christian, remained in the Fatherland until 1739, when he, too, crossed the ocean, joining his two brothers and father. The three brothers were all ordained ministers in the Mennonite Church.

(II) Andrew Hershey, eldest of these three brothers and son of Andrew Hershey, was born in 1702. He had a family of twelve children, namely: Christian, Andrew, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Peter, Maria, Catherine and Adli. The father lived to the age of ninety years, passing away in 1792.

(III) Jacob Hershey, fifth son of Andrew Hershey, was born about 1743. He married Anna Newcomer, and to them were born six children, as follows: John, Jacob, Christian, Elizabeth, Abraham and Joseph. Jacob, the father, died in 1825, in his eighty-third year.

(IV) John Hershey, eldest child of Jacob and Anna (Newcomer) Hershey, was born about 1762. He became a man of considerable prominence and influence, and was ordained a deacon in the Mennonite Church. A man of quiet, unassuming manners, he was, nevertheless, positive in his convictions, sentiments and beliefs. He was a farmer, and purchased several tracts of land in Lancaster county, which descended to his children. He married Anna Horst, and a family of seven children were born to them, as follows: Jacob, Magdalena, Anna, Feronica, John, Benjamin and Joseph. The father lived to the age of seventy-eight years, and died in 1850, his wife surviving until 1861.

(V) Jacob Hershey, eldest son of John and Anna (Horst) Hershey, was born in 1803. He was a lifelong farmer of Paradise township, residing about one mile south of Paradise on the farm now owned by his son, Elias Hershey. Jacob was ordained to the ministry in the Mennonite Church in 1842, and remained in the work until the close of his life in 1883, at the ripe old age of eighty years. He was a man who attended to his own affairs, and looked carefully after the welfare of his family. His union with Elizabeth Eby, a daughter of Bishop Peter Eby, was blessed with a family of children who still survive, namely: Margaret, John E., Elizabeth, Elias, Peter, Susanna and J. Menno, all of Lancaster county. The mother of these children died May 31, 1897, at the age of eighty-nine years, eleven months and nineteen days, leaving seven children, thirty-three grandchildren, and sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

JOHN EBY HERSHEY, eldest son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eby) Hershey, was born Jan. 16, 1830, on the old homestead located in Paradise township, one mile south of Paradise village, and adjoining the well tilled farm which he now owns and occupies. Here he was reared, receiving his education in the common and academic schools, and remaining at home until he was twenty-four years of age,

when he began farming on his own account on the fine farm of ninety acres, which has since then remained his residence and field of labor. The year preceding, or in 1853, he assisted in the erection of the buildings on the place, and being then a young man of powerful physique, he himself handled most of the heavy timbers used in framing the buildings. Into this dwelling he moved early in 1854, soon after his marriage, and there he continued to reside until 1889, when he erected another commodious dwelling-house and has ever since occupied the same, living a life of retirement and surrendering the active operation and management of the farm to his son, Benjamin. In 1889 he also erected a tenant house.

General farming and stock raising received the careful and successful attention of John Eby Hershey throughout his active life, and he was soon recognized as one of the wide awake and progressive agriculturalists of Lancaster county. He has been prominent in local affairs, and has served his township as a member of the board of education, and also as auditor. He has interests aside from his highly improved farm, and for many years has been a stockholder in the Farmers National Bank of Lancaster.

On Jan. 3, 1854, John Eby Hershey married Miss Anna Millinger, who was born June 30, 1833, daughter of John and Anna (Hertzler) Millinger. To John and Anna Hershey were born a family of eight children, as follows: Jacob M., a farmer near Palmyra, Marion Co., Mo., who married Miss Mary Eby, and has seven children, Emma, Elmer, Charles, Eva, Paul, Isaac and Martha; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Isaac E., a merchant at Buyerstown, Pa., who married Miss Ada Leaman, and has one child, Noah; Anna, at home, a zealous worker in the Sabbath school; Benjamin, an extensive farmer and stock raiser, who manages the old homestead, and who married Miss Fannie Wenger, who died in November, 1900, leaving five children, Elizabeth, Maud, Annie, Katie and Benjamin; John H., a farmer of Marion Co., Mo., who married Miss Mary Buchwalter, and has three children, Paul, Mark and Phoebe; Mary, wife of John K. Hershey, a farmer of Paradise township, by whom she has three children, Ruth, John and Rhoda; and Susan Salome, who died at the age of twelve years. The devoted mother of these children died March 16, 1897. Mr. Hershey and children are members of the Old Mennonite Church. They have high social rank in this well settled and well developed farming region, and are an honor to the family which for so many generations has been influential in the history of Lancaster county.

ELIAS HERSHEY, the fourth child and second son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Eby) Hershey, was born March 13, 1837, on the old homestead, situated about a mile south of Paradise village. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the neighboring schools, and throughout his useful and

industrious life, until his retirement in 1895, he had been a successful and prominent farmer. He is the owner of several good tracts of land, including, besides the old homestead of 105 acres, two others of eighty acres each, and the two-acre property at Paradise village, which he has occupied since his retirement from active work in 1895. He is recognized as one of the liberal-minded, public-spirited citizens of the township, widely esteemed and influential. He has held various local offices, including those of tax collector and member of the school board.

On Nov. 28, 1865, Elias Hershey married Miss Anne Kreider, who was born Oct. 26, 1840, in New Danville, Lancaster county, daughter of Michael and Nancy (Boyer) Kreider. To Elias and Anne Hershey have been born five children, as follows: John K., who resides on the old homestead, married Miss Mary Hershey, and has three children, Ruth, John W. and Rhoda. Lizzie A., married H. Martin Eby, a farmer of Paradise township, residing on one of her father's farms, and they have six children, Ruth, Eli, Mina, Annie, Menno and Ada; Susan is the wife of John E. Keneagy, a farmer of Kinzers, by whom she has three children, Elias, Sabina and Martha; David E., a farmer residing on one of his father's farms, married Miss Ella Wilson, and has one child, Clarence E.; and Sabina is at home. Elias Hershey and family are prominent members of the Old Mennonite Church, which has been so long and so steadily the faith of their ancestors.

JACOB G. WEAVER, M. D. The Weaver family, in Lancaster county, has become prominent through its members, in many lines, and among those who have won approbation in a professional career, is Dr. Jacob G. Weaver, a well-known physician of Strasburg.

The birth of Dr. Weaver was in the old Weaver homestead, in West Lampeter township, on April 9, 1840. He was reared on the old farm, and his early education was obtained in the public schools, this being supplemented by a course at the Coatesville Academy and the Chester County Normal school, and in the spring of 1863, he entered the office of Dr. Benjamin Musser, of Strasburg. From early boyhood he had shown a strong inclination toward medicine, and when he was prepared to enter Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, it was with the intention of profiting to the greatest extent. This thoroughness enabled him to graduate with honor, in 1865, and his first office was located at Midway, a hamlet on the Strasburg Pike road. A year later he came to Strasburg and was associated with his preceptor, the distinguished Dr. Musser, for one year, profiting by his experience, and then opened up an office of his own, where he has been ready for practice and consultation, ever since. Dr. Weaver confines his practice to Lancaster county, unless the call is exceptional, and

his skill, knowledge and success have gained him patronage over a wide extent.

Dr. Weaver is a thorough physician, and keeps abreast of the times, studying every new discovery of medical science for himself, and providing all modern appliances for the alleviating of pain, and the cure of disease. Dr. Weaver is a member of all of the medical associations and in 1882 represented the Lancaster County Medical Society at the National Medical Association, at St. Paul, Minn. Since 1869, he has conducted a drug store in connection with his practice, thus being able to fill his own prescriptions in a satisfactory and safe manner.

On Dec. 31, 1873, he was married to Miss Lizzie Shultz, a daughter of Christian Shultz, of Strasburg township, where she was born, on July 28, 1846, and to them have been born six children: Wilmer John, a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, in the class of 1895, who is associated with his father in the drug business; Lizzie Blanche; Mary Emily; Carl Shultz; Ross Kreider; and Park Jacob. The Doctor and his estimable wife are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, where they are valued as consistent Christians. Dr. Weaver has taken an active part in civic affairs, has been a member of the council, and served for several years on the school board. As a physician he is trusted and beloved, and as a citizen he is regarded with respect and approbation.

HON. C. G. BOYD, one of the leading citizens and substantial farmers of Penn township, has been prominent in business and political life for an extended period.

The Boyd family is of Irish origin, John Boyd, the father of C. G., being the first of this branch of the family to locate in Pennsylvania. John Boyd came from Ireland in 1810 and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he became manager of the Gibraltar Iron Works, moving to Lancaster county to take charge of the Mt. Hope Iron Works, and remaining in the employ of the owners, the Grubbs, for a period of fourteen years. Then he bought a farm near Mt. Hope, in Penn township, and gave his exclusive attention to farming until his death, in 1860. He married Catherine Likens, and they had a family of ten children: William (deceased) was the efficient manager of the Mt. Hope Iron Works for some years; John (deceased) was a merchant in Middletown, Pa.; Mary died unmarried; James (deceased) was a farmer of Penn township; Anna Jane was the wife of John A. Beam; Edward and Harriet were twins; Elizabeth is the widow of Eli Lichtenberger; C. G. is the subject of this article; H. C. is a merchant of Manheim, Pennsylvania.

C. G. Boyd was born in Mt. Hope July 28, 1836, and until the age of eighteen years grew up on the farm, busy with the duties pertaining to agricultural life, and attending the public schools. Later he

attended the State Normal School, at Millersville, in 1855. Mr. Boyd was by nature intended to adorn public life, for very early he displayed that quickness in learning, that easy understanding, that love of study, which have contributed in no small measure to his continued success. Beginning his public career as a teacher, he continued in that line in Lancaster county for three years, having charge at different times of schools in both Penn and Rapho townships. Then for five years he was employed in the store of John Shaffer, at Elstonville, but tiring of this confinement he bought a farm near White Oak, to which he retired for ten years. In 1872 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, at Fairland, and where he has since enjoyed a comfortable home. Mr. Boyd was also a competent scrivener.

Mr. Boyd has always been an ardent Republican, and has efficiently filled many of the township and county offices, serving from 1864 to 1877 as assessor of Penn township; and for seventeen years after 1859 as collector of the township. So well did he perform the duties of the offices committed to his care that in 1890 his fellow citizens elected him as the representative of the Northern District in the State Legislature, and during his term of office he came fully up to their expectations. In 1894 he was elected prison inspector, and has held that responsible position until the present time, having been re-elected in 1897.

Mr. Boyd was united in marriage with Miss Fannie L. Thuma, and to this union has been born a family of eight children. Alfred T., at home; Benjamin T., of Denver, Colo.; A. Lincoln, of Oklahoma; Lizzie T., wife of A. G. Shelley; Jacob, a resident of Manheim; Clement T., a farmer of Penn township; Katie T., at home; and Dora T., wife of Harry B. Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd are both members of the Lutheran Church of Manheim, and Mr. Boyd is one of the trustees in the same, being also one of the most liberal of its supporters. He was one of the organizers of the Lititz Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Co., was one of the first directors of the company, serving as such for three years and was then elected president of same, which position he has filled since 1892. He was also one of the organizers of the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Association. One of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, his public career has reflected honor upon the location of his birth as well as upon the honorable family from which he originated. Mr. Boyd is a man of pleasing personality and great ability, and, being still in the prime of life, may again become a standard bearer in the ranks of his party.

JOHN WILLIAMSON NEVIN, D. D., was born in Franklin county, Pa., Feb. 20, 1803, and he was born and reared a Presbyterian. He entered Union College, New York, in 1817, graduating therefrom in 1821. In 1823 he studied in the Theo-

logical Seminary at Princeton, and in 1826 he temporarily filled the chair of Biblical Literature in that institution. In 1828 he received his license to preach by the Presbytery of Carlisle, then in session at Philadelphia. In 1829 he became professor of Biblical Literature in the seminary at Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

In 1840 Dr. Nevin entered the Reformed Church, by accepting the professorship of theology in the Reformed Theological Seminary located at Mercersburg, Franklin county, and in 1841 he became president of Marshall College. In 1853 Franklin College, Lancaster, and Marshall College, Mercersburg, united and formed an institution of learning since known as Franklin and Marshall College, and he resigned his position in Marshall College. In 1861 he became professor of History in Franklin and Marshall College, and in 1866 he became its president, which position he held until 1876, when he resigned it; he died June 6, 1886, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. His numerous theological and ecclesiastical works gave him his great reputation as a theologian.

FRANCIS SCHROEDER (deceased), who entered into rest Jan. 8, 1901, at the old family home at the corner of East Orange and Lime streets, Lancaster, in the eighty-second year of his age, was one of the most venerable and beloved figures of that city.

Coming from an old and honored ancestry, Mr. Schroeder was born in Sharpsburg, Md., Sept. 16, 1819. At the tender age of nine years he took on his shoulders the burden of his own support. His early introduction to the cares of life doubtless had much to do with his sturdy and reliable manhood. His experiences as a poor and friendless boy probably stimulated his sympathies and aroused the helpful nature which was so marked through all his mature years. Coming into Lancaster county, Mr. Schroeder was engaged in several occupations, not meeting with much success until 1845, when he became connected with the Lancaster Cotton Mills, where he passed from position to position, finally becoming one of the owners of mill No. 1, in partnership with the late Gideon Arnold, the firm being F. Schroeder & Co. The business steadily prospered until the prolonged depression that marked the closing years of the nineteenth century. Mr. Schroeder and the Arnold heirs kept the mill in operation at a considerable loss for several years, rather than close it and throw out of work many people who had been with them for years. In 1897 the building was purchased by the Banner Cheroot Company, an adjunct to the American Tobacco Company. At the time of his death Mr. Schroeder was a director of the Griswold Worsted Company, of Philadelphia, having been associated with the late Mayor Strong of New York, and others, in the enterprise; was president of the Lancaster Hotel Company; president of the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company; a trustee of

Franklin and Marshall College; and a director of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Company. At one time he was director of the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company. For almost fifty years he left his impress upon the business interests of Lancaster, and few if any men contributed more to its general prosperity than Francis Schroeder.

Mr. Schroeder was an active member of St. James Episcopal Church for forty-seven years, served as vestryman many years, and was senior warden at the time of his death. Politically he was an active Republican, and was often sent to party gatherings. In 1888 he was a delegate to the National Convention that nominated Gen. Harrison for President, and he was one of the earliest and best known members of the Union League, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Schroeder was married to Miss Katherine Barr, daughter of John Barr, June 29, 1847. This marriage took place in the old Barr home, where four generations had lived. Eight children blessed this union; four of whom died in early childhood, the surviving members of the family being: (1) Rev. Francis Elmaker is a clergyman of the Episcopal Church. (2) Katherine H. is the wife of C. J. Swarr, a well-known coal merchant, whose father was a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, and postmaster under President Buchanan; he died Aug. 6, 1896. His wife was a Miss Toby, who belonged to a noted Philadelphia family. (3) Henry Muhlenburg and (4) Jay Nevin are both residents of Lancaster, and engaged in the manufacture of paints. The old Schroeder home was the first dwelling house built on the corner of two streets in Lancaster. It is a spacious mansion, set in the midst of an extended lawn, and surrounded with many trees, and was built by the distinguished Edward Shippen, after whom one of the streets of Lancaster was named. Tradition says that in one of the rooms of this stately mansion Penn made a treaty with the Conestoga Indians, who then roamed about this region in considerable numbers; and for generations this house has been the abode of wealth, culture and hospitality.

SAMUEL STEHMAN HALDEMAN, than whom no one was better or more favorably known to the scientific world, was born at Locust Grove, in the section of Lancaster county which is now Conoy township, August 12, 1812. He was educated in the public schools and graduated from Dickinson College, at Carlisle. In 1833 and 1834 he attended lectures at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1835 he wrote an article for the *Lancaster Journal* in refutation of Locke's "Moon Hoax." Early in life he began the collection of specimens of mineralogy and conchology, and from 1835 on devoted himself to the study of science. During the remaining forty-five years of his life he passed most of the time in his library. In 1836 and 1837 he was respectively assistant geologist of the State geological surveys of New



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Jersey and Pennsylvania. He at different times held professorships of science in the Delaware College, at Newark, and in the University of Pennsylvania, besides being chemist and zoologist for a number of scientific associations.

The University of Pennsylvania conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws. During his career as a scientist he wrote and published 150 works, of which 120 were scientific and 30 linguistic. In 1858 he issued the Trevelyan Prize Essay, gaining a prize offered by Sir Walter Trevelyan, of England, over sixteen competitors, who were among the best European philologists. This essay contained examples of seventy different languages, many of them heard from the lips of the natives themselves. Dr. Haldeman died Sept. 10, 1880.

DAVID WELLER (deceased), in his day one of the well known and very prominent men of Lancaster, was born in Koenigsbron, Heidenheim, Wurttemberg, Germany, in 1830, and died in Lancaster, Pa., in 1893; he was buried in the Lancaster cemetery.

David Weller was the son of Jacob Weller, who was born in Germany, where he lived and died, and pursued the calling of a cabinet-maker. Children as follows, were born to Jacob Weller: Regina, deceased; Jacob, a retired contractor of Philadelphia, Pa.; David; Hannah, of Germany; Katherine, deceased; and Michael and Abraham, deceased.

In 1852 the young man was filled with stories of the fortunes awaiting those who emigrated to America, and in that year David Weller came to Lancaster, Pa., and for several years worked at his trade, that of carpenter, in the city. Later he branched out into contracting, and at the time of his death was in very comfortable circumstances, leaving a large amount of property to his family. All of his success was won through his own efforts and those of his estimable wife, for they were very poor when they started out together, and the comforts Mrs. Weller now enjoys are but her just due, after a life of toil.

Mr. Weller was a member of the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P., and the entire family are members of St. John's Reformed Church. In politics Mr. Weller was a Democrat, and gave his hearty support to the candidates of his party, although he never was an office seeker.

On July 17, 1856, Mr. Weller was married to Anna Graf, and the following children were born to them: Mary, deceased; Pauline, deceased; John, a contractor and builder of Lancaster; David, deceased; Adam, deceased; Andrew, deceased; Miss Elizabeth, who resides at home and assists her mother in the management of the property, a most accomplished and energetic lady; Jacob, of Kansas City, Mo.; Phenie, of Philadelphia, who married Julius Hass; and Anna, deceased. Mrs. Weller was born April 14, 1828, at Holzhausen, Sulzam Neckar, Wurttemberg, Germany, a daughter

of Andrew and Anna (Blocker) Graf, of Germany, where they lived and died, Mr. Graf being a very prominent man and conducting a brewery, a distillery, bakery and tavern at the same time; he became very wealthy. To Mr. and Mrs. Graf were born: Rosa (deceased), who married Mich. Kipp; John (deceased), a brewer, and later a stone quarryman at Witmer; Mary, who died unmarried; Anna; and nine other children, who died in childhood.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY BROSIUS, member of the Legislature, and one of the best known dairy farmers in Lancaster county, is descended from the same early and sturdy ancestry as was the late Hon. Marriott Brosius, his cousin.

Abner Brosius, father of William H., was born in Chester county, Pa., whence he moved to Lancaster county when twenty-two years old. He married Letitia Wilkinson, whose father was a prominent tanner and teacher, and children as follows were born to them: Amanda P., wife of W. J. Arnold, of York county, Pa.; Milton L., deceased, for years a steel manufacturer; William H.; and Edmond S., deceased, an attorney in San Francisco, Cal., and for years a clerk in the Interior Department at Washington, D. C. The father died Aug. 13, 1876, and the mother Nov. 10, 1897.

William H. Brosius, whose name opens this sketch, was born Nov. 30, 1839, on a farm in Martic township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and received a liberal education in both public and select schools, finishing his studies at the Locust Grove Academy, from which he was graduated. At the age of twenty years he commenced farming on shares with his father, an arrangement that continued until 1863, in which year he took charge of his father-in-law's farm, afterward purchasing same, and has been living thereon ever since. The property is considered one of the finest dairy farms in Lancaster county. A practical farmer, Mr. Brosius has manifested a keen and intelligent interest in all agricultural matters, and for twenty years has been a member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, of which he for a time served as one of the vice-presidents. Interested from his boyhood in farming and farm products, he became one of the managers of three of the most successful agricultural fairs ever held in this county. In 1897 he was appointed by Gov. Hastings, a member of the Farmers' National Congress, which met at St. Paul, Minn., that year.

Mr. Brosius has had a busy and noteworthy career, both as a farmer and as an active citizen. For six years a school director in his district, he placed himself fairly in the line of advancement in educational matters, and has shown a notably progressive spirit in all public affairs. No more enthusiastic Republican can be found in the State, and on several occasions he has been a delegate in Republican State conventions. In 1883 he was elected to the Legislature on that ticket, and re-elected in 1885.

An orator of more than ordinary ability, his voice has been heard in almost every nook and corner of the county, while in every State and National campaign for many years he has made powerful speeches for the good of the cause. He served with the Republican State Central committee in the campaign that seated Gov. Stone, and his eloquent services have never been called for in vain. In 1900 he was again elected to the State Legislature, and again in 1902. He served on the committee on Agriculture, and for a part of the time was its chairman; he was also a member of committees on Fish and Game, Iron and Coal, Law and Order, and Pensions and Gratuities. He was active in opposition to the Oleo Bill, and did much in securing the passage of a bill restricting same.

On Jan. 1, 1863, Hon. William H. Brosius married Miss Ellen W. Smith, daughter of Joseph and Tacey Smith, respected farming people of Drumore township, Lancaster county; the father in religious faith was a member of the Society of Friends. One child was born of this union, Mary, now the wife of William J. Lang, a farmer of Drumore township.

Possessed of great fluency of speech, with a magnetic presence that makes for him friends everywhere, faithful in his friendships and firm in his convictions of right, Mr. Brosius has certainly made his influence felt for good, and this is the consensus of public opinion in his community.

AARON CONRAD KEPLER, a retired merchant, is one of the most prominent men of Lancaster.

Daniel Kepler, his father, was a farmer, and was a son of Jacob Kepler. Daniel Kepler married Mary Kohlmeyer, a daughter of John George Kohlmeyer, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and eight children blessed their home, the survivors being: Mary Catharine, wife of Alexander Johnson, a farmer of Nebraska; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Hyde, a banker of Plainfield, N. J.; Aaron Conrad, of Lancaster; and Caroline, wife of James S. Kiskaddon, a farmer of Colorado.

Aaron Conrad Kepler was born in Butler county, Pa., March 29, 1841, was first sent to the district school, and then attended the academy at Sunbury, Butler county. He was but seventeen years old when he began teaching school and he studied evenings to prepare himself for the work, teaching during the long winter vacation in order to pay his way through the academy in the summer. When he reached his twentieth year he enlisted as a private in Co. C, 11th Pa. Reserves, for a term of three years. He was badly wounded at Gaines' Mills on the second day of the Seven Days battle before Richmond, the bullet penetrating the right thigh. He was left on the field of battle, among the dead and dying, from Friday until the following Monday, when he was discovered by the Rebels and taken to Libby prison, where he was detained

without medical aid for twenty-three days, when he was exchanged. After his return to the Union lines he was sent to a hospital at Baltimore, where he remained for treatment until the spring of 1863, when he was discharged. The young soldier returned to his father's farm in Butler county, spending some three months there before he went to Petroleum Centre, Venango county, where he secured a position with Hyde & Egbert, an extensive oil firm. In 1866 he made investments on his own account, thus laying the foundation of his very substantial fortune. The following year he came to Lancaster and bought the farm of Col. W. B. Fordney, where he lived for twenty years, much of the time engaged in settling his oil interests in Venango and Clarion counties. Finally John W. Hiemenz purchased this farm, which was later named "Rossmere," because it was at one time owned by George Ross, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and is now regarded as one of the loveliest among the many beautiful places in Lancaster.

In 1874 Mr. Kepler purchased the hardware store and building of A. W. Russel on North Queen street, and after conducting the business for fifteen years sold it to Reilly Bros. & Raub. The fine large building next door to this was built by him in 1883, and leased to the Post Office Department of the United States Government. After the removal of the post office, in 1892, the lower floor was converted into stores, and the upper floors into lodge rooms, where are found the headquarters of Posts No. 84 and No. 405, G. A. R., and other lodge rooms.

Mr. Kepler was married, in 1867, to Mary M., a daughter of Nathaniel Ellmaker Slaymaker, of Williamstown, Paradise township, and to this union were born four children, only one of whom is now living, Mary Slaymaker, who is at home with her parents. In 1889 Mr. Kepler bought the large and substantial A. W. Russel home, on North Lime street, which he has greatly improved and beautified, and where he still resides. Mr. Kepler is a strong Democrat, but though often urged to become a candidate for public station, has uniformly declined, being so retiring in his nature that he not only has abstained from politics, but has never united with any secret society. He was a director and treasurer of the National Park Association, until the park, which is now known as McGrann's Park, was purchased by B. J. McGrann. For a time he was a director in the People's National Bank. He is now one of the trustees of Woodward Hill cemetery.

Mr. Kepler is an ardent sportsman, and his hunting trips to the Alleghanies, the Rocky Mountains, Florida and Maine, as well as other parts of the Union, and to Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, furnish incidents and experiences enough for a book. His hospitable home is filled with interesting and valuable trophies of the hunt, including moose, elk, caribou,

deer, mountain sheep, goat and antelope heads, rare birds, and other curiosities, while all about are robes and rugs from the hides of bears, beavers, wild cats and other animals he himself has shot and trapped. He has traveled thousands of miles on foot, in quest of game, and among other interesting and attractive curiosities are his snow shoes used in the cold frozen North. Mr. Kepler visited Cuba in 1893, and twice he has been to Europe, accompanied by his wife and daughter, visiting Ireland, Scotland and the Continent in 1896, and the Paris Exposition, the Passion Play at Oberammergau and Holland, on the second trip, in the summer of 1900.

ISAAC E. HIESTER, who in his time was a prominent and influential lawyer of Lancaster, and who was born in New Holland, Lancaster county, in May, 1824, died Feb. 6, 1871. He was educated at the Moravian School at Lititz, and at several other academical institutions, finally graduating from Yale College with high honors. He read law under Thomas E. Franklin, and was admitted to practice in the year 1845. In 1848 he was appointed district attorney of Lancaster county, and in 1852 he was elected to Congress by the Whig party. He subsequently became a Democrat, which party sent him as a delegate to their National Convention held in 1868. He also represented the State of Pennsylvania in the Democratic National Executive Committee. He was an astute lawyer and enjoyed a large and lucrative practice.

FREDERICK MAY (Deceased). Two interesting careers are presented in the life histories of Frederick May and of his son, Tobias H. They have been uneventful as the world usually notes affairs, but none the less typical of that profound success which grows from within. Frederick May was the emigrant—a German lad to whom liberty and greater possibilities in a new western country beckoned irresistibly. He was born in 1817, in a village of Baiern, on the banks of the Rhine. When a young man he came to America, friendless and without means, and here he lived in contentment and quiet, building up a small competence and presenting an imperishable example of thrift, industry and right living. Coming directly to Strasburg he sought and found employment at farm work. Perceiving the more lucrative returns of day wage, he acquired the knowledge of the butchering business, which he followed for several years. He worked by the day and by the year, and in time saved enough to begin farming for himself as a tenant. He first rented a farm in Paradise township, then in Strasburg township, where he lived for many years. Still saving, he bought a place of thirty-eight acres in Paradise township one and one-half miles east of the borough, Strasburg, where he was content to live the latter years of his life. To that little farm he removed in 1880, and there dwelt until January, 1898, at the age of eighty-one years, when death

came. Though retiring and unostentatious in manner, Frederick May was a man of strong convictions and public spirit. He was a life-long member of the Lutheran church, and for many years was one of the trustees of the Strasburg church. He married Miss Mary Huffman, who was born in Germany, a daughter of John Huffman, and who came to America when a young woman. She died in 1894, aged about eighty years. Seven children were born to Frederick and Mary (Huffman) May, as follows: Lizzie, who married George Leager, and now resides in Pittsburg; Anne, deceased wife of Henry Flade, of Philadelphia; George, of Paradise township; Maggie, wife of Theodore Swaggert, of Paradise township; John, a resident of Paradise township; Tobias H., mentioned below; and Mary, wife of John Hassle, of Bart township.

TOBIAS H. MAY, the son of Frederick and Mary (Huffman) May, was born in Paradise township, March 14, 1854. He was reared on the farm and was educated in the common schools. He adopted the vocation of his father, and in 1877 at the age of twenty-three years, soon after his marriage, he began life on his own account at Lampeter, renting a place of sixteen acres and farming it for three years. He then, for three years, operated a farm of 115 acres in Earl township, owned by Adam Diller. Removing to the Henry Hess farm in Strasburg township, about one and a half miles from the borough, he remained there four years, leaving it to begin a stay of nine years on the George McIlvaine farm in Paradise township. In 1897 Mr. May purchased the farm of about twelve acres, located about two and a half miles east of Strasburg borough, which he has since occupied. It is one of the best improved little farms in this part of the county. Mr. May engages in general farming but of late years he has also engaged in the produce business. He is progressive in thought and in actions, and his modest possessions are the result of his own efforts, as he began at the bottom of the ladder and his advance is due to himself.

Tobias H. May married Dec. 28, 1876, Miss Annie Cockchel, who was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 16, 1858, the daughter of Solomon and Catherine (Eshleman) Cockchel. Mr. and Mrs. May are the parents of five children: Rufus H., born Jan. 17, 1878; Clyde, born Aug. 4, 1883; Carrie, born April 21, 1886; George, born Jan. 6, 1892; and Bessie, born Jan. 12, 1897. Rufus H., the eldest son, became a telegraph operator, and is now train dispatcher on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, at Bluefields, W. Va.; he began to handle the keys when only sixteen years of age, and has since held responsible positions, being promoted from operator to yard master, and to his present responsible position before he was twenty-one. He enlisted at Philadelphia and served in the Spanish-American war as a private in Co. D, in the Regiment raised in that city, and was promoted to the signal corps, in which department he served to the close of the

war, when he resumed telegraphy. His rapid progress has been a credit not only to himself and family but his native county. Clyde, the second son, is a student of telegraphy at Kinzers.

Mr. May is active in religious work as a member of the United Brethren Church. He is public-spirited, and the family rank high as worthy and respected citizens of Lancaster county.

CHRISTOPHER GEIGER died in Lancaster Oct. 28, 1889. He was born in Berks county, near Geigersville, in 1809. When old enough he taught school, after which he learned the milling business with the late Isaac Eckert, of Berks county. After he thoroughly understood the business he went to Pottstown, where he managed a forge. His next residence was at Castle Fin, York county, as manager of a forge. Here he married a daughter of Rev. Samuel Parke. He also for a time managed a furnace in York county, owned by P. & S. Small, whence he went to Harford county, Md., where he built the Sarah furnace, and operated it as a partner of the Smalls. He went from there to Baltimore county, where he built the Ashland furnace, which he ran with Edward and Joseph Patterson and the Smalls, of York, as partners. His wife died while he lived in Baltimore county and there he married his second wife, Miss Ann Beates, daughter of late Rev. Wm. Beates, of Lancaster.

About 1849 Mr. Geiger removed to Lancaster and bought the foundry property at the corner of Duke and Chestnut streets. He ran that for a few years and then sold out to Mr. Marshbank. He next bought what is now known as the Peacock furnace, and operated it for a long time.

P. T. WATT, of the firm of Watt & Shand, of the New York Store, is one of the most prominent men of Lancaster. He was born in Stronza, one of the Orkney Islands, of Scotch parents. Regarding Mr. Watt, the following from a sketch written by Hon. W. U. Hensel, and published in the *Lancaster Intelligencer* July 17, 1886, gives some interesting facts:

"The members of this firm were of Scotch birth and business training. The Orkney Islands, lying off the north coast of Scotland, are sixty-seven in number. Of this number thirteen are well populated, Pomona being the largest. Of late years agriculture has received a good deal of attention, and among the leading farmers of that region are the family—father and brothers—of our townsman, P. T. Watt, now on a visit to these old associations. He is now almost thirty-seven years old, and when fifteen he quit the farm to learn the dry-goods business in Kirkwall, the principal place of the Orkneys, with about 6,000 population. Like most apprenticeships in the Old World, those of mercantile pursuits are learned far more thoroughly than here. For four years young Watt devoted himself to the mastering of the business, and when he had completed

it and sailed for Boston, he was well fitted to take a good place as a salesman in the American establishments of that city, where he first found employment. After about two years' experience in that city, he came to Hartford, where he engaged for seven years with the extensive retail dry-goods house of Brown, Thompson & Co., and where he made the association that determined his future business career. In 1876 he came to this city. His subsequent marriage to a young Scotch girl of his early acquaintance, and her death in this city, where in a short time she had found many warm friends, are well remembered. She left twin children.

"Gilbert W. Thompson was a fellow countryman and early acquaintance of Mr. Watt, though older. He arrived first in America, and meeting Mr. Watt in Boston went with him to Hartford, and then to this city as a partner. He died here in 1879, the surviving partners buying his interest, and his wife returned to her former home in Hartford. In 1878 the firm first located at No. 20 East King street. Before locating at Lancaster several cities were visited, Syracuse, Elmira and Binghamton, N. Y., Wilmington, Del., and Harrisburg and Lancaster, Pa. When the old New York Store, under Mr. McDonald's management, closed out, they were telegraphed for, and came to Lancaster. Although entire strangers, and with limited means, they opened up with a full stock, determined to do business on a one-price cash system. Liberal advertising and fair methods steadily increased their trade, which once gained was never lost. After two years at No. 20 East King street they bought Stark's China Hall, a part of their present large establishment, and continually added other neighboring properties until at present they have an 83-foot frontage on East King street, 50 feet on Centre square, the building being five stories, including the basement, with a depth of 50 feet to one part and 110 feet to the remainder. The building is of light gray pressed brick, trimmed with terra cotta, and is ornate in design. Beginning with nine employees, they now employ from eighty to one hundred people, according to the season. Part of the business is devoted to jobbing trade. There are many departments, the principal ones being dress goods and silks, coats and suits, millinery, house-keeping goods, table linens, upholstery goods, men's and women's hosiery, gloves, underwear, etc., laces, ribbons and notions. Mr. Watt built and lives in one of the handsomest homes in the city, located on Marietta avenue. His fine stable contains a number of valuable horses, and numerous vehicles of various character, all of the best. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a director of the Lancaster Board of Trade, vice-president of the Hamilton Watch Factory, a director in the Edison Electric Light and Lancaster Gas Companies, and a director in the Farmers' National Bank."

All the foregoing, and more, may still be said of Mr. Watt. He has maintained and elevated the high standard with which he commenced business, and



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has established himself firmly among the most successful merchants of the city wherein his interests have so long been centered. Each member of the firm goes abroad about once in three years, so they are well acquainted with the principal cities and points of interest in Europe.

Mr. Watt has been twice married, first to Miss Lizzie Learmouth, who went to school with him in Scotland. She died in Lancaster shortly after the birth of twin daughters, Katie Angus Learmouth and Anna, who completed their education in the National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C. Mr. Watt's second wife was Miss Laura Geiger, daughter of the late Christopher Geiger, a well-known Lancaster ironmaster, and to this marriage have come four children: James, Charles, Donald and Laura. Mr. Watt's father died when his son was a mere lad, and the mother during his earlier life. Thus thrown on his own resources early in life, he has splendidly illustrated the sturdy character of the Scotch race.

PROF. ISAAC DANIEL RUPP was born in East Pennsboro, Cumberland Co., Pa., July 10, 1803, where his paternal grandfather had settled in 1772. In early life he acquired a fair education, and at the age of twenty began the profession of teaching. In 1827 he located in Harrisburg and opened a private school. He had, at the time of his residence in Harrisburg, access to the archives of the State, and he accumulated from their examination a vast amount of material which he afterward used in writing histories of a number of counties in the State. In 1842 he compiled, and in 1845 published the first "History of Lancaster County," which was sold by subscription. He translated, wrote and compiled for the press in all about twenty-five books. He died June 1, 1878.

W. J. WENTZ, M. D., who passed away Sept. 5, 1902, was one of the prominent, self-made men of Lancaster county, who resided in New Providence. He occupied a position in the front rank of the profession in the county, and was one of its highly esteemed citizens.

The Wentz family is of German origin. In 1277 is found mention of Wentzenfeld (Wentz'feld), near Bingen-on-the-Rhine, which field was entailed to the Bishops of Mayence. In June or July, 1731, four brothers, Beltzer, John, George and Karl, from the Palatinate, in Germany, sailed in the ship "Samuel" for America. Purchasing land on Skippac creek, in the northern part of Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, they located there, and built a church which still exists and is known as Wentz' Church. From these four brothers are descended the many of the name in Lancaster county.

John Wentz, great-grandfather of the Doctor, settled in Lancaster county. He had a large family of children.

Joseph Wentz, son of John, went to Chester

county, and there married into a Quaker family named Smith, who were descended from the Smiths who accompanied William Penn to this country. In 1803 Joseph Wentz returned to Lancaster county, locating in Martic township. He followed milling and farming, and was a justice of the peace for a number of years. His death occurred Jan. 30, 1861, when he was aged eighty-eight years, two months, eleven days. In his family were eleven children.

John Wentz, father of Dr. Wentz, was born in Martic township in 1805, became a farmer in Drumore township, and was a man of some note. He was active in the ranks of the Democratic party. His wife, Sarah A. Penny, belonged to a family of Scotch-Irish extraction, members of which were named in the assessment rolls of Drumore in 1756. John Wentz died at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife passed away aged sixty-two. They had a family of nine children: Mary, the widow of William Morrison, resides in Drumore township; Joseph is a farmer of Drumore township; W. J. was born Jan. 31, 1839; Hugh P., a farmer of Drumore, died at the age of fifty-seven; John is a merchant at Bethesda; Thomas is a physician in Colerain township, at Kirkwood; Emma became the wife of William C. Boyd (both are deceased); Laura is the wife of James A. McSparran, of Drumore township; Hattie E. is the widow of John McCombs, of Drumore township. The parents were pious, worthy people, who had long been consistent members of the M. E. Church.

W. J. Wentz passed his early boyhood in a manner not unlike that of many others, as he grew up on the farm in Drumore township, attended to the "chores" and went to school. At the age of eighteen he was given better opportunities, however, and entered Locust Grove Seminary, where he remained hard at work with his books for two years, after which he took one session of instruction in the Millersville State Normal School. During the succeeding three years he taught school very successfully in Drumore township, and the two following years in Strasburg township, during a part of that time reading medicine with Dr. J. K. Raub, of New Providence. He continued his professional studies in Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in the spring of 1865. After graduation he enjoyed the benefit of two years of association as partner with his old preceptor, Dr. Raub, but in the spring of 1867 he opened up his own office in New Providence, locating just north of the village in Strasburg township, where he continued in active practice up to the time of his decease, on Sept. 5, 1902. He was laid to rest in the Mennonite cemetery at New Providence on Sept. 8th.

Dr. Wentz was a student, and by his close attention to the demands of his profession, and his display of more than ordinary skill, won the confidence of the public, and his place cannot easily be filled in the affections of the community. He was a member of the County and State Medical Societies,

and of the American Medical Association, and filled the president's chair of the society in Lancaster county. As one of the organizers and directors of the Conestoga National Bank, of Lancaster, his financial stability was unquestioned.

Dr. Wentz was married, Sept. 28, 1865, to Miss Susan Rohrer, who was born in New Providence, March 5, 1844, daughter of John K. and Mary (Peoples) Rohrer. Six children blessed this union: Anna Laberta, who is the wife of Alfred W. Moyer, of Lancaster; John R., who married Miss Ida Weaver, and is engaged in the trucking business in Strasburg township; B. Frank, a physician of West Philadelphia, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1895, who studied first under his father (he married Miss Catherine Helm, of New Providence); Mary B. and Emily, at home; and Charles E., who is a member of the class of 1902, Medico-Chirurgical College, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Wentz was an active member of the Democratic party. He was connected with the Reformed Church in New Providence. A self-made man, who had much success after early discouragement, he stood well in the community and enjoyed general esteem.

REV. FREDERIC GARDINER, A. M., the efficient Headmaster of Yeates School, a noted and exclusive school for boys, is descended from an old and distinguished family. His first ancestor in this country, Benonni Gardiner, was famous in the history of Plymouth Colony, as its first Episcopal resident, who had the courage of his convictions and dared to maintain an unpopular name.

Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, the great-great-grandfather of the Rev. Frederic Gardiner, after being in this country for a time, went to England and Germany, where he studied medicine, and returned to New England, to become the most noted physician of the times. A large grant of land was given him in what is now Maine, and he there established the settlement that has since become the large and populous city of Gardiner. He built a large stone church, and liberally endowed it. By his will his heirs were to name each succeeding rector, and, as it has happened that the majority of the church congregation have always been and still are descendants of the founder, there has never arisen occasion to question this somewhat doubtful provision of the will. The old granite home which Dr. Gardiner built is now occupied by R. H. Gardiner, a cousin of the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review. Gardiner's Island, N. Y., the original possession of another branch of the family, is also entailed. Dr. Sylvester Gardiner was a warden in the old Narragansett Church, and his daughter was the wife of Dr. McSparran, a most distinguished divine of the time.

Among Rev. Frederic Gardiner's paternal ancestors, was William Tudor, Judge Advocate General under General Washington, and he was one of

the originators of the Order of the Cincinnati, serving as its first vice-president. Another ancestor was a Colonel at the siege of Louisbourg, and several of his ancestors participated in the Colonial wars. Dr. Benjamin Vaughan was private secretary to the Prime Minister, Lord Shelburne, in 1783, and was sent by him as a special ambassador to Paris during the negotiations for the Treaty of Independence. Finding negotiations were at a standstill because the independence of the Colonies was not acknowledged, he posted to England, secured the required recognition, and returned in time to save the Treaty from failure. As soon as the Treaty was signed he emigrated to this country and settled at Hallowell, Maine, and much of his estate is still in the possession of his descendants. The marble mantelpiece in the parlor at Mt. Vernon was presented to Washington by him. Gen. O. O. Howard was a cousin of the mother of Mr. Gardiner, and Cardinal Manning, as well as Charles Stewart Parnell belong to the family. Rev. Gardiner has the antique mahogany desk which was used by his progenitor, Dr. Benjamin Vaughan, upon which, perhaps, some of the correspondence touching the Treaty of Independence was written. He has hanging upon the walls of his office at Yeates School the tomahawk that was given his great-grandfather Gardiner by the chief of the Sassanoa tribe of Indians. Dr. Vaughan's brother, Samuel, was the founder of the Philosophical Society in Philadelphia.

Rev. Frederic Gardiner, D. D., his degree coming from Hobart and Trinity College, the father of Rev. Frederic Gardiner, of Yeates School, was an Episcopal clergyman from the age of twenty years, and died in 1889. The greater part of his life was spent as professor of Theology at Gambier, Ohio, and at Middletown, Conn. He was the founder of the American Exegetical Society, serving as its first president, and was a voluminous and useful writer, his most noted work being a Harmony of the Gospels, in Greek and English. Dr. Frederic Gardiner was married to Miss Caroline Vaughan, and they became the parents of five children, two of whom died in infancy: Emma is the wife of Prof. Henry Ferguson, of Trinity College; Rev. Frederic is the Headmaster of the Yeates School; and Miss Henrietta is an instructor in Wellesley College.

Rev. Frederic Gardiner, A. M., was born in Gardiner, Maine, in 1858, and was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, from which he was graduated, and he graduated from Harvard in 1880; from Berkeley Divinity School in 1885, and he was ordained to the priesthood the following year. His first pastoral settlement was at Sioux Falls, S. D., where he became the Dean of the Cathedral. From Sioux Falls he removed to Pomfret, where he labored ten years as the rector of a most interesting parish, and where he started the Pomfret School in association with William Peck. In 1899 he came to Lancaster to become the Headmaster of the Yeates School, then located at Duke and Walnut streets. In September,

of that year, this school was removed to Belmont, the rural home of the late John Kellar, where Mr. Gardiner has created a school that gives boys a substantial education, broad in its curriculum, and most practical in its bearing on the making of character. The attendance has grown under the present administration from twenty-eight to sixty students, and the literary and manly development of the pupils has attracted general admiration. They come from the best families in Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York and elsewhere.

While at Harvard Mr. Gardiner served on the 'Varsity Eleven and also rowed with the Class crew. Always a close student of athletics, he is a believer in a rounded and symmetrical manhood, and the boys under his care are imbued with a healthy love of manly out-door recreations.

Headmaster Gardiner was married to Miss Sallie, a daughter of William H. Merrick, of Southwark, Philadelphia, an iron founder, and a granddaughter of the first president of the Pennsylvania railroad. To this union were born three children: Frederic M. and William Henry, both students of the Yeates School, and Frances Vaughan.

SAMUEL R. SAMPLE, M. D., an old and prominent physician at Intercourse, Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township, that county, Sept. 13, 1834, son of Dr. Nathaniel W. and Margaret (McCausland) Sample. His father was born near Delta, York Co., Pa., and in 1780 came to Lancaster county with his parents, his father being a Presbyterian clergyman.

Dr. Nathaniel W. Sample was a very active member of the medical profession until old age necessitated his retirement. His medical ability was recognized by his appointment as an honorary member of the Ohio Medical College. Dr. Sample practiced medicine for over sixty years, his practice covering a wide range of country, reaching as far away as Peach Bottom and Safe Harbor, and he continued in its active duties to some extent as long as he was able to see anybody—long after he had given up the regular work of his profession. He died in 1865. He belonged to the Presbyterian church, in which he was an elder for over fifty years. For six years he was prothonotary. He served as a brigadier-general in the war of 1812, and for many years filled the office of brigade inspector. In 1852 he was a candidate for Congress. He was at Harrisburg during the "Buckshot War," in which he took part. Dr. Sample was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and held the office of Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Margaret (McCausland) Sample, who was born here in Leacock township, died in 1870, and was buried in Leacock cemetery. She was a woman of fine Christian character. Her marriage to Dr. Sample took place in Leacock township in 1815, and they became the parents of the following family: Nathaniel W., a physician, married Sarah Steele,

and died at the age of thirty-three; Rebecca C., who married David Agnew, died at the age of thirty-four; William M., who married Margaret Dobson, was a merchant in Lancaster and at Philadelphia, and went West, where he died at the age of seventy years; Elizabeth, who married Dr. S. E. Duffield, died at the age of forty-six; Molton R., who married Laetitia Knox, is a retired farmer in Philadelphia; Harriet A. married Lieut. D. H. Leche, of the cavalry service, who was killed in battle in 1862, and she is also deceased; Edward C., who married Susan Wilson, is a physician and is living retired at Florin, Pa.; Newton C., who married Amanda Summy, is a retired farmer, and his home is in Philadelphia; Samuel R. is mentioned below.

The grandparents of Dr. Samuel R. Sample were Rev. Nathaniel W. and Elizabeth (Cowan) Sample. The grandfather was born in Scotland, and the grandmother was born in Maryland. When quite young he came to America with his parents, and became distinguished alike for his piety and learning. For forty-two years he preached in Lancaster county, coming here from Deer Creek, Md., and was in his later years a professor in a theological school. Some of the most eminent clergymen of the last generation passed under his guiding hand, among them being Dr. Francis Herron, Dr. Cummings, of New York, Dr. Paxton, and others well known to this State and elsewhere. The school of theology with which he labored was established at this residence. The parents of Mrs. Margaret (McCausland) Sample were William and Rebecca (Clemson) McCausland. Her father was a Major in the Revolutionary army.

Dr. Samuel R. Sample was married at Intercourse, in November, 1861, to Amanda Eaby, by whom he has had the following children: Susan married E. M. Ranck, of Lancaster, and is the mother of two children. Margaret, who married Dr. J. M. Peters, has her home in Steelton, Pa. Harriet E. married R. C. Seldomridge, a merchant of Lancaster, Pa., and is the mother of five children. Alice married Howard M. Grossman, a traveling salesman, has her home in Germantown, and is the mother of four children. Nathaniel W., a farmer on the old homestead, married Mary Buckwalter. Mary E., the wife of Robert Taggart, a traveling salesman from Detroit, Mich., has one child, and lives in Detroit. Jeanette married Sebastian B. Romagosa, of Cienfuegos, Cuba, who is a capitalist and a banker, and is engaged with his father in business; they have two children.

Mrs. Amanda (Eaby) Sample was born at Intercourse, in June, 1841, a daughter of Moses and Susannah (Kurtz) Eaby, the former a prominent merchant of Lancaster county. The biography of his son, J. K. Eaby, appears elsewhere.

Dr. Sample remained at home until he was fourteen years of age, when he entered the drug store of Mr. Heinitsch, in Lancaster, and there spent four years, at the end of which time he began the study of medicine with his father; he also read with Dr. D.

Hays Agnew. In due time he was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, with the class of 1857. For a short time he was located at Bird-in-Hand, and on the first day of January, 1858, came to Intercourse, where he has led a long and honorable life as a devotee of the healing art. His high character and scientific attainments have won him many friends, and he has had a practice at times measured only by his ability to give it proper attention. During the Civil war he was assistant surgeon of a Pennsylvania regiment during the latter half of 1862, when he was attacked with typhoid fever and obliged to retire from the service. He is a Knight Templar in the Masonic fraternity, and has been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for more than twenty years. In political sentiment he is independent, and he is regarded as one of the most intelligent and conscientious citizens of this part of the county. Dr. Sample comes of a fine family, and is a not unworthy representative of a father of more than ordinary ability, high character and stainless reputation.

REUBEN A. BAER (deceased), whose esteemed widow lives in a lovely home on East Orange street, Lancaster, was for an ordinary lifetime justly regarded as one of the foremost men in that city—foremost in journalistic, mercantile, banking and church circles.

Mr. Baer was a son of John Baer, who was born Jan. 31, 1795, in Leacock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., of parentage that is traced back to ancestors who came to this section of Pennsylvania among the Mennonites of Swiss origin about the year 1730. His father, Andrew Baer, was a farmer, and died in 1807, leaving a widow and several children. The widow married again, and the family came to Lancaster in 1812. The descendants of this family are found in Lancaster county, western Pennsylvania, and the Western States, and among them have been citizens of prominence.

John Baer applied himself to the art of printing in the office of William Grier, in Columbia, Lancaster county, afterward in the office of John Wyeth, in Harrisburg. In his twenty-first year he formed a partnership with Samuel Kling, for the publication of the *Volksfreund*. In a few months he became sole proprietor of the paper by the purchase of the interest of Samuel Kling. In 1834 he purchased the *Lancaster Beobachter* from Samuel Wagner, and combined the two papers under the title of *Der Volksfreund und Beobachter* (*The People's Friend and Observer*). He was now firmly established in the confidence of the public, and entered on a prosperous career, which continued until his death. He developed remarkable enterprise in the publication of many books of miscellaneous, moral and religious character, besides the regular issue of the German newspaper, English and German almanacs, and printing work in general.

In 1819 Mr. Baer published a large German

folio Bible, the first German Bible in folio printed in this country, the prospectus of which appeared in the first number of the paper published by himself. It was an enterprise of considerable risk, and attended with many difficulties, owing to the primitive character of the printing machinery and apparatus then in use. It was printed on an ancient Ramage hand-press, inked by hand-balls, and yet the work was a success, and compares favorably with work done with more modern facilities.

Mr. Baer's ancestry secured for him the favor of the Mennonites of his native country, and by industry and integrity he gained their patronage and support, and became the publisher of many of the religious books used by that denomination. With the people of Lancaster county, especially those of German origin, he exerted an influence through the columns of the *Volksfreund* which he conscientiously used for the best interests of the community. By appointment he was for a number of years treasurer of Lancaster county. From 1828 he continued the publication of the "Agricultural Almanac," formerly published by William Albright, and in 1833 commenced the publication of the "German Pennsylvania Almanac," both of which were published until his death, and have been continued by his sons. These Almanacs have become household friends in Pennsylvania and the Western States.

In the year 1820 Mr. Baer married Frances Rine, of Lancaster city, a daughter of a Lutheran family of German origin, and by her had five sons who grew to the age of manhood. Of these, Reuben A. Baer and Christian Rein Baer succeeded him in the business of the house under the firm name of John Baer's Sons; another son, Rev. Charles A. Baer, was pastor of the English Lutheran Church at Norristown, Pa., where he died in September, 1863; another, Benjamin F. Baer, was a lawyer of promise, who became a captain in the 122d Regiment, P. V. I., in the war of the Rebellion, from which position he was obliged to retire because of broken health, which caused his death in 1875; another, John A. Baer, was engaged in business in New York City for many years, and died there.

As a citizen John Baer was a man of honor and integrity, and was animated by a sincere desire to advance the interests of his community. He was a member of the board of common schools of Lancaster city in the early stage of their existence, and evinced a great interest in their success, knowing the value of a good education. Liberal and unassuming, though firm in his convictions, he won the esteem and respect of his fellow citizens. He was a faithful husband and a kind father, leading his children, by education and example, in the paths of truth and uprightness. Endowed with a vigorous form and strong constitution, he drew unsparingly on his energies in the prosecution of his business, which led to failing health and a shortened life. He died Nov. 6, 1858, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

Reuben A. Baer was born in the city of Lancaster



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April 4, 1823, and C. Rein Baer is the only surviving brother. His education was pursued in the private schools of the city, and at what was then Franklin College, but later combined with old Marshall College, and is now widely known as Franklin and Marshall College. In early manhood he entered his father's printing establishment, and in 1854 he and his brother, C. Rein Baer, were received into partnership by their father, under the firm title of John Baer & Sons. Upon the death of the head of the firm the sons carried on the business under the firm title of John Baer's Sons, continuing the publication of the German paper called *Der Volksfreund*, Baer's Almanac, and other publications, and also the conduct of the bookstore on North Queen street. The sons were practical men of business, and the operations carried on by them were eminently successful.

Reuben A. Baer was a director and one of the largest stockholders of the Farmers' National Bank, and was connected with several turnpike companies, in which he was a director. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. His position as one of the leading substantial men of Lancaster, and his public spirit and interest in the city, made him long a very important factor in its life. His handsome home, located at No. 141 East Orange street, is one of the most attractive in the city, and it had long been his delight to adorn it with valuable works of art. There his death occurred Dec. 9, 1897, in his seventy-fifth year, from a complication of diseases.

Mr. Baer married Miss Mary L. Harman, daughter of Daniel and Susannah (Herbst) Harman, the latter of whom still survives, one of the most esteemed residents of Lancaster. She is a devout member of the Lutheran Church, and is not only a liberal contributor to its support, but also generous and charitable in other directions. Revering the memory of her distinguished husband, Mrs. Baer lives quietly in the magnificent home which he erected, on the site of the old stone mansion that had been the home of his venerable and beloved father. This home, located on one of the prettiest squares of East Orange street, is a monument to Reuben A. Baer's liberality and good judgment, just as the great printing house and book store are monuments to the courage and progressiveness of John Baer, the founder, and Reuben A. and C. Rein Baer, the developers, of the colossal business of John Baer's Sons.

DANIEL HARMAN, father of Mrs. Reuben A. Baer, was born in Lancaster county, and died in 1862, at the age of seventy-two years. He was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, Lancaster. The parents of Mr. Harman were John and Esther (Kerrick) Harman, farming people of Lancaster county. For many years Daniel Harman was well known in the city of Lancaster, where he was a successful merchant, conducting a large store, his stock including dry goods, groceries, china, etc. On ac-

count of failing health, he retired from active business some years prior to his death. He was one of the leading, active members of St. John's Lutheran Church, and was one of its most liberal supporters. Mr. Harman was at the time of his death regarded as one of the wealthy and prominent citizens who had always done his full duty in the advancement of the best interests of Lancaster.

Daniel Harman was married in Lancaster, to Miss Susannah Herbst, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Herbst, of that city. Mr. Herbst, a wealthy merchant of Philadelphia, settled in Lancaster after his retirement, and there passed the remainder of his life. Mrs. Herbst died in 1871, at the age of seventy-two, and was interred by the side of her husband in the beautiful Woodward Hill cemetery, in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harman were as follows: Henry, who died in Lancaster; William Beates, who died in Cairo, Ill., during the Civil war, having been a soldier of Co. B, 1st Pa. Reserves; Elizabeth E., who died in 1901, the wife of Christian Yeager, a prominent retired merchant of Allegheny, Pa.; Anna M., who is the widow of William W. Wills, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., who carried on a wholesale and retail variety business; Mary L., widow of Reuben A. Baer; Susannah, who died unmarried; and John and Samuel, who removed from Pennsylvania, the former becoming a merchant in Maryland, where he died, and the latter dying in California. These families are among the leading ones in Lancaster, and are truly representative of its commercial prosperity and social importance.

CHRISTIAN REIN BAER. In reviewing the history of Lancaster the name of Baer is often found, and always in connection with enterprises tending toward the development of local resources and the welfare of the citizens. The entire life of Christian R. Baer has been associated with Lancaster, for there he was born May 12, 1828, and there the years of his youth and manhood have been usefully passed. As a Bookseller and Publisher he continues a business established many years ago, and which has never yet passed out of the hands of the family, but has descended in honorable succession from father to son.

In the home of his parents, John and Frances (Rein) Baer, the boyhood of Christian R. Baer was quietly passed, his time being occupied with the exercises of youth and study in public and private schools. The family being able to give the children fair educational advantages, he was sent to Franklin (now Franklin and Marshall) College, where the knowledge acquired in common schools was supplemented by the efforts of the excellent corps of educators which the Faculty of that institution comprised. On leaving college he entered his father's establishment, where he and his brother, Reuben A., continued during many years to relieve their father of business cares and responsibilities, and on

the death of the senior member of the firm, in 1858, the two sons succeeded to the ownership, continuing together until the elder brother died. On the settlement of the estate Christian R. Baer acquired the ownership of the business of John Baer's Sons.

Mr. Baer has continued the publication of *Der Volksfreund und Beobachter*, a German newspaper supporting the measures of the Republican party since its origin; also the publication of the Books and Almanacs of the firm, of which the Agricultural Almanac is now in its seventy-eighth edition. To carry on this business he has erected a four-story printing house, equipped with modern conveniences, machinery and material necessary for the Printing and Publishing business. He is loyal to his home city, to his county and to his country, and his sympathy and aid are always to be relied upon in movements for the benefit of the people.

In Philadelphia, Pa., May 27, 1875, occurred the marriage of Christian R. Baer and Joanna Seiser, a daughter of John Seiser, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Baer are the parents of three children, all of whom remain in the family home, namely: Frances R., John F. and Charles S. The sons assist their father in his business, the details of which they are mastering, so that in all probability the interests which have remained in the family so many years will be carried forward through another generation.

JOHN W. FORNEY, the celebrated journalist and politician, was born at Lancaster in 1817, and began editing the *Intelligencer* about 1838. In 1845 he removed to Philadelphia, Pa., and edited the *Pennsylvanian*, for many years the Democratic State organ. He was clerk of the United States House of Representatives from 1852 to 1855, and through his efforts, James Buchanan carried Pennsylvania, and was elected President in 1856. In August, 1857, he founded the *Philadelphia Press*. He was again clerk of the United States House of Representatives. In 1874 he was appointed United States Centennial Commissioner to Europe. He died in December, 1881.

ALBERT FRANCIS SHENCK, a prominent member of the Lancaster County Bar, who enjoys the distinction of having been the youngest soldier in the Union Army during the War of the Rebellion, belongs to a very old and influential family of Lancaster county.

Henry Shelly Shenck, his father, was born near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, Nov. 19, 1813, a son of Peter and Catherine (Shelly) Shenck, the former of whom died when his son Henry was three months old. The mother survived nine years, but in the meantime had married a second time, and by this union she became the mother of one child, Eliza Hunt, who married George White, by whom she had three children, Sarah M., Ann and George, Jr. Both Mr. White and George, Jr., gave up their lives in the Civil war. Mrs. White is still living,

and has attained the advanced age of eighty-four. John Shenck, son of Peter and brother of Henry S., died March 14, 1851. Henry S. Shenck received a common school education, and after reaching mature years clerked in a country store. In 1841 he began the hotel business at Chickies, and he followed this line of work periodically until 1870, when he was elected register of wills. After one term of three years in that office he retired, and engaged in no active work until 1890, when he was appointed Tipstaff, which office he still retains, although at this writing he is in his ninetieth year. On Oct. 27, 1840, Henry S. Shenck was married to Sarah M. Eichler, who was born June 29, 1823, a daughter of Abraham Eichler, a farmer in Whitehall, who died when Mrs. Shenck was quite young. There were fifteen children born of this union, and of the six deceased, four died in infancy. Caroline E. died at the age of forty-three, and William C. was drowned in the Delaware River at the age of thirty-four. The others are: Jefferson E., a clerk; Harry C., a dealer in second-hand furniture, and mentioned elsewhere in this work; Howard B., who is a salesman in a New York store, and who made a tour of Europe in 1899; Amelia J., the wife of L. E. Reeves, a jeweler of Dayton, Ohio; Mary A., Sarah and Laura all at home unmarried; Albert Francis; and Kate, wife of W. G. Eckman, a clerk in Hager & Brothers. On Oct. 27, 1890, this worthy couple celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, and a host of friends and relatives from far and near gathered to wish them many more happy years together—wishes that are being well fulfilled as on Oct. 27, 1900, they celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of the same happy day. Few people are entitled to the esteem so heartily accorded this grand old man and his noble helpmeet, and few are as well known.

Abraham Eichler, father of Mrs. Shenck, was a merchant and farmer, and died in 1846. His wife, Augusta Barker, died in 1840. They were the parents of four children: Orlando W., who died in infancy; George Simon, who died in 1870; Sarah M., who became Mrs. Shenck; and Caroline A., who married William Carpenter.

Albert Francis Shenck was born on his father's farm, in Rapho township, Aug. 16, 1847, and received his education in Lancaster, to which city his father removed when he was a mere lad. When the war of the Rebellion broke out, young Shenck enlisted as a bugler in Co. F, 9th P. V. C., commanded by Capt. John Wise (the veteran aeronaut, who, up to the time of his strange disappearance, and now generally conceded death in the pine forests, had made more balloon ascensions than any other man in this century). Young Shenck was just fourteen years of age when he enlisted, and although there have been innumerable newspaper discussions as to the youngest soldier, that distinction has never been snatched from Mr. Shenck. His term of service extended from 1861 to 1865, and he participated in the battles of Perryville, Chicka-

mauga, Stone River, Sherman's March to the Sea, and many other fierce and bloody engagements, besides innumerable skirmishes. For a time he was in Libby prison, but was never wounded. He was bugler on the staff of Gen. James Jackson, who was killed at Perryville, and Bugler Shenck carried the flag of truce to recover the body of his gallant commander, an event which excited much comment, and showed a brave and manly heart in so young a man.

Mr. Shenck became an apprentice at a business which did not agree with him, after the war, and he entered Franklin and Marshall College, from which he graduated in the class of 1871. He read law with the late Congressman O. J. Dickey, and was admitted to practice May 10, 1875. Mr. Shenck has had a practice before the Supreme Court for the last fifteen years, and many of his cases have excited much attention. Mr. Shenck has been county and city solicitor, has been chairman of the Republican County Committee for two terms, and also chairman of the Republican City Committee for the past five years. For 1900 he was supervisor of census in the 8th District of Pennsylvania, comprising the counties of Lancaster and York, fulfilling its laborious duties with satisfaction to his constituents and with credit to himself.

Mr. Shenck is a Moravian in religion, and he is an affable and genial gentleman, earnestly devoted to the pleasant labor of making the declining years of his parents peaceful and comfortable.

HENRY CHARLES HARNER, who has been an official of the First National Bank of Lancaster since 1864, for twenty-five years being cashier of that institution, has had a more than usually interesting history. His maternal grandfather was a master carpenter and builder in Lancaster, and his grandmother owned the old homestead on Mulberry street, Lancaster, within a stone's throw of St. John's Episcopal church. Near there Henry C. Harner was born, and that section has been his residence to the present time—his present home being on West Chestnut street.

His ancestors on both sides were patriots and soldiers, and his grandfather Harner served in the war of 1812. John Harner, father of our subject, was a carpenter by trade; he died about 1852. His wife, Sophia Zelles, died in 1887. She received her education in a school taught by the Widow Paulding, whose husband was one of the captors of Major Andre. To John and Sophia (Zelles) Harner were born six children, four sons and two daughters: William; Emanuel; John; Henry Charles; Mrs. Martin G. Light, whose husband is a coach trimmer; and Mary A., now deceased. Of these, Henry Charles and John are the surviving sons, the latter having been for twenty years connected with the Supreme Court at Harrisburg, where he has his home.

Henry Charles Harner was born in the old family

home in Mulberry street, Feb. 6, 1842. After being educated in the public school and taking a practical course in Franklin and Marshall College, he spent about five years in mercantile pursuits, part of the time being engaged in the store owned and operated by H. A. Rockafield, devoted to patent medicines, and the rest of the time in Heinitsch's music store. Entering the First National Bank as bookkeeper in 1864, he became teller in a comparatively brief time, and in 1875 was made cashier of the bank, a position he has occupied continuously, declining all overtures for work of any other kind. This fidelity has been remarked not only by the bank officials, but by the general public. Mr. Harner is at present one of the vice-presidents of the Lancaster Fire Insurance Co., and has been associated in the management of that concern for over twenty years, longer than any other man now connected with it. Only one assessment has been called for fire losses in eight years, a fact that speaks much for the management of the company, as it carries a large volume of insurance.

Mr. Harner was a mover in the erection of the Western Market House, serving as a member of the building committee, and as treasurer of that institution. He was a director of the city railway system until its consolidation with the Pennsylvania Traction Co., and a director of the Lebanon and Myerstown trolley lines until they passed into the control of the United Power and Transportation Co., in 1899. Mr. Harner has also been a director of the Camden and Trenton Railway Co., a director also of the Lancaster and Manheim Electric Railway, and of the Lancaster and Columbia Street Railway. Much public spirit and enterprise has been shown by him, but the proudest monuments to his memory are the many substantial houses he has caused to be erected in the western part of Lancaster, for he was a pioneer in the development of what is now the garden spot of the city. He is a prominent member of the Board of Trade of Lancaster.

In 1874, Mr. Harner was married to S. Frances Seitz, a daughter of Christian Seitz, a farmer, who lives near Mt. Joy. To this marriage were born five children, four of whom are living: Arthur J., with A. N. Chandler & Co., bankers of Philadelphia; Edith Frances and Edna Grace, both of whom are at home; and H. Stanley, formerly a student of Franklin and Marshall Academy, and at Elizabethtown College, but now at home.

Mr. Harner has not only contributed much to the upbuilding of the city, but by his integrity has added confidence and strength to its financial circles. By his affability and close application to the affairs of the First National Bank, with which he has been so long connected, he has added strength and popularity to that old and substantial institution. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and his wife of the German Baptist. In politics he is a Republican, but cares nothing for the honors of public office.

CHRISTIAN MUSSELMAN is one of the prominent business men and influential citizens of East Lampeter, in which township he has extensive and flourishing business interests.

Michael Musselman, the grandfather, was a distiller and miller of Paradise, and his son, John Musselman, who was born in November, 1811, was a miller. The latter learned his trade in youth, and attained such proficiency therein that the "Wheatland Mills," of which he was the proprietor, enjoyed a reputation second to none in the county of Lancaster. In fact, it is said in regard to his skill that in such request was the "Wheatland" output, that good housewives were wont to ascribe the failure of a baking to the fact that they had not had John Musselman's flour. He married Eliza A. Brackbill in February, 1834, and became the father of eleven children. Besides Christian, with whose career this sketch is more particularly concerned, these were: Frank B., of Strasburg; Emma S., the wife of Dr. A. J. Herr, of Lancaster; Martha M., and Barbara A., both of whom remained unmarried; Lida A., deceased, wife of Dr. J. Harry Musser, of Lampeter Square; Myra, wife of Dr. H. E. Musser, of Witmer, Pa.; Milton and Susan, both of whom are deceased; Harriet Frances and Addie, twins, the first named of whom became the wife of Reuben D. Herr. Mr. John Musselman is still living, having retired from active business life. His wife died in November, 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Christian Musselman was born Jan. 18, 1839. His educational advantages were superior to those of most boys of the locality in which he lived, as attendance at the Normal School at Millersville was supplemented by a commercial course in a Philadelphia business college. His school days over, he began work in his father's mill, and it is not easy to suppose that he could have found a better qualified or more patient instructor in his manly trade, which has been honored alike in story and in verse. At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, the Anderson Troop was formed, and on Oct. 28, 1861, Christian Musselman rode away, to plant again his country's flag where it had been trailed in the dust, and to aid in establishing a reunited land. In March, 1863, Co. G, 15th Pa. Cav., was recruited and Christian Musselman received a commission as first lieutenant and was made adjutant of the regiment. After being mustered out, at Chambersburg on Feb. 20, 1864, he returned home, to claim in marriage the maiden's hand that had been promised him long before. Then followed his union with Miss Mary Luetta Musser, a daughter of Jacob H. Musser.

In 1869 Mr. Musselman embarked in the lumber, coal and feed business at Witmer, and he has conducted his yards there almost uninterruptedly since that date. His success has been unmarked, but not unexpected by those who knew his sagacity, industry, perseverance and pluck. For fourteen years he represented the railroad interests at that point, and his progressive ideas, forceful character and un-

assailable integrity have gained for him an enviable position in the community at large. His home is a pleasant one, and the numerous substantial improvements upon his property one and all indicate thrift and prosperity. He is a member of the directorate of the People's Bank of Lancaster.

Mrs. Mary M. Musselman is a granddaughter of Dr. Martin Musser, and a daughter of his son Jacob H., who was also a physician of wide repute. Jacob H. Musser was born in Lampeter Square, Lancaster county, June 24, 1819, and died March 4, 1890, after an honored life exceeding three score years. He studied medicine under the preceptorship of his father, Martin Musser, and began his professional career on "Horseshoe Road." After two years he removed to Smoketown, on the old Philadelphia turnpike, and there he remained until his death. He was a man of profound study and deep research, and as a practitioner far in advance of his times. His heart was tender and sympathetic and no insignificant portion of his time was devoted to the aid of the poor, to whose relief he gave his best skill without hope, or even thought, of compensation, knowing that his richest earthly reward was to be found in the grateful tears of some mother whose child he had helped to save. To say that he was beloved is to describe but feebly the positive veneration in which he was held. Others have succeeded to his practice yet his memory will remain forever green. On Oct. 20, 1840, he married Martha Herr. Her father, John Herr, was a bishop in the Reformed Mennonite church. She was born Oct. 12, 1820, and died May 6, 1898. To their marriage came the following children: Mary Luetta, Mrs. Christian Musselman; John, deceased; Ann Elizabeth, who married Ezra F. Bowman, of Lancaster; John H. and Francis Martin, both deceased; Willis Benjamin; and Omar Henry.

HENRY M. ENGLE, who was born in Conoy township, Lancaster county, on April 11, 1819, died at his home in East Donegal township, Feb. 7, 1897. He was one of the best known horticulturists of the State. He was a son of Henry Engle, and his grandfather, Jacob Engle, was one of the founders and also a minister of the denomination known as the River Brethren. The first of the name of Engle in the United States came from Switzerland.

Henry M. Engle was one of the organizers of the Lancaster Horticultural Society which was subsequently merged into the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, and of this latter body he had been president for a number of years. He was also a member of the American Pomological Society, and one of the founders of State Board of Agriculture. Mr. Engle was married three times, and was the father of twenty-one children. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Breneman, to whom he was married Dec. 19, 1839; the second wife was Miss Lizzie Musser; and the third wife was Miss Fannie Nissley, to whom he was married in 1875.

In politics he was a Whig, and when that party broke up he became a Republican, representing that faction in the State Legislature during 1871 and 1872. He was for a number of years a school director of East Donegal township. For a long time he was a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and of the Good Templars. In religion he belonged to the River Brethren.

MAJOR ADAM CYRUS REINOEHL, who passed away Dec. 14, 1900, was one of the best known and popular citizens of Lancaster county.

The ancestors of Major Reinoehl were old and prominent Pennsylvanians, and his father, Augustus Reinoehl, who was for many years a resident of Lancaster, where he was greatly respected, is now living in the city of Lebanon, this State. Adam C. Reinoehl was born Nov. 15, 1840, in Lebanon, and when sixteen years old came to Lancaster with his parents. In 1861, he was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College. After this he taught school for two months in Ephrata township, and then gave way to his patriotic impulses, enlisting in the 76th Pennsylvania Volunteers, known to fame as the Keystone Zouaves, and participating in all of the battles with his regiment in the Department of the South. On Dec. 10, 1862, he was made quartermaster sergeant of his regiment, and on Jan. 24, 1863, he was promoted to the position of sergeant-major. Conspicuous in leading a charge that resulted in the capture of the batteries at Morris Island, S. C., July 10, 1863, he also took a gallant part at Fort Wagner, where he was seriously wounded in the arm, so seriously, indeed, that he was unfit for duty for some time. But in April, 1864, he re-enlisted for three years. Andrew G. Curtin, the State's great war governor, issued a commission as first lieutenant in the 76th Regiment to Mr. Reinoehl, and for quite a time he commanded his company, and took a conspicuous part in the terrible struggle at Cold Harbor and in the explosion at Petersburg. On Aug. 4, 1864, he was promoted to adjutant for gallantry on the field of battle. At Darbytown Road he was wounded in the thigh, which compelled his return home, and he was honorably discharged Feb. 6, 1865, having first been breveted major for gallant and meritorious service in the attack on Darbytown Road.

After returning to civil life Major Reinoehl entered the law office of the late Hon. Oliver J. Dickey, and was admitted to practice in 1866. Naturally shrewd, with a bright mind and a literary and studious disposition, he was endowed with many of the qualities essential to success in his chosen calling, and enjoyed an extensive practice. But public life was more to his liking, and he was an ardent Republican from early manhood. An eloquent speaker, he became a great campaign orator, and rendered much effective service to the Republican cause. In 1868 Major Reinoehl was elected to the Legislature, in which he served three terms, and in

1872, Gov. Geary appointed him deputy secretary of the Commonwealth, in which office Gov. Hartman continued him. Both complimented him highly for his efficiency. In 1889 he was appointed a member of the Soldiers' Orphan School Commission, and the same year was elected district attorney of Lancaster county, his term expiring Jan. 1, 1893. At the death of Major Ellwood Griest, President McKinley appointed Major Reinoehl postmaster of Lancaster, the duties of which position he assumed Feb. 23, 1900, retaining same until his death.

Major Reinoehl married Miss Lucy Davis, a daughter of the late W. V. Davis, for many years the beloved principal of the Boys High school in Lancaster. Mrs. Reinoehl and four children survive the Major: Walter A., who was in the law office with his father; Mary, wife of Walter McFarren, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Gertrude; and Albert. The Major was a member of the Presbyterian church. Socially he was identified with Post No. 84, G. A. R.; the Masonic fraternity; and the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection.

Major Reinoehl was invariably the central figure in every group he joined. An infinitely good storyteller, a fine conversationalist on any topic, a natural humorist, a fluent writer, it would have been strange, indeed, had he not been popular. He was a great lover of nature and his letters from the Tucquan Club to *The New Era* at its annual camp at York Furnace, written over the nom de plume of "Demas," in which he vividly pictured the beauties of that charming spot, were eagerly read. Generous at all times and under all circumstances, true in his friendships, gentle as a woman in his nature, yet brave as the bravest in the hour of danger, Major Reinoehl was pre-eminently possessed of those qualities of mind and heart which made him the popular man he was, and as such he will ever be remembered by those who knew him best. We extract the following from *The New Era* (to which he was a frequent and welcome contributor), issue of Dec. 14, 1900: "The blow falls heavily on *The New Era* and its staff, to whom he bore the most intimate relations as friend and contributor, relations which dated back to the days of the old *Express*, before the war, in which he took so active and patriotic a part. As a war correspondent he had few equals in investing his narratives with absorbing interest and touches of that quaint humor for which he was noted, and which was never strained. Good humor and a genial spirit seemed to be an inseparable element of his nature."

MARTIN BARR. In the year 1790 Martin Barr located in what is now the northern end of Quarryville, and there constructed a manor house known as the "Ark." It was a substantially built and commodious structure. The Barrs were good farmers and Martin's family consisted of Abram, Christian, Martin and Jacob, and two daughters, Christina, who married John Mowrer, being the last sur-

viving daughter. Upon the death of Martin Barr his son Adam purchased the "Ark." Adam died in 1836, and the homestead was purchased by Jacob Barr, who carried on lime burning and farming until in 1852, when he sold out to Daniel Lefever. Of the children of Martin Barr, Christian died in 1816; Adam in 1836; Abram died in 1836, and Martin died in 1826. "Lame" Jacob Barr, as he was called, who purchased the "Ark" from Adam's heirs, was born in Strasburg in 1778. He was a second cousin of Martin Barr, the elder, and besides being a lime burner and farmer, he was known as a teamster all over the State. He died in 1874, aged ninety-six years. One of his grand children is Miss Anna Lyle, teacher of history in the Millersville State Normal School. The lime business continued to grow in Quarryville after it was established by Martin Barr, until about 1860, when commercial fertilizers began to be put on the market. Millions of bushels of lime have been burned from stone taken from the quarries on the "Ark" property. Those who tenanted the "Ark" are gone, the estate is subdivided, new methods have succeeded the old, but the "Ark" still stands as a landmark in the village of Quarryville.

JAMES C. BROBST, M. D., a popular physician of Lititz, Lancaster county, is descended from Dr. Valentine Brobst, who came to America from Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1827, and settled in Baltimore, where he helped to establish the Baltimore University. He was the great-grandfather of Dr. James C. Brobst. His son, Valentine Brobst, was also a physician. The latter left Baltimore, his first home, and went to Mt. Carmel, Pa., where he had extensive investments in coal lands, and from there removed to Reading.

Valentine Brobst (3), father of Dr. James C., was a scrivener and conveyancer. He married Mary Miller, daughter of Peter Miller, a hotel keeper at Hamburg, Berks Co., Pa. They had five children, four of whom are still living: John A., of Bernville, Pa.; Dr. Edward, of West Leesport, Pa.; Mary E., wife of J. Frank Buck, proprietor and editor of the *Lititz Record*; and Dr. James C., of Lititz. Sarah, wife of Col. J. H. Rossler, went to California for her health, and died there.

James C. Brobst was born at Rohrsburg, Pa., Aug. 18, 1844. After attending the academy at Myerstown (which is now known as the Palatinate College) he entered Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, from which he was graduated in 1861, as valedictorian of the class, which embraced a number of young men who afterward attained eminence. Studying medicine in the office of his brother, Dr. John A. Brobst, he prepared himself for entrance to the University of Pennsylvania, where he spent four years, graduating in the class of 1864. Two years later he was graduated from Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York. During his course at the University of Pennsylvania, he served

in the Union army, as assistant surgeon of the 46th P. V. I., and at the end of a year and a half of faithful service was discharged by reason of the closing of the war.

Dr. Brobst began the practice of medicine in civil life in Leesport, Berks county, where he remained three years, and then removed to Mohrsville, where he practiced five years, at the end of that period coming to Lititz. This was in September, 1873, and Dr. Brobst has been a resident of Lititz continuously to the present time, and has so grown into and with the place, that he is now one of the most familiar and prominent figures of that famous borough. He is a member of the State Medical Society, and was one of its representatives to the National Medical Society at its session in Washington in 1872. He is a member of the local post of the Grand Army, and all the old veterans look upon him as their especial friend. This is the only fraternal organization with which he is connected. In religion he is descended from an old and faithful family of Lutherans.

Dr. Brobst was married, in 1868, to Miss Emma E. Mohr, a daughter of Isaac H. Mohr, of Mohrsville, whose ancestors founded the thriving and busy place that bears their name. To this union were born three children, two of whom are living: Helen Mohr, now a student at Linden Hall; and Valentine, also attending school.

Dr. Brobst's office is adjacent to his fine and commodious drug store, in the rear of which is a laboratory where are prepared the specialties manufactured by the Inland Chemical Company, which was founded in 1870, and reorganized into the present company in 1899. Of this organization Dr. Brobst is president. Its specialties are Tea-berry Elixir, Indian Herb Red Clover Cough Syrup, Pain Cure Oil and Lecto-Peptic Acid, which are now sold all over the country.

Dr. Brobst is the owner of a fine store and farm at Lime Rock, Lancaster county. He is president of the Farmers Fencing Association, an organization which meets monthly in Lancaster to consider and meet the fence question, a most important one to farmers; its energies are devoted to the growth and erection of hedges and wire fences. It has no stock on the market, a surplus in the treasury, and has paid six per cent for a number of years. Much of its prosperity is due to the doctor's earnest and capable interest in its affairs. Dr. Brobst has been an active promoter and manager of county fairs at Lancaster and Lititz for many years, and is closely associated with the farming interests of his community.

Dr. Brobst's business associations are many and profitable. He was a promoter of the Lititz Electric Light Company, which was organized in 1874, and is its president; he is a director of the Womelsdorf Water Company, of the Schuylkill Valley Electric Railway Company, the Mine Hill Steam Railway, and of the Lititz Water Company; and has recently

assisted in the organization of the Lititz Sanitarium, founded for the treatment of chronic diseases, with room for twenty-five patients. Dr. Brobst is always ready to invest his time and money in every enterprise that looks to the improvement of the beautiful borough in which his home is found.

Politically Dr. Brobst is a Republican, but he has never consented to take a political position save one, and that was when his fellow townsmen insisted upon his election as chief burgess, he being the second man to fill that office after that town had become a borough. He has been active as a campaign orator for the Republican party for the last twenty years, being called upon by the State Committee to serve in that capacity in the Harrison campaign and both McKinley campaigns. A forceful and earnest speaker, he attracts the masses with his great fund of anecdote and story, so that when one of his Lititz friends introduces him at political meetings as a second Mark Twain the introduction is regarded by the audience as an appropriate one. No man in Lititz is more popular, and few men in the county are more widely or favorably known than Dr. Brobst.

Though he has been active in many fields of usefulness, Dr. Brobst's greatest work undoubtedly has been a philanthropic one. He has reared and educated eleven boys and two girls, and each of these eleven boys is now a successful druggist.

REV. ABRAHAM HORST, who, since 1868, has been a faithful and devoted minister of the Mennonite faith, was born Sept. 20, 1821, a son of Peter and Elisabeth (Heisey) Horst, who were born on adjoining farms in Lebanon county, Pa., and there passed their lives. Peter Horst was a farmer by occupation and passed to rest in July, 1840, while his wife had preceded him to the better land in 1829. Their remains lie buried in a private burying ground on their old farm. In life they were consistent followers of the Mennonite faith. The children born to Peter Horst and wife were as follows: Peter, who died in 1890, married Nancy Shaffer, and has a family of five children; Jacob, who died in 1894, married Nancy Kraybill, and had no family; Elizabeth married Peter Smith, and became the mother of seven children, but is now deceased; Sarah is the deceased wife of Michael Shank, by whom she had six children; David, who died in 1875, married Eliza Brightenstein, and had eight children: Benjamin, now deceased, married Sarah Shawk, and had six children; Rev. Abraham is next in order of birth; and Mary, deceased, married Jacob Bachman, and became the mother of eleven children. Previous to his marriage with Elisabeth Heisey, Peter Horst had wedded Catherine Smith, a native of Lebanon county, Pa., who became the mother of four children, all now deceased. The children by this first marriage were: Nancy; Joseph; Catherine, who married Samuel Gaman, and had seven children;

and Samuel, who married Catherine Shaffer, and had eight children.

The old home of the Horst family in Lebanon county was originally purchased many years ago, and consisted of four hundred acres. The place is now occupied by the fifth generation from the original owner. The Heisey family were also of Lebanon county, and were farming people. They originally came from Switzerland.

Rev. Abraham Horst remained with his parents until they had both passed away, and then leaving the home farm, began milling, first in Manheim, and then on the Conestoga, but after a year and a half he went West, locating in Montgomery county, Ohio, where he followed the same occupation for one and one-half years. He then returned to Lebanon county, Pa., and there worked in the sawmill business for his brothers. This he continued until his marriage, when he began farming in that same county, but a year later located in Penn township, Lancaster county, and after five years located on the farm he still owns, and which he continued to operate until 1890, when he retired and moved to the present comfortable home, leaving his son and namesake to continue the cultivation of the fields. In 1868 he was admitted to the ministry of the Mennonite faith, in which he had been reared, and has continued to expound the doctrines of his Church to the present time, after the manner of Chaucer's "good man of religion," who "preached, but first he practiced it himself." In his political faith he was a Republican until his admission to the ministry. He is one of the prominent men of his community, beloved alike for his genial manners and his unquestioned integrity.

Rev. Horst has been twice married. First in 1847, in Lancaster, he wedded Miss Anna Brubaker, and to this union were born the following children: Susannah B., who married Henry Shank, of Penn township, and had fourteen children; Maria B., who married Martin Risser, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, and has eight children; Elizabeth B., who married Rev. Abraham Kauffman, a Mennonite preacher of Port Huron, Mich., by whom she has four children; Anna B., who married Anthony Fauser, a farmer of Penn, and has ten children; Sarah B., deceased in infancy; Catherine B., who married Jacob Risser, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, and has three children; Abraham B., a farmer residing on the old homestead; Miss Fanny B., residing in Rapho township; Benjamin B., unmarried, and residing in Fulton, Ohio; Barbara B., who died in infancy; and Martha B., who married Oscar Kreider, a painter of Rapho township, and has three children. Mrs. Anna (Brubaker) Horst was born in 1823, and died in 1872, her remains resting in Hernley's Meeting House cemetery. She was the daughter of Jacob and Maria (Eby) Brubaker, of Lancaster.

For his second wife, Rev. Horst married, June 17, 1879, in Perry county, Pa., Miss Rebecca J. Lauver, daughter of Fred and Mary (Auker) Lau-

ver, and to this union was born one daughter, Naomi L., who lives at home.

Fred Lauver was actively engaged in farming in Perry county, until about ten years prior to his death which occurred March 17, 1876, when he was aged seventy-five years. His wife, Mary Auker, a daughter of Casper and Mary (Brandt) Auker, of Perry county, was born in 1802, and passed away March 25, 1882, and was buried at the side of her husband in Fautz Valley. They, too, were members of the Mennonite Church, in which her father, Casper Auker, was a minister. The following is a brief record of their family of children: Fanny, who married Jacob H. Lehman, of Franklin County, Pa.; Belthasor, of Juniata county, Pa., married Mary Kraybill; Mary married Christian Martin, of Lancaster county; Anna married John Kraybill, of Snyder county, Pa.; Susannah, deceased; Lydia married Isaac Winey, of Snyder county, Pa.; Catherine married Benjamin Dillman, of Juniata county, Pa.; Elizabeth married Eli Grubb, of Perry county; Isaac was deceased in infancy; Simeon married (first) Margaret Grubb, and (second) Elizabeth Book; and Rebecca J., wife of Rev. Horst. Fred Lauver was a son of Michael and Anna (Kindig) Lauver, of whom the former, Michael, was a farmer and Mennonite deacon in Juniata county.

THOMAS BAUMGARDNER COCHRAN. Prominently identified with much of the public life of the State of Pennsylvania, a leader in the Republican party, and an influential factor in the literary and commercial life of Lancaster, Thomas Baumgardner Cochran well represents the finest type of American citizenship. As a senior member of the firm of T. B. & H. B. Cochran, proprietors and editors of the *Examiner and Express*, of Lancaster, he has long exerted a wide influence, and is no less honored beyond his home, as an able journalist.

The ancestors of Mr. Cochran, as described in ancient records, belonged to a family of great antiquity, and the name is derived from the Barony of Cochrane, in Renfrewshire, Scotland. Warden de Cochrane, in the reign of Alexander III, was a witness to grants of sundry lands in the County of Argyll made by Dunegal, or Dongal, the son of Swaine, to Walter Cumming, Earl of Monteith, and his successor swore fealty to King Edward I, of England. William Cochrane, who lived in the reign of Queen Mary, obtained from Her Majesty charters of the land and Barony of Cochrane, and erected from its foundations the ancient seat of that family, at the same time that he adorned it with extensive plantations. Sir John Cochrane lived in the reign of Charles I, and was a devoted Loyalist. His brother, Sir William Cochrane, of Cowden, a man of "great parts and learning," was equally loyal, and in recognition of his services was raised to the peerage, in 1647, as Baron Cochrane, of Dundonald, and at the same time was created Lord Cochrane of Paisley and Ochiltree. Lord Cochrane left two sons, Will-

iam, Lord Cochrane, and Sir John Cochrane, of Ochiltree, the latter's daughter having been the familiarly known Lady Kilsythe, of Scotland.

The Cochranes were ranked among those who were friendly to Presbyterianism, and shared the fate of thousands of other families who were driven from their country to seek homes in the North of Ireland during the persecution of that religious denomination in England. In 1570 John Cochrane, of the family of the Earl of Dundonald, from whom Thomas Baumgardner Cochran (the final "e" has long since dropped from the name) traces his lineage, crossed from Paisley, Scotland, to the North of Ireland. His son James was succeeded by John, who was the father of another James, and then came Robert.

James, Stephen and David, sons of Robert, emigrated to Pennsylvania in the beginning of the eighteenth century, and first settled in what is now known as Cochranville, Chester Co., Pa. John, son of James, and grandson of Robert, removed from Chester county to Delaware, locating near Middletown. He married Mary Ellis, and among their children was Dr. Richard E. Cochran, born Sept. 1, 1785.

Dr. Richard E. Cochran was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1810, took part in the war of 1812, was elected a member of the Delaware Assembly for the session of 1822-23, and was very nearly elected governor of Delaware. He practiced medicine in Middletown and Wilmington, Del., until May, 1824, when he removed to Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he successfully engaged in the practice of his profession. In 1836 he was a Henry Clay elector for Lancaster county, and was an enthusiastic Whig; and was also a member of the Reform Convention which met to amend the Constitution that year. In the summer of 1854, when cholera was epidemic in Columbia, Dr. Cochran fell a victim, entering into well-earned rest, in his seventieth year.

On May 5, 1812, Dr. Richard E. Cochran wedded Eliza F. Evans, daughter of Dr. Thomas Evans, of near Middletown, Del., and to this union were born the following named children: (1) Thomas E., a prominent lawyer, represented Lancaster and York counties in the State Senate in 1840-43, was elected auditor general of the State of Pennsylvania in 1859, and was a member of the State Constitutional Convention of 1872-73; he died at York, Pa., in 1882. (2) John Jefferson, the veteran publisher and journalist, is mentioned below. (3) Lieut. Richard E. served in the regular army, in Florida and among the Indian tribes in Arkansas and Kansas, and was under Gen. Taylor in the Mexican war, falling at the battle of Resaca de la Palma, just after he had entered the intrenchments captured from the Mexicans. (4) Theodore D., a journalist and politician, graduated from the Columbia *Spy* office, and succeeded Preston B. Elder in the editorial management of that paper; in 1840 he came to Lancaster and took charge of *The Old Guard*,



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then the organ of "Honest John Strohm," for years a prominent political figure in this county. Mr. Cochran was elected to represent Lancaster county in the Legislature in the session of 1844-45; served in the Mexican war as a lieutenant of volunteers, and as a captain in the Civil war, and died in York in 1863. (5) Mary Frances Cochran died in 1884.

John Jefferson Cochran was born in Wilmington, Del., Dec. 20, 1816, and was in his eighth year when the family moved to Columbia, this county. In 1831 he entered the office of the *Columbia Spy*, then edited by his brother, Thomas E. Cochran, and there he became an expert and thorough printer. In the spring of 1835 he removed to York, where, in partnership with his brother, Thomas E. Cochran, he continued the publication of the *York Republican* until 1852, when they sold the paper. In the meantime he had been appointed postmaster at York, by President Fillmore, and filled the office with great acceptability until 1853, when he moved to Lancaster and engaged in the coal mining business in Shamokin, Pa., the firm being Cochran, Peale & Co. On Sept. 21, 1858, in connection with his brother, Thomas E., he purchased the *Independent Whig* and the *Inland Daily Times* from Theophilus Fenn, discontinued the daily edition, and changed the name of the weekly to the *Lancaster Union*. On Jan. 1, 1863, the Messrs. Cochran sold the *Union* to John A. Heistand & Co., who consolidated it with *The Examiner and Herald*. In the meantime John J. Cochran was appointed postmaster at Lancaster by President Lincoln, and served until 1868. After his postmastership Mr. Cochran was appointed newspaper clerk in the House of Representatives at Washington, D. C., and served during the terms of the late Hon. O. J. Dickey, member of Congress from this district, after which the office was abolished. Following this he became one of the office editors of the well-remembered *Father Abraham*, the most unique paper ever published in Lancaster, and later became a stockholder in the Inquirer Printing & Publishing Co. In April, 1874, Mr. Cochran became the news editor of the *Lancaster Express*, discharging the duties of that position until December, 1876; and in the following April he accepted the position of news editor on the staff of *The New Era*, where he did signal service until Nov. 11, 1878, when, by reason of failing health, he resigned. John J. Cochran passed away May 12, 1879, in his sixty-third year. Another biographer says: "Mr. Cochran, who was a prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Lancaster, was an earnest Christian gentleman," to which those who were closely associated with him in newspaper work can heartily subscribe.

In October, 1839, Mr. Cochran married Miss Catherine Baumgardner, who belonged to one of the most prominent families of York, and whose brothers were the late Thomas and Henry Baumgardner, of Lancaster, and whose ancestor was Leonard Baumgardner, founder of the family in

Pennsylvania. To this union were born thirteen children, seven of whom survived him, as follows: Thomas B., mentioned below; Richard E., who is one of the vice-presidents of the United States Life Insurance Company, of New York; Harry B., one of the proprietors of *The Examiner*; John J., a coal merchant of Lancaster; Alice E., wife of Charles R. Morrell, of Merchantville, N. J.; Flora May, deceased, wife of James A. Romeyn, of Hackensack, N. J.; and Elizabeth G., also deceased.

Thomas Baumgardner Cochran, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in York, Pa., Aug. 21, 1845, and has proved himself a worthy son of a distinguished father. He removed with his parents to Lancaster in 1853, and was graduated from the Lancaster high school in 1861, when as an apprentice to the printer's trade he entered the office of the *Lancaster Union*, the organ of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, and after serving his time he worked at his trade in Philadelphia. During the Legislative session of 1864 he was employed by George Bergner, at Harrisburg, as reporter for the *Legislative Record*, serving in that capacity until 1871, when a vacancy occurred in the office of journal clerk in the Senate, to which position he was unanimously elected. During the period that he was legislative reporter he corresponded for the Lancaster papers, and was thus almost continuously in practical journalistic work. During the Presidential campaign of 1868 he formed a co-partnership with Capt. E. H. Rauch, in the publication of *Father Abraham*, but in 1870 he withdrew from this enterprise, read law with Judge Livingston, and was admitted to practice at the Lancaster Bar in 1873. While the Legislature was in session he served as journal clerk of the Senate, from 1871 to 1876, inclusive, and in 1877 he was elected, without opposition, to the chief clerkship of the Senate, which position he held until 1889. During all these years he was actively engaged in politics, was a member of the Republican State and County Committees for several years, and was chairman of the latter from 1886 to 1888, inclusive. For one year he was a member of the Lancaster city councils, and he was a member of the Lancaster city school board for twelve years, ending in November, 1889, when he declined a re-election.

In March, 1889, Mr. Cochran and his brother, Harry B. Cochran, purchased from John A. Heistand the *Examiner*, the building in which it was published, and all the plant, which they afterward increased by the addition of new presses and other machinery, building up a business and a paper second to no inland daily or weekly in the country. The *Examiner*, one of the oldest journals of the State, had passed through many different ownerships, and absorbed a number of other newspapers, including *The Old Guard*, in 1841; the *Lancaster Union*, in 1863; and the *Lancaster Evening Express*, in 1876. One of the owners of the latter was John H. Pearsol, Mr. Cochran's father-in-law. While a Republican newspaper, the *Examiner* is conducted on liberal and

independent lines, and has become one of the most influential journals in Pennsylvania. It is published daily and semi-weekly. An interesting thing in connection with Mr. Cochran's ownership of the *Lancaster Examiner and Express* is the fact that he finished his trade of printer on the *Express*, then owned by the late Mr. Pearsol, his father-in-law, that paper now being consolidated with his own, which also absorbed the one published by his uncle, Theodore, and the *Lancaster Union*, published by his father and uncle, Thomas E., on which he (Thomas B.) began his apprenticeship.

On April 8, 1875, Thomas Baumgardner Cochran was united in marriage with Miss Anna Margaret Pearsol, daughter of the late John H. Pearsol, for many years the senior publisher of the *Evening Express*, of Lancaster, and of this union two children were born: Miss Katharine, a graduate of Wilson College, of Chambersburg, Pa., is at home; William Pearsol, a graduate of the electrical department of the State College of Pennsylvania, 1898, is now mechanical and electrical engineer of the Lackawanna Coal & Coke Co., in western Pennsylvania.

Fraternally Mr. Cochran is a Mason of high degree, belonging to Lamberton Lodge, No. 476; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13. His name is well known in philanthropic circles. He is a trustee for the Home for Friendless Children, and also for the Thaddeus Stevens Orphans' Home, both of Lancaster. He is also a trustee of Woodward Hill Cemetery. He has been an active member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Lancaster since its organization, in 1867, and was one of its founders. In the organization of the Lancaster Street Railway Company he was a prime factor, and its first secretary. This company was the beginning of the present extensive trolley system in Lancaster city, and radiating from it to the principal towns and boroughs of Lancaster county. Mr. Cochran is a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society. Outside of the journalistic field Mr. Cochran has acquired a prominent place, and unlike many men of literary tastes he is a fine business man, and is a member of the Lancaster Board of Trade. Since 1886 he has edited and compiled the well-known and useful "Smull's Legislative Handbook and Manual of the State of Pennsylvania." Mr. Cochran is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and is an enterprising and liberal citizen. Politically he is known all over the State, and has been an influential factor in the Republican politics of Pennsylvania for the past thirty years. Devoted to the principles of the party, true and steadfast in his friendships, liberal in his views, but firm in his convictions and with the courage to assert them, Thomas Baumgardner Cochran is justly regarded as a strong man, and, personally, no one is more popular.

HARRY BAUMGARDNER COCHRAN, of the firm of T. B. & H. B. Cochran, publishers and editors of *The Examiner*, and a son of ex-postmaster John J. Cochran, was born in the city of Lancaster March 25, 1853, and was educated in the public schools there, graduating from the Boys' High School in 1868, and afterward attending Franklin and Marshall College for two years.

After leaving college Mr. Cochran entered the drug store of Dr. George R. Welchans, where he remained two and one-half years, and then went on the road as a traveling salesman for a wholesale drug house. Later purchased the drug business of Dr. Welchans, taking charge Nov. 1, 1874, and conducting it with marked success until 1889. On March 27th of that year, in connection with his brother, Thomas B. Cochran, he bought *The Examiner*, and at once proceeded to enlarge and strengthen the plant by the addition of new presses and other machinery.

Mr. Cochran was secretary of the State Pharmaceutical Examining Board of Pennsylvania from 1887 to 1891, when he resigned because of other interests which required his time and attention. Many of the successful business ventures of this city owe their organization, in some degree, to Harry B. Cochran. As one of the organizers of the Edison Electric Company of Lancaster, in 1885, he was its first manager, but later resigned the position; and he was also one of the organizers of the Hamilton Watch Company, and for one and one-half years served as a director; this, too, he resigned, in order to devote his whole time and business thought to the interests of his rapidly growing newspaper enterprise.

Mr. Cochran was married June 14, 1877, to Miss Alma C. Shreiner, daughter of the late Martin and Maria Shreiner, and whose grandfather, Martin Shreiner (they spelled it with a "c" in the early days), was the manufacturer of the celebrated "Shreiner Grandfather Clock." Three children blessed this union: Miss Mary, a graduate of the Girls' High School, of Lancaster, and of Wilson College, Chambersburg, who married Lewis B. Sprecher, of Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 19, 1902; Miss Flora; and John S., who is a student in the Pennsylvania State College, class of 1903.

Mr. Cochran is an active man, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council and commandery in the Masonic fraternity, and in religion he is a Lutheran, being a member of St. John's Church, where he has been trustee for more than fourteen years, and in which he at one time served both as librarian and as teacher in the Sunday-school. An intelligent, progressive business man, of liberal views and practices in all measures looking toward the "greatest good to the greatest number" of our people, Mr. Cochran naturally occupies a position in the front ranks of Lancaster's representative citizens.

JAMES AGNEW PATTERSON. By the death of James Agnew Patterson, on Jan. 7, 1898, the Borough of Mt. Joy lost one of its oldest and most useful citizens. By nature unassuming, he was always unwilling to take any conspicuous part in public life, but was of service to his locality as an excellent farmer and upright citizen, whose integrity was never questioned. The name of Patterson appears in the early history of the county, where it has ever been honored and respected, and no member of the family ever bore it more worthily than did James Agnew Patterson.

The late Mr. Patterson was born in Rapho township, Sept. 26, 1810. His parents were Col. James and Mary (Watson) Patterson, the former having been born on the old Rapho township homestead, and the latter in East Donegal township. Col. James was a son of Lieutenant James (who served in the Revolution), had his residence at Greenwood, and was an officer in the war of 1812. As early as 1819 he was elected as a Representative in the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and again in 1833 and 1834. As an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Donegal, he was highly esteemed, being elected to this dignified office from 1819 until his death, May 30, 1863, his birth dating back to the historic time, Oct. 7, 1775. His remains lie in Donegal Church cemetery. The maternal grandparents of James A. Patterson were Dr. John Watson and Margaret (Clemson) Watson, of Donegal Springs.

The founder of the Patterson family, though of Scotch descent, emigrated from Ireland, in 1724, and located on the Big Chiquesalunga creek, where he took up large tracts of land, and part of this is now owned and occupied by Jacob G. Nissley. His wife was Ann, the daughter of Abraham Scott, and they reared a family of nine children. The family record is easily traced thus: (I) Arthur Patterson married Ann Scott. (II) Lieut. James Patterson married Margaret Agnew. (III) Col. James Patterson married Mary Watson. (IV) James Agnew Patterson married Sarah Margaret Sterrett.

Until 1854, the late James A. Patterson followed an agricultural life, but then moved into Mt. Joy. During the two years intervening between 1865 and 1867 he belonged to the United States Revenue service in the capacity of collector, but could never be prevailed upon to accept political office. As a friend of education, he served fifteen years as school director, and for twenty years was an elder in the Donegal Presbyterian church, where his place was seldom vacant, and to which he was a large and generous contributor for benevolent and charitable work. His political convictions were with the Republican party, but he never joined any fraternal organizations, as he was conscientiously opposed to secret societies.

The marriage of James Agnew Patterson took place on Nov. 14, 1844, to Sarah Margaret Sterrett, a daughter of Thomas Sterrett, of Lancaster county, and to this marriage were born: Mary Watson, the

only survivor, who resides in the old home in the borough of Mt. Joy; Martha S., deceased; James H., deceased; William S., deceased; Laura, who died in infancy; and Margie J., who died in infancy.

MILTON B. MUSSER, M. D., associated during his professional life with private and hospital practice in Philadelphia, was born near Strasburg, Lancaster county, Pa., and died in Philadelphia, March 2, 1888, at the age of forty years. His parents, Henry and Elizabeth (Breneman) Musser, were natives of Lancaster county, where the father was a farmer during early life, although he eventually retired to Strasburg, and died in Lampeter. He was twice married, and was the father of three sons: Dr. Henry E., of Lampeter; Charles, who died young, and Milton B.

The education of Milton B. Musser was acquired in the public school near his father's farm, and at the Millersville Normal, from which he graduated at the age of eighteen. His professional training was received primarily under his uncle, Benjamin Musser, at the Bellevue College, N. Y., and at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated at the age of twenty-one. He served for a time as resident physician of the Philadelphia hospital, and then opened a private office in the city, a large and remunerative practice finally rewarding his perseverance. At different times he was connected as physician with various hospitals and city institutions and was accounted skilled both in surgery and medicine. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, a Republican in politics, and was identified with the Presbyterian Church.

In Philadelphia Dr. Musser married Caroline Swain, born in Morris county, N. J., and daughter of Mahlon F. and Jane (Guerin) Swain, of Dutch-English ancestry. Three children were born to Dr. Musser and his wife: Henry M., a manufacturer of Lancaster; Lawrence G.; and Anna W.

EMANUEL ZIMMERMAN OR CARPENTER was a son of Henry Carpenter, and he was born in Switzerland in the year 1702. Henry Carpenter had arrived in Philadelphia in 1698, but afterward returned to Europe, coming back to America in 1706, bringing his family with him. He settled first in Germantown, but removed to within the present bounds of Lancaster county, then Chester, in 1717. Emanuel Carpenter was a member of the Assembly from Lancaster county in 1768. In 1760 he was appointed a presiding Justice of the Common Pleas court of Lancaster county, and held that position until his death in 1780. He died "beloved and lamented by all." He is buried in Zimmerman's or Carpenter's graveyard, near Earlville.

GEORGE SELDOMRIDGE (deceased). The death of George Seldomridge Nov. 20, 1898, removed from Salisbury township one of its esteemed and leading citizens, well known also in all that part

of Lancaster county. He was born June 20, 1819, in Salisbury township, son of John and Christianna (Smoker) Seldomridge.

John Seldomridge, his father, operated a hotel in Intercourse, Leacock township, during a long period, dying there in 1851, aged sixty years; his widow survived until 1859, dying at the age of seventy years. They were members of the Dunkard Church, and were interred in Roland's Church cemetery, in Earl township. The children born to them were as follows: John, who died in 1898, a merchant, a justice of the peace and once prothonotary of the county; George, of this record; Maria, who was the wife of Abigner Miller; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Knox, of Leacock township; Casandra, deceased, wife of John Jacobs; and Catherine.

George Seldomridge followed principally the occupation of drover until about the time of his marriage, and then engaged in farming in Leacock township, until 1873, when he removed to Salisbury township, and for fifteen years operated what is now known as the Hess mill; at the end of that period he settled on the farm where his widow and sons now reside. There he passed away, when full of years, after a useful and exemplary life. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and was buried in Christ Church cemetery, in Leacock township. As a man of reliability and influence, he was frequently called upon to serve in public offices, and was one of the efficient school directors during his residence in Leacock township, and was auditor of Salisbury township.

On Dec. 29, 1853, in Lancaster, Mr. Seldomridge was married to Miss Sarah Ann Fenninger, and to this union were born these children: John F., the proprietor of a hotel at White Horse, Pa., who married Mary Worst, and has seven children; Edwin F., a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Anna Margaret Worst; Sarah C., who married Samuel Wanner, a farmer of Salisbury township; George M., a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Mary Reeser, and has two children; Fred G., who married Alta Bair, and resides on the old homestead (she is a daughter of Eckert and Fianna (Hoover) Bair, who still reside in Salisbury township); Hannah Elizabeth, who married Brinton Oberholtzer, a farmer of Salisbury township, has two children and resides at Mast, Pa.; and Aldus M., who married Amanda Miller, in Centerville, Pa., and has two children, Anna M. and Elsa M. Mrs. Aldus M. Seldomridge is a daughter of John I. and Anna M. (Smoker) Miller, the former an ex-soldier and retired millwright of Lancaster county.

This family is one of the old and prominent ones of the county and is especially noted for its substantial character and agricultural excellence. The two brothers, Fred G. and Aldus M., for some time owned and operated the home farm, consisting of 146 acres, but Aldus has now sold his part to Hannah E. Oberholtzer and has purchased the old

Amos Henderson farm at White Horse. Both are well and favorably known through Salisbury township, in politics they are Republicans, and their religious connection is with the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Sarah Ann (Fenninger) Seldomridge was born in Harristown, Lancaster county, Dec. 20, 1831, daughter of John F. and Sarah (Swigart) Fenninger, the former of whom was a native of Switzerland, and the latter of East Earl township. When but sixteen years of age Mr. Fenninger came to Lancaster county, with a brother, and settled near Milltown, in Paradise township. He carried on a butchering business in Harristown and died in that place in 1864, at the age of seventy-one years. His widow died in 1873, at the age of eighty-three years, and both were buried in Christ Church cemetery, having been consistent members of that church. They were the parents of the following named children: John and Martin, deceased; Hannah, deceased, who married Aaron Snyder; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; Samuel and Frederick, deceased; Rebecca, who married John Siegel, and resides in Bird-in-Hand; Sarah A., who became Mrs. Seldomridge; and Susan C., who married Jacob Armstrong, of Leacock township.

Mrs. Seldomridge resides on the old farm with her sons. She is a valued member of the Episcopal Church, and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

HENRY S. METZGER, late undertaker at Petersburg, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield township, Sept. 23, 1832, a son of Jacob and Mary (Smaling) Metzger, both natives of West Hempfield township, and he died May 14, 1902.

Frederick Metzger, the grandfather of Henry S., was born in Lancaster county, Sept. 29, 1768, and is supposed to be the son of the founder of the family in this country, whom tradition says came from Germany. Frederick Metzger was a hotel keeper, being engaged in that capacity for twenty-two years at what is now known as McGovernville in Lancaster county, where he died March 17, 1813. Farming and hotel keeping were combined in his career, as he also owned and operated a farm. His wife, Catherine Dengert, died Oct. 18, 1870, at the age of ninety-two years. To them were born seven children: Mary, who married John Stillinger; Elizabeth, who married Tobias Miller; Catherine, who married Peter Mumma; Susan, who married Jacob Seachrist; Andrew, a farmer and an auctioneer; Jacob, the father of Henry S. Metzger; David, a blacksmith by trade, who died Dec. 2, 1891, at the age of seventy-seven years.

Jacob Metzger was born Dec. 23, 1798, and spent his life in East and West Hempfield, working as a blacksmith all his life; he died Dec. 28, 1846; Mary Smaling, his wife, was born March 3, 1801, and died March 22, 1869. She was the mother of eight children: George, a wagon maker at Lititz and at Newtown, died in 1901; Jacob S., a carpenter

at Columbia, died Feb. 8, 1885; Frederick, a wagon-maker, lives in Landisville; Elizabeth is the wife of Levi Bull, of Landisville; Henry S.; Catherine is the wife of Simon Brubaker, who lives near Lafayette, Ind.; Andrew is a shoemaker and farmer whose residence is near Dayton, Ohio; and John, a farmer, has a home near North Manchester, Ohio.

Henry S. Metzger was reared in East Hempfield township, and acquired his education in the public school. When he was seventeen he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter trade, and he worked at that until he was twenty-seven years old. At that age he engaged in business on his own account, taking contracts and doing a building business which steadily increased until 1880. That year he gave up work as a carpenter, to which for some years he had been giving increasing attention. From 1880 until his death his undertaking business took all his time, and had made his name familiar all over this part of Lancaster county, as that of a man entirely trustworthy and thoroughly familiar with his work. As a carpenter and builder Mr. Metzger erected many of the more prominent buildings of the township; and as an undertaker he laid to rest many of the citizens who once lived in this part of the county.

Mr. Metzger was married Nov. 1, 1860, to Miss Mary A. Hollinger, who was born in the city of Lancaster in 1840, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Wayne) Hollinger; she died Sept. 30, 1900, the mother of one child, Maurice H. Maurice H. Metzger is a carpenter and builder in Lancaster. Matilda Lutz, his first wife, bore him three children: Flossie, wife of Charles M. Gerfin; Paul; and Mary, deceased. Mrs. Matilda (Lutz) Metzger died Jan. 30, 1890, at the age of thirty-two. Mr. Metzger married for his second wife, Miss Ida Wagner, by whom he has two children, Mary S. and Roy.

Henry S. Metzger was a member of the Reformed Church, of which he was treasurer and trustee, and he held an enviable position in the estimation of the community in which he lived.

DR. JEFFERSON E. KERSHNER, Professor of Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy, Franklin and Marshall College, is as popular in educational and social circles in Lancaster as he is in college and theological seminary circles. His biography is thus briefly, but succinctly, told in that fine publication, *Universities and Their Sons*: "Jefferson E. Kershner was born in Perry township, Berks county, Pa., in 1854; graduated at Franklin and Marshall College in 1877; he studied Theology for two years; was a graduate student in Mathematics and Astronomy, Yale University, 1879-80; had the title of Ph. D. conferred upon him by Yale in 1885, and has been Professor of Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy at Franklin and Marshall College from 1880 to the present time.

"Jefferson E. Kershner, Ph. D., was born in Perry township, Berks Co., Pa., Aug. 16, 1854, son

of John and Sibilla (Engle) Kershner. His paternal grandparents were John and Catherine (Hertz) Kershner, and those on the maternal side were Jacob and Catherine (Rahn) Engle. He attended the common and select schools of Berks county, and the Keystone State Normal school, after which he entered Franklin and Marshall College, where he took his bachelor's degree in 1877. He next took a two years course at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, from which he entered the Graduate Department of Yale, studying mathematics and astronomy there through the college year of 1879-80, and received from that University the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1885. In September, 1880, he was called to the chair of Mathematics, Physics and Astronomy at Franklin and Marshall, which he still occupies. Dr. Kershner is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science."

Volumes might be written of Dr. Kershner's labors in Lancaster—labors that are by no means confined to instructing the students of Franklin and Marshall College, for students of the State Normal School at Millersville, of the Boys' and Girls' High Schools of Lancaster, and of other educational institutions, have time and again gone "star-gazing" on the invitation of the genial yet profound Dr. Kershner, who finds no greater delight than in taking parties to the College Observatory, and pointing to them those bright ministers of the Eternal which watch over and illumine the Heavens. Great, indeed, has been his work in Lancaster; and hosts of people, young and old, will ever hold him in grateful remembrance for the entertaining and instructive hours they have been permitted to spend in his scholarly yet unostentatious company.

REV. JOHN K. RANCK (deceased). For many years this devout minister labored in the cause of religion in Lancaster county. He was a native of this county, and in his earlier years followed farming. Duty, however, opened to him a new path in life, and in his after years he gave to the Mennonite Church the wholesouled devotion of his life, not only preaching in the vicinity of his home, but engaging extensively in missionary work throughout the week.

Rev. Ranck was born in Strasburg township about one and a half miles southeast of the borough of Strasburg, Oct. 8, 1840, son of Jacob and Susan (Leaman) Ranck. He was reared on his father's farm, and he accepted that vocation, when he began his own independent career, locating on a farm in Leacock township, a half mile south of Intercourse. Here for fourteen years he followed farming very successfully. He then purchased the McCauley and Taggart farms, a portion of which is now occupied by the village of Kinzers. The property contained 267 acres of land, which is preserved intact, except that portion which has been laid off in village lots. Immediately after purchasing this property Mr.

Banck commenced some extensive improvements and made radical changes in the property, erecting a number of excellent buildings.

In 1878 John K. Ranck was ordained to the ministry of the Mennonite Church by Bishop Benjamin Herr, and from that time until his death, which occurred March 11, 1896, he was active in church and ministerial work. His duties were largely in the vicinity of his home in Lancaster county, but he also engaged in missionary or evangelical work, traveling as far West as the Pacific slope. After some four years in the ministry he gave up farming entirely, devoting his entire efforts to the Church and to its welfare. He had been an industrious and hard-working man, and a good financier, and his life was in every sense worthy and exemplary. He was survived by his wife, who had been Miss Anna Denlinger, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Denlinger, and by their one child, Jacob D. The widow is still living.

REV. JACOB D. RANCK, son of Rev. John K. and Anna Ranck, was born April 28, 1865. He was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools and in practical business life. At the age of twenty-one years he began the operation of his father's farms, which he followed for six years. Purchasing the coal and lumber business at Kinzers, he conducted the same for five years, and then sold out, resuming charge of the farm, and in connection with its operation he began contracting and building at Kinzers. Through his efforts Kinzers made rapid strides, and has become one of the more attractive villages of Lancaster county. Mr. Ranck erected eleven buildings at this place, all residence property. He platted a considerable addition to the village and laid out a street north of Main street through his own property, also a street at the east end and one at the west end of the village, thus connecting the two east and west streets. Some years ago Mr. Ranck purchased the first car load of cotton seed feed sold in the county, and after proving its merits, introduced it to others, until now there are hundreds of carloads sold every season. His work in this line has been so successful that the manufacturers of the feed, the Southern Cotton Oil Co., of Charlotte, N. C., have made him their general agent and manager for all states North of the Maryland and Virginia line. So rapidly has the business grown that he has been obliged to employ a number of sub-agents, and to give up his active farming entirely, although he still owns the home farms and manages them. He is one of the wide awake and progressive men of the town and in various ways he has contributed substantially to its growth and prosperity. He donated the ground to the Old Mennonite society at Kinzers upon which to erect the church edifice.

On Sept. 1, 1885, Mr. Ranck married Miss Jane E. Hess, daughter of the late John Hess. They are the parents of three children, Bessie E., John Elwood and Anna H. Mr. and Mrs. Ranck are promi-

nent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The church of that denomination at Gap, chose Mr. Ranck for their assistant pastor, and he was accordingly licensed as a local preacher. He has also served them as trustee, and he gives a large share of his time to the furtherance of religious work.

JOHN LIGHT ATLEE, M. D., was born in Lancaster Nov. 2, 1799, and was a physician and surgeon of repute. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1820, after which he opened an office in Lancaster, and his skill as a surgeon soon brought him into prominence. He helped found the Lancaster County Medical Society in 1843, and also the Pennsylvania State Medical Society in 1848. He was also one of the promoters of and organizers of the American Medical Association in Philadelphia, and became its president in 1882. He was also professor of anatomy at Franklin and Marshall College. He died at Lancaster Oct. 1, 1885.

EDWIN MORRISON ZELL, D. D. S. Among the esteemed citizens of Little Britain township, who is also well and favorably known through Lancaster county, is Dr. Edwin Morrison Zell, who has been a resident of Elim, since 1859, beginning the practice of dentistry in this locality the year previous.

The birth of Dr. Zell occurred in this county, in Colerain township, on Nov. 2, 1832. The family originated in Prussia, and settled in Chester county, Pa., where occurred the birth of the father of Dr. Zell, the well-known Rev. Isaac Zell, who for forty years was a notable minister in the Methodist Church in this State. Isaac Zell was born in 1794, a son of Adam Zell, a well-known miller of Cambridge, Chester county, and he died in Little Britain township in 1870. In 1822, he was married to Elizabeth Swift, and they reared eleven children: Joseph Swift, who died in 1900; Emmor E., who died in 1895; John W., who is a practicing physician of this township, extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere; Dr. Edwin M., of this sketch; Isaac B., who died in 1901; Dr. Amos B., who resides in Fairmount; Daniel D., who is a merchant of Churchtown; William R., who is a dentist in Fairmount; Martha E., who married Dr. Edwin Patterson, now deceased; Miss Elizabeth J., living on the old homestead in Little Britain township; and Samuel A., a dentist, practicing in New Holland, Pa. Few men in Lancaster county were more highly regarded during a long and useful life, than was Rev. Isaac Zell, both as minister and teacher, being distinguished in both professions. The other children in the family of Adam Zell, his father, were: Adam, John, Barbara, Margaret, Henrietta Ann and Catherine.

The mother of Dr. Zell was Elizabeth (Swift) Zell, and she was born in 1801, and lived to be ninety-four years of age, dying in 1895. The house in which her birth occurred, and in which she was

reared to womanhood, was a historic one, being also the birthplace of the celebrated Robert Fulton, to whose inventive genius the world owes so much. This property in the course of litigation, was sold at a foreclosure sale and was purchased by the father of Elizabeth Swift. Her parents were Joseph and Hester (Doughty) Swift, the former of whom was born in Philadelphia and was an importer there, and a son of Joseph Swift, who also was a native of that city.

The early life of Dr. Zell was passed on a farm, although the family has not been exclusively an agricultural one, many of them adorning professional life. His education was obtained in the public schools, and for a period he followed in the footsteps of his honored father, and became an educator in Lancaster county. In 1858 he began the practice of dentistry, and in 1859 located in the town of Elim which has been his place of residence and practice ever since. Here he has a most delightful home, and he also owns a fine farm located near Little Britain.

On Oct. 8, 1863 Dr. Zell was married to Miss Abi Hand, of Little Britain township, a daughter of Mathew and Margaret Hand. Three children were born to this union: Dora, who died young; Edwin, who died young; and James Harry, who passed out of life May 18, 1891. The death of this talented young man remains a grief to not only his devoted father, but to the community, for seldom has death found a more shining mark. Born the youngest of three children, on Aug. 6, 1867, he early displayed those qualities of mind and heart that gave promise of a bright future and eminent citizenship. His early education was received in the public schools and a collegiate course was followed in the York county Collegiate Institute, from which institution he graduated with high honors. Following an inherited tendency, he entered upon the study of medicine, resulting in his graduation in 1891, at the head of his class, from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. With every prospect of the future bright and promising, his early career was closed a few days later. Equipped mentally far beyond the average, it was his ambition to reach the top of the ladder in his profession, and in the meantime, he had not forgotten to also lay the foundations of his religious life. For many years he was a worthy and consistent member of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, and left behind him a memory of an exemplary life. The community which had watched him with affection from childhood, became mourners with his stricken father. The mother had passed away on March 20, 1883.

The second marriage of Dr. Zell occurred in Nov., 1892, Miss Lydia E. McSparran, of Furniss, Pa., becoming his wife. She was born in 1849, a daughter of Fleming and Elizabeth (Pusey) McSparran. A complete history of the McSparran family will be found elsewhere.

During his long residence in this locality and his prominence in his professional life, Dr. Zell has been

identified with almost all of the progress made in this section, and has been particularly active in the advancement of educational and religious interests. For a long period he has served as school director, and he is elder and trustee in the Presbyterian Church of Little Britain. In politics he belongs to the Democratic party, in which he has taken a very active interest. The family is one of the best known and most prominent in both Lancaster and Chester counties, and Dr. Zell is a worthy representative.

REV. WILLIAM PAXSON, D. D. (deceased) was born in Lancaster county, Pa., April 1, 1760. His early life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he served in two companies in the Revolutionary war, in one of which he participated in the battle of Trenton.

When twenty-four years of age Mr. Paxson began a preparatory course in the Strasburg Academy, and accumulated considerable knowledge on literary, scientific and theological pursuits. On April 29, 1789, the New Castle Presbytery took him under its care and, having passed through the several trials assigned him, he was licensed to preach April 8, 1790. In the following October he was assigned to supply the churches of Little Britain and West Nottingham. During his probationary services he frequently preached to the congregations of Toms creek and Lower Marsh creek in the Carlisle Presbytery, they having become vacant by the transfer of their pastor, Rev. John McKnight to the collegiate Presbyterian Churches in New York City. These vacant congregations extended to him a call which he accepted in April, 1792, he being thereupon dismissed from the New Castle Presbytery to the Carlisle Presbytery. In October, 1792, he was installed as pastor. Mr. Paxson was married Jan. 20, 1794, to Miss Jane Dunlap, a daughter of Col. James Dunlap, of near Shippensburg. He took charge of the above congregation for several years and finally became pastor of the Lower Marsh creek congregation alone, of which he was pastor for forty-nine years. In 1826 Dickinson College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He resigned the pastorate of his charge on Oct. 19, 1841. His death occurred April 16, 1845. As a pastor he had been very acceptable, as a disciplinarian he was strict and conscientious.

ABRAHAM F. HOSTETTER, Esq., a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, belongs to one of the oldest families in Lancaster county, his ancestors having settled here in 1709.

Jacob Hostetter, his first ancestor to come here, located on a farm at the end of South Queen street, just outside the city limits. The next in line of descent was Abraham Hostetter, a farmer of Manor township, and among his children was Christian Hostetter, who was the great-grandfather of Abraham F., the lawyer. Christian Hostetter settled in Warwick township, where he owned extensive farm lands, and there Jacob Hostetter, the grandfather of

Abraham E., was born, lived and died. There, too, Simon Hostetter father of Abraham F., was born, and during his active life was a farmer and miller, but now lives retired, at Oregon. It will thus be seen that for generations the family were landowners and farmers. Abraham F. Hostetter's mother was Miss Mary A. Frantz, daughter of the late Samuel Frantz, a farmer of Rohrerstown. She died in March, 1901. Only two children were born of this union, Henry F. (now living retired at Oregon) and Abraham F.

Abraham F. Hostetter was born on the old homestead, in Warwick township, May 29, 1851, and after attending the schools of the district entered the State Normal School at Millersville, from which he was graduated. Later he was graduated from the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor. His study of the law was begun under Judge John Dean, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, at Hollidaysburg, and after that his studies were pursued in the Law School of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated. Mr. Hostetter was admitted to practice law in the courts of Lancaster county in the fall of 1878, and in due time was admitted to practice in the Superior, Supreme and United States District Courts, in all of which he has enjoyed an extensive practice.

Outside of the practice of law, Mr. Hostetter has many interests, although his clientele in his chosen profession would alone keep a less industrious man very busy. But being of an active nature, and endowed with attributes that make him the successful business man as well as successful lawyer, Mr. Hostetter finds himself associated in many enterprises that go to make up the business life of the community. He is president of the Non-Retailing Company, wholesale jobbers in watches, a director of the First National Bank of Lancaster, as well as its solicitor, and solicitor for the Lincoln National Bank and the Farmers' National Bank of Lititz; a director of the Lancaster & Harrisburg Turnpike Company, and solicitor for a number of other turnpike companies and corporations; a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Millersville—a position he has held for years; chairman of the board of censors of the Lancaster Bar Association, and for years a member of the purchasing committee of the Law Library Association, in which he has taken a deep and active interest; was a member of the board of trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association during many of the years of its early struggles, and to-day a member of the board of trustees of the Young Women's Christian Association; and a member of the Pennsylvania Forestry Association. These are among the things that engage his attention, but by no means all. A member of the Lancaster County Historical Society and of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, it was fitting that he should have presided, as he did, at the dedicatory exercises of the Soldiers' Monument at Ephrata, and particularly so for the reason that he was one of the spirits

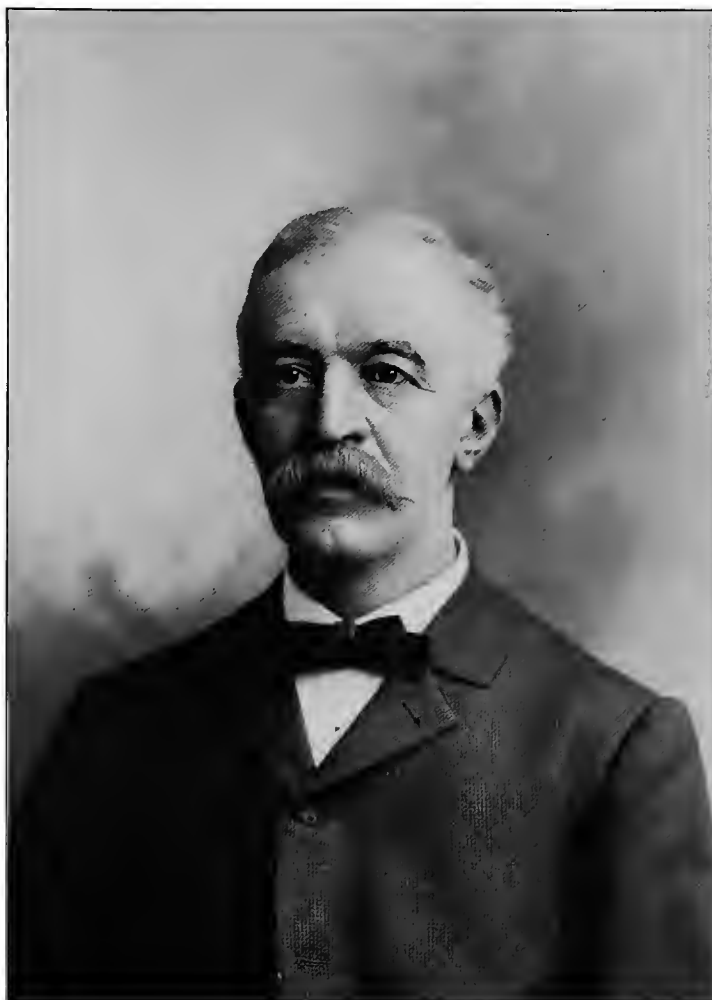
who kept up the agitation until the monument became an accomplished fact.

Before entering upon the study of law Mr. Hostetter was principal of the high school at Millersburg, Dauphin county, and later of the Altoona high school. An educator himself, he has always felt and manifested a keen interest in educational affairs, and in matters historical—next to the study and practice of the law—he has been the most zealous in his studies. A Republican in politics, his services as a campaign orator have been much sought in National as well as State campaigns, and unselfish have been his services in this direction, for he never sought office, and invariably declined all proffers in that direction, his profession being ever his leading thought. Busy though he has been these many years, busy as he still is (for he is perhaps busier now than ever), Mr. Hostetter is invariably genial and kindly—never too busy to give a smile and an encouraging word to those who approach him.

JOHN HOFF BAUMGARDNER, who has for years past been among the most prominent men of Lancaster county, in the public affairs of the city as well as in business enterprises, is a son of the late Thomas Baumgardner, who was a pioneer in the coal business in Pennsylvania, being interested in the first colliery in the Shamokin valley.

Thomas Baumgardner was one of the original promoters of the cotton-mill industries of Lancaster. Leonard Baumgardner, his grandfather, came to America during the Revolution, as a soldier with the British army, but deserted the ranks and fought under Washington for freedom. At the close of the war he settled in York. From this patriotic sire John H. Baumgardner is descended. Thomas Baumgardner married Miss Susan Ann Hoff, daughter of John Hoff, the celebrated pioneer clock maker, one of the most widely known makers of clocks in the country. To this union the following children were born: Mary E., widow of Edwin Eberman; Ellen, who married James Patterson, son of the late Judge Patterson; Marguerette A., widow of the late Wilson H. Jenkins, ex-district attorney of Camden county, N. J.; Susan A., widow of Franklin R. Howell, of Lancaster; Eliza A., widow of Paul Gerhart; and John H., whose name introduces these lines.

John H. Baumgardner was born in Lancaster April 23, 1843, and was graduated from the Boys' High School of Lancaster in 1861, and from the Philadelphia Polytechnic College, as a mechanical engineer, in 1863. After graduating from the Polytechnic College young Baumgardner learned the machinist's trade at the Industrial Works, Philadelphia, and, after working at Scranton and other places, returned to Lancaster, and was employed at the cotton factories, later at the Norris Locomotive Works, as draughtsman. Then he became associated with his father and uncle, the late Henry Baumgardner, in the coal business, and he is now the



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sole survivor of that partnership. The business was started by his father in 1840. In 1876 Mr. Baumgardner was one of the organizers of the Lancaster Gaslight & Fuel Company, of which he was elected treasurer. He built the works, and has been general manager to the present time. He was also treasurer of the Lancaster Street Railway Company, and built the road from the Soldiers' Monument, Centre Square, to McGrann's Park, a line which formed a nucleus for all the wonderful network of trolley lines which now constitutes the magnificent system of electric railways with which Lancaster is blessed.

Mr. Baumgardner was also interested in the first company to institute independent markets in the city, and made the drawings and superintended the construction of the Northern market. As a volunteer fireman he was among the foremost in the community, having been president of the Friendship Fire Company, of which his ancestor was one of the organizers in 1763, and he (John H.) was the first chief engineer of the old volunteer fire department of Lancaster. Mr. Baumgardner is a director and secretary of the Lancaster Gaslight & Fuel Company, and of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company; a director of the Reading & Columbia Railway Company; trustee of the Lancaster Cemetery Company; trustee of the Ann C. Witmer Home; trustee of the Mechanics Library; and member and trustee of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which his father was deeply interested, and to which the Baumgardner family have been generous contributors. Well known as is John H. Baumgardner in private business affairs, and in public enterprises looking to the public welfare, such as trolley systems, independent market houses and satisfactory illumination of dwellings, business houses and streets, he is even more widely known as a long-tried and trusted city servant, having been a member of the common branch of the city council for eighteen years, sent there term after term by the Republicans of the Sixth ward. During part of his career as a member of that body he was president thereof, and for the greater part of the time was chairman of the Finance committee, and it was admitted by all parties and all factions that his guardianship of the city finances was as careful as could be that of the most exacting business man in the conduct of his private affairs. Yet, with all the city affairs and business interests that weighed upon him, Mr. Baumgardner, by reducing his work to a system, found time for social recreation and enjoyment, he having been one of the original members of the Tucquan Piscatorial Club, and for many years its treasurer. Fraternally he belongs to Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M. It must certainly be a satisfaction to Mr. Baumgardner to feel that, besides having made a record as one of the city's guardians of which any man might well be proud, he conferred a positive and lasting blessing to the people of his community in having been one of the originators of the splendid trolley system and the no less splendid independent markets, these being among the things

of which Lancasterians boast, at home and abroad.

Mr. Baumgardner was married, May 5, 1875, to Miss Florine Meixell, daughter of Andrew and Susan Meixell, well-known citizens of Lancaster. Three children have been born of this union, namely: Thomas, a graduate of the State College, a member of Battery C, Pa. Vols., during the Spanish-American war, and now superintendent of the Columbia Gas Company; Susan, a student of the Drexel Art School; and John A., now attending Cornell University.

REV. JOHN M. ZIMMERMAN, of Caernarvon township, belongs to an old and highly respected family in Lancaster county, and worthily wears a good name. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father, all bore the given name of Christian.

Christian Zimmerman, the grandfather, was reared and spent his life on a farm some two miles northeast of Goodville. He was a good Christian man, belonged to the Mennonite Church, and led a blameless life. His children were: John, a Lancaster county farmer; Christian, mentioned below; David, who died young; Peter, who was long a farmer in Caernarvon township, and died in East Earl township; Barbara, who married John Swigart; Elizabeth, who became the wife of George Rupp, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Annie, who married David Cogel, of Cumberland county, Pa.; and Catherine, who married Peter Good, of Goodville.

Christian Zimmerman, the father of Rev. John, was reared on the old family homestead near Goodville, where he was born, and where he received his education. His death occurred in 1869, closing a useful and honorable career, at the age of seventy-six. All his life was spent on the homestead, where he followed farming, becoming one of the leading men of his calling in this section. Two farms belonged to him, and he was counted very successful. He belonged to the Mennonite Church, and was known as one of its most active and consistent members, and was highly regarded by all who knew him. His wife, Mary, was the daughter of Peter Martin. She lived to be seventy-eight years old, and passed away in 1875. They had a family of ten children: Barbara, Annie and Martin, deceased; Mary, who married John Weaver, a minister of the Mennonite Church, and with him went to Elkhart county, Ind., where she died; Catherine, deceased wife of Jacob Zimmerman, a Mennonite clergyman, formerly of East Earl township, but later of Leacock township, where her death occurred; John M.; Levi, a farmer and miller in East Earl township, where he died; Christian, who died on the old Zimmerman homestead near Goodville (he was the fourth Christian to occupy this place, which has now descended to his son, Christian, the fifth of the name); Peter, a farmer in East Earl township, where he died; and Rebecca, who married Abraham Martin, of Caernarvon township.

Rev. John M. Zimmerman was born on the old

homestead, July 22, 1829, where he was reared and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-four he was married, and for a short time made his home on a part of the old family estate, but presently he removed to his farm in Caernarvon township, about a mile southwest of Churchtown, where he is found to-day in the possession of a well-cultivated and finely tilled farm of eighty acres. On this place he has made many substantial improvements, and has always taken a deep interest in every measure that tends to the public good. In his business enterprises he has been very successful, and has long been regarded as one of the leading men of the township.

Mr. Zimmerman was married Dec. 8, 1853, to Miss Mariah Kurtz, who was born in East Earl township, Dec. 5, 1830, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Groff) Kurtz. To this union were born: Joseph K., who died in infancy, as did also Martha; Martin, a laboring man in Goodville, East Earl township, who married Miss Clarissa Emery, and has one child, John J.; Mary, who died in childhood; John G., who resides at the homestead in Caernarvon township, and does the home farming and who married Annie Denlinger, by whom he has one child, Martin D.; and Leah, who died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman have been life-long members of the Mennonite Church, and have taken a very active part in the prosperity of that body. In 1883 he was ordained one of its ministers by Bishop Shenk, and was assigned to the Weaverland District, where he has proved himself a faithful and able preacher of the Gospel. His conscientious and devoted efforts have been highly appreciated, and he and his worthy wife are held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends. For many years he has labored under a physical difficulty caused by a diseased arm, which gave him constant trouble. In 1885 he had it removed, which relieved his suffering, though it left him at a great disadvantage.

PROF. GEORGE MARTIN HAMBRIGHT, who for many years occupied a chair in the College of Pharmacy, at Chicago, is one of the most kindly, genial and popular gentlemen in Lancaster.

Prof. Hambright's grandfather was born in a substantial stone dwelling house at Eden, this county, and as this home, which is still in a good state of preservation, is understood to be 170 years old, the history of this family in this country, evidently goes far back into the beginning of things in this county. Prof. Hambright's grandmother was the daughter of a farmer named Miller, and a native of this county.

Adam Frederick Hambright, the father of the Professor, who bore the names of two uncles, was married to Elizabeth Eichelberger, the daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Eichelberger, representing one of the old families of Lancaster. From this union eleven children were born, of whom eight are living: (1) Charles S., an engineer of the U. P. railroad; (2) George M., of Lancaster, now retired; (3) Em-

ma, the wife of Dr. William A. Rupp, of the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster; (4) Marcellus Augustus, in the service of the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha; (5) Washington F., depot master and ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Lancaster; (6) John J., a druggist at Seattle, Wash.; (7) Sallie J., widow of Henry Hoffman, in Lancaster; and (8) Henry A., now employed on the N. Y., H. and N. H. railroad, in New York. Adam F. Hambright, the progenitor of this large and interesting family, was in the employ of the State, and the Pennsylvania Railroad, from 1848 until 1875, serving as conductor on the railroad until 1864, when he became a ticket agent, and remained in the service of the railroad until his death.

George Martin Hambright was born in Lancaster Nov. 27, 1841, and was educated in the city schools, graduating from the Lancaster high school in the class of 1858. Becoming an apprentice with George H. Markley & Brother, both of whom have gone on to join the great majority, he remained with them a year, and then connected himself with the drug firm of J. C. Turnpenny & Co., of Philadelphia, who were English Quakers, and masters of an extensive drug trade. With this fine house he remained two and a half years, and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in March, 1863. After completing his course in the College he went to Washington, D. C., and spent two years with a drug house in the national capital. This was in 1865, and from Washington he went to Chicago to engage in a drug business for himself, which proved very successful, and which he carried on for fifteen years. For half this time he was a professor in the Chicago College of Pharmacy, first occupying the chair of Materia Medica, and then the chair of Pharmacy, at the same time carrying on his drug business.

In 1873 Prof. Hambright returned to Lancaster, and built his beautiful suburban home at No. 415 West James street, which he has since owned and occupied with the exception of five years, when it was the home of Prof. Keifer, of Franklin and Marshall College. During this time Prof. Hambright was recalled to Chicago to work in the College of Pharmacy, which needed his services in a trying situation. In 1884 the Professor came back to Lancaster, and made his home in his beautiful house until 1900, when he removed to a much finer one in the same block.

Professor Hambright was married June 14, 1866, to Miss Annie E., daughter of Jacob H. Wittmer, a farmer of Manor township. To this union was born one son, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hambright died Dec. 1, 1888. Prof. Hambright was married for a second time Sept. 5, 1900, to Miss Katherine S., a daughter of the late J. B. Swartzwelder, one of Lancaster's pioneer planing men and builders. Prof. Hambright belongs to Grace Lutheran Church, of which he has been the financial secretary for the past six years, and superintendent of the advanced department of the Sunday school. He has been president

of the High School Alumni Association for the past sixteen years, and by his earnest personal efforts lifted that worthy organization out of the Slough of Despond into an assured success. Possessed of a fund of rare information, fond of social and literary gatherings, not at all penurious, he labors in the line of healthy organizations, seeking the moral and mental advancement of the community, his work has been far-reaching for good, and as such he will be long remembered by the people of the city in which he was born.

PETER MARTIN (deceased) was born in January, 1805, in that section of Elizabeth township which has since then been embraced within Clay township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Johannes Martin, his grandfather, who came from Switzerland, settled about two miles from Woodstock, in Shenandoah county, Virginia. Here Peter Martin, the father of the subject of our sketch, was born and lived until the residence of the white settlers there became unsafe owing to the troublesome Indians. Johannes Martin decided to change his place of residence to one where the Indians would not disturb him, so he moved with his family to the neighborhood of Ephrata, in Lancaster county. Here Peter Martin, the father of our subject, lived for quite a time, following the occupation of a country merchant. Governor Findlay appointed him a justice of the peace, and subsequently he removed to Elizabeth township. In this locality Peter Martin, Jr., was born and was educated in the public schools of the section. He helped his father in the store; became an expert penman and drew up many deeds and other papers for his father.

As the father advanced in years the son was appointed a justice of the peace, which position he held by Governor's appointment until the amended constitution came into force, when he was elected a justice. He was re-elected, but in 1850 he declined a second re-election. A Democrat in politics, he ran for Congress on several occasions, but was defeated. He subsequently joined the Knownothing party and finally the Republican, which party elected him prothonotary in 1860. He held this office for three years when he retired to his home at Lincoln, and there lived in private life until the autumn of 1866, when he was elected an associate judge of the courts of Lancaster county. He held this position up to the time of his death, which occurred suddenly Aug. 16, 1867. Mr. Martin was a man of quiet and dignified manners and was possessed of more than ordinary force of character.

JOHN F. YOST, M. D. Among the prominent and reliable physicians of Lancaster county, must be mentioned Dr. John F. Yost, a highly esteemed citizen of Bethesda. He was born in Baltimore county, Md., Aug. 4, 1841, a son of Charles K. and Elizabeth (Fife) Yost, both of whom were born and reared in York county, Pa. Their ancestry led to both Ger-

many and Ireland. Grandfather Jacob Yost was an estimable farmer citizen of York county, and reared five children: Charles K., Andrew J., Jacob, George and Mary Ann (who married Henry Webb).

Charles K. Yost, a son of Jacob and the father of Dr. Yost, was born Aug. 1, 1813, and died in November, 1900. In political belief, he was a staunch Democrat, and was also a leading member of the Methodist Church. About 1839 he was married to Elizabeth Fife, and they reared a family of intelligent children: John F.; Sarah E., who is the widow of Amos Graves, of St. Mary county, Md.; Jacob, who is a farmer in York county, Pa.; Louisa A., who is the wife of William H. Wentz, a farmer of Martic township; and Charles, a retired bookkeeper of York county.

Dr. Yost was the eldest child of his parents. It has been remarked by those who have closely studied the careers of the majority of the successful and prominent men of any locality, that their early rearing and environment has so frequently been on a farm. Such was the case with Dr. John F. Yost, and his earliest lessons were learned in the public school. Later the knowledge here gained was supplemented by an academical course, in the York County Academy, and then he entered the office of Dr. John L. Free, a successful physician of Stewartstown, in York county, in 1865 entering Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating in March, 1867. Dr. Yost soon established himself in his profession at Mount Nebo, remaining there until he located in Bethesda, five years later, and since 1870 he has built up a practice second to none in this locality.

Dr. Yost was married on Dec. 14, 1869, to Miss Emma Patton, who was a daughter of James Patton, a merchant of this town, and three children have been born to this union: Nora E., who married Rev. Thomas Dodd, a native of England, and pastor of the Salome Methodist Church, of Delaware county, Pa., and they have one daughter, Emma Clare; Irma Clare, who died at the age of fourteen years; and Ralph E., a graduate of the West Chester Normal School, a very bright and promising young man, now in the employ of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Yost has never lost his love for a rural life, and he owns a fine farm in Martic township, and one of the handsomest and most convenient and sanitary residences in this locality. An active and interested Democrat, the affairs of the nation interest him, although he holds no office and seeks none. In the Masonic fraternity he has good standing in Columbia Lodge, No. 286, and he is a Knight Templar. Both he and his wife are worthy and consistent members of the Bethesda Methodist Church. Early in life Dr. Yost realized that he must, in great measure, make his own way in the world, and as his ambition was to succeed as a physician, he bent every energy in that direction, overcoming all obstacles and reaching the honorable position he now occupies. By honest and efficient performance of every duty,

he has gained the confidence of his fellow-practitioners, and he is a respected and popular member of both County and State Medical Societies. As a student, the Doctor has advanced in his profession along with the progress made in his chosen science, and his skill and success have gained him the full confidence of the people among whom he makes his home.

FRANK RIED DIFFENDERFFER, journalist, was born April 30, 1833, in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa. He is of German ancestry, his great-grandfather, John Diffenderffer, having emigrated from Nerisheim, near Heidelberg, in the Palatinate, in the ship "William and Sarah," reaching Philadelphia Sept. 18, 1727, and soon thereafter taking out a patent for land in what is now Earl township, in the already named county. Here the early years of the subject of this article were passed. His father was a farmer, and working on the paternal acres during the seasons of seedtime and harvest, and attending the village schools during the winter and spring, occupied his time until his sixteenth year, when he entered the academy connected with Marshall College (now Franklin and Marshall), at Mercersburg, Pa., where he passed several terms.

Developing an ardent taste for reading, two considerable libraries in his native town, those of Roland Diller, Esq., and Hon. William Hiester, member of Congress from the Lancaster District, afforded him ample opportunity to follow his favorite pursuit. On his return from college, an opportunity presented itself of entering a bookstore in the city of Lancaster, a position conforming very agreeably with his tastes, and which was therefore accepted. There he remained until 1857, when he gave up the position to take up the pursuit of general merchandising in the city of El Paso, Mexico (now Ciudad Juarez), in co-partnership with his two brothers. There he remained continuously in business until 1871, visiting his native State but once during all that time, when his business was closed out and he returned to his early home, where he has remained ever since.

In 1871, in conjunction with his two brothers, Mr. Diffenderffer established the banking house of Diffenderffer Bros., which remained in existence until 1874, when the firm closed up its affairs and went out of business. A few years later *The New Era* was established, and Mr. Diffenderffer, having been offered the position of associate editor, closed with the offer, and at once entered upon a career nearly allied to his early tastes and inclinations. He has been associated with this paper for a period of twenty-six years, and is today one of the first to be at his desk in the morning and one of the last to leave in the evening. He has been a very prolific writer for his paper, and his contributions to its columns would fill many volumes. *The New Era* was a success from its first issue, and is today recognized as one of the ablest and most influential journals in eastern Pennsylvania. In addition to a daily and

semi-weekly editions, it has also established the largest printing house in the State outside of Philadelphia, and a reputation for excellent typographical work second to none in the country.

Although his newspaper work has claimed his steadfast attention, Mr. Diffenderffer has nevertheless found time to do much literary work in addition. Tobacco growing being a very important industry in Lancaster county, a department devoted to that crop was established in his paper, and he has written a column weekly on that subject. His knowledge of the statistics of the trade has made him an authority on that question, and he has prepared many papers with reference to it. The long article on "Tobacco Growing in Pennsylvania" in the Tenth Census Report was written by him, and he has also contributed a number on the same subject to Agricultural Reports of the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Diffenderffer's contributions to general literature are numerous and varied, but mainly along historical lines. It was through a meeting called by him in his own office that the Pennsylvania-German Society had its origin. He was its first secretary, holding that position for three years, until his election as its president. He edited the first three volumes of its "Proceedings and Papers," and is still a member of its executive committee. This society, now in its twelfth year, has not only attained a large membership, but stands in the very front rank among the similar societies of the country.

In 1876 Mr. Diffenderffer published his first book, "The Three Earls," a history of the three townships of that name in Lancaster county. Ten years later that history was bodily incorporated in Evans & Ellis's voluminous history of Lancaster county. In 1897 he published "The German Exodus to England in 1709," a work on a somewhat obscure topic, which was favorably received. That was followed in 1901 with a stately octavo, "The German Immigration into Pennsylvania Through the Port of Philadelphia, and the Redemptioners." Few historical books of the year received more or longer reviews than this volume, and they were without an exception highly laudatory. He has in addition published numerous pamphlets on historical subjects, among which may be mentioned "The Palatine and Quaker as Commonwealth Builders;" "How the New Holland School House Was Built;" "Andrew Ellicott, a Biography;" "General Wayne at Mt. Joy;" "John Joseph Henry, a Biographical Sketch;" "The Story of an Old Document;" "How East King Street Was Paved;" "Lancaster, Historical, Picturesque and Legendary;" "Christopher Marshall's Diary;" "Early Lancaster Playbills and Playhouses;" and "Colonel John Connolly, Loyalist."

Mr. Diffenderffer was also one of the organizers of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and has been its secretary continuously during the past seven years, holding that position at the present time. Its annual volumes show many evidences of his familiar acquaintance with and active interest in the history



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RESIDENCE AND FARM OF BISHOP ABRAM B. HERR

of his county and State. Having been raised on a farm, he has never outgrown his early interest in agricultural matters, and for nearly a quarter of a century has been an active member of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Horticultural Society. He has been its acting secretary for the past twelve years—a period of service twice as long as that of any previous secretary.

Although not a politician in the general acceptance of that term, Mr. Diffenderffer has always been an ardent Republican, having been one of the founders of that party in his native city, and was elected, although quite a young man, the secretary of the Lancaster "Fremont Club" in 1856, and he has rendered yeoman service to that political organization through the columns of *The New Era* for twenty-six years. He has never held public office, save a term in the Lancaster city councils. At that time he lived in a ward that was strongly Democratic, the Sixth, yet he succeeded in his contest, being the only man of his party who pulled through successfully.

In 1901, Mr. Diffenderffer was one of the five trustees named by the judges of the Lancaster court to take charge of the \$250,000 donated by the late Judge Henry G. Long for the establishment and maintenance of a public park for the city of Lancaster. In his religious affiliations he has adhered to the German Reformed Church, the church of his ancestors since their arrival in Pennsylvania 175 years ago. Mr. Diffenderffer's career has been too busy to allow him to give much of his time to secret orders or benevolent societies. He has, however, been for nearly half a century a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., of Washington Encampment, and of Conestoga Council, No. 62, of the Royal Arcanum, having passed through the chairs of both orders. In 1873 Mr. Diffenderffer was united in marriage to Miss Annie S. Sprenger. One son, Harold F., is the fruit of this union.

REV. ABRAHAM B. HERR, widely known for his accomplishments, his piety and zeal as a minister of the Gospel, added to the universal respect which his character commands, has won for himself no insignificant place in the annals of Lancaster county. A native of that county, he was born Aug. 21, 1845, in Conestoga (now Pequea) township, son of Martin and Maria (Brubaker) Herr.

Martin Herr, father of Abraham B., was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, July 18, 1800, the eldest son of Benjamin and Lizzie (Withers) Herr, who had children as follows: Martin, George, Christian, Benjamin, Rudolph, David, Lizzie (who became the wife of John Herr), Maria the second wife of John Herr), Annie (married to John Bachman), Hannah (married to Jonas Miller) and Fanny (wife of Benjamin Lantz)—all now deceased.

Martin Herr received a liberal education, up to the age of seventeen attending the common schools

of the locality of his birth, and then commenced to learn the milling business at Lime Valley, Lancaster county, in what is now known as the Haverstick mill. At the close of his apprenticeship, he at once took charge of the Landis mills in East Hempfield township, and while a resident of that locality he married, Feb. 19, 1824, Maria Brubaker. Whether it was that Mr. Herr found his milling business uncongenial or unprofitable we do not venture to state, but this we know—he abandoned his trade and purchased the farm which is now the property and residence of his son, Martin, in Pequea township. Martin Herr, the father, died Aug. 22, 1896, deeply regretted by all who knew him, his taking away being regarded, not only by his immediate relatives, but by the entire community, as an irreparable loss. A devout Christian, much respected and beloved, he joined his faith to the orthodox Mennonite Church, and in the strictest sense he was temperate in all things, ever avoiding speculations of any sort, and counseling his children to never engage in wild hazards. To him and his wife came a family of ten children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Eliza, born Aug. 22, 1825, died July 14, 1831; Susan, born Sept. 6, 1827, married Adam Baer, and died in 1848; Hannah, born Oct. 27, 1829, is the second wife of Adam Baer; Mary Ann, born April 28, 1832, married Jacob L. Hess and died in 1878; Elizabeth, born Nov. 4, 1834, is the wife of Deacon Samuel Shenk, referred to elsewhere; Fanny, born June 11, 1837, died July 18, 1838; Martha B., born May 31, 1839, is the wife of John B. Myers, a prominent and influential farmer of Pequea township; Martin B., born Nov. 8, 1841, wedded Anna Shenk, daughter of Bishop Henry Shenk; Barbara, died in infancy; and Abraham B., is the youngest.

Rev. Abraham B. Herr, of whom this sketch more particularly relates, was educated in the common schools, and his early life was devoted mainly to farming. At the age of thirty he was, on Sept. 2, 1875, called to the ministry, being ordained to preach in the orthodox Mennonite Church. Then his useful life began in real earnest, and until now, whether in night time or in storm, he has never flagged or been derelict in his allegiance and duty to the cause of Him "with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." On June 8, 1899, Rev. Mr. Herr was summoned and ordained bishop, a position directed by the Master, and the following account of the ceremony is substantially as it appeared in the *New Era*:

"A meeting was held on Thursday at the Old Mennonite Church, Millersville, for the purpose of electing a bishop. The commodious church was crowded, as great interest was manifested in the solemn and impressive manner of selecting the new bishop. Bishop Isaac Eby, of Kinzers, conducted the services, which began at an early hour and continued until about eleven o'clock. Four candidates had been nominated, as follows: Revs. Daniel Lehman, Millersville; Abraham Herr, New Danville; Benja-

min Hertzler, Lancaster; and Abraham Witmer, Letort. According to custom, four Bibles, in one of which was inserted, unobserved by the candidates, a slip of paper on it inscribed 'Chosen of the Lord a Bishop in the Mennonite Church,' were placed before those nominated. Each one selected a Bible, Rev. Herr choosing the one containing the paper. He was therefore duly ordained a bishop. Bishop Eby preached an appropriate sermon, and remarks were made by Bishop Brubaker, of Mt. Joy, and Martin Rutt, of Elizabethtown. Bishop Herr enters upon his wider ministerial duties with a good equipment for the work that is before him. He has been a faithful minister in the church for the interests of which he has always been an indefatigable worker."

The following is a list of the congregations in the district over which Bishop Herr presides: Stone Church, Byerland Church, River Corner Church, Millersville, Rohrerstown, Mountville, Masonville, Habeckers and Lancaster city. His labors are highly successful, and all the interests of the several congregations prosper under his efficient supervision.

On Nov. 12, 1867, Abraham B. Herr and Anna L. Ranck, daughter of Jacob and Susan Ranck, were united in wedlock, and nine children, as follows, were born to them: Susan, wife of Emanuel Groff; Amos and Mary, both of whom died in childhood; Henry R., married to Ada Groff, daughter of Rev. Elias Groff; Elizabeth, who married Amos Snively, a grandson of Rev. Amos Herr; Anna and Martin, both deceased; Abraham R.; and Amanda. The mother of these was born May 8, 1849, and died Feb. 6, 1886. On Sept. 27, 1887, Rev. Mr. Herr for his second wife, married Susan M. Shenk, granddaughter of Bishop Henry Shenk, and to them has been born one child, Mattie, who died in childhood.

Bishop Herr is widely esteemed, and if success, popularity and good name be the natural heritage for probity and uprightness then he has his full reward. In all the field where he has labored since his call to the ministry he has won the respect and affection of the people, and the fruits of his earnest work attest and reward his fidelity to truth and duty.

PROFESSOR JOHN FREDERICK CARL THORBAHN, Instructor of Instrumental Music in the Girls' and Boys' High School, and Conductor of the High School Orchestra and Orchestral School, Lancaster, also Instrumental Instructor of the State Normal School, Millersville, will ever be held in kindly remembrance by the citizens of the entire county for the grand work he has done for them in the divine art of music. A native of Germany, the Professor was born Feb. 8, 1834, in the city of Parchim, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, which was also the birth place of the great Gen. Von Moltke.

Johann Joachim Thorbahn, father of Prof. Thorbahn, was born Feb. 26, 1794, in Siggelkow, Mecklenburg-Schwerin, and there followed agricultural pursuits. He married Maria Dorothea Gense, who was born Aug. 17, 1803, in Parchim, Mecklenburg, a

daughter of Jacob and Anna D. (Luebcke) Gense. They had six children, three of whom are yet living, Maria, Carl and Johanna.

Prof. Thorbahn received a liberal education at the schools of his native land, and in early life developed marked musical ability. In Mecklenburg he attended an academy of music, where he rapidly became proficient as a performer on the clarinet, violin and other orchestral instruments, graduating from that institution when only nineteen years of age. In 1854 he, with his father and mother, came to this continent, sailing from Hamburg and landing at Quebec after a stormy voyage of fourteen weeks, the vessel having been almost wrecked in the passage. His mother, who was very much weakened by the long voyage, sickened and died a few weeks after landing. His father remained here for four years, when he returned to Germany, and he died there Dec. 14, 1862. Locating in Montreal, Prof. Thorbahn secured a position with the George Cooper English Grand Opera Co., later becoming leader of the Theater Royal orchestra, a position he held some seventeen years. During that time he had the honor of performing before the Prince of Wales (now King Edward VII), who spent a week in Montreal during the Crystal Palace festivities in 1860. The orchestra also played every week in Lord Dunmore's quarters in that city, and furnished most of the music for all the fashionable entertainments given in honor of these distinguished people. Subsequently, the Professor had also the honor to furnish the music for the private parties and balls given in honor of Prince Arthur, at that time stationed at Montreal with his regiment (42nd Highlanders). Prof. Thorbahn left Montreal in 1869, to fill special engagements in the Boston Theatre, and while here became a member of the Boston Musical Union. He took part in many concerts given by the Harvard Association Orchestra (including oratorios by The Handel and Haydn Society), under the leadership of Carl Zahran, and also played with Patrick Gilmore's orchestra at the Academy of Music, Boston. In 1873 he went to Warren, Ohio, where he became a member of the First Faculty of the Musical Institute, and for eleven years had charge there of the Orchestral Instruction. In 1878 he was sent as a representative of that institute, to Cleveland to assist the orchestra for Minnie Hauk, his name often appearing on the program for solos.

Coming to Lancaster in 1884, Prof. Thorbahn became leader of the Fulton Opera House orchestra; but at the end of four years he resigned that position in order to devote his time exclusively to teaching. In 1892 he was appointed Professor of Instrumental Music in the Girls' and Boys' High School, and is still most capably filling that incumbency, his pupils—past and present—now numbering thousands. For some seven or eight years during this period, the Professor, in the summer vacations, played at Saratoga, Alexandria Bay, Shelter Island (with Adolph Bernstein) and other fashionable re-

sorts. Indefatigable, indeed, have been his labors, and now in his advancing years, when vacations come around, he takes the rest he has so well earned, having abandoned orchestral work during the summer, one of his sons, as will appear later, having succeeded him in that respect. Prof. Thorbahn not only arranges all his music, but is a composer as well; in addition to which he is a maker of violins, etc., having, while in Lancaster, turned out fully fifty first class violins, beside several violas, cellos, and double basses—in fact there is literally no end to his work, and no end to his musical achievements.

In 1890 Prof. Thorbahn married Miss Kate Clifton, a popular school teacher in Lancaster. There are eight children by a former marriage and, deeply imbued, as is their father, with so great a love for music and mastery of the art, it is not strange that his children should have become skilled musicians—and such they are: Carl is leader of an orchestra in Chicago; Otto is a teacher of music in Pittsburg, and is conceded to be the finest clarionet player in that city; Wilhelmina is the wife of John McNeal, of the *New Era*; Emma is the wife of Leicester Long, of the firm of Melville Long & Co., wholesale dealers of notions, Lancaster; Miss Fannie, living at home, is an accomplished performer and teacher of the piano; Thomas, who makes his home in Philadelphia, is an accomplished clarionet soloist, plays at Asheville (N. C.), Atlantic City (N. J.), Jacksonville (Fla.) and many other well-known resorts; J. Stewart, living in Lancaster, does his father's orchestral work, and is a leader of a fine orchestra of his own; Miss Eva, living at home, is an accomplished pianist; and Harold, at school, is already becoming quite a violinist under his mother's instruction.

Prof. Thorbahn is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church; socially is affiliated with Lamberton Lodge No. 467, Lancaster; while in his political preferences he is a Republican. But above all, and beyond all, he is a musician in the truest, broadest, deepest sense of the term, his love for the "art divine" bordering on reverence.

JOHN MILLER. In 1761, John Miller, who had been a blacksmith in Lancaster, laid out and founded the town of Millersville by a lottery scheme. He laid out the town in five acre lots, subject to an annual quit-rent and laid out streets on the four sides of the largest purchasers. Several of these five-acre lots still remain undivided. Two of them were purchased by Abraham Peters, father of the late Abraham Peters, who was born in Millersville in 1791, and remained a resident of the village until his death—in 1882. The town was first called Millersburg, then Millerstown, and lastly Millersville. The ground upon which Millersville was laid out, originally belonged to Michael Meyer, and he sold the tract to John Miller, who occupied a house erected on the tract of ground now owned by Abraham Frantz. Among those who purchased tickets in the lottery were Abraham Waleslagel, George

Moore, Michael Gross, Michael Bartius, John Wright and Peter Kagy. On Feb. 9, 1767, John Miller was arrested for debt at the instance of Jacob Witmer, to whom he was indebted £22. After his release from jail for debt, he came to Lancaster again to live and built a house on South Queen street. Upon his death he was interred in Bethany Lutheran graveyard, Millersville. The growth of Millersville has been phenomenal, and today it is known all over the State as the home of the First State Normal School.

DENNIS DONOGHUE was born in Barnsley, England, Feb. 19, 1820, only son of Dennis and Eleanor Donoghue, both natives of Ireland. His father was a sailor and was lost at sea, after which his mother and he came to America in 1834 and settled in Philadelphia, where Mrs. Donoghue died. She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Dennis Donoghue served his apprenticeship at the tinner's trade in Philadelphia, and while in that city was married, Nov. 12, 1841, to Jane Sergeson, of Philadelphia, by whom he had the following children: (1) Ellie, who married Albert Mowrer, of Christiana and was the mother of six children; (2) Robert, who was drowned in Philadelphia at the age of twelve; (3) George W., a tinsmith of Christiana, who married Jennie Waters, now deceased, and had three children; (4) Emma J., who died in infancy; (5) Isabella, also deceased; (6) Anabel, who married Frank Pugh and had three children; (7) Dennis, who married Emma McNeal, now deceased, and had three children; (8) Jennie, who married Winfield Moore, and was the mother of one son.

Mr. and Mrs. Donoghue resided in Philadelphia, Parkesburg, Quarryville and Christiana, where his death occurred and where his widow still lives. When the gold fever broke out in California, he was an eager seeker there for a year, then returning to his family. He was a member of the Methodist Church. He died in good circumstances although he started a poor boy, and his career in every way was an honorable one and reflected great credit upon his indomitable courage and genuine manliness. In politics he was a Democrat.

Jane (Sergeson) Donoghue was born in Banbridge, Ireland, Oct. 29, 1823, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Sergeson, both natives of Ireland. They came to this country in 1837 and settled in Philadelphia, where he was engaged in the manufacture of shuttles. The father died in 1842, aged sixty, the mother in 1872, aged ninety-six. They had nine children, of whom Jane was the sixth. The shuttle business is still carried on in Philadelphia by his grandsons.

The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Dennis and Jane Donoghue are as follows: Ellie's children are: (1) Leander, who married Annie Hess, is an engineer in Philadelphia, and has two children, Elma and Norman; (2) Winfield, a machinist, residing in Wheeling, W. Va., married to

Lilian Falkdale; (3) Albert, (4) Annie, both deceased; (5) Jennie, who married Elwood Trout, a moulder, has two children, Ralph and Harold, and resides in Philadelphia; (6) Harry, who died in infancy.

George's children are: (1) Robert, a moulder, who married Minnie Miller, has two children, Winfield and Florence, and resides in Newark, N. J.; (2) William, a clerk in a hardware establishment, who married Mary Stern, and has had three children, Norman, Grace and Carrie Edna, who died in infancy; (3) Carrie, unmarried, of Philadelphia.

Dennis's children are: (1) Frank, a moulder; (2) Charles, a woodworker, and (3) Bessie, still at school, all of Christiana.

Jennie's son is Charles, a machinist of Columbia.

Bell's children are: (1) Harry, deceased; (2) Frank, a printer, and (3) Clarence, at home at Elizabeth, New Jersey.

J. HALDEMAN HERR, one of the leading agriculturists of Manor township, also largely interested in manufacturing in the borough of Columbia, is a descendant of one of the early and prominent families of Lancaster county.

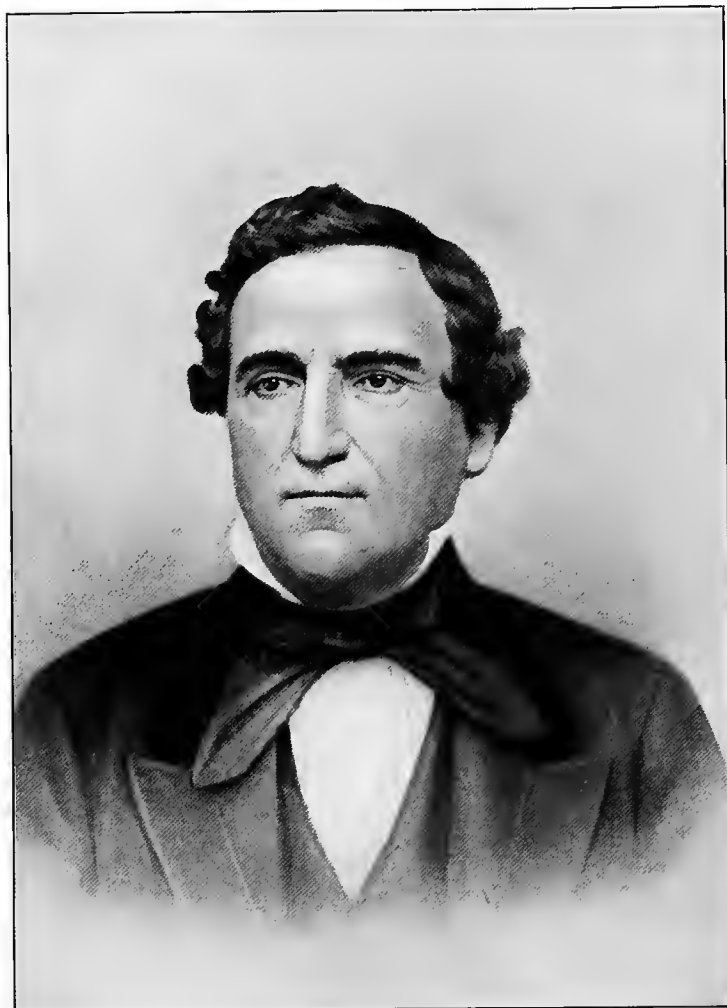
The Herr family is one of the most prominent in the county, and is descended from Hans Herr, who was the pastor and spiritual adviser of a large colony of emigrants from Switzerland who made their way to this country and to Lancaster county, this State, in 1710. Hans Herr was accompanied by his four sons, Abraham, Emanuel, John and Isaac; another son, Christian Herr, a minister of the Mennonite Church, preceded them by about one year, he coming in 1709, being one of a committee sent by a community of Mennonites which took up several thousand acres of land. The home of the family was in the vicinity of Basel, Switzerland, and it is said that their coming to America was owing to religious persecution, they being Protestants. Of the five sons of Hans Herr three brought their families with them, one settling in Lancaster township, another at New Danville, and a third at Big Spring. Hans Herr made his home at Big Spring, and was the head of the colony with which he came in 1710.

From this source sprang Abraham Herr, the great-grandfather of J. Haldeman. Benjamin Herr, the latter's grandfather, often styled "King Benjamin," was a native of Manor township, born Nov. 20, 1776, on the old family homestead, situated north of the town proper and including a portion of the borough. He was a man of great business capacity, and was largely engaged in various lines. He purchased tract after tract of land until he owned several hundred acres, farmed extensively, and was also largely occupied in milling, erecting two gristmills and owning and operating a third, and had all going at one time. He had other lands in York county, where he also carried on agricultural pursuits. He was a large shipper of his own products to the markets of Baltimore and Philadelphia. He

erected the bridge over the stream near his home, which is yet a relic of the past. Energetic and capable, he generally carried out any enterprise he undertook, always proving equal to the occasion. He was very successful and became wealthy, being one of the richest men in the county, and all of his wealth he accumulated himself. As may be judged, he was a man of great force of character. He married Maria Bachman, who was born in 1782, daughter of Michael Bachman, a wealthy man, who owned much land in Manor township, and was prominent in the Mennonite Church; he died in 1827, aged seventy-nine years.

To the marriage of Benjamin and Maria (Bachman) Herr were born children as follows: (1) Anna married John Stehman, a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church, who located in Manor township. (2) Mary, who was very devoted to her mother, died unmarried. (3) John located in the city of Baltimore, but later returned and lived in York, this State. (4) Benjamin was a well-to-do farmer of Lancaster county. (5) Christian B., the father of J. Haldeman, is referred to farther on. (6) Abraham first went to the city of Baltimore, where he did a large business as a commission merchant. Subsequently he went to Harper's Ferry, Va., and purchased considerable property. During the Civil war he was taken prisoner by the Confederates. Later he went to Washington or Georgetown, D. C., and became quite prominent in public affairs and also in business, at one time serving as a commissioner of the city by appointment of the President. He was identified with the Presbyterian Church. (7) Michael also went to the city of Baltimore, where he was engaged in the commission business and in other lines. He ran the first steamboat up the Susquehanna river, and in 1849, at the time of the rush of the people to the gold fields of California, he constructed a vessel to carry framed houses to that locality around by Cape Horn. He became a very wealthy man. (8) Henry C. settled on the old farm, where he lived until his retirement and then moved to Mount Joy. (9) Elizabeth married Ephraim Hershey, of Columbia. (10) Adaline (now deceased) married (first) John J. Johnston, of Marietta, and (second) Henry Bechtold. Two children, whose names are not given, died in infancy. Members of this family were generally identified with some church. Benjamin Herr, the father, died in 1849, and the mother passed away later; both originally were members of the Mennonite Church, but later united with the Methodist Church.

CHRISTIAN B. HERR was born Jan. 13, 1810, on the home farm—the farm of his forefathers—and was there reared to habits of industry and frugality, and to usefulness as a man and a citizen. After his marriage he located on a portion of the homestead, and ever afterward made it his home. He was occupied chiefly in farming and milling, being associated in the latter business with his brother, Henry C. He was a Christian man, a kind neighbor, and led a use-



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ful life. Possessed of good ability and judgment, he managed his own affairs successfully and prospered. He associated himself with the Lancaster County Bank early in its history, and was connected with it for a long period, serving as a director for years and also as president. He filled such positions with his characteristic ability and business sagacity, and his wisdom was a force in the direction of the bank's affairs. For many years—the greater portion of his life—he was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a veritable pillar in that organization, always doing his duty therein with ready cheerfulness. He was one of the founders of the select school or academy at Millersville, out of which came the present State Normal School located at that point. All through life he was interested in all matters pertaining to the upbuilding of society and the advancement of the community, his native township and county. His career was a successful one.

On Nov. 24, 1835, Mr. Herr was married to Eliza B. Haldeman, who was born April 4, 1816, daughter of John Haldeman and Anna (Stehman), the former a descendant of Jacob Haldeman, who came from Switzerland to this country and settled in Rapho township, this county, in 1722. To the marriage of Christian B. and Eliza B. (Haldeman) Herr were born seven children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being: J. Haldeman is referred to farther on. Mary, second in order of birth, is the wife of Joseph H. Brinton, of Thornbury, Chester Co., Pa. Annie E. is mentioned below, Christian B. married Anna Hostetter, and lives in Manor township; they have two children, one, Benjamin W., living in the west; Charles S. married Letitia Waller, of Safe Harbor. The parents of this family are both deceased, the mother dying Nov. 20, 1850, and the father Feb. 11, 1890.

J. Haldeman Herr was born on the Herr homestead, in Manor township. His boyhood was passed in such manner as might be supposed from what has been set forth in the foregoing concerning his father and forefathers. He was taught the correct manner of living, and was reared to habits of industry and usefulness. He received a good common-school education, and was properly instructed in good farming and business methods, and has since, by the exercise of good judgment, management and industry, prospered and succeeded in life. Aside from his farming operations he is largely interested in manufacturing in Columbia. He is a stockholder and director in the Kelley Stove Works, in the Electric Light & Power Company, and in the Columbia Wagon Works, and is one of the substantial men of the community. In 1899 he commenced raising Holstein-Frisian stock, and he now has ten head, all thoroughbred and nearly all registered.

Annie E. (Herr) Wood, daughter of the late Christian B. Herr, and widow of Dr. Granville B. Wood, late of Fulton township, this county, now makes her home with her brother, J. Haldeman Herr, both residing at the homestead—a charming

and delightful country seat. Both Mrs. Wood and her brother are identified with the M. E. Church of their locality. Mrs. Wood is also an active worker of the Y. W. C. A. of Lancaster, liberal in its support, and has been president since 1897.

LEVI RICKSECKER, deceased. Looking over the list of business men who have had a large share in making Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, a well-known business center, we find that the name of Levi Ricksecker takes a prominent place. He was born at Lititz, this county, July 21, 1822, a son of John and Fredericka (Fisher) Ricksecker, the former a native of Lititz and the latter of Surinam, on the north coast of South America.

John Ricksecker was born June 6, 1789, and died Jan. 29, 1871. By trade he was a shoemaker, later a farmer, and resided in Mt. Joy from 1865. The mother was born May 13, 1794, and died in Lititz in 1857. Both parents were buried in the Moravian cemetery, having been consistent members of the Moravian Church. Their children were as follows: Caroline, who died in 1848, a teacher in the Lititz Seminary; Augusta A., the widow of R. F. Rauch, of Lancaster, who died in 1901; Louisa F., who married F. M. Rauch, and died in 1893; Permania, a hatter by trade, died in 1869, at Lititz; Levi; Maria S., who died in 1848, unmarried; Edwin, who died in 1846; Emanuel A., who died in infancy; James F., a cabinet maker by trade, who died in 1887; he was a soldier in the Civil war, enlisting as a private, was promoted to first lieutenant, and later to major.

John and Rachel Fredericka Ricksecker, the paternal grandparents of Levi Ricksecker, were most worthy people, and devout members of the Moravian Church. Both were natives of Mt. Joy township; the former was born in 1713, and was known as an excellent shoemaker. He lived to the age of sixty-three, his wife surviving until she was eighty. The children born to this union, all now deceased, were: Jacob; Frederick; John; and Mary, who died unmarried, and all of them were members of the Moravian Church.

Mr. Ricksecker's maternal grandparents, the parents of Fredericka (Fisher) Ricksecker, were English by birth, and were missionaries at Surinam, in Dutch Guiana, South America. They died in England, in the Moravian faith. They had two children, Fredericka and Louisa, who, when Fredericka was but nine years of age, were sent to America, to Bethlehem, Pa., where they were placed in a Moravian school, and well educated. There they remained until they were married, Louisa to Gen. John Curtiss, of Ohio, and Fredericka to John Ricksecker; both were married by lot.

Levi Ricksecker was reared in his native place and attended the excellent schools of Lititz until he had reached the age of fourteen. At this time he was considered old enough to learn a trade, and under the capable instruction of his elder brother,

he began to learn that of hatter, continuing for four years, until he had mastered every detail and had become a careful and competent workman. In Bethlehem, Pa., he worked at his vocation for two years, and then spent the same time in Philadelphia, after which he took a journey through the country, working in various towns, until 1846, when his wanderings brought him to Toronto, Canada. In that Northern city he remained a few months, then, continuing to journey on, he reached Marietta, Pa., and in 1847, came to Mt. Joy, where he located. Mr. Ricksecker had seen much of the country and had viewed business opportunities in many states, but his natural inclinations brought him back home, and there he remained, becoming one of the leading business men of his community. In 1889 he retired from activity, after a busy and successful life. From 1854 to 1869 he was treasurer of Mt. Joy borough, and was again elected from 1871 to 1888, when he retired from office. Mr. Ricksecker was a director of the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy from its organization, and prior to that of its predecessor, the State Bank.

On Sept. 24, 1850, Levi Ricksecker was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth F. Gormley, and to this union were born: Frank G., who died in infancy; Onata, who died in May, 1895, married Dr. M. O. Putt, of Dauphin county, Pa., who now resides in Oberlin; no children were born to this marriage. Mrs. Ricksecker was born in Mt. Joy township, Oct. 17, 1830, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (McDonald) Gormley, the father a native of Ireland, the mother of Scotland. Michael came to America from County Sligo, and served in the war of 1812. In 1815 he returned to Ireland, and in 1818 started back with his wife and son, Michael, who died shortly after their arrival. On the voyage they suffered shipwreck, and were obliged to return to Ireland to get more funds, as they lost all they had. Upon their arrival in 1818, they settled in Rapho township, coming to Mt. Joy in 1830. Mr. Gormley was a distiller but was living retired at the time of his death, in August, 1861, at the age of eighty-one. Mrs. Gormley died in 1888, at the age of eighty-nine. Both parents had been devout members of the Catholic Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gormley were: Henry, who died in 1854; Mary, who died unmarried in 1874; James and John, twins, the former of whom, an engineer, died in Parkesburg, Pa., in 1902, and the latter died in infancy; Joseph, who died in 1881; David, who died in infancy; Michael, who died at the age of six years; Elizabeth F., the widow of Levi Ricksecker. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ricksecker remained in Ireland all their lives. The maternal grandparents, Francis and Catherine McDonald, were Scottish people. He came to America and after spending three days with his daughter, Miss McDonald, started to South Carolina to visit his other children, but was prostrated by a sunstroke and died suddenly. Both he and his wife were peo-

ple of wealth and lived in Castle Green, Scotland.

Prominently identified with the public affairs in his locality, Mr. Ricksecker became well known through a wide extent of country, and his public spirit was shown in many directions. In politics he was a Democrat, and fraternally he was connected with the Masons, Third degree, and the I. O. O. F., in which organization he was treasurer until he resigned, after thirty-eight years of faithful service. Reared in the Moravian faith, Mr. Ricksecker's life was an exponent of the teachings of that religious body. He passed away June 8, 1901, after an illness of two weeks, and was buried in Mt. Joy cemetery.

CONRAD WEISER, the famous Indian interpreter, was among Lancaster's early men of note. He was born in Germany in 1696, and when he was thirteen years old he came to America with his father and the rest of the family, landing at New York June 13, 1710. The family remained there until in 1723, when they settled on the Tulpehocken, in Pennsylvania. In 1714 a Mohawk Indian chief, with whom Weiser's father had become acquainted, offered to take young Conrad with him to their country and teach him the Mohawk language. Young Weiser went with him, and suffered many privations during his residence among the Indians.

When the family came to Pennsylvania in 1723 young Weiser did not come along with them. He came to Pennsylvania in 1729. In 1730 Governor Gordon called upon him to act as an interpreter with the Indians, which he did at all the principal treaties held during the succeeding twenty-five years. In 1752 he was appointed one of the trustees of the schools held at Lancaster, York and Reading. During the French and Indian war he was lieutenant colonel commanding the Second Battalion of the Pennsylvania regiment. He died July 13, 1760.

HAGER. This name has been a familiar one in Lancaster county for nearly a century and a half. Christopher Hager, the founder of the family in America, was born in the city of Worms, Hessen-Darmstadt, Feb. 19, 1741, and he died at Lancaster, Pa., April 23, 1819. His name was originally spelled Heger, but was changed to Hager to conform with the English spelling of its pronunciation. Christopher Hager, Sr., sailed from Rotterdam Sept. 26, 1764, in the ship "Brittania," Capt. Thomas Arnot, carrying 260 passengers, and at once settled in Lancaster, where he resided until his death. There he married Caroline Biehl, daughter of Philip Biehl, of Lancaster. The records show that he owned considerable land in and about Lancaster. From 1778 to 1807 he resided at the northeast corner of East King and Christian streets, which property he then sold to Robert Coleman, and which was later the home of President James Buchanan. Mr. Hager was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and is buried with his wife in the old graveyard in the rear of the church on Mifflin street. He had several daughters

and two sons. The elder, Francis, left Lancaster when a young man, and there is no record of his subsequent life.

CHRISTOPHER HAGER, the youngest child of Christopher, was born in Lancaster Oct. 7, 1800, and died at Abbeville, west of Lancaster, April 15, 1868. He was married March 28, 1822, to Catherine Sener, daughter of John Sener, and they had ten children, of whom two are living: Mrs. Catherine H. Mathiot, widow of William Mathiot, a well known attorney; and Cecilia H. Ellmaker, widow of Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., also of the Lancaster Bar. In 1828 Mr. Hager purchased the property on the north-west corner of West King and Market streets, now occupied by Hager & Brother's department store, and there conducted a general mercantile business until about 1848, when he was chosen president of the Farmers Bank. In 1856 he changed his residence to Abbeville, on the south side of the Columbia turnpike, west of Lancaster. He was largely interested in real estate in the southern and western parts of the city. He was also largely instrumental in locating the cotton mill industries in Lancaster. He served as county treasurer, elected by the Whig party. He was a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he was a trustee, and is buried with his wife in Woodward Hill cemetery. The following obituary is taken from the *Philadelphia Press*, at the time edited by John W. Forney, with whom Mr. Hager was well acquainted:

At Abbeville, near Lancaster, after a lingering and prostrating illness, died, on the 15th instant, Christopher Hager, Esq. The announcement of his death will be received with regret throughout the State. One of the oldest and most substantial citizens of Lancaster county, intimately connected with all its public movements, his business relations were extended generally throughout the Commonwealth. For twenty years previous to his death Mr. Hager had with great acceptance to the community filled the presidency of the Farmers Bank of Lancaster, an institution which, under his lead, promptly enrolled itself among the National Banks and was ever foremost in lending its weight and influence and credit to the Government in its hour of need. Many of the chief local improvements of his native city, as Fulton Hall, the Market street buildings, are mainly attributed to his enterprise and public spirit. Mr. Hager, who had attained the ripe old age of sixty-nine, the reward of an equable and well spent life, was in early life a supporter of the old Whig party. At its dissolution his sympathies and natural integrity of purpose carried him into the Republican ranks, and during the struggle for National existence he was, at all times, in his county, one of the first men looked to for counsel or aid in every emergency.

John C. Hager, eldest son of Christopher, born at Lancaster March 19, 1827, died at "The Maples," Lancaster township, Sept. 15, 1897. He was married to Margaret Henderson, of Carlisle, Pa., and is survived by his widow, Margaret H. Hager, two sons—John C. Hager, Jr., real estate broker; and William H., of the firm of Hager & Brother, dry goods merchants and department store—and four daughters. In connection with his two brothers, Charles F. and Henry W., he conducted the general mercantile business established by his father. After the

latter's death he was asked to accept the presidency of the Farmers National Bank, which position he declined, owing to the pressing nature of his other business interests. He was also largely interested in real estate in Lancaster city and township, and the development of the western part of Lancaster is largely due to his activity. He was a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, and of Trinity Lutheran Church. He was also one of the pioneers of the street railway system in and about Lancaster, and actively connected with the construction and management of the Millersville, Columbia, West End and East End lines.

CHARLES F. HAGER, second son of Christopher Hager, was born Dec. 7, 1831, in Lancaster, where he died April 13, 1897. He was married to Annie M. Graeff, daughter of Dr. Charles Graeff, and granddaughter of Col. Geo. Graeff, of Lancaster. Mr. Hager was a member of the firm of Hager & Brother, a director of the Farmers National Bank and one of the organizers of the Stevens House Hotel Co. After the death of his father he purchased the family homestead at Abbeville, where he resided until several years prior to his death, when he returned to Lancaster City. He is survived by two sons, Walter C. Hager, of the firm of Hager & Brother; Charles F. Hager, Esq., a member of the Lancaster Bar; and two daughters.

Henry W. Hager, third son of Christopher Hager, was born Feb. 18, 1837, at Lancaster, where he died Dec. 22, 1871. He married Ellen Hayes, daughter of Hon. Alexander S. Hayes, judge of the court of Common Pleas, etc., of Lancaster county. He was a member of the firm of Hager & Brother, and at the time of his death he was postmaster at Lancaster city. Mr. Hager was first lieutenant in Co. B, 2nd Pa. State Volunteers, in the war of the Rebellion. He is survived by one son, Christopher Hager, Esq., of Marietta, Pa., a member of the Lancaster Bar; and two daughters.

Edward F. Hager, the fourth son of Christopher Hager, was born in Lancaster, April 17, 1843, and died in New York City, March 1, 1875. He was for some years connected with the firm of William L. Strong & Co. (Col. W. L. Strong was afterward mayor of New York), and had been made a member of the firm shortly before his death. He was a first lieutenant Co. B, 122d P. V. I., and saw service in Chancellorsville and elsewhere during the Civil war. He also recruited and was captain of Co. A, 50th Regiment Pa. Militia. He was unmarried. These four brothers are all buried in Woodward Hill cemetery.

FRANKLIN CLARK, in his lifetime one of the well-known residents of Strasburg township for many years, was born April 6, 1821, a son of James and Ann (Barkley) Clark, his ancestry coming from Irish soil.

William Clark, grandfather of Franklin, was the founder of the family in Lancaster county, and came

to America from his birthplace, Donegal, Ireland, in 1792, bringing with him his wife, and locating in Colerain township, Lancaster Co. Here he purchased a farm some two miles beyond Kirkwood, and made his home there until his decease, living to the advanced age of eighty years. He married Catherine Herron, and they reared these children: James, the father of Franklin; Sarah, who married Andrew Brown; Andrew, who became a farmer in Ohio; William, who was a shoemaker in Lancaster county; Catherine; Elizabeth; Mary; and Jane.

James Clark was born in Colerain township, and lived a useful and busy life of seventy-eight years, dying in 1871, in Strasburg. He had been a well-known farmer in Strasburg and Bart townships. His marriage, on Dec. 29, 1818, was to Ann Barkley, of Colerain, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Barkley, the latter being a woman of business capacity, who conducted a very excellent hotel, which was the meeting-place for all public gatherings. Ann Barkley was born in Lancaster county, but died in Chester county, at the very remarkable age of 100 years and eleven days, more than rounding out the century, and her remains lie at rest in the Strasburg cemetery. She was the beloved mother of seven children: Franklin; Tirza, deceased, who married George Aument, of Strasburg; William, deceased, a railroad agent at Columbia, Pa., for a long period; Miss Mary, deceased; James H., a farmer of Chester county; Ann F., the widow of Henry Garra, of Philadelphia; and John S., a resident of Fort Wayne, Ind., a turfman, and a driver of repute, who served gallantly with the 2d P. V. C. during the Civil war.

Franklin Clark was reared on the farm, but received superior educational advantages, attending the Strasburg Academy, and so ably preparing himself, that at the age of twenty-one he was gladly accepted as a teacher of the public schools through the county, and in this position he became identified with the wonderful progress and advancement made in the public school system at that time. Thomas H. Burrows was then the superintendent, and Mr. Clark was his capable assistant in the almost pioneer work. For five years he continued in this profession, but the confinement told upon his health, and he decided to take up the drover business. In this way he traveled over a large extent of country, through Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky, gathering up stock, which he drove across the mountains for the eastern markets, distributing much of it in Lancaster county, but also sending to both Philadelphia and New York.

During twenty-five years of his life Mr. Clark continued his dealings in stock, buying many choice animals for breeding purposes, but finally discontinued his trips and settled down to farming. His estate was situated one and one-half miles east of Strasburg, and consists of thirty acres of very choice land. For nearly forty-five years he was a director in the Southern Mutual Insurance Co., of Quarryville, and he took an active interest in all of the enterprises designed for the benefit of his locality.

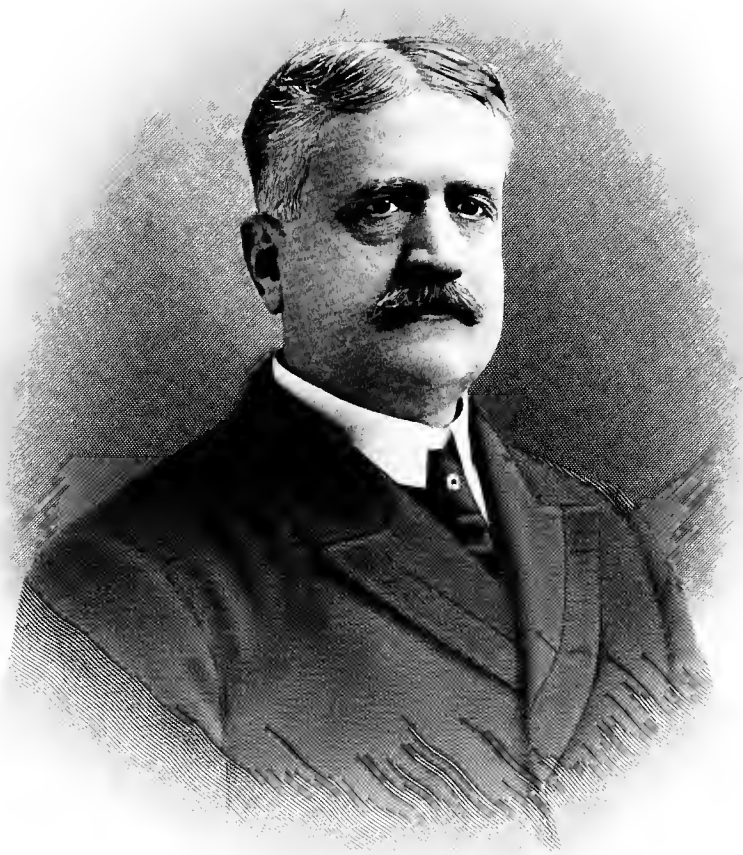
Mr. Clark was married three times. On Feb. 22, 1849, he married Mary Ann Lefever, a daughter of Levi Lefever, of Strasburg, born on April 15, 1830, and died on March 30, 1871, leaving these children: Cora F., born in April, 1850, died in June, 1860; Annie F., born July, 1851, lives in Kansas City; William is a veterinary surgeon, of Strasburg; Levi F., born in 1855, died in 1873; Mary E., born in March, 1858, died in August, 1875; Susan I., born July, 1860, lives in Lancaster; James H., born Feb., 1862, lives in Virden, Ill.; Harry McClellan, born Feb., 1864, lives in Kansas City; and Charles E., born Oct., 1866, died March, 1872. The second marriage of Mr. Clark occurred on March 3, 1874, Fannie E., daughter of Joseph Smith, becoming his bride; she was a native of West Virginia, and died Sept. 6, 1890, the mother of two children: Frankie, born Aug. 3, 1876, died June 8, 1890; and Jennie, born Oct. 9, 1878. On March 22, 1893, Mr. Clark was married to Rosie E. Gelvin, daughter of Joseph Gelvin, of Fulton county, Pa., a most estimable lady, and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Clark was always a Democrat, and served in many of the local offices, with credit and trustworthiness. He was on the jury commission for three years, and for nine years was one of the most active and competent members of the board of education. His reading, travel and association with the world, made him a very intelligent and well-informed man, and also a very companionable one, and he was most highly regarded in business circles through Strasburg township. He died March 3, 1902.

J. GUST ZOOK, as well known in banking and politics as he is in the tobacco trade, in which he holds a leading position, comes from an old and substantial Pennsylvania family.

Moritz Zug (as the name was originally spelled), his great-grandfather, came from Canton Zug, Switzerland, to the United States, accompanied by his two brothers, Christian and Johannes, landing from the ship "Francis and Elizabeth" at Philadelphia, Sept. 21, 1742. Moritz Zug was a grandson of Hans Zug, an elder in the Mennonite Church at Berne, Switzerland, where, in 1659, he and six other preachers of that faith were arrested and thrown into prison, where they were detained until 1671, being released then only on a promise to leave that section of the country. Moritz Zug settled in Berks county, Pa., but presently removed to a place on the Lancaster turnpike, in West Whiteland township, Chester county, where he passed the remaining years of his active and troubled life.

Abram Zug, sixth son of Moritz, was born in January, 1761, in Berks county, and in 1808 removed to East Lampeter township, where he died Sept. 19, 1826. His wife, Maria (Kurtz) Zug, was born in 1767, and died June 11, 1811. They were the parents of eleven children, and their fourth son, Jacob, was the father of J. Gust Zook. It was during



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his life that the family name took on its present form.

Jacob Zook was born near Eden, Lancaster county, in 1797, and was engaged in farming until 1861, when he removed to Lancaster and led a retired life until his death, in 1876. He was a Republican in politics, and a Baptist in religion, having been an elder in that church for many years. Jacob Zook was in all respects an exemplary man. His wife, whose maiden name was Christiana Hauck, was also a native of Lancaster county, and a sister of Col. David Hauck, who served in the Mexican war. She died in 1879, in the seventy-ninth year of her age. To this marriage were born nine children, six of whom lived to maturity: J. Gust is mentioned below; Margaret H. married the late David Evans, for many years superintendent of public schools of Lancaster county, and died in March, 1874; Noah H. and Abraham H. went to Mississippi in 1865, and engaged in cotton growing near Vicksburg, but the next year, through sectional feeling against the people of the North, they were murdered and robbed, the younger brother being found, but the other was never heard of after the murder; Mary A. married W. W. Edwards, of Philadelphia; Christiana H. married L. McMichael, of the same place.

J. Gust Zook was born in Eden, Lancaster county, March 27, 1847, and after a partial education in the local schools entered the State Normal School at Millersville, in 1863. In the same year he enlisted as a member of Company A, 50th P. V. I., rallied under the command of Col. James H. Wickersham, to repel the Rebel invasion of the State. When his term of enlistment had expired young Zook became a clerk in a store at Camargo, where he remained a year, when he went to New Holland to take a position as a clerk, which he held until the opening of the year 1865. At that time he again enlisted, joining Co. B, 77th P. V. I., and accompanied his regiment to Texas, where he remained until his discharge, in 1866. Mr. Zook, on his return from the army, took a course in the Crittenden Commercial College, in Philadelphia, and then entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, remaining there until he passed the Sophomore year. In 1868 he engaged in farming on the old homestead, but the occupation not proving congenial he sold the place, and in 1875 located in Lancaster. The following year he began dealing in leaf tobacco in partnership with the late Charles Augustus Bitner, this partnership continuing until 1880. Since that year he has carried on a very extensive business entirely on his own account. Mr. Zook is the owner of two large warehouses devoted to the tobacco trade in this community. In December, 1900, he completed the erection of another large building not far from the one in which his main business has been done, and to this he removed his office early in 1901, feeling that he owns and occupies the finest and best equipped tobacco warehouse in Lancaster, having a capacity of at least 10,000 cases of tobacco.

In 1877 Mr. Zook was married to Miss Emma E. Bitner, daughter of the late C. Augustus Bitner, noted above as being his partner in the leaf tobacco trade at one time. To this marriage has come one son, Charles Augustus Bitner.

Mr. Zook was one of five men who originally started the Lancaster Trust Company, the other four having been Hon. J. Hay Brown, S. M. Myers, John I. Hartman and John D. Skiles. Henry Baumgardner and John Keller were later taken into the company. Mr. Zook was a director, and for a time the general manager, of the Pennsylvania Traction Company, which has since been changed into the Conestoga Traction Company; he is a director of the Edison Electric Light Company, and of the Lancaster Gas Light & Fuel Co., president of the Lancaster Ice Manufacturing Company, and a director and vice-president of the Laurel Hill Cemetery Company. He is also a director of the Grand Rapids & Chicago Railway Company, in Michigan. In the Masonic fraternity he is past master of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476; past high priest, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; past grand puissant master, Lancaster Lodge of Perfection; and a member of the Knights Templars and of Philadelphia Sovereign Consistory, S. P. R. S. Mr. Zook is also a member of the Union League of Philadelphia, and was a delegate to the National Republican Convention that nominated William McKinley for the Presidency, taking an active part in the campaign of 1896.

Mr. Zook is an enlightened and public-spirited citizen, and is always interested in any project for the advancement of the business and industrial interests of Lancaster.

WENGER. Among the old families of Lancaster county that date their settlement back to the early part of the eighteenth century few, if any, have attained a greater prominence than the one here under consideration. The founder was Christian Wenger, a Swiss emigrant, who, in 1727, located at Groffdale, West Earl township, purchasing in consideration of forty pounds a farm of three hundred acres from Hans Groff, who had been granted a tract of 1500 acres direct from William Penn. The selection of this tract for his future home by Christian Wenger was a matter of pure accident, or chance. After his arrival in America he had stopped for a short time at Germantown. Proceeding westward, his horses went astray and in searching for them he discovered the beautiful valley at Groffdale and was so well pleased with the place that he forthwith decided to settle there, accordingly purchasing the tract as noted above. Here he reared his family and spent the remaining years of his life. The old homestead, or a portion of it, is still in the possession of a descendant, Michael E. Wenger, of the fifth generation from the founder of the family. Christian Wenger and his wife had a family of three sons—Michael, John and Henry—and a daughter who became the wife of Christian Weaver. Jacob Wenger, a promi-

nent coach manufacturer of Paradise township, Lancaster county, is of the sixth generation from Christian Wenger, the emigrant. The line of descent is as follows:

(II) Michael Wenger, son of Christian, was deeded the homestead by the father in 1764.

(III) Rev. Joseph Wenger, son of Michael, was a minister of the Mennonite church, whose work was at Groffdale, and who after his father, occupied the old home place. He married a Miss Hurst, by whom he had a family of four sons—Michael, Benjamin, Daniel and Joseph—and three daughters, of whom there is record, wives, respectively, of John Nolt, Samuel Rupp and Isaac Wenger. Rev. Joseph Wenger died in 1850, at the advanced age of eighty-three years.

(IV) Joseph Wenger, son of Rev. Joseph, became a farmer. He married Catherine Burkholder, and died about 1817, at the early age of twenty-six years, leaving two sons, John and Joseph. The latter was a farmer, and he married a daughter of George Groff. His death occurred in 1863.

(V) John Wenger, son of Joseph, was born in 1814. He acquired the trade of wagon making, and established himself in business at Oregon, Lancaster county, continuing a successful manufacturer at that place for a period of thirty-five years. As time passed his reputation as a wagon-maker grew, and his skill increased. A demand arising for a different grade of goods, he began the manufacture of light wagons, carriages and buggies for the local trade, in which work he was ably assisted by his sons as they grew to manhood. About ten years prior to his death he retired from active business, his sons taking up and continuing most successfully the work thus surrendered. He also owned and operated a small farm of sixty acres. John Wenger married Miss Mary Erb, a daughter of Emanuel Erb of Warwick township, and to them were born seven children, namely, Joseph, Abraham, Mariah, Jacob, Lizzie, Annie and John. Of these children, Joseph, now deceased, learned the coach-making trade from his father, and for eight years conducted a business of his own in Paradise township; then in 1867 he entered the same business at Philadelphia, continuing until 1889; he died about 1892. Abraham, a resident of Paradise township, is mentioned below. Mariah is the deceased wife of Peter Hoover, of New Holland. The sketch of Jacob appears below. Lizzie is unmarried and resides in Paradise township; Annie, unmarried, is also a resident of Paradise township. John, a coachmaker by trade, worked for many years for his brother Jacob in Paradise township, and is now a dealer in carriages, and a salesman with headquarters in Philadelphia. The parents of these children were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The father, John, died in Paradise in 1885, aged seventy-one years, while the mother passed away July 3, 1879, aged sixty-eight years.

(VI) JACOB WENGER was born April 4, 1840.

He spent his boyhood days at Oregon, receiving his education in the public schools, supplemented by a term at the Millersville State Normal. He taught school for two terms, but, having learned from his father the trade of coach-making, he chose that as his vocation. Remaining in his father's factory for a time, he came to Paradise township and was here employed by his brother. In 1869 he succeeded to the business and during the first years of his experience as a manufacturer he had an associate in business, but since that time he has conducted the business alone. It was entirely a local trade when Jacob Wenger assumed charge, but under his management it has grown until it is second to none in the county outside of the city of Lancaster. Much of the furnished product of his factory is shipped to the large eastern cities, including New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington and Baltimore, where its high grade commands a ready market. Mr. Wenger has succeeded in the art of producing the finest quality of vehicles, and he can compete successfully with other manufacturing establishments seeking the same trade. The factory employed about ten hands, when Mr. Wenger acquired control and he now has regularly in the shops from twenty-five to thirty employed.

Mr. Wenger married, in 1868, Miss Mariah Hershey, daughter of John and Mary (Frick) Hershey, of Dauphin county, the former of whom was a bishop in the Reformed Mennonite church. To Jacob and Mariah Wenger have been born four children: Morris, a coach maker with his father; and Lettie, Mary and Fannie, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wenger are members of the Reformed Mennonite church. To the industrial vocation which he has followed so successfully through many years, Mr. Wenger has brought an inheritance of sterling integrity, industry and ability of a high order. His acquired business perceptions and intuitions, and his devotion to the work have contributed largely to his success.

(VI) ABRAHAM E. WENGER, also the son of John and Mary (Erb) Wenger, was born near Oregon, Lancaster county, Nov. 29, 1835. He was reared on the farm, and early in life showed mechanical aptitude. In his boyhood days he learned from his father the trade of coach making, also attending the subscription schools of the neighborhood and in summer working on the farm. He remained at home, employed in his father's coach manufactory, until his marriage Sept. 13, 1860, to Miss Adaline Fry, daughter of Martin H. Fry of Ephrata township. Abraham E. began his married career as a farmer, and for three years he conducted the home place. In 1863 he came to Paradise village, and took charge of the Paradise Coach works, conducting the same for three years. The next seven years of his life were spent in Philadelphia, where during that time he conducted a carriage business. Returning to Paradise he entered the employ of his brother, Jacob, as foreman of the paint shop, and has since remained in charge of that department of the business. Mr.

Wenger is, however, a master in every branch of the coach making trade, which he has learned thoroughly. His whole life has been devoted to this important industry and he is regarded as an authority upon the subject.

To Abraham E. and Adaline (Fry) Wenger have been born a family of six children, namely, Ada F., unmarried; Annie M., wife of Jacob Stoner of Lancaster City; Albertus F., a coach painter of Paradise; Lincoln, a druggist, of Lancaster City; Oliver D., a carriage maker of Springfield, Mo., married to Emma Lawrence; and Mary E., a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county. The wife and mother died March 23, 1893, aged fifty-three years. Mr. Wenger has been a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church since 1876, and is among the estimable and highly respected citizens of Lancaster county.

JOHN MOORE, a prominent citizen and one of the oldest settlers of Drumore township, was born in that township June 12, 1824. The family dates back to 1750 in Lancaster county, the grandfather Isaac Moore coming at that date from England and settling here, where he followed the trade of blacksmith. That he was a workman of merit may be inferred as some of the iron of his wedding appears in perfect condition on the Presbyterian Church at Chestnut Level, at this day. His family consisted of eight children: Rebecca, born Sept. 28, 1775, died Aug. 16, 1860; Elizabeth, born Oct. 3, 1777, died June 29, 1861; Moses, born Feb. 24, 1780, died in 1860; Samuel, born Sept. 22, 1782, died in 1847; William, born Aug. 3, 1785, died in 1858; Jennie, born in 1788, died about 1843; Martha, born Oct. 5, 1790, married William Cummings, and died April 5, 1852; and Lydia, born Aug. 30, 1795, died March 17, 1888, when nearly ninety-three years of age.

John Moore, of this sketch, was reared on a farm, and acquired his education in the common schools, choosing teaching as his occupation. His first school was in 1845, and he continued this calling until 1878, only missing one summer in thirty-three years, a most remarkable record. For many years he served most acceptably as justice of the peace, receiving his first commission in 1866, and serving ever since with the exception of ten years, when other duties claimed his attention, his last commission bearing date April 23, 1902. During his long term of service in educational circles, he was considered one of the leading teachers of Lancaster county, and he is now one of the oldest living teachers of the county. He is an earnest member of the Presbyterian church of Chestnut Level. Republican in politics, he has served as township auditor, and has been judge of election several times.

While he commenced life for himself a poor boy, Mr. Moore has worked his way steadily upward, and now resides on his small but carefully cultivated farm three-quarters of a mile from Liberty Square, where he is enjoying the fruits of his labors, sur-

rounded by his dearly loved books. Never having married, Mr. Moore has had all the more opportunity to devote to his studies, and he is one of the best read men in the county. Well-preserved for his years, kind in disposition, gentle in character, living in charity with all men, Mr. Moore is a noble representative of a good, Christian man and excellent neighbor, and when he receives the call to go to another world, he will leave behind him many sorrowing friends who love him for his tender, gentle character, and who remember his deeds of kindness.

JOHN CHRISTIAN WILLIAM REICHENBACH was born in Swartzburg, Rudolstadt, Upper Saxony, Jan. 26, 1749. Very little is known of his ancestry or early youth, but from the fact of his being possessed of a liberal classical and scientific education it is presumed that his family were in fair circumstances. He graduated from the University of Marseilles, in France. He left Germany in 1785, and came to Lancaster about 1790, and was appointed Professor of Mathematics and German in Franklin College, which had been organized in 1787. Besides his duties in the college he practiced surveying, and among others drafted and surveyed a ten-mile square map of Lancaster, the Court House being in the centre, which to-day is preserved in the collections of the Linnæan Society, of Lancaster.

During the years 1801-2-3, he was chief burgess of Lancaster. He originally belonged to the Moravian faith, but about the time that Prof. Reichenbach arrived in Lancaster, Henry Von Beulow, who had embraced Swedenborg's doctrines, also arrived in the place. The two soon became acquainted and subsequently Prof. Reichenbach also embraced the same doctrines. Prof. Reichenbach translated and published a number of the works of Swedenborg, among them being one entitled "Agathon," copies of which are still extant, although quite rare. He left a large amount of manuscript material which has become lost. He was the friend and associate of Bailey, Carpenter and Ehrenfried, who had also become Swedenborgians in faith. Prof. Reichenbach died May 15, 1821.

HON. CHARLES ISRAEL LANDIS, Judge of the Courts of Lancaster county, is an able jurist, descended from a family distinguished for the important part it took in the settlement of the country.

John Landis, grandfather of Judge Landis, settled in Lancaster as early as 1798. He removed from Lancaster to Middletown for a time, but returned about 1810 or 1812, and after living in the city for considerable time, removed to Warwick township (near Rothsville), where he became a surveyor and justice of the peace. Again returning to Lancaster City, he became alderman of the North East ward. He entered into rest in 1843. His progenitor was among the Swiss Mennonites who came to this State in its early history—a people who contributed so much to the formative characteristics that made this

county the prosperous and progressive section it is today.

Jesse Landis, father of Judge Landis, died Dec. 28, 1873, in his fifty-third year. He was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county in 1843, served as county solicitor from 1860 to 1869, and was the author of Landis' "Analytical Index," a law book of reference which was much in use for years after its publication. Jesse Landis was twice married, his first wife having been a Miss Jefferies, of Chester county, who died leaving no children. His second wife was Miss Elizabeth Parke Daniels, whose father was a farmer and justice of the peace near Fagg's Manor, Chester county. To this union came six children, all save one of whom are living: Beulah, who married B. S. Shindle, of the New Era Printing Co., Lancaster, and passed away in June, 1888; Mary E., wife of F. A. Diffenderffer, of Brooklyn; Jessie E., wife of John R. Kauffman, of Lancaster; Charles Israel, Judge of the Courts of Lancaster county; James Daniels, of *The New Era*, of which he is one of the company and managing editor; and Miss Matilda B., now living in Philadelphia.

Charles I. Landis was born in the old home, on East King street, Nov. 18, 1856. His educational facilities were exceptionally good, and after graduating from the Boys' High School, in 1871, he attended Franklin and Marshall College for two and one-half years. He left school when his father died, and became a clerk in Hager's dry goods store, remaining there six months. After teaching school for one year near Allentown, and another year in East Cocalico township, this county, Mr. Landis registered as a law student with the late D. G. Eshleman and was admitted to practice Sept. 8, 1877. Later he was admitted to the Supreme and Superior Courts, in both of which he enjoyed an extended practice until his election to the Bench.

Always active in Republican politics, giving his time, labor and talents to aid the Republican cause in city, county, State and National affairs, Mr. Landis was naturally strong with his party, and he was honored by being chosen city solicitor for Lancaster from 1880 to 1882; he was secretary of the Republican county committee in 1883; chairman of the same body in 1884-85; delegate to the State Republican convention that nominated James A. Beaver for Governor, in 1886; and was appointed by Gov. Stone, on April 12, 1899, to the office of Judge of the Courts of Lancaster county; in the following November he was triumphantly elected to the same office for ten years, beginning his term in January, 1900.

On Sept. 8, 1888, Judge Landis was married to Miss Jessie A. Witmer, daughter of Amos L. Witmer, of Paradise. His wife's great-grandfather, David Witmer, it is said, gave the name of Paradise to the section now known as Paradise township. Having been one of the early settlers there, he remarked when that section was about to be divided into two townships, "this has been a paradise to me," and the name was given to the township. This same

David Witmer donated the ground on which the Mennonite Church of Paradise was built, and it is related that he was excommunicated from that church because he had springs put upon his carriage, this having been regarded as too worldly by his co-religionists. Mrs. Landis is a direct descendant of Mary Ferree, the original settler in that section, and the Judge is now the owner of the homestead built upon land that has been in the Witmer family for over one hundred years, using it as a summer residence, but spending the remainder of the year in his cosy home at No. 140 North Duke street, Lancaster. On this old Witmer homestead is a marble stepping stone, which tradition says is the identical stone upon which Gen. LaFayette stepped when alighting from his carriage during his visit to that section. It is a matter of history that Abraham Witmer, great-great-uncle of Mrs. Landis was the original builder and owner of the symmetrical and historic bridge still known as Witmer's bridge, which spans the Conestoga at Conestoga Park, on the Philadelphia turnpike. Lieut. Gov. Russell, of Massachusetts, was descended from this Witmer family—a family whose history is largely the early history of an important part of the State. Judge and Mrs. Landis have no children. They attend St. James' Episcopal church. The Judge belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, but, as a lawyer he was so devoted to his practice that he had little time for social matters; and, since his election to the judgeship, he has been, if possible, a still closer student of the law.

JOEL FASNACHT. Among the honorable and much respected citizens of West Earl township, who resides upon his well cultivated and finely improved farm, one mile east of Farmersville, is Joel Fasnacht, a son of the late Samuel and Susannah (Deamer) Fasnacht, and a grandson of Samuel Fasnacht, of German origin, who was well-known through Lancaster county as a successful teacher and farmer, and a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

Samuel Fasnacht, the father of Joel, was born on Nov. 2, 1823, and died Oct. 14, 1900, while his wife, Susannah (Deamer) Fasnacht, was born Nov. 22, 1824, and still survives. Their marriage was in 1844, and during their long life together of fifty-six years, they saw many of their children well settled in life. The family was as follows: Elizabeth; Joel; Susan, the wife of Henry Rodman, of East Earl; Catherine, the wife of Amos Elsworth, of Chester county; John, deceased; Mary, the wife of Henry Wetzel, of Cocalico township; Saloma, the wife of William Silkniter, of Caernarvon township; Samuel, at home; and Henry, who resides in Terre Hill, Pennsylvania.

Joel Fasnacht was born Sept. 10, 1847, and was brought up to work on the farm, as his parents were in limited circumstances, with a large family depending upon them. He was educated in the common schools, but as soon as possible he endeavored

to take care of himself, and when he was eighteen, began to learn the carpenter trade, which he has followed ever since, in connection with his farming. Although he had no assistance from others, he has been able to rear a large family in comfort and to accumulate property, owning now a fine farm, with commodious buildings and all improvements, and this speaks well for his industry and energy, when it is remembered that he began his business without a dollar.

Mr. Fasnacht was married Sept. 26, 1871, to a daughter of Henry Boley, of East Earl, and to this union ten children have been born: Harry, born May 20, 1874; Lucinda, April 13, 1876; Susan, Aug. 21, 1877; Mary, March 3, 1879; Richard R., Nov. 8, 1881; Sallie, March 22, 1883; Carrie, July 30, 1888; Lizzie, July 4, 1892; Anna, March 10, 1893; and Joel, April 2, 1896. The birth of Mrs. Fasnacht occurred Oct. 9, 1850.

Joel Fasnacht is well known in the community as an honest, upright man, and one of the most industrious citizens and efficient carpenters of the locality. In his political belief, he is a staunch Republican, and he is a consistent member of the German Reformed Church. In him his family find a good and kind protector.

SILAS N. WARFEL, the fourth son of John and Maria Warfel, was born in Lancaster, Pa., July 29, 1838, and is a brother of Hon. J. B. Warfel, whose biography, with ancestry, will be found elsewhere in these annals.

Seven years after the birth of Silas N., his father died, and a year later his mother removed to a country homestead, near Strasburg, where his boyhood was passed amid rural surroundings that helped to mould his taste and character. Here the common schools furnished the basis of his education, after which a course of study at the Strasburg Academy and a term at the Millersville State Normal School completed his days of tuition and prepared his entry into the school of life. Having inherited artistic talent, at an early age he adopted art as his vocation, and in Philadelphia and elsewhere earned favorable recognition for skill in sketching and color drawing. Recalled, through filial duty, to Strasburg, he subsequently became interested in the cultivation and improvement of flowering plants, collecting novelties and hybridizing varieties almost to nature's limit of plant growth. The breeding and developing of excellence in live stock also, at this time, engaged his attention, and he succeeded in bringing about a distinct advance in the laying qualities and the beauty of domestic fowls, doing much also to awaken a new and deeper interest in the denizens of the farmyard. Early an Abolitionist, in open sympathy with the teachings of Garrison, and enduring in full measure the odium incurred by the friends of an oppressed race, he has lived to see his cherished convictions vindicated, and universal freedom and equality established before the law.

Socially Mr. Warfel is an honored member of the Masonic Fraternity, belonging to Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M. He is a Republican in politics, and is, and always has been, literary in his tastes and pursuits. His floriculture, which he is now pursuing with such earnestness and success, is the natural outgrowth of a mind so keenly sensible of the beautiful in art and nature. His reputation as a developer in the floral world is more than local, and his floral products will continue to live and gladden the hearts of mankind after he who promoted them has passed away, and will constitute an enduring monument to his memory.

JOHN EBERLE, M. D., was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in January, 1788, his father having been a blacksmith, and designing that his son should be the same. His nature, however, was such as to fit him for another vocation and he chose that of medicine. He began the study of medicine under Dr. Abraham Carpenter, of Lancaster, subsequently reading with Dr. Clapp, of Philadelphia, and graduated as a doctor of medicine in 1809, from the University of Pennsylvania. He began to practice medicine in Manheim, Lancaster county, but after a few years located in Lancaster. He was appointed surgeon to a Lancaster company of militia during the war of 1812, and was at the battle of Baltimore. Whilst in Lancaster he for a short time edited a newspaper which was devoted to politics, and in this way he lost all of his practice as a physician, and was finally compelled to seek new quarters, which he did by locating in Philadelphia in 1815.

In 1818 he assumed the editorship of the *American Medical Recorder*, and to this he owed his subsequent reputation. He was a member of a number of scientific societies, and was the author of a number of important medical works. He filled the chair of Professor of Physics in the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1825, and in 1830, that of *Materia Medica*. In 1831 he located in Cincinnati, and was elected Professor of *Materia Medica* in the Ohio Medical College. He removed to Lexington, Ky., in 1837, and was made Professor in charge of the Medical Department of Transylvania University. He died at Lexington, Ky., Feb. 2, 1838. His remains are interred in the Episcopal cemetery, Cincinnati, the spot being marked by a handsome monument.

AMBROSE J. HERR, M. D., was born on a farm in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, March 1, 1838, his father, Benjamin G. Herr, being one of the prominent agriculturists of the neighborhood. Until his twentieth year he combined farm work with study at the public schools, the Lititz Academy, and the Millersville State Normal School, and then began to read medicine with Dr. Benjamin Musser, of Strasburg. He entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1859, and graduated therefrom in the class of 1861. At the breaking

out of the Civil war he tendered his services to the government, and was assigned, as assistant surgeon, to the 61st P. V. I., Sept. 20, 1861; and on Sept. 12, 1862, he was promoted to surgeon of the 68th P. V. I., serving in that capacity until the close of the war. Thereafter he settled in Lancaster, where he has been in continuous practice.

Dr. Herr is a member of the State, the Lancaster City and County, and the American Medical Associations. Fraternally he is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican.

On Oct. 4, 1866, Dr. Herr married Emma S. Musselman, of Wheatland Mills, Lancaster county. She is a daughter of John and Eliza A. (Brackbill) Musselman, the former a retired miller. To Dr. and Mrs. Herr have been born three daughters, Florence E., wife of Rev. Henry H. Apple, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church of York, Pa.; and two that died in infancy.

HENRY CARPENTER, a prominent member of the Lancaster County Bar, is in every way a leading and representative citizen. His ancestors originated in Switzerland, coming to America, in the persons of Heinrich Zimmerman, and Salome Ruffner, his wife, in 1698, on account of the religious disturbance in their native land at that time. His location was in Pennsylvania, where he secured extensive tracts of land from William Penn, one demand, however, having to be complied with, that being the Anglicizing of the name. Thus Heinrich Zimmerman became Henry Carpenter, and since those early days, there has, in every generation, been a Henry Carpenter, the Lancaster county attorney being the sixth in line of succession.

Christian Carpenter, his grandfather, was a well-known and most worthy farmer who resided in Earl township, this county. There he prospered both in material and religious affairs, and built a church edifice which is known as Carpenter's church, in Earlville. Christian Carpenter was a man of liberal spirit, leaving in his will the request that this place of worship should be open to all who wished to use it for religious purposes, irrespective of creed. Many of the Carpenters lie in its shadow, and the kind influence of this good man pervades the place.

William Carpenter, the father of Henry Carpenter, of Lancaster, was for many years the reliable and best known surveyor, scrivener and conveyancer of Lancaster county. The contest which made him prothonotary of Lancaster was one of the most notable political events in the history of the county. Mr. Carpenter was an old Line Whig, and there had been a split in the Republican party. The result was a triangular fight in which Mr. Carpenter won, by six votes, over his principal competitor, Peter Martin. An election contest followed, and the result of this was that Mr. Carpenter was declared elected by a majority of twelve votes, just twice the number which he had originally claimed. This is history, and is well remembered by all parties.

Mr. Carpenter filled the office and performed its duties with a faithfulness that left nothing to be desired. An old neighbor and personal friend of President James Buchanan, he was selected as one of the pall-bearers at the funeral of this distinguished statesman and courtly gentleman.

The marriage of William Carpenter was to Caroline Eichler, who was a daughter of a prominent farmer, living near Lititz, and to this union there were born fifteen children, seven of these still surviving: Albert, who became a member of the Bar in this county, but died in the early part of what promised to be a brilliant career; William, a banker, now deceased; Paul, a printer by trade, deceased; Charles, who occupied the position of paying teller in the Lancaster County National Bank, deceased; Mary A., deceased wife of the late Alderman H. R. McConomy; Caroline A., deceased, who was the wife of the late Jacob Bair; Catherine, who was the wife of the late John McGrann; Ella L., deceased wife of Col. Wm. R. Gerhart; Emily J., at home; Elizabeth, who is a teacher of literature, in Philadelphia; Israel, who is city regulator of Lancaster; Stella, who is the wife of Dr. J. W. Nelson, who is assistant to the general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad at Altoona, Pa.; Henry, of Lancaster; Anna B., who died at the age of twenty-four years; and Salome R., who bears the name of her ancestral grandmother, the wife of Heinrich Zimmerman. A pleasant little bit of family history is that when the latter set out on his long trip to the strange country, where he intended to find a new home, that he was presented with a set of carpenter tools by no less a personage than Queen Anne of England herself, along with the lands from William Penn, the original deeds for the latter being yet in the family archives.

Henry Carpenter was born in the old Carpenter home, on East Orange street, it being the building which is now occupied by the Hamilton Club, on Nov. 29, 1859, and he passed with credit through the common and high schools of Lancaster.

After the death of his father in December, 1875, at the age of sixty-four years, the mother surviving until 1892, her death being at the age of sixty-eight years, Henry Carpenter went into the business of scrivener and conveyancing, in association with his brother, Israel, and in the meantime engaged in reading law, with David G. Eshleman. In June, 1881, he was admitted to the Bar, and later to practice in the Superior and the Supreme courts. Through four terms he made a fine record as city solicitor, and he was the nominee of the Republican party for the mayoralty. The successful competitor was the Democratic candidate, Robert Clark, not, however, on account of any want of confidence in Mr. Carpenter, but on account of the unfortunate split in the party. The political feelings of many of the good citizens of Lancaster were at fever heat, the trouble being in what was locally known and recorded as the Livingston-Brubaker fight. Mr. Carpenter in his public life, has never courted trouble,

but he has always been a man who stood for certain principles, and in this contest he favored the claims of Judge Livingston, and hence was sacrificed by the opponents of this gentleman, and for no personal reasons. From his earliest manhood, Mr. Carpenter has been an ardent and active Republican, and has served efficiently on the Republican State Central committee.

Fraternally he is valued in a number of social organizations; was a member of the final examining committee of the Lancaster Bar, for many years; is a 32d degree Mason, belonging to the Philadelphia Consistory; is a Past Master of Lodge, No. 43; Past High Priest of Chapter, No. 43; Past Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of Goodwin Council, No. 19; Past Eminent Commander of Knights Templar Commandery No. 13; Past Thrice Potent Grand Master of Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, 14th degree; and is at present representative of Lodge No. 43, to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

On Feb. 15, 1898, Mr. Carpenter was married to Miss Helen Sprecher Wiley, daughter of Thomas C. Wiley, and a granddaughter of the late Major W. M. Wiley, on the paternal side, and the granddaughter of the well known William D. Sprecher, of Lancaster on the maternal side. The family home at No. 503 North Duke street, Lancaster, is one of comfort and elegance, while his business office, at No. 54 North Duke street, is well located and stocked with a fine library. Here Mr. Carpenter transacts a large amount of business, and he is justly regarded as one of the prominent and prosperous citizens.

MATTHIAS BARTON, a son of Rev. Thomas Barton, was admitted to practice law in the Lancaster county courts in 1788. In the years 1793, 1794 and 1795 he represented Lancaster county in the State Legislature. He was elected to the Senate of Pennsylvania in 1796, and re-elected in 1800. He possessed a fondness for natural history, and made quite a collection of specimens in zoology and of minerals. He also devoted considerable of his time to drawing sketches from nature. He died Jan. 11, 1809, in the forty-seventh year of his age.

DAVID GROFF, one of the oldest as well as most respected citizens of East Lampeter township, of which he is a native, was born Jan. 23, 1818. The family has been identified with agricultural interests in this section for several generations, our subject's grandfather, also named David, having lived and died in Lancaster county. He was a farmer and followed that calling all his life. In religion he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. His wife's maiden name is now unknown, but he was the father of nine children: John, now deceased; Martin, deceased, who was a resident of Lancaster city; David (2), the father of our subject; Esther, wife of Jacob Miller; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hannah; Evanna, wife of John Landis; Mary, wife of John Rohrer;

and Hannah and Catherine, both of whom remained unmarried.

David Groff (2), father of our subject, lived at the old home all his life, and worked on the farm. He received a common school education. He married Miss Elizabeth Witmer, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of five children: Annie, who died unmarried; Benjamin, deceased; David; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Erb; and Martin, of Eden. Both parents were members of the Old Mennonite Church. They both departed this life in 1827, when our subject was but nine years of age.

David Groff, the third in turn to bear this name, went to live with his relations after his parents died, remaining until he was of age, and in the meantime he received a somewhat limited education. He began business for himself farming on the place where he now resides, having purchased the farm of the heirs in 1841.

For his first wife Mr. Groff married Miss Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom he had ten children: Annie, widow of Martin Denlinger; Abraham, of Lancaster county; Miss Mary, who is at home; Martin, of Lancaster county; Amanda, deceased wife of Jacob Huber; David, living on the farm with his father; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Landis; Israel, deceased; Elias, of Lancaster county; and Emma, wife of Benjamin Harnish. The mother of these children died in 1874, and Mr. Groff married for his second wife Miss Magdeline Weaver, daughter of Abraham Weaver, who was from Cumberland county. They are both members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Groff has taken his place among Lancaster county's most prominent citizens. Although deprived of the advantages of education, he has been very successful in life, and owns two fine farms. He is public-spirited, deeply interested in local affairs, and has served ably five years as school director. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

JOHN MUSSELMAN, retired miller of Lancaster, was born in this county, Nov. 9, 1811, a son of Michael and Barbara (Sherrer) Musselman, and grandson of David and Magdalene Musselman, the former a farmer in early life, but later retired.

The parents of John Musselman were born at Silver Spring, Lancaster county, the father, Oct. 18, 1782, and the mother, March 19, 1785; and the father died Dec. 27, 1851, at the age of seventy, while the mother lived to be eighty years of age. Michael Musselman was a distiller, miller and farmer, and a man of influence in the community, at one time being a director of the Lancaster Bank, as well as county poor director. With his wife he is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery in Paradise township, although the latter was a member of the Mennonite Church. Into their family were born the following children: David; Ann; Jacob; John; Samuel; Isaac and Maria, the latter the wife of Elam Witmer; and Susan. Of this large family John is the only surviving member.

Until about 1830 John Musselman lived on the paternal farm, and then began to learn the miller's trade in a mill about a mile from Strasburg. This same mill continued to be the object of his care until 1881, or for half a century, lacking one year, and it was said that the old burr mill on Pequea Creek turned out a better grade of flour than did any of its associates in business in the locality. The flour found a ready market, and was manufactured at the rate of fifty barrels a day, and the owner of the mill attained a competence which enabled him permanently to retire from active life in 1881. For many years he was a director in the Farmers' National Bank, and held many positions of trust and responsibility in the affairs of his township. He is a member of no church, but bears an enviable reputation in the community of which he has been an integral part for so many years.

Near Strasburg, Feb. 13, 1834, Mr. Musselman married Eliza A. Brackbill, born in Lampeter township, Oct. 24, 1810, and who died Nov. 22, 1888. The parents of Mrs. Musselman were Christian and Magdelene (Herr) Brackbill, of Lampeter, the former a miller by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Brackbill had one son, David H., who is deceased. To John Musselman and his wife were born the following children: Franklin B., a retired miller of Strasburg; Milton M., deceased at an early age; Christian, a retired coal and lumber merchant of Witmer, Pa.; Anna E., deceased in infancy; Emma S., wife of Dr. A. J. Herr, of Lancaster; Martha M., living at home; Barbara A., living at home; Eliza A., married Dr. J. Henry Musser, of Lampeter, and is now deceased; Myra M., the wife of Dr. Harry E. Musser, of Witmer, Pa.; Harriet F., deceased wife of Reuben H. Herr; and Ada L., who died in infancy. The two last named children were twins.

JACOB RATHFON, for an ordinary lifetime a member of the firm of Myers & Rathfon, leading clothiers of Lancaster, but who retired from business on Nov. 5, 1902, is one of the most remarkable men in that city. He comes of very old Pennsylvania stock; his grandfather, also Jacob by name, was born in Lancaster county, and there followed farming. Joseph Rathfon, son of Jacob, was a farmer near New Danville, this county, and died seventy-eight years ago, when Jacob Rathfon was little more than an infant. Joseph Rathfon married Anna Shank, daughter of the late John Shank, a well known farmer living near Conestoga Center.

Jacob Rathfon was born in New Danville Dec. 4, 1819, and was the only child of his parents. He was educated in the schools of the district, attending until he reached the age of ten years, when he started out to fight the battle of life alone. After making himself useful in various ways until he was fourteen years old, he was indentured as an apprentice at tailoring, near Lititz, serving three and a half years, and then coming to Lancaster. This was in 1839, and after working as a journeyman tailor for five years, he started in business for himself, and on

July 1, 1866, he entered into partnership with Samuel M. Myers. Then and there was born what was destined to become not only the leading clothing establishment of the city, but one of the most prominent in the State. They started in trade at the corner of East King street and Center Square, now Watt & Shand's corner; then removed to the southeast angle of Center Square, remaining there three years. On Oct. 9, 1874, they entered the large elegant building at No. 12 East King street, which they had erected, and where the business is still located. They were not only engaged as merchant tailors, manufacturing goods in large quantities, but sold wholesale as well as retail, their trade extending all over the State and necessitating the employing of from eighty to one hundred men the year round. Years ago Messrs. Myers & Rathfon began building dwelling-houses for renting purposes, and as they built not for mere speculation, but for an investment, they built good houses, and today they are the owners of one hundred or more of the best dwelling-houses that can be rented in the city of Lancaster. These houses, being of good quality and in good localities, have never been known to "go begging" for tenants, as, besides the desirability of these homes in other respects, Messrs. Myers & Rathfon are always considerate of the needs of their tenants, many of whom have been living in the same houses for almost an ordinary lifetime. No two men in Lancaster have contributed so much to the material advancement of the city as these two enterprising citizens.

Mr. Rathfon was married, in early manhood, to Miss Mary Louisa Brown, daughter of the late John Brown, a pioneer watch and clock maker of Lancaster, whose kindly face is well remembered by many of our older citizens. Seven children, three of whom are living, brightened their home: (1) Gilbert Brown, who is freight agent of the Nickel Plate Railroad, in Buffalo, N. Y., has been twice married; his first wife, Catherine Pauline King, daughter of Solomon King, of Baltimore, died March 26, 1893, the mother of three children, Louise King (who married F. K. Souer, of Lancaster), Gilbert Brown, Jr. (who married May Meenan, of Buffalo, N. Y.), and Mary Ellen; his second wife, May Whitesell, of Washington, is the mother of one child, Paul Whitesell. (2) J. H. enjoys the proud distinction of having been city treasurer of Lancaster longer than any other man in the history of the city, having held that responsible office almost continuously since 1887; he married Mary E. Hartman. (3) Mary Ellen is the widow of Christian Rine, a prominent leaf tobacco dealer. Of those deceased, John Edwin, who took a prominent part in the mercantile business of Myers & Rathfon, married Elizabeth Reigart, and a son, William E., blessed the union. Melvin Hubley was a popular salesman in the establishment of Myers & Rathfon, and passed away universally regretted, on Dec. 14, 1900; he married Laura C. Locher, and left one child, Mary Ellen. The family reside in an elegant home at No. 228 North Duke



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street, on what was the site of the old First Methodist church. Mrs. Rathfon died Dec. 18, 1896, beloved and regretted by all. She was a member of Trinty Lutheran Church.

Mr. Rathfon belongs to no secret orders. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of which he has been a trustee for ten years past. In politics he is a Republican, and has been councilman, school director, trustee of the Children's Home, etc., but cares little for public office. His only recreation is in a quiet drive behind a good road horse, one (or more) of which he always keeps. Indeed, his well-known fondness for a good horse led him into the Lancaster Drivers' Association, and in the grand parade of that association, in June, 1901, he was a conspicuous figure, driving his own team and sitting as erect as any man in the parade, notwithstanding the weight of almost eighty-two years of an active, industrious life. He is a remarkable man, physically and mentally, and is greatly beloved by the people of the community in which he lives.

GEORGE ROSS represented Lancaster county in the Continental Congress which adopted the Declaration of Independence. He was born at New Castle, Del., in 1730, and coming to Lancaster county was admitted as an attorney-at-law, in 1750. In 1768 he was elected a member of the Provincial Assembly of Pennsylvania, and held that office until in 1776, when he was elected to membership in the Continental Congress. He retired in 1777 on account of ill health. Lancaster county offered him the sum of £150 for his services to it, but he would not accept it. On April 14, 1779, he was appointed a judge of the Court of Admiralty. On July 13, 1779, he died of an attack of the gout and was buried in Christ Church graveyard in Philadelphia.

PHILIP S. BUSH. Among the prominent and substantial farmers of Lancaster county who have pursued a successful agricultural career for many years, and can now enjoy the fruits of earlier activity, is Philip S. Bush, who lives retired on his well-cultivated farm in Sadsbury township, one of its most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Bush was born in West Vincent township, Chester county, July 17, 1821, a son of John and Catherine (Sheeder) Bush, the former of whom was a native of Berks county, Pa., and the latter of Germany. Both died in Chester county, where he carried on farming and mason work; he was also a tailor by trade. John Bush died in 1852, at the age of seventy-two years, and his widow survived until 1868, dying at the age of eighty-four years. Both parents were worthy members of the Lutheran Church, while in his political belief, Mr. Bush was a Republican. Their children were: Henry, deceased; William, deceased; Peter, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Charles, deceased; Fred, deceased; Philip S.; Samuel, deceased; Mary, deceased, who first married an Egley, and second, a Whiteside; Catherine, deceased wife of John Fridy;

Caroline, deceased, who married first William Morris, second, John McGowan; Dorothy, deceased wife of George Miller; and Anna, deceased, who married a Morris, the only survivor of this large family being Philip S.

Philip S. Bush was reared on his father's farm, but when he reached the age of seventeen years, he learned the trade of wheelwright, working for two years at Warwick furnace. Then Mr. Bush took up the companion trade, that of carpenter, and for nine years worked at this, finally becoming a manufacturer of agricultural implements, in Christiana, Pa., but five years later he moved to his present excellent farm, consisting of seventy-one acres, and this he operated with great success until his voluntary retirement in 1897. Although in years Mr. Bush may be considered with the older generation, his vigor of mind and body still keep him from the discomforts of old age, and make his friends and neighbors forget the date on the calendar.

In 1846 Mr. Bush was married (first) in Chester county, Pa., to Miss Catherine Weidner, and the children born to this union were: Winfield S., who remains with his father, unmarried; Wilmer, deceased, who was a skilled machinist; Franklin, who married and moved to Hartford, Conn., where he is a machinist; Milton, who married Barbara Scott, and resides on the home farm; and Cecelia, deceased wife of James Allen. Mrs. Catherine (Weidner) Bush was born in Chester county, and died in 1867; her remains were interred at Atglen, Pa. She was a daughter of Daniel and Priscilla Weidner, of Chester county.

The second marriage of Mr. Bush occurred in 1887, at the home of the bride, in Sadsbury township, Mary Neidich becoming his wife. She was born in Paradise township, a daughter of Peter and Catherine Neidich, of Lancaster county, and her death occurred in 1891, at the age of fifty-five years, leaving no children.

Mr. Bush has been identified with many public interests, for eighteen years serving as school director and as president of the board, holding many of the local offices with efficiency, being particularly satisfactory as county auditor during three years. Mr. Bush has been past master in the Masonic fraternity, and in his political sympathy, is with the Republican party. For many years he has been a member and liberal supporter of the Presbyterian Church, and is a man of honor and estimable character in every walk of life.

LEVI S. REIST, son of Jacob Reist, and a prominent citizen, died in Oregon, Lancaster county, May 29, 1892. He was born in Millport, Warwick township, in 1817, and lived there until in 1888, when he moved to Oregon. Although simply educated in the schools of his neighborhood, he had an acquiring mind and was a warm friend of education, having been a member of the board of trustees of the Millersville school for a number of years. In early life

he had been a Whig, but when the Republican party was formed joined it. He was elected county commissioner in 1859. He was an enthusiastic horticulturist, and one of the founders of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society. His most remarkable trait, however, was his knowledge of local genealogy and traditions, with particular reference to those families of German descent, which in his death have been lost beyond recall.

ELIAS E. REIST, a leading citizen and a successful farmer of Penn township, who for twenty years has been the efficient town clerk, belongs to a highly respected family of Lancaster county. Grandfather Abraham Reist was born in Penn township in 1770, and during his whole life was a farmer, and one of the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church. His marriage was to Veronica Cassell, and they had a family of seven children: Abraham, the father of Elias E.; Joseph, a farmer of Penn township; Henry, a farmer of Penn township; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Hershey; Nancy, the wife of John Summy; Veronica, the wife of David Metzgar; and Esther, the wife of Jacob Dohner.

Abraham Reist was also born in Penn township, in 1798, and his whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. A valued member of the Old Mennonite Church, he was highly respected, and his death occurred in September, 1844. The mother of Elias E. Reist bore the maiden name of Barbara Eby. Seven children were born to Abraham Reist and wife: Aaron, a farmer of Penn township; Moses, who died unmarried; Elias, of this sketch; Benjamin, who has charge of the toll-gate on the Lancaster and Manheim pike road; Sybilla, who married Rev. Benjamin Eby, of the German Baptist Church; Maria, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel H. Oberholtzer; and Esther, who was the wife of Abram Rutt, both now deceased.

Elias E. Reist was born in Penn township, Nov. 22, 1831, and he remained with his mother until he reached his majority, attending the common schools and assisting on the farm. His first farming on his own account was on land located at Lime Rock, and here he remained for nine years, moving then to the fine farm where he now resides. This consists of some thirty-seven acres, and is located about one and one-half miles from Manheim, and here Mr. Reist has made many valuable improvements. Mr. Reist carries on general farming, raising the usual products of this section in abundance. For some seven years he also engaged in the butcher business, but has had much of his time occupied with the duties of public office. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and for three years has been supervisor of Penn township, and for twenty years the valued town clerk.

Mr. Reist was married to Catherine Keller, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Keller. Mr. Reist is one of the leading citizens of this locality, a man of strict integrity, and is one who deserves

and enjoys the esteem of the community. Although having no children of their own, Mr. and Mrs. Reist have taken and reared five children, three girls and two boys. Christianna F. Pfeffer, who was in her seventh year when taken by her foster parents, married Samuel Weidner; Ellen M. Seitzinger, taken in her third year, is the wife of Henry E. Kready; Olivia Elizabeth Brenneman is the wife of Noah T. Hollinger. A. D. Sahn married Emma Basehore, and Milton W. Keener is still with his benefactors. The three last named were taken in their infancy.

HENRY HERSHEY, one of the leading business men of Lancaster, Pa., was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, April 28, 1839, a son of Jacob and Eliza (Miller) Hershey, natives of East Hempfield and West Lampeter townships, respectively.

Jacob Hershey was a farmer, distiller and miller until 1869, when he removed to Lancaster, and made his home with his son, Henry, until the marriage of the latter. He then resided in a separate home until his death, Aug. 25, 1872, when he was aged seventy-six years. His wife survived until 1880, when she, too, died aged seventy-six. During the latter part of her life she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The father was assessor of his township for a number of years. Both he and his wife are buried in Lancaster cemetery. The following children were born to Jacob Hershey and his wife: Ezra, a retired farmer of Darke county, Ohio, to which locality he removed in 1847; Sarah, married Henry Schreiner, retired, of Lancaster, Pa.; Benjamin, deceased; Jacob, deceased, a farmer of Darke county, Ohio; John S., a retired farmer of Ohio; Anna, who is the widow of Andrew Emmert, of Ephrata, Pa.; Jeremiah, who died in infancy; Mary, widow of Emanuel Schreiner, of Lancaster, Pa.; Lizzie, unmarried, of Lancaster, Pa.; Susan, widow of Albert Stanton, of Lancaster, Pa.; Amelia, unmarried, of Lancaster, Pa.; Amos, deceased; Henry; Harriet, who died in infancy; Fanny, who married William Peifer, of Lancaster; Reuben, in the bottling business at Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Elizabeth, deceased in infancy. Of this large family, fourteen grew to maturity. The paternal grandfather, Benjamin Hershey, was a native of Lancaster, although of Swiss extraction, and by calling he was a farmer.

The boyhood days of Henry Hershey were passed upon his father's farm, he working during the summer months and attending school in the winter, until he attained the age of seventeen, when he removed to Lancaster and learned the trade of coach maker, following it until the outbreak of the Civil war. Like so many of his young associates, he enlisted, in September, 1861, enrolling in Co. C, 79th P. V. I., under Capt. Dysart, for three years, but in 1862 he was detached for duty with the Signal Corps. In the fall of 1863, he re-enlisted as a sergeant in

the Signal Corps, and thereafter served as a non-commissioned officer until he was mustered out of service, at Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 25, 1865. During his term of service, Mr. Hershey participated in various skirmishes, battles and in the three days battle of Chickamauga, but was never wounded, although the strain of long marches, exposure and other hardships which fall to the lot of a soldier have all been felt and suffered for by Mr. Hershey, many times over. One of our noted physicians, speaking of the veterans of the Civil war, makes the statement that it was not necessary that a man be injured by bullet or cannon, for the hardships alone were sufficient to destroy the strongest constitution, to make every soldier an object of reverence, and the symbol of what is highest and truest in our country. The soldiers of 1861-65 offered their lives that our country might forever be one and inseparable.

In 1869, Mr. Hershey succeeded to the well-established business of his uncle, John S. Miller, which had been in operation some twenty years. This enterprise comprises a large wholesale coffee business, including steam roaster, and the trade in this line, owing to Mr. Hershey's progressive methods, and thorough grasp of his undertaking, is a sound and steadily increasing one. When he assumed control, the business was located in a frame structure, which was totally destroyed by fire in 1880, but was rebuilt, the new plant being of brick and much more convenient and commodious.

On Feb. 27, 1872, Mr. Hershey was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Annie M. Fetter, who was born at Oak Hill, Paradise township, Lancaster county, daughter of Edwin T. and Laura L. (Whitmer) Fetter, of Lancaster. She was educated in the Lancaster and Lititz schools, and her father was a school teacher, making a specialty of languages, and holding several chairs in various academies. Remaining in Lancaster county, Pa., until 1850, he removed to Prince George county, Va., where he purchased wood and farm land, and continued in the lumber business until his death, which occurred Dec. 3, 1852. The mother afterward removed to Lancaster county, Pa., and died in October, 1890, at the age of sixty-five years, and was interred in Woodward Hill cemetery. Both she and her husband were members of the Episcopal Church. The children born to these parents were: Frederick, who died in Texas at the age of thirty-five; and Annie M., wife of Mr. Hershey.

FREDERICK A. ALBRIGHT. A lifelong resident of Lancaster, Mr. Albright by his industry and uprightness proved himself a worthy son of his home city. Here he was born in 1822, and here his busy life came to an end Aug. 4, 1892. He was a member of an old Pennsylvania family, and a son of Anthony and Susan Albright, who came from Germantown to Lancaster, the father establishing a printing business on the corner of

Prince and West King streets. Under the guidance of these worthy parents he was trained to habits of usefulness and persevering industry, and was thus prepared for an active and honorable career. While he was still a mere lad he was trained to a thorough knowledge of the stove moulder's trade, and this he followed for a time, but afterward turned his attention to the bakery business as offering more satisfactory inducements for profit.

In the midst of the labors connected with the management of his business affairs, Mr. Albright did not neglect his duties as a citizen, but in every way endeavored to promote the welfare of his city, and to support measures for its advance. In politics he advocated the principles of the Republican party, and on that ticket he was elected to a number of local offices, including that of member of the city council, in which capacity he served several terms. Reared in the Moravian faith, he was throughout life an earnest and faithful member of that church, and a contributor to its various charities.

In Lancaster, in 1845, occurred the marriage of Frederick A. Albright and Sarah Axer. Born of their union were the following children: Charles E., who died at nine years of age; Mary, who married Dr. Benjamin Sides, but is now deceased; Walter F., who is represented elsewhere in this volume; Sarah C., deceased, formerly the wife of Valentine Werkheiser, a wholesale grocer of Lancaster; and Fred A., who died in boyhood. Mrs. Albright was born in Lancaster April 10, 1828, a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Ward) Axer. During his early life he followed the trade of a linen weaver, but for years before his death he was forced, owing to rheumatism, to give up all attempts in the way of steady work. However, in spite of this drawback, he accumulated sufficient to provide his family with the comforts of life and lay up enough to surround the old age of himself and wife with all the necessities. At the time of his death, in 1843, he was seventy-three years of age. His wife, who was many years his junior, died in 1880 at the age of eighty-two, and was interred in the cemetery at Lancaster. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and endeavored in their actions to exemplify the truth of the doctrines of Christianity. Their children were as follows: John; Catherine, Mrs. John A. McGinnis; and Jacob, Sarah, George and Frederick, all of whom are deceased excepting Sarah, Mrs. Albright.

Notwithstanding her advanced years Mrs. Albright retains her mental and physical faculties, and is active, hearty and energetic, retaining to an unusual degree her interest in the world's activities. In this city, which was the home of her childhood as well as of her mature years, she numbers many friends among the old residents, and she is esteemed for those attributes of character that always charm. Her kindness of heart is shown in generous contributions to the poor and

needy, and those in distress are never turned unaided from her door.

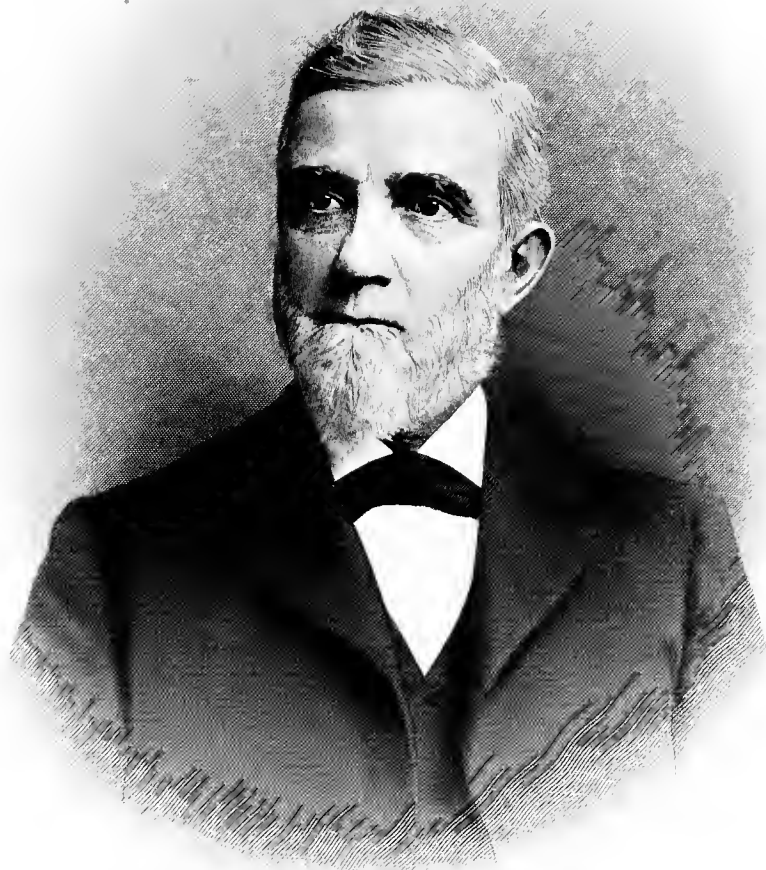
SAMUEL H. REYNOLDS was born at Brier Creek in Columbia county, Pa., Nov. 20, 1831, a son of Thomas Reynolds. At fourteen years of age he entered Dickinson College, and graduated from there in 1850. He then went to Bellefonte and began to read law with Hon. J. T. Hale, and was admitted to practice law in 1853. In September, 1855, he was admitted to the Bar at Lancaster. In 1856 he was elected city solicitor. In 1858 he married a daughter of the late Wm. B. Fordney, Esq. In 1866 he was the Democratic nominee for Congress but was defeated, and in May, 1872, he was appointed as a member of the State Constitutional Convention. He died Sept. 10, 1889. He was the personal friend of Thaddeus Stevens, Reah Frazer, Thomas E. Franklin and O. J. Dickey.

ISRAEL G. ERB. The primal causes which shape the fortunes of individual men and the destinies of states are often the same. They are usually remote and obscure; their influence wholly unexpected until declared by results. When they inspire men to the exercise of courage, self-denial, enterprise and industry, and call into play the higher moral elements, such causes lead to the planting of great states, great nations, great peoples. That nation is greatest which produces the greatest and most manly men, and its safety depends not so much upon methods and measures as upon that true manhood from whose deep sources all that is precious and permanent in life must at least proceed. Such a result may not be consciously contemplated by the individuals instrumental in the production of a great state or nation. Pursuing each his personal good by exalted means, this follows their work as a logical sequel. They have wrought along the lines of the greatest good.

The family of which Israel G. Erb is a worthy representative has long been identified with the annals of the old Keystone State, and in the several generations have been those who have ably carried forward the work of founding and building a great commonwealth, each successive generation accomplishing something which may well be "remembered with pride by remote descendants," to quote the words of Macaulay. It is not within the province of this work to enter into the manifold details of remote genealogy, but in each case it is aimed to incorporate sufficient data to indicate the lesson and incentive which may be "read between the lines." Mr. Erb is one of the representative citizens of Lancaster county, which has been his home throughout life, and there he has lived and labored to goodly ends, even as did those of earlier generations of the family. In tracing back the genealogy of the agnatic line, we find that he is of the sixth generation of the family in Pennsylvania, and the mere statement of this fact will stand as voucher for the further state-

ment that the name must thus have been identified with the history of that Commonwealth from the earliest pioneer epoch—far antecedent to the war of the Revolution. To be somewhat more exact, it may be said that the great-great-great-grandfather of Israel G. Erb was one of five brothers and a sister who emigrated from Switzerland to America in the beginning of the eighteenth century, and took up their abode in the midst of the untrammelled forest wilds of what was destined to be the great State of Pennsylvania, the one of the number who figures as the progenitor of the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch taking up a tract of land in what is now Lancaster county, and since that early epoch the name has been prominently and consecutively linked with the annals of this section. It is needless to say his initial efforts were in the direction of reclaiming a portion of his land and rendering it eligible for cultivation, for agriculture was the one industry to which recourse must be had by those valiant souls who became the pioneers of a new land. He cleared a section of forest land in Penn township, within three miles of the present attractive little city of Lititz, and as the result of his indefatigable and well directed efforts reclaimed a homestead worthy to be passed from generation to generation and to become hallowed with memories and associations, as it is to-day—the old homestead now in the possession of Israel G. Erb, who was there born, as were also his father, grandfather and great-grandfather before him.

Israel G. Erb was born Sept. 12, 1843, on the ancestral farm, a son of David W. and Catherine (Groff) Erb, the former of whom was born there March 4, 1819. David W. Erb was reared to maturity under the invigorating discipline of the farm, receiving a good education for the day, and proving himself a man of strong mentality, excellent judgment and impregnable integrity. He never wavered in his devotion to the great basic art of husbandry, which continued to engross his attention throughout his long and active life. He was one of the most progressive and influential farmers of Penn township and of Lancaster county, and in his death, which occurred in July, 1885, there passed away one of nature's unassuming noblemen, and one whose life had been lived on an exalted plane of rectitude and honor. In religion he held to the simple and beautiful faith of the Mennonite Church, in whose work he ever took an active interest. In politics he originally gave his support to the Whig party, but upon the organization of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance thereto, and ever afterward remained a stalwart adherent to the same. His marriage to Miss Catherine Groff was solemnized in 1840, and she still survives him, having attained the venerable age of eighty years, and resting serene and hopeful in the deepest Christian faith, and in the filial solicitude and devotion of her children, who may well "rise up and call her blessed." She likewise is a na-



Israel J. Erb.

tive of Lancaster county, where her family was founded many generations ago, the town of Groffdale perpetuating the name. She is a daughter of John Groff, who was a successful farmer of the county and an influential member of the Mennonite Church. David W. and Catherine Erb became the parents of two daughters and one son, namely: Maria, who is the wife of Christian Kreiter, of Lincoln, this county; Adaline, wife of John Brubaker, who resides in the same vicinity; and Israel G., the immediate subject of this review. Daniel Erb, the paternal grandfather of Israel G., was likewise born in what is now Penn township, where he was extensively engaged in farming, being one of the substantial men of the community, and one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Witwer, was a cousin of Gen. Witwer, whose name is honored in the annals of the nation. Daniel and Mary Erb became the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom David W., father of Israel G., was the eldest.

Israel G. Erb waxed strong in mental and physical vigor under the sturdy discipline of the old homestead farm upon which he was reared, and it is needless to say that he learned the science of agriculture under most effective preceptorship, for his father was a man of progressive methods and fine business acumen, and saw to it that his son was properly instructed in a practical and systematic way. It must be understood, however, that the father was also fully appreciative of the value of theoretical or scholastic education as well, and that he afforded his son every consistent advantage for rounding out a symmetrical mental development. After successfully completing the curriculum of the public schools in the vicinity of his home he became encouraged to broaden still farther his fund of knowledge, and at the age of eighteen years he was matriculated as a student in the Lititz Academy, an institution which attained exceptional prestige under the direction of its distinguished and honored founder, the late lamented Prof. John Beck, to whose able and kindly tutoring Mr. Erb feels himself indebted in perpetual gratitude and honor, as he does also to the successors of that worthy educator and noble man. Under the direction of Prof. Beck he secured a liberal education, showing exceptional predilection for mathematics, and becoming so proficient in its various branches, including civil engineering, that his preceptor advised him to adopt engineering as a profession. However, he was induced to engage in teaching, and he devoted four terms to pedagogic work, in which he was successful. But in the meanwhile he had reason to revert to the advice of his old friend and preceptor, and began to realize more fully the wisdom of the admonition. He accordingly again became a student in Lititz Academy, where he took up a special course in higher mathematics and civil engineering, under Prof. G. W. Hepp, who, with Prof. F. D. Rickert, succeeded Prof. Beck in the management of the academy. Of his work after

leaving the academy for the second time a previously published article speaks as follows: "Subsequently he began business as a surveyor, and in a short time his accurate work attracted widespread attention, and consequently his services have always been in demand. As a scrivener he has few equals. He is an adept in all lines, preparing legal as well as commercial, religious and social documents in plain and faultless terms. Since that time he has been engaged in surveying and has also given much time and labor and care to the proper management of his fine farm and other business investments, which are of wide scope and importance."

It may be safely and truly said that no citizen of Lititz, where he has maintained his residence for the past twenty years, has done more to forward the legitimate industrial advancement of this section of the State than has Mr. Erb, while his influence has ever been helpfully and potently exerted in the promotion of educational, religious and civic progress, and he has maintained that public-spirited attitude which bespeaks the well-balanced, enterprising and conservative business man, and the citizen appreciative of the responsibilities and duties involved in citizenship. In harmony with the statements made in the initial paragraph of this sketch, he has wrought along the line of the greatest good, and, while furthering individual prosperity through normal and legitimate channels, he has materially aided in promoting the general welfare, for every legitimate enterprise in a community has a reflex valuation which is not, perhaps, superficially evident. We take pleasure in reiterating the dictum pronounced by another writer in noting the salient points in the career of our subject: "Mr. Erb has always been solicitous for the welfare of Lititz, and is never found in the rear when industries are projected or organized. His sound business principles have brought him a large clientage, and his advice and assistance in other forms have benefited so many of his fellow citizens that he is uniformly regarded as a model humanitarian. No selfish motive was ever charged against him in his dealings with neighbor or stranger, and in all his walks he manifests the qualities of the true Christian gentleman."

For many years Mr. Erb has been a member of the board of school directors, and for a period of over four years he was treasurer of the board, ever taking a deep interest in the cause of education, and sparing no pains to advance the same so far as in his province lies. In politics he has been at all times stanchly arrayed in support of the principles and policies of the Republican party, but he has never been imbued with office-seeking proclivities, though in 1882 he was elected jury commissioner of the county, of which office he was incumbent for three years. In religion he clings to the faith of his fathers, being a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, to whose direct work and collateral benevolences he has ever been a liberal contributor. He still conducts the old homestead, which is one of the

finest rural estates in this section, the same now comprising eighty-five acres, and being maintained under the highest state of cultivation, while the permanent improvements are of the most substantial, consistent and attractive order. His other interests are of wide scope and varied character, and his influence is distinctly felt in the promoting of the success of the various enterprises with which he is thus identified. He is president of the Lititz National Bank; vice-president of the Northern Trust Company, of Lancaster; a member of the directorate of the Lancaster & Lititz Turnpike Company; was one of the organizers and president of the Independent Telephone Company of Lancaster county; for twenty-one years has served as secretary of the Penn Township Fire Insurance Company; was one of the organizers and president of the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lancaster county; is a director of the Shamokin & Mount Carmel Electric Railroad Company; and treasurer of the Keystone Underwear Mills of Lititz, one of the important industrial enterprises of the county being conducted by this concern, whose finely equipped plant is located in Lititz; the business of the company has shown a most gratifying increase, and Mr. Erb devotes a considerable portion of his time to this establishment, having his office at the mills and exercising a general supervision. He has been secretary of the Lititz board of health from the time of its organization.

From this brief outline it may be seen that there are exacting demands on Mr. Erb's time and attention, and yet, in the midst of the thronging cares and responsibilities of an exceptionally active business life, he maintains the calm equipoise of a self-reliant and forceful nature, being strongly initiative in his tendencies, sincere and truthful in all things, kindly and tolerant in his judgment of his fellow men, and entirely without ostentation. He is a distinct man, and one upon whose life there rests no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil. He views all things from a direct vantage ground, placing a true valuation on men and matters, and having that poise and intrinsic integrity which ever make for strong and useful manhood. The review of a career such as his bears its lesson and incentive, and the writer has aimed to give merely such an estimate of the character of the subject as is drawn from the words and attitude of those who know him best, and who are thus most appreciative of his sterling manhood.

In conclusion we touch briefly upon the domestic chapter in the life history of Mr. Erb. On Oct. 29, 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B. Reist, who was born in Penn township, this county, June 16, 1846, daughter of John Reist, who was a prosperous and highly honored farmer of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Erb became the parents of five daughters: Emma, who is the wife of Martin G. Hess, cashier of the Keystone National Bank, of Manheim, Pa.; Mary R., who is the wife of George M. Smith, president of the Shamokin & Mt. Carmel Electric Railway Company; Katie, who died at the

age of thirteen years; and Minnie and Annie Laurie, who remain at the parental home, which is a center of gracious and refined hospitality, the family being prominent in the social life of the city where Mr. Erb has maintained his residence for more than twenty years.

ZACHARIAH BELL WILLIAMS (deceased). Among the prominent men of Lancaster county was Zachariah Bell Williams, a substantial and most highly respected farmer of Sadsbury township.

The Williams family was established in Lancaster county by three brothers of the name who emigrated from Scotland. One of these emigrants, Robert Williams, purchased a farm of 750 acres of land in Sadsbury township, from William Fishbourne, a merchant of Philadelphia, who in turn had purchased it from William Penn. The deed bears date of 1740, and is a highly prized relic, being now a valued possession of Mrs. E. J. Knox, of Christiana, Pa. Its faded condition shows the onward march of time. The tract of land purchased was a fine one, and the 238 acres of it still held by a member of the family makes one of the fine farms Lancaster county is noted for. On it was at one time located the village of a part of the Shawnee Indians, and Indian graves have been found upon it in the past, as well as many Indian relics which to this day are successfully sought for by relic hunters. The stone quarry from which the Indians quarried the stone with which to make their household utensils and weapons used in warfare and the chase, was on the farm now owned by John M. Williams. The Williams homestead is beautifully located with a southern exposure, and with the Octoraro Creek running through it from north to south, furnishing at all seasons a never ending and bounding supply of water for farming purposes.

Robert Williams married Grace Bell, of Bell Bank, Lancaster county, who bore him one child, John, who at the death of his parents inherited the farm now in the possession of his grandson, John M. Williams.

John Williams, son of Robert Williams, married Miss Anne Allison, a daughter of James and Margaret (Reed) Allison. James Allison was a soldier of the Revolution, and his wife a heroine of the same war. It is said of her that she carried a message to General Washington, going through the enemy's line on horseback with the message secreted in her shoe. During her husband's absence in the war, her home was visited by British soldiers, who took most everything that they could make use of. Many of the things taken were the work of her own hands which she replaced in the course of time. To John and Anne Williams were born the following children: James, who never married, but made his home with his brother Zachariah B., until his death at the age of eighty-six

years; Margaret; Jemima; Robert; George; John (who married Rebecca Ubil); Zachariah B., of this sketch; Christopher; and Mary, who married Thomas Bailey. John Williams remained on the farm engaged in agriculture until his death in 1858, at the age of ninety-four years. His wife had died several years previous to this. The family was one of unusual longevity.

Zachariah B. Williams, the seventh child of John and Anne Williams was born in Sadsbury township Oct. 20, 1806. He was reared on the farm, and was given as good an education as the schools of the neighborhood afforded at that time. He remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he entered into successful business enterprises on his own account; he was an extensive cattle dealer and was well known throughout the Western States. On May 6, 1847, in Philadelphia, he was united in marriage to Hannah Dolby, who was born near Churchtown Aug. 10, 1822, a daughter, of Isaac and Dorothy (Deitz) Dolby, of Caernarvon township. Nine children blessed the happy union of Zachariah B. Williams and his wife: John M., who owns and operates the home farm, purchased by him from his father's and Uncle James' estate; Frances A., wife of Edward J. Knox (son of David and Ann (Jacobs) Knox), whose biography appears elsewhere; Isaac T., a successful business man in Christiana, Pa., who married Rachel E. Fogle (daughter of John G. and Maria (Fawkes) Fogle, natives of Bart and Sadsbury townships, respectively), and has two sons, Taylor (a resident of Pittsburg, Pa.) and Zachariah J. (in business in Philadelphia); Margaret A., married to George Sigle (deceased), a farmer and tobacco dealer at Bird-in-Hand, and son of John Sigle; Sarah J., who married S. Milton Hess (son of Daniel D. and Catherine (Lefevre) Hess, of Quarryville), of Quarryville, now of Philadelphia, manufacturer of fertilizers, and has two sons, Walter Williams and Edgar Miles; George W., a graduate of Iron City Commercial College, of Pittsburg, and now a machinist in Philadelphia; James A., who died in infancy; H. Mary, who married Nathaniel Ellmaker (son of Alfred and Mary (Walker) Ellmaker), a farmer, and has two children, Hannah Alice and John Williams; and Georgiana, who died in infancy.

Zachariah B. Williams was one of the solid and reliable men who give tone to a community. His industry and provident husbanding of means resulted in the accumulation of a large estate which is now owned by his children. The farm in Sadsbury township comprises 238 acres of excellent land, and is one of the best farms in that locality. He was a man of high moral character, and was more than liberal in his benefactions to the cause of religion. In politics he was a Democrat, but did not aspire to political honors, being content with the duties and responsibilities of every day life, and interested in their honest performance. He lived

all the years granted to him where he, as well as his father before him, was born, and where, after a long and well spent life, he died July 25, 1890, at the age of eighty-four years; his widow survived him eleven years. She was a member of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, a woman of a quiet and retiring disposition, who devoted herself, in the quiet duties of home life, to her husband and her children. She died Feb. 14, 1901, while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. S. Milton Hess, in Philadelphia, at the age of seventy-nine years. She and her husband lie buried in the Bellevue cemetery, Gap, Pennsylvania.

RUTTER. The original ancestor in America of the Rutter family was Thomas Rutter, who came to this country in the ship "Amity," one of the two ships that sailed with the "Welcome" in 1682. He settled in Germantown, Pa., where he was at first a Friend, but in 1697 he organized a society of Keithian Baptists in Bucks county, and became one of its preachers.

In 1706 Thomas Rutter succeeded Pastorius as chief magistrate in Germantown. In 1717 he purchased a large tract of land near Boyertown, where he erected an iron furnace. One of his descendants, Rev. L. C. Rutter, was for forty years pastor of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church. Others of the family reside in other localities in Lancaster county.

ALEXANDER G. B. PARKE, M. D. Among the leading and prominent citizens of Gap, Pa., is Dr. Alexander G. B. Parke, who was born near Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa., Jan. 28, 1842, son of Richard B. and Ellouisa (Grier) Parke, the former of whom was born in Downingtown, and the latter in Brandywine Manor, also in Chester county.

Richard B. Parke, father of Dr. Parke, was a farmer all his days in Chester county, where he was widely known and universally respected. He died in his old home Feb. 22, 1876, aged sixty-seven years. His widow survived until in April, 1900, dying at the age of eighty-two years. Both parents of Dr. Parke were valued members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of the following children: Dr. Alexander, of this sketch; John G., a clerk in Philadelphia; T. Henry, in business in Philadelphia; Jane, who died at the age of six years; Miss Agnes G., residing on the old homestead, where her mother was born and reared; Jane R., unmarried, also residing on this old homestead; and Richard B., a resident of Downingtown.

Dr. Parke comes of noted ancestry on both sides of the family. His paternal grandparents were Thomas and Elizabeth (Bowen) Parke, farming people of Chester county. His maternal grandfather was Rev. J. N. C. Grier, who married Agnes Ralston of Chester county. He was a clergyman in the Presbyterian Church and for fifty-three years

faithfully served the church at Brandywine Manor, to which his father had been attached in the same capacity for the twenty-seven previous years. Grandfather J. N. C. Grier was a son of Rev. Nathan and Susannah (Smith) Grier, of Chester county, who reared the following children besides J. N. C.: Rev. Robert, who also became distinguished in religious work and served the Presbyterian Church in Emmitsburg, for half a century; Martha, who married Rev. Samuel Parke, also a Presbyterian minister; Nancy, who married Rev. Robert White, who for many years was the beloved pastor of Old Faggs Manor Church; and Sarah, who married Dr. Robert Thompson. Small wonder it is that a family of this kind should have exerted a wide influence and still be remembered and honored.

Dr. Parke, of this sketch, was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of West Brandywine township, remaining with his parents until he had reached his nineteenth year. He then began his medical studies with Dr. A. K. Gaston, in Chester county, near Brandywine Manor, continuing his readings for two years and then, in order to make his college expenses, began to teach school. Still keeping up his medical course, the young man taught school for some three years, entering Jefferson Medical College for the season of 1864-5. In the fall of the latter year he entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from this noted institution in 1866. He first located for practice in South Hermitage, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, remaining there for three years. In 1869 he located in Gap, Pa., and since then has not only been one of the reliable and valued physicians of this part of the county, but also one of the town's most progressive and useful citizens. In politics, Dr. Parke is a stanch Republican, but he has never consented to hold office, his professional duties requiring his whole time and attention. His skill as a surgeon and his thorough knowledge as a physician have made him known over a wide extent, and until within late years he has faithfully ministered to all who required his professional services. He now has retired from the more onerous duties of his calling, but his old patients are loath to put their confidence in any one else. Fraternally, Dr. Parke belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons. He is a leading member and a liberal supporter of of the Christiana Presbyterian Church.

On March 7, 1867, Dr. Parke was united in marriage in Pequea, Salisbury township, to Mary L. Black, born in December, 1836, in Salisbury township, daughter of Samuel and Agnes (Robinson) Black, the former of whom was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and the latter in Salisbury township. Mr. Black came to America in 1798, and first settled in Leacock township, near Bird-in-Hand, later moving to Salisbury township where he became a well-known and highly re-

spected farmer and prominent citizen. In his younger days he was employed in teaming between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. Although he was entirely self-made, Mr. Black at the time of his death was a man of substance, owning a mill and considerable land, and was highly regarded by his fellow-citizens. For a period he was supervisor of his township. His death occurred Sept. 18, 1860, when he was aged eighty-one years. His widow survived until Dec. 31, 1877, dying at the age of eighty-one years, and both were laid to rest in the Pequea cemetery. They had been most worthy members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Black were as follows: Hugh W., formerly a merchant in Philadelphia, now an invalid; Samuel B., was a stockraiser in Georgia, where he died; Miss Jane E., who resides in Gap, Pa.; John R., in the real estate business in Wayne, Pa.; Martha A., who died unmarried, at the age of sixty-two years; Margaret E., deceased, who married William P. Galt; Mary L., who became Mrs. Dr. Parke; and Miss Sarah, who resides in Gap. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Parke were Samuel and Jane (Baxter) Black, farming people of Ireland. The maternal grandparents were Hugh and Jane (Wilson) Robinson, the former of Ireland, the latter of Chester county; they located in Lancaster county many years ago. The children born to Dr. and Mrs. Parke were: Agnes ElLouisa, born Dec. 8, 1868, died Sept. 7, 1888; and Martha Jane, born Dec. 1, 1870, who was married Oct. 20, 1892, to Pearson P. Sentman, attorney-at-law, who died in 1900, and she now resides in Gap.

The Parke family and its connections have long been regarded as one of the most highly respected in this section of the State. Dr. Parke of this sketch is a most worthy representative, personally commanding the affection and esteem of a very large acquaintance.

THOMAS PORTER, who was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1776, was born about 1740, and resided in Drumore township, Lancaster county. He was elected a representative to the Provincial Assembly of 1775. He commanded a Battalion of Associators during the Revolutionary War, and was engaged in the Campaign in New Jersey and around Philadelphia. He died at his residence in Drumore township in 1795. His daughter, Janet, married John Smilie, who with Albert Gallatin represented for many years the western section of Pennsylvania in the United States Congress.

JOHN L. ROHRER. Among the many honorable names which have reflected credit upon Lancaster county, that of Rohrer takes a leading position, and through intermarriages the family is connected with many of the other equally old and honorable families, these owning much of the land and being identified with religious, financial and educational interests to a great degree.

John L. Rohrer is a most worthy representative of this respected family and now lives in retirement, having shifted the burdens of agricultural life to the shoulders of his very efficient son. The birth of Mr. Rohrer was on a farm in Upper Leacock township, adjoining that on which he now resides, on Nov. 25, 1836, and he was a son of Benjamin and Mary (Landis) Rohrer, the former of whom was born on the old Rohrer farm, and the latter in East Lampeter township. Until 1868 Benjamin Rohrer carried on large operations, but at that time he moved into the town of Mechanicsburg, where he lived for a few years but later removed to Lancaster where he lived until within a few days of his death. He had returned to his farm, and here the final summons came, on Nov. 15, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His wife passed away many years previously, in 1865, at the age of fifty-one, and both lie asleep on the old Rohrer farm. For many years Benjamin Rohrer was a director of the Lancaster County Bank, and was prominently connected with many public measures which were beneficial to his county.

The children born to Benjamin Rohrer and wife were: Hettie, who married Jacob F. Eaby, a farmer of Leacock township; John L., a farmer on the old homestead; Maria and Anna, twins, the former of whom married David Frantz, a miller of Millersville, and the latter of whom married John Brubaker; Samuel, who died young; Lizzie, who married John M. Landis of East Lampeter township; Michael L., a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Jacob, a retired farmer of Palmyra, Mo., and Sarah, who married John Leman, a farmer of Manheim township. The parents of Benjamin Rohrer were John and Hettie (Wenger) Rohrer, the former of whom was born in East Lampeter township, and the latter in West Earl township, and both of them died on the farm now owned by their grandson, John L. Rohrer.

John L. Rohrer attended the district school during his boyhood and assisted in the various light duties about his father's farm, remaining at home until he had attained his majority and married, when he removed to his present farm where he has remained, actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until in the spring of 1880, at which time he retired in favor of his very capable son.

The first marriage of Mr. Rohrer was in Lancaster in Nov. 1858, to Elizabeth Sechrist, and the children born to this marriage were: (1) Benjamin S., who married in December, 1880 Mary Landis, and they have four children—Harry, John, Peter and Landis; (2) Hettie Ann, who died at the age of seventeen years. Mrs. Rohrer was a daughter of Christain and Hettie (Landis) Sechrist, and she died on June 9, 1882, at the age of forty-two.

The second marriage of Mr. Rohrer was to Fianna Hoover, who was born near Lititz, Pa., and was a daughter of Abraham and Martha (Hess) Hoover, of Lancaster county. No children were born of this marriage.

Mr. Rohrer is an Independent in politics, voting as his judgment decides. He and his family have long been active in the Mennonite Church, where no one is more highly esteemed. Mr. Rohrer is one of the quiet, unostentatious residents of the neighborhood, who is known far and wide as a most excellent neighbor, a reliable friend, an honest man in business and a citizen whom Lancaster county is proud to claim.

CASPER HILLER, who had been one of the leading agriculturists and pomologists of Lancaster county, died Aug. 27, 1898, at his home in Conestoga Centre. He was born in Manor township in 1817, and in 1828 removed to Conestoga township, where he resided during the remainder of his life. In 1837 he became a school teacher in Conestoga, and continued such until in 1849. His interest in behalf of the schools of Conestoga township caused the people of that locality to elect him to the board of school directors on a number of occasions. In 1849 he started a small nursery in order to accommodate the people in his neighborhood, but afterward began the cultivation of fruit for the profits derived therefrom, and he achieved well merited success. His son Peter C. Hiller was taken into partnership in 1869. Casper Hiller was one of the founders of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, and also a member of the State Horticultural Society. He was a Republican, and for a number of years had been a justice of the peace in his township. His wife was Miss Mary Ann Daily, to whom he was married in 1847, she dying several years prior to him.

Casper Hiller wrote a number of valuable papers on the growing of fruit, which he read before the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, and many of them were printed in the daily papers.

PETER C. HILLER, son of Casper Hiller, and who was in partnership with his father, died on June 22, 1898. He was a well known farmer. He also was a Republican, and for some years was engaged in teaching school. He had also been a justice of the peace and was for some time a clerk in the revenue department at Lancaster. Mr. Hiller's favorite study was local archæology, and he amassed a large collection of stone implements, pottery and beads from all sections of Lancaster county, particularly, however, from the islands in the Susquehanna.

JOHN A. SNYDER, deceased. The accidental death of John A. Snyder, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Mt. Joy, on Nov. 22, 1881, brought sorrow to a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and the universal comment was that the community had been deprived of one of its most esteemed inhabitants. Mr. Snyder was born in Petersburg, Lancaster county, in June, 1827, a son of John and Catharine (Rich) Snyder. The family is of German descent, and the name was originally spelled Schneider. The paternal grand-

parents of Mr. Snyder were Casper and Susanna (Kornhaus) Snyder, the latter a daughter of the owner of the Kornhaus ferry above Bainbridge, afterward changed to Collins.

The earliest ancestors of the Rich family of whom we have record was Johannes Reiyeh, which Anglicized became John Rich. He was born in 1740, in Nuremburg, Bavaria, Germany, and was described as a type of manly beauty, tall and erect, with black hair and blue eyes, and with a character that well fitted his pleasing exterior. On June 6, 1781, he married Mary S. Entzingerin, who was born in 1750, and died in 1784, leaving two sons, John, Jr., and William. In July, 1789, Mr. Rich married Anna Margaret Lutz, who was born in September, 1768, and died in 1846, one day before her seventy-eighth birthday. Four children of this second marriage survived their father, who passed away in 1807. They were as follows: Christian, who died in 1844, aged forty-eight years; Catharine, mother of John A. Snyder; Henry, whose death occurred in 1845, aged forty-four years; and Jacob, who died in 1843, when nearly forty years of age. John Rich, the father of these children, spent three years of his early life in England, acquiring an education. At the time he left Europe, he was in England attending to business for his father, disposing of watches and wares, of which his father was manufacturer, in Nuremburg. He had a strong desire to see America and meeting a captain of a vessel about to sail, he expressed his desire, but said that he had not sufficient funds independent of his father's. The captain offered to take him across and bring him back on his return trip, free, which he accepted, firmly confident that his father would cheerfully defray all his expenses if he returned safely. The ship named "Morning Star," Capt. George Dempster, landed at Baltimore some time in the fall of 1773. After landing, contrary to his expectations, his passage money was demanded. A stranger in a strange land, without money or friends to assist, he was, according to the laws of the country at that time, sold into service for payment of the amount due for his passage. He said the implements with which he labored while in servitude were often stained with blood from his hands which had never been accustomed to hard work. Before his time of service (four years) had expired, the Revolutionary war broke out, and he never returned to Europe. After he gained his liberty he engaged in teaching and as a general scribe.

John Snyder, father of John A., was for many years an excellent and highly respected machinist and blacksmith in the locality of Mt. Joy. On Sept. 2, 1819, he married Catharine Rich, who died in February, 1882, aged eighty-three years. He died some time before, in July, 1869. The children born of this marriage were: Simon R., who died in May, 1860, aged thirty-nine years; Ann C., who married Daniel B. Lindemuth, and died in Ohio in December, 1898, aged seventy-six years; Mary A.,

who died unmarried in 1852, aged twenty-seven; John A.; Catharine L., the only survivor, who resides in her own home in Mt. Joy; and Emma S., who died in June, 1886, aged fifty-four years.

Although through his youth John A. Snyder was never in very robust health, he went regularly to the district schools and the Mt. Joy Academy until he was eighteen years old. At that time he assisted his father in the manufacture of farming implements and remained with him in business until 1852, when he and his brother Simon took entire charge of it, this association continuing until the death of the latter, in May, 1860; afterwards John A. continued in the business alone until 1869. In the intermediate time he purchased a farm and mill property, in which business he continued until his untimely death. Mr. Snyder was killed while at work back of his home, Nov. 22, 1881. In endeavoring to cross the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he was run down by a train, resulting in instant death, and he was buried in the Mt. Joy cemetery. During his younger years he was active in the Republican party; and he was a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite church.

On Feb. 1, 1857, in Franklin county, Pa., John A. Snyder was married to Elizabeth Ryder, the estimable daughter of Michael Ryder. To this union were born: Simon R., who married Sarah A. Bausman on Nov. 10, 1881, had one son, Frank B., and resides on the old homestead, in Mt. Joy township, engaged in farming and conducting the mill; Mary C., who died at the age of three years and six months; John M., a shoe merchant of Roanoke, Va., who married H. Gladys Greiner, Jan. 22, 1891, and had two sons, John Abner and Julian Ralph; Anna E., a young lady at home; and Franklin R., who died a lad of twelve and one-half years.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Ryder) Snyder was born in Path Valley, Franklin Co., Pa., Aug. 11, 1828, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Ryder) Ryder, who were cousins, of Lancaster and Franklin counties, respectively. During his earlier life, Mr. Ryder was a carpenter, but later adopted farming, and moved to Franklin county. His death occurred April 2, 1891, at the unusual age of ninety-two years and eleven months. The beloved mother had also lived to a good old age, her death occurring Sept. 14, in the previous year, at the age of eighty-six, and they were reverently buried near Mercersburg; both of them were for many years consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryder were: Joseph, who died in Franklin county; Elizabeth; Mary A., who married Dr. Benjamin Frantz, in Waynesboro; Adam, a farmer of Franklin county; John A., a farmer of Franklin county; Anna, who married Job Elliotson, a florist in Auburn, N. Y.; Michael, a farmer of Franklin county; and Catharine, unmarried, who resides on the old homestead in Loudon, Franklin county.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. John A. Sny-

der were Michael and Salome (Wertz) Ryder, of Donegal township, in Lancaster county, and of Adams county, who died near Elizabethtown. The maternal grandparents were Adam and Elizabeth (Longenecker) Ryder, both of Lancaster county. Mrs. John A. Snyder has lived many years in this community and has seen much of its growth and development. She is a lady of intelligence, who is well and favorably known through the neighborhood and is most highly esteemed by all who have been admitted to her acquaintance.

STEPHEN S. CLAIR. The family of this distinguished citizen of Columbia, who at present (1903) holds the position of United States Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Ninth District of Pennsylvania, is of Swiss origin, three brothers having emigrated from Switzerland to America at a comparatively early day, two of whom settled in Lancaster county. The original spelling of the patronymic was Klahr, meaning clear, of which name Clair is an Anglicized corruption. His paternal grandfather, who married a Miss Grissinger, was Jacob Clair, a carpet weaver and a local preacher in the United Brethren denomination. He died in Rapho township. Mr. Clair's father was named Jacob C. He was a prominent citizen, the major of a regiment, and held various offices in the township of West Hempfield. He was a building contractor and carried on an extensive business. Born Nov. 14, 1814, within four miles of Columbia, where he settled in 1869, he died in Oct., 1886, one month before reaching the age of seventy-two. His wife, Mr. Clair's mother, was Sarah Sneath, for an account of whose family the reader is referred to the biographical sketch of Jacob Sneath, which may be found on another page. She died in Oct., 1852.

Stephen S. Clair was born in the paternal homestead on May 12, 1838. He was the eldest of a family of three brothers, the others being named Jacob S. and Benjamin Franklin. Both were carpenters, and both are deceased, the elder dying in Mountville in 1876, and the younger at Columbia in 1899. Stephen grew up upon his father's farm, and when fifteen years old went to Silver Spring to become a clerk in a country store. He remained there in that capacity for three years, when he resolved to learn the trade of a carpenter, his predilection for that pursuit being, no doubt, hereditary. He duly served his apprenticeship, but the outbreak of the Rebellion stirred his youthful heart and put fire into his patriotic soul, and in Sept., 1861, he enlisted for three years in the 79th P. V. I., his company's commanding officer being Capt. M. S. Wickersham. In February, 1864, he re-enlisted. His career as a soldier was one of which both he and his children may feel justly proud. In March, 1865, he received a commission as second lieutenant, and on July 20 following, he received his discharge at Philadelphia. He participated in the battles of Perryville and Stone River, in Kentucky, passed through

the Chickamauga campaign, and fought at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge. He also took part in the campaign against Atlanta, and marched with Sherman to the sea. At Bentonville, N. C., on March 19, 1865, a minie rifle ball (which he has in his possession) wounded him in the left side, breaking two ribs. Notwithstanding his injury, he remained with his regiment and accompanied the command to Goldsboro, N. C., being forced, however, to ride a horse, his wound preventing his marching. He was present at Johnston's surrender, and then accompanied his regiment to Alexandria, Virginia.

After being discharged from the service, he found his way to Mountville, where for a time he worked as a journeyman at his trade, with a cousin, Jacob Sneath. In 1866 he formed a partnership with W. H. Hougendobler to carry on the business of contractors and builders. The firm was dissolved in June, 1869, when Mr. Clair entered the United States Internal Revenue office as an assistant to the assessor. The latter office being abolished in 1872, he was made deputy collector, the responsible duties of which office he continued to discharge, with marked ability and fidelity, until Jan. 1, 1876. On that date he resigned his position to enter upon a new field of duty, that of clerk of the quarter sessions court, to which office he had been elected in the fall of 1875, and which he filled for three years. In 1880 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company appointed him its ticket and freight agent at Middletown. In 1889 he resigned this position, to re-enter the Internal Revenue office, serving as chief deputy under Sam Matt. Fridy until August, 1894. He was appointed Deputy Collector, in May, 1899, which office he still holds.

Mr. Clair is a member of the G. A. R. and of the Masonic Order, wearing the maltese cross of a Knight Templar. He is universally esteemed and generally popular, while in his own large circle of friends he is deeply beloved.

Mr. Clair was married, in 1866, at Mountville, to Miss Susan B. Develin. She was born in that town in Aug., 1840, and was the daughter of John and Susan Develin, her father being a merchant. The issue of this marriage was two children: Sarah A. and Abraham Lincoln. The daughter is the wife of M. L. Holloway, a druggist of Philadelphia. The son is a machinist, unmarried, and lives with his father. Mrs. Clair died Feb. 2, 1899, and was buried in Bethel cemetery, Columbia.

GEORGE GIBSON. Tradition asserts that long before Lancaster was laid out by James Hamilton, Esq., of Philadelphia, in 1729, the site was occupied by an Indian village, and that the town was known as "Hickory Town." The locality was also known as "Gibson's Pasture." The name "Hickory Town" had been given the place from a large hickory tree which stood near the public highway, and which was a favorite one with the Indians. George Gibson kept a tavern on the site long before

Hamilton laid out the town, and on his sign was painted a hickory tree. Records state that "a swamp lay in front of Gibson's," and "another one some distance north." The site of Gibson's tavern was on East King street, where the First National Bank now stands. At the time of the laying out of Lancaster there were a half dozen or more houses scattered around Gibson's tavern, and in 1734 the place had 200 people living in it.

J. FREDERICK SENER, president of the Northern National Bank, of Lancaster, and senior member of the extensive coal and lumber firm of G. Sener & Sons, comes of a very old settled ancestry in this section of the country.

Through the courtesy of S. M. Sener, a member of the Lancaster Bar, and a lineal descendant of Gottlieb Soehner, who came to America in 1749, we are enabled to glean the following from the Soehner family history, compiled, published and copyrighted by S. M. Sener, and dedicated to his uncle, John Fick Sehner, now—December, 1902—in his seventy-seventh year, who is also a direct descendant of the old Austrian progenitor through Wolfgang, Hans, Matthew, Gottlieb (1), Johannes, and John Sehner and wife, Ann Maria Fick: "The name was originally written Sehner, but in Germany, during the period from 1715 to 1750, it was changed to Soehner, and in this country is variously written Sehner and Sener, Gottlieb, who came over from Germany in 1749, and who was the ancestor in this country, writing it Soehner. The name is derived from the old German Sinthar, meaning a man noted for war, and was chosen by the original ancestor who received a wappen, or coat of arms. The family originated in Austria, somewhere near Salzburg, in the thirteenth century, and was, as a sequence, Catholic. The ancestor living in Austria at the time of the Reformation became Evangelistic, and he and his second son, Wolfgang Sehner, left Austria on account of religious persecution, and located at Steppach about 1570, where Wolfgang became 'Schultheiss and Ahnwalt,' his descendants afterwards located at Schwaigern, in Wurtemberg. The first son, whose Christian name is unknown, remained a Catholic, and located near Heilbronn, where a Catholic branch of the family is at present located. The wappen of the family is recorded in the 'Grosse Wappensammlung, of Antonio Bonacina, in Mailand, in Volume II, Folio 229,' the 'stamvater' being described as of 'ein burgerliches Geschlecht in Frankischen.' The shield of the wappen, or coat of arms, is divided per pale, the right field being red with a silver mailed arm bearing a sword, signifying high-mindedness; the left field blue with a golden lion holding sword, surmounted by a golden crowned helmet capped with two horns, signifying "Sparsamkeit und Kuhnheit," "Prudence and Bravery."

Wolfgang Sehner had one son, Hans Sehner, who located in Schwaigern, Wurtemberg, where descendants still reside. Hans Sehner was married

Feb. 13, 1653, to Elizabeth Trommeter, born Nov. 23, 1628, who died March 16, 1697. Hans Sehner died May 9, 1696, aged about seventy years. He had six children: Maria Catharine, Matthew, Anna Dorathea, Hans, Wolfgang and Johannes.

Matthew, son of Hans, born May 24, 1660, died June 16, 1744, was married three times, to Cordelia Elizabeth Lederer, Anna Catharine Dieter and Barbara Sybilla Shuster, respectively. His children by his first wife were: Maria Catharine, Hans Michael and Cordula Elizabeth. By the second wife: Hans Dieter, Christian, Johannes and Matthew. By the third wife: John Christopher, Maria Sybilla, John George, and Gottlieb—the first of the family in America.

Gottlieb, who wrote his name Soehner, was the thirteenth child of Matthew, and was born at Schwaigern April 7, 1721. He became a house carpenter and joiner, and when twenty-eight years old, five years after his father's death, came to America on the ship "Fane," landing at Philadelphia Oct. 17, 1749. He located in Lancaster, where he purchased land, and was married Sept. 18, 1750, to Maria Barbara Klein. The exact date of Gottlieb Soehner's death is not known, but he died sometime between September, 1779, and May, 1780.

Godlieb Sener, third of that name, and father of J. Frederick Sener, was born in Lancaster, Pa., April 23, 1800, second son and child of Johannes Sener and wife Catharine, born Rung, John Sener (1798-1864) being the first born; both were grandsons of Gottlieb Soehner and his wife Maria Barbara, born Klein. Godlieb Sener died Jan. 11, 1877. He was married Aug. 12, 1826, to Rebecca Zahm, a descendant of the Godfried Zahm (Zoham) who came to America on the ship "Patience and Margaret," landing in Philadelphia Sept. 25, 1848, and settling in Lancaster, Pa. Their children were: Cecilia Rebecca married Joseph R. Godell; Elizabeth Catharine married J. P. Stormfeltz; J. Frederick is mentioned below; Henry M., who died Feb. 23, 1884, was married to Mary Bonine; Mary Louisa married Rev. J. W. Rumble; William Z. married (first) Sarah L. Atlee, and (second) Anna Yeisley; and Edward A. died single. The father of this family died in 1877, but the business carried on by him has been continued to this day under the firm name of G. Sener & Sons. Jacob and Frederick Sener, younger brothers of Godlieb Sener, were first in the business about 1830, and, retiring, were succeeded by Godlieb in 1848. Catharine, sister of Godlieb Sener, became the wife of Christopher Hager, and Eliza, a younger sister, was married to Samuel Miller.

J. Frederick Sener was born April 2, 1833, in the old homestead on North Prince street, Lancaster, where at that time his father carried on the making of edge-tools. He received his education in the public schools of the place of his birth, and at the age of fifteen years commenced to work in his father's lumber yard. When twenty-one his father took him into partnership in the coal and lumber



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business, but later he removed to Ephrata, this county, where, in company with his brother, William Z., he established a lumber and coal business. There he remained about one year, and then passed six months in New York, establishing a coal yard there for Joseph R. Goodell. Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Sener commenced devoting all his energies to the development of the business greatly enlarged by his father, and in which he was a partner, and has continued in same ever since, being associated with his brother William Z., and his son Frank Keller Sener. The brothers, J. Frederick and W. Z., are the owners of the well-known lumber and coal yards.

Mr. Sener was one of the promoters and original directors of the Northern Market, and has been interested in all the market houses of Lancaster except the Central, which is controlled by the city. He is also interested in the Hamilton Watch Factory, the Non-Retailing Company, the Edison Electric Light Company, and the Lancaster Gas Company—indeed, there have been but few public enterprises in his locality, during the last quarter of a century, in which he has not been interested, for he is as liberal with his purse as he is with his ideas, both social and business.

Mr. Sener has been twice married, first to Miss Kate J. Hamilton. One child was born of this union, Charles M., who died in 1869. By his second wife, Elizabeth H. (born Keller), he has two children: (1) Franklin Keller Sener, who is associated with his father in the coal and lumber business, married Miss Louisa (King) Rathfon, by whom he has one son, John Frederick, born Oct. 24, 1895. (2) Rose Alma was married Oct. 31, 1900, to B. Grant Stauffer.

In religious faith Mr. Sener is a Lutheran and a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and has been a trustee thereof ever since that church has had trustees. In addition to being a constant and liberal supporter of the church he has presented it with two large, rich-toned bells. Socially he is now affiliated with only the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., having withdrawn from the other Masonic orders.

Outside of his varied and responsible business affairs, Mr. Sener devotes his time to the enjoyment of home life in his beautiful rural retreat, "Ermosa Vista," located on the Lititz turnpike, and acknowledged to be one of the most delightful suburban homes among the many surrounding the fair city of Lancaster.

GEORGE WINFIELD REICH, M. D., deceased, of late one of the most eminent physicians of the borough of Marietta, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 8, 1844, and died at his home in Marietta June 3, 1899, where his mortal remains now rest in peace.

The parents of George W. Reich, M. D., were Dr. George and Mary (Long) Reich. The former had a very large practice as a physician and was

also a local preacher in the Evangelical church. He erected a meeting house on his estate for the convenience of his congregation, the use of which was allowed free of charge, and after his death this privilege was permitted by his family, until 1899, when his executors disposed of it by sale. In the cemetery attached to this meeting-house in Conoy township, and known as the Reich cemetery, the remains of himself and wife were solemnly interred, their loss being mourned by the entire community in the township. The children born to Dr. George Reich and wife were seven in number, and were as follows: Mary, widow of Daniel Bross, of Rowenna, Pa.; Herman, unmarried, and living on the old homestead; Elizabeth, widow of John Bowman of Mt. Joy; Anna, deceased wife of Eli Heisey; Dr. George W.; Benjamin, a deceased physician of York; and Miss Sally, still residing on the home farm.

In Marietta, Dr. George W. Reich was united in matrimony with Miss Ella C. Roth, the accomplished daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Messersmith) Roth, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Marietta, and to this union were born five children, viz.: Dr. George R., of whom mention will be made elsewhere; Albert M., deceased; and Jay M., Marguerite and Mary Helen, still at home. Jacob Roth was a lumber inspector, and was a gentleman of considerable influence in his community. He died deeply mourned in 1884, at the age of seventy-six years, in the faith of the Presbyterian church, but had lost his wife in 1880, at the age of fifty-four. Their children were five in number, and were: Albert, who died in Memphis, Tenn., while serving in the army; Helen, who died when two years old; John, president of the State Savings Bank at Fairfield, Iowa; Milton, a dry goods merchant of the same city; and Ella C., widow of Dr. George W. Reich.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Dr. Reich were John and Catherine Roth, the former of whom was a master cooper; her maternal grandparents were Philip and Catherine (Ober) Messersmith, natives of Germany and early settlers in Lancaster county. Her great-grandfather, Johann N. Messersmith, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 26, 1719, came to America Oct. 20, 1744, married Maria D. Reitzell Sept. 13, 1762, took part in the war of the Revolution, and died in Lancaster.

Dr. George W. Reich was prepared for the practice of medicine by his father, later took a course in the Homeopathic College in New York City, and on graduating entered upon the practice of his profession in Marietta in 1865, where he met with phenomenal success. As a citizen he took an intense interest in the affairs of the borough. Although born on a farm he taught school in his home district in East Donegal township for three terms, when but sixteen years old, and for several terms was a school director in Marietta. He also served as a member of the Marietta Boro Council, for two years just before his death, and had been elected for a third

term, and was president of that body at least one term. At the time of his demise he was president of the Marietta Gravity Water Co., president of the Marietta Manufacturing Co., and president of the Marietta Building and Loan Association, and his interest in the promotion of the prosperity of the borough was untiring and unceasing.

Fraternally he was a member of Askara Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M., and represented it in the Grand Lodge; he was also a member of East Donegal Lodge, No. 129, I. O. O. F.; of Opessah Tribe, No. 292, I. O. R. M., of which he was a trustee; of Waterford Council, No. 72, O. U. A. M.; and treasurer of the Pioneer Fire Co. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and in politics was a Republican. The Doctor was renowned for his charity, and no better man ever lived.

PETER ECKERT SLAYMAKER, president of the Peoples National Bank, and of the Peoples Trust, Savings & Deposit Co., is one of the best known financiers in this section of the State.

The Slaymakers were among the early settlers of the State, and representatives in each generation have been influential citizens. The name William Mathias has passed through six generations, the great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, father and brother of our subject having borne this name, and all of them were residents of Lancaster county.

Mathias Slaymaker (originally in German Schleiermacher), the ancestor of the family in this county, was a native of Strasburg, Germany, and emigrated to this country about the year 1710. He and his family settled on a tract of land containing about 1000 acres known as the "London Lands," situated in Strasburg, now Paradise township, and built a log house or cabin close to a large spring, near the residence of the late William Eckert in said Paradise township, a portion of the original 1000 acres being still in the family.

William Mathias Slaymaker, father of our subject, became one of the well-known and honored citizens in the county. As prothonotary he made a record of which his family may well be proud. He died Sept. 21, 1888. In 1848, he married Catherine Mary Eckert, daughter of Peter J. Eckert, a farmer and a representative of another old and influential family of Lancaster county. She died in 1875. Fourteen children were born of this union of whom the following survive: Elizabeth E., wife of J. P. McIlvain, a farmer of Bellemonte; Peter Eckert, whose name appears at the beginning of this article; Caroline Augusta; Laura Georgia; Edith Iola, wife of Joseph B. Kinzer; and Margaret. Of those deceased, William Mathias, who was secretary and treasurer of the Peoples Trust, Savings & Deposit Co., died March 3, 1902.

Peter Eckert Slaymaker was born in Williams-town, Paradise township, Feb. 3, 1853. His father and mother were early taken away, and he became

the head of the family, caring for his younger brother and sisters with a wisdom beyond his years. As a lad he attended the public school and a private school taught by the Rev. McNair, a Presbyterian clergyman, at Rising Sun, Salisbury township, Lancaster county. For a time he was in the Lancaster public schools, and finished his schooling in the Parkesburg Academy. All his life he has been a student, and is a broad-minded and progressive man. His first employment was in Hager Brothers' Dry Goods Store as an errand boy, and then as clerk to his father in the office of the prothonotary, serving not only his father, but his successors, Lewis S. Hartman, Elias McMellen, Sam Matt. Fridy and John D. Skiles. The young man resigned during the term of this last named gentleman to accept a position as clerk in the Farmers National Bank at Lancaster. Though urged by many of his friends to become a candidate for the office of prothonotary, he uniformly declined, preferring the private walks of life. Mr. Slaymaker became cashier of the Peoples National Bank in 1887, next becoming its president, and also secretary of the Peoples Trust Savings and Deposit Company, soon becoming the president of this latter corporation. In the summer of 1900 the Court named him as one of the trustees of the Home for Indigent Women, provided for by the will of the late Catherine Long, who left a legacy of \$350,000 for this object, to be called "The Henry G. Long Asylum," and as this position of honor and trust is held for life, the appointment of Mr. Slaymaker as a trustee was a handsome compliment to his integrity and worth. Mr. Slaymaker has been secretary and treasurer of the First Presbyterian Church since 1891, succeeding Maj. C. M. Howell, and his membership in the Church extends back to 1875. He has always been active in its affairs. He is treasurer also of the Conestoga Building and Loan Association, director in the Lancaster County Railway and Light Co., and president of the Road Drivers' Association of Lancaster. Perhaps no man of his years has held more positions of trust and responsibility, and certainly no man has discharged the duties of public and private life more faithfully and conscientiously.

REV. S. Z. WITMER, a general farmer and a minister in the German Baptist Church, is one of the well-known and most highly esteemed residents of Mt. Joy township. This township was his place of birth, Nov. 15, 1860, a son of John and a brother of D. Z. Witmer, of Elizabethtown.

Rev. Mr. Witmer was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the excellent schools of his district. He assisted his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age and then moved into Elizabethtown, there beginning housekeeping and gaining a livelihood by working at anything which promised to be of profit. On March 10, 1885, he located on his present fine farm consisting of 128 acres and has become known as one of the careful

and successful farmers of this locality. Mr. Witmer has long been a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and June 10, 1890, he was elected deacon and Oct. 10, 1894, was made a minister in its service. He is earnest and zealous and has had the satisfaction of seeing much of his faithful service approved. Formerly he belonged to the Republican party.

On Jan. 1, 1882, Rev. Mr. Witmer, in Master-sonville, Rapho township, married Miss Mary Gible, and two daughters have been born to this union, namely, Ada G. and Fanny G. Mrs. Witmer was born Jan. 4, 1862, in Rapho township, daughter of John M. and Lizzie (Hoffman) Gible, the former of whom was a farmer in Rapho township; the latter after the death of her first husband, married Daniel Witmer and now resides in Elizabethtown.

John M. Gible, deceased, was born in Rapho township, son of Samuel and Hettie (Markey) Gible, the former a native of Berks county and the latter of Lancaster, both of whom died in Lancaster. Their children were: John M., the father of Mrs. Witmer; Isaac, a preacher in California; Sarah, the widow of Samuel Garber, of Hanover, Pennsylvania.

John M. Gible was married in Lancaster to Miss Lizzie Hoffman and their children were: Emma, wife of Eli Young, who conducts a butchering business in Petersburg, Pa.; Kate, deceased wife of Eli Brubaker; and Mary, who married Rev. Samuel Zook Witmer. Mr. Gible died Jan. 17, 1864, at the age of thirty-one years.

Mrs. Lizzie (Hoffman) (Gible) Witmer was born in Rapho township, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Kiser) Hoffman, of Lancaster county, and their children were: John and Jacob, deceased; Catherine, who married Levi Culp and resides in Milton Grove; Nancy, widow of Christian Wolgemuth, of Elizabethtown; Isaac, who lives in Dauphin county; and Lizzie, the mother of Mrs. Witmer. Mrs. Gible married (second) Daniel Witmer and one child was born to this union, Ella, who married George Brennehan, of Elizabethtown. At the time of his death, which occurred in March, 1896, Daniel Witmer was a retired farmer living in Elizabethtown. These families all belong to fine old Pennsylvania stock which has been known and respected in Lancaster county for generations.

CHRISTIAN B. ESBENSHADE, one of the leading and representative citizens of Manheim township, resides on his farm a mile to the northeast of the city of Lancaster. He was born on the old homestead in Manheim township, Feb. 28, 1834, a son of Jacob and Maria (Binkley) Esbenschade, and a grandson of Peter Esbenschade, who was the founder of the family in Lancaster county. In company with two brothers, Felix and Daniel, Peter Esbenschade came from Wansheim, Grossherzogthum Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in young manhood, and he went to Dauphin county, later set-

tling in Paradise township, Lancaster county. Peter Esbenschade married the Widow Lefevre, who was formerly Miss Elizabeth Howery, and settled near Paradise, where they made a home. He was a shoemaker by trade, and after his marriage was a farmer. In his religion he was a Mennonite. His children were: Henry, a farmer and a miller of Paradise; Jacob, the father of Christian B. Esbenschade; David, who lived in the city of Lancaster, where he held a prominent position in the business world, and for a time was flour inspector; and Joseph who resided in East Lampeter township.

Jacob Esbenschade, the father of Christian B., was born Jan. 18, 1805, and died Nov. 10, 1884. Reared in Paradise township, he moved thence to his farm in Manheim township, one mile north of Eden, three years prior to his marriage. This farm comprised 120 acres, and is now owned by his son, Jacob. All his life he was a farmer, and he was actively engaged in that pursuit until within a year and a half of his death. In 1870 he moved to a third farm, a mile north of Lancaster, which is now owned and occupied by his son, Isaac. As long as he was an active farmer he lived on this farm, from which he retired to live in Lancaster. He was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Esbenschade was married to Miss Maria, a daughter of David and Barbara (Seagrist) Binkley. She was born in Manheim township, July 7, 1811, and died March 19, 1879. Their children were: Elizabeth B., born Feb. 17, 1833, is the wife of Levi S. Gross, of East Hempfield township; Christian B., born Feb. 28, 1834; Barbara, born Sept. 14, 1835, is the widow of A. D. Rohrer, of Lancaster; Susan B., born Oct. 5, 1836, died Sept. 30, 1850; Jacob B., born March 23, 1840, resides on the old homestead; Maria, born March 24, 1841, is unmarried, and resides with her brother, Christian B.; David B., born Jan. 27, 1843, died in childhood; Henry B., born Nov. 4, 1844, resides in Manheim township; Amanda B., born Dec. 1, 1846, is the wife of J. K. Umble, a miller of East Lampeter township; Isaac B., born Sept. 14, 1848; Peter B., born March 13, 1851; Annie B., born Dec. 24, 1852, is the wife of Henry B. Haverstick; and John B., born Sept. 17, 1854, died the following year. The above children all live in the town of Manheim, in the same township where they were born, an unusual circumstance. After the death of the mother of these children the father married, in 1882, Mrs. Elizabeth Landis, a sister of his first wife. She is still living, and resides in Manheim township, with her son, Benjamin Landis. The family all hold to the faith of the Mennonite Church.

Christian B. Esbenschade began work for himself in April, 1866, locating on the farm where he has steadily toiled and labored, with the exception of the seven years in which he was living retired. He owns a farm of 120 acres, which is noted as one of the finest farms in this section of the county. Everything is maintained in the best possible con-

dition, and there is every evidence of thrift and prosperity. In 1899 he built his home anew, and it is presided over by his sister Maria, and there is every indication of comfort and refinement. Since the building of the new home, Mr. Esbenschade has lived retired.

Mr. Esbenschade is interested in public affairs, and is a stockholder in the Lancaster-Ephrata Turnpike Co., and is one of its board of directors. He is also a director of the Manheim-Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Co. Mr. Esbenschade is a staunch Republican, and is one of the auditors of Manheim township. In 1900 in company with several others, Mr. Esbenschade made a trip to the Old World, taking in the Paris Exposition, and went to Germany, that they might see the old cradle of the family, where the grandfather of this generation was born. Some time was spent in seeing Germany, Belgium, Holland, France, England and Scotland. The following account of his trip by Mr. Esbenschade will be found interesting:

"In crossing the Atlantic we (my brother, Henry B., and brother-in-law, J. K. Umble) had a very pleasant voyage, and on our arrival in Antwerp soon found out that the people knew how to enjoy themselves. Even if it was Sunday the enjoyment was catching, for we commenced right away to enjoy ourselves. After visiting the Cathedral, Art Gallery, and several museums during the day, we started to attend a concert in the evening. On going down the street, we heard a band of music playing a spirited air, and on waiting for it to pass, we were very much amused to see that it was followed by about two hundred boys and girls, who had joined hands and were dancing from side to side in the open street. It was a novel sight and made me feel young again. The next morning we started on our tour north through Holland, visiting Rotterdam, The Hague and Amsterdam, and enjoying ourselves immensely; at the latter city while looking at some men unloading a canal boat, which was loaded with wheat, I asked the owner for some, telling him where I was from and that I wanted to plant it. He gave me a pint, which I sowed on my arrival home, but it did not amount to much, as it did not mature in time. We then started for Germany, visiting Berlin, Cologne and Heidelberg. At the latter city, which is near the birth place of my grandfather, I found a distant relative by the name of Esbenschade. After a couple of days in Heidelberg, we started south for Switzerland. On our trip down through Germany we saw, what seemed to an American, many strange sights, women hauling manure, plowing and harrowing, with cows hitched up; we also saw women doing many other kinds of outdoor work. Our trip through Switzerland was an enjoyable one—such beautiful lakes and snow-clad mountains. We visited Schaffhausen, Zurich, Lucerne, Interlaken, Berne, Lausanne and Geneva, all interesting cities. We then went to France, Paris and the Exposition. Paris I found a grand place, and

the Exposition, while it did not come up to my expectations, was a very creditable display, and besides it was held on historic grounds. All in all, it was well worth a visit. Next on our tour was old England and its Capital, London, and a happy crowd, we were, when we struck this conservative old town. We stopped at the 'Tudor House,' and our first meal was breakfast, at which we were served English bacon and eggs and fish, dishes we had not seen at that meal since we left our ship at Antwerp, and besides we could talk with the people. We visited among other places, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, and the Houses of Parliament. There are no street cars in London. All travel by 'bus and the teams, and pedestrians, when meeting, all turn to the left, which seems very odd to an American, for when one is walking the streets he is continually turning to the right and consequently running into some one. On leaving London we traveled through some splendid agricultural scenery, fine farms and everything kept in good condition. We arrived in Edinburgh in the evening, and after stopping here and seeing the sights, among which were Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace and Sir Walter Scott's monument, we started across Scotland with her trossachs and lakes, and arrived at Oban, on the west coast. From there we sailed down through the firths to Greenock, where we took the S. S. 'Furnessia' for New York, and home, where we arrived on Thursday, Sept. 27, 1900, very glad to get here and to see our friends, and very well pleased with our trip."

HERR. The family of Herr is of ancient origin, which is proven from a coat of arms found in the "Armorial General" of Reistrap. The family was free, that is to say, of noble origin, and possessed in Swabia vast estates, the ancestor of Benjamin G. Herr being known as Hugo, the Herr, or Lord, of Bilried. In the year 1593 John, Lord of Bilried, obtained a testimonial from the Emperor Ferdinand proving the armorial bearings, which are a shield surmounted by a helmet and two horns of plenty. In 1534 Dr. Michael Herr, of Hagenau, Alsatia, was an author of repute, having published a work called "Die Neue Welt," a description of the discovery of America.

The first of the family to locate in America was Hans Herr, who came to this country in 1710, bringing with him his five sons, Abraham, Christian, Emanuel, John and Henry, four of whom, Christian, Emanuel, John and Abraham, were married. Abraham Herr settled near Wabank, on Conestoga creek, and his descendants in Manor township have become quite numerous.

Christian Herr, son of Hans, was a minister of the Mennonite Church. He located near Willow-street, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he built a house of sandstone in 1719. Over the door is a stone lintel on which is cut "17-CH-ER--19." Christian had three sons, John, Christian and Abraham.



Benj' G. Herr

Emanuel Herr located on the banks of the Pequea, on the road from Strasburg to Lancaster, where a family named Musselman lately resided. He made the first well there. He had three sons, John, Martin and Emanuel.

John Herr located in West Lampeter township, on a tract of land the title deed of which is dated June 30, 1711. The tract includes 530 acres, which he bought for £30, 6s., with an annual rent to the Penns of a silver shilling for every hundred acres.

John Herr, organizer of the Mennonite Church in Lancaster county, was a great-grandson of Emanuel Herr, who emigrated in 1710. His youth was spent chiefly in reading the Bible, and upon his father's death he devoted himself assiduously to the work of the Lord. In 1811 he was baptized by Abraham Groff, and, in company with Groff and Abraham Landis, founded the "New Mennonite" or "Reformed Mennonite" Church. He was married to Elizabeth Groff. He died May 3, 1850, calmly resigning his soul to his Creator.

BENJAMIN G. HERR was born in Strasburg township March 6, 1808, eldest son of Rev. John Herr, organizer of the New Mennonite Church. On Jan. 15, 1833, he was married to Mary Emma Witmer, who was born Oct. 4, 1814, daughter of David Witmer, of Paradise, who was a descendant of the Ferree family, French Huguenots who came to this country in the early part of the eighteenth century. Benjamin G. Herr settled on a farm adjoining his father's place, about one half mile north of Strasburg borough, and resided there until his death, Nov. 4, 1878. His wife died Sept. 8, 1886. They had a family of ten children, all of whom are living except the youngest, as follows. Theodore W., a resident of Denver, Colo.; Lorenzo D., also of Denver; Ambrose J., a physician of Lancaster, Pa.; Mary E., widow of Enos B. Herr, of Lancaster; Hiero B., a graduate of West Point (class of 1866), now of Chicago, Ill.; Francis L., cashier and book-keeper of the Lancaster Cork Works, Lancaster; Anna J., wife of B. F. Musselman, a retired miller of Lancaster; Allan A., a civil engineer, class of 1874, Lehigh University, now in Lancaster; Miss Juliet S. S., in Lancaster; and Alice E., who died at the age of three years.

Benjamin G. Herr was a man of more than ordinary intellect and ability. He was almost entirely self-educated, and when we consider the few advantages he had it is remarkable what an amount of information and knowledge he acquired. He was well informed on all topics of the day, besides having a fair knowledge of all branches of science, art and literature. He had read and thoroughly digested all the works of the classical writers, and few in the county are as well posted in literature as he was. He could speak fluently on all subjects, and took an active part in all politics and the various debating societies and lyceums of those days. He was sent to the Pennsylvania Legislature for three successive terms, during the years 1837, 1838 and 1839; was a

strong supporter of the common-school system and other live topics of the day; and was a writer of considerable ability, publishing a number of small poetical works from time to time. His first book, "Native Poems," appeared about 1848, and was followed in 1854 by "Namakee," an Indian tale, then "Songs and Other Lyrics," "Fragments of Song and Sentiment," "American Notes," "DeSoto's March," "Rhymes of Love and Leisure," "Odes, Elegies, Etc.," "King Alcohol," "Flora MacDonald," "Idyllia," "LaSalle's Progress," "Ballads, Tales, Etc.," "The Months," "Romero," "Krusentern," "Poetical Rambles," and many others; he left a large amount of unpublished manuscript. The last thirty-five years of his life were devoted to reading, study and travel, and writing his various works. Little is known of his early boyhood, except what may be gleaned from a partial autobiography and personal reminiscences in manuscript form, found among his papers. He appears to have been a boy of unusual precociousness, and possessing an unbounded thirst for knowledge.

BARBARA FREITCHIE, the heroine of Whittier's heroic verse, was born at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 3, 1766, the records of the First Reformed Church in that city recording that "Barbara, daughter of Nicholas Hauer and Catherine," was born in Lancaster on Dec. 3, 1766, and was baptized in that church by the Rev. Wm. Hendel on December 14 of the same year, Mrs. Barbara Gamber acting as sponsor for the infant. Her mother's maiden name was Zeiler. Her father, a native of Dildendorf, Germany, and a hatmaker, came to America in 1754, settling at Lancaster, where he carried on his trade until 1770, and then removed to Frederick Town (now Frederick), Md. In 1791 President Washington spent a night at the hotel in that place, and Barbara was one of the several young ladies who were invited to wait upon him at supper; on the day of his funeral, eight years later, there was an honorary funeral procession in the town, and she took part as a pall bearer. On May 6, 1806, Barbara Hauer became the wife of John Caspar Freitchie, the son of a German, who was a Tory during the Revolutionary War. Mr. Freitchie died in November, 1849. Mrs. Freitchie died on Dec. 18, 1862.

REV. JOHN EDWIN WHITTEKER, D. D., pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, of Lancaster, has had a most interesting career.

Dr. Whittaker traces his descent from ancestors who were refugees from the Lower Rhine country, having been driven thence by religious persecution. These refugees were received by the English sovereign, and were sent as colonists to New York. About the time of the Revolutionary war, dissatisfied with local conditions, and being friendly to the English Crown, they were given estates in Canada, and settled along the St. Lawrence river. John B. Whittaker, the father of Old Trinity's present pastor,

lived in the County of Dundas, Province of Ontario, where he married Nancy Barclay, who was a Canadian by birth, and of noble German extraction. To this union came seven children, of whom the subject of this sketch is the youngest.

John Edwin Whitteker was born April 20, 1851, in North Williamsburg, County of Dundas, Ontario. At the age of fourteen years he left home to complete his education by his own efforts, and after passing through the grammar school of Morrisburg, Ontario, spent three years in public school work, and then entered Thiel College, at Greenville, Pa., in the autumn of 1871. In 1875 he was graduated from Thiel, taking the second honor in his class, which carried with it his appointment as valedictorian. In 1874, while a student at Thiel, he became the second tutor in that college, and, immediately after his graduation, was made first tutor. Meanwhile he began the study of theology under the direction of the president of the college, following the course laid out by the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. In May, 1877, he was ordained, and continued work in the college until 1888, having meantime been promoted to the position of Adjunct Professor of Latin, and later to the chair of Latin Professor.

In the summer of 1888 Dr. Whitteker became pastor of the Church of the Reformation at Rochester, N. Y., where, in addition to his regular pastoral duties, he did aggressive missionary work. During his pastorate of five years there he established three missions and built two mission churches, both of which became self-sustaining before he left that field of labor. In 1893 Mr. Whitteker was called to Easton, Pa., where he became the pastor of the old historic church of St. John's, serving two years in a very acceptable manner, at the end of which time he was called to the superintendency of the English Home Missions of the General Council, with headquarters in Philadelphia, although still retaining his residence in Easton. For the following three years he remained in that work, and in the fall of 1898 accepted a call to Grace Lutheran Church at Rochester, Pa., which congregation under his pastoral care became one of the most prosperous in that section. Having accepted a call to the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Lancaster, he entered upon this work Feb. 1, 1901, and was installed as pastor seventeen days later. At the commencement following this event his Alma Mater honored him with the title of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Whitteker was united in marriage with Miss Emma Zenette McKee, daughter of the late Prof. David McKee, one of the leading educators of western Pennsylvania, and who, from the founding of Thiel College, in 1870, to the time of his death, in 1898, filled the Chair of Mathematics there. The McKees were descended from an old Scotch-Irish family, the members of which had been professional people for generations. Dr. Whitteker is as prominent in literary work as he is in the educational

and the pastoral field. As the author of the "Translation of the Augsburg Confession, With Explanatory Notes," published in 1893, he immediately gained notice, and his "Bible Biographies" are now used as a text-book in all the Lutheran Churches of the General Council. He is also the author of several pamphlets bearing on church doctrine and church life, and has, for several years past, been a contributor to church papers and reviews. The esteem in which his literary work is held is best told in "The Lutheran," the church organ, from which we make the following abstract, from the issue of Nov. 15, 1900: "The writer of the book [Bible Biographies] is one of the most gifted authors in our church. If he were to devote himself entirely to literature, we have no doubt that he would be very widely known as an author. This author is Rev. Prof. J. E. Whitteker, now of Rochester, Pa. For a number of years he was Professor of Latin in Thiel College, and is the author of several works, including a very vigorous twelve-month book in defense of the Lutheran doctrine of baptism."

SAMUEL PETER HEINTZELMAN was born at Manheim, Lancaster county, in 1807, and graduated at West Point in 1826. He served as a colonel in the first battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, and soon thereafter was made a brigadier-general. He commanded a corps in the Seven Days' Battle, before Richmond, Va., June 25 to July 1, 1862, and took an active part in the second battle of Bull Run on Aug. 30, 1862. He died at Washington, D. C., in 1880.

AMOS FUTER, a respected farmer in Leacock township, and for long years an active and successful carpenter, was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Dec. 21, 1844, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Bowman) Futer, and a brother of Andrew J. Futer. Amos Futer and Emma Ida Brooks were united in marriage Nov. 10, 1881, in Philadelphia. To them came the following children: A stillborn daughter; Lorenzo B.; and Oliver C.

Amos Futer lived with his parents until he was twelve years old, when he commenced work among the neighboring farmers, an occupation which he followed until he was in the nineteenth year of his age. Then he entered the Civil war, in 1863, as a teamster for the Army of the Potomac, served one year, and then, in 1864, entered the construction corps as a carpenter, and served until the close of the war in 1865. Coming home he worked at the cabinetmaker's trade for a time and then went to Reading, Pa., and followed carpentering until 1866, and in the next year returned home. In the spring of 1867 he went to Chicago and worked at carpentering for awhile. He next went to Fivemilegrove, Ill., where his brother Aaron followed blacksmithing; while there he engaged with a man by the name of Alexander Harbison, to be foreman of a gang experimenting for coal. This proved a failure and he

then went to Fairbury, Ill., and worked at carpentering until 1868. In 1869 he worked at bridge building on the Peoria & Warsaw Railroad. In 1870 he returned home again, and began contracting and building in Gap and vicinity. In 1873 he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed as a carpenter for about a year. Then he returned to Lancaster county, settled at Gap and followed contracting and building until his marriage in 1881, when he came to his present farm. He also understood drafting, and was a good calculator in business and other affairs.

Mr. Futer was a member of Gap Lodge, No. 265, K. of P. For the past seven years he has been a school director. In politics he is a Republican, and takes a leading part in local affairs, where because of his good character, undoubted integrity and general intelligence, he exerts a large influence. In his religious relations Mr. Futer is a member of the Evangelical Church.

Mrs. E. Ida Futer was born in Doylestown, Bucks county, Pa., Oct. 23, 1856, a daughter of John and Martha (Cox) Brooks, of Langhorn and Doylestown, respectively. Her father was a blacksmith in his younger days; in his latter years he dealt in lumber and coal, also carrying on a livery stable. For a time he served as deputy sheriff. His death occurred in Philadelphia June 20, 1900, at the age of seventy-eight; at the time he was retired from the grocery business, in which he had been engaged for fifteen years. Mr. Brooks was a charter member of the Doylestown Lodge, No. 244, F. & A. M. Mrs. Brooks was born Nov. 13, 1828, and passed to her reward May 24, 1888. Both husband and wife were buried in Doylestown cemetery. Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following family: William H., of Philadelphia, a carriage manufacturer; George F., in the grocery and provision business; Edwin, deceased; Emma Ida, Mrs. Futer; John C., a contractor and builder in Philadelphia; Oliver C., a traveling salesman of Philadelphia; Anna M., deceased; and Charles W., of Philadelphia, a salesman for Seltzer Klair Co., hardware merchants.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. E. Ida Futer were Abraham and Lydia (Van Horn) Brooks, of Bucks County, Pa., of English origin. The grandfather was a millwright. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Futer were John and Jane (Ratcliff) Cox. The grandfather was a blacksmith and a farmer. Mrs. Futer belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

ALFRED M. BROWN, of Fulton township, comes from an old Pennsylvania family of Quaker origin, his great-grandfather, Jeremiah Brown, having been a pioneer Friend in Lancaster county. Mr. Brown was born July 4, 1830, in Fulton township, of Welsh and Scotch-Irish origin. His grandfather, Jeremiah Brown, was the father of six children: Levi, Slater, Deborah, Hannah, Sarah and Jere-

miah (the father of Alfred M.). Jeremiah Brown was four times married, and to the first union were born children as follows: Levi K., Kirk Lewis, Hannah (who married Samuel Wood), and Rachel (who married Allen Cook), all deceased. To the second union was born Deborah, who resides in Philadelphia. Jeremiah Brown then married Elizabeth Morrison, and to this union were born: Edwin, deceased; Charles, deceased; and Alfred M., the subject of this biography.

In 1858, Alfred M. Brown married Miss Alice Carter, daughter of Henry Carter, and they had one child, Lula A. Mrs. Brown died in 1860. Mr. Brown then married Priscilla, daughter of Daniel and Jane Stubbs, of Lancaster county, and three children have been born to this union: Gertrude (deceased), Jennie E. and Frederick S. The son, married in 1903, is at home upon the farm. Miss Lula A. was a teacher in the Lancaster county public schools for a time, and is now a stenographer and typewriter, and resides in Philadelphia. Miss Jennie, a graduate of the State Normal School, at West Chester, is at home. Mr. Brown lives on a fine farm of 170 acres, well improved and under a good state of cultivation. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of that party. In religion, he, like his progenitors, clings to the Friends' faith. He has served as school director and judge of elections in his district, and is always ready to do his part for the preservation of the well-being of the community in which he lives.

JONATHAN HOAR WEAVER. Among the worthy citizens of New Holland who enjoy the respect and esteem of the entire community is Jonathan H. Weaver, who for the past twenty-six years has carried on his trade of carriage-smith in that borough.

Mr. Weaver is of German and Scotch extraction, and his worthy grandfather, Benjamin Weaver, was a successful farmer of Lancaster county. His descendants are among the most estimable of the residents of this part of the State. His children were: John S., who married Catherine Sensenig; Sarah, who married Alexander Gault; Caroline, who married John Eby; Benjamin F., the father of Jonathan H.; Adam, and two that died in infancy.

Jonathan H. Weaver was born in Rockville, Chester county, April 30, 1848, son of Benjamin F. and Maria (Fletcher) Weaver, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, the former of whom was born in 1820, and died in 1897; the mother, born in 1818, died in 1899. They were married in 1845, and reared six children: Elizabeth (deceased), married James Roseboro, of Salisbury township; Jonathan H. is mentioned below; Anna M. married Isaac H. Mason, of Salisbury township; Benjamin F. is a resident of Philadelphia; Martin L. is a salesman, in Chicago; and John A. is a blacksmith of Salisbury township.

Almost from boyhood Mr. Weaver has been connected with his present business, as he early became very proficient in it. At various times he has been called upon to take part in the public affairs of the borough, being at present the efficient director of the poor of Lancaster county, and also the borough tax collector. He was director of public schools for seven years, and has filled many of the other local offices. In political faith he is a stanch Republican, and has been somewhat of a leader in the party ranks.

In 1878 Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Emma C. Brimmer, in New Holland township, and three children have been born to this union: Mary F., who is a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county; Emma C., residing at home; and John Luther, who died in childhood.

Although Mr. Weaver began life as a poor boy, he has accumulated ample means, having been industrious and energetic, and now owns considerable valuable property in his locality, including two nice dwellings and lots in New Holland. In 1864 Mr. Weaver volunteered for service in the 195th P. V. I., during the Civil war. Fraternally he is connected with Post No. 84, G. A. R., of Lancaster; is a member of Lodge No. 413, I. O. O. F., of New Holland; of the I. O. O. F., Encampment No. 217, of Lancaster City; and of Lodge No. 68, K. of P., of Lancaster. Mr. Weaver is one of the best of citizens, a leading member of the Reformed Church, and is esteemed and respected by those among whom he has lived for so many years an honest and estimable life.

ANTON FREDERICK, BARON VON HEINITZ, member of the Cabinet of the King of Prussia (Staatsminister), was born in 1724, and died in 1802, at the age of seventy-seven years. He received his first education in Dresden, and afterward attended the famous college of "Schul-Pforta." After graduation he studied mining engineering at Freiberg, Saxony. He entered upon the duties of practical life in the Duchy of Braunschweig. Shortly after submitting a plan for the establishment of an institution of "Mining Engineering" he received a call to Dresden, in 1763. The plan was successfully carried out, the institution becoming a benefit to all civilized countries. Because of failing health he was obliged to resign all his offices in 1774, in order that all his time and strength might be entirely devoted to the study of the sciences. From 1776 to 1777 he traveled in France and England. This journey resulted in the publication of his "Essay on Political Economy" ("Essai d'Economie Politique"). Upon his return he was appointed, by Frederick the Great, King of Prussia, a member of his Cabinet (Staatsminister), and Chief of the Department of "Mining and Metallurgy." Heinitz fully satisfied the expectations of the King. His efforts in behalf of mining and engineering, especially in Silesia, proved of most excellent and lasting value.

Frederick William II, following the lead of his predecessor, also recognized Heinitz's merit, and appointed him Curator of the "Academy of Fine Arts." In 1787 he was elected a member of the "Academy of Sciences." He was also elected to membership in many learned societies, both in and outside of Germany, even of the "Society of Physical Sciences" in Philadelphia, Pa., in the United States.

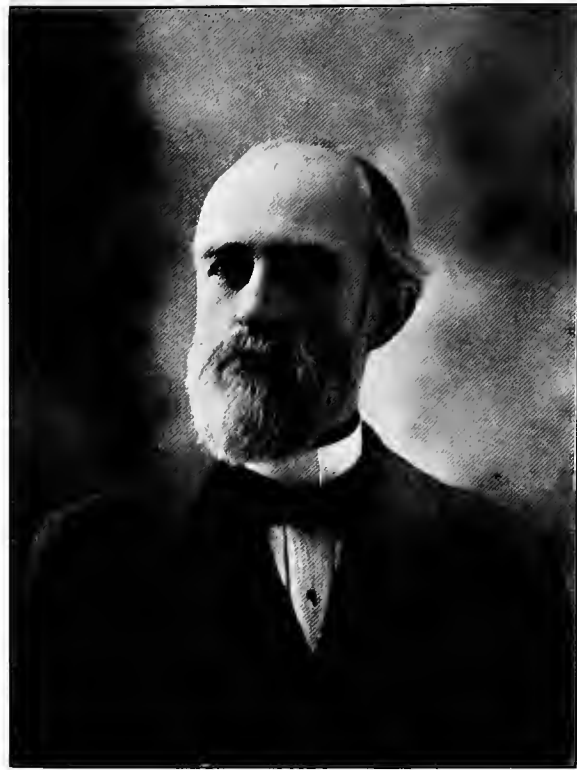
Carl Heinrich Heinitzsch (now Heinitsh), brother of Anton Frederick, Baron Von Heinitz, was born in Luetzen, Saxony, in 1738. He served an apprenticeship from 1753 to 1759 with Johann Frederick Weineck, citizen, merchant and dealer, in the Royal Polish and Electoral City of Weissenfels, Saxony. In 1772 he emigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, Pa., and in 1773 came to Lancaster, this State, in which city, in 1780, he opened a store, or shop (as it was then called), for the sale of general merchandise, on East King street, now known as No. 146. In 1782 he added drugs and medicines to the stock, importing them from London and Amsterdam. He transacted business at the first location until 1798. Thence he moved to a new house, built by him, at what is now No. 144, where he died Sept. 3, 1803. By will he left his drug store to his eldest son, August Heinrich Heinitsh, who was to conduct it for the benefit of the family until he became of age, when he inherited it. August Heinrich Heinitsh conducted the store until 1816.

John Frederick Heinitsh, the youngest brother, served an indentured apprenticeship to his brother August. After his freedom he entered into partnership with Dr. Samuel Humes, in 1815, opening a store on West King street, at the site now known as No. 4. This partnership lasted for six months, when it was dissolved. Soon afterward August H. and John F. Heinitsh formed a partnership, continuing the business at the old stand, now known as No. 144 East King street. This continued until 1818, when John F. Heinitsh purchased his brother's interest in the store. He moved nearer the center of the town, to what is now Nos. 33-34 East King street, where he remained until 1841, when the business was moved to its present stand, No. 16 East King street. Mr. Heinitsh now took his son, Charles Augustus Heinitsh, into partnership, the firm name becoming John F. Heinitsh & Son. They remained in business until January, 1849, when Charles A. Heinitsh, the junior partner, purchased the store from the firm. From that time up to the present the business has been conducted in the same building. From its very foundation the business has been in the same street, except during the six months that it was conducted by Heinitsh & Co., about one block and a half from its original location.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS HEINITSH was born in Lancaster July 21, 1822. He attended the city schools during his early boyhood. After attend-



Charles H. Heinich



S. W. Feinitsh



Nathaniel A. Feinitsh



John F. Feinitsh

ing other schools, including John Beck's noted school at Lititz, he finished his literary training at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg. In 1838 he entered his father's store as a clerk; three years later he was received into partnership. His father retiring in 1849, the entire management of the store fell upon the son, who was sole proprietor until his death, which occurred Dec. 29, 1898, when he was in his seventy-seventh year.

The first meeting for the purpose of organizing the American Pharmaceutical Association was held in Philadelphia in 1854. Mr. Heinitsh was present, and became a charter member of this body. In after years he was its vice-president, and in 1882 was chosen as its president. In 1887 the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy conferred upon him the degree of Master of Pharmacy, he being one of the first five in America upon whom this honor was conferred. He was one of the leading spirits in organizing the Lancaster Pharmaceutical Association, and one of the founders of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association, which was organized at Harrisburg in 1878, he being unanimously chosen as its first president. He was always present at its annual meetings, never allowing its interests to be neglected in his busy life. In 1898, at the annual meeting of the Association, he was presented with a beautiful gold medal, in honor of his having been over fifty years in the drug business. Few pharmacists were so widely and favorably known as Charles A. Heinitsh. He was recognized as the descendant of a family long devoted to the drug business, as the successor of his father and grandfather in the same business with which he himself had been identified for sixty years, and was deservedly honored by all his associates. His establishment, now owned and conducted by his nephew, Sigmund W. Heinitsh, enjoys the reputation of having been in one family longer than any other drug store in the United States.

In 1851 Mr. Heinitsh was married to Maria C., daughter of Henry R. Reed, of Lancaster. She is still living, but their four children are deceased. Mr. Heinitsh was a member of "Old Trinity" Lutheran Church, having been a member of its vestry and superintendent of its Sunday-school for a number of years. For forty years he was prominent in Masonic circles. In politics he was a Republican.

SIGMUND WILLIAM HEINITSH, the present owner of the drug store, is a son of William E. Heinitsh, and a nephew of Charles A. Heinitsh. His father was a painter, portrait artist, and gilder. In 1864 he painted the lofty spire of "Old Trinity." He was a member of its congregation, and leader of its choir for many years. William E. Heinitsh married Margaretta, daughter of Adam Keller, who lived on the Lititz turnpike. Eight children were the result of this union: (1) Sigmund William is the eldest of the family. (2) Charles Luther died when three years old. (3) Elizabeth K. died when three years old. (4) Walter A. is an extensive furniture

dealer and undertaker. (5) William E. died when three years old. (6) Miss Margaret K. resides at the home of her brother Walter. (7) John F. is well known as a dealer in oils, paints and varnishes. (8) Louisa died when two and a half years old.

Sigmund William Heinitsh was born in Lancaster Aug. 11, 1851. After attending the public schools and the Yeates Institute, he entered the drug store of his uncle. On Oct. 1, 1872, he entered the College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia, but gave up the course on account of failing health. On April 1, 1873, he returned to his uncle's store, where he has remained to the present time. With the exception of a few months that he was at school in Philadelphia, Mr. Heinitsh has been connected with the establishment since Sept. 1, 1867. Mr. Heinitsh retains the reputation of the store at the high mark set by his ancestors. He is a member of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association, and Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

On Oct. 12, 1875, Mr. Heinitsh married Anna A., daughter of John and Mary Barry (this name was formerly DeBarrie), of Philadelphia. Her father was a manufacturer of hats; in the closing years of his life he was proprietor of a very successful millinery business. To this union have been born three children, all of whom are living: (1) John Debarry, who is now a clerk in his uncle's paint store, married Mary B. Snyder Oct. 8, 1901. (2) Annie Jayne is a graduate of the "Girls' High School" at Lancaster. (3) Charles A. (to whom the family look to keep up the honor of the business) is now in his father's drug store.

Mr. Heinitsh has been active in church affairs. He has been a lifelong member of "Old Trinity," having served its congregation both as elder and church warden for a number of years, and for the past thirty years has been librarian of its Sunday-school. For thirty years he was a member of the choir, where his father, brothers and sister all had their turn at assisting in the musical services. Fraternally Mr. Heinitsh belongs to the Royal Arcanum. His political support is given to the Republican party. No man in this community has a cleaner or more enviable name than Sigmund W. Heinitsh.

WALTER AUGUSTUS HEINITSH, son of the late William E. Heinitsh, and a brother of Sigmund W. Heinitsh, is a worthy descendant of the old and honorable family whose name has been so closely interwoven with the history of Lancaster for the past 120 years.

Walter A. Heinitsh was born in that city April 19, 1856, and was educated in St. James parochial school, Yeates Institute, and the city high school. At the age of sixteen years he became an apprentice to the furniture business with Widmyer & Ricksecker, both now deceased. After serving five years he began in that line for himself, thoroughly equipped

by his long practical experience. His first store which he opened, on April 1, 1879, was at No. 320 North Queen street, and there he remained six months. His next location was at No. 13½ East King street, where he remained some three years, and he was also three years at No. 28 in the same street. Feeling the need of more room, and securing an exceptional proposition for the fine premises at No. 27-29 South Queen street, from the assignee of the late George B. Schaum, he bought the property in 1866, and there he is still doing a very successful business. His 33,000 feet of floor space afford room for all that is newest and most desirable in house furnishings, and also an extensive undertaking equipment, which he put in after entering his new establishment. For the purpose of mastering this new line he attended the New York College of Embalming, from which he graduated, and has not only a diploma from that institution, but also a State certificate. Mr. Heinitsh was one of the originators of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors Association, of which he is secretary; and he is an active member of the Pennsylvania State Funeral Directors Association, and a member of its executive committee. It is worthy of mention that he was one of the fifty-nine original stockholders of the Lancaster Cremation Association, and has been the manager of the crematorium from its inception, in 1885, to the present time, and also treasurer. During this period about 150 bodies have been incinerated.

One of the original directors and members of the Lancaster Board of Trade, Mr. Heinitsh is one of the alert and public-spirited men of the city, who have a broad outlook, and are willing to join in a common effort to build up the city of which they are so proud. He is one of the original promoters, stockholders and directors of the Southern Market, and his labors for its successful establishment were very marked.

Mr. Heinitsh has been a busy man outside his commercial interests. He was twenty-five years in the choir of Trinity Lutheran Church, from which he retired in 1896, on account of the engrossing nature of his duties as superintendent of the Sunday-school, which position he has held for five years. For one year he was secretary of the Lancaster County Sunday-school Association, and was director of the Y. M. C. A. for fifteen years. At present he is president of the Lutheran League of Trinity Church. In church and Sunday-school work he has been engaged continuously since his boyhood, and in his more mature years has served as warden and vestryman. He is also a Mason of prominent standing, being enrolled in Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican, and belongs to the Young Republican Club, always contributing of his time and means to the cause it represents, though never seeking or accepting office. Such is the career, briefly summarized, of one of the best young business men of the city.

Mr. Heinitsh was married, June 26, 1882, to

Miss Emily McKinley, daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth Glasgow (McKinley) Wilson, of Philadelphia, the former a successful dry-goods merchant of that city. The Wilsons are descended from Archibald Wilson, whose daughter Charlotte was married to Washington Pastorius, the founder of Germantown. Daniel McKinley, from whom Mrs. Heinitsh is descended, was a relation of the late President. He was born near Bellefonte, and married Ann R. Glasgow, whose father, Thomas Glasgow, kept the "Bee Hive" hotel in Derby, where Washington and his staff breakfasted on their way to Valley Forge. An early ancestor in the Wilson line from whom Mrs. Heinitsh is descended had a claim against the United States Government for iron which he shipped for United States vessels, his property having been confiscated by the French. Mrs. Heinitsh's mother has a chest which was brought by her ancestors from Wales in 1685, and Mr. Heinitsh has a knife which was carried by Daniel McKinley in the war of 1812.

To Mr. and Mrs. Heinitsh two children have been born: William Wilson (1902), a student in Franklin and Marshall College; and Ethel Keller. No man in Lancaster has had a more industrious career, or led a more useful life, than Mr. Heinitsh, and his efforts for the improvement of the city have not been in vain.

JOHN FREDERICK HEINITSH, brother of Sigmund W. and Walter A. Heinitsh, and whose ancestry is given in the foregoing, is the sole owner of the most extensive paint and varnish house in the city of Lancaster. He was born there Oct. 28, 1861, and was educated in the city schools, graduating from the Lancaster high school in the class of 1879. After graduation he entered the extensive hardware house of Kepler & Slaymaker, as a bookkeeper, remaining there until November, 1884, in which year he started business for himself as a dealer in paint and oils, as a member of the firm of King & Heinitsh. At the end of the first year Mr. King retired, and Mr. Heinitsh continued alone in the business, remaining in East Orange street until April, 1886, since when he has occupied his present business quarters, Nos. 145-147 North Queen street. In 1886 he bought the property, and in 1888 commenced his present magnificent store, work on which was completed in 1889. He may be called the pioneer in his line in Lancaster, as his was the first store opened in the city carrying exclusively a stock of paints, oils and glass.

Mr. Heinitsh belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and has risen to the Lodge of Perfection in that fraternity. He also belongs to the Elks, the Young Republicans, the Lancaster Board of Trade, the Citizens Republican Club, the Road Drivers Association (of which he is a director), and the Hamilton Club. He was elected on the Republican ticket to the city council from the Sixth ward, and has been one of the marshals in all the notable Repub-

lican parades during the past twelve years. Thorough in his business, active in social and political circles, and, like all his family, devoted in his relation toward Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, to which he is very generous, Mr. Heinitsch is widely known, and personally very popular.

Mr. Heinitsch was married, Oct. 22, 1890, to Miss Florence Keller, daughter of the late John Keller, one of Lancaster's most prominent railroad contractors, and to this marriage have been born: Madeline Bertha, John Keller, Frederick Augustus and William Edward.

JACOB K. UMBLE, prominent in business and municipal affairs in East Lampeter, comes of old and honorable stock.

Christian Umble, his great-grandfather, settled upon a tract of 126½ acres within the present limits of what is now Salisbury township, in Lancaster county. Until within a recent date the holdings of this early settler remained a part of the family patrimony. He was the father of three sons, John, Henry and Stephen, and the eldest succeeded to the ownership of the land. He married Polly Kurtz, whose brother Jacob, a distiller by occupation, enjoyed not a little local celebrity as a man of profound wisdom. He, Jacob Kurtz, was a large property owner, and it is possible that his wealth may not have been without influence in establishing his reputation. John Umble became the grandfather of Jacob K. Umble, and to him and his wife, Polly, were born three daughters and five sons: John, Christian, Jacob, Joseph, and Henry, of whom Joseph only is living. Of the daughters, Mrs. Stultzfus and Mrs. Blank are deceased, and Nancy is the widow of Christian Kurtz. Henry and Christian (the father of Jacob K.) were partners in business, and were engaged in some important ventures. They conducted a general store at Rosenearth, and owned and operated warehouses for storing and selling grain in Kinzers and Bellevue. In 1858, after the failure, Henry traveled as a buyer of wheat through the West for the Kennedys of Pittsburg, in which section his sound judgment, keen foresight and upright business methods made him widely and favorably known. In 1854, in partnership with Esquire Henry Dickinson, the brothers purchased a tract of land in West Virginia, along the line of the B. & O. Railroad, and thereon erected a charcoal furnace for the smelting and refining of iron ores, but the venture proved unsuccessful. In 1857 when the public mind began to be inflamed to almost fever heat by marvelous tales of fabulous wealth to be easily accumulated in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Christian drifted from Virginia to Allegheny county, only to find disappointment. The road to wealth was no easier than the road to knowledge, and there is no royal highway to either. His hopes dashed, in 1861, he accepted a position as route agent between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, which he filled for some twelve months. In 1862 he entered the quarter-

master's department, Washington, and afterward the Commissary Department. In 1864 he was appointed captain of the night watchmen in the Commissary Department, under Captain Carleton, and in 1866, under his brother Joseph, he assumed a partial management of the property, known as the Lochiel Farm, at that time owned by J. Don (afterward Senator) Cameron. Here he remained occupied largely in tobacco culture until his death, which occurred in 1880, with the exception of a few years, during which he was engaged in business as a contractor, in partnership, with his son, Jacob K. His disposition was restless, not to say roving, and his life was filled with adventure and change. While yet a youth he found employment as a drover, buying cattle, sheep and hogs in Ohio, and driving them, on the hoof, to Lancaster county, to find a market. In 1847 he married Lydia A. Kurtz, who died in 1869, the mother of two sons, Henry Scott, who died in childhood, and Jacob K.

Jacob K. Umble, only surviving son of Christian (2), was born in Salisbury township, March 28, 1848. He is one of the successful business men and prominent influential citizens of East Lampeter, and has literally been the architect of his own fortune. As a youth he was resolved to acquire an education superior to any obtainable in the common schools of Salisbury, and to this end he devoted his best energies for many years. His first employment was as a farm laborer, at \$2.50 per month, his compensation being gradually increased until it reached the munificent sum of seven dollars. This money, as far as he was able, he religiously put away, to be spent in acquiring a higher educational training. His scanty fund being exhausted, he was fortunate enough to obtain a position in the commissary department at Washington, and here too, he hoarded the greater part of his earnings with the same laudable intent. He was thus enabled to take a course of two years' instruction in the State Normal School, at Millersville, between 1863 and 1865. The three years following he spent in mercantile pursuits at Intercourse, and at the expiration of that period he again resumed his studies at Millersville. During the winters of 1868 and 1869 he taught school in Salisbury, devoting his earnings chiefly to the fundamental purpose which he had in view. In 1869 his health began to fail, and in the same year death carried away his mother. He then entered into partnership with his father, as has been said, to secure and fulfill contracts for grading and constructing streets and highways in Steelton, Pa. Between 1873 and 1875 he taught school in East Lampeter, and from 1875 to 1878 discharged the duties of clerk at the Bull's Head Hotel, Philadelphia. Returning to Lancaster county, he devoted the next three years to teaching school, resigning his position as pedagogue before the close of his last term. In 1880 he purchased a mill property and a handsome residence in East Lampeter, and has since devoted himself almost wholly to business. Possessing

an active mind, well stored, and well trained and endowed with broad-minded views on all public questions, it is not surprising that he has rapidly forged to the front where there is always room for such men as he. In politics he is a Republican, and he is now serving his fourth term as justice of the peace, and he took the oath as school director in June, 1900. His disposition is social and genial, and he readily makes friends whom he retains through the force of his intellectual and moral worth. He is secretary of the Lampeter Insurance Co., and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

On March 24, 1881, Mr. Umble was married to Amanda B. Esbenschade, who like himself, is a member of St. John's Lutheran church at Lancaster. They have one son, Christian J., born Nov. 11, 1884, now attending Franklin and Marshall Academy at Lancaster.

In the summer of 1900 Mr. Umble, accompanied by his brothers-in-law, C. B. and H. B. Esbenschade, made a tour of Europe, and the following account, as prepared by himself, will prove interesting:

We, myself, C. B. and Henry B. Esbenschade, left Lancaster on Tuesday, July 24, 1900, for New York, where the next day, we took the Red Star Line Steamship "Southwark" for Antwerp, Belgium, and after a ten day voyage, we landed at Antwerp Sunday, Aug. 5th. Although it was Sunday morning, we were surprised to see the difference between the quiet and sanctity of the American Sabbath, and the boisterousness and gayety of the continental European one—bands of music playing, cafes wide open, men and women, both young and old, drinking beer and wine, and the markets open, doing business. We found Antwerp a live, commercial town, and its people, active and full of business. The next morning we took a train for Holland. The farmers were at haymaking and harvesting, and their utensils were broad Dutch scythes and handrakes, such as our grandfathers used in the fore part of the nineteenth century. Our first stopping place was Rotterdam, where we were taken in carriages through the park and residence part of the city. Later in the day, 3:45 P. M., we took the train for The Hague, arriving there in the evening, and we stopped at the "Hotel Bellevue." After lunch we were taken in carriages to the "Palace in the Wood," where we were shown many beautiful paintings, handsome vases, rugs, tapestries, etc., gifts from kings and emperors. The guide also pointed out to us, with a great deal of pride, a number of old and tattered flags captured from the English, French and Spanish, and last but not least we were shown the room made famous by the meetings of the Peace Congress in it, a few years ago. Our next visit was to the Houses of Parliament. Our guide showed us, with a great deal of pride, the room in which the House of Commons met, where the different parties sat, the chairs on which the young Queen Wilhelmina and the Prince consort sat; the young queen being single at that time, our

fair young guide blushing answered our question "Who is to be prince consort?" by saying she could not answer, although the air was full of rumors. The female members of our party begged permission to sit on the throne. After some persuasion and nobody but our own party being present, the guide opened the portal and our friends had the rare pleasure of sitting on the queen's throne. We were then hurriedly driven to the station, where we took the train for Amsterdam, and arrived there in the evening of Aug. 7th. We stopped at the "Pays Bas Hotel." We visited while here, among other places, a Dutch farm about five miles outside of the city. We met the farmer, told him where we were from and that we wanted to see a Dutch barn, cow stable and milk house. He showed us all around—his cow stable with its drains and iron posts, to which they tied the cows, and the milk house, with large troughs in which to cool the milk and pumps with which to pump water into them. He also showed us his barn with seventy-five tons of the finest hay, and lastly his herd of about forty Holstein cows. The farmer gave us all the information he possibly could in his broken English, and after staying with him quite awhile, we thanked him for his information and his kindness, and bidding him good-bye, we started for our hotel. The next morning, Aug. 9th, we started for Berlin, about 10 o'clock we crossed the line into Germany. The first place of importance that we came to was Osnabruck. Here a large show and menagerie was exhibiting, and on the tent was painted in large letters "Barnum & Bailey's Greatest Show on Earth." It made us feel like as if we were at home. We arrived at Berlin at 10:30 P. M., and were driven to the "Hotel Bellevue." Berlin, we found a city up-to-date, and the Emperor, if he lives ten or fifteen years, can say with the Emperor Augustus of Rome "That he found it brick but left it marble." One of the finest streets is the "Unter den Linden" shaded by the finest of lime trees, and lined with beautiful and historic palaces and with the statues of some of Germany's greatest men. At the head of this celebrated street stands the noted Brandenburg Gate. After visiting palaces, statues and parks in carriages, we were given time to roam over the town as we liked. We visited the markets, some of the business streets, and on Sunday morning we attended the Lutheran Church. In the afternoon we visited the Capitol, a building in some respects as massive as the Capitol at Washington. The next morning we started for Cologne, and traveled through German farming lands, past German farm villages. The farmers were busy at hay and harvest, and a majority of the harvesters were women. Passing on, we arrived at Cologne in the evening, and the next morning took a steamer for our celebrated voyage up the Rhine, past vine-clad slopes, surmounted by castles and the ruins of castles, every one of which has a legend or a history. The lunch on the boat, where the wine was almost as cheap as water, was one that will not soon be forgotten. Our

party threw water to the dogs and each took a quart of Rhine wine, costing one mark and forty pfennigs, about thirty-five cents, and such a hilarious party. We arrived at Mayence in the evening and left the next day for Heidelberg, a celebrated old town in Southern Germany, arriving in the afternoon. The next morning we paid a visit to the Schloss, one of the most celebrated castles in Europe. This castle was built by Rudolph in 1224, and a new part built by Frederick V, for his English wife, Princess Elizabeth, daughter of James I, of England. After lunch we visited a distant relation of C. B. and H. B. Esbenshade, where we spent a very pleasant half an hour. In the afternoon we visited the University, and the oldest church of the city, in which both Zwingli and Luther thundered their philippics against the Church of Rome. The next morning we started for Schaffhausen, where we arrived at 2 o'clock, P. M., and stopped at the Sweizerhof, at the falls of the Rhine. Here we stayed over night, and in the evening viewed an illumination of the falls. The next morning we left for the train, by coach. After taking the train, our first stopping place was Zurich, where we took lunch, and in the afternoon, proceeded by rail to Lucerne. Arriving in the evening, we were taken to the "Victoria Hotel," and on the next morning (Sunday) were taken to the famous Glacial Garden, and shown, among many of the wonderful sights, Thorwaldsen's immortal work, "The Lion of Lucerne," cut out of the native limestone. The next morning we took a boat for Vitznau, where we changed for a mountain climbing train, and started for the summit of the Rigi, a celebrated Swiss mountain, 5,906 feet high. After lunch we started out to view the grand natural panorama spread before us, and after about one-half hour, we were treated to one of the grandest of sights and experiences, by Nature—a thunder storm arising, struck the mountain side, and, rolling up, enveloped us in a heavy fog and mist. There was sharp lightning and heavy peals of thunder, above, below and around us. About this time it began to rain and we all hurried to the Hotel. In the evening we returned to Lucerne, the storm over and the sun shining brightly, none the worse, but it was an experience that I shall not forget as long as memory lasts. The next morning we started for Interlaken, where we arrived in the evening, stopping at the "Metropole Hotel." From here are seen the Swiss Alps standing out in bold relief, among them the Jungfrau, with its snow-capped summit 13,670 feet high. The next morning we were taken on an excursion to Grindenwald to see the glaciers, and from there took a mountain climbing train up the noble old Jungfrau. We ascended 10,000 feet where we alighted and amused ourselves by snow-balling one another on Aug. 22nd. The next day we visited Berne, the capital, and in the afternoon we traveled by rail to Lausanne. The farms, buildings and country here about looked very much like Lancaster county. We arrived at Lausanne in the evening and found it a

quaint old French town. Among the sights shown us the next day was a Calvinistic Cathedral built by the Catholics in the thirteenth century, and was Roman Catholic for three hundred years, when it was then captured by John Calvin and his followers, and has been a Protestant church ever since. On Friday, Aug. 23d, we proceeded by boat on Lake Lemman to Geneva, and stopped at the "Hotel de Russie." Among the many interesting places we visited in Geneva was the Greek church and the room in which the Alabama Claims Commission sat. On Sunday we attended church in the Calvinistic Cathedral and heard a Presbyterian sermon, delivered in French. After a rest on Sunday afternoon, we started on Monday morning for Paris and the Exposition. The country looked rich and well kept. We arrived at Paris in the evening and stopped at the "Hotel Dominici." The next morning we paid our first visit to the Exposition, and found it a grand display of the products of the world, but from an American standpoint, did not think it quite came up to Chicago. But the Paris fair had the advantage of being in the heart of the city and on historic ground—Ground that kings, emperors and republics had built up, and beautified Eiffel tower, Alexander bridge, Trocadero palace, Jena bridge and the Invalides. The first day we spent, taking a cursory view of the whole, from the movable sidewalks, the Alexander bridge and a stroll down the Rue des Nations. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we took carriage drives through Paris and Versailles, visiting the many beautiful palaces, museums, parks, monuments, tombs, cathedrals, art galleries and arches, for which Paris is so justly noted. It is a beautiful city and want of space forbids the attempt to give a description of our many very pleasant walks and drives through it. On Sunday morning we attended services in the famous old cathedral of Notre Dame. On Monday we finished seeing the exposition, and on Monday evening we left Paris for London. In a way I was sorry to leave Paris so soon, for it is a gay fascinating town, so much to see and so much to wonder at. I thought I would feel a kind of dread on entering it, and feel very glad when my visit was over, but I am free to confess my visit to Paris terminated somewhat in the fashion of Pope's line on vice, "We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

I could have spent another week in Paris very profitably, but our time was up and we had to go. We started at 9 o'clock P. M., passed through Rouen and arrived at Dieppe about 11:30 P. M., where we took the boat across the channel for New Haven, England. The next morning we landed at New Haven, in old England, and we arrived in London about 8:30 A. M., and stopped at the "Tudor House" on Oxford street. After a rest on Tuesday, on Wednesday we commenced to view the city in a large 'bus and with a good guide, who showed us the wonderful sights of London and gave us a short synopsis of their history. Among these were

Ludgate prison, Bow Church, Bank of England, Royal Exchange, Mansion House, the residence of the Lord Mayor of London, The Fire Monument, Old London Bridge, the Tower Bridge and the old Tower of London, which at one time was a fortress and a palace, then a State prison, and now a State museum. Our next visit on Thursday was to grand old St. Paul's Cathedral. Here we were shown the graves of two of England's greatest modern heroes, Admiral Nelson and the Duke of Wellington. The next place we visited was the British museum, one of the most wonderful curiosity shops in the world. So much was to be seen we could but take a superficial view of it and hurry off to grand old Westminster Abbey, built by Henrys VI and VII in 1429 to 1470. Here we had much to look at, and it was with feelings of awe that I looked at the tombs of Pitt, Palmerston, Disraeli, Gladstone, Major Andre, Gen. Monk, Queens Mary and Elizabeth, the Georges and a host of others who were thought worthy of burial in this hallowed burying place of old England. And it was gratifying to see tablets erected here to the memory of two illustrious Americans, Longfellow and Lowell. On Friday morning I, in company with some of my fellow tourists, paid a visit to the Bank of England. The building is built of solid granite, stands apart from all other buildings and has no windows at the side, but has them on the roof. It is guarded day and night by sentinels, the same as an armed camp. The officers and clerks are behind closed doors, and you do not see them, as in our banks, except the ones that handle the specie, who are in the first room. Wishing to do some business with the bank, I had procured a new 5£ note, before going in, and on entering I walked up to the gold clerk and said I wished to have a note changed. On handing it to him, he looked at it carefully, turned it on its face and handing me a pen, requested me to sign my name and address on the back of it. On looking at it he laughingly asked, if I was any relation to Uriah Heep? I said I was not, although on reflection the name did sound familiar to me. He tore the corner off the 5£ note and threw it on his desk, and then putting five gold sovereigns on a brass shovel, shoveled them out before me on the counter, remarking as he did so that "they thought that the best money in the world." I answered by saying and I am just patriotic enough to think and to say that *we* have the best money in the *world*. I bade him good morning and left, very well pleased with having done some business with the old lady of Threadneedle street. On Saturday morning we visited the Houses of Parliament—the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Age, association and history make this a very interesting building. In the afternoon a small party of us paid a visit to Windsor Castle and after visiting its grounds, its picture galleries, its chapel and many interesting sights, we hired a cab and were

driven to Frogmore, past the mausoleum where lies the Prince Consort, Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. Turning we drove back through the town of Windsor to Eton College, where we alighted and took a hurried run through the campus of this celebrated boys' school. Hurriedly jumping in our carriage, we drove out past the Admiral Penn plantation and home, where William Penn was born, to Stoke Poges to the church yard which was the inspiration to Gray's *Elegy*. We took a walk through this ancient graveyard to the graves of Gray the poet, and his mother, then to the old church, in which services are still held and in which Gray had a pew and worshipped. After reverentially looking at the graves and the church, we were hurriedly driven to the station of Stoke Poges, where we took the train for London. I wished for the pen of Gray, for I had seen enough to write a book. The next morning, Sunday, we, I and my brothers-in-law, attended services in Westminster Abbey. It was grand and ennobling—such fine music, an eloquent sermon, a distinguished congregation, and the statues of England's greatest men all around us. The next morning, Monday, Sept. 10th, we left London for Edinburgh on the Midland Railway, and after traveling all day through some of the finest parts of England, we arrived at our destination, Edinburgh, and stopped at the "Cockburn Hotel." The next morning the party was taken in carriages to see the chief points of interest, namely, the Castle, Holyrood Palace, St. Giles' Cathedral, Sir Walter Scott's monument, though Princes Park to our hotel. The next morning, Wednesday, we took train for Stirling by way of the bridge over the Firth of Forth, thence to Aberfoyle, and from there by coaches and boat through the famous Trossachs and Lochs Katrine and Lomond, and changing from boat to train, we arrived at Oban, a celebrated summer resort on the west coast of Scotland. Starting from Oban on Friday morning by steamboat through the firths and Cringan Canal, which crosses a rise of land about seventy-five feet high by means of locks, changing boats at Dunoon, we were taken to Helensburgh, where we stopped for the night at the "Queen's Hotel." About 2 o'clock we took boat across the Clyde river to Greenock. In the evening about 5 o'clock we went on board of the steamship "Furnessia" of the Anchor Line for New York. If going over was exhilarating, coming back was certainly exciting. The next morning (Sunday) we stopped at Moville, Ireland, for passengers. On going down along the coast, a terrible storm struck us, and it blew at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour. The next morning, out of 202 first cabin passengers, only five reported for breakfast, and I was among those that did not report. On Monday waves repeatedly washed over the vessel. To make matters worse, a stoker jumped overboard in the afternoon, and we lay to for two hours looking for him. We rolled in our berths all night

amid a fearful storm. The next morning it cleared up, and we had a splendid day. On Wednesday afternoon another storm broke over us, and by evening the waves washed over the ship, sending the spray up two-thirds the height of the smoke-stack. To one who was not afraid it was a grand sight. It cleared up by Thursday and from that on we had good weather to the Grand Banks, and no excitements except a whale, or school of porpoises, being seen once in awhile. After getting through the fogs off the coast of Newfoundland, it did not take many days to reach New York. After passing quarantine we were not long in coming up to our pier. The next day we started for home, arriving in Lancaster about 10:30 P. M.

GEORGE REDSECKER ROHRER, M. D., whose services as oculist to St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, since 1885, and to the Lancaster General Hospital have been of such inestimable value, is one of the medical men in Lancaster to whom the profession is much indebted for his careful, conscientious work, and for his close study and intelligent application of modern methods. He was born Dec. 11, 1853, son of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Redsecker) Rohrer, who then resided in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

This branch of the Rohrer family in Lancaster county is traced to John Rohrer, who in Lebanon, then Lancaster county, swore allegiance Nov. 17, 1777. (Vol. 4, p. 411, Pa. Archives, 2d series). He was third lieutenant in the 6th Company, 1st Battalion, Lancaster Co., Flying Camp, under Col. James Cunningham (Vol. 15, p. 630, Pa. Archives, 2d Series). He had been promoted to that rank from sergeant, and he was one of the sufferers at Valley Forge. His wife was Elizabeth Meiley, of Lebanon. Their children were: Anna Maria, born Nov. 17, 1787; Katharine, Feb. 8, 1790; John, Nov. 25, 1791; Samuel, July 15, 1795; John (2), Feb. 22, 1798; David, April 1, 1800; and Hannah, March 4, 1803.

David Rohrer was born April 1, 1800, in Lebanon, Dauphin Co., Pa., and became a whitesmith, or manufacturer of edge tools. His death occurred Feb. 11, 1843. By his wife, Mary Parthemore, he had the following children: Jacob Lafayette, born 1825, died 1826; Jeremiah, born May 29, 1827; Elizabeth, born Dec. 28, 1828, died Oct. 14, 1874; Absalom Stiner, born 1830, died 1835; Jacob (2), died young; and George Frederick, born May 29, 1837, is now living in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Rohrer, son of David, was born May 29, 1827, in Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa. Until near the time of the breaking out of the Civil war, he carried on carpentering and building at Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. The same spirit that moved his grandfather to shoulder his musket and patiently follow the immortal Washington, inspired him to answer the call to arms, and in August, 1862, he entered the service of his country. He was appointed

major of the 127th P. V. I., and played well his part in the duties his regiment was called upon to perform. On April 1, 1864, he removed to Lancaster, Pa., and there engaged in the liquor business, in which he has since continued, at present being located at No. 22 Penn Square. He has ever been a prominent worker in town affairs. From 1868 to 1871 he was one of the prison inspectors for Lancaster county; from Dec. 1, 1872, to Jan. 1, 1876, was register of wills; and for four or five years prior to his removal from the Second ward to his present residence, No. 336 North Duke street, he represented that ward in the councils, common, and select. He was one of the commissioners having the supervision of the erection of the new water-works in 1885-1886. In his fraternal relations, he is an enthusiastic Mason, being affiliated with Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Goodwin Council No. 19, R. & S. M.; Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T. In March, 1853, Jeremiah Rohrer, was united in marriage with Mary Ann Redsecker, who was born Oct. 31, 1830, a daughter of George and Catherine (Myers) Redsecker. Their home was blessed with eight children, as follows: George Redsecker, born Dec. 11, 1853, is the subject proper of this sketch; David, born June 26, 1855, died Nov. 26, 1856; Jacob Bomberger, born Aug. 31, 1857, now a civil engineer, Honolulu, Hawaii Islands, was married in December, 1886, to Jennie Winchester, of Memphis, Tenn.; Marie Louise, born Jan. 5, 1860, resides in Lancaster; Mary, born April 27, 1862, was married Jan. 29, 1897, to Dr. Frank Christy, of Altoona, Pa.; Grant, born Oct. 18, 1864, resides in Lancaster, Pa.; Howard, born May 28, 1867, is a graduate in pharmacy but is now of the firm of J. Rohrer, liquor dealer, Lancaster; and Daisy M., born April 27, 1877, lives in Lancaster.

George Redsecker Rohrer, eldest in the above mentioned family, was born in Middletown, Pa., but removed with his parents to Lancaster in 1864. He attended the public schools, and was graduated from the high school in July, 1870. After leaving school he entered the office of the Inquirer Printing Co., and there learned the printing trade under the able tuition of Stuart A. Wiley. With this line of work, however, he did not feel satisfied, and having determined to enter the professional world, he, in 1876, began the study of medicine with Dr. John L. Atlee, Jr., and in October, of the following year, entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania. In March, 1880, he was graduated with the degree of M. D., and in May, 1881, received the appointment of resident surgeon in the Philadelphia Hospital, which he ably filled until the following April, when he became house surgeon in Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia. At the end of a year he determined to enter upon the general practice of medicine, and opened in June, 1883, an office at No. 35 East Orange street, Lancaster, Pa. In a short time his natural ability and thorough edu-

cation made an impression on the public, and he soon had a fine practice. In January, 1884, he was elected physician to the Lancaster county prison, which position he held four years. He has been oculist to St. Joseph's Hospital and to the Lancaster General Hospital for years. In whatever branch of the profession Dr. Rohrer is called upon, he is found proficient. His constant study and his rare faculty of retaining and assimilating knowledge, have given him a vast fund of information which his methodical habits and well trained reason keep ever ready for use.

On Oct. 24, 1884, Dr. Rohrer was married to Miss Adelaide Crohen, daughter of Hermann Crohen, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Three children have come to brighten their home, namely: George Hermann, born March 1, 1893; Henry Augustus, born April 6, 1900; and John Francis, born April 29, 1901.

Professionally Dr. Rohrer is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, of which he has now been treasurer for sixteen years, and the Pathological Society of Lancaster. He was appointed, at the instance of Prof. William Pepper, a member of the auxiliary committee for Lancaster City and County Society to the Inter-Continental American Medical Congress in 1891. Under date of Nov. 1, 1894, Dr. Rohrer received from William Lochren, Commissioner Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington, D. C., the announcement that his name had been placed on the list of Specialists of that Bureau. This position the Doctor has continued to fill since. Inasmuch as he had made no application for this honor, and the appointment was made wholly without his knowledge, he has every reason to feel that it is but the due reward of his faithful labors in his chosen calling. Fraternally Dr. Rohrer is quite prominent. He is a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Goodwin Council No. 19, R. & S. M., and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T. He also belongs to Herschel Lodge, No. 123, I. O. O. F.; Conestoga Council, No. 463, Royal Arcanum; and Lancaster Lodge, No. 194, B. P. O. E.

The REDSECKER family, from which Dr. Rohrer is descended in maternal lines, is descended from George Rucksecker, Redsacker or Redsecker, who was born in Germany May 22, 1735. In 1749 he came to Lancaster county. He was first lieutenant in Col. Alexander Lowry's Third Battalion, Lancaster County Militia, in 1777. He married Anna Maria Auxer.

George Rucksecker, Redsacker, or Redsecker (2); son of George and Anna Maria, was probably born June 28, 1764. He married Susanna Ream, and had the following children: George (3), Barbara, Isaac, Elizabeth, Jacob, Susan, Samuel, Mary, Michael and Abraham.

George Redsecker (3) was born Nov. 6, 1789, in Elizabethtown, Pa., and he died Feb. 1, 1840. He

married Catherine Myers, who was born Nov. 10, 1794. Their children were: Abraham M., born Nov. 8, 1824, is now living in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Susan, born Dec. 21, 1826, married Abraham Risser, and lives in Paris, Ill.; George, born Jan. 20, 1829, lives in Elizabethtown; Mary Ann, born Oct. 31, 1830, is the wife of Jeremiah and mother of Dr. George R. Rohrer; Sarah, born Oct. 24, 1834, married John Risser, and lives in Paris, Ill.; and Catherine, born Oct. 31, 1835, died Dec. 1, 1859.

JOHN BAPTISTE CAUSSE. In 1787 the priest in charge of the Catholic Church in Lancaster was John Baptiste Causse, a Recollet Franciscan, known in the order as Father Fidenteaieus. He had been stationed at Lancaster in 1785, having come there from near Philadelphia, presumably Mt. Airy. He was a man of considerable ability and took a great interest in educational matters, and in 1787, when the "German Charity School," subsequently Franklin College, was founded, he was one of its first trustees, his name appearing as such on the minutes of the Board. He became rebellious, however, against Bishop Carroll, and in 1791 he was formally excommunicated by that Bishop, being the first Catholic clergyman in the United States to be excommunicated. In 1789 he had walked from Lancaster to where St. Vincent's Abbey is located on the Alleghany mountains and purchased the land upon which that abbey is located for five shillings.

STUBBS. So far as the writer knows, the first of the family name in America was one Richard Stubbs, who, after coming to this country from England, became one of the proprietors of Hull, Mass., in 1642. Of his descendants there is no authentic record.

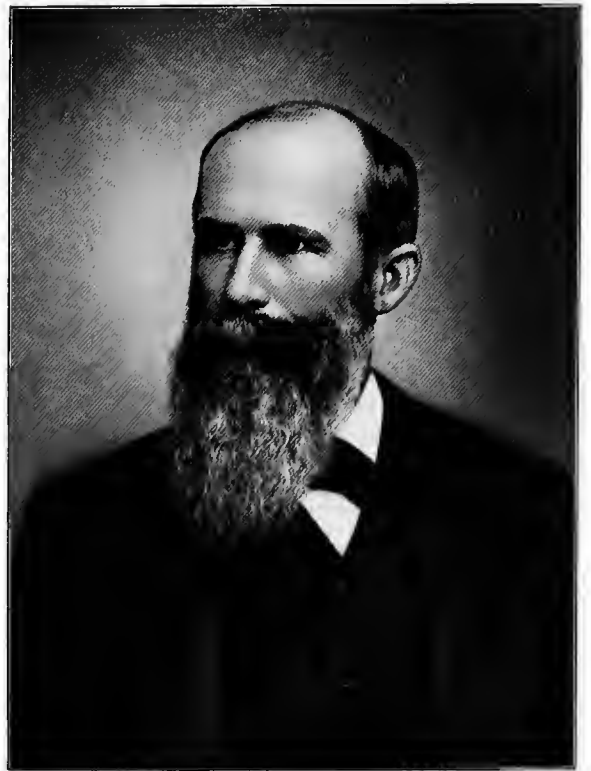
About 1718 one Thomas Stubbs left England and came to America. He located in Goshen township, Chester Co., Pa., and became the progenitor of the Stubbs family in this country, representatives of which may be found in many of the States from Maine to Georgia, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. In 1720 Thomas married Mary Minor, who came from Ireland about the time that he arrived from England. In 1756 they moved to Concord township, Delaware county, where Thomas died in 1763. They had nine children.

John Stubbs, the fourth child of Thomas, moved to North Carolina in 1755. In 1757 he married Ethel Maddock, of Pennsylvania, and to them were born fourteen children. In 1768 they moved to Georgia, where all the children, except one who died in infancy, married, but soon moved to southwestern Ohio, and many of their descendants are to-day among the most influential people of the Buckeye State.

Daniel Stubbs, eldest son of Thomas and Mary (Minor) Stubbs, married Ruth Gilpin, whose ancestry has been traced back to Richard de Guylpin (1206), who, during the reign of King John, of



J. D. Stubbs



Chas. H. Stubbs



A. H. Stubbs



Clarence Stubbs

England, was knighted and given the manor of Kentmore, as a reward for his bravery. Daniel and Ruth Stubbs resided in Delaware county for fifteen years (1752-67), when they moved to Lancaster county, and located on a large tract of land along the Susquehanna river. They were the parents of fourteen children, and became the ancestors of all of the family name in the county. Daniel died at an advanced age in 1808.

Isaac Stubbs, youngest child of Daniel and Ruth, was born in 1774, and died in 1840. In 1800 he married Hannah (1778-1825), daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (England) Brown, early settlers in this section of the county. They had ten children.

JEREMIAH BROWN STUBBS, second son of Isaac, was the first of the family in Pennsylvania to study one of the learned professions. He was born at what is now known as Cooney's mill, near McSparran post office, in Fulton township. In a "Biographical History of Lancaster County," by Alex. Harris, published by Elias Barr & Co., of Lancaster, in 1872, appears the following account, which the writer thinks is absolutely correct, and gives it as it is in the above named book, page 602: "Jeremiah Brown Stubbs, M. D., was born in Little Britain (now Fulton) township, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the 13th of April, 1804. He was the second son of Isaac and Hannah Stubbs, both descendants of early settlers of that neighborhood. Isaac Stubbs, his father, was a stone mason, and worked at the trade occasionally. He took more delight in perusing the contents of books, and in imparting to his children the rudiments of an English education (at least as far as he was capable), than to accumulate wealth by a close adherence to his occupation, or by any other manual labor. When Jeremiah was three years old, his parents removed to Harford county, Maryland, having purchased a small farm near the 'Rocks of Deer Creek.' Here the family resided until the year 1821, when they returned to Lancaster county to reside upon a farm near Peach Bottom. This was jointly inherited by the father and mother. In all these paternal migrations the older children accompanied their parents and rendered all the assistance of which they were able. After the return of the family to Lancaster county, Jeremiah determined to commence business for himself, and with this object in view entered a mercantile establishment in the city of Baltimore. Disliking the business, in the course of a few months he returned home. Receiving the encouragement of his maternal grandfather, Jeremiah Brown (of whom he always retained a grateful remembrance), he was induced to study and enter one of the learned professions. With no advantages of a preparatory education other than instruction received from a kind parent, and the limited attainments obtained by a few years' attendance at the public schools of an early period, he entered upon the study of medicine in the year 1824. He read under the direction of Dr. Vincent King, a well known practitioner of southern Lancaster coun-

ty; attended two full courses of lectures at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and graduated in the class of March 8, 1827. Soon after graduating, he located in the village of Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md., where he practiced his profession for nine years. During his residence in Cecil county, he was elected a member of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Maryland. His membership of this body commenced September 9, 1827. At that time a physician practicing in the State of Maryland could not collect a fee unless he was a member of this medical organization, and no one became a member thereof unless he submitted to a rigid examination, and was recommended as worthy by a committee appointed for that purpose.

"On the 25th of February, 1836, Dr. Stubbs was married to Rachel H., eldest daughter of Timothy Kirk, Esq., of Oxford, Chester Co., formerly a member of the Legislature of Pennsylvania, and then an active business citizen of that vicinity. Previous to his marriage he purchased the farm and good will of Dr. John K. Sappington, of Little Britain (now Fulton) township, Lancaster county. Removing to the place he resumed the practice of medicine, which he continued with success to the time of his death, a period of twenty-six years. For a long time after he located in Lancaster county there was with one exception no physician in active practice within ten miles. In these early days of his medical career his labors were unceasing, and at times exceedingly arduous. Possessing a comparatively strong constitution and determined will he was enabled to do herculean duty, practicing his profession throughout a section of country many miles in extent. On February 14th, 1844, he was elected a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, and at one time was president of that body. [Dr. Stubbs was one of the twenty-three physicians who, on the above date, organized the Medical Society.—Author.] He was elected to represent it as delegate in the American Medical Association and attended in this capacity its meetings at Boston, in 1849, Richmond, 1852, New York, 1853, and Philadelphia, 1855. In the fall of 1847 he was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, by the Whigs of Lancaster county, and was re-elected in 1848. During his first term he served on the committee on Education, and in the second was placed on the committee on Ways and Means, and upon Banks, besides several special committees. The house was thoroughly Democratic during the session of 1848; nevertheless Dr. Stubbs, by his plain and unassuming manner, made many friends and received numerous favors from his political opponents. During his service at Harrisburg various expedients were devised by different members of the Ways and Means committee to raise revenue to replenish the State treasury, and at the same time not increase the taxes of the working classes of the commonwealth. Being a member of the committee to devise means of revenue, he sug-

gested the propriety of taxing the sale and manufacture of quack nostrums, which were then meeting with an immense sale throughout all parts of the State. For many years he was well acquainted with the fact that thousands of dollars were made by charlatans by imposing on those ignorant of medical knowledge. All honest trades and professions were taxed, but the manufacturer and vender of patent medicines went free. Receiving assurance of a majority of the Legislature and the Governor that to tax this class was just, he consulted with some of the learned of the profession and drew up a bill which became a law. Its passage created a unanimous protest on behalf of all the semi-medical men, quacks and venders in the State, and the vengeance of the whole fraternity was threatened against the author of the bill. In Lancaster county their influence was brought to bear against him but availed nothing. While a member of the Legislature he took great interest in all subjects pertaining to the education of children of the State, as well as to keeping up the standard of the profession of which he became in early life a member. For professional services rendered to half of the legislative body he was presented with a handsome testimonial on behalf of the members of both political parties. [This 'testimonial,' a gold-headed cane, the body of which was wood taken from a part of the old United States Ship-of-war 'Reliance,' the first vessel that bore the flag of the new nation upon the seas in defiance of Great Britain, was highly prized by Dr. Stubbs. It now belongs to a grandson, Dr. A. H. Stubbs, of Reading, Pa.] Having served the customary two terms in the State Legislature, he returned to the farm and continued the practice, and instruction of students of medicine. During his long professional career seven young men read under his direction and graduated. Of these only three survive. [All now deceased.—Author.] For several years previous to his death, Dr. Stubbs had frequent paroxysms of a disease that he was well aware would finally prove fatal. Nevertheless he continued to work and study to the last. On the 4th and 5th of July, 1862, he was attacked with angina pectoris, but recovered and seemed to improve until the night of the 9th, when he had a relapse, and died on the morning of the 10th, aged fifty-eight years. Dr. Stubbs was by birthright a member of the Society of Friends, but a few years after attaining manhood by his own request ceased to be connected with that Society. No man was more familiar with the various tenets and doctrines advanced and believed in by different religious bodies. He appreciated works of a theological and scientific nature, was conversant with the Scriptures, especially those books attributed to Job and Paul, which he considered to far exceed the others in sublimity and literary excellence. In his opinion the Sermon on the Mount with the Golden Rule, was sufficient in itself unto salvation, and to believe in and practice the truths there inculcated was paramount to a blind adherence to the creeds

of Calvin or Luther. With him the moral law was the basis of all true religion, and upon this he was willing to rest all hope of a peaceful hereafter. To the theory and science of medicine he was strongly devoted. A constant reader, he always kept pace with the progress of the age, and was ready to avail himself of all the recent discoveries in medicine and surgery, never permitting a remedy of value in alleviating human suffering to escape his notice. His trained and extensive knowledge on subjects appertaining to his profession was attested by a valuable library of medical works. Chirurgery, or that part of the science belonging properly to the surgeon, he did not fancy. His sympathetic temperament forbade it. His province or forte was the duties pertaining to the physician. Few men were better versed in etiology, or the causes of disease, and in diagnosis he had few equals. To be familiar with disease sufficient to enable one to recognize it at all times in its different phases is one of the most difficult parts of the science. In this Dr. Stubbs was an adept, hence his skill and success in treatment. To him the oath of Hippocrates and the code of ethics of the medical profession were laws to be adhered to with a strictness bordering on Persian and Median tenacity. To violate them was a breach of professional honor not to be tolerated. Quacks and medical pretenders of all descriptions met with no encouragement at his hands. To younger members of the profession he was ever willing to render assistance, and counsel. In his business transactions he was exact. Starting in life poor, with few friends and an abundance of envious relations, he made all he possessed. An honest poor man never appealed to him in vain. To him he would render needed assistance at all times. He knew what it was to be poor and depend on others for aid. In his latter years he often remarked that it was a great source of consolation to him to know that he had repaid all favors ever extended to him and to feel that he never knowingly took a cent of anyone, and pecuniarily he owed no man, living or dead."

Dr. Stubbs had two sons, viz.: Charles Henry, born Dec. 30, 1839; and Cassius Eugene, born March 22, 1844.

CHARLES H. STUBBS, M. D., attended several terms at Millersville State Normal School, and in 1861 began the study of medicine with his father, later attending lectures at Jefferson Medical College, where he graduated March 10, 1863. While a student, in 1862, he was appointed medical cadet by Surgeon General Hammond, U. S. A., and at once joined the staff of Brigade Surgeon David McReur, in charge of the floating hospital "Louisiana," which conveyed the wounded of Gen. McClellan's army to Philadelphia and Washington. In July, 1863, after graduating, Dr. Stubbs was appointed assistant surgeon of the 40th Pennsylvania Volunteer militia, and in 1864 served on the staff of Surgeon Joseph Hopkinson Mower, U. S. A. Hospital, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Dr. Stubbs had a letter of

recommendation from the elder Prof. S. D. Gross, one of the greatest of American surgeons, who was his teacher at college, and for whom he entertained the highest regard. After serving his enlistment Dr. Stubbs returned to his home in Fulton township, and began the practice of medicine in the office occupied by his honored father for many years.

In 1868 Dr. Charles H. Stubbs married Sarah B., only daughter of Timothy and Rachel E. Haines. To this union two children were born, Clarence Theodore and Ambrose Herbert. Improvements were always of interest to Dr. Stubbs, and he was one of the directors of the Peach Bottom Railway, now the Lancaster, Oxford & Southern; he was also editor of the *Oxford Republican*, a paper published for a short time at Oxford, Chester county. The natural sciences were a pleasure to him, and he had one of the finest collections of minerals, fossils and relics of the stone age in the county. He later disposed of his main collection of Indian relics to a daughter of Asa Packer, and they are now in the museum of the great university founded by her father, viz., Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. Dr. Stubbs was a corresponding member of the Linnaean Society of Lancaster, and of the Maryland Academy of Science, and his papers on Mineralogy, Archæology and kindred subjects were widely read. In 1872 he published a genealogy of the "Kirk Family," of which he was a descendant. This work was widely distributed, and up to the present writing (1902) is the only history of the family that has been compiled. His library contained many hundred volumes, including most of the standard works of fiction and science. He always took an active interest in educational affairs, and served many years on the local school board. He was a member and commander of Capt. Snow Post, No. 461, G. A. R., at the time of his death. Although not a member of any religious denomination he was thoroughly familiar with the many creeds, and like his father believed that the moral law was far superior to mock sentimentality and religious profession. However, he entertained great respect for all denominations, and especially for the Society of Friends. Dr. Stubbs for many years successfully practiced his profession. In the treatment of diseases of children he was particularly skillful, and in diagnosing and treating pneumonia in the adult he had few superiors. In 1884 he was stricken with paralysis, and temporarily gave up practice. In 1886, having sufficiently recovered, he took an extended trip to the Pacific coast, at the same time adding to his fine collections of minerals and Indian relics. After his return he resumed practice, and though much broken in health, a sufferer from paralysis and Bright's disease, he continued to the last, having only half an hour before his death returned from the bedside of a sick child, and on retiring died suddenly, at 10 P. M., Thursday, Nov. 19, 1891, aged fifty-one years, ten months, and nineteen days. His sympathetic nature was nowhere more evidenced

than in his untiring devotion to his invalid wife, who for many years received every care and comfort within his power to bestow. Although for several years under the care of the best medical talent in the land, it failed to restore her former health. Perfectly resigned to her helpless condition, with no complaint for the years of suffering, she survived her husband more than two years, and after living a noble, pure and Christian life, died Jan. 9, 1893, aged fifty-one years, eight months and twenty-four days.

Cassius Eugene Stubbs, second son of Dr. Jeremiah B. Stubbs, was born March 22, 1844. He attended West Chester Academy and the Millersville State Normal School. Later he read law under Hon. A. Herr Smith, of Lancaster, and in 1865 graduated from the Law Department of the University of Michigan. He practiced law in Jefferson county, W. Va., for several years, and was State's attorney and a member of the State Legislature. Later he moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., and has been county attorney and member of the State Legislature a number of terms. For the past few years he has been retired from active practice, has been engaged in real-estate and mining interests in Colorado and other States. He married Hannah K., daughter of Lewis Haines, of Fulton township, Lancaster county, and they have three sons, Merton, Herbert and Harry.

CLARENCE THEODORE STUBBS, the eldest of the two sons of the late Dr. Charles Henry Stubbs, was born July 20, 1869. He attended Millersville State Normal School several terms, and then represented a Philadelphia publishing house in New England for a year. Having a liking for electrical work, he entered the General Electric Company's establishment at Schenectady, N. Y., and graduated in the student's course two years later. He then took the extended course in arc lighting at the company's (Lynn, Mass.) works, and was graduated from there in 1893, "capable of installing and operating any of the machines built by the Edison General Electric Company." He did not, however, follow the work, and in 1895 he opened a drug store in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., which he successfully conducted until his untimely and accidental death, Sept. 22, 1901, at the age of thirty-two years, two months, and two days.

AMBROSE HERBERT STUBBS, M. D., second son of Dr. Charles H. Stubbs, was born June 10, 1874. After attending several terms at the Millersville State Normal School, he taught school at Cherry Hill, Fulton township, during the session of 1892-93, and then began the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. J. W. Houston, of Oxford, Chester Co., Pa. (now residing in Lancaster). He graduated April 22, 1896, from the Baltimore Medical College, of Baltimore, Md., and located for a short time at York, Pa. On Jan. 1, 1897, he removed to Wakefield, Lancaster county, his former home, and practiced his profession there until the fall of 1901, when he re-

moved to Reading, Berks county, where he now resides, and in connection with the practice of medicine conducts the drug store formerly belonging to his brother. On Jan. 25, 1899, Dr. Stubbs married Anna L., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam B. Baer, of Rohrerstown, Lancaster county. They have two children—Charles Detwiler, born Dec. 18, 1899; and Guy Haines, born May 10, 1901.—[Sketch prepared by Dr. A. H. Stubbs.]

AMOS BAKER, of the mercantile firm of Baker & Funk, of Neffsville, Lancaster county, was born on a farm in East Hempfield township, March 11, 1836, son of John and Elizabeth (Wolf) Baker. The family came to this country from Germany, settling in Lancaster county at an early date.

Amos Baker was reared upon his father's farm, and acquired a good knowledge of the English branches at the public schools of his district. At the age of nineteen years, he began his business life, working as a day laborer during the summer, while in the winter he found employment as a cooper, continuing the same for ten or twelve years. During this time he had accumulated some money, and rented a farm which he conducted on the share plan, living first in Warwick and later in Manheim township. He was engaged in agricultural life for twenty-five years. An opening then occurring at Millersville, he embarked in mercantile business there, and was thus occupied for nineteen years. Having spent his years usefully, he then decided to retire from active life, sold his interests, and for two years was not engaged in any line of activity, living six months at Lancaster City and eighteen months in York. In 1898, however, he located at Neffsville, as a partner in the concern of Baker & Funk, which has become one of the leading mercantile houses of the city.

Amos Baker was married in 1856 to Miss Margaretta Geib, who was born in Warwick township Feb. 11, 1837, daughter of Daniel Geib, and they were the parents of three children: Amanda, wife of Benjamin S. Heiss, of Roseville, Manheim township, who has four children, Amos, Maggie, Norman and Benjamin; John M., who died at the age of four and a half years; Elizabeth, wife of Harry E. Banghy, of Lancaster City, and mother of one child, Harry. Mr. Baker has always been a progressive man, hard working and thrifty, and the success which has attended his efforts has been but his just reward. In religious matters he is a member of the Dunkard Church.

HENRY K. FUNK, of the mercantile firm of Baker & Funk, of Neffsville, was born in Millersville, March 18, 1854, son of Henry and Catherine (Killhoffer) Funk, both of whom died at an advanced age. They were natives of Lancaster county.

Henry K. Funk was reared in the village of Millersville, and was educated at the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he found employment

with the firm of Russel, Musselman & Co., and remained with the house through two changes in name, spending ten years in this connection. The original firm was succeeded by A. W. & J. R. Russel, and later the name was changed to Keppler & Slaymacher. Mr. Funk left his native place and remained away ten years, after which he returned and found that Keppler & Slaymacher had been succeeded by Reilly Bros. & Raub, and he engaged with that firm for two years, and later spent six months more in their employ. This house is now very well and favorably known in the county. During the ten years Mr. Funk had been away, he had spent a portion of the time buying and packing tobacco, and also worked as a cigar manufacturer at Millersville. He has led a very active life, and the greater portion of his time has been spent in the mercantile line. During the past three years he has been associated with Mr. Amos Baker in their thriving business, which is steadily increasing its volume of trade. In 1895 Mr. Funk went out West, where he spent fourteen months, but returned to Lancaster county, settling in York, whence he went to Philadelphia. The house of Baker & Funk is well known and popular, and their general stock is thoroughly up-to-date. The assistants are accommodating, deliveries are prompt, and every consideration is shown customers.

Mr. Funk is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Personally he is a man of genial manner, and has made many friends in Neffsville, as well as in other localities in which he has made his home from time to time.

E. K. MARTIN, for many years an honored member of the Lancaster Bar, though now retired from active professional labors, is a resident of the city of New York, where he is at the head of the American Real Estate Company. His residence is Park Hill, Yonkers-on-the-Hudson, and he holds high standing in New York City, where his business abilities, knowledge of all forms of real estate and corporate law, and his unquestioned probity, have won for him a host of personal and business friends. He is the eldest son of Barton B. Martin, of Lancaster, who entered into rest in 1887.

The history of the Martin family is an interesting one. Barton B. Martin was born in East Earl township, and came of the old Swiss Mennonite stock, men and women of strong faith and noble character, who found a home in the eastern sections of Lancaster county early in the last century. John Martin, his father, and the grandfather of E. K. Martin, was one of the most progressive men of his time, and took a leading part in every movement in his neighborhood that looked to the general good. Barton B. Martin was the eldest in a family of five children, among them being J. B. Martin, now at the head of the extensive West King street dry-goods house, and who has been for many years a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Millersville.



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B. B. Martin

Barton B. Martin was educated in the common schools of his district, and early evinced a sturdiness of character and traits of mind that marked him as exceptionally capable and interesting. At the early age of fourteen he entered the store of a relative, at Rohrerstown, and, developing a keen business insight and marked mercantile ability, he soon afterward embarked in business for himself, becoming a country merchant at Millersville, where he conducted a large and lucrative business and was highly esteemed for his honesty and fair dealing. He married Catherine Rohrer, at Millersville, and while rearing the large family born to him and his wife felt deeply the need of better educational advantages than his village afforded. In company with Rev. L. M. Hobbs, D. S. Bare, and other progressive citizens of the vicinity, he conceived and formulated a plan for a school for academic training there. It was regarded as hazardous, but after much opposition the foundations of the institution that afterward became the State Normal School were laid at Millersville, and thence have gone forth thousands of students to follow every walk of life throughout the land, well prepared by training for the vicissitudes of fate and fortune. Mr. Martin contributed most liberally of his time and means to the bringing about of the construction and inauguration of this grand educational undertaking. On occasions when subscriptions were not available, as the school was built by subscription, Mr. Martin took upon himself the burden of its contracted obligations, and more than once saved it from collapse. For years he continued a trustee and steadfast friend of the school, until it came under State protection and endowment and its prosperity was assured, when he withdrew and left its interests to be cared for by others.

In 1859 Mr. Martin closed out his business at Millersville, and erected a large dry-goods store at the corner of West King and Prince streets, in Lancaster. His health becoming impaired by too close application to business and the confinements of a mercantile life, he engaged in the coal and lumber trade, and for almost thirty years was conspicuous in that line of endeavor. During that period he had manufacturing interests in lumber in Clinton, Center and Cambria counties, where he owned steam sawmills and extensive tracts of white pine lands and bituminous coal mines. His wholesale yards were at Lock Haven and Columbia, and he operated a retail yard in Lancaster. His career as a lumber merchant was a busy one, and he became known very widely as one of the ablest men in that line of business in eastern Pennsylvania. He was the principal member of the famous coal mining firm of Martin & Co., whose properties covered many thousand acres of the best bituminous coal fields of Cambria county, and who had offices at Philadelphia and Lancaster, and shipping wharves at Greenwich Point, South Amboy and Baltimore. Mr. Martin was likewise interested in an extensive timber and coal tract on the Vander-

bilt road, which ran through the Clearfield region, and which his estate still retains.

During the war Mr. Martin earnestly supported the Union, and freely contributed both time and money to the cause of the Government. His charming and picturesque home, "West Lawn," at Lancaster, in the West End, is one of the finest architectural achievements in the county, and no finer mansion can be found in the State. Mr. Martin was a pioneer in the march of improvement that has made the West End the most attractive part of Lancaster. His lovely home was the first suburban residence in a region now filled with fine dwellings, but none so beautiful as the old Martin homestead, still in the possession of the family. Lancaster avenue, now one of the most attractive streets in the city, owes its origin to Mr. Martin, who donated the land to the city. This was but one of the many gracious and thoughtful deeds which have made his name dear to all who are interested in the general welfare of the city of Lancaster.

Barton B. Martin was the father of two sons and seven daughters, all of whom still live. The sons are (1) E. K. Martin, whose name introduces this article; and (2) John C. Martin. The latter, born at Millersville Nov. 13, 1845, is now a millionaire coal operator residing in New York City. Mr. Martin until his seventeenth year attended the public schools at Lancaster, and then the State Normal School at Millersville. In October, 1862, before he had reached his seventeenth year, he was enrolled as first lieutenant of Co. D, 157th P. V. I., for three years service in the Civil war. He served for a period in 1862 as a staff officer under the United States provost marshal in Philadelphia, thence was transferred with his company to Fort Delaware, and in the spring of 1863 did duty in the defense of Washington. In the winter of 1863-64 he became provost marshal of Gen. Tyler's Division of the Army of the Potomac. After the war he returned to civil life and entered into partnership with his father at Lancaster, engaged in his extensive business interests, especially in the development of the great coal interests of Martin & Co. in Cambria county. After the death of his father, Mr. Martin continued to build up his extensive coal interests until he became a leading shipper, not only to every tidewater port, but to foreign countries as well. Mr. Martin has always been deeply interested in popular education. At the beginning of the Lake Chautauqua movement he identified himself with it, and has been for many years trustee of the Chautauqua Institute. He is also a trustee of Washington College, in Tennessee, the oldest college organization west of the Alleghany mountains, but his best efforts during recent years have been given to the direction of "The John C. Martin Fund" established by him to promote Christian education among the poorer of the white and the colored people in the South, particularly colored pastors, and thousands

have already been reached by the beneficent efforts of this fund—men who have not had college opportunities and yet have been accepted leaders of their race. To practical reform and philanthropic work Mr. Martin has been a liberal contributor, and Lancaster county has produced no more successful man or sent forth into the world of business no more honored son.

Barton B. Martin's daughters are: (3) Kate, the wife of M. Alexander, a noted member of the Pennsylvania Bar; (4) Julia, wife of T. B. Holohan, also an attorney at Lancaster; the two brothers-in-law are in partnership, under the firm name of Holohan & Alexander; (5) Lillie, wife of H. K. Baumgardner, whose sketch appears on another page; (6) Alice, wife of Theodore R. Verick, Jr., of New York City; (7) Clara, wife of Dr. Ulamore Allen, of Jersey City; (8) Daisie, wife of William G. Mayburry, a capitalist, now retired, and living in Germantown; and (9) Dora, wife of J. H. Jefferis, a glass manufacturer and capitalist of Philadelphia. A remarkable fact in this connection is that there has never been a death among these nine children of Mr. Martin, and they have had twelve reunions, at which all the nine, with their husbands and wives, have been present. The reunion of Oct. 1, 1901, was a charming affair, held at the beautiful home of E. K. Martin, at Park Hill, Yonkers-on-the-Hudson.

E. K. Martin was born at Millersville, Oct. 1, 1844, and after receiving a partial education at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., enlisted, at the outbreak of the Civil war, at the age of sixteen, as a member of the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers, participating in the many heavy engagements, bloody battles and fierce campaigns in which his regiment was engaged, from the beginning of the war until its termination. He served under Sherman, Thomas, Buell and Rosecrans, and made a record of nearly four years of brave and loyal service in the field, of which his friends may well be proud. The last six months of his service, and during the march to the sea, he was attached to Gen. Sherman's headquarters.

The war over, Mr. Martin resumed his studies at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., graduating from Amherst College in 1871, and from the Law Department of Columbia College in due course of time. After farther perfecting himself in the study of the law, with the late Hon. Thomas E. Franklin as preceptor, he was admitted to practice in the Lancaster courts, in 1876. His rise to prominence at the Lancaster County Bar was rapid, and through his legal attainments, his forceful and convincing arguments, coupled with a fine delivery, he not only became a successful advocate, but his services as an orator were in much demand. His speeches, political and otherwise, would fill a large volume, and it was a tribute of no mean character, both to his oratorical ability, and his record as a soldier, that he was called on to address his old comrades of the 79th

Pennsylvania on the occasion of their reunion in Lancaster, Oct. 8, 1901, the anniversary of the battle of Perryville, where that gallant regiment presented such a gallant front, and endured such losses in killed and wounded. He also made the address, Nov. 13, 1897, dedicating the monument of his regiment on Chickamauga battlefield, where he rendered such gallant and distinguished service. He presided over many local political conventions, and over the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg in 1891.

Mr. Martin has always been fearless and aggressive, and, being a strong and ready writer, became practically the founder of the *The Morning News* of Lancaster, and his able articles were for years features of that paper, of which he was at one time the principal owner, though he has since severed his connection therewith.

Mr. Martin organized the American Real Estate Company in New York City, to which he removed a year later, with the purpose of devoting all his time and attention to that important and growing enterprise, which has now over five and a half millions of dollars invested entirely in that city. Mr. Martin holds the responsible position of president of this vast concern, with offices at No. 290 Broadway. The company has recently bought one block of land in the northern end of Manhattan Island, for which alone it paid over a million dollars. It buys in large tracts, and develops the property. It is the most extensive real estate development company of its kind in New York to-day. Park Hill, its largest suburban holding, is easily the most beautiful creation of homes about suburban New York.

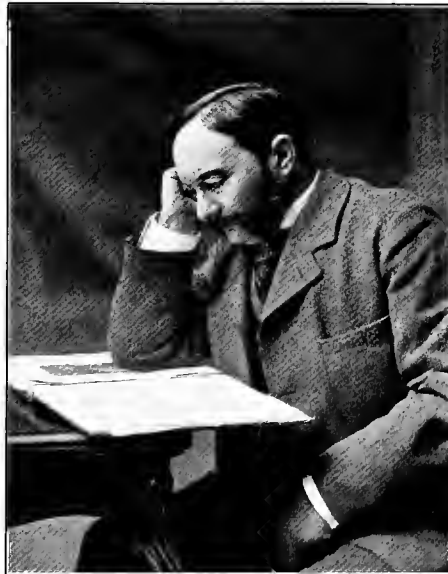
Mr. Martin was married, June 2, 1881, to Miss Caroline A. Verick, a daughter of Dr. Theodore R. Verick, one of the most prominent physicians of Jersey City, who was surgeon general of New Jersey for many years, and who had charge of the great railroad hospitals in Jersey City. To Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Martin have been born three children: Theodore Romeyn Verick Martin (deceased), Adele Woolsey and Anna Romeyn Verick, who with their parents live in a lovely home, "Overcliff," on Park Hill, Yonkers. This charming home, commanding a view of the Hudson river for twenty miles north and south, is one of the most delightfully situated of the many delightful homes that crowd its banks.

Imperfect though this sketch may be, for it would take a goodly volume to adequately present the history of the Martin family, yet it will give a glimpse of the busy and honored careers of three of the representatives of one of the most honored families Lancaster county has produced.

HENRY MYERS, son of Jacob Myers and Ann Mary Ent, of Germantown, was born at Lancaster April 16, 1802. His parents moved to Lancaster from Germantown after the close of the Revolution, and he spent his entire life in his birthplace, with the exception of one or two years at Nazareth, Pa.,



John C. Martin



Elmer Martin

while learning his trade when a youth. Jacob Myers enlisted in the Revolutionary service at Philadelphia July 16, 1776, and served until the close of the war. Lancaster should feel proud in having an "Own Son" of the Revolution in the person of so excellent a man and pure a Christian as good old Henry Myers.

HENRY CLAY LEHMAN (deceased). The name of Henry Clay Lehman will long be held in reverent remembrance in the city of Lancaster, where he fulfilled every requirement of an honest man and upright, useful citizen for so many years.

Mr. Lehman was born Dec. 7, 1830, on the farm now occupied by Mr. Samuel Frantz, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and his death occurred in the West, while on a journey, on Aug. 22, 1898. His remains were brought to his home in Lancaster and they now lie in the beautiful Woodward Hill cemetery belonging to this city. He was a son of John and Eliza A. (Landis) Lehman, and they died on the farm on which our late subject was born, near Rohrerstown, Mr. Lehman passing away Sept. 10, 1851, at the age of forty-two years, and his widow surviving until March, 1888, dying at the age of seventy-six years. They belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church and were interred in the Rohrerstown cemetery. Their children were as follows: Henry Clay; Anna E., who married J. B. Martin, a merchant in Lancaster; Mary A. deceased wife of Benjamin Swar; Emma B., residing in Lancaster; Adeline H., who died in 1860; and John, Jr., who died in 1851.

The Lehman family was founded in Lancaster county by Swiss emigrants of the name who came hither to escape religious persecution. Since 1700 they have flourished and honorably perpetuated the name. The name of the pioneer settler was Peter Lehman, his son was John, then came John (2), who married Elizabeth Baer and they became the grandparents of Henry Clay Lehman. The original location was on the site of the county farm, in Manor township.

The early life of Henry Clay Lehman was spent on the farm, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his marriage. Following this event he engaged in clerking in Rohrerstown, in a coal and lumber yard, remaining there until 1866, when he located in Lancaster. He accepted a clerical position with Dr. S. B. Hartman and through faithful attendance to duty, became so necessary to his employer that he continued with him for a period of ten years.

Being a very zealous Republican, Mr. Lehman was about this time brought forward as a candidate for clerk in the recorder's office and received the appointment, efficiently discharging the duties until 1893, at which time he was elected recorder. During his administration of three years the affairs of the recorder's office were never in more satisfactory condition. When he resumed private life, Mr. Leh-

man went into the leaf tobacco business, in which he engaged until within a short time prior to his death. As a business man he was regarded as the soul of honesty, while as a public official he met with the full approbation of his fellow-citizens. Mr. Lehman was noted for his conscientious discharge of duty and was during many years of his life a representative public citizen of Lancaster.

Henry C. Lehman was united in marriage with Mary L. Ream, and to this union two children were born. John R. married Miss Elizabeth Gamble and they live in Columbus, Ohio, having one daughter, Mary L.; and Charles B. who is a clerk in the recorder's office, married Miss Sue Eshleman, and they have two sons, Harry N. and Edwin C.

Mrs. Mary L. (Ream) Lehman, the estimable widow of the late Henry Clay Lehman, was born Sept. 26, 1831, in Rohrerstown, daughter of Dr. John and Caroline (Bicking) Ream, the former of whom was born in Reamstown, Pa., and the latter in Chester county, Pa. Dr. Ream was for a number of years one of the leading physicians in Rohrerstown, a man of character and ample means. He died in April, 1869, at the age of sixty-five years, his widow surviving until 1893, dying at the age of eighty-eight years. They were both members of the Reformed Church, and their burial was in the cemetery of that religious body, in Rohrerstown.

The family born to Dr. and Mrs. Ream consisted of ten members, viz.: Albert R., deceased; Jefferson B., deceased; Mary L., who is Mrs. Lehman; Caroline, deceased; Sarah J., deceased; Josephine, the wife of Eli S. Hoover, a retired farmer; Ellen, deceased; Julia Ann, residing in Lancaster; John H., deceased; and Emma V., the wife of W. D. Mosser, a teacher in the Lancaster Business College, residing with her sister, Mrs. Lehman. The latter is one of the esteemed residents of Lancaster, and belongs to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

HENRY G. MINICH was born in Landisville, Lancaster Co., Pa., May 25, 1817, and died in Columbia, same county, May 19, 1895. He was a leather dresser by trade, but for thirty-two years was engaged in the meat business, and after 1874 lived retired.

Henry G. Minich was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Gamber) Minich, natives of West Hempfield township, who had born to them the following large family: Catherine, deceased wife of John William, who was a farmer in Lancaster county, but is also deceased; John, a plow manufacturer; Jacob, a farmer; Simon, hotel proprietor; George a blacksmith; Henry G., whose name opens this biography; Elizabeth; Susan, who was married to Joseph Baker; Fanny, married to Reuben Bowman, all of whom died in Lancaster county, Pa.; Charlotte, wife of Levy Brown, died in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leah, the widow of John Bossler, residing in Petersburg, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Sarah, who married Aaron Oakley, of Folsom City, Cal., owner of an extensive cat-

the ranch in Sacramento county, both of whom are now deceased.

On May 11, 1843, Henry G. Minich was united in marriage with Miss Anna C. Albright, the amiable and accomplished daughter of Anthony and Susan (Shibe) Albright and to this union were born: Jacob A., of Columbia, whose sketch may be found on another page; Thomas Jefferson, a coal merchant in Chicago, Ill.; Charles W., of Columbia, who also has a sketch of his life career on another page; N. Jerome A., editor of the *Bulletin*, at Kent, Ohio; Ella, who died at the age of twenty-one years; George W., who died when three years old; Dr. Benjamin F., whose life sketch also appears in this volume; and Harry J., a meat merchant in South Tampa, Florida.

Mrs. Anna Catherine (Albright) Minich was born in Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 30, 1818. Her father, while yet a child, was brought from Philadelphia to Lancaster by his parents, and there he was reared and educated, was editor of the *American Messenger* for fifteen years, and was proprietor of a printing office; he died of cholera, Oct. 24, 1834, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow survived him until Jan. 13, 1862, when she expired at the ripe age of seventy-nine years and eleven months. The family were all members of the Moravian Church, and the remains of the parents were interred side by side in the Woodward Hill cemetery. Besides Mrs. Anna C. Minich, there were born to Mr. and Mrs. Albright the following named children: Ann Maria, who died in Philadelphia in 1893, the wife of Charles Johns, a portrait painter; Michael, who died in Lancaster in 1892; Susan (Mrs. Clark), who died in North Carolina in 1845; John M., who died in Lancaster, Pa., in 1865; and Frederick A., who died in 1892. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna C. Minich were John and Anna Maria Albright of Philadelphia, both of whom died in Lancaster, members of the Moravian Church. John Albright was editor of a newspaper and for many years was proprietor of a printing office on Prince street. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Minich were Matthias and Ann Catherine Shibe, natives of Prussia and Philadelphia, respectively, but both of whom died in Lancaster. Matthias Shibe, by trade a stocking-weaver, was a hero of the Revolutionary war.

The late lamented Henry G. Minich came to Columbia March 31, 1847, attained quite a prominent position in the borough and by his strict integrity and close attention to business acquired a competency. His death was deplored by the entire community, as in him it lost one of its most useful and respected citizens.

GEORGE HANCK (deceased) was the founder of the Hanck family in Lancaster county. Born in Lebanon county, Pa., May 12, 1813, he was a son of Jacob Hanck, of that county, and of German descent.

George Hanck was but a youth when he settled in Lancaster county, and took up his home with Samuel Ranck, in Lancaster township, where he learned the milling trade. After his marriage, Aug. 6, 1840, he located on a farm in Landis Valley, comprising fifty acres. This was his home until a few years before his death, Oct. 18, 1871. Farming was the occupation to which his life was devoted, and he was very successful in all his undertakings, accumulating much property and at one time owning three farms, a place of 156 acres, another of 110 acres, and the home farm. Noted as a public-spirited man, he took a lively interest in local affairs, never seeking or holding county or State offices, however.

Mr. Hanck dealt largely in horses, and being a self-educated veterinarian of no mean skill, was fitted to deal successfully in that difficult but interesting line of trade. In his hands it was very successful, and he was widely known both as a reliable dealer and skilled horse doctor.

Mr. Hanck was married to Miss Anna, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Poland) Shriner. To this union were born two children: Michael S., who died in Manheim township, and whose sketch appears on another page; and Catherine S., the wife of Daniel Graver, of Manheim. Mrs. Anna Hanck died May 22, 1852, at the age of thirty-two. She is remembered as a woman of much character and many charms. After remaining a widower four years, Mr. Hanck married for his second wife Elizabeth Longenecker, by whom he had one child, Wallace, who died at Landis Valley.

The Hanck family early took an honorable and creditable position in Lancaster, and its representatives maintain a high standing at the present day.

GEORGE K. REED: The death of George K. Reed, on May 16, 1898, removed from Lancaster one of her most estimable citizens, one who for many years was identified with the best interests of the city as merchant, banker and capitalist. He will long be mourned as a high-minded and honorable man, a representative American citizen, and an unostentatious and generous philanthropist.

George K. Reed was born in Lancaster Dec. 22, 1826, son of Henry R. Reed, who was cashier of the Branch Bank of Pennsylvania, and grandson of John Hoff, who was cashier of the Farmers' Bank, in Lancaster, in 1816. George K. Reed attended the schools in his native city until he was eighteen years of age, and then obtained employment in the dry-goods and grocery store of Christopher Hager, as an errand boy, in which position he performed the duties so well that at the end of three years he became the chief bookkeeper. In 1848 John F. Shroder was elected county treasurer, and he selected Mr. Reed for his assistant, which circumstance caused him to resign his position with Mr. Hager to take that of deputy county treasurer. At the expiration of Treasurer Shroder's term Mr.



GEORGE K. REED

Reed decided to embark in business as a broker and private banker. At that time there were no brokers' offices or private banks in the city. The business was inaugurated in 1850, under the firm name of John F. Shroder & Co., his partner being John F. Shroder. Near the close of 1857 he became associated with Richard McGrann, Patrick Kelly and Ambrose McConomy in the banking business, under the firm name of Reed, McGrann, Kelly & Co., but after the death of Mr. Kelly the firm name was changed to Reed, McGrann & Co., of which firm B. McGrann, R. H. Brubaker and Peter McConomy subsequently became members. The firm style, however, was continued until the bank went out of business, the Conestoga National Bank having leased the rooms of Reed, McGrann & Co. During his connection with this bank Mr. Reed detected the celebrated Horton forgeries, which caused considerable disturbance in financial circles at that time. The forger, Horton, raised certificates of the stock of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. from one share to one hundred shares, and these were exchanged at local banks for Pennsylvania railroad shares. Acting on Mr. Reed's suggestion, postal cards were used in notifying the police authorities in the principal cities of the forgery, giving a description of the forger. This was the first time in this country that postal cards were put to that use.

Mr. Reed became a director in the Conestoga National Bank after his retirement from active business, and held that position at the time of his death, being at the bank the greater part of every business day and practically devoting all of his time to advancing the interests of that institution. There was probably no man in the city engaged in more important enterprises than Mr. Reed. As a high official he was interested in the Junction & Breakwater railroad, near Lewes, Del., which constructed eighteen miles of road and built a 1,600 foot pier at Breakwater. This road was sold to the Old Dominion Steamship Co. and subsequently passed into the control of the Pennsylvania Railway Co. Two enterprises in which he was for a time interested—the locomotive works, under the Tyng management, and the Lancaster Manufacturing Co.—did not prove financial successes. As one of the organizers of the New Holland and Strasburg National Banks, he was prominent in their management, owned stock in nearly every turnpike company in the county and was a director in many of them, and was treasurer of the Willowstreet Turnpike Co. for more than twenty years. Also he was a director in the Central Transportation Co. and was one of the organizers of the Lancaster Cremation Society and a director from its organization. Mr. Reed was one of the projectors of the Lancaster Hotel Co., which built the "Stevens House," and was a director in same; was also one of the organizers of the Eastern Market Co., the

Chestnut Street Philadelphia Bank and Fulton Hall Association.

Mr. Reed served several terms in the city council and was president of the common branch for one year; he was the Republican candidate for mayor in 1871, but was defeated by the late Col. F. S. Pyfer. Probably he was best known to the community at large through his connection with the Lancaster Gas Co., being one of its organizers, and during the existence of the company, from 1849 until it was sold out to the Citizens' Company, he was the secretary, treasurer and ruling spirit. Between 1849 and 1870 there was distributed, in dividends upon the original investment of \$60,000, over a half million dollars.

Mr. Reed took an active interest in the volunteer fire department as a member of the Union Steam Fire Engine & Forcing Hose Company, No. 1. His father was an honored member of the same company, and served as its secretary and treasurer from 1823 to 1841, and George K. Reed was secretary from 1852 to 1862, and treasurer from 1852 to 1866. While serving in the latter capacity, he at one time shouldered the entire debt of the company, and his financial skill guided for many years its monetary affairs; at the time of his death he was its vice-president.

In the Masonic fraternity Mr. Reed was known all over the country. He was made a Mason in Lodge No. 43, Feb. 10, 1864, served as junior warden in 1868, senior warden in 1869, and worshipful master in 1870. He was also high priest of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M., a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, Knights Templar. His other social connection was with the Conestoga Beneficial Association.

Called upon every day of his life for assistance for various charities, he was quick to respond when his judgment told him it was for real beneficial purposes, and he has left behind him monuments to his real generosity, one of which is the Children's Home, of which he was one of the organizers and in which he had been a trustee since its establishment. Mr. Reed was also a trustee of the Millersville State Normal School for a score of years, and a trustee of the Woodward Hill cemetery, and an officer of the Lancaster City Bible Society. From early years Mr. Reed was a member of the Moravian Church, and he had been a trustee for many years and for a few years superintendent of the Sunday-school. One of his bequests was \$20,000 to the Moravian Church, and he also gave to the Home for Friendless Children, and much to other local charities.

For a life companion Mr. Reed selected a woman who in every way was suited to be the loving helpmate and companion of a man of his sterling character. He married Miss Mary Fetter, daughter of the late John George Fetter, who was cashier of the old Lancaster Bank, and to their union

four children were born: Susette Elizabeth and Catherine Hoff, who died in childhood; John Fetter, whose death occurred Jan. 4, 1897; and George Harry, a business man of Lancaster. Mrs. Reed resides at Prince and Chestnut streets, in Lancaster. Until her health failed, after the death of her eldest son and her beloved husband she had been very actively engaged in beneficent work, and was, at one time, one of the lady managers of the Home for Friendless Children, a member of the board of management for the Witmer Home, and a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. Her beautiful character is known throughout the city, and she has the sympathy of all in the bereavements which have come to her.

No citizen stood higher in the community than George K. Reed. In business affairs he was industrious, punctual and exact, and took a deep interest in the many enterprises in which he was prominent for almost fifty years. His acquaintance with business men all over the State was intimate, and he was frequently called upon to be administrator, executor and guardian, proving faithful in all these trusts. Of kindred, only his bereaved widow, his youngest son and his sister, Mrs. Heinitch, the widow of the late Dr. C. A. Heinitch, survive him, but in their sorrow for his loss the whole community belonged to his family.

John Fetter Reed, whose death occurred Jan. 4, 1897, was married June 12, 1877, to Clara M. Parker, and they became the parents of the following children: George K., born Nov. 11, 1878; Edward Parker, Oct. 11, 1880 (died March 21, 1887); Robert Hoff, Oct. 3, 1881; Helen Sylvia, April 5, 1884 (died Jan. 6, 1891); Marian Parker, Nov. 17, 1886 (died Jan. 23, 1891); Harry Reed, May 30, 1889 (died Feb. 16, 1891); Sylvia Parker, March 21, 1891; and Paulda Hoff, Jan. 24, 1895.

HENRY LEAMAN FRANTZ, though quite a young man at the time of his decease, was in his day well known in his section of Lancaster county, especially in political circles. He was a native of the county, born in June, 1836, near Oregon, on a farm. His family, like so many of the most substantial ones of this region, was of Swiss origin, and has been long located in Lancaster county, where they have ever held a place among the most worthy citizens. His parents, Samuel and Eliza (Leaman) Frantz, were farming people of this county. They had five children. John is deceased. Mary A. married Simon Hostetter, and died in 1899; their son is a prominent attorney in the city of Lancaster. Elizabeth, widow of Hon. John M. Stehman, resides in Rohrerstown, Lancaster county. Sarah S., who is blind, resides in Rohrerstown. Henry L. is the subject proper of these lines. The parents were buried in a private burying-ground, whence they were removed later to the Rohrerstown cemetery.

Henry L. Frantz was reared to farming, and

passed all his life on a farm, but after his second marriage he was never actively engaged in agricultural pursuits on his own account, hiring all his labor. He was a man of ability, and occupied a prominent position in the life of his community, both as a business man and as a citizen. He was a director of the Bank of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county. His political affiliation was with the Republican party, with which he was an active worker, and he enjoyed unusual standing and influence for a man of his years. He served a number of years as school director. Though a member of no church, Mr. Frantz contributed liberally to religious and benevolent enterprises, being deeply interested in all matters which promised benefit to the community or to humanity in general. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, uniting with Lancaster Lodge and the Encampment. His death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1867, on the farm in East Hempfield township now occupied by his son Samuel O., was widely mourned. His remains rest in the Rohrerstown cemetery.

Mr. Frantz was twice married, his first union being with Elizabeth Oberholtzer, who died on the farm mentioned. By this marriage there were two children: Willis W., an inventor, a resident of Waynesboro, Pa., who married Ida Frantz; Samuel O., a farmer at Rohrerstown. The latter married Emma Weaver, and they have two daughters, Gertrude and Myrtle.

On April 17, 1866, in the Lutheran Church at Lancaster, was celebrated the marriage of Henry L. Frantz and Susan E. Witmer, who still survives. There were no children by this union.

The Witmer family, to which Mrs. Susan E. Frantz belongs, is one of the oldest and most prominent in Lancaster county. Abraham Witmer, the pioneer, came hither from Switzerland in 1716, and his son John was the grandfather of Mrs. Frantz. John Witmer was a member of Gen. Washington's staff of observation. He died in May, 1793, in Philadelphia, Pa. He and his wife, Mary (Harmon), were members of the Lutheran Church.

Abraham Witmer, father of Mrs. Frantz, was a native of Lancaster county, and followed farming here throughout his active life. He lived retired some years previous to his death, which occurred Nov. 7, 1874, at Soudersburg, Lancaster county, when he was eighty-four years of age. During his early manhood he served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and marched to Baltimore. Abraham Witmer married Susan Newcomer, also of Lancaster county, daughter of Rev. Christian and Susan (Stipken) Newcomer, farming people; he was a Dunkard preacher at the time of his death. Mrs. Witmer passed away Dec. 27, 1887, aged eighty-three years, and she and her husband rest in the cemetery of the Longenecker meeting-house. They were the first couple married in that meeting-house. Both were New Mennonites in religious faith. Mr. Witmer was always regarded as an unusually fine type of man, and in his service for his country proved

himself a brave soldier. Though quite prominent in his locality he had a sedate, retiring disposition, and no citizen of his day was more universally respected. Abraham and Susan (Newcomer) Witmer were the parents of the following four children. (1) Rev. Christian N., who died Sept. 2, 1879, was a farmer and a minister of the New Mennonite Church; he was twice married, first to Eliza Weaver, by whom he had two children, John A. and Anna E., both deceased, and second to Mary A. Herr, by whom he had three children, Henry H., Benjamin F. and Anna M., the last named deceased. (2) A. Mary is the wife of Cyrus J. Weaver, a farmer and merchant of Chester county, Pa.; they have had four children, F. Witmer, Mary E. (deceased), Susan H. and Anna M. (3) Susan E., born on the farm in East Lampeter township, near Bird-in-Hand, was educated in the faith of the old Quaker meeting-house, but now belongs to the New Mennonite Church; she is the widow of Henry L. Frantz. (4) Dr. Abraham H., who died Jan. 17, 1900, in Washington, D. C., was superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane from 1876 until his death; he married Roberta K. Stone, and they had two children, George S. and Alfred H. (deceased).

Mrs. Frantz resides in her comfortable home at No. 137 East Walnut street, with her two nephews, Henry H. and B. Frank Witmer, and Miss Lydia Spring, who has made her home with the Witmers since she was eight years of age. She was born Dec. 14, 1822, in Lancaster county, and though she is past fourscore is still active and enjoys good health. Mrs. Frantz is a consistent member of the New Mennonite Church.

DANIEL HELM, one of the honorable and representative citizens of Providence township, was born in Strasburg township, Nov. 14, 1810, son of John and Eva Helm.

John Helm was a native of the same township, born Oct. 17, 1773, a son of John, who carried on a shoemaking trade in this locality. To John and Eva Helm were born a family of children as follows: Benjamin, Michael, John, Daniel, Samuel, Mary, Sarah, Susan, Elizabeth and Annie, all of whom have passed away except our esteemed subject. The father died Feb. 21, 1830.

The youth of Daniel Helm was passed on his father's farm, and he had but the limited opportunities for educational advancement afforded the children of his time. His energies have been directed all his life to agricultural pursuits, he being for seventy-five years one of the successful farmers of his locality. He has been identified with almost all of the public-spirited enterprises which have served to advance his township and has served in many positions of trust and responsibility. He gave a willing service of twenty-four years as school director and was for ten years supervisor in Strasburg township, and thirteen years the assessor of the same. He has been administrator and executor

of four estates. At the age of seventeen years Mr. Helm became a member of the German Reformed Church, and for sixty years he has upheld the dignity of elder and deacon in that body. In 1832 he cast his first vote, and ever since that time each Republican president has had his ballot. In his early days he learned the value of money by having very little of it, but his energy and industry overcame that drawback and in his later days he is able to enjoy the ease and comfort won by his own efforts.

In 1838, Mr. Helm was married to Miss Anna Hoak, daughter of Henry Hoak, of Strasburg township. There were four children from this union. (1) John H., a resident of Iowa, is married and has four children: H. Willis (who is the father of three children, Harry, Rex, and Mary); Annie (who is the mother of four, John, Mary, Eddie and Harry), J. Grant (who has one child, Eva) and Ed. N. (2) Frank W., a merchant of New Providence, married and has four children; Justus (whose family consists of three children, Vernie, Frank and Ethel); Katie (who has one child, Florence Adele); Blanche (who also has but one child, Helen Grace) and Pauline. (3) Amos H., a practicing physician of New Providence, has a family of three children: Vergie (who has one child); Katie and John. (4) Miss Mary M. resides at home with her father. The mother of these four children died in 1848, and in 1849 Mr. Helm married Miss Susan Eckman, who bore him seven children. Of these (5) Daniel E., a merchant of East Drumore, is married and has six children: Bower, Annie, Chester, Elmer, Paul and Willis. (6) Enos M. lives in New Cumberland, Pa. (7) Joseph Calvin, of Steelton, Pa., has three children, Charles, Viola and Ray. (8) Charles A., a physician in Bart township, has two children, Leigh and Hiram. (9) Elmer E. is a traveling agent of Lancaster. (10) Thaddeus G., principal of the Franklin-Marshall Academy at Lancaster, has one child, Mary Grace. (11) Rufus D., lives in Seattle, Wash. The above record gives to Mr. Helm, eleven children, twenty-three grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Mrs. Helm died in 1890, a good, Christian woman.

It is a long period of time to look back to the birth of our venerable subject, and it is remarkable how well his memory serves him. He has lived a life of usefulness through a wonderful period of the world's history, and has done his part in making it better. He is respected and esteemed by his community and is most tenderly regarded by his family. For 175 years the Helm family has been connected with the history of Lancaster county.

ISAAC R. HERR. Among those citizens of Lancaster county who have become justly prominent in professional life, is Isaac R. Herr, formerly a resident of Elizabethtown, now residing in the city of Lancaster, and one of the most prosperous young lawyers of the county. Thoroughly educated, full of

energy, mental vigor and business acumen, Mr. Herr is very correctly regarded as one of the rising young men of this part of the State.

Mr. Herr was born on the old homestead in Mt. Joy township, March 7, 1862, son of Abraham and grandson of Rudolph and Anna (Hostetter) Herr, of Manor township. The latter moved to Mt. Joy township in 1826 where he engaged in farming although for a number of years, having accumulated a competency, he lived a retired life. His death was in 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife died in 1888, at the age of seventy-eight years. They were members of the Mennonite Church and were buried in the cemetery adjoining the River Brethren Church at Florin, Pa. Their children were: Mattie, deceased, married Abraham Zook; Mary is the widow of John Shaffner of Mt. Joy township; Anna married Samuel Shearer, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy township; Rudolph, a retired resident of Dauphin county; John, a retired farmer, lives in Rapho township; Catharine died unmarried in 1900; Miss Susan lives in West Hempfield township; Eliza is a widow, Mrs. Beatty, of Maytown; while the oldest of the family was Abraham, the father of our subject.

Abraham Herr was born Jan. 1, 1824, in Manor township. Until he was twenty years old he was his father's main support in carrying on the home farm and then, beginning for himself, rented a part of his present farm which he operated until 1887, when he retired from activity and took up his residence in his present home. For six years Mr. Herr was a member of the township school board and served most efficiently as supervisor for one year. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. He has long been a consistent and valued member of the Mennonite Church.

In November, 1843, Abraham Herr was united in wedlock with Miss Anna Rider, and the children born to this marriage were as follows: Catharine, who is the widow of Henry Risser, of Lebanon county, Pa.; Rev. John R., a minister in the River Brethren Church, located in Dickinson county, Kansas, married Mary Heisey; Anna married Cyrus Shank, a farmer of Dauphin county, Pa.; Abraham, deceased, married Lizzie Shank; George R. married Martha Engle and is a farmer in Dickinson county, Kansas; Miss Lydia, died in January, 1900; Fannie married John E. Gish, a farmer in Dickinson county, Kansas; Jacob married Amanda Risser and is a farmer and drover in West Donegal township; Isaac R. is the subject of this sketch; Sarah married Peter S. Risser, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Amos R. married Kate Gish, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; and Rev. David R., died in 1899, a preacher in the Church of God.

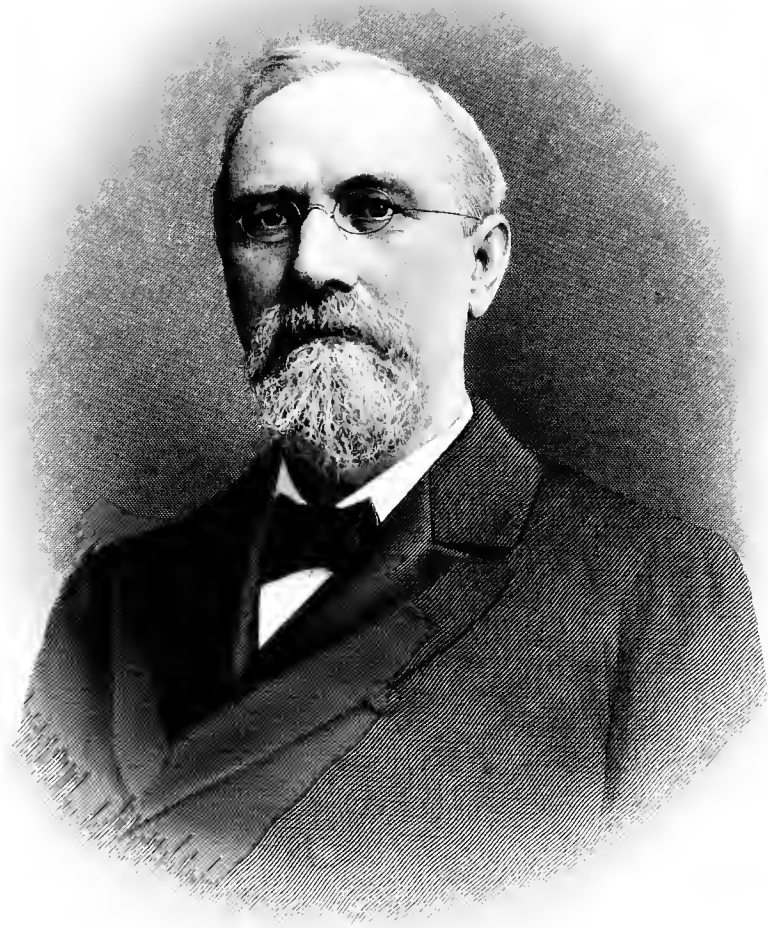
Anna (Rider) Herr, the mother of our subject, was born May 15, 1822, in West Donegal township, daughter of George and Catherine (Reagen) Rider, natives of Lancaster county. George Rider was long a retired farmer and died in 1850, in

Elizabethtown, aged seventy-four years. His wife died in 1834 and both were buried in private ground on the old farm in Mt. Joy township; this farm was bought by Abraham Herr and is now farmed by Amos R. Herr. Their children were: Rev. Benjamin; Elizabeth, the wife of Frederick Oldweiler; Mary, the wife of Rev. David Gingrich; Sally, the wife of Dr. Sebastian Keller; Catherine; John; Rev. George died in 1901; and Anna, wife of Abraham Herr, all the other members of the family having passed away.

Isaac R. Herr grew up on the farm and assisted with the agricultural work until he attained his majority. His early education was acquired in the district schools where a firm foundation was laid and was later built upon through the energy and determination of one who was resolved to become a thoroughly educated man. When released from farm duty and environment, Mr. Herr began teaching school, in the meantime being a more assiduous and faithful student than any of his pupils. For seven terms he continued in this profession, during which time he was considered proficient enough to take charge as principal of the Cornwall schools, in Lebanon county, where he remained two years. He took a course of study in the Shippensburg Normal School, where he graduated in 1887 with high honors, and subsequently became a student of the scientific course at Millersville Normal School.

With this thorough preparation, with mind trained and judgment strengthened, Mr. Herr then took up the study of the law. His reading was done under the wise direction of Hon. J. Hay Brown, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, and Hon. W. U. Hensel, of Lancaster, resulting in his admission to the Bar in 1895, with prospects of the most flattering description. Since that time Mr. Herr has become favorably regarded by a large clientage and he is justly regarded as one of the leading young attorneys of the county. He is talented, shrewd, well educated and level-headed, possessing also those excellent attributes bestowed upon him by an estimable parentage. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Herr practices through the State, but his residence is in Lancaster, where he is prominent in professional and social circles as he well deserves to be.

JAMES SHAND selected for his birthplace one of the most beautifully romantic and historically interesting spots in the whole of Scotland. He first saw the light of day Nov. 11, 1849, in the village of Lesmahagow, which is situated about the center of the justly famous Upper Ward of Lanarkshire. The river Clyde forms the northeastern boundary of his native parish and in the eight miles of its winding course through that classic locality contrives to show no less than three charming waterfalls, ranging and changing in style from the sweet Cascade of Bonnington and the precipitous Cataract of Stone Byers to the grandly impressive Corra Linn.



Amos Shand

Imperishably associated with the history of the district are the world-renowned names of Douglas and Wallace. The ducal families of Hamilton and Douglas had also here their origin, and many of the most interesting incidents connected with Scotland's Covenanting times were enacted in this romantic Lowland vale. Indeed, Mr. Shand comes himself of good Covenanter stock, his paternal grandmother, Margaret Brown, having been a lineal descendant of the Browns who figure so largely in the ecclesiastical annals of Lesmahagow. Numerous and interesting are the recorded stories relating to this persecuted family, whose members were as clever strategists as they were good fighters, accepting comedy or tragedy with equal grace, so long as they were permitted to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. On the paternal side his grandfather, James Shand, was connected with one of the best families in the North of Scotland. He was born near Duffus, in Morayshire, and while quite a young man he migrated to the South of Scotland, settling finally in Lesmahagow, where he married and raised a family. His vocation was that of a builder and contractor. His only son, William Shand, became his partner and subsequently successor in business. The latter resided in Lesmahagow until June, 1863, when he accepted the responsible position of superintendent of mason work for the Earl of Home. This necessitated his moving to Douglas, where he died in 1875. Perhaps his most important single piece of work was the building of the addition to the old castle, but hundreds of splendid farmhouses, comfortable homes and imposing public buildings that he constructed are today to be seen all over Lesmahagow parish and the Douglas estates, and will stand for many years yet to come as monuments to his faithful work and sterling character.

*James Shand, his son, the subject of our sketch, was educated at the public school of his native village, with the exception of the last year's finishing touch, received at the Boarding School for Boys, kept by Mr. Braidwood and his sons, at Carmichael. In his fifteenth year he was bound as an apprentice to the drapery or dry-goods business with William Tennant, merchant, in Lanark. After serving there for three years Mr. Shand went to Glasgow, where he worked as a clerk for five years. At that time trained dry-goods men were not so plentiful in America, and special inducements were offered to bring them to this country. The well-known firm of Brown, Thomson & McWhirter, Hartford, Conn., offered Mr. Shand a position in their store, and on March 29, 1872, he arrived in the United States. It was in Hartford that he made the acquaintance of Messrs. Watt & Thomson, who were also countrymen of his and colleagues in the same store. In 1878, under the firm name of Watt, Shand & Thomson, they commenced business in Lancaster. From a business standpoint Mr. Shand's career is a counterpart of his surviving partner, Peter T. Watt, whose interesting story is told in another part of this volume.

Mr. Shand has always taken an active interest in Lancaster's public affairs, and particularly in the line of church and charitable work. At the present time he is chairman of the First Presbyterian Church board of trustees, a position he has held since the death of the late Robert A. Evans. He is the president of the Young Men's Christian Association, having been unanimously re-elected to that office for many years. Under his guidance and substantial co-operation the Association has just completed its magnificent new edifice on the northwest corner of Orange and North Queen streets. Mr. Shand not only has done the leading share in all the work connected with this important undertaking, but set a good example to his fellow citizens by himself making a subscription of \$10,000 toward the building fund. It is generally admitted to be in many respects the finest Y. M. C. A. structure in the country up to date, and is without question destined to be of incalculable benefit to the city and surrounding territory. Mr. Shand has also been chairman of the State Y. M. C. A. Convention, to which office he was elected in 1901, and is a member of the State Committee of the Y. M. C. A., which directs all the Association's work in the State. The never-failing friend of all the old and younger members, they vie with each other in trying to do him honor, and for years past the Juniors and Seniors have named their summer quarters "Camp Shand" as a personal compliment to their chief. Mr. Shand is a trustee of the Home for Friendless Children, a trustee of the Stevens Home, a member of the Board of Trade and a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Shand was one of the original stockholders of the Hamilton Watch Co., a director of the Fulton National Bank for four years, one of the directors of the original Edison Electric Co., and actively interested in many other business enterprises that have brought good returns to our city and community.

In October, 1886, Mr. Shand married Miss Anne W. Jamieson, daughter of William Jamieson, of Middletown, Conn. The Jamieson family also came from Scotland, Mr. Shand's father-in-law being an expert in long-chain-dyeing, using the Scotch system most popular with large manufacturers. Through his knowledge of the business he was made manager of one of the most extensive dyeing establishments in this country. To the union of Mr. Shand and Miss Jamieson have come three children, William, James and Agnes, the former now attending Franklin and Marshall Academy, and the other two at the public schools. Mrs. Shand is a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lancaster General Hospital, and also of the Y. M. C. A., and is active in church affairs and every kind of work in that line. Mr. and Mrs. Shand live in a delightful home on East Orange street, surrounded with every comfort and convenience for the sensible enjoyment of life. They are very hospitable, and many celebrities have been entertained at their table. Mrs. Shand is particularly famed as a good provider, and finds pleasure in show-

ing hospitality to the many guests who come and go.

Mr. Shand has crossed and recrossed the Atlantic at least twenty times, and visited all the principal countries of Europe. He is a delightful conversationalist in private life, and, while making no pretense to be an orator, is becoming quite noted for his short addresses at the Association meetings and elsewhere. As is to be expected, he is an enthusiast on everything pertaining to Scottish history and literature, and those who have had the privilege of hearing him "sing a sang" or recite a poem in his native dialect know him as a delightful companion, with a vein of wit and humor and a talent for entertainment unsuspected by the general public. All in all, he is a gentleman of whom any city might well be proud, a fine specimen of his native Scotland, and none the less for that a typical good American.—[J. D. LAW.

BRINTON WALTER was born in New Garden, Chester Co., Pa., Jan. 2, 1837, and is a descendant of one of the oldest families of Chester county.

His grandparents were Brinton and Mary Alger Walter, the former a native of Chester county, and the latter of Lancaster City. They were engaged in farming, and attended the New Garden Meeting of the Society of Friends. The grandfather, Brinton Walter, died Feb. 22, 1821, in his forty-sixth year, and his wife, Mary Alger Walter, died on April 22, 1867, in her eighty-fourth year. They had eight children as follows: Joseph, John, George H., Phoebe, Sarah, Christiana, Salina and Brinton, all of whom are now deceased.

George H. Walter, son of Brinton and father of Brinton Walter, the subject of this sketch, was born in Kennett, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 17, 1808, and died in Christiana, Aug. 14, 1889. He was both a farmer and a tailor by trade. After an apprenticeship of five years at his trade in West Chester, he engaged in business for himself near the home of his boyhood, until the year 1839, when he bought a farm of seventy-five acres near Russellville, on which he erected new buildings, all of which were paid for by the help of the needle. For a period of thirteen years he continued his trade along with farming, when at that time ready-made clothing came into favor, and he quit his trade, sold his property and bought a larger farm in Sadsbury, Lancaster county, which he greatly improved with new buildings, etc. This he sold in 1879, and then moved to a new house in Christiana, where he died. For many years he was a school director and filled other positions of trust. Though not a member, he was a supporter and much interested in the principles of the Society of Friends. He was one of the early Abolitionists, and an efficient worker in assisting fugitive slaves on the road to freedom. In politics he was first a Whig, and then a Republican. He voted in 1852 for John P. Hale, the Free Soil candidate, and for John C. Fremont in 1856, for the Presidency. He was a subscriber to the

Liberator, published by William Lloyd Garrison, and the *Pennsylvania Freeman* by C. C. Birleigh. He earnestly espoused the cause of temperance, and the right of equal suffrage to women. He began life a poor boy, but proved successful in all his efforts, gave his children a fair education, and retired with a competency sufficient for his declining days. On Jan. 27, 1836, he was married to Hannah Brown, a daughter of David and Lydia (Hutton) Brown; she was born in New Garden July 7, 1814, and died in Christiana Jan. 18, 1889. They had seven children, as follows: (1) Brinton is mentioned in full below. (2) Jesse S. died at his home, Dec. 2, 1862, in his twenty-third year, from disease contracted in the army, in which he served faithfully as a member of Co. I, 122d P. V. I. (3) Lydia B. married William L. Jackson, of Christiana. (4) Mary W. married Francis Whitson, a retired farmer living in Christiana. (5) Georgiana died March 29, 1871, in her twenty-second year of a fever contracted at Millersville Normal School; she was a young woman of much promise and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. (6) B. Frank is now in business in Christiana, Pa. (7) H. Louisa married Dr. Howard W. Powenall, who is a relief surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., at Altoona, Pa. The mother of these children was of a kind and sympathetic nature, strongly devoted to her family, and ever ready to relieve want and distress wherever found. Her parents, David and Lydia (Hutton) Brown were members of the Society of Friends. They were the parents of seven daughters and three sons. Mr. Brown was a farmer and was also engaged in the lime and milling business.

Brinton Walter, eldest son of George H., was married Oct. 15, 1868, to Mary Louisa Barnard, who was born May 14, 1838, and died March 20, 1873, a daughter of Pusey and Phoebe Barnard, of Christiana. The second wife of Brinton Walter was Ellen S. Davis, to whom he was married on Nov. 8, 1876; she was born in Delaware county, in 1842, and died July 3, 1883, a daughter of the late William S. and Catherine E. Davis, of Colerain. Of this marriage were born two daughters, Dr. Georgiana, who has lately completed her course in medicine at the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, and is now engaged in hospital practice in that city; and Katie E., who died Aug. 9, 1883, at the age of seven months. Both of these wives were active workers in their respective churches, and in the reform movements of their day; while at the same time they were faithful to their home duties, and ever ready with sympathy and aid for the suffering and sick around them. The third wife of Mr. Walter was Miss Louisa D. Davis, to whom he was married on March 16, 1886; she was a younger sister of his second wife, and was born in Delaware county April 2, 1846.

Mr. Walter remained at home on the farm of his parents until the fall of 1866, when he engaged

in the general store business in Christiana, at the stand now occupied by Samuel Carter, where he remained for four years, when he sold his interest in the store. About a year later he embarked in the grain, coal and lumber business in Christiana, in partnership with the late James D. Reed. In February, 1873, he bought the old Walker W. H. property, where he built and greatly improved and successfully enlarged the business in his own interests, until 1891, when on account of declining health he disposed of the business to his brother B. Frank Walter, who continues the same to this day. In February, 1895, Mr. Walter was called upon to settle the assigned estate for the owner of the milling and grain business at the Parkesburg Steam Roller Mill. Soon after making a final settlement of this estate, he bought of Enoch P. Moore his W. H. property in the same place. He rebuilt and much enlarged the capacity of the plant, putting in new and the latest improved power and machinery for the grinding of feed and the more successful handling of grain, flour, feed, hay, etc., in car load lots for both the wholesale and retail trade. This is the only business of the kind in that locality and like his former business in Christiana has proven successful and profitable.

Mr. Walter was elected to the office of justice of the peace in the spring of 1862, and was continued in that position for twenty years. He was elected one of the first councilmen of the borough of Christiana, and was largely instrumental in promoting and securing the gravity spring water supply, cement sidewalks, and other improvements in the town. He has been a director of the Christiana National Bank, and of the Chester Valley National Bank for many years, and has held other positions of trust.

HENRY C. BOYD, a prominent merchant of Manheim, Lancaster county, was born July 16, 1838, at Mt. Hope, son of John and Catherine (Likens) Boyd.

The Boyd family is of the Scotch-Irish race, which has become noted for the ability and force of character of its representatives, and James Boyd, his grandfather was a lifelong resident of Ireland. John Boyd, the father, who was a man of unusual native force, was born in Ireland about 1784, and came to America in 1810. His first employment was in a mill at Baltimore, Md., where he remained for a brief period, and he then spent some years in Berks county, Pa., near Reading, as clerk and manager of a general store, and bookkeeper for the Canal Company. His next position was that of chief clerk for the Brooks Iron and Nail Manufacturing Co., at Birdsboro, Pa., and after a short experience at Monada Furnace was offered the post of manager of the Mt. Hope Furnace, which he accepted in 1830. There he spent twelve years, and on retiring, in 1843, devoted his attention to agriculture, having purchased with his earnings a

farm a mile from Mt. Hope, where his remaining years were spent. Mr. Boyd married Catherine Likens, a native of Berks county, and they had ten children: William L., who succeeded his father as manager of the Mt. Hope Furnace, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Mary Ann, deceased; Annie J., widow of John Beam; Harriet, wife of John D. Witters; Edward, a farmer at Colebrook; Elizabeth, widow of David Eichels; Clement, a farmer of Penn township, prison inspector of Lancaster county, and ex-member of the Pennsylvania Legislature; Henry C., whose name opens this sketch; John L., who died at the age of thirty-six; and James, who died at the age of sixty-nine years. John Boyd was a kind father, yet exacting, requiring from his children obedience and the observance of the Sabbath.

Henry C. Boyd began his business career at the age of seventeen years, leaving home to accept a situation as clerk with Arndt & Worley, merchants of Manheim. Equipped with a good character, sound physique and a willingness to work, defects of early education were easily overcome, his worth to the firm being shown by his admission as a partner four years later. The new firm of Worley, Bomberger & Boyd, dealers in lumber and general merchandise, lasted one year and nine months, when the business was transferred to Arndt & Boyd. In 1875 Mr. Boyd withdrew, and established himself at his present place, and for more than a quarter of a century there has been but one name above the door, that of Henry C. Boyd. Immediately after securing sole control of the business, Mr. Boyd planned and constructed the large block in which his business is now conducted. The store is a model of neatness, and there is reflected in every department the good taste of the owner, now assisted by his sons, Oliver, Allan and John. In addition to his valuable business property Mr. Boyd is owner of other real estate in the borough, besides a farm one and a quarter miles east of Manheim, which has been improved and beautified by him at a great expense.

Mr. Boyd's shrewd judgment is appreciated by his business associates, and eleven years as director of the Manheim National Bank and his service as promoter, organizer and trustee of the Enterprise Hosiery Mill, give evidence of marked ability in finance. He was one of the principal factors in securing the Lancaster, Petersburg & Manheim Railroad, and he is one of the directors of the same. In the affairs of the borough his public spirit has been usefully displayed, and during his terms as burgess and councilman, his influence was given to many worthy measures; he was elected burgess in 1880, and in 1901, was appointed to that incumbency, to fill an unexpired term. His most zealous efforts have been directed toward securing good schools, and it was during his service as school director that the present imposing school building was erected. Mr. Boyd served one term as notary

public, to which office he was appointed. His political allegiance is given unfalteringly to the Republican party. He was elder in the Reformed Church and superintendent of the Sunday-school, and his earnest work in the cause of religion has borne good results. His name is also enrolled as a member of Selah Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F.

On Sept. 3, 1861, Mr. Boyd married Miss Catherine Eisenberger, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth Eisenberger, of Manheim, and to this union four sons have been born: H. Oliver, who married Miss Ella Keener; Allan J., a member of the borough council, who married Miss Elizabeth Pfautz; John B., who married Miss Mary Burkholder; and G. Rufus, now clerk in the Manheim National Bank (a position which he has held uninterruptedly since 1890), who married Miss Ida Long.

HENRY S. MELLINGER, of Ephrata borough, is a retired farmer and brick manufacturer, who is rated among the substantial and solid citizens, who worthily represent a class of men, who, through youth and middle age followed an industrious life, and are now able to enjoy the provision their early efforts made for them.

Henry S. Mellinger was born on Feb. 14, 1852, a son of Edward and Susan (Showers) Mellinger, the former of whom was a prominent farmer of the township for many years, who died March 21, 1902, aged seventy-five years, eleven months and five days. Three children were born to the parents of Henry S.: Adam, who died in his twenty-ninth year; Henry S.; and Susan, who married Henry McCarty, of Earl township.

Grandfather Jacob Mellinger, was a carpenter by trade and also resided in this township, marrying here and rearing these children: Timothy, Edward, Daniel, John, Jacob, Moses, Martin and Eliza.

Henry S. Mellinger was reared on a farm and received his education in the public schools of Ephrata township. At the age of nineteen he commenced to learn the carpenter trade. On Jan. 1, 1873, he was married to Miss Matilda Grover, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Young) Grover, and to this union were born: Harry, born June 8, 1875, who died April 8, 1876; Emma, born March 16, 1877; Ella G., born Feb. 14, 1879; Jacob, born April 22, 1881; Annie, born July 14, 1882; and Ella, who died in infancy. The death of Mrs. Mellinger was on Jan. 17, 1884, and on Feb. 18, 1886, Mr. Mellinger was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Killhefner, of Earl township, a daughter of John and Barbara (Bealer) Killhefner, who was born Feb. 14, 1852, and to this marriage were born: John Roy, born Feb. 18, 1889, and Delleth E., born Dec. 8, 1893.

Although Mr. Mellinger started out in life with very limited means, he was energetic and industrious, and has been very successful, owning now

considerable property and a very comfortable brick mansion, located on West Main street, in Ephrata. At present he is living somewhat retired from business care, having earned his ease. In the community he is well regarded, and he has many friends in Ephrata.

WILLIAM SMITH KAUTZ, during his active life a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster, was born near Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 31, 1836, and died July 16, 1899. His parents, Michael and Fannie (Kauffman) Kautz, were born, reared, and died in Lancaster county, the former passing away in 1843, at the age of thirty-five, and the latter in 1887, at the age of seventy-five. Michael Kautz was a shoe maker by trade, and with his wife was a devout member of the M. E. Church. Of the children born of this union, Jacob was drowned when twelve years of age; Jonathan died in infancy; Harriet died at the age of sixty-three; William Smith; Harry was killed during the Civil war; and Fannie is the widow of Andrew Stewart. Fannie (Kauffman) Kautz married for a second husband Captain George Hitzelberger, who served in the wars of 1812 and 1849, and raised a company for the old militia. He lived to be ninety-two years of age, and died in 1872. Of this union there were no children.

As a child William Smith Kautz came to Lancaster with his parents, and at a comparatively early age learned the cigar makers' trade. Afterward he followed the occupation of plastering for a time, but in 1871 resumed cigar making, and in 1881 started in the cigar business for himself. He had a thorough knowledge of his chosen calling, and latterly supplied a trade which enabled him to employ seven men. He was a Democrat in political affiliation, but was never active in local politics, preferring to devote his entire time to his business. He attended the Church of God.

Mrs. Kautz was formerly Maria M. Rash, and was born in Columbia, Pa. She is the mother of four children, viz.: Charles W., who married Ida Anderson, and is a groceryman of Lancaster; Fannie C., the widow of Fred Geider Seith, of Philadelphia; Harrie S., who is deceased; and Edith M.

JAMES P. COLLINS, a worthy and respected citizen of Beartown, Pa., is a native of Philadelphia, born there Nov. 13, 1838, son of Charles and Ann (McClelland) Collins, the latter being closely related to Gen. George B. McClellan.

The parents of our subject were both natives also of Philadelphia, where the father died. He was of Scotch descent and was a combmaker by trade.

James P. Collins was reared in Philadelphia, and was able to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the excellent public schools. When of sufficient years he learned the trade of car-finisher and car painting, which he followed until 1898.

In April, 1861, when the first call was made by the Government for soldiers for a three-months' service, Mr. Collins was among the first loyal men to respond, enlisting April 24, in Co. K, 18th P. V. I., and on Aug. 24th of the same year was commissioned sergeant in Co. C, 23d P. V. I., and for three years he performed the duties of a soldier with faithfulness. After the expiration of this long service, he re-enlisted, April 13, 1864, entering Co. H, 7th Reg. U. S. Vet. Vol., and was mustered out from this company April 20, 1866, at Leesburg, Va. Mr. Collins was one of the most faithful and valiant soldiers of the Civil war, and he possesses as a precious souvenir, a gold medal which was presented to him by his company, commemorating his brave and gallant service. This could not have been received by any one not worthy of it, and it reflects not only credit upon his true-hearted comrades, but great honor upon himself. Although he participated in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, he miraculously escaped both wound and capture. After the close of the war Mr. Collins returned to Philadelphia and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Car Co., and was employed there at his trade until 1880, at which time he removed to Lancaster county and located at Beartown. Here he purchased twelve acres of land, which he has so improved and modernized that the place is now one of the most attractive homes in this locality. Mr. Collins does some farming, and still continues his business of painting, not confining his energies to either exclusively.

On May 11, 1871, Mr. Collins was united in marriage with Barbara A. Dolby, daughter of Abraham Dolby, of Lancaster county. Her death took place Aug. 8, 1895, at the age of forty-five years, leaving two children, Fannie and Charles. Mr. Collins is one of the very intelligent, well-read and hospitable residents of Beartown, and enjoys the esteem of the community.

DAVID BACHMAN LANDIS, proprietor of the Pluck Art Printery, at No. 38 East Chestnut street, Lancaster, is not only an original, high-grade printer, but also an author. In 1888 Mr. Landis compiled and published a neat little volume entitled "The Landis Family of Lancaster County, a Comprehensive History of the Landis Folk, from the Martyrs' Era to the Arrival of the First Swiss Settlers, Giving Their Numerous Lineal Descendants; also an Accurate Record of Members in the Rebellion, with a Sketch of the Start and Subsequent Growth of Landisville and Landis Valley, and a Complete Directory of Living Landis Adults." From this book we learn that:

"For about two generations history fails to reveal individual members of the Landis Family, i. e., from 1643 to 1717. Members of the Mennonite belief early took advantage of William Penn's liberal policy to settle in America. About 1683 and later,

in 1709 and 1712, numbers of them emigrated to Chester county (including what is now the county of Lancaster).

"In 1717 three brothers, Rev. Benjamin, Felix and John Landis, all Swiss Mennonites, came to America from the vicinity of Mannheim, on the Rhine, where they had been driven from Zurich, Switzerland, and purchased land from Penn and the Conestogoe Indians. Like most of the pioneer settlers of the American wilds, these good people were comparatively poor in worldly possessions, and had their hands so full of work, that they failed, it seemed, to keep their family records. They became, however, instinctively American in their progress, and proceeded at once to skillfully till the soil which has since made this county known the world over as a garden spot. Here, also, these pioneer members of the family worshipped their God according to their desire, and in perfect peace.

"Benjamin's lineal descendants being numerous and mostly located in the present confines of Lancaster county, his vast family obtains precedence throughout this volume; while the descendants of his two brothers, Felix and John (and others who emigrated afterward), are also given wherever they are connected with the history of the county.

"Rev. Benjamin Landis, one of the three brothers who emigrated to America, accompanied by an only son, Benjamin, Jr. (aged eighteen), took up a tract of 240 acres of land from the London Company, for which he received a patent in 1718. This land was in the possession of the Conestogoe Indians, from whom it was obtained by purchase. Benjamin was a Mennonite preacher, and, with his son, began farming on his tract, situated in what is now East Lampeter township, near Mellinger's meeting house, about four miles East of Lancaster City, at the intersection of the Horse-shoe and old Philadelphia roads. No records tell to whom this pious man was married, and unfortunately for several succeeding generations such information is very meager."

David Bachman Landis is descended through Rev. Benjamin Landis by Benjamin, Jr., John Landis, of the fifth generation (eldest son of John (4) and who married Anna Bachman), John C. Landis (eldest son of John and Anna (Bachman) Landis) and Israel Christian, second son of John C. Landis and Veronica Shelly, his wife, these being the grandparents of David Bachman Landis. Israel Christian Landis was married to Mary Musselman, and had two children, David Bachman Landis and Florence Shelly Landis. Israel Christian Landis was postmaster of Salunga, from 1871 to 1874.

"David Bachman Landis, of the eighth generation, was born in Landisville Feb. 12, 1862. He received a common-school education, was a clerk in his father's store in Bamfordville for some years. In March, 1877, during school days, he first brought to light a small boys' paper, called the *Keystone Amateur*. In April, of the following year, it was

first printed by him, under the title of the *Amateur, Jr.* In August of that year, the sheet was enlarged to a sixteen-page magazine, including covers, under the original name; and with the October number it ceased publication. On the seventh of October, 1878, David was apprenticed to the Inquirer Printing & Publishing Co., Lancaster, to learn Gutenberg's art. After serving four years at the trade, he opened a professional jobbing office in Landisville, in April, 1883. On May 1, of the same year, he issued the initial number of the *Village Vigil*, as a tri-monthly; in a year it was printed weekly; and in 1885 the paper was enlarged to eight pages, being known thereafter as the *Landisville Vigil*. He has been a frequent contributor to the *Inquirer*, *Morning News* and *New Era*, of Lancaster; the *Wheel*, New York; the *Wheelman* (magazine), Boston; the *American Art Printer*, of New York (papers on technical topics); and other journals. He was married to Nora K., a daughter of David Baker, deceased, of East Hempfield township, on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 1885, by Rev. Dr. E. Greenwald, late of Lancaster. On Sept. 19, 1886, a daughter, named Katie Musselman, was born. On March 13, 1886, the *Vigil* was discontinued, the owner connecting himself with the Lancaster *Inquirer*. Here the chapter ends, so far as the work refers to David Bachman Landis in a personal way; but the most interesting part of his career remains to be told.

Mr. Landis' daughter, Kate Musselman Landis, referred to in the book, and her brother, Allen Baker (born May 29, 1889), entered into rest, respectively, on Oct. 5 and 6, 1891, and the double funeral is well remembered by the citizens of Lancaster. Two other children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Landis, Irene Janet (January 18, 1893) and Elvin Guy (April 22, 1899).

In 1888 Mr. Landis established the Pluck Art Printery, at No. 320 East Chestnut street, in 1890 removing to North Queen and Walnut streets, and in 1891 locating in a permanent home—for the family as well as for the printing office—which Mr. Landis since purchased, at No. 38 East Chestnut street. For four years Mr. Landis had edited and published a finely printed magazine called *Pluck*, from which his printery takes its name. This bright publication was devoted to the advancement of printing, photography and other arts, and was discontinued a few years since, owing to increasing business in commercial printing, requiring all of the publisher's time. Since the printery was established at No. 38 East Chestnut street the business has continually grown from that day to this, and is still growing. The features of the business are superior commercial and society printing, and the issuing of druggists' labels—*Pluck* having a monopoly of the latter so far as Lancaster is concerned. Indeed, in this line, Mr. Landis' printing establishment enjoys a reputation that extends far beyond the limits of this state, he having filled a very large order from

far off Louisiana. The proprietor of *Pluck* is, in brief, a designer and inventor as well as a printer; and his work is as original and unique as it is artistic. Among his best permanent work are four volumes of "Specimens of Pluck's Printing." These choice books were sold throughout the United States and foreign countries.

Mr. Landis is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, in which he was for a time a deacon; is a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society; and is an ardent wheelman, having been the founder of the Lancaster Cycling Club, to which he gave a home at his place on East Chestnut street, during the early period of its existence, and of which he was secretary for one and one-half years. He has organized many bicycle meets and parades, and has influenced legislation for better streets and roads. At present he is sole Representative from the Second District of the L. A. W. in Pennsylvania. So ardent has been his interest in cycling that he was appointed, by the Chief consul in Philadelphia, to the position of Local Consul for the Pennsylvania Division League of American Wheelmen from Lancaster, which position he yet holds as senior consul; and he holds a handsome special diploma, awarded him by the Keystone committee of the League of American Wheelmen. His latest important office is on the National Highway Improvement committee, where he is rendering valuable service without remuneration. He is the oldest member of the League in Lancaster county, being known as No. 158 of the original membership. In fact Mr. Landis is in cycling what he has been in historical researches, in his studies of the art of printing, in his help to improve street and road systems, and in everything else that he deems worthy of his doing—a painstaking, intelligent and conscientious enthusiast.

JOSEPH B. NISSLY (deceased) was a native of Lancaster county, and was a son of Rev. Christian and Magdalina (Baumberger) Nissly. Rev. Christian Nissly was for many years a preacher in the Mennonite Church near Manheim, and he died Aug. 6, 1882, when eighty-seven years old, the father of the following named children: Samuel, died young, as also did Christian; Martha, also deceased, was married to Dr. Andrew Garber, an ex-banker as well as physician; Joseph B.; and Martin, single and retired, resides in Salunga, Lancaster county.

Joseph B. Nissly was the owner of five farms, and was the most extensive agriculturist in the township. His circumstances in life were so comfortable that he cared for no office, although he did consent to serve as road supervisor for one year. He was twice married. By his first wife, Martha Shirk, he became the father of five children, viz.: Martha, wife of Amos Strickler, a carpenter in Landisville; Christian, a farmer in Rapho town-

ship, and married to Tillie Long; Samuel, married to Priscilla Zeager, and farming in Jackson county, Kas.; Joseph, deceased; and Anna, deceased wife of Henry Shenk. Martha (Shirk) Nissly was born in Lancaster county, and died in 1869, at the age of thirty-five years.

Mr. Nissly, in January, 1871, married in Columbia Miss Elizabeth Witmer, who was born in Rapho township, May 16, 1842, a daughter of Peter F. Witmer, of whom full mention will be made further on. To this second marriage, however, no children were born. Mr. Nissly continued his extensive farming operations until fifteen years prior to his death, which took place April 6, 1897, when he was seventy-six years of age. In religion he was a Mennonite, in politics a Republican, and as a citizen was one of the most influential and prominent in Landisville.

Peter F. Witmer, deceased father of Mrs. Joseph B. Nissly, was born in Manor township Feb. 11, 1809, and died in East Donegal township Dec. 21, 1896, and there his remains were interred in the Mennonite cemetery. He was a son of Peter and Barbara (Funk) Witmer, the former of whom was a weaver by trade, and both of whom passed their entire lives in Manor township. They were the parents of thirteen children, who were born in the following order: John, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Michael Grosh; Barbara, who was married to John Kaufman, but is now deceased; Christian, who died young; Jacob, who died in 1900; Peter F., father of Mrs. Nissly, and also deceased; Harry, who is living in retirement; Christian, who died in the West; Martin, also retired; Benjamin, a farmer; Catherine, deceased wife of John Gerlach; Anna, deceased wife of Jacob Stehman; and Elizabeth, who has also been called away.

Peter Witmer, father of Peter F., was a son of John Wittmer, as the name was originally spelled, and the change in the spelling was brought about by a brother of Peter F., named Jacob Wittmer and who was a weaver. In the weaving of a spread which was to bear the family name, Jacob found himself too cramped for space to use two T's, and so omitted one, and since that time the name has borne its present spelling—Witmer.

Peter F. Witmer married, in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Miss Elizabeth Eshleman, and to this union were born nine children, viz.: Catherine, who died unmarried at the age of forty-three years; Jacob, a farmer in East Donegal township; Peter, a farmer in Rapho township; Elizabeth, widow of Joseph Nissly, whose biography is given above; Mary, residing with her brother Jacob; Anna, wife of Josiah Myers, a retired farmer of Carroll county, Md.; Jonas, proprietor of the Cross Keys Hotel in Marietta—the finest hotel building in the county; Henry, a farmer in East Donegal township; and Fanny, wife of Jacob Sowders, also a farmer in the same place.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Eshleman) Witmer was born

in Manor township April 9, 1812, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Frank) Eshleman, of Strasburg, Pa., and both now deceased. Mr. Eshleman was a farmer by vocation, but for many years prior to his death, lived retired. To him and wife were born eight children, to-wit: (1) Elizabeth Witmer, who is living with her daughter Elizabeth in Landisville, is remarkably active for her advanced age. (2) Catherine is the deceased wife of Jacob Shenk. (3) Susannah was first married to David Swigert, and she is now the widow of Samuel Brant. (4) Mary is the widow of John Payne, of Carroll county, Md. (5) Sarah is the wife of David Dennison, who is living retired in Maytown, Pa. (6) Henry was killed on a railroad. (7) Anna is the wife of Abraham Crider, saw-mill proprietor in Hamilton, Va. (8) Fanny was first married to John Hertzler, and of the children born of this union, John E. became president of the Lancaster Trust Co., and lives in Lancaster; Mary E. married Jacob Hertzler, who is now deceased, and she makes her home in Elizabethtown; and Elizabeth E. married a Mr. Murray, and lives in Alabama. After the death of Mr. Hertzler, his widow, Fanny, wedded George Hergleroth, and became the mother of two children by this marriage: Emma, wife of Dr. Ulrich, of Elizabethtown; and Jacob, who is unmarried, and residing in Lancaster. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elizabeth Witmer were natives of Germany and early settled near Strasburg, Lancaster county, and her maternal grandparents were Valentine and Catherine (Brueca) Frank.

JOHN WATT THOMPSON. Among the representative farmer citizens of Lancaster county, is John Watt Thompson, who for many years has been a substantial agriculturist of Sadsbury township, although since 1886 he has been retired from activity. He was born June 14, 1830, in the same log cabin on this farm, in which his honored father first saw the light.

The Thompson family is an old and respected one in this county, some of its members having attained fame during the Revolutionary war. It was founded in America by James Thompson, who came over in 1696, and took up the land on which John Watt Thompson now resides. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Nathan Thompson, son of the emigrant, died Dec. 22, 1813. His children were: (1) Col. James, born on his father's farm Feb. 17, 1745. On Dec. 5, 1772, he married Lydia Baily, who was born in July, 1750, and died Dec. 11, 1806. Col. James Thompson was commissioned by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania colonel of the 1st Battalion of Militia in the county of York Sept. 15, 1777. His command was attached to the forces of Brig.-Gen. James Potter, who commanded the Pennsylvania militia. In the action at White Horse, Pa., Sept. 16, 1777, Col. Thompson was badly

wounded while making a charge upon the British line. Gen. Potter dismounted and placing Col. Thompson upon his horse, sent him to the rear. On Feb. 13, 1779, the latter was elected councilor for York county, defeating Gen. James Ewing. After the expiration of his term as councilor, he returned to Sadsbury township, and there engaged in business with his brother-in-law, Col. John Steele, in the manufacture of paper, near Steelville, where he purchased several hundred acres of land. He died Oct. 3, 1807. (2) Col. Robert, son of Nathan, was appointed sub-lieutenant of the county, and died in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, in the fall of 1783. (3) Capt. Andrew commanded a company of militia in Chester county. He was commissioned by Gov. Simon Snyder, major of the 1st Battalion of the 97th regiment of militia during the Revolution. He moved to York county, where he was appointed a justice of the peace. At the close of the war he returned to Sadsbury township, with his brother James. (4) Nathan is mentioned below. (5) Margaret married William Walker, of Tyrone township, Adams county.

Nathan Thompson, son of Nathan, was, like his brothers, a soldier of the Revolution. He died May 26, 1824. His wife was Jane Miller, and in their family was Joseph M., the father of John Watt Thompson.

Joseph M. Thompson was born May 22, 1797, near Oxford, Chester county. He married Mary Watt, who was born June 24, 1789, and died in 1867, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mr. Thompson passed away in 1870, at the age of seventy-three years. Both were God-fearing, pious people, members of the United Presbyterian church, and both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Lower Octoraro Church. The children born to Joseph M. Thompson and wife were: Margaret M., born Nov. 19, 1826; Jane M., born July 1, 1828, married Marshall Wilson; John Watt, born June 14, 1830; Rachel A., born Aug. 7, 1832; Susan E., born Dec. 9, 1834; and Harriet A., born July 26, 1844. This family all lived unmarried, with the exception of John Watt and his sister, Jane, and all are dead except John Watt.

John Watt Thompson obtained his education in the common schools of his locality, and was reared to farm work, early becoming a practical agriculturist and capable of conducting all kinds of farming operations successfully. Until 1886 he continued in the management of his home farm, in the meantime purchasing one other valuable estate.

On Dec. 24, 1856, in Smyrna, Sadsbury township, John Watt Thompson was married to Sarah J. Russell, and a large and intelligent family has been born to this union, almost all of the survivors having established homes of their own, and becoming among the most respected citizens of their various localities. They were as follows: Joseph M.,

who married Rebecca Bush, has two children, Joseph M., Jr., and Rebecca, and lives in Avondale, Pa.; William E., deceased, who married Josephine McGowan, and passed out of life Oct. 17, 1896; John W., who married Mary Campbell, has had four children, Sarah J. (deceased), John W., Mary A. and Myrtle E., and resides with his father; James F., who married Anna Greenleaf, has two children, James F. and Virginia, and lives in Christiana, Pa.; George A., who married Elsie Hoffman, has one child, Verdina, and is in the lumber business, at Smyrna, Pa.; Hanford W., a farmer, living near Philadelphia; Martin L., who married Isabella Pickle, has one child, Lena, and is a farmer in Sadsbury township; Howard B., who died June 13, 1871; Winfield S., who married Anna Rice, has four children, Chester E., Charlie, Lesley and Lydia, and is a farmer of Sadsbury township; Charles W., who died Aug. 3, 1874; and Herbert E., a farmer near Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Russell) Thompson was born in this township, Sept. 18, 1836, the estimable daughter of Joseph and Sarah Russell, the former of whom was a farmer in Lancaster county; she died Jan. 26, 1882, and was laid to rest in Octoraro Church cemetery.

John Watt Thompson suffered a partial stroke of paralysis, in 1861, from which he has never entirely recovered, but in spite of this drawback, he has become one of the successful farmers of this vicinity, and is a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church, known as the Octoraro Church, to which he gives generous support and where he is highly esteemed.

PETER SHINDLE, born April 29, 1760, in Lancaster county, was in the Revolutionary service. He went as a fifer, in July, 1776, in Capt. Andrew Graaf's company in Col. George Ross' regiment; and in September, 1777, he was under Capt. Stoeve, of Greenawalt's regiment. He was promoted to brigade file major, and was present at the battles of Brandywine and Germantown. He went out the third time under Capt. William Wertz; and in 1778 he volunteered to aid in taking the Hessian prisoners of Lancaster to Philadelphia, in Capt. App's company.

SAM MATT. FRIDY. According to the immortal Cooper, there is an "instinctive tendency in men to look at any man who has become distinguished," that is, whose nature has been as great as, if not greater than, the lofty position he has attained, and for the emulation of coming generations the life of Sam Matt. Fridy, of Lancaster county, Pa., late Revenue collector of the 9th Revenue District of Pennsylvania, is here briefly chronicled. His successful administration of affairs in difficult and important places has won him the respect of men of every party.

Mr. Fridy was born at Mountville, Lancaster



Sam Watt. Fridy

county, March 11, 1837, and is a worthy representative of a family that has lived for nearly two centuries in that vicinity. His great-grandfather, Jacob Fridy, was a native of Baden, Germany, but early in life came to the New World, where he married and engaged in the shoemaking business. He married Saloma Yost, and became the father of three sons: Christian, who moved to Chester county in 1802, locating near Yellow Springs; Jacob, who occupied the home of his father, now owned by William Walker; and Matthias, who purchased the property now known as the "Grubb Ore Mines," and who became the grandfather of Sam Matt. Fridy. Matthias Fridy died in July, 1825.

John Fridy, the father of Sam Matt. Fridy, was born in 1811, and died in 1886. He passed his entire life as a farmer, and took an active part in the affairs of the community. In politics he was first a Democrat, and in 1844 became a Whig, and upon the formation of the Republican party supported same. For his wife he chose Elizabeth Musser, who was born in 1817, a daughter of Peter Musser, son of John, the latter a son of Peter, who was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to America early in 1740, in 1768 locating with his family near Mountville. John Fridy and his wife Elizabeth became the parents of eleven children, namely: Sam Matt., who is the eldest; Cyrus, who served in the 2d Pa. Heavy Artillery in the Civil war, and died while in the army; John M.; Reuben; Henry; Aaron; Annie, who became the wife of David Yohn, who resides in Mountville; Lizzie, wife of Hon. W. P. Snyder, president pro tem. of the Senate of Pennsylvania, who resides at Spring City, Chester county; and Mary, Barbara and Alma, all of whom died in infancy.

Sam Matt. Fridy passed his early years on the home farm, but enjoyed advantages for an education that in those days were most unusual. After attending the common schools he was given one term at Whitehall Academy, and in 1856 returned to his home school as a teacher, later teaching two other schools in the township. In 1859 he began his life as a servant of the public, and has maintained to the present the high principles that so early in life won for him the esteem of those who knew him best. He was elected justice of the peace for West Hempfield township, and held that position until 1862, when he was selected an assistant to Gen. James L. Reynolds, Commissioner of Drafts, and while in that position helped to make the first enrollment and the first draft in Lancaster county. His next service was in Washington, D. C., where he was given a position in the Quartermaster-General's office, in the War Department, where in a short time he was given charge of the accounts, and the arduous duties of this place he efficiently discharged until 1865. That year he resumed an occupation he had begun early in 1857, that of auctioneering, but after two years (1867) the State again sought his services, this time in the State Department at Harrisburg, where he re-

mained under the administrations of Govs. John W. Geary, John F. Hartranft and Col. H. M. Hoyt. Mr. Fridy retained this position for fifteen years, and it is safe to say that the responsible affairs could not have been more creditably discharged. While thus engaged at Harrisburg, he was, in the fall of 1881, elected to the office of prothonotary of Lancaster county, and the first Monday in January, 1882, entered upon the duties of that position. At the close of his term of office, in 1885, he was elected to his first office, that of justice of the peace of West Hempfield township, in which he continued until he was appointed collector of Internal Revenue, assuming the duties of the latter office in November, 1889. The fifteen counties of the 9th District are: Lancaster, York, Adams, Cumberland, Fulton, Bedford, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Juniata, Snyder, Perry, Dauphin, Lebanon and Franklin. When his accounts were turned over to his successor, Feb. 1, 1894, everything was in the most perfect order. His subordinates demonstrated their affection for their departing chief by a fine banquet in his honor, and in every way proved they regarded the expiration of his term, which would necessarily remove him from their midst, as a personal loss.

Not long, however, was Mr. Fridy permitted to remain a private citizen. The gate to a wider field was unexpectedly opened to him. In 1895 the Legislature created the office of Deputy Auditor General, and Gen. Amos H. Mylin appointed him to fill the place, and on the election of Gen. Levi G. McCauley to the office of Auditor General he was re-appointed, and is now serving his third term under Gen. E. B. Hardenbergh. Mr. Fridy is a man well read, courteous in manner, progressive in business, and makes many warm friends. He is capable of much work, so thoroughly does he systematize everything, and his executive ability enables him to plan for others, and to successfully carry to an issue whatever falls within his line of duty.

Not only in the business-like administration of public affairs has Mr. Fridy proven his eminent ability, but since 1888, when he was made a trustee of the Millersville State Normal School (which office he still holds), he has given evidence of most practical ideas on the subject of education. His emphatic opposition to superficial learning and his championship of advancement along substantial lines have gone far toward winning for the Millersville Normal a high place among the educational institutions of the State.

In 1857, in Mountville, Mr. Fridy was united in marriage with Miss Harriet B. Develin, a daughter of John Develin, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Fridy have been blessed with three children: LaFayette, who is a passenger locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; Annie E.; and Mercy. In his fraternal relations Mr. Fridy belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Columbia Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M.; and Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, of Columbia.

REV. DANIEL WOLGEMUTH. The Wolgemuths are among the old and highly esteemed families of Lancaster county, of respected German ancestry, a race which through generations has shown those attributes of sterling worth which particularly belong to the Germans. Through connections by marriage it also claims kinship with a number of other prominent families of the county.

In Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth the biographer finds a most worthy representative of this family. He was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, Aug. 2, 1844, son of Rev. Joseph and Barbara (Nissley) Wolgemuth, the former of whom died on the present farm of his son Daniel, after eight years of retirement, in 1884, at the age of sixty-two years. Rev. Joseph Wolgemuth was a farmer by occupation, but for ten years prior to his death he was an acceptable minister in the River Brethren Church, by precept and example illustrating the beauty of a blameless life. The beloved mother lived to be seventy-two years old, almost reaching her seventy-third birthday, dying in 1892, and both parents were buried in the cemetery of the Cross Roads Meeting House, in East Donegal township. They had three sons and two daughters: Mrs. Levy Mumma; Mrs. Eli M. Musser, whose husband died five years ago; Martin, who is a retired farmer in East Donegal township; Aaron, who died in 1875; and Rev. Daniel. The paternal grandfather, Daniel Wolgemuth, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, married a Witmer; on the maternal side the grandfather was Martin Nissley, who also lived on a large farm in the same township; his wife was a Hershey. No records of that township would be complete without extended reference being made to each of these families.

Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth grew up in a Christian home, and was taught the value of honest industry and the benefits of a moral life. It has been said that the environment of early life very often determines its course, and this has been the case with Mr. Wolgemuth. He was born and reared on a farm, and has enjoyed agricultural life through many years. After his marriage he left the home roof and rented one of his father's farms for a space of five years, later becoming its owner, and until 1901 he continued in its active operation. Although an excellent farmer and good manager, Mr. Wolgemuth had the advantage of being able to turn his mind to still higher things, and in 1882 was ordained a minister in the religious body known both as River Brethren and Brethren in Christ. He is a vigorous and convincing preacher, and is regarded with esteem and affection throughout the locality visited in his ministerial labors. Since 1901 he has taken no active part in farming operations, thus being able to give more time to his other calling.

The first marriage of Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth, solemnized Nov. 16, 1865, in Lancaster, was to Miss Anna Engle, and children were born to this

union as follows: Hiram, who married Martha Musser, is a farmer in East Donegal township; Fanny married Aaron Heisey, a farmer of Rapho township; Barbara married Isaac Ginder, of Rapho township; Anna became the wife of Levi Martin, a farmer of Rapho township; Jacob married Maggie Keener, of Mt. Joy township; Joseph married Kate Brubaker, and is a farmer of Rapho township; Daniel, who married Alice Sheets, is farming on the homestead; Ezra, Phares, Elizabeth, Lydia and Benjamin are all at home. Mrs. Anna (Engle) Wolgemuth was born in Rapho township Dec. 27, 1845, and died Jan. 21, 1900, at the age of fifty-four years. She was buried in the Mt. Pleasant Meeting House cemetery, in Mt. Joy township. Her parents were Jacob and Anna (Musser) Engle, the former a native of Conoy township, and the latter of East Donegal township. The father died May 29, 1892, at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried in the cemetery of the Cross Roads Meeting House, in East Donegal township. In his youth he was a fuller by trade, but later became an extensive farmer. The mother of the late Mrs. Wolgemuth resides with her son-in-law, a venerable and beloved old lady, having been born March 19, 1812. Both she and husband early connected themselves with the River Brethren Church. Their children were as follows: John, who is a retired farmer in Dickinson county, Kans.; Mary and Benjamin, who died young; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Henry Shelley; Susannah, who died young; Henry, who is a farmer in Rapho township; Anna, who became the first wife of Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth; Fanny, who became the second wife of Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth; Martha, who died young; and Eli, who is a farmer in Rapho township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Wolgemuth were John and Elizabeth (Moyer) Engle, the former of whom was born in Conoy township, Lancaster county, and the latter in York county. The maternal grandparents were Henry and Mary (Engle) Musser, both of Lancaster county.

The second marriage of Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth, on Feb. 26, 1901, was to Mrs. Fanny (Engle) Hess, who was the widow of Jacob L. Hess, a native of Pequea township, this county, who died April 6, 1897, aged seventy years. He was buried in the Pequea Church cemetery. His parents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Lichty) Hess, of Lancaster county. Mr. Hess was well known in this county, and at the time of death was a retired farmer. He was a member of Zion Children Church.

Rev. Daniel Wolgemuth is a man of force of character, honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow men, and enjoys a large measure of esteem in his locality.

L. M. BRYSON, M. D., one of the well known physicians and surgeons of Lancaster county, a practitioner of Paradise township, is the grandson of William Bryson, who when a young man of

about eighteen emigrated from County Antrim, Ireland, to America, and located in Lancaster county. Here he married Martha Berkshieser, and became one of the successful and prominent farmers of Paradise township, amassing a handsome competence, including considerable farm property. Here in Paradise township, he spent the active and declining years of his life, having attained the ripe age of ninety-five years when summoned by death to his eternal home. Himself and wife were devout members of the Lutheran church. They reared a family of four children, namely: Mary, who became the wife of Jonathan Hoar, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and died a widow at the age of eighty-three years; John, a farmer near Ephrata; James, a farmer, of Drumore township; and William, the father of our subject.

William Bryson, son of William and Martha Bryson, was born in Paradise township, June 14, 1812. He was reared on the home farm and followed agriculture through life, removing to Providence township, where he acquired a farm. He married Martha Harsh, who was born in 1820, daughter of Jacob Harsh, of Paradise township. She died in 1852, leaving five children as follows: Jacob L., a resident of Columbia; Martha S., wife of Frederick Stively, of Strasburg township; Amanda R.; L. M., our subject; and William W., a resident of Quarryville. The father lived to a good old age, dying in Providence township Oct. 9, 1897, aged eighty-five years.

Dr. L. M. Bryson was brought up on the farm in Providence township. As a boy he attended the public schools and was also a student at Millersville State Normal. For two years he taught school. Preparation for his professional career was begun in the office of Dr. A. H. Helm, of New Providence, where he read medicine for a time. He then entered Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in the class of 1879.

Dr. Bryson located at Marticville, Martic township, May 12, 1879, very shortly after his graduation, and there continued in the practice of his profession until July 14, 1892, when he removed to Paradise. Here he has since built up a large practice which he now enjoys. He is a member of the County and State Medical Societies.

Dr. Bryson was married, May 19, 1887, to Miss Susan M. Peoples, daughter of Abner and Martha Peoples, of New Providence. They have become the parents of two children, Rena V. and Park P. Both are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are highly esteemed for their eminent social qualities.

THOMAS K. WORTHINGTON, of Lancaster City, is president of Worthington & Company, a corporation which transacts a conservative business in investment securities and commercial paper, with offices in the Woolworth Building.

The parents of Thomas K. Worthington were Dr. Joshua H. and Mary Morris (Kimber) Worthington, and his paternal ancestral line reaches back to Capt. John Worthington, one of the early settlers of the State of Maryland, who died in Annapolis in 1701. His maternal ancestry reaches back to Anthony Morris, who was the first mayor of Philadelphia.

Mr. Worthington was liberally educated, graduating from Haverford (Pa.) College, in 1883, receiving the degree of A. B. Taking a post-graduate course in History and Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, he received the degree of Ph. D. in 1888. In 1890 he graduated from the Law School of the University of Maryland, receiving the degree of LL. B., and is a member of the Baltimore Bar.

Mr. Worthington is the author of a monograph entitled "Historical Sketch of Pennsylvania Finance and Taxation," which was published by the American Economic Association. During 1892 and 1893 he filled the position of managing editor of the *Baltimore News*, the leading evening paper of the South. From 1894 to 1899 he was president of the Maryland Title Insurance & Trust Company, of Baltimore, and in 1899 he removed to Lancaster and opened an office for the transaction of an investment brokerage business.

On Jan. 1, 1903, Mr. Worthington transferred his business to Worthington & Company, a corporation of which he is president and general manager. Some of the largest financial interests in the United States are represented among the stockholders of the company.

HENRY A. MOWERY, M. D., of Marietta, one of the most distinguished and successful physicians of that borough, was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, April 14, 1849, son of Adam and Susan (Zercher) Mowery, natives, respectively, of West Lampeter and Manor townships, this county.

Adam Mowery was a farmer, and for thirteen years was a school director in his township. He died in Strasburg township, Oct. 17, 1895, at the age of seventy-two years; his widow, who was born in 1826, is now living with her daughter, Amanda E., in West Lampeter township. Mrs. Mowery is a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in that faith her husband passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Adam Mowery were born five children, viz.: Henry A.; Anna C., wife of Harry G. Book, surveyor and scrivener at Lancaster; Amanda E., married to Edward Leffever, a farmer in West Lampeter township; Aldus J., telegraph operator at Lancaster; and Adam C., railroad engineer at Chillicothe, Missouri.

The paternal grandparents of Henry A. Mowery were Henry and Christiann Mowery, of West Lampeter township; and the paternal great-grandparents were natives of Germany. By calling Henry Mowery was a lifelong farmer. The Doctor's ma-

ternal grandparents were Henry and Anna Zercher, of Manor township, Lancaster county, and York county, Pa., respectively, and also of German descent. Henry Zercher was a miller by trade, and for many years operated a mill in Millersville, Lancaster county.

Henry A. Mowery remained on the home farm until twenty-two years old, and then began teaching school in Strasburg township, a vocation he followed for eight winters intermittently, continuing to work on the farm in the summer seasons. After his first year at teaching he was employed one year in the Strasburg Bank, as individual bookkeeper, and then resumed teaching. While thus employed he was also busily engaged in the study of medicine, and when duly prepared entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, Md., graduating March 1, 1881. For six months he practiced his profession in Akron, Lancaster county. He then came to Marietta, where his practice has since been of the most successful character, and remuneratively satisfactory.

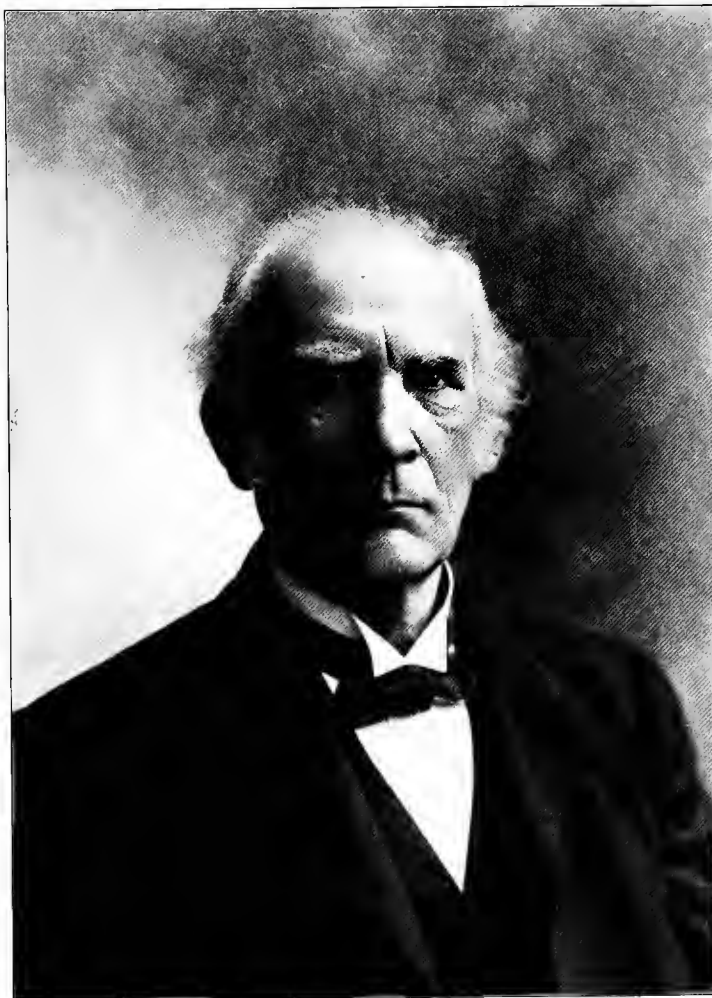
On Sept. 5, 1872, in Adams county, Dr. Mowery was united in matrimony with Miss Isabella Weaver, who has borne him two children: John N., a graduate from Cornell University in the mechanical engineering department, and Harold W., still at home.

Dr. Mowery is a past master of the F. & A. M. In politics he is a Republican, was school director two terms, and for the past five years has been president of the board of health. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and socially he and his wife mingle with the best circles of Marietta and surrounding country. Professionally the Doctor stands without a rival in his borough or township.

ROBERT JOHN HOUSTON, best known in the business circles of Lancaster as a wholesale notion dealer, has long been regarded as one of that city's most active business men. He was born in Maghera, County Londonderry, Ireland, Jan. 16, 1832. The family of which he is an honored member was for many years identified with the history of Scotland, Sir George L. Houston still owning "Houston Castle," in Renfrewshire, near Johnstone, the history of which dates back to the twelfth century. About that time Sir Hugh de Padvinan, of French origin, engaged to fight for Malcolm IV, King of Scotland, and for compensation was granted the lands of Kilpeter, Straithgrief, where he built a castle. His Scotch neighbors, unable to pronounce his French name, called his place "Hughstown," which in course of time was corrupted to Houston. Two of his descendants emigrated into Ireland late in the seventeenth century, and settled in County Londonderry. One of them, Robert, was granted three townships of land, and it is from this branch of the family that Robert John Houston is descended.

David Houston, father of Robert J., was born Aug. 11, 1811, and being the youngest of three sons did not inherit under the English law of primogeniture. He married Margaret Neal; the latter descended from the O'Neills of Ulster, and they emigrated to America in August, 1832. The voyage to America lasted sixty-three days, and was perilous, but they finally reached Philadelphia, where they took passage on a Conestoga wagon for Bart township, Lancaster county, where Mr. Houston's aunt, Mrs. Thomas Patterson, resided. In the spring of 1833 they went to housekeeping near his aunt's home, but shortly afterward, through the solicitation of his brother Henry, he moved to Ogdensburg, N. Y., and went into the boot and shoe business with John Harper. The climate, however, was not congenial, fever and ague prevailing, and he returned to Lancaster county with his family in 1837, arriving there with only fifty cents in his pocket, and five persons depending on him for support. He at once began to work at his trade of shoemaker, and, being a skillful workman, soon had a large patronage, continuing in that business until 1850. David and Margaret Houston were the parents of four children, all of whom are living, namely: Robert J., subject of this sketch, born, as already stated, in Ireland; Joseph W., M. D., a practicing physician of Lancaster; Rose Ann, wife of William A. Fleming, a farmer of Chester county; and Samuel N., M. D., a physician of Washington, D. C. The parents were members of the Octoraro United Presbyterian Church. The mother died March 26, 1883, at the age of seventy-eight. The father, who spent the closing years of his life with his daughter, Mrs. Fleming, at Collamer, Chester county, died July 12, 1895, at the mature age of eighty-three years, eleven months, one day.

Robert John Houston was an infant when his parents crossed the ocean, and was reared in Lancaster county with the exception of the eighteen months spent in Ogdensburg, N. Y. Residing at what is now known as Bartville, he attended at the "brick" school, as it was called, and the well-known compiler and editor, John F. Meginness, was one of his schoolmates; the two boys had an exciting race to see which would get through Pike's Arithmetic first, and Houston, several years the younger, was ahead for a long time, but he fell sick, and lost. He afterward attended the academy conducted by Prof. James McCollough, for two years. In his early life he taught school for a time, commencing Nov. 23, 1846, when fourteen years and ten months old, and was probably the youngest teacher in the county; in his first school, at Mar's Hill, this county, he had seventeen pupils older than himself. In 1851 he entered the store of T. Armstrong & Co., at Gettysburg, as a clerk, and remained there for two years, after which he engaged in business for himself at Bethania, in Salisbury township, conducting a general store as a member of the firm of D. Houston & Son. The business was continued until 1867. Mr.



R. J. Houston

Houston took part in the Civil war, enlisting in 1862, and was present at Antietam with the 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, under Col. John L. Wright, which, he says, got more scaring and less fighting than any other regiment in the army, the whole corps being under that born fighter, Major Gen. John F. Reynolds. Dissolving partnership with his father in 1867, Mr. Houston left for Lancaster, where he was appointed deputy assessor in the Internal Revenue office. In 1868 he was a delegate from Lancaster county to the National Convention at Chicago which nominated Grant and Colfax. In May, 1869, he resigned his office of deputy, and went into cork manufacturing as one of the proprietors of the Conestoga Cork Works. In 1870 the factory was burned, and the company dissolved. Mr. Houston then turned his attention to a matter he had frequently considered before, and soon decided to start in the wholesale notion business in Lancaster, doing so against the advice and remonstrances of every one of his friends, who could see nothing but financial disaster and ruin in such a movement. At that time the only wholesale establishment in Lancaster was a small grocery store just started in one corner of a railroad warehouse by B. P. Miller, who was the pioneer wholesaler of Lancaster county. On Sept. 1, 1870, Mr. Houston, with the scanty capital of \$8,000 (partly borrowed), opened the wholesale notion business on the second floor of No. 24 Center Square. His first employe, and the only one for some months, was a boy of sixteen years, named Harry C. Bubbs (now deceased). He charged up the goods sold, made bills, and carried out packages, while Mr. Houston sold and packed the goods in daytime, and settled his bills and drew checks at night. His first month's sales were slightly over \$1,800, and increased rapidly every month for years. The business grew much faster than his capital did, and for several years he had a hard struggle to give credit to his customers and at the same time make all the cash discounts allowed by manufacturers or their agents. He recalls with some pride an incident of the day on which Jay Cooke & Co. failed, in 1873. He was in Philadelphia, and had bought heavily, his largest bill being with Kibbe, Colladay & Trout, on Bank street, who were manufacturers' agents, controlling the best lines of knit goods and domestic notions then made. Late in the afternoon Mr. Houston heard that Jay Cooke & Co. had failed. He was frightened, feeling that it would precipitate a panic, and he walked around to the banking house to assure himself of the fact. It was too true. To prepare as best he could for the struggle, he walked slowly around to the Bank street house, and met one of the partners at the door. He said to him, "I have just been around at Jay Cooke & Co.'s place, and I want to know if I can steal a few days from you if I cannot pay this bill in ten days," and the answer was, "Do you know what I would do if I was in your place? I would steal a few days from our house whenever I felt like it." Mr. Houston says

he did steal a few days, but never forgot the house for it. He gradually came to occupy the third and fourth floors of the building, and then added Nos. 25 and 26, adjoining. He continued in the business for thirty years and three months, closing out the last of his stock Nov. 30, 1900. Mr. Houston has been engaged in many other enterprises, but regards the establishing of the wholesale notion business here as his principal work. At present Lancaster sends out perhaps one hundred travelers who sell exclusively at wholesale to dealers, and millions of dollars worth of merchandise are shipped annually.

Mr. Houston was a leading factor in establishing the Helvetia Leather Co., of Lancaster, was its first president, and still retains that position. The company makes a machinery leather which has three times the strength of oak tanned leather. Mr. Houston was also one of the organizers of the Houston Coal & Coke Co., and served for a time as its president, but has recently sold his stock in the company; the plant is located at Elkhorn, McDowell Co., W. Va., and has a capacity of 500,000 tons per annum. Mr. Houston is a director and vice-president of the Susquehanna Iron & Steel Co., which owns and runs two furnaces (one at Wrightsville, York county, and one at Vesta, Lancaster county), four rolling mills and a tube works at Columbia and one rolling mill at York, Pa. Mr. Houston became a Greenbacker in politics in 1877, and in 1886 was that party's nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, receiving the full party vote. Issues since that time having changed, he supported Harrison for President in 1892 and McKinley in 1896 and again in 1900. As early as 1857 he was elected a member of the board of prison inspectors, and served in that capacity until 1861. In 1862 he helped form the Union League of Salisbury township, and was its president during its existence. During the memorable election of 1886 for members of the British House of Commons, Mr. Houston assisted in organizing Branch No. 694, of the Irish National League of America, at Lancaster, of which he was elected president. This branch, with only thirty members, sent more than \$2,000 to Ireland to aid in that struggle. After the division in the Irish ranks, growing out of the Parnell scandal, his branch surrendered its charter, and organized the James Stewart Branch of the Irish Federation of America, of which Mr. Houston was again made president. His loyalty to Ireland has never interfered with his devotion to the best interests of his adopted country. He is especially interested in the welfare of Lancaster county—the richest county in the United States. He has been associated with many other enterprises, but the foregoing are sufficient to illustrate his public spirit and energy.

Mr. Houston was united in marriage, in 1882, with Margaret A., daughter of Thomas A. Wiley, boot and shoe merchant of Lancaster. They had one child, Margaret Olive, who graduated from Miss Carey's Southern Home School, of Baltimore, Md.,

and was married Feb. 19, 1901, to Benjamin Champneys Atlee, a member of the Lancaster Bar. Mrs. Houston died Sept. 5, 1902, and was buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Lancaster. She was a member of St. Paul's German Reformed Church of Lancaster. Mr. Houston, while assisting liberally all deserving religious, charitable and educational institutions, has not united with any church.

REV. LEVI H. WEAVER. The assertion that Rev. Levi H. Weaver is one of the best farmers as well as one of the most able and acceptable pastors of the Reformed Mennonite Church in Lancaster county, can easily be accepted when it is remembered that his revered father was also prominent in both lines.

Levi H. Weaver was born in this county, near Little Washington, in Manor township, Aug. 10, 1849, son of Rev. Henry and Anna (Howery) Weaver. Henry Weaver was born in Lancaster county Oct. 29, 1815, and spent his entire life here, dying in Strasburg township Sept. 29, 1898. Following his marriage he located in Strasburg township, near the borough, for a short time, and then moved to Manor township, where he purchased a farm, near Little Washington, but remained only a few years, when he sold it and removed to Paradise township, buying a farm there which he owned for thirty-one years, and operated some twenty-five years of that time. It comprised seventy-two acres of valuable land. When he left that property he came to Strasburg township and purchased a small tract of fourteen acres within one-half mile of the borough, and there spent the remainder of his life. Prior to this he bought a farm of fifty-three acres adjoining his home place, and that place, now comprising sixty-seven acres, all in one tract, was owned and operated by his son, Levi H., for three years.

Rev. Henry Weaver was a very successful agriculturist, and made many valuable improvements on all the land he operated. A man of unobtrusive piety, he became a beloved minister in the Reformed Mennonite Church, was ordained by Bishop John Kohr, and labored in Lancaster county. He married Anna Howery, who was born April 23, 1822, and still survives, beloved and respected by the neighborhood. Four children were born to this marriage: John H., a resident of East Lampeter township; Henry H., who died in 1881 at the age of thirty-five; Anna H., who resides with her mother; and Rev. Levi H.

As the youngest of the family Levi H. Weaver remained at home as his father's assistant on the farm, and was educated in the public schools. In 1874 he began farming on his own account on his father's property in Paradise township, remaining thereon until his father disposed of it, and then in 1881 located on the fine farm in Strasburg township, previously mentioned, from which he moved to the borough of Strasburg. He had bought a

property on Miller street, in the borough, comprising twelve acres, where he resides.

On Nov. 13, 1877, Miss Ella W. Frealich, daughter of Jacob and Leah (Weaver) Frealich, became the wife of Mr. Weaver, and two children have come to this union: Anna F., born Aug. 31, 1879; and Emma L., born May 17, 1882. On Oct. 15, 1902, Anna F. became the wife of Park H. Trout, son of Elam B. and Catherine Trout, of Strasburg township, and they reside in the city of Lancaster. The father of Mrs. Weaver, who was a blacksmith of Strasburg, died in 1857. The mother later married Martin Cassel, who died at Witmer, this county, April 15, 1898; he had long been connected with the Reformed Mennonite Church, with which Mrs. Cassel also united. Her two children are: Anna E., wife of J. H. Scott, of Philadelphia; and Ella W., the wife of Levi H. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver became connected with the Reformed Mennonite Church in 1878, and on April 28, 1884, Bishop Elias H. Hershey confirmed Mr. Weaver as a minister. Although his field of labor is Lancaster county, he is frequently called to other churches in different parts of the country, as he is highly regarded by his brethren. For sixteen years he has been engaged in fighting evil, and by his advice and example has aided in the suppression of immorality, and his career has been one of steadily increasing usefulness.

TOBIAS S. SHOOKERS, proprietor of the leading drug store in Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in that town Nov. 4, 1841, son of Henry C. and Susannah (Snyder) Shookers, who were born, respectively, in East and West Hempfield townships, Lancaster county, were married July 26, 1827, and at once settled in Mountville. Henry C. Shookers was born Oct. 10, 1801, was a farmer and druggist, and died in June, 1871. Mrs. Susannah Shooker, who was born March 25, 1812, died in 1891. Both were members of the German Baptist Church. Of their eleven children, Elizabeth, born June 5, 1828, died in infancy; Samuel, born Dec. 20, 1829, died in 1897; Mary Ann, born May 17, 1832, died in infancy; John, born Aug. 17, 1833, died in 1837; Henry, born Sept. 3, 1836, is a merchant in Mountville; Benjamin, born Oct. 25, 1839, died young; Tobias S. is mentioned below; Simon, born April 10, 1844, Catherine, Nov. 25, 1845, Mattie, April 4, 1847; and Susanna, June 19, 1848, all died young.

John and Elizabeth (Shriner) Schucker, the paternal grandparents of Tobias S., were natives of the lower end of Lancaster county. It may be here explained that the original spelling of the name was the same as that used by the grandparents, and was changed by a schoolmaster. John and Elizabeth Schucker early settled in West Hempfield township, and it is related that George Washington once held court in the old Schucker homestead

in Mountville. John Shucker was a farmer, and about 1825 removed from Lancaster to Lebanon county, Pa.; there he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the greatly advanced age of ninety-eight years; his wife had already passed away, after their removal to Lebanon county, and there both were interred. To this couple were born seven children, all now deceased, namely: John, Michael, Daniel, Henry C., Jacob, Elizabeth (who died unmarried) and Catherine (married).

Casper and Sabina (Conhaus) Snyder, maternal grandparents of Tobias S. Shookers, were natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Adams counties, Pa., and settled in Mountville about 1777. Casper Snyder was a blacksmith by trade, and in connection with his calling was for many years landlord of the "Black Bear Hotel," in Mountville. He had accumulated about \$17,000 through good management, but lost all his fortune by going security (or bail) for friends, and died two years later, in 1818. The children born to Casper and Sabina Snyder were seven in number, all now deceased, viz.: John; Casper; Jacob; Catherine, wife of Henry Mellinger; Elizabeth, who was married to Benjamin Brookhart; Mary, wife of Jacob Rich; and Susannah, who married Henry C. Shookers.

Tobias S. Shookers lived on the home farm until twenty years of age, and then clerked in his father's drug store seven years, at the end of which period he purchased the store, and has since continued the business on his own account, having now the best equipped and oldest pharmacy in Mountville.

On Aug. 16, 1866, in Lancaster city, Tobias S. Shookers married Harriet A. Sneath, and to this union have been born four children, of whom Ida, the eldest, died young; Mary, John M., and Tobias C. are still under the parental roof. Mrs. Harriet A. (Sneath) Shookers was born in East Hempfield township, Dec. 9, 1846, daughter of Michael and Mary (Sechrist) Sneath, of East and West Hempfield townships, respectively. Michael Sneath was a farmer by occupation, but in 1860 retired with his wife to Mountville, where he died in 1861, when fifty years old; his remains were buried at Silver Spring. His wife survived until 1896, being called away at the age of eighty-nine years, and was buried in Mountville cemetery. To their marriage were born two children: Harriet A., now Mrs. Shookers; and Henry, who died young. Mrs. Mary (Sechrist) Sneath first married Abraham Bowers, to whom she bore six children, viz.: John; Michael; Abraham; Anna, wife of Fred Sener, a cattle dealer of Lancaster; Mary, widow of Jacob Kready, of East Hempfield; and Leah, wife of Washington Kreiter, of Lancaster city.

Tobias S. Shookers is in politics a Republican, but he has never been ambitious as far as office-holding goes, being contented with attending to his business. He keeps his drug store replenished with fresh stock continuously, and this is one of the

secrets of his business success. He is a stockholder in the Mountville National Bank. Socially the Shookers family stands very high, as it has been known in the county for generations past, with never a stain on its good name.

THADDEUS S. IRWIN, M. D., whose home and office are at Christiana, where his professional acquirements, his warm and sympathetic nature, and his fine personal characteristics, have won him a host of friends, is one of the leading physicians of that part of Lancaster county, and enjoys a widely extended practice.

William Irwin, his grandfather, was all his life engaged in milling in Chester county, Pa. He married Christiana Plank, and they had the following children: James, a miller, who sleeps in the Irwin burying ground; Plank, a resident of New Holland, further mention of whom is made elsewhere; Commodore; Dr. William, mentioned below; and Martha, widow of Lewis Emory, who has her home in Coatesville.

Dr. William Irwin, son of William, and father of Dr. Thaddeus S., was born at Irwin's Mills, Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., Sept. 16, 1827, and died in the house which is the present home of his family, Nov. 13, 1877. His ashes rest in the cemetery connected with the Friends Meeting House in Sadsbury township. He was a physician of repute, and in his lifetime enjoyed a professional standing second to none in the community where his active years were passed. He was reared on the farm, and as a boy was inured to hard labor. In early manhood he assisted in his father's mill, and was taught that to labor is the lot of man. He studied medicine under Dr. Joseph Gaston, of Honeybrook, and received his doctor's degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1856. He practiced medicine at Smyrna, Lancaster county, until 1865, when he removed to Christiana, where he soon built up a large practice. For six weeks he did not secure a full night's sleep, and as a result of this prolonged strain his health broke down and fatal sickness came upon him.

On Feb. 21, 1857, in Guthriesville, Chester county, Dr. William Irwin married Eliza Jane Mullin, and the following children were born of this union: Sarah A. married Joseph E. Janney, a broker in Philadelphia; Charles M. (1) and Charles M. (2) both died in infancy; Emma B. married William E. Bruce, and is deceased; Mary E. married Eslie H. Keene, who is engaged in the bakery business at Christiana; Dr. Thaddeus S. is mentioned below; William Mullin is next in the family; Eva E. married Samuel Martin, a resident of Sadsbury township. Mrs. Eliza Jane (Mullin) Irwin was born in Guthriesville, Chester county, March 18, 1833, daughter of John S. and Sarah (Guthrie) Mullin, of Chester county, where her father was a farmer all his days. He was justice of the peace many years, and held many local and county posi-

tions of prominence. One year he ran for Congress on the Democratic ticket, but failed of election. He died in 1842, at the age of fifty-two, his widow surviving until 1879, when she too passed away, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. Both were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of the following children: William G., Mary A. (who married James Griffith), Isabelle, Hannah (who married William McFarland), Sarah (who married Washington Wilkerson), Anna (who married Jesse Rogers), James and Emma are all deceased; John is a retired merchant of considerable prominence at West Chester, Pa.; and Eliza J. is Mrs. Irwin.

Dr. Thaddeus S. Irwin, noted above as the leading physician at Christiana, remained at home with his parents, and attended the district school, receiving his medical education at Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1887. His residence in Christiana has brought him into close contact with the best elements of that community, and he has been elected to the Borough Council, and in 1901 was elected school director. In religion he is a Methodist, and belongs to the local church of that order, which he is serving as a member of its board of trustees. His political views are in sympathy with those of the Republican party, and he is one of the leading men in the local organization of that party. Dr. Irwin bears an honored name, which suffers nothing at his hands.

JOSEPH W. HOUSTON, M. D., of Lancaster city, was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

The Doctor's parents, David and Margaret Houston, emigrated from Ireland in 1832, and settled in Bart township, Lancaster Co., Pa. On the paternal side his ancestors were Scotch-Irish, descended from Hugo Padvinan, a Gael who held the Barony of Kilpeter (afterward Houston), in Straithgrief, under patent of Malcolm IV, A. D. 1160. The paternal great-grandmother, Elizabeth Porter, was a Huguenot from Alsace. On the maternal side the Doctor's line of ancestry extends to Hugh O'Neill, Earl of Tyrone, Ireland, from whom the Neals of the United States are descended, the late Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland's mother being cousins of Margaret Neal Houston, the Doctor's mother. The children of David and Margaret Houston are: Robert John, Dr. Joseph W., both of Lancaster; Rose, widow of W. A. Fleming, of Chester county, Pa.; and Dr. Sam, Medical Referee of the Pension Office, Washington, D. C., who so closely resembles "Joe" that many persons cannot tell which is Joe and which is Sam. David Houston and family removed from Lancaster county to Ogdensburg, N. Y., but returned in 1837 to Bart township, and afterward removed to Salisbury township, this county.

Dr. Joe Houston, as he is known, attended the public schools "The Brick" and "Mars Hill," in

Bart township, Rock Mills Academy, Bartville Academy and the Millersville Normal School. He graduated from Jefferson Medical College in the class of 1857, and succeeded to Dr. Obed Bailey's practice, at Andrews Bridge, Colerain township. Later he located at Collamer, Chester county, and thence went to Oxford, Chester county, and in 1893 he came to Lancaster city.

Dr. Houston first married Isabella Barefoot, who died in 1866. Two children of this union survive: Louisa, wife of William M. Foulk, of Collamer, Chester county, and M. M. Houston, passenger conductor on the Schuylkill branch of the Pennsylvania railroad and residing in Norristown. In 1868 Dr. Houston married Esther, youngest daughter of Abraham Rakestraw, of Octoraro, Lancaster county. Three children of this marriage are living: W. W. Houston, proprietor of the International Publishing Company, No. 44 North Fourth street, Philadelphia; O. O. Houston, in the service of the Illinois Central Railway Co., and Lenora, a graduate of Swarthmore College, at home.

During the early days of the Civil war Dr. Houston organized a company of one hundred men known as the "Wayne Grays," nearly all of whom entered the 97th P. V. I. Amongst the number was the late Congressman, Hon. Marriott Brosius, LL. D. In the spring of 1862 Dr. Houston was commissioned assistant surgeon of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and assigned to the 72d Regiment, P. V. I. (Baxter's Fire Zouaves). After serving in the battles of the Peninsula, South Mountain and Antietam, in November, 1862, in consequence of wounds and disease contracted in the army, he was mustered out of service. Having recovered the Doctor again entered the service, as surgeon of Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the spring of 1863, and was assigned to the 43d Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia; it was said he was the youngest major in the army of the Potomac. He was mustered out with the Regiment, and assigned to the Invalid Corps. Dr. Houston acted as volunteer aid for Gen. O. O. Howard at the second battle of Bull Run, and at the fight at South Mountain, and the General speaks in the highest terms of the Doctor's bravery and efficiency. The horse which the Doctor rode in those battles was twice wounded in the engagements. The Doctor was twice wounded during his service, first at Malvern Hill, in the leg, and again at Falls Church, in the breast and arm, but he remained on duty in both instances. Gen. Howard, who was in command of the Philadelphia Brigade at the second battle of Bull Run, says that the Doctor volunteered to do what he would not ask an aid to attempt—to bring the 72d Pennsylvanians, the Doctor's own regiment, out of a wooded ravine along Cub Run, on the Bull Run battlefield, when they were about to be enfiladed with grape and canister from a Rebel battery. To do this it was necessary to pass through the fire of a brigade of Rebel infantry, and to be subjected to the fusillade of sharpshooters. To the great joy of



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the General the Doctor escaped untouched, and saved his regiment, although he disobeyed his General's order, to lie down on his horse, but obeyed the injunction not to stop in his perilous ride. On the afternoon of the day of the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862, Dr. Houston was detailed to take the wounded officers of Sedgwick's Division (2d Division, 2d Army Corps) well to the rear, and establish a hospital for wounded officers (which he did at Keedysville) and see that they were not captured, as they counted so high in the exchange of prisoners; but Dr. Houston knew no difference between a wounded officer and a wounded private, and his hospital included 227 wounded officers and 516 privates—entailing three times the work upon him and his assistant. Amongst the officers in his charge were Major Gens. Sedgwick, Dana, Wister and Barlow, Brig. Gens. Owens, Pell and Smith, and many colonels, majors, captains, and lieutenants who afterward became officers of high rank.

Dr. Houston was not disposed to be governed by regular army discipline, as a result of which he has yet three court martials hanging over him, the first for stopping Gen. McClellan's headquarter hospital wagon, and taking therefrom stores for the Doctor's hospital; the second for seizing and killing five fat cattle for the use of his wounded; and the third for confiscating about two cords of bread, which an enterprising speculative person had brought out from Washington, to sell to wounded soldiers at twenty-five cents a loaf, small at that—these appropriations before the army stores arrived. On another occasion, when, after a forced march of ninety-six hours, with only ten hours rest, with men falling from exhaustion from the ranks, and only 127 men and two officers, Dr. Houston and Lieut. (afterward Major) Lockhart in command, formed in line of battle to relieve the Pennsylvania Reserves, at second Bull Run, Gen. Sedgwick ordered eight days rations for 127 men—no provisions for over 700 who were in line in the morning, having come up during the night—Dr. Houston promptly reported over 700 men in hospital, and drew rations for them for eight days, thus frustrating Gen. Sedgwick's intended punishment for falling out of ranks.

Dr. Houston was professor of Natural Science in Lincoln University for six years, lecturing on Organized Matter, Physiology, Natural History and Botany, and was Dean of the Faculty of the Medical Department, for four years, and for fifteen years was surgeon to the Maryland division of the Pennsylvania railroad. He was a member for many years of the State and American (National) Medical Societies: was vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Society, and three times represented the State in the National Society, once as chairman of the State delegation. Dr. Houston was president of the Oxford board of pension examiners for four years, and he says he enjoys the distinction of being the first Federal official removed by President Cleveland upon his inauguration as President of the United States,

which removal the Doctor says he merited, being an offensive partisan. The Doctor was appointed member of the Lancaster board of pension examiners, of which he is now president, upon the last day of Cleveland's administration. Dr. Houston located in Lancaster in 1893, first on East Orange street. He removed to North Shippen street and in 1895 purchased the property at No. 238 East King street, and after some improvements removed to it, his present residence, where he enjoys an extensive practice.

Dr. Houston is a past master in Masonry, a member of G. A. R. Post, No. 84, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and has been a popular and much sought campaign orator since 1860. Although frequently a delegate to Republican county and State conventions, the Doctor has always declined all offers of political preferment, content to devote his time and talents to the pursuit of his chosen profession, in which he has been successful. In recognition of his prominence as a campaign speaker, Dr. Houston has been twice elected president of the Spellbinders' Association, composed of the campaign orators of Lancaster county. As a debater the Doctor stands pre-eminent; but few are willing to meet him in discussion—his commanding appearance, self-control, eloquence, wit, and, if need be, sarcasm, are factors his opponents dread.

From boyhood Dr. Houston has been a total abstainer from all intoxicating beverages. Not this alone, but he has been an earnest and powerful advocate, and has contributed freely of his time, labor and money to the uplifting of those of his fellowmen who have fallen from too free indulgence in strong drink. In this connection it is interesting to note that the Doctor's brothers, like himself, have been abstainers from intoxicating liquors all their lives.

In addition to the interesting connections noted above Dr. Houston is a charter member (and treasurer) of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and we can close this sketch in no more pleasing way than to quote a part of a letter written and published by "John of Lancaster," who was none other than the late John F. Meginness, the projector of these *Biographical Annals*. This letter was published on Oct. 15, 1897, and refers largely to the lower (southern) end of Lancaster county, and it contains among much else that is interesting this reference to Dr. Houston as an Historian: "In early days Bartville was known as Coulter's Corner. Here once dwelt Dr. J. W. Houston and his brothers, Robert J. and Dr. Sam. They, too, are numbered among the old schoolmates who attended 'The Brick' in the forties. Dr. J. W. Houston has long been recognized as one of the most accomplished, painstaking and reliable historical writers in the county. His recent papers read before the Lancaster County Historical Society on the 'Lost Industries of the East Branch of the Octoraro,' 'Charcoal Burning in Octoraro Valley,' 'Flax Culture in Southern Lancaster County,' and

those on 'The Early Schoolmasters,' are all exceedingly interesting and valuable contributions to local history. Dr. Houston's memorial address upon the life and services of the Hon. Marriott Brosius, LL. D., published in the Congressional Record Feb. 1, 1902, attracted the attention of many leading Congressmen. In a private letter from Judge Calderhead, of Kansas, member of House of Representatives, to Dr. Houston, the Judge characterizes the address as one of the finest ever presented in the House, and such a tribute of life friendship that he thought it should be preserved in this place among the national archives."

JACOB H. WITMER, general bookkeeper of the Mountville National Bank, a local preacher in the U. B. Church, and an ex-Union soldier, was born Dec. 11, 1841, on a farm lying one hundred yards north of Mountville, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Hon. Daniel W. and Anna (Hershey) Witmer, who were natives of Manor township, but who died in Mountville.

Hon. Daniel W. Witmer was a drover and merchant at Mountville, where he conducted a store for many years—from about 1842 until 1861. He was twice elected to the State Legislature as a Republican, and was a director in the Columbia National Bank until his death, in 1896, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died in 1868, when she was fifty-eight years old. She was a devout member of the United Brethren Church. Their remains repose side by side in the cemetery at Mountville. The children born to Daniel W. and Anna (Hershey) Witmer were: Mary, who died in 1893, wife of David H. Weidler; Benjamin, who was a merchant and postmaster at Mountville for many years, and died in 1863; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Sneath, of Columbia; Catherine, who is married to Levi Meyers, a tobacco dealer in Lancaster; Elias, who was killed at the battle of Chickamauga; Abraham, who had enlisted, but returned sick from the army, and died at home in 1863; Jacob H., whose name opens this article; Henry, at Lancaster, a merchant; and Sarah, who died young.

Daniel and Elizabeth (Wisler) Witmer, the paternal grandparents of Jacob H. Witmer, were farming people in Manor township, where the grandfather died; the grandmother died in Mountville. They were the parents of the following named children: Hon. Daniel W.; Jacob, who died in Mountville; and Elizabeth, widow of Benjamin Hershey, who moved to the West, engaged in the lumber business and in horse trading, became Mayor of Muscatine, Iowa, and died in Chicago, while on a visit to the World's Fair. The maternal grandparents were Abraham and Mary (Herr) Hershey, the former of whom was a farmer and a minister of the pioneer United Brethren Church in Manor township, in which township he and his wife passed their entire existence.

Jacob H. Witmer attended the public schools

of Mountville until seventeen years old, and in 1859 began teaching, a vocation he followed until 1887, when he was appointed to his present responsible position in the Mountville National Bank, and in which he has given equally as great satisfaction as he did when a teacher.

In 1865, in Mountville, Jacob H. Witmer married Mary C. Marks, who was born in Willow street, Lancaster county, daughter of John and Margaret (Ferguson) Marks, natives, respectively, of Providence township and Mountville, Lancaster county. John Marks was a tailor, and about 1841, settled in Mountville, where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days. They were the parents of seventeen children, of whom seven are still living. To Jacob H. and Mary C. (Marks) Witmer have been born no children.

Jacob H. Witmer and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, of which he is a trustee and a local minister, and he has been a teacher of the senior Sunday-school class for fifteen years. He is a member of the G. A. R.

His army experience was brief. He enlisted in September, 1861, at Lancaster, in the 79th P. V. I., for three years, but at the expiration of nine months had become so emaciated that he was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tenn., owing to general disability, with the rank of corporal.

CHRISTIAN F. CHARLES is a prosperous farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, as were also his father and grandfather. The latter, Jacob Charles, married a Miss Herr.

Christian H. Charles, father of Christian F., married Fannie Forrey, daughter of Daniel Forrey and Catherine Kanffman. Mrs. Charles is yet living, at the age of seventy-three. Christian H. Charles passed from earth in 1892, in his seventy-fourth year. The farm which he owned, and on which his ten children were born, was situated two miles south of Mountville. It consisted of 173 acres, which after his death was divided among his heirs. Christian F. Charles now occupies the old homestead, and owns and farms 106 acres around it. Both father and son espoused the principles of the Democrats, and the latter still adheres to the tenets of that party. Their tastes being domestic, however, neither ever sought the distinction of holding office. The elder Mr. Charles was a Mennonite in his religious creed, and reared his family in the same faith. His children were ten in number, viz: Catherine, Amos, Adeline, Anna, Levi, Emma, Christian F., Fannie, Ellen and Clayton. All but Adeline, who died in childhood, grew to maturity. Catherine is the wife of Christian Hoffman, of East Hempfield. Amos is a dealer in coal and lumber, in Rohrerstown: he married Mary Bowers. Anna (deceased) was the wife of Benjamin Mellinger. Levi, a farmer and a resident of Manor, married Lydia Ann Buckwalter. Fannie is the wife of

Benjamin Mann, of that township. Ellen is Mrs. Albert Kauffman, of the same place. Clayton, a farmer in Manor, married Susan Greider. Emma is unmarried and lives with her mother.

Christian F. Charles was born Sept. 6, 1858, and enjoyed the advantages of a good common school education. He was raised upon his father's farm, and when he was twenty-six years of age began farming for himself. Brains and hard work have contributed to his success, and to-day he ranks high among the citizens of his native township, as regards both means and character. His reputation is unsullied, and his influence strong. He is identified with several enterprises of a financial and commercial nature, some of which he has aided in organizing, and in which he is a director. Noteworthy among these are the Mountville National Bank, and the Mountville Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Charles was married, in 1883, to Emma B., daughter of Jacob and Mary (Bowers) Kready. One son and one daughter have been born to them, Mary K., and J. Edward.

JACOB MURRY HENDERSON. Prominent among the citizens of Maytown, Pa., is Jacob Murry Henderson, county commissioner, and a well-known ex-contractor and builder.

Mr. Henderson is a native of Maytown, born on Sept. 11, 1853, a worthy son of worthy parents, John and Mary (Murry) Henderson, the former of whom died at the early age of thirty-six, a cigar-maker, by trade. The latter was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Witmer) Murry, the former of whom was a cabinet-maker in Maytown. To Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were born two children: Jacob M., the subject of this biography; and Lottie, the wife of Benjamin Doner, of Elizabethtown.

When Jacob was but two years of age, he went to live with his grandfather Henderson and remained there until the death of both grandparents, going to school and working in the tobacco fields, for which he had no great liking, and as soon as he was able, at the age of twelve, entering the brickyard at Maytown, to learn the trade. After working there five years, in 1870 he began brick-laying; in 1877 Mr. Henderson began his long and eminently successful career as contractor, continuing in business until Jan. 1, 1900, when his appreciative fellow-citizens elected him county commissioner, a selection which did them credit, for no one in the community could fill this office with better results, to the county. A prominent Democrat, Mr. Henderson has taken an active part in politics, was judge of election for three terms and a member of the county committee. Fraternally, he is connected with the Knights of Malta.

The marriage of Mr. Henderson was on July 23, 1876, in Elizabethtown, to Miss Elizabeth

Hollinger, and to this union have been born: Charles, deceased; Samuel; John; Florence, deceased; Eli, deceased; Josie; Rhoda; and Mary. The birth of Mrs. Henderson was in Mt. Joy township, Nov. 21, 1858, a daughter of Eli and Catherine (Pence) Hollinger, who reared this family: Elmira, the wife of Parris Libbart, of Lancaster; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth; Flora, the wife of William Worth; Emma and Cora, deceased; and Barbara, the wife of George Welchans, of Maytown. Mr. Hollinger died in 1868, and to the marriage of Mrs. Hollinger and Ray Markley were born: Anna, the wife of Fred. Peck, of Maytown; Kate; Mercy, the wife of John Eshleman, of Maytown; and Georgie, the wife of Harvey Hoover, of Marietta.

Mr. Henderson is a man of great popularity in his neighborhood, on account of his pleasant personality, and is one of the most esteemed and representative men of Maytown.

SAMUEL GOCHNAUER, one of the notable representatives of agricultural interests of Lancaster county, living at his residence just south of the city, along the Willow street pike, was born in Pequea township Jan. 3, 1851, son of Adam and Elizabeth (Huber) Gochnauer. The Hubers are an old family in West Lampeter township, and Mrs. Elizabeth Gochnauer was a sister of David Huber, whose sketch may be found elsewhere. The Gochnauer family traces its lineage back to Germany, and its pioneers in this country were among the very early settlers of Lancaster county.

Adam Gochnauer, noted above, was one of the enterprising citizens of Pequea township. By trade he was a carpenter, and many substantial houses and barns in that community still stand as monuments to his industry. He was of a retiring disposition and took little interest in public questions. He was born in 1799, and died in 1887, after a long and useful career. Mrs. Elizabeth (Huber) Gochnauer was born in West Lampeter in 1816, and died in 1856. She first married John Harnish, of this county, and after his death became the wife of Adam Gochnauer. They had five children: Benjamin, a mechanic of Pequea township; Samuel; Martha, wife of Levi Martin, of Drumore township; Annie, wife of Daniel C. Lipp, of West Lampeter township; and Adam, a farmer of Cass county, Mo. In 1851 Adam Gochnauer purchased the farm where his son Samuel is now living, and there spent his remaining days.

Samuel Gochnauer was reared on the farm, and received but a limited education. After he had passed his majority he attended Lincoln College, at Greenwood, Mo., for two years, and after spending a year teaching in McLean county, Ill., he returned to his native community to locate on the farm that has since been his home. In 1875 he took charge of the place, and thirteen years later bought it. It consisted of sixty-seven acres,

on which he has made many valuable improvements, and in addition to his general farming, he carries on an important dairy business, having a milk route in the city. Since 1890 he has been a member of the school board.

Mr. Gochnauer was married in 1878, to Miss Catherine K. Herr, who was born in West Lampeter township, in 1856, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Herr. To this union have come children as follows: Mary, Elizabeth, Ella, Annie and Clarence H., living, and two—Bertha and George Ellis—who are deceased.

JOHN IVES HARTMAN passed almost his entire life in Lancaster, with the exception of the time he was honoring it as a soldier in the Civil war; and the city was his debtor at every stage. He was a pioneer in some of its best industries, assisted in the improvement of many others, and was a counselor in all local humanitarian movements.

Mr. Hartman was born in Lancaster Feb. 23, 1831, and died there Dec. 26, 1899. His parents were Lewis S. and Elizabeth (Messersmith) Hartman. His education was received in the Lancaster common schools, for which he in after life did so much in his thirty-one years' membership on the board of control. The public schools of Lancaster were not as they are now during the youth of Mr. Hartman. He spent a short term in the high school, but only a short one, for at the age of fifteen he entered, as an apprentice in the printer's art, the office of David S. Kieffer, the publisher of the *American Republican*. There he spent three years, mastering all there was to be learned of the craft in such a place as Lancaster then was. At the end of his apprenticeship he went to Philadelphia with a view to increasing his mastery of the art, and took employment with Mears & Dusenbury, prominent stereotypers, whose typographical plant and foundry were located in Harmony Court. There young Hartman became noted as an expert and accurate compositor on book work.

Lewis S. Hartman, father of John I., had been markedly successful in numerous business enterprises, and his aptitude for affairs was transmitted to his son. He turned from his "case" in Philadelphia and sought more active pursuits. Returning to Lancaster in 1849, he embarked in the retail grocery business, setting up in the building known as the "Red Front Grocery," on North Queen street, one door south of the "City Hotel." He was only a youth of eighteen years when he started this store, which he continued for fifteen years. At the outbreak of the war the call to arms stirred his patriotic blood mightily. He left his store in charge of the late Charles F. Eberman, and went to the front as a private with the Lancaster Fencibles, in which company he had "played soldier" in times of peace. He was elected lieutenant soon after the company left Lancaster; and at Martinsburg, W. Va., he was appointed A. A. C. S., and detached from the company. His business capacity attracting the attention of his

superior officers, he was detached from the regiment and appointed brigade quartermaster, in which capacity he served during the term of the brigade. At the close of the war, on the reorganization of the veterans of the 50th Regiment, which had been recruited from Lancaster and neighboring counties, and had seen active service in the South and West to such extent that it was necessary to refill its decimated ranks with fresh recruits in 1864, Mr. Hartman was among those who joined from Lancaster; and he was elected lieutenant of Company I.

On his return from the war Mr. Hartman's mind turned to his old trade again, and on May 1, 1864, he bought the interest of Francis Heckert in the *Examiner* printing office, the firm becoming Hiestand, Kline & Hartman. Mr. Hartman took the business management and continued it for four years, when he sold out his interest to his partners. Meanwhile he had interested himself in the organization of the Printers Paper Mill, which was formed in 1865. This enterprise failed as originally organized; but Mr. Hartman and two others of the original stockholders bought the plant and operated it until they sold it to Symington & Co. In 1868, after withdrawing from the *Examiner*, Mr. Hartman went into partnership with Benjamin P. Miller, the pioneer wholesale grocer of Lancaster. The business was originally installed in Bitner's warehouse, but was soon moved to the McComsey old stone warehouse, that stood on the site now occupied by Long & Davidson's new building. In 1873 the firm of Miller & Hartman built the commodious stores and warehouse in which the business is still carried on by the sons of the old firm, Charles A. Miller and Isaac C. Hartman, who had been taken in as partners in 1892, and succeeded as proprietors in 1895. This business is distinguished as the first in the wholesale trade in Lancaster. It was, on starting, generally considered a very precarious enterprise; but it was managed to success, and has been continued under the same style for over thirty years.

Mr. Hartman was one of the moving spirits in the organization of the Lancaster Trust Company, which began business in 1890. He was elected president at the organization, and held the office until failing health compelled him to forego active work. The notable success of this institution, the first of its line in this city, is due very largely to its first president's foresight and business sagacity, and to the confidence reposed in his integrity and judgment by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Hartman was an active and influential Republican, who could have had almost any office in the gift of his party had he desired; but those of jury commissioner and school director were the only offices he ever accepted. He was elected jury commissioner in 1879, and served three years. In 1868 he had been elected to the school board, on which he remained thirty-one years, serving as its president for two terms from 1875; but he had to decline a re-nomination in 1898 and 1899 on account of his im-



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paired vitality. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the schools, and was much concerned in improving the school buildings, giving much of his time to this matter as a member of the Property committee. As a presiding officer he was noted for his prompt disposal of business and his impartial rulings; while his sound judgment everywhere gave him a commanding influence with his fellow members. While he was always a staunch Republican in politics proper, Mr. Hartman deprecated every attempt to introduce partisanship into school affairs. The consciousness that he had rebuked faction and had been instrumental in making and keeping the school board free from partisanship was a cause of much satisfaction to him. In 1876, when the faction then ruling got control of the Republican School Directors Convention, and in the nominations substituted from their faction for three of the oldest and most useful directors, Mr. Hartman took the lead in calling a Republican mass-meeting which nominated an independent ticket, including the names omitted from the other, those of David Hartman, John W. Jackson, and E. J. Erisman. This ticket was completed by the names of Dr. M. L. Herr, Rev. D. H. Geisinger and William A. Wilson; and it was triumphantly elected. Subsequently, with the aid of the late William McComsey, another zealous friend of the schools, Mr. Hartman was the means of introducing the present system of filling vacancies in the board with members of the same political party as the retiring members, and dividing the officers by mutual agreement.

Mr. Hartman was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, a member of its vestry from 1872, chairman of the finance committee, and junior warden from the death of Warden Isaac Diller, in 1892; and few men ever rendered more faithful or more intelligent service than he in the material affairs of the church. He was one of the representatives of the parish as lay deputy to the annual diocesan conventions for many years, always taking an active part in the proceedings; and he was instrumental in causing the present system of plurality voting for members of the standing committee and other officers. His resolution for this purpose was at first opposed by the clerical deputies, who regarded the plan as an innovation of questionable value; but he succeeded in convincing the convention that it was not a "political trick," and would work better than the old majority system in expediting the business of the sessions; and his forethought is vindicated by the fact that no attempt has been made to return to the old way. He was always one of the church's most liberal supporters; and whenever there was a deficiency in the income he was of the first in readiness to help make it good.

Mr. Hartman was truly a man of affairs in the most comprehensive meaning of that term. His interest and activity were displayed in many directions besides those we have recounted. He was president of the Howard Association, and an active worker in

its cause, the systematic relief of the destitute, in which in its day it did noble work, the Howard debates having been participated in by the best speakers and most prominent citizens. He took a lively interest in the old volunteer fire department, and was president of the Washington Fire Company until it was displaced in activity by the call system. At the time of his death he was president of the board of trustees of the Lancaster cemetery, president of the Lancaster Gaslight & Fuel Company, and of the Edison Electric Light Company; a director of the New Holland Turnpike Company; of the West End Building & Loan Association; of the Southern Market Company; and of the Hamilton Club. He had been a director of the Lancaster County National Bank for many years, later of the Fulton National Bank, and also of the Lancaster Watch Company. He was a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., and of the Tucquan Club, and a regular camper-out, as such taking much enjoyment. During the last year of his life, however, his old camp comrades only saw him for a one day's visit, because of his failing strength. The confidence established by his integrity and business acumen caused him to be called upon to settle a great number of estates and manage many individual trusts.

Mr. Hartman was twice married. His first wife, who died Nov. 10, 1868, was Anna E., daughter of the late Dr. Isaac C. Weidler, of Upper Leacock. To this union came children as follows: Herbert W., now treasurer of Follmer, Clogg & Co.; M. Elizabeth, wife of Milton S. Falck; Isaac C., who succeeds his father in the firm of Miller & Hartman; Marion B., of the Adams Express Company; and John H., of the Lancaster Trust Company.

On Nov. 28, 1872, Mr. Hartman wedded for his second wife Elizabeth Markley, daughter of Jacob L. and Eliza (Miller) Hoffmeier, of whose union she was the youngest child. All the members of both the Hartman and Hoffmeier families are prominent, well-connected and well-to-do people. Mrs. Hartman bore her husband two children, Harry G. and Emily K. Mr. Hartman was also survived by two brothers and one sister: Daniel Hartman (since deceased); A. F. Hartman, of this city; and Emily, wife of John A. Boring, of Osborne, Kansas. Mrs. Hartman has an elegant home, and is surrounded by all the comforts and refinements of modern life. She had an affectionate husband, who considered nothing too good for his loved ones, and was constant in his efforts to make home the ideal of both comfort and happiness. In all his relations Mr. Hartman evinced fine social qualities. In all his intercourse, either at home or abroad, his conduct was marked by courtesy and kindness. His high sense of honor kept fair his business record, and won the respect of the world at large. He was candid in expressing his opinions and tenacious in adhering to them; but he had respect for opposing ones when impressed with their sincerity. It was this characteristic that made his influence so great in discussion.

HENRY GRATTAN McCARTER, manager of John Farnum & Co., Conestoga Mills, Nos. 2 and 3, in Lancaster, has had a far more than ordinarily interesting career. His father, James McCarter, came to America from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1853, settling in Philadelphia. He had been preceded by Richard White, Esq., the distinguished lawyer, who wrote to Mr. McCarter to come. In 1855 the latter married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Coolidge, daughter of Edwin Coolidge, formerly of Boston, but at the time of their union a prominent boot and shoe merchant of Philadelphia. To this marriage came three children, two of whom are living; Edwin Coolidge, a merchant in New York City; and Henry Grattan, of Lancaster.

Henry Grattan McCarter was born in Philadelphia Oct. 13, 1856, and, after attending private schools there, became for a time a pupil in Dr. Clemson's select boarding-school, at Claymont, Del.; he next attended school at New York City, and was graduated in Chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania in 1878. After his graduation Mr. McCarter became connected with the Albion Print Works, at Conshohocken, which were owned by his father and Joseph Lea, remaining there until the works were closed down. This was in 1882, and his next move was to Berlin, Canada, which was settled by Mennonites from Pennsylvania, who went there and founded the place during the Revolutionary war. Mr. McCarter's mission to Berlin was to teach the people how to color vegetable ivory buttons, the manufacture of which was the chief industry of the place. On Dec. 18, 1884, Mr. McCarter came to Lancaster, whither he was sent by John Farnum's heirs, to be chemist and chief dyer for the works. How intelligently, industriously and satisfactorily he performed the duties of this responsible position may be judged from the fact that, when the lamented S. S. Spencer—who had been superintendent of the mills for so many years—was called to his reward, Mr. McCarter was promoted to the position made vacant by his death, a position he still holds. Mr. Spencer died Nov. 14, 1902.

Mr. McCarter married Elizabeth McGovern Keller, daughter of John and Catherine McGovern, of Lancaster, the former one of Lancaster's most prominent railroad contractors. Two children have been born to this union, one of whom died when but a year old. The survivor, James, was born Feb. 24, 1889. Mr. McCarter's stepdaughter, Miss Rosemary Keller, is a student at the Sharon Hill Seminary, class of 1906. Mrs. McCarter is an accomplished pianist, and is at the head of the musical department of the Iris Club, the leading social and literary club among the ladies of Lancaster. The only organization of any kind to which Mr. McCarter belongs is the Hamilton Club. Politically he is a Republican, but he takes no part in politics, devoting himself to his business

and his family; and no more hospitable home can be found in this section than the beautiful suburban residence of Mr. McCarter and his family, in Mannheim township, at the end of North Duke street, just beyond the confines of the city.

J. HENRY MUSSER, M. D., is a representative in the fourth generation of the Musser family of Lancaster county, Pa., in the medical profession.

Dr. Benjamin Musser, his great-grandfather, was born July 13, 1749, and lived at Turkey Hill, practicing there and at Lancaster, Columbia and Harrisburg, Pa., visiting the places periodically to meet his patients. He was not a graduate of any school, but made an especial study of herbs, and was skilled in the art of administering the simple home remedies. He had a large practice and won no little fame for his cure for "white swellings," and for his medical combination, known as "white salve," of great value in the treatment of ulcers. On March 8, 1770, he married Barbara Engel, who bore him the following named children: Jacob, born Jan. 8, 1771; Ann, Oct. 24, 1772; Maria, Nov. 2, 1774; John, March 20, 1777; Henry, March 5, 1779; and Christian, April 5, 1781. The mother of these children died Dec. 21, 1783, and on March 23, 1784, Dr. Musser married Magdalen Bossler, who became the mother of the following: Twins, who both died in infancy; Benjamin, born July 16, 1786; Joseph, Aug. 7, 1787; Barbara, Sept. 1, 1789; Benjamin (2), April 2, 1791; Martha and Martin, twins, March 15, 1793; Daniel, Feb. 6, 1796; Elizabeth, July 7, 1797; and Susan, Nov. 27, 1800. Dr. Musser died Nov. 25, 1820.

Henry Musser, son of Dr. John, born March 5, 1779, became a farmer of Cumberland county, Pa., where he died in 1822. He was a Dunker in religious belief. Of his children who grew to maturity we have record of Benjamin, Daniel (father of Dr. J. Henry), John, Joseph and Magdalena.

Daniel Musser, was born Nov. 2, 1809, in Cumberland county, this State, and, his father dying in 1822, was early thrown upon his own resources. In 1825 he came on foot to Lancaster county, here finding a home with his uncle, Dr. Martin Musser, of Lampeter, and did work for his uncle to pay for his board and clothes, meantime taking advantage of every opportunity for the study of medicine, under that able instructor. He continued with his uncle until he reached his majority, at which time he opened an office in Providence, Lancaster county, remaining there a short time. His next location was at Millersville, whence after a time he returned to Lampeter, buying out his uncle's practice. He was successfully engaged in the duties of his profession at Lampeter until 1869, and passed away Jan. 20, 1877, after a life of activity and wide usefulness.

On Nov. 27, 1832, Dr. Musser married Eliza-

beth Herr, who was born Jan. 15, 1814, in Lancaster county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Groff) Herr, and died Nov. 3, 1870. To this union came two children: Mary A., born Feb. 1, 1837; and J. Henry, whose name introduces these lines. In 1844 Dr. Daniel Musser joined the new Mennonite Church of which his father-in-law, John Herr, was the founder, became a bishop in that church, and in the latter years of his life gave most of his time to the advancement and upbuilding of that society. His literary gifts were no less remarkable than his ability in his chosen calling, and he wrote the life of John Herr, and a history of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

J. Henry Musser was born Jan. 5, 1845, in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, and there grew to manhood. In accordance with the wishes of the family he decided to adopt the medical profession. His early education was acquired at the private school of Benjamin Herr and brother, and in 1864 he went to Philadelphia to attend lectures at Jefferson Medical College, being a pupil of Dr. D. D. Richardson during the day of the Northern Dispensary in that city. Shortly after his graduation in 1866, he located for practice at his native place, Lampeter, where he has remained to the present in the enjoyment of a flattering patronage from the residents of that place and the surrounding country. He has been a hard worker and a close student, devoting all his time to his chosen calling, with results which speak for themselves. In 1882 Dr. Musser was elected president of the Lancaster County Medical Society, holding the office the customary length of time, one year. He is a stanch Republican in political faith, but gives no time to public affairs of any kind, beyond taking a patriotic interest in such as concern his town and county.

On Oct. 27, 1868, Dr. Musser was united in marriage, with Leida Musselman, who was born May 27, 1848, daughter of John and Eliza (Breckbill) Musselman, and died June 14, 1885. They had a family of three children: Edith E., born July 15, 1871, is the wife of J. Bachman, a farmer near Strasburg, and has one child, Henry M. William, born Oct. 9, 1872, married Bertha Eshleman, daughter of John Eshleman, a miller, and has one child, John. Ada, born Aug. 24, 1878, died Oct. 13, 1881.

JOHN H. LEFEVER when but a farmer boy heard the call for volunteers to assist in putting down the rebellion and he at once responded. Going from his home in Lancaster county, Pa., he enlisted in the 20th Pa. Cav., which afterward saw much active service in the Army of the Potomac. The stirring events of those days had much to do with moulding the character of men who participated in them, and they had their influence on the life of John H. Lefever, who was born Nov. 1, 1837, in Lampeter township, Lancas-

ter county. His parents were John E. and Elizabeth (Martin) Lefever, who were both natives of that county, born in 1809 and 1806 respectively. John E. was the son of Adam and Kittie Lefever, who came to this country from Germany in 1800 and settled in Lampeter township on a farm, where they raised a family of nine children, all of whom are dead.

John E. Lefever, the father of John H. learned the trade of a weaver which he followed in connection with farming. He died at his home in Camargo, Lancaster county, in 1887. His wife died in 1874. They left a family of eight children, four of whom are living. The eldest of these, Martin, married Mary Winters, of Lancaster county. He was a soldier in the Civil war. Susan, a daughter, was the wife of Benjamin Shaub, of Belmont, where she lost her life in 1880 in a railroad accident, leaving a family. Harrison, who died some years ago in the West, was a soldier in the Civil war, being a member of the 22d Regiment, P. V. I. Daniel, another brother, is also dead. He distinguished himself as a soldier in the Civil war. Abram Lefever is a resident of Quarryville, married Miss Lizzie Groff and is the father of a family. Eliza Lefever, deceased, was the wife of Dan Mowner, of Eden; she left three children. Abner Lefever, who is now a resident of Lancaster City, married Miss Delia Hare, deceased; they had a family of five children.

John H. Lefever was the second child of John E. and Elizabeth (Martin) Lefever. Brief reference has already been made to his war record but it will be of further interest to add some of the important points in his career as a soldier. He served with valor in the battle of Gettysburg and at Springfield, but soon after these great events he was taken sick with typhoid fever and lay ill in the hospital thirteen months. He was honorably discharged at the Cumberland hospital in 1863 for physical disability. After the war he returned to the old home in Eden township. In 1869 he married Miss Susan B. Eshleman, of Providence township, the daughter of Elijah and Christiann Eshleman, one of the highly respected pioneer families of that section. Mrs. Lefever was born Nov. 29, 1849. After marriage they settled on a farm near Quarryville which Mr. Lefever had purchased. There they resided eight years and then moved to his father's farm in Strasburg township. Ten years later he purchased a lot from his father's estate in Camargo and there he has made his home while still retaining his farm near Quarryville.

Mr. Lefever and his estimable wife have prospered in many ways. The union has been blessed by eight children and seven grandchildren. Christiann, the eldest, was born in 1870, and is now the wife of Edward Barr, of Strasburg township. They have three children, John, Alma and Earl. Ulysses G. Lefever was born in 1873 and married Miss Mary Coble of Strasburg. They now reside

at Christiana, where he is an electrical engineer. They have three children, John, Charles and Harry. A. Louie Lefever was born in 1875 and is now the wife of Chris Groff, a coach painter at Oak Bottom; they had one son, Paul, deceased. John H. Lefever, born in 1877, is now a soldier in the regular army. During the last three years he has seen active service in Cuba and in the Philippines. Sarah A. Lefever, born in 1879, is the wife of Christ Creswell, of Eden; they have one child, Clifford. Daniel M. Lefever, born in 1880, is unmarried and a carpenter by trade. Ella K. Lefever was born in 1882 and is at home, unmarried. Howard B. Lefever, the youngest of the family, was born in Strasburg township in 1884 and educated in the Hawkesville school. He is manager of the home farm.

In business as in social, political and religious affairs, John H. Lefever has always been prominent as a leader. He is recognized as a conscientious, upright citizen, a good husband and a worthy father. Politically he is a strong and influential Republican. He is a member of the W. S. Bierly Post, No. 511, of Quarryville. As one of the old veterans he is highly respected.

RICHARD M. REILLY, of the firm of Reilly Brothers & Raub, the North Street house furnishers, although still a young man, enjoys the distinction of being a lawyer, journalist, merchant and manufacturer, though he is now devoting his attention to the important mercantile establishment in connection with which his name appears, as well as the Lancaster Sheet Metal Co., of which he is the treasurer.

John Reilly, the father of the Reilly Brothers, came to this country from Ireland in 1836, landing in New York, and making his way soon after to Lancaster. He did a vast work as a railroad and bridge builder, undertaking and carrying to successful conclusion, many large and important contracts, notable among them being the Lachine Canal in Canada, the North Pennsylvania Railroad, the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad at Easton, the Easton and Amboy Railroad, the Chestnut street bridge at Philadelphia, and many hardly less notable undertakings. For some time he was associated with the late Richard McGrann, the father of B. J. McGrann, the firm being Reilly & McGrann. Mr. Reilly died at the age of fifty-four years, at the very prime of his manhood and business ability. The family came to Lancaster in 1875, and here they have since remained.

John Reilly had six brothers, and they all came to the United States, rising to prominence as contractors. Dennis Reilly was a leading iron master at Easton, Pa., and his name is borne by the youngest son of the father of the Reilly Brothers.

John Reilly was married in 1856 to Miss Mary, the daughter of Thomas Wallace, for years the keeper of an old-time inn at Huntingdon, a place

famous in the days before the railroad as a stopping place for travelers by stage and coach. Mr. Wallace passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Reilly, in this city in 1889, when ninety years of age. Mr. and Mrs. John Reilly became the parents of the following family: (1) John B., a railroad and bridge builder of New York City; (2) T. Wallace, now a member of the wholesale grocery firm of M. S. Miller & Co., of Lancaster; (3) Richard M., of Reilly Brothers & Raub; (4) William H. (deceased), formerly of Reilly Brothers & Raub; (5) Mary; (6) Elizabeth, both the sisters being at home with their mother; (7) E. D., a member of the Lancaster Bar; (8) Margaret, wife of Hon. J. Hay Brown, Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Richard M. Reilly was born in Lancaster, July 14, 1861, and had his education partly in the Easton schools, and partly in Lancaster, finishing his study at Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md., from which he was graduated in 1880. Entering the law office of the late George Nauman, he applied himself assiduously to the study of law, and was admitted to the Bar in 1883. This, however, did not prove satisfactory to Mr. Reilly, and he secured a position on the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, as associate editor, which he held for three years, being a part owner of the paper in 1886. Two years later he sold out, to become a member of the firm of Reilly Brothers & Raub. This firm began business Sept. 1, 1888, and its history is one of substantial success in the annals of the housefurnishing and hardware trade. It has had a steady growth, and has long since attained an enviable standing among the best known mercantile firms of the city. Ten years later the Lancaster Sheet Metal Co. began business, the firm consisting of H. L. Raub, president; Richard M. Reilly, treasurer; and A. K. Raub, secretary. This firm erected a fine factory at the corner of Marion and Christian streets and has already made itself felt as one of the principal industries of the city.

In 1888, Mr. Reilly was married to Miss Mary, daughter of the late John M. Barry, a well-known contractor of Lancaster. Michael Barry, her grandfather, was one of the pioneers in the railroad contracting business in this part of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Reilly have had one child born to them, Alice, who bears the name of her maternal grandmother, who was Miss Alice Fitzpatrick before her marriage, and a member of a family of very successful contractors.

Mr. Reilly is one of two auditors of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a position he has held for years. A Democrat, he has attended State and national gatherings of the party hosts on many occasions, sitting as a delegate in the first convention that nominated William Jennings Bryan for the presidency. At one time he was on the executive committee of the Young Men's Democratic Society. For two years he was president of the re-organized

Board of Trade of Lancaster, and was placed on the board of health many years ago, where he is still serving. He has been secretary and treasurer of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. Mr. Reilly is on the executive committee of the Lancaster County Historical Society, and is a member of the American Catholic Historical Society, of Philadelphia. He was elected a member of the school board from the Sixth ward, but resigned when he moved to the Third ward. Richard M. Reilly is a modest and unassuming gentleman, and as a journalist is remembered as a graceful and forcible writer. As a merchant and a manufacturer he has risen into prominence, and is justly regarded as one of the leading men of the city.

THOMAS WALLACE REILLY, second son of the late John Reilly, was born in Lancaster, Aug. 19, 1859, and was educated in the public schools of Easton, and Franklin and Marshall College. After leaving college he traveled somewhat extensively in the West. Coming back to his native State, he began business as a contractor on the Lackawanna Railroad in New York, making this his business for some twenty years, dating from 1880. Among his more important enterprises were the building of a bridge over the Providence river, the construction of a sewer a mile long at Providence, R. I., a bridge at Woonsocket, and a number of sewers and street gradings in New York City. Mr. Reilly's family lived at Providence and in New York during his prolonged operations in these cities. In the fall of 1900 they accompanied him to Lancaster, where he became a member of the grocery firm of M. S. Miller & Co., doing an extensive wholesale business at Nos. 223 and 225 North Prince street, Lancaster. While engaged in railroad bridge building Mr. Reilly had some important contracts on the Pennsylvania Railroad, building bridges at Glenloch, Middletown, and elsewhere.

Mr. Reilly was married in December, 1887, to Miss Mary, a daughter of Thomas Costigan, a contractor in Philadelphia, and two children have come to bless this union, Carmita and Thomas Wallace, Jr. Mr. Reilly for years was connected with St. Mary's Catholic Church, but since his return from New York he and his family have associated themselves with St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Like all his family, Mr. Reilly is a bright and genial gentleman, liberal alike in his business and politics, but strong in his own convictions and determined and persistent in his every enterprise.

EDWARD D. REILLY, the youngest son of the late John Reilly, was born in Easton, Pa., Nov. 25, 1869, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, graduating from the high school in 1885. He attended Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md., from which he was graduated in June, 1888, and the following year entered upon a business career. In the fall of 1889 he began the study of law with John A. Coyle, and

was admitted to practice Dec. 20, 1892. In 1892, and during the two ensuing years he was president of the Young Men's Democratic Society, and in 1896 was elected a member of the city council from the Second ward by a majority of two votes. In 1897 and in 1900 he was elected on the school board, and has been chairman of the Judiciary committee of that body since his first election. He belongs to St. Mary's Catholic Church, and is serving on the board of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. Mr. Reilly is connected with a number of Catholic organizations, having been president of St. Michael's Beneficial Union for two years. He is a member of the Leo XIII. Society, the Knights of St. John, and the Penn. C. B. L.

Mr. Reilly was married Dec. 29, 1897, to Miss Katharine Eugenie, daughter of A. F. and Emily Keating, of Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. Keating being a prominent iron-master of the "Smoky City." A Democrat in politics, and a warm supporter of Mr. Bryan, Mr. Reilly is recognized as one of the leading young Democrats of Lancaster, and has frequently been a delegate to county and State conventions, being the county committeeman at the present time from the Second ward. During Mr. Reilly's preparations for the law he acted as a reporter for a great part of the time on the Lancaster *Examiner*, until his press of work in making ready for the final examination compelled him to devote all his time to study. During this time and since his entrance upon a professional life, Mr. Reilly has developed marked ability as a writer of strong and forcible English. As a lawyer a large success has attended his efforts, and he was greatly honored by being placed on the legal staff of the executors of the will of the late Miss Catherine Long, a will that involved the disposition of an estate of more than \$700,000, the bulk of which was bequeathed for the establishment of a public park for Lancaster, and a home for indigent unmarried women. Liberal in his views and practice, a fine conversationalist, and possessed of a kindly and genial nature, Mr. Reilly has developed rapidly in his professional and social relations, and gives every promise of a brilliant future.

JACOB M. EABY, one of the substantial citizens of Lancaster county and a resident of Paradise village, has been active in agricultural, mercantile and business affairs for many years, and is prominent and influential in matters that pertain to the general welfare. He is the representative of one of the old and honored families of the county.

Jacob Eby (for so the family name was spelled a century ago) grandfather of Jacob M., was born in Leacock township, near Intercourse, Nov. 9, 1776, and his wife, Susannah (Miller) Eby, was born Aug. 2, 1779. They spent their lives on the old family homestead at Intercourse, engaged in

farming pursuits and devoutly living in the religious light of the Dunkard Church. Their family consisted of eleven children, as follows: Moses, born Nov. 27, 1801, who became a merchant at Intercourse and died Feb. 27, 1891; Maria, May 3, 1803, who married Daniel Esbenschade, and died Feb. 2, 1891; Peter, Sept. 11, 1804, a farmer, who died March 19, 1881; Daniel M., Aug. 10, 1809, died Aug. 31, 1893; Hannah, Nov. 30, 1810, who married John Rauck and died April 29, 1882; Esther, July 19, 1812, died July 24, 1812; Lydia, July 22, 1814, who married Isaac Bair, and died Sept. 25, 1876; Joseph, Aug. 23, 1818, a farmer unmarried; Ann, Aug. 11, 1820, died April 19, 1897; Susannah, May 28, 1822, who died unmarried, in January, 1898; Jacob, Feb. 19, 1825, died Feb. 12, 1864. All these sons spelled their names Eaby.

Daniel M. Eaby, the father of Jacob M., was reared on the homestead. His educational opportunities were limited but he was an ambitious boy and was eager to fit himself for teaching. He applied himself to his studies and by a course of self-instruction he became proficient in the common branches and was qualified to teach in both English and German. For many years he taught in the public schools of Lancaster county. He also acquired the carpenter's trade and followed it in connection with teaching. He was active and industrious, and in connection with the above vocations, he engaged in farming. He was recognized as one of the forceful, influential men of Lancaster county and was twice elected to the office of county auditor. He also served for many years as school director in Bart township. In 1863 he enlisted as a carpenter in the military service of his country and four of his sons also enlisted during the Civil war. Daniel M. Eaby married Miss Caroline Bair, who was born Nov. 9, 1808; she was the daughter of Joel and Mary Bair, and was a woman of unusual intelligence and education. Her death occurred April 9, 1869. Eight children were born to Daniel M. and Caroline (Bair) Eaby. The first child, born Dec. 10, 1836, died in infancy; Joel S., Feb. 20, 1838, is a resident of Lancaster; George W., Feb. 5, 1840, is a resident of Lancaster City; Mary Ann, Feb. 23, 1843, is the widow of William Rice and is a resident of Wooster, Ohio; Henry B., Feb. 19, 1845, enlisted in 1863 in the 195th P. V. I., re-enlisted in 1864, was mustered out in June, 1865, and is now in the United States postal service with residence at Wooster, Ohio; Daniel E., May 16, 1847, is a resident of Lancaster; Jacob M., was born March 8, 1850; Susannah C., July 25, 1852, died Aug. 13, 1886, the wife of Sem Eby. The parents of these children were members of the Dunkard Church but in later years the father identified himself with the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob M. Eaby was reared to farm life, receiving a fair education in the public schools and in the

high school at Oxford. He was diligent in study and at eighteen was well qualified to begin his career as a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county, where he continued for eleven and a half terms. He was then for nine years engaged in butchering in Paradise village, in connection with farming his forty-two acres of land at Williamstown. Then dealing in cattle for some two and a half years, he in 1891 succeeded to the mercantile business which had been conducted by the Witmer family at Paradise and to this business he gave his personal attention until July, 1898, when he transferred the control of the estate to his son Walter. Since that time Mr. Eaby has devoted himself to the Lancaster County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is the secretary.

Mr. Eaby married, Nov. 5, 1872, Miss Catherine E. Eby, who was born at Belmont, Lancaster county, Nov. 5, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Wanner) Eby. To Jacob M. and Catherine Eaby six children have been born, namely: Cora Etta, wife of Martin E. Hershey, a farmer of Paradise; Charles W., attorney-at-law at Lancaster, a graduate of Millersville State Normal, class of 1897, who read law with Hon. J. Hay Brown, and W. U. Hensel, teaching two terms of school meanwhile, admitted to the Bar Dec. 24, 1899, and now practicing law at Lancaster; Walter C., who has succeeded his father in the mercantile business at Paradise, married Miss R. Mae Zeigler and has one child living, Ethel; Ella C., and Edna M., both graduates of Millersville State Normal, class of 1901; and Guy C., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Eaby are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church at Paradise, of which he is one of the trustees.

In politics Mr. Eaby affiliates with the Republican party. At the age of twenty-eight he was elected to the office of justice of the peace. He has filled various other local offices, including those of assessor, member of the county committee, etc. He has been prominent in the local fraternal organizations; he is a member of the Pequea Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F., and of William Pitt Encampment, also of Bart Lodge, No. 162, K. of P., and since 1885 he has also been treasurer of the latter lodge. He was a prominent member and the treasurer of Paradise Castle, No. 143, Mystic Chain, during its existence, and a member of Tanawah Tribe, I. O. R. M., of Paradise. Mr. Eaby is one of the prominent and progressive business men of Lancaster county, whose influence is ever exerted in public enterprises tending to the public good. His wide experience in business and mercantile life, together with his native ability and sound judgment, make him one of those natural leaders among men whose counsels are ever sought and prized by the discerning public.

JOHN L. HERR. Few names are more widely known or more highly respected in the State of Pennsylvania than that of Herr, and among its

worthy representatives is John L. Herr, a retired farmer of Lancaster township, in Lancaster county.

Tobias Herr, the grandfather of John L., lived and died in Strasburg township, having been one of the successful farmers of that locality, a very estimable man in every way. His children were: Benjamin, deceased, who was a well-known lawyer in the city of Lancaster; John, who was a farmer in this county; David, who combined farming and the confectionery business, and who died in Lancaster; Tobias, who became the father of John L.; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Hoffman; Hettie, deceased, who was the second wife of John Hoffman; and Anna, who married John Shenk.

Tobias Herr (2), son of Tobias, was born in Strasburg township, May 29, 1813, and followed an agricultural life until his death, in 1865. In 1845 he located on the farm now occupied by John L., it remaining the property of his father-in-law, John Landis, until he purchased it in 1861. For a number of years Tobias Herr was one of the school directors in his township, and he was a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. In politics he was a Republican. Tobias was married Feb. 13, 1838, to Miss Susannah Landis, who was born April 7, 1814. The two children of this marriage were: Salena L., who married Benjamin Gambler, of Manor township; and John L., of this sketch.

John L. Herr was born in Strasburg township, Aug. 29, 1840, and he was five years of age when his parents moved to his present farm. His education was obtained in the common schools of Lancaster, and later he engaged in the milling business for one year. For a year prior to his father's death, John L. managed the home farm, and continued to farm for the estate during the following year, and then purchased the property. Since that time he has devoted his attention to the intelligent and scientific farming which has made him one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists of the locality. Mr. Herr has taken great interest in making his place both comfortable and attractive. The estate comprises 131 acres and is situated on the Marietta pike road, about one-half mile from the city of Lancaster, and adjoins the property of the late Ex-President Buchanan, which is now occupied by G. B. Wilson.

On April 1, 1897, Mr. Herr retired from active farming operations, taking up his residence in a very handsome home which he had built in the near neighborhood. In politics he has always voted the Republican ticket, and for fourteen years has been a school director. For a number of years he has been a director in the Lancaster County National Bank, and is a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church.

John L. Herr married Fannie L. Brubaker, who was a daughter of Andrew and Annie Brubaker, of East Hempfield township, and to this union were

born four children: Landis B., who has managed the home farm since his father's retirement; John B., who met with an accident which caused his death on Oct. 7, 1881; Annie, who married Emlyn B. Mylin, of West Lampeter township; and Fannie, who married Elias B. Groff, of Strasburg township.

Mr. Herr is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the locality in which his life has been passed, and a man of sterling honesty, and one who has always been interested in every enterprise calculated to advance the interests of his locality.

BRENEMAN SITLER McLANE, deputy recorder of deeds of Lancaster county, whose cozy home is at No. 109 North Lime street, Lancaster, is a most popular and deserving official. He springs from an old family, his grandfather, James McLane, born in New York July 14, 1795, coming to Washington Borough, Pa., on a raft. He engaged in the hotel business in the Borough, and in early days no less than eighteen taverns were needed to supply the demands of travelers and lumbermen who floated their lumber down the Susquehanna. Mr. McLane's ancestors were Scotch-Irish, and his grandfather was one of five brothers, one of whom moved to Maryland, one to Erie, Pa., and two to the West.

William McLane, father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Washington borough, this county, and was a river pilot, cabinet maker and tobacco farmer. He died at the age of sixty-one years in 1881. William McLane married Susan Sitler, daughter of Abraham Sitler, a farmer of York county, whose grandfather, Matthias Sitler, of Baltimore, descended from Baron Von Sitler, of Germany. A tradition of the family states that the children of the Baron, who was a devout Catholic, turned Protestant, and in consequence were disinherited and moved to this country. American heirs are now looking up German estates of the family with a view of contesting them.

Breneman S. McLane was born in Washington borough March 28, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of the place, afterward taking a course at the State Normal at Millersville. After teaching school for fourteen years, during eight of which he was also a justice of the peace, he resigned to accept a position in the court house. His first position in 1880 was a clerkship in the Recorder's office under the late John P. Good, and with the exception of a few months he has since been employed in the same office. He served under Recorder H. M. Myers, and was Deputy under Benjamin Longenecker. After serving two years under Sheriff D. K. Barkholder, he went back to the Recorder's office under E. L. Reinhold, and became deputy under Recorders H. C. Lehman, Abraham Summy, and Jacob H. Hooper; and in January, 1901, became deputy under Charles B. Keller, now in office.

Mr. McLane married Miss Mary A. Maynard in 1876. Mrs. McLane's mother was a daughter of the late Adam Kendig, who was a member of the oldest and wealthiest family in Conestoga township.

HON. CHRISTIAN C. KAUFFMAN. For more than a century and a half members of the Kauffman family have borne a prominent part in the affairs of Lancaster county, and the representatives of each generation have in turn added strength and influence to the family name.

In 1734 there emigrated to America from Germany one Christian Kauffman, who settled in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he died March 11, 1799. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Barbara Bear, died Jan. 12, 1801. The children of this pioneer couple were three sons—Christian, Isaac and Benjamin—and three daughters—Elizabeth, Barbara and Anna—and their descendants are now scattered over the entire State.

Isaac Kauffman, son of Christian, the emigrant, was born in Manor township in 1762, and died Jan. 4, 1826. About 1786 he married Catharine Baughman, whose death occurred July 9, 1833. They were the parents of the following named children: Christian, Isaac, Maria, Barbara, John, Catharine, Benjamin, Anna, Andrew I., Elizabeth, Susan and Magdalena.

Andrew I. Kauffman, son of Isaac, was born Aug. 24, 1802, in Manor township, and passed the larger portion of his life there, with farming as his chief occupation. He became prominent in public affairs, and in 1836-37 represented his district in the State Legislature. In 1850 he removed to Cumberland county, Pa., where he carried on farming for three years, and then located in Mechanicsburg, that county, engaging in mercantile business, in which he continued until his death, Dec. 14, 1861. On March 24, 1825, Andrew I. Kauffman wedded Miss Catherine Shuman, who was born July 16, 1806, a daughter of Christian Shuman, of Manor township. She died May 18, 1875, the mother of sixteen children, as follows: Christian S., Isaac B., Annie S., Amos, Maria, Levi, Elizabeth, Daniel S., Elias, Andrew John, Benjamin, Catherine, Martha, Joseph, Mary and Joseph C., of whom ten grew to maturity. Andrew I. Kauffman was a Mennonite in religious faith, and served his people as a preacher.

Christian S. Kauffman, father of Christian C. Kauffman, the subject proper of this article, was born in the village of Washington, Manor township, June 12, 1828, and died Nov. 9, 1897. When quite young he left school and entered the employ of a storekeeper at Safe Harbor, with whom he remained many years, rising from the position of errand boy to that of clerk, and later to a partnership in the business. After fifteen years in the mercantile business in Safe Harbor he purchased the Cordelia Furnace, near Columbia, and for nearly forty years continued in the iron business. He assisted in the build-

ing of the Bound Brook railroad, for the Philadelphia & New York railroad, Reading & Columbia railroad and Port Deposit railroad, and was the organizer of the Columbia Iron Company and Susquehanna Iron Company, two of the leading industries in the State, and general manager of the Columbia Iron Company. In politics he affiliated with the Republican party, and he was a delegate to the convention which nominated Abraham Lincoln for the Presidency. He served two terms in the State Senate, and was a candidate for Congress from the Lancaster District. Upon the election of Gov. Pollock to the governorship of the State he was given a position on the governor's staff, with the rank of colonel, by which title he was called during the remainder of his life. Col. Kauffman was active in the work of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held a number of official positions. Fraternally he was a well-known member, the organizer and first master, of the Masonic lodge at Columbia. Christian S. Kauffman married Jane McClung Strickler, and the following named children were born to them: Clara Virginia, who married Senator James W. Lee, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Jane McClung, wife of Samuel McCuen, a merchant and capitalist of Oil City, Pa.; Christian C.; Hugh McClung, who died in his eighth year; and Catherine and Allen, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Jane McClung Strickler Kauffman died in 1869.

Christian C. Kauffman was born in Columbia, Pa., April 7, 1857, and has made his native town his permanent home. His preliminary literary training was received in the schools of Columbia, after which he entered Shoemaker's Academy, at Chambersburg, Pa., and he subsequently graduated from the scientific department of Williston Seminary, East Hampton, Mass. Having chosen the law as his profession, he entered upon a course of reading, and on May 3, 1878, was admitted to the Bar of Lancaster county. On May 10, 1884, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme court. After being admitted to the Bar Mr. Kauffman opened an office in Columbia, where he has acquired a successful practice. He has attained a high position in commercial interests as well as in the law. He is solicitor for the borough of Columbia, for the Columbia school district, Columbia Lace Company and Columbia Silk Mills, manager of the East Columbia Land Company, president and general manager of the Columbia Iron Company, president of the New Haven Iron & Steel Company, general manager of the Schuylkill Haven Iron Co., and a director of the Susquehanna Iron & Steel Company. In addition to the companies in which he is personally interested, there are a number of industries which have been permanently located in Columbia through his efforts, among them the Ashley & Bailey Silk Mills and the Columbia Lace Company of Scotland. He is one of the organizers, vice-president and solicitor of the Columbia Trust Company, chairman of the executive committee of the National Bar Iron & Steel As-



*Yours Faithfully
C. C. Kauffman*

sociation, and a director in the Pennsylvania Forestry Association.

In 1883 Mr. Kauffman was married to Miss Margaret R. Wilson, daughter of Hiram Wilson, a merchant of Columbia. Four children have come to gladden their home, viz.: Helen Jean, James Lee, Elizabeth Wilson and Margaret. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are members of and active workers in the Presbyterian Church of Columbia, he being president of the board of trustees.

In politics Mr. Kauffman is, and has been from boyhood, an ardent Republican. But he is not one of the subservient kind, ready at all times to obey the orders of the bosses, to come and go at the crack of the party whip, as was shown by the independent course he pursued in the State Legislature, of which he was a member. He was among the first to assert his independence of thought and action, to work and vote for the good of the State instead of the interests of the bosses. His course during his two terms in the lower branch of the Legislature gave him a reputation for integrity and ability throughout the entire State, and to show their appreciation of his course his constituents, at the close of his second term in the House, nominated and elected him to the State Senate. In his native borough of Columbia, out of 1,200 votes polled, he received all but about sixty. In the Senate he followed the same course he had pursued in the House, and was a leader of the Independents, doing good service in the cause of reform. At the close of his Senatorial term he was placed in nomination by the Republicans of his district for a second term, but after one of the hardest political battles ever fought in the State over a seat in the State Senate he was defeated for nomination. Mr. Kauffman was elected to the lower branch of the State Legislature in 1887 and again in 1889, and served on the following committees: Banks, Bureau of Statistics, Judiciary, General, Manufactures and Railroads, acting as secretary of the last named. During his service in the House he introduced and secured the passage of a bill appropriating, to each of the eighty-one commands of Pennsylvania troops engaged in the battle of Gettysburg, fifteen hundred dollars, to be used in the purchase of monuments and markers with which to mark the position of the commands in the greatest battle of modern times. In 1894 he was elected to the State Senate, and served on the following committees: Judiciary, General Pensions, Federal Relations, Forestry, Military Affairs, and as chairman of the Game and Fish committee. He was a charter member of the Young Men's Republican Club, and is a member of the Vigilant Volunteer Fire Company of Columbia. He is president of the Columbia Hospital Association. In every movement for the advancement of the moral and material welfare of the community Mr. Kauffman has borne an active part, and is always found on the side of progress, while his foresight and wisdom have been of inestimable value to his fellow citizens. He was a leader in the Republican

fight in Pennsylvania, in 1900, for better government, and with Hon. John Wanamaker made 170 speeches throughout the State on that issue. He made the speech placing Mr. Wanamaker in nomination for United States senator, and was the leader of this fight to the end. It was in this campaign that Mr. Kauffman established his reputation as a convincing and eloquent campaign speaker. Mr. Kauffman is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity in Pennsylvania.

ENGLE. In 1753 there came from the Canton of Basel, Switzerland, one Ulrich Engle and his wife, Anna Brechtbill. They sailed with their family from Rotterdam by way of Cowes, a seaport town on the Isle of Wight, in a ship called the "Phoenix," under the command of Capt. John Spurrier. They landed at Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 1, 1754 and located at what is now called "Wild Cat," a station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, west of Marietta. Here they passed the remainder of their lives, and their remains are interred in a small burying ground on that old homestead. The record of their children is as follows: Ulrich, Jr., who married Martha Bixler; John, who married Elizabeth Schock; Jacob, who married Fanny Schock; Annie, who married Henry Grove. Christianna, who married Jacob Musser; Catherine, who married Benjamin Musser, Barbara, who married one of the Witmer family and another who also married into the Witmer family.

(II) John Engle, son of Ulrich, the emigrant, married Elizabeth Schock. They lived and died in Conoy township and their remains were laid to rest there in a graveyard on the farm owned in 1901 by Simon H. Engle. The record of their family is as follows: Jacob, who married Martha Strickler; John, who married Hester Long; Annie, who married John Heisey; Elizabeth, who married John Gish; and Fannie, who married John Hoffman.

(III) Jacob Engle, son of John, married Martha Strickler, and they were the parents of eight children: John, married to Catherine Nissley; Henry, married to Nancy Brubaker; Jacob, married to Barbara Wolgemuth; David, married to Mary Hamaker; Elizabeth, married to Rudolph Good; Martha, who died unmarried in 1831; Fannie, married to Jacob N. Graybill; and Susannah, married to John P. Graybill.

(IV) David Engle, son of Jacob, and great-grandson of Ulrich, was born Feb. 20, 1820, and died Dec. 9, 1897. He married Mary Hamaker, who was born Sept. 17, 1820, and their wedding occurred Nov. 25, 1841. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Amos, who married Martha Greider; Elizabeth, who married B. E. Masterson; Aaron, unmarried; Mary, who married Samuel S. Hoffman; David, who married Charlotte Eby; and Elias J., deceased.

The Engle family has played an important part

in the life of the community from the time of their location here, and their influence for good has made itself distinctly felt. Jacob Engle, son of Ulrich, the emigrant, was the founder of the River Brethren Church, a branch of the Mennonite faith to which he and his family belonged. While in the beginning no attempt was made to form a separate organization, about 1776 such an organization was effected and Jacob became the first bishop of the new church, and his descendants to-day are actively engaged in religious work.

(IV) In the fourth generation from Ulrich Engle, through Jacob, the founder of the River Brethren Church, and John, his son, who was a farmer of Conoy township and a highly respected member of the community, we find Daniel Engle, son of John, the farmer, born in 1812 in Conoy township. Daniel had such opportunities for an education as the times and place granted, and upon reaching manhood, he, too, began to till the soil. He was the first and also one of the largest tobacco growers of his day, and besides operated the Marietta nurseries, which in 1853 he established on the old homestead, and which are now carried on by his sons. Daniel Engle took an active part in the religious affairs and like his father belonged to the River Brethren Church. He was chief among those who aided in the organization of the Mutual Insurance Company, becoming its secretary. He married Mary Graybill, daughter of Christian Graybill, a well-to-do farmer of East Donegal township, and in their family of children were: John G.; Hiram, who died in 1874, and Daniel G. John G. and Daniel G. now carry on the nursery business under the firm name of Engle and Brother. Daniel Engle died Aug. 17, 1888.

DANIEL G. ENGLE, of the firm of Engle & Bro., proprietor of the Engletree Stock Farm, was born July 1, 1853, and was educated in the common schools and the State Normal School at Millersville, Pa., and in Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Philadelphia. For two terms he taught school in East Donegal township. Of late years he has taken an active part in politics, and like all his family is an ardent Republican. He has served in the borough council, and was chairman of its Finance committee. His stock farm is known all over the country, and he has had some noted animals. In 1885 he purchased the celebrated "Storm King" in Kentucky, and since then the Engletree Stock Farm has been the home of many horses well known on the turf. On Sept. 21, 1880, Mr. Engle married Miss Minnie Stahl, daughter of the late George W. Stahl, a lumber merchant of Marietta. To this union have been born four children: Rheta, Daniel (deceased), Franklin S. and Minnie S.

Among the children of Jacob Engle, founder of the River Brethren Church, was Henry, who became a fuller in the woolen mills of Bainbridge, and also followed farming on Conoy Creek. He

married Hannah Myers, who bore him twelve children, as follows: Jacob, who died young; Michael; Henry M.; Mary; John; Jacob; Martha; Daniel; twins who died unnamed; Annie, and Jesse. Henry died at the age of sixty-seven and his wife Hannah, when she was aged thirty-eight.

HON. HENRY M. ENGLE, son of Henry and Hannah (Myers) Engle, was born in Conoy township, April 11, 1819, and was educated in the primitive schools of the day. He remained with his father until his marriage, when he purchased his present property and engaged there in general farming and market gardening. Since 1864 he has given his attention more exclusively to the nursery business, in which he has been most successful. Associated with Levi S. Reist, Hiram Engle and Alexander Harris, Mr. Engle organized the Lancaster Horticultural Society, later known as the Agricultural and Horticultural Society, of which Mr. Engle served for a long time as president. He is a member of the American Pomological Society, and upon the organization of the State Board of Agriculture was the first delegate sent by the Lancaster county Society to the State board. His active interest in these various societies has contributed not a little to their success, and among his fellow citizens he has exerted a remarkable power for good. In politics he was first a Whig, then a Republican and now a Prohibitionist. He has served as a school director and in 1871-72 represented his district in the State Legislature. In religious belief he is connected with the River Brethren Church.

On Dec. 19, 1839, Mr. Engle was married to Elizabeth Breneman, who bore him eight children. Enos, Mary, Uriah, Anna, two that died in infancy, Anna and Ezra. By his second wife, Lizzie Musser, one child Horace, was born, now a resident of Virginia. In 1875 Mr. Engle married Miss Fannie Nissley, and their nine children were: Lizzie, who died in childhood; Ella, Harvey, Abbie and Henry, all of whom died of diphtheria; Jennie, Samuel, Elmer and Emma.

GEORGE T. WESEMAN, M. D. (deceased), was born in the Kingdom of Hanover, North Germany, in 1821, and died in Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pa., June 7, 1894. He came to America in 1845, making his home in Pennsylvania, and he was living at Millersburg at the outbreak of the Civil war. He promptly enlisted, entering as a surgeon and served throughout the bloody struggle. His services in the war were those of a brave and intelligent soldier, and he was wounded in the battles of Antietam and Winchester. When the war was ended he returned to Pennsylvania.

Dr. Weseman acquired a fine education in his native country, having graduated from the Universities of Goettingen and Heidelberg, and on his arrival in this country soon made his mark on the

communities where he settled, in Pottsville and in Northumberland, where he remained ten years, building up a large practice. In 1867 Dr. Weseman came to Bainbridge, where he speedily built up a fine practice, and became one of the leading men of the community, taking a special interest in all educational matters.

Dr. Weseman was much interested in the fraternal orders, and belonged to Susquehanna Lodge, No. 364, F. & A. M.; Donegal Castle, K. P.; and Bainbridge Lodge, I. O. O. F., of which he became the first noble grand, at its institution, in 1868. In the Lancaster County Medical Society he was a faithful worker, and for over fifty years he was a loyal and devoted member of the Methodist Church. He was a Republican in his political relations, and proved himself always a faithful and public-spirited citizen.

Dr. Weseman was twice married, his first wife dying while he was in the army. His second marriage, in 1868, was to Miss Florence M. Smith, who was born in Bainbridge, daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Christ) Smith, natives of Bainbridge and of Carroll county, Md., respectively. Both are now deceased. Her father was a farmer, and operated boats on the canal. He died in 1881, at the age of fifty-seven years, his widow surviving until 1897, reaching the age of seventy years. They had the following children: Florence M.; Henry E., who is deceased; Middleton C., now engaged in the Agricultural Department at Washington, D. C.; Mary, who died young; Orlando, in the far West; and Mary E. and Milton, who both died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Florence M. Weseman were John and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Smith, farming people and life-long residents of Bainbridge. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Hide) Christ, the former of whom was born in Germany, and the latter in Maryland, where both died after long and useful lives.

Mrs. Weseman is much respected in the community in which her declining days are passing, for her kind heart, sympathetic spirit and womanly character. She is a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and well sustains the honored name which her husband established in Bainbridge.

AARON WISSLER, who conducts a foundry and general machine shop at Brunnerville, this county, was born Aug. 24, 1832, a son of Ezra Wissler, and comes from one of the old Pennsylvania families.

Jacob Wissler, the first member of this branch of the Wissler family in America, emigrated from Switzerland and sailed with his wife, Magdalena, from Rotterdam for Philadelphia about 1720. On the voyage, together with other able-bodied men on the vessel, he was impressed into the naval service by a man-of-war. His wife continued the journey to Philadelphia, where he joined her on the

expiration of his term of service. She was employed by a farmer of Germantown, and he also took service with a farmer of that locality, for a time, after which they moved up the country and settled on Brandywine Creek, in Chester county, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Andrew Wissler, their son, removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he entered the employ of John Groff, an extensive farmer in Clay township on the west bank of Middle Creek. In 1767 he married Anna Magdalena, the only daughter of his employer, and in this way became the owner of the old Groff homestead, which was taken up in 1724 by John Jacob Groff, father of John. With the additions it was divided into four farms by Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, as mentioned elsewhere, but has ever since remained in the Wissler family. Andrew had two sons, John and Jacob, the former of whom died unmarried.

Jacob Wissler, father of Ezra, was born in Clay township in 1776, son of Andrew Wissler, and was one of the successful farmers of the day, following agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1853. He had prospered by thrift and industry, and at the time of his death had added considerably to the old Groff homestead, dividing the whole into four farms, giving a portion each to his sons Jacob, Christian, Ezra, and Levi. He provided otherwise for his other children. He was a man of considerable energy and made three trips to Canada on horseback. He belonged to the Old Mennonite Church, but he did not ignore altogether the law of self-defense, and one of his descendants still cherishes a cane with which he defended himself against the attack of an Indian, upon one of the trips mentioned. In 1800 Jacob Wissler married Anna, daughter of Christian Eby, and ten children were born to them, namely: Andrew, a farmer and merchant who moved to Michigan, where he died; Jacob, a farmer; Christian, a miller and farmer; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Landis, of Ephrata township; Ezra, the father of our subject; John, a tanner and merchant in Canada in his early days, who later had an iron furnace at Columbia Furnace, Va., where he died; Catherine, deceased; Mary, wife of Levi Erb; Levi, a farmer; and Sem, a miller, tanner and merchant of Salem, in the Province of Ontario.

Ezra Wissler, father of Aaron, for many years one of the progressive farmers of Clay township, was a son of Jacob and Anna (Eby) Wissler, and was born in Elizabeth, now Clay township, on the old Groff homestead, May 6, 1809. On Nov. 24, 1831, he married Mary Fahnstock Bauman, and began farming on the old homestead. He purchased the first threshing machine in his section, and did the threshing for quite a distance around. In 1839-40 he built a house and barn on the old Groff homestead, then mostly timber land, which he cleared gradually. In 1876 Mr. Wissler sold the farm to Henry C. Brubaker, and removed to

Brunnerville, Pa., where he built himself a house and where both his sons resided, Aaron having the foundry and machine shop, and John B. the store. Here his wife died in 1886, after which he had a house-keeper until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1891, aged eighty-two years, five months and twenty-seven days, after an illness of over six months, occasioned by pneumonia.

Aaron Wissler lived at home until he was twenty-five years of age, and during his boyhood received a good practical education in the common schools. He commenced farming in Clay township, continuing thus for eleven years, after which he moved to Brunnerville, the place where he now resides. He bought out the foundry and machine shop of Peter Bruner, who died in 1868, and has carried on the business up to the present time, meeting with substantial success. On July 31, 1898, the shops burned to the ground, but within ninety days Mr. Wissler had the re-building so far advanced that he was able to resume business. The incident is characteristic of the man, for he has throughout his career displayed an energy of purpose and enterprising spirit which fully account for the success with which his efforts have been crowned.

Mr. Wissler married in 1856 Miss Leah Keller, daughter of John H. and Cassia Keller, and to this union have been born two children. John K. works for his father and attends to his business; he married Miss Lizzie F. Longnecker, and they have had two children, William and Edwin. Anna Mary is the wife of Reuben F. Hackman, and they are the parents of five children, Willis W., Ezra W., who died when eight years of age, Elmer B., Lee Roy, and one that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Wissler are both members of the German Baptist Church. Mr. Wissler is one of the most respected citizens of the community where he has spent a long life of usefulness.

JOSEPH WARREN YOCUM was born near the Trappe, a historic village in Montgomery county, Pa., June 27, 1843. His paternal ancestors came from Sweden, and his maternal progenitors from England, before the Revolutionary war. In their line of descendants he belongs to the seventh generation. Born on a farm, inured to hardships, educated in public schools and private academy, he began teaching at the age of sixteen years, at the same time preparing for a collegiate course.

In 1862, then nineteen years of age, he left the school room, and enlisted as a private in the 116th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which served in Gen. Thomas Francis Meagher's Irish Brigade, Hancock's 1st Division, 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac. During his three years' service he participated in every battle from Antietam to Appomattox, and rose through all the grades of an enlisted man to the rank of second and first lieutenants and captain of his regiment, and was brevetted major of U. S. Volunteers for gallantry in action at Bristoe Station,

Va. During Grant's Petersburg campaign he served as aid-de-camp on the staff of Brig. Gen. Ramsey. He was twice wounded in action, and at the close of the war was honorably discharged on account of wounds.

Returning to civil life Mr. Yocum served for some time as deputy collector of the Seventh Internal Revenue District, and then entering the Sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, resumed his studies, and was graduated therefrom, with honor, with the class of 1868. During his college course, Mr. Yocum studied law with Hon. John B. Livingston, since President Judge of Lancaster county, and was admitted to the Bar in 1869. Following his taste for journalism, developed while in college, Mr. Yocum purchased the *Columbia Spy*, and on Sept. 1st, of the same year, assumed possession and became a citizen of Columbia. This journal was established in 1816, has been published uninterruptedly ever since, and is one of the oldest papers in the county. The anti-slavery agitation in the early part of the last century, the enactment of the Fugitive Slave law, and the establishment of the "underground railroad," are largely responsible for the appropriation of this peculiar title for a newspaper, which is duplicated in the title of only one other journal in America. The *Daily Spy* is a clean, bright and neatly printed newspaper. Its large circulation and the quality of its patrons attest its influence, standing and usefulness. It is ardently devoted to the promotion of the best interests of Columbia, to which its editor has also given his personal influence and effort, and with which he has been closely and peculiarly identified.

Mr. Yocum has been closely associated with many of the prominent financial and industrial enterprises of the town. He was among the incorporators of the Columbia Iron Company, The Columbia Grey Iron Company, The East Columbia Land Company and the Columbia Trust Company, with all of which he has been actively identified either as a director, or president, secretary or treasurer. In more recent movements for industrial development he was officially identified with the establishment of the Columbia Lace and Silk mills, together employing more than a thousand hands.

In the fraternal orders, Major Yocum has filled a prominent part. He is a past commander and the quartermaster of Gen. Welsh Post, No. 118, G. A. R.; past master of Columbia Lodge, No. 286, F. & A. M.; past high priest and treasurer of Corinthian Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M.; a member of Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, Knights Templar, of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., and of Columbia Assembly, No. 20, A. O. M. P.

Mr. Yocum was born in the Lutheran Church and educated in the Reformed Church, but for the past thirty-four years has been identified with the Presbyterian Church, officially as a trustee for twenty-one years, part of the time as president and treasurer, respectively; and for nearly as many years with

the Sunday-school as teacher, secretary and superintendent.

On June 1, 1871, Mr. Yocum was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Herr, of Lancaster city, a daughter of the late Christian B. and Maria Light Herr, and a lineal descendant of Hans Herr, the pioneer settler and first Christian minister in Lancaster county. To them were born two children—a daughter who died in infancy, and a son, Howard Herr Yocum, who graduated from Princeton University in 1898, as the first honor man of his class, and with the award of the Mathematical Fellowship for a post-graduate course. He subsequently studied law and was, in 1902, admitted to the Philadelphia Bar.

JOHN REYNOLDS was born in Lancaster county in 1787, son of William Reynolds, who had come to this country in 1762. William married Catharine Ferree Lefevre, and served in the Revolutionary war.

John Reynolds was for many years editor of the *Lancaster Journal* before it became consolidated with the *Intelligencer*. After his retirement from editorial work, he was chosen guardian of the children of Thomas B. Coleman, and assumed charge of the famous Coleman iron works at Cornwall, Lebanon county, until in 1847. He was a member of the Legislature from Lancaster in 1822 and 1823. He died at Baltimore, May 11, 1853. John Reynolds was the father of Admiral William Reynolds, Gen. John F. Reynolds, and James L. Reynolds.

ADMIRAL WILLIAM REYNOLDS, brother of Gen. John F. Reynolds, was born at Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 18, 1815. He was appointed a midshipman Nov. 17, 1831, and served in Wilkes' exploring expedition from 1838 to 1842, receiving his commission as a lieutenant while with it. He was assigned to duty in the Sandwich Islands, and remained there until in 1861, when he was made commander of the naval forces at Port Royal. He became a commodore in 1870, and served as Acting Secretary of the Navy in 1873 and 1874, and was made a Rear-Admiral Dec. 12, 1873. He was soon after placed upon the retired list, and died Nov. 5, 1879, and was buried in the Lancaster cemetery.

GEN. JOHN F. REYNOLDS was born at Lancaster Sept. 21, 1820, son of John and Lydia (Moore) Reynolds. He received a common school education, and in 1837 became a cadet at West Point, from which he graduated with high honors in 1841. He was then appointed a lieutenant in the Third U. S. Artillery, stationed at Baltimore and Charleston. When the Mexican war broke out he was sent into service, and at Monterey, was breveted major for gallantry. After the war with Mexico he was stationed in command of various posts throughout the country until the Rebellion began in 1861.

In August, 1861, Major Reynolds was appointed brigadier-general of volunteers, and was assigned to the command of the First Brigade of Pennsylvania

Reserves. He took part in the campaign of the Army of the Potomac, and was in the battle known as the "Seven Days" battle, in Virginia. He also fought in General Pope's army during that general's disastrous campaign in August, 1862. On Sept. 12, 1862, he took command of the 75,000 militia called out to prevent the invasion of Pennsylvania. After Lee's defeat at Antietam, Gen. Reynolds rejoined the Army of the Potomac. He captured the Confederate works at Fredericksburg, and was appointed its military governor. He led the advance of the Union army at Gettysburg, where he lost his life on July 1, 1863. His body is interred in Lancaster cemetery. Gen. Reynolds was one of our country's greatest soldiers, and his troops had the warmest affection for him.

JAMES LEFEVRE REYNOLDS, a brother of Gen. John F. Reynolds, was born in March, 1822, and received a collegiate education at Mercersburg, in Marshall College. He studied law under John R. Montgomery, Esq., at Lancaster and was admitted to the bar Nov. 22, 1844. In 1862 he was appointed superintendent of the draft in Lancaster county, and in 1863 he was appointed quartermaster-general for Pennsylvania. In 1872 he was elected a member of the Constitutional Convention, which assembled in 1873. He died at Lancaster April 5, 1880, and is interred in Lancaster cemetery.

HENRY S. KEYLOR, a venerable and much respected farmer of Colerain township, was born in Bart township, April 1, 1836, his parents being John and Sarah (Meginness) Keylor. John Keylor was born in Germany, and his wife, Sarah, was born in Lancaster county. They made a home in Bart township, where they lived and died. Of their four living children, Henry S. Keylor is the youngest.

Henry S. Keylor was reared to manhood on the Bart farm, where he received the advantages of a district school education. He was married Feb. 16, 1864, to Martha E., a daughter of Francis and Nancy (Kerr) Scott.

Mr. Scott was born in Colerain township in 1799, and died in 1872; Nancy, his wife, was born in 1800, and died in 1891. Her father, William Kerr, was a soldier in the Revolution and crossed the Delaware with Gen. Washington on the memorable night of Dec. 25, 1776. Of their family of eight children, six are still living: Nancy J., the wife of William F. Stevenson, of Colerain township; Margaret E., who died unmarried; John C., born in Colerain township, a resident of Lafayette, Ore., where he has a family of four children, Adam, Jerome, Margaret and George; James K., now a resident of Colerain township, who married Amelia Mendenhall, has two children living, Marshall and Margaret E., now Mrs. Frank Swisher, and who celebrated his Golden Wedding March 16, 1900; Jackson, who married Amanda Hudson, lives in

Wilmington, Del., and has two daughters, Mary E., Mrs. Carpenter, of Delaware; and Annie F., of Wilmington; Frank, now living retired in San Diego, Cal.; Anna M., the widow of George M. Keylor, of Wilmington, whose only child, Thomas Bayard, died young; Martha E., Mrs. Henry S. Keylor. Frank, mentioned above, married Sarah Brady, of Colerain township, who died in Delaware, leaving one daughter, Mabel, who died young. For his second wife he married Sally S. Woodbury, in Denver. She died in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Keylor was born in Colerain township, July 22, 1839, was educated in the home schools, and when she was married, she and her husband settled on the old Keylor homestead, where they lived from 1864 to 1880. That year they moved to her father's old home. In 1890 Mr. Keylor put up there a new house, and also a large tobacco shed and out buildings. To him and his wife have been born five children: Anna L., who was born in 1864, and who died Aug. 5, 1866; John M. and Frank S., twins, born in January, 1867, the former of whom died in childhood, and the latter was educated in the home schools, remaining at home until manhood, when he became a civil and stationary engineer; Nannie A., born in Bart township, who was educated in the local schools and is living at home, unmarried; Martha Nelda, who died in childhood.

Mrs. Keylor belongs to the United Presbyterian Church, and while her husband is not a member, he is a liberal contributor to the support of this church, to which Nannie A. also belongs. Mr. Keylor is a Democrat, and has been a supervisor in Colerain township. Frank Keylor is a charter member of Bart Castle, No. 328, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and also a member of the Grand Castle of K. G. E. of Pennsylvania.

Henry S. Keylor is a brother of Milton Keylor and a relative of John Meginness, his mother belonging to that family.

ELIAS HOFFMAN WITMER, M. D., of Neffsville, is widely known in Pennsylvania and elsewhere both as a physician and as a poultry fancier. He breeds fine poultry as a pastime from his professional duties.

Dr. Witmer comes from an old Pennsylvania family, and his grandfather, a farmer, was born in Lancaster county. His father, John Witmer, also a farmer, who died forty years since, was born in Rapho township. He married Miss Maria Hoffman, daughter of the late Michael Hoffman, of West Hempfield township, and ten children were born of this union, seven of whom are living: Joseph H., a farmer living near Indianapolis, Ind.; Christian H., a farmer of Silver Spring, Lancaster county; Samuel H., of Lancaster; Mary, wife of David Baker, retired, of Landisville; Barbara, wife of Henry Baker, a farmer of Silver Spring;

Fanny, unmarried, making her home with her two married sisters; Elias H.

The Doctor was born in Rapho township March 24, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster county. He afterward attended the State Normal at Millersville, and upon leaving that institution taught school four years in East Hempfield township, making a record for progressive ideas and industry second to that of no other teacher in the community. He then began the study of medicine and surgery under the direction of Dr. S. T. Davis, afterward taking the medical course in the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1877. He then began practice at Landisville, remaining there one year, when he removed to Neffsville, where he has since resided and practiced. Some four years after his advent into Neffsville he purchased the commodious mansion of the late Dr. E. J. Bowman, one of the finest homes in the vicinity, where the Doctor has his office, and also maintains a well selected stock of drugs for the use of the public.

Dr. Witmer married April 10, 1879, Miss Ella, daughter of Franklin Sutton, one of Lancaster's best known citizens, and descended from one of Pennsylvania's leading families. Two children were born to this union: Miss Mabel Irene, who graduated in the class of 1901 from the State Normal School at Millersville; and Charles Howard, who graduated from the same institution in the class of 1902.

Dr. Witmer has been a school director of Manheim township for nineteen years, during most of that time serving as secretary of the board, and has been president of the Lancaster County School Directors' Institute. Although a member of the Church of God in Lancaster, he has been a regular attendant of the Lutheran Church, and superintendent of the Neffsville Union Sunday-school since its organization, twenty years ago; it is one of the largest and best known Sunday-schools in the county. In his professional capacity the Doctor is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society. He is a member and vice-president of the National Bantam Association of the United States and Canada and treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Poultry Association, in which he has also been honored with other official positions. As a poultry fancier no man in the State is more widely known. He has exhibited his poultry at county and State fairs time and again, and also at the World's Fair in Chicago, and at the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. He has won hundreds of premiums, in Lancaster, Philadelphia, New York, Washington, Boston and Chicago.

The Doctor is a Republican, and has given liberally of time and means for his party's success. He was a delegate to the Republican State Convention that nominated James A. Beaver for governor in the year he was elected. In 1898 the Doctor stood for a seat in the Legislature, but although

he received the largest vote on the ticket was defeated with the balance of it. When elected to the State convention he had 1,300 more votes than the next highest on the ticket, a fine endorsement of his personal and political worth.

With a splendid practice, the owner of the only drug store in Neffsville, and with unusual political strength, Dr. Witmer is to be congratulated on his prospects for a bright future.

GIDEON H. SMITH, prison inspector for Lancaster county, general blacksmith, and carriage builder at Silver Spring, in West Hempfield township, was born in Rapho township, this county, March 20, 1846, a son of Gideon and Mary (Hart-horn) Smith, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and West Donegal townships.

Gideon Smith was a farmer, and was also agent for the Champion Agricultural Implement Co., and died in Springfield, Ohio, in 1880, when sixty years old, leaving his widow and only child, Gideon H., to mourn his loss, and who both continued their residence in Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Mary (Hart-horn) Smith, who was born in 1821, subsequently married Henry Moore, a farmer, and now lives in Oreville, this county. She is a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. Six children blessed her second marriage, viz.: Henry, keeper of the county prison at Lancaster; John, a farmer on the homestead; Anna, wife of John Forrey, of West Hempfield township, and of whom more may be read on another page of this work; Mary and Sadie, unmarried and still at home; and Elizabeth, wife of Roland Greiner, toll-gatekeeper in Leacock township.

The paternal grandfather of Gideon H. Smith was John K. Smith, a farmer, whose first wife, a member of the Mumma family, became the mother of Gideon Smith. For his second wife John K. Smith married Magdalena Sterline.

Gideon H. Smith was reared on the home farm until fifteen years old, and then began at the blacksmith's trade under Emanuel Will, in Columbia, but that gentleman died a year later; young Gideon H. then drifted into the quartermaster's department in the volunteer army, in which he served from 1863 to 1865. He was next sent to the frontier in Kansas and Colorado, where he served five years. On his return home, he worked for Col. Kauffman in a smelting furnace for two years, and then began work at his trade on his own account.

On Dec. 7, 1871, Gideon H. Smith was married in Columbia, Pa., to Miss Catherine B. Kauffman, who has borne him five children, namely: Laura, wife of Charles Ditzler, a farmer at Silver Spring; and Alice, Jennie, Carrie and Mazy, all still at home. Mrs. Kate B. (Kauffman) Smith was born in West Hempfield township Aug. 29, 1846, a daughter of David and Susan (Bishop) Kauffman. David Kauffman was a teamster, and was employed in hauling ore from the banks in his township to Pitts-

burg. He and wife were parents of four children, viz.: Abraham, a farmer in West Hempfield township, and of whom a full life-sketch is given elsewhere; Harry; Martha; and Kate B. David Kauffman died Aug. 30, 1847, when forty-three years old, in the faith of the Mennonites, and Mrs. Susan (Bishop) Kauffman died Nov. 14, 1873, at the age of fifty-five, a faithful follower of the teachings of the United Brethren denomination, and they were buried in the Columbia and Ironville cemeteries, respectively.

In politics, Gideon H. Smith is a Republican, and he was elected prison inspector in 1897, and was re-elected in 1900. Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the I. O. M. C., and the Jr. O. U. A. M. The family stand high in social circles, and Mr. Smith is classed among the "solid men" of West Hempfield township and Lancaster county, where, as well as in Rapho township, his integrity is well known, and where he has friends that are warm and true as well as innumerable.

REV. J. N. GROFF. Among the widely-known and highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster county, is Rev. J. N. Groff, who for many years has been a man of high character, and a Christian leader of zeal and power.

Mr. Groff was born in East Providence township, in this county, in March, 1836, a son of Thomas and Mary A. (Newlin) Groff. Thomas Groff was born also in Providence township, in June, 1810, and his wife was born in the town of Marietta, in May, 1813, she being the daughter of Thomas Newlin, who is remembered as one of the leading citizens of that town. The Groff family traces an honorable ancestry back into the eighteenth century, Great-grandfather John Groff who married a member of the Kendig family, coming from Switzerland, of German parentage.

Henry Groff, the grandfather of Rev. J. N., of this sketch, was born in Providence township and married Rosanna Myers, who was born in Berks county, in this State. He settled in Providence township as one of the pioneers, and lived to an advanced age, rearing a family of seven children. Bitterly opposed to slavery, he first embraced the principles of the Whig party, but later became an enthusiastic Republican. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: John, married Susan Herr, and lived for a number of years, in Providence township, and then moved to Ohio, where he died at an advanced age, leaving a family which worthily upholds the old name in that State; Jacob, born in Providence township, married Susan Stoneroad, and settled in Providence, where he died at the age of forty-five years, leaving three sons and one daughter, who are still residents of this county; Anna, born in Providence, now deceased, was the wife of John Barr, who settled in Eden township, and she left two children, who live in this county;

Thomas was the father of our subject; Susan, deceased, was the wife of the late John Myers, of Colerain township, and a large family survives them; Benjamin, born in Providence, located in Mifflin county, Pa., where for many years he was a merchant, and at death left a large family; Elizabeth, the youngest of the family, never married, but died in the old home.

Thomas Groff married in 1835, Mary A. Newlin, and they settled on a farm in Providence, near his old home, and there they lived out their quiet, peaceful lives, beloved and esteemed by their friends and neighbors. Thomas survived until the age of eighty-six years, but his wife passed out of life in 1851. Both had been most worthy and consistent members of the Mennonite Church, and their lives exemplified their Christian belief. Although never a politician, Thomas Groff was a staunch member of the Republican party, formerly a Whig, and was intelligently interested all his life in public affairs. The nine children born to Thomas Groff and wife were: (1) J. N., is mentioned in full below. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1837, married Absalom Goch-nauer, of this county, and they settled in Providence, where she died in 1895, leaving a family of eight children, Mary A., Anna, Adam, Henry, John, Aldus, Franklin and Sue. (3) Rosanna, born in 1839, is the wife of Abram Dennis, of New Providence, and their children are, Harry, Thad-deus, Charles, Emma, Cassius, John, Mary, Jennie and Mable. (4) Henry, born in 1841, grew up in the old home and first married Mary Wise, of this county, and for a time they lived in Eden township, moving later to Providence, where his wife died, leaving these three sons, Elwood, Newlin and Wallace H. The second marriage of Henry Groff was to Miss Lettie Peoples, of this county, and they now reside in Providence, on his farm; their children are, Wilmer P., Clement, Martha, and Mary. (5) Benjamin, born in Providence township, in 1843, enlisted for service in the Civil war, from Lancaster county, at Philadelphia, with his brother Henry, and after serving through his first term, he re-enlisted and was killed in Virginia while on picket duty, by a sharpshooter, giving up his young life to his country. (6) Susan, born in 1845, is single, and lives with her brother Henry, in his home. (7) Fannie, born in 1847, is the wife of Rev. Tobias Brubaker, who resides in Providence township, and their children are, Aldus, Frank, Emma, Lizzie, Harry and Annie. (8) Simon died in childhood. (9) Michael also died young.

Rev. J. N. Groff grew to manhood on the old farm, and attended the common schools in his district, later taking a course of study in the Millersville Normal School, and fitting himself for the profession of teaching, which he followed for three years in the public schools of Lancaster county.

In October, 1859, Rev. Groff was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Howett, the estimable daughter of John and Elizabeth Howett, natives of Chester

county, who later settled in Providence township, in Lancaster county, and Mrs. Groff was born in Eden township Dec. 22, 1839. After marriage the young couple settled down on a farm in this township, where Mr. Groff was engaged in agricultural pursuits for the succeeding ten years, moving then to Providence township, where for five years he successfully carried on a mercantile business, later engaging in farming. In 1888 he purchased his present farm in Quarryville borough, and this has been his home. Mrs. Groff died in 1891, leaving these children: (1) Mary I., born in April, 1865, in 1888 married Harry K. Hess, of Providence, a son of Benjamin Hess, one of the county's most prominent citizens. Mr. Hess was born in 1862, and after marriage he and wife lived with his parents until his death, in 1896, leaving one son, Park E., born in 1892. Mrs. Hess lives with her father in Quarryville. (2) John F., born in 1866, married Miss Anna M. Swinehart and now resides in Eden township; their two sons are Willis and Paul. (3) Frank S., born in 1868, married Miss Annie Reese, of this county, and they are now residents of Providence township; and their three children are Rodney, Murcher and Cornelia. (4) Emma L., born in 1870, is the wife of Charles A. Aument, and she died in April, 1900, at their home in Bart township, leaving two sons, Robert and Harry. (5) Morris A., born in 1873, married Miss Lizzie Edwards, of this county, and they now reside in Colerain township; they have no family. (6) Jacob N., born in 1878, is single, and resides at home. (7) Chester E., born in December, 1884, was educated in the High school of this borough, and resides with his father.

In 1884, Mr. Groff was licensed to preach the Gospel, and in 1889 he was ordained a deacon of the Methodist Church, and he fills the office of local preacher. Since ordination he has become well known through the vicinity, as he has acceptably filled many of the pulpits. A man of high character and sterling worth, he well merits the esteem in which he is held by the community.

Politically Mr. Groff has always been thoroughly identified with the Republican party, and has taken a prominent part in public affairs. He has been one of the efficient councilmen, and was its very capable president when this borough was organized. In religious matters he has taken an active part since his youth, has served as one of the trustees of the Methodist Church, has been for an extended period one of the stewards and a class leader of power. His assistance was of note in the building of the Quarryville Methodist Church, and he is known for his estimable traits of character, not only in religious but also in public and social circles in this locality.

SQUIRE FRANK M. TROUT, surveyor and conveyancer, residing in Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where his useful

career has so far been passed, Feb. 26, 1846, son of George and Maria (Eckman) Trout.

John Trout, his grandfather, was born in 1790, in Lancaster county, his parents coming from Germany. He married Mary Ferree, also a native of Lancaster county, daughter of Samuel Ferree, who came here from Germany with his widowed mother, Mrs. Daniel Ferree, and bought a thousand acres of land in Providence township from the estate of William Penn. John Trout settled at Mt. Pleasant, in Bart township, where he lived and died, working as a carpenter for many years, and also doing work as an undertaker. He was the father of ten children: (1) Barbara, born in 1812, married John Smith, and died at Christiana, Sadsbury township, leaving one daughter, Loretta. (2) Hannah, born in 1813, married John Neidich, of Paradise township, and died leaving four children: Mary T., Susie E., wife of George H. Hawthorn, of Lancaster City; John M., a resident of Lancaster, who married Hetty Lemmon; and Hannah, wife of Samuel McClune. (3) George is mentioned below. (4) Susan, born in 1816, was the wife of George Heidlebaugh, and both are deceased. Their family consisted of Samuel; Mary E., wife of Jacob Landis; Letitia; and Frank B., all residents of Lancaster. (5) Mary, born in 1820, married Augustus B. Miller, and both died in Lancaster, leaving the following children: Anna, wife of Isaac L. Bauman, of Lancaster; Naomi C., of Lancaster; and Winslow A., married and residing at Steelton, Dauphin county. (6) John F., born in 1821, married Sarah Bower, and for a number of years lived in Bart township, then moved to Lancaster, where he and his wife died, leaving the following named children: Jacob S., who married Viola Moore, of Christiana, where they reside; Joseph H., of Lancaster, who married Ida Foulk; Christ S., deceased; Benjamin, a grocer in Lancaster; Mary J., wife of Joshua Chamberlain, and living in Philadelphia; and Lettie, who is unmarried, and lives in Strasburg Borough. (7) Abraham, born in 1823, married Elizabeth Mancha, and spent his life on a farm in Bart township, where he and his wife died, leaving the following children: Edwin J., of Christiana; Naomi, wife of J. C. Watson, a prominent coal operator of Barnum, W. Va.; Alice, who married Daniel K. Landis, by whom she had one daughter, Mary, and for her second husband married John Lytle, a merchant of Strasburg; A. Ferree, a farmer in Bart township, who married Katie Gearheart; and Frank T., a resident of West Virginia, who married Ella Leech. (8) Henry, born in 1825, married Elizabeth Bowman, and lives on his farm in Strasburg township. They have had five children: Elam, a miller of Strasburg; Frank J., a farmer in Bart township, who married Lizzie A. Huber, of Lancaster county; Elmer J., who married Phoebe J. Howey, and lives in Lancaster city; Henry F., married and engaged in farming in Bart township; and Anna, wife of Amos B.

Lemon, of Strasburg township. (9) Catherine, born in 1829, is the wife of Jacob J. Bachman, of Bart township, and has no family. (10) Anna E., born in 1832, is the wife of Benjamin R. Hand, a merchant of Goldsboro, N. C., and has one daughter, Elva, now the wife of Henry Epting, a drug-gist of that city.

George Trout, born Feb. 4, 1815, in Bart township, was educated in the district schools of that township. In 1844 he married Maria Eckman, who was born in Colerain in 1810, daughter of Jacob and Catharine Eckman. They settled in Bart township on a farm, which later passed into the possession of his son, and he was very successful, finally buying a large farm in Mt. Pleasant, on which he made his home the rest of his life, passing away in 1893. The widow is still living, and resides with her son, Frank M., whose career is the theme of this writing. George Trout was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, as is also his widow, and in every way they were regarded as good Christian people. In politics Mr. Trout was an enthusiastic Republican from the earliest organization of the party. He left two children: Frank M.; and Mary, who was born in Bart township in March, 1849. The daughter was reared at home and acquired her early education in the local schools; she attended high school at Oxford and at Christiana, and for several years was a very successful teacher. In 1873 she married Dr. B. F. Rogers, of Millersville, who has since become a surgeon in the United States Navy, and is now at Manila. He has traveled all over the world. For some three years they had their home at Annapolis, when he was stationed there. When he was abroad his wife remained at the home of her parents, where she died in 1886, leaving one daughter, Zaidie L., now a resident of Lancaster county, a young woman of much character and culture, who was graduated from the Lititz high school.

Jacob Eckman, father of Maria (Eckman) Trout, was born in 1786, one of the seven children of John Eckman, who owned several hundred acres of land in Colerain township, and was an officer in the Revolutionary war. Jacob Eckman married Catharine Miller, who was born in 1788, and they had ten children: (1) Maria, already spoken of, was born in 1810. (2) Elizabeth, born in 1813, married a Kirkwood, and settled in Richland county, Ohio, where they raised a large family, now scattered through the Middle West. (3) Susan, born in 1814, married William Brabson, and lived in Lancaster and Perry counties until the breaking out of the Civil war, when Mr. Brabson joined the army and died in the service. They had three children, Frank, Emma and Hannah. They together with their mother are residents of Logan county, Ohio. (4) Catharine, born in 1817, married Amos Griest, and to this union were born six children, Kate, Emma, Nettie, Ella, Annie and Marion, all residents of Lancaster county. (5) Isaac, born in

1818, had no family. (6) Miller, born in 1820, married Elizabeth Eckman; they had one son, George E., who has been for many years a clerk in the Lancaster Postoffice. (7) Joshua, born in 1823, married Mary Brown; they had one daughter, Ethalinde, who married James Marsh, a merchant of Philadelphia. (8) David, born in 1825, married Elizabeth Montgomery, and had five children, Elmira, Kate, Lizzie, Louisa and David, all of whom are residents of Kansas City, Mo. (9) Jacob, born in 1828, married Lizzie Horner, and had one son, W. Boyd. They are residents of Philadelphia. (10) Hester A., born in 1830, married Christian Kreider, and has no family. Of the above family of ten children, seven at this writing (1903) survive, their combined ages amounting to five hundred and ninety-one years.

Frank M. Trout received his early education in the home schools and in the Academy at Lancaster. His successful career began in the school room, where he was a teacher of pronounced ability. This work he followed for some twelve years, in both public and private schools, and it was during this time that he took up the study of surveying, which he began to follow in 1883. Immediate success crowned his efforts, and he is now having all the work he can possibly accomplish.

Mr. Trout was married in 1867 to Miss S. Alice Cooper, daughter of William P., and Anna (Walker) Cooper. Her father was the founder of the large woolen mills at one time very extensively operated in Georgetown, Bart township. Mrs. Trout was born in 1844, in Bart township, and there she received her early education. Later she was a student at the State Normal School at Millersville, and for a number of years was a very successful teacher in Bart and Sadsbury townships. Her parents moved to New Jersey, where they died, leaving a family: J. P., who is in California; A. W., in New Jersey; Willie A., living in Philadelphia; and Mrs. Trout, the only one of the family who resides in Lancaster county.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout first settled on the old home farm near Mt. Pleasant, where they remained until in 1890, he purchased the home in which his parents began their married life, and in that home they are found at the present time. To him and his good wife have come the following family: (1) B. Frank, born in 1876, graduated from the Ohio University as a civil engineer, and is now employed on the Pennsylvania railroad, having his headquarters at Harrisburg. He married Miss Myrtle Donaldson, of Pittsburg. They have no family. (2) Mazie A., born in 1878, was educated in the Octoraro Academy, and for four years has been engaged very successfully in teaching in Chester and Lancaster counties. (3) Clara M., born in 1880, is the wife of Edwin S. Hersh, of Strasburg township, and is the mother of one son, Earl. (4) Willa Blanche, born in 1882, is at home. (5) Park, born in 1883, is a farmer at home. (6) Jerry P., born

in 1886, and (7) Maurice R., born in 1890, are attending school.

Squire Trout has always been a Republican, and in 1889 was elected county surveyor; he was re-elected in 1892 and served until 1895. In 1885 he was elected justice of the peace in Bart township, and has served continuously in that position to the present time, his term of office not expiring until 1905. He has also been auditor of the township, and school director, is a popular and respected citizen of his community, and has always taken a leading part in its affairs. He and his wife are both members of the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, where their many good qualities command a hearty recognition. The Trouts are an old and honored family in Lancaster county, and Squire Trout worthily sustains the good name of his forefathers.

CHARLES SCOTT YEAGER, the enterprising and successful publisher of the well-known *Ephrata Review*, one of the most prosperous and best conducted journals in Lancaster county, was born Jan. 1, 1864, son of John J. and Rebecca (Wickel) Yeager, the former of whom was one of the best known educators in Lancaster county. Many of the pupils of John J. Yeager are prominent in social, business and religious life, and all felt his influence in shaping their careers.

John J. Yeager was born Nov. 27, 1827, and died Oct. 7, 1892. On Dec. 21, 1856, he wedded Rebecca Wickel, who survives and resides with her daughter in Ephrata. To this union were born: Annie, born Feb. 24, 1858, married Christian E. King, of Ephrata, and they have one daughter, Miriam R.; John J., Jr., born Jan. 30, 1861, who became an efficient teacher in the public schools, and who later was associated with his brother in the newspaper business, married Miss Linda Fahnestock, and at his death, Nov. 6, 1886, left his widow with one daughter, Elsie; and Charles Scott, the immediate subject of this biography.

Charles S. Yeager was born in Ephrata, and passed from its excellent Academy into active workaday life, entering a printing office in 1878, and thoroughly learning the trade in all its branches. On Feb. 10, 1883, in connection with his brother, he bought the *Review* from its former owner, H. S. Rice, the paper having been founded in 1878 by D. S. and J. W. Von Nieda. Since that time, Mr. Yeager has conducted a clean, newsy, up-to-date journal, devoted to the best interests of the locality, and he has received much encouragement. The paper is issued weekly and is neutral in politics, and is conducted more in the interests of the borough and county than as a political medium, its subscription list running as high as 2,000 copies each week, and steadily increasing.

On March 29, 1886, Mr. Yeager was married to Miss Martha Mast, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Zug) Mast, who was one of a family of seven children: Henry, a resident of the State of

Maryland; Annie, deceased wife of Solomon Yoder, of Tennessee; Elizabeth, wife of Shem Zook, of West Liberty, Ohio; Sarah, wife of Lewis Yoder, of Long Green, Md., deceased; John, of Virginia; and Emma, wife of Moses Nafzinger, of Long Green, Md. To Mr. and Mrs. Yeager four children have been born: Arthur M., born June 17, 1889; Edith May, born Aug. 12, 1894; Laura Ellen, born Aug. 25, 1897; and Charles Scott, Jr., born April 30, 1900. As one of the leading citizens of Ephrata, Mr. Yeager exerts a wide influence, and it is ever in the direction of progress and in the interest of education and enlightenment. At the head of a great paper, he is in a position of usefulness, and he takes a prominent part in every movement for the community's good.

FRANKLIN J. EVANS. Through his capable supervision of important business interests, Mr. Evans has gained a position among the representative business men of Lancaster. He is a member of a pioneer family of this county and was born near Neffsville, July 9, 1855, a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Groff) Evans. His paternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Evans, lived upon a farm in this county, and were honored and respected citizens. The maternal grandfather, Martin Groff, was also the owner of an improved farm in the same locality. Tracing the family genealogy, we find that the Evans ancestors were of Scotch-Irish extraction, while the Groff family came from Switzerland.

Though for years in early life a tiller of the soil, Benjamin Evans made the meat business his principal occupation, and conducted a trade in that line from the time of his settlement in Lancaster until his death, which occurred May 1, 1900, at sixty-nine years of age. His wife, who was born in March, 1829, now makes her home with a daughter at Bareville, Lancaster county; both became identified with the German Baptist Brethren Church at an early age, and he was buried in the cemetery of that denomination at Neffsville. The children born of their union are as follows: Alfred D., a farmer on the Fruitville pike, Manheim township; Sadie, wife of Jeremiah Stump, of Bareville; Franklin J., of Lancaster; John M., deceased; Mary E., who died at the age of seventeen years; Elizabeth, wife of J. W. Lansinger, an instructor and the treasurer of Millersville Normal School; William L., a farmer in Manheim township, and also a partner of his brother, Franklin J., in the meat business; and Benjamin G., who is a farmer and butcher in Manheim township.

While still an infant, Franklin J. Evans was brought to Lancaster by his parents, but at the age of nine years he returned to the old Groff homestead, and four years later removed to another farm on the Fruitville pike, where his brother, William L., now resides. After four years there the family returned to Lancaster. Under the instruction and

oversight of his father he early gained a thorough knowledge of the meat business, and thus was qualified to conduct the industry with success. April 1, 1882, he was made a partner in the business under the firm title of Benjamin Evans & Co., and April 2, 1894, he and his brother, William L., became equal partners, since which time they have continued together. The duties connected with his market occupy Mr. Evans' entire attention, to the exclusion of politics or other public affairs. Reared in the faith of the German Baptist Brethren denomination, he has always remained a faithful member of the same and has been a contributor to its benevolences.

At Petersburg, Pa., in October, 1877, occurred the marriage of Mr. Evans to Amanda L. Zimmerman, who was born in Petersburg in September, 1856, being a daughter of Henry and Leah (Longenecker) Zimmerman, residents of Lancaster county. Her father, who combined the occupations of farmer and tailor, died at Petersburg, after which Mrs. Zimmerman made her home with Mrs. Evans until her death. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Evans comprises the following children: Minnie M., Benjamin F., Elizabeth Z. and Paul Z. The older daughter is the wife of Samuel Shultz and has two children, Ruth and Samuel James.

JEREMIAH HERR, whose name is familiar to all acquainted with the farming circles of Lancaster county as that of a capable and successful representative of the agricultural interests of that flourishing county, has a beautiful country home two miles from the city of Lancaster. He was born near Lime Valley, West Lampeter township, June 26, 1836, a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Hershey) Herr, natives of West Lampeter township. Rev. Bishop Christian Herr, the grandfather of Jeremiah, was a man widely known and much respected for his Godly character and pure life.

Jeremiah Herr was born on the old homestead, and secured his education at the local schools. Remaining at home he assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, which occurred Nov. 29, 1859, when Miss Elizabeth K. Landis became his wife. The young couple made their home on the farm he has since occupied, and which belonged to his maternal grandfather, Andrew Hershey. There he has made his home to the present time, devoting himself to its cultivation. It contains 185 acres, and is classed among the very best farms of the county, having improvements of the highest grade. On it are two brick residences, the one occupied by his son-in-law, and the other, erected in 1887, a thoroughly modern one, regarded as one of the finest farm houses in the county, is occupied by Mr. Herr.

Mrs. Jeremiah Herr was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Kreider) Landis, and was born in East Lampeter township, Nov. 5, 1837. She died Oct. 29, 1891, the mother of four chil-

dren: (1) Anna E., born Sept. 6, 1860, died Nov. 10, 1864. (2) Elias L., born July 31, 1862, married Katie W. Brubaker, and died March 31, 1890, leaving his widow with two children, Benjamin B. and Annie B.; the widowed mother died June 4, 1897. (3) Elizabeth L., born Jan. 15, 1865, is the wife of Henry H. Shenk, and they reside on the Herr homestead; they are the parents of one child, Emma H. (4) Emma L., born May 25, 1867, presides over the father's home. They are all consistent and honored members of the Old Mennonite Church.

SIMON PETER EBY, distinguished in horticulture, arboriculture and the law, is a descendant of a family who came to America from Switzerland in 1715 to escape religious persecution at home. He is a direct descendant of Theodorus Eby, who was born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, April 25, 1663.

When William Penn threw open the doors of Pennsylvania to honorable men of all religious persuasions, there were many Mennonites to avail themselves of the opportunity for a home and life in a land of peace and honor. Among them was Theodorus Eby, son of Bishop Jacob Eby, who came in 1715; his nephew, Peter, arrived five years later, and Nicholas Eby, of the same family, crossed the ocean more than a hundred years afterward. The Ebys were long prominent in the Mennonite Church. Rev. Benjamin Eby, presiding bishop of the Mennonites in Canada, married a Brubaker and left a family of eleven children. Bishop Peter Eby, elder brother of Bishop Benjamin, was noted for his eloquence, and was likened by many to the distinguished Thaddeus Stevens. He was a Mennonite bishop in Lancaster county for many years.

John Eby, the grandfather of Simon P., was the third son of Christian and Catherine (Bricker) Eby, and was born in the old homestead in what is now Elizabeth township, Lancaster county. The old mill that his father built for him in 1790 was his home from early manhood. He died May 25, 1845, and is buried in the family graveyard. On July 1, 1794, he married Maria Witwer who was born Aug. 25, 1773; she survived him eleven years, and died Aug. 29, 1856. To this marriage were born eight children, among them Elias, the father of Simon P.

Elias Eby was born Feb. 21, 1806, and died Sept. 11, 1862. He married Elizabeth Erb, a member of another numerous and influential family of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of three children: Simon Peter; Mary E., wife of John Longenecker; and Eliza Ann, who died Oct. 3, 1878.

Simon P. Eby was born at Willow Banks Mills, in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, Aug. 1, 1827. His ancestors having been builders as well as operators of mills for five generations, it was the intention of his father that Simon P. should follow in their footsteps. For that purpose he gave him only a limited education, but what he had was of the best, in that he was a pupil in the Beck School at

Lititz. However, there was awakened in the mind of the young Eby a thirst for knowledge and a determination to study law. While working in the mill he studied Blackstone far into the night, and in the early morning when on watch. At the age of seventeen he was installed in the mill, and rose rapidly from position to position, until he became his father's assistant in a general and varied business of milling, farming and ore hauling, this last enterprise employing some thirty horses. But he still retained his dream of the law, and in 1850 came the turning point of his life in the total destruction of his father's mills by fire and the obliteration of the savings of a life-time of honest work. Friends came to the assistance of that worthy gentleman, the mill was rebuilt, and the people of the county elected him sheriff, but he was never able to recover the lost ground. His debts were gradually paid, as those of an honorable man. Having been elected sheriff, he came to Lancaster to live, and in the spring of 1852 Simon P. Eby began the reading of law in the office of the late Hon. I. E. Hiester, being admitted to the Bar two years later. For several years he shared the office of Mr. Hiester, and then removed to Widmyer's Row, in 1863 becoming an occupant of part of the office of Nathaniel Ellmaker. So long as that distinguished gentleman lived the two were together, and there never arose the slightest trouble between them. Mr. Eby is still occupying the office accommodations which he shared with Mr. Ellmaker as long as that gentleman lived.

Mr. Eby has always been noted for his broad and liberal ideas, and, while never seeking office, he has insisted that a citizen should be interested in politics, as part of his debt due to his country. Mr. Eby was a member of the school board of Lancaster six years, and finally declined continuance in the position. For a time he was chairman of the committee on Night Schools, and became so interested in this valuable work that he delivered a course of lectures to the boys on American History. He strenuously advocated the introduction of the study of German into the public schools of the city. For twenty-one years he has served as a vestryman in St. James Episcopal Church, and was one of the trustees and treasurer of the Bishop Bowman Church Home, an institution connected with the parish of St. James. Mr. Eby belongs to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and is its counsel, being formerly associated with the late Hon. Marriott Brosius, both gentlemen giving their services free.

Mr. Eby owns a country seat near Mountville, this county, and is an ardent horticulturist and a strong advocate of the protection of the forests. For many years he was librarian and counsel for the Lancaster County Agricultural and Horticultural Society, and, in recognition of his enlightened services for the public in this connection, he was elected a life member of the corporation. Twice he has appeared alone before the Pennsylvania Legislature to plead for an act to prevent the indiscriminate de-



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struction of the forests, and to encourage tree planting.

In 1863 Mr. Eby was married to Amelia F., a daughter of Henry Mengle, a leading citizen of Berks county, and of this union was born one son, John Henry, named for his grandfather. The son graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, class of 1891, and afterward took a three-years course in the Michigan Mining School at Houghton. He is now living in Los Angeles, and is in the service of the Southern Pacific railroad, running from New Orleans to California. He is married, and has one son.

WILLIAM SMITH HASTINGS. Among the leading farmers of Drumore township, William Smith Hastings takes a prominent place. He was born Aug. 17, 1842, a son of Jeremiah and Rebecca (Smith) Hastings, the former of whom was a native of Colerain township, Lancaster county, and the latter of Chester county, belonging to the same family of Smiths as did Robert Fulton, inventor of the first steamboat.

Jeremiah Hastings came of English ancestry, being of the same family as the celebrated Warren Hastings, of England. He was born March 12, 1807, a son of John Hastings, who served in the war of 1812, and who reared a family of nine children, these being: William, who was one of the first teachers in the Strasburg Academy, a bright, intelligent man, who mastered the science of Anatomy in six weeks; Stephen, a farmer; John, a farmer; Franklin, who became a wealthy banker of Sacramento, Ca.; Rachel; Maria; Margaret; Jane and Jeremiah. Jeremiah Hastings became the father of eight children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Rachel A., the wife of Benjamin Whitesides, of Chester county; M. H., a farmer of Colerain township; William S.; Esther J., deceased wife of William H. Hogg; Miss Rebecca M., who lives in Philadelphia; Hannah, wife of Nathaniel Furguson, a commission merchant of Philadelphia; and Jeremiah M., a commission merchant of Philadelphia. Jeremiah Hastings, the father, died March 3, 1879, after a life devoted chiefly to farming. He was a stanch Democrat all his life. For many years he was a representative farmer.

William S. Hastings is one of the most highly esteemed and substantial farmers of this county, yet he began at the bottom of the ladder, climbing to his present position only through hard work and economy. On April 7, 1892, he was married to Miss Ida E. McSparran, of Fairfield, Drumore township. She was born April 8, 1856, a daughter of Fleming and Mary Elizabeth (Pusey) McSparran, and comes from one of the leading families of Lancaster county. To Fleming McSparran and wife were born thirteen children, these being: Emma H., who is the wife of David Weidley, of Fairfield, Pa.; James M., of whom extended mention is made elsewhere; Lydia, wife of Dr. E. M. Zell, of

Lancaster county; Edwin, who died in childhood; Chaney, a farmer of Fulton township; Mary A., deceased; Ida E., wife of Mr. Hastings; W. F., of Drumore township, more extended mention of whom is elsewhere found; Marion, unmarried, of Drumore township; Edgar L., whose sketch also appears elsewhere; Isabel, a teacher in the Philadelphia public schools; and Margaret S. and Anna P., deceased. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hastings.

Mr. Hastings has always been a stanch Democrat, and he is a leading member of the Presbyterian church. During the Civil war he was in 1863, a volunteer in the 29th P. V. I. One of the farms owned by Mr. Hastings consists of sixty acres, at the home place, which is well improved, and another of eighty acres at the south side of Fairfield. Mr. Hastings is spoken of as a splendid neighbor, the meaning of this being that he is kind, considerate and obliging, and as such he enjoys the esteem of all with whom he is associated.

DAVID BINKLEY WIDMYER, now in control of the furniture and undertaking business at the corner of East King and Duke streets, Lancaster, is the natural successor of his father, the lamented J. Harry Widmyer, who succeeded to his business from his father, Christian Widmyer, the founder of the house.

Christian Widmyer was born in Entingen, the kingdom of Wurtemberg, March 31, 1807, a son of Jacob Widmyer, an enterprising farmer who had inherited his land from his father. Christian passed his boyhood in his native place, which was located less than three miles from the Black Forest. The public schools afforded him excellent educational advantages, and at the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to learn the cabinet maker's trade. During dull seasons he still assisted his father on the farm. At the age of seventeen he went to Vienna, and worked at his trade until obliged to return home for the conscription. His name, however, was not drawn, and he so escaped military duty. After a few years more at his trade he determined to come to America. To this his mother consented on the condition that he would visit home every three years, a condition to which he agreed, but which he was unable to fill. On June 8, 1830, at the age of twenty-three, he embarked with two friends from Havre, and after forty-seven days on the water landed at New York. Failing to find work at his trade either in New York or Philadelphia, he found his means exhausted. Being advised to go to Lancaster, he made the journey on foot accompanied by a Frenchman. A few days after reaching the city (Sept. 23, 1830), he found work with Robert Porter, a cabinet maker, with whom he remained until the following year, when he entered the employ of John Christ, remaining with him for several years. He then went to Philadelphia, but not liking his work there, re-

turned to Lancaster and began work for John F. Shroder. In 1842 he was given an interest in the business, and in 1844, Mr. Shroder having been elected county treasurer, Mr. Widmyer assumed the business. In 1851 he bought the property at East King and Duke streets, and erected the first four-story building in Lancaster. He continued in active work until 1871, when he sold out to his son J. Harry and J. F. Ricksecker.

On Feb. 4, 1836, Christian Widmyer was married by Rev. John C. Baker, then pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, to Harriet Maria Brown, daughter of John and Margaret (Lind) Brown. Their wedding trip was a sleigh ride to New Holland and return. On Feb. 4, 1886, the Golden Wedding was appropriately celebrated. Mrs. Widmyer died in 1886, aged seventy-eight, and Mr. Widmyer passed away Nov. 22, 1892, aged eighty-five. Their children were: J. Harry; Christian J., in the real estate business in Philadelphia; Clara, who married the late Edwin H. Brown, for a quarter of a century cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, and has a son, Dr. C. H. Brown; and a daughter, Clara, wife of H. S. Williamson; Mary Ellen, who married D. S. Bursk, a prominent grocer of Lancaster, and has four children, Robert G., J. Howard, Hattie and Sue; and Miss Emily. Fraternally Christian Widmyer was a Mason. On May 9, 1838, he joined Lodge No. 43, of which in 1857 he became a trustee, holding that office by successive re-elections for over thirty years; he was a member and trustee of Chapter No. 43, R. A. M. and of Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and a member of Goodwin Council, No. 19. When he had rounded out fifty years a Mason, in May, 1888, special services were held in the lodge room, and he was presented with a silver badge. He also belonged to the I. O. O. F., and to the K. of P. Politically he was an ardent Democrat, and for several years served in the councils. In religious faith a Lutheran, he was one of the first members of St. John's Lutheran Church. He was one of the founders of Woodward Hill cemetery, and was a member of the board of trustees at the time of his death. He was also for many years a member of the board of trustees of the Home for Friendless Children. A man of the strictest integrity, he faithfully performed his duty in all positions he was called upon to fill.

J. Harry Widmyer was born May 28, 1847, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the cabinet maker's trade, and soon became conversant with all the details. He became assistant superintendent of his father's factory, and when the latter retired in 1871, J. Harry, with the late J. F. Ricksecker, purchased the business, and conducted it under the name of Widmyer & Ricksecker, a furniture and undertaking business, until the death of Mr. Ricksecker, when Mr. Widmyer assumed the sole ownership. His trade developed into large proportions, and his wares were sold in all parts of the country. In

1892 his son was admitted as a partner in the undertaking business. During the previous year the factory and store were remodeled and extended to meet the requirements of the greatly increased business. On April 22, 1869, J. Harry Widmyer was married to Dora S. Binkley, and one son, David B., was born to them. Mr. Widmyer died suddenly on Thanksgiving Day, 1899. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and had been secretary of its council for fifteen years and Librarian of the Sunday-school many years. He was a trustee of the Home for Friendless Children and of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Association. In the Royal Arcanum, of which he was a charter member, he had passed all the chairs. Politically he was, like his father, a Democrat, but steadfastly declined to hold office. No business man in Lancaster held a higher reputation for integrity, and his success was well deserved. His impulses were generous, and his disposition genial, and his warm social nature won him many friends to whom his sudden death was a severe shock.

David B. Widmyer, after graduating from the high school in Lancaster, attended the State Normal School at Millersville. His professional studies were pursued in schools of embalming in New York and Harrisburg. He was the organizer of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors' Association, of which he was president for four years, and he was first vice-president and chairman of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors' State Association.

In June, 1900, Mr. Widmyer was nominated for the presidency of the Pennsylvania Association, that was held at Hazleton, declining the honor, but two years later, in June, 1902, he was elected at Gettysburg. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and is financial secretary of St. John's Church, and is also secretary of the Sunday school. Socially he is a charter member of the Royal Arcanum of Lancaster, and of the Loyal Addition (a branch of the Arcanum), B. P. O. E., the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, and the Knights of the Maccabees.

On Oct. 5, 1893, Mr. Widmyer was married to Miss Ora E. Miller, daughter of Benjamin P. Miller, the head of the extensive grocery house of Miller & Hartman. They have one son, John Henry. Mr. Widmyer assumed the charge of the extensive business interests left to him by his father, and by his courtesy and fair dealing has maintained the standing of the old house.

JOHN HERTZLER MOORE, a retired farmer and former miller in Rapho township, with his home on Big Chicques Creek, five miles from Columbia, Pa., was born in Penn township, Aug. 24, 1833, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Moore. His father was born in Penn township, and his mother in Rapho township. In connection with this sketch should be read that of Phares Moore, a nephew of John Hertzler Moore, mentioned else-

where, and in which will be found interesting family data.

John Hertzler Moore was married May 15, 1873, to Elizabeth C. Eberly, by whom he became the father of the following children: Clara E., deceased; Miss Florence A., at home; John M., deceased; Norman E., deceased; and Elvin E., Martin A. and Howard E., all at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth C. (Eberly) Moore was born in Cumberland county, Pa., a daughter of Moses and Elizabeth (Breneman) Eberly. Her father was born in Cumberland county, and her mother in Manor township, Lancaster county. He died in Mechanicsburg, Pa., in August, 1898, at the age of sixty-nine years. Her mother, who was born in 1828, is still living, and has her home in Mechanicsburg. Mr. Eberly was a farmer until three years before his death, when he retired, and removed to Mechanicsburg. For some years he was a school director, and a leading and influential member of the Old Mennonite Church, where his clean and wholesome living, his kind heart and upright character commanded much respect and confidence. To him and his excellent wife were born the following children: Joseph A., a farmer in Cumberland county; Alice Amanda, deceased; Elizabeth C., who is noted above as Mrs. Moore; and Anna M., who died young.

John Hertzler Moore remained at home under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-three. After this he served an apprenticeship of two years in the milling business, under his brother Michael, and then came to his present location, where he has remained to the present time, operating a mill in connection with farming, and displaying much industry, good management and unmistakable rectitude. In 1897 he retired from active labors, and is now enjoying that rest and peace that should naturally attend the closing years of a useful and well-spent life. For many years he was a director of the First National Bank of Lancaster, from which position he only retired in April, 1901. Mrs. Moore was an especially capable woman, and displayed fine business ability. She passed away Dec. 10, 1901.

WILLIAM FREELAND HUMBLE, cashier of the Conestoga Steam Mills, Lancaster, is descended from a family who settled in America in 1720, and who have been extensive landowners for generations. His maternal ancestors, the Traceys, came from Ireland, while the Freeland's came from England. They settled in Baltimore county, Md., where they became extensive landowners, so extensive, indeed, that Freeland Station (and also post office), in Baltimore county, is named after them. Mr. Humble's grandfather, Urias Freeland, lived and died in Baltimore county, and his father, Lewis Humble, came to America from Hanover, Germany, in 1830, settling in Baltimore county. He married Mrs. Anna (Freeland) Allison, and they had two

children, William F. and Henry, the latter a veteran of the Civil war, who, after serving gallantly all through the war of the Rebellion as a member of the 2d P. V. I. and 20th P. V. C., went to Maryland, where he still lives. Lewis Humble died in 1885, aged seventy-six years, and his wife entered into rest in 1876, aged seventy-four years and six months.

William F. Humble was born in Columbia, Lancaster county (where his father was connected with a warehouse), Oct. 7, 1843, and was educated there and in Reading. After reaching manhood he became connected with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Lancaster, first as clerk, then as agent, and finally as general agent, remaining in the service of that company for twenty years, less six weeks. Resigning his position on Saturday, April 30, 1887, he assumed his new position in the Conestoga Steam Mills, under the late S. S. Spencer, on Monday morning, May 2d, Sunday having intervened between the two positions; and there, in the Conestoga Steam Mills, we find him to-day, occupying the responsible position of cashier, after an uninterrupted service of sixteen years.

Mr. Humble was married May 26, 1880, to Miss Ida Dorwart, daughter of Martin Dorwart, of Lancaster. Two children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy. The other, M. Alan Humble, graduated at the Horner Military School at Oxford, N. C., in May, 1903, enjoying the distinction of graduating at the institution when less than sixteen years old, his sixteenth birthday not occurring until the August after his graduation.

Mr. Humble is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., of Columbia. He belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, and is a Republican in politics. He lives at No. 133 East James street, having purchased one of the handsome and comfortable homes on that block years ago; and, although having charge of the financial affairs of a vast manufacturing business, is ever genial, and ready to give a kindly greeting and encouraging word to those with whom he comes in contact.

WHITELL L. REEL, farmer and produce dealer of Salisbury township, and one of the most respected of its citizens, was born in this township Feb. 14, 1849, son of Isaac and Mary (Landis) Reel.

Isaac Reel was a successful farmer and prominent man in Salisbury township, where he died in June, 1893, at the age of eighty-four years, the burial taking place in Mt. Zion Church cemetery. His widow died in January, 1898, at the age of eighty-seven years. Both had been consistent members of Mt. Zion Church. In politics he was a Republican. Their children were as follows: Elam, who is postmaster and farmer at Cambridge, Pa.; Catherine, who married Amos Eagle, and lives on a farm in Salisbury township; Soloinon, Gabriel and Martin, who all died young; Isaac, a farmer in Ches-

ter county; Amos, a farmer in Cambridge; John, who was also a farmer, and died at the age of twenty-six; Whitell, the subject of this sketch; Mary, who married William Habler, a shoemaker of this township; and Samuel, who is a resident of Coatesville.

The paternal great-grandparents of Mr. Reel were Christian and Debra Reel, who came to America from Germany about 1770 and settled as farmers in Trappe, Montgomery county. The paternal grandparents were Nicholas and Elizabeth (Setzler) Reel, farming people of Montgomery county, who came to Lancaster about 1815, and located in Salisbury township, where the former died in 1824, aged forty-three years, and the latter in 1866, aged eighty-seven years. Both were buried in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery. Their children were: Gabriel; Isaac; Elizabeth, who married Linton Patton; Sallie, who died unmarried at the age of fifty-two years; Catherine, who married Philip Miller; and Anna, who married Abra Arnold, all of these being deceased.

The early days of Whitell L. Reel were spent in attendance at school and in work on the farm, where he remained until his marriage. He then engaged for some eighteen years in farming on his own account, coming at that time to his present very productive property. Mr. Reel makes it his business to attend the Coatesville market with produce twice a week, and enjoys a large patronage. Mr. Reel is well and favorably known in this community, and bears a reputation for honest dealing and upright methods which reflect only credit upon him. In politics he is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He belongs to the Methodist Church, and fraternally is connected with the order of P. O. S. of A.

In June, 1876, in Philadelphia, Mr. Reel was married to Miss Sallie J. Eagle, and two children were born to this union: Alvah J., a steel worker in the Coatesville Steel Works; and Chester L., at home. Mrs. Sallie J. (Eagle) Reel was born on the farm where the family now resides, Jan. 5, 1849, daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Emory) Eagle, of Salisbury township and Chester county, respectively. Mr. Eagle was a carpenter and undertaker, and died in March, 1881, aged sixty-five years. His widow died in 1897, aged seventy-three years. Both are buried at Cambridge, Pa. They were members of the Honeybrook M. E. Church. Their only child was Mrs. Reel. Her paternal grandparents were George and Jane Eagle, of Lancaster county, and those on the maternal side were George and Elizabeth Emory, farming people of Chester county, all these names belonging to old and honored Pennsylvania families.

ARTHUR BURT, a well-known resident of Lancaster county, resides at Waterloo Farm—a delightful country seat comprising 200 acres. It is situated in Salisbury township, on the old road leading from Lancaster to Philadelphia, nineteen miles

east from Lancaster, and forty-four miles west from Philadelphia. Mr. Burt was born on this farm Aug. 10, 1852, a son of Col. Nathaniel and Jane (Brooke) Burt, natives, respectively, of Philadelphia and Chester county, and members of two of the most prominent families in the State of Pennsylvania.

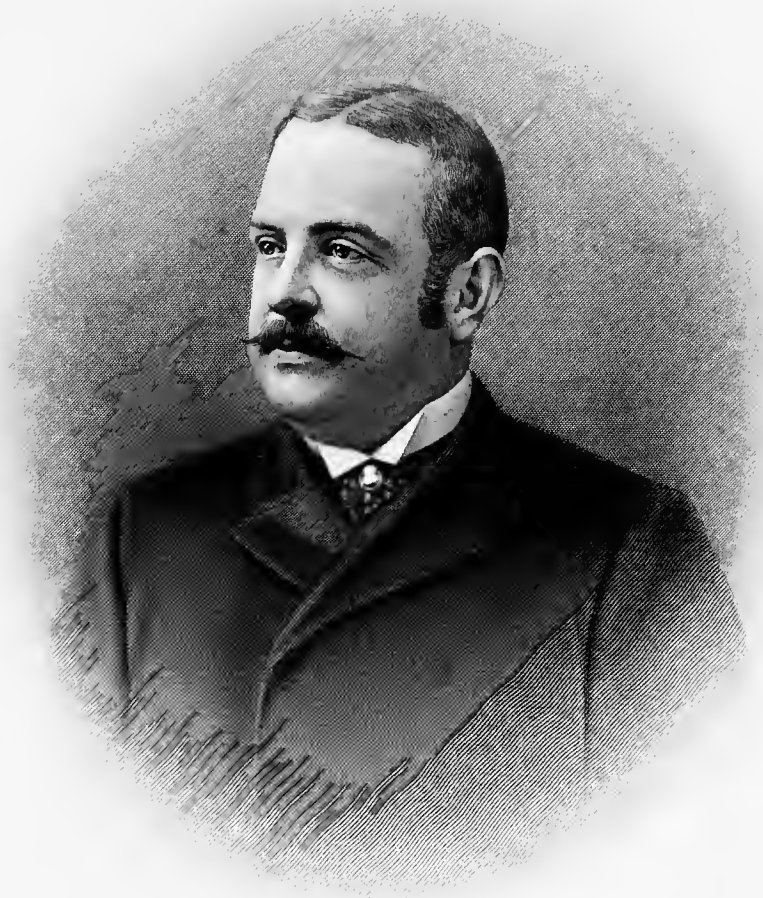
Nathaniel (2) and Mary (Lehman) Burt, the paternal grandparents of Arthur Burt, were of English and German ancestry. The former was a son of Nathaniel Burt (1), a native of England, who early made permanent settlement in the Green Isle. Nathaniel (2) came from Ireland to America in 1798, on account of political troubles and settled in Philadelphia, where he engaged in merchandising and in trading in the far west with the Indians, becoming very wealthy. His family consisted of the following named children: Arthur, who was also very wealthy, and passed his life in the Quaker City; Alice, who died unmarried in 1885; Mary, who is unmarried and residing in Philadelphia; Clara, Mrs. Ashmead, who died in Germantown, Pa.; Col. Nathaniel, father of the gentleman whose name appears at the opening of this sketch; and Eliza, widow of George M. Wagner, also a resident of Germantown.

Col. Nathaniel Burt was graduated from Princeton College at the age of seventeen, and for the following two years studied law in Philadelphia, but, his eyesight having become impaired from overstudy, he, in 1844, retired by advice of his physician, to Waterloo Farm, having first resided in Delaware county for a year with Francis T. Fassitt, in order to get a little insight into farming. Col. Burt was quite prominent as a politician, with Free Soil proclivities, and at one time was a rival of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens for nomination for Congress. Later he became an ardent Republican, and was truly loyal to the Union. In 1861, at the breaking out of the war, he became a member of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry, and in 1862 he was appointed Colonel of the 142d Pa. V. I. The winters of his later years he passed in Philadelphia, Florida, California and southern Europe, while his summers were spent on his farm, and at the seashore and mountain resorts. He was one of the charter members of the Union League of Philadelphia; a member of the Philadelphia Club; of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry; of the Philadelphia Historical Society; the Philadelphia Athenaeum; the Skating Club; and of other societies of lesser note. The Colonel was a fine-looking gentleman, weighing nearly two hundred pounds, without an ounce of superfluous flesh, and being six feet tall, and an athlete in fact, as well as in appearance. Col. Burt died in January, 1893, when he was aged seventy-one, in the faith of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His remains were interred in the family vault at Laurel Hill cemetery, in the City of Brotherly Love. Col. Burt married Jane Brooke, daughter of Charles and Jane (Barde) Brooke, natives of Chester county, Pa., where the former was an extensive manufacturer of iron, owning the Joanna Iron Furnaces, in



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Arthur Burt



PROPERTY OF ARTHUR BURT. "WATERLOO FARM." SALISBURY TOWNSHIP

Berks county, and the Hibernia Iron Works, in Chester county. Nine children graced the union of Nathaniel and Jane (Brooke) Burt, namely: Nathaniel, who died at the age of nine years; Charles, who died when six years of age; Alice, who died in Paris, France, while attending school, aged eight years; Arthur, of this memoir; Horace B., who was an attorney in Philadelphia, and died in 1891; Jennie, who died unmarried in 1898, while touring Europe; Mary, who resides with her mother at No. 1203 Walnut street, in Philadelphia; Alfred, who died at the age of thirty-three years; and Edith, still at home.

Arthur Burt passed his boyhood days on the homestead and attended preparatory schools in Philadelphia and elsewhere until old enough to enter the University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, where he passed three and a half years. His health becoming somewhat impaired, he made a trip to Europe, where he recuperated considerably, and also added materially to his stock of information. On his return he resumed his residence on the homestead farm, but continued to make his home in Philadelphia in winter until 1892, when he settled permanently in the country home. This charming country seat was originally the home of "King Tommy" Henderson, from whom it was purchased in 1844 by the paternal grandfather of the present proprietor, and from that date until the present continuous improvements have been made to add to its beauty. A portion of the substantial and elegant dwelling has been superadded, and hot-air furnaces and electric light apparatus introduced; an artificial lake of three acres has been constructed, and terraces, lawns and shade trees innumerable adorn the grounds; new stables have been erected and every modern convenience has been utilized to make this rustic home complete and the equal of any metropolitan residence. Several hothouses and conservatories, filled with choice and rare exotics, are also attachments of this charming abode, and the furniture of the interior is the ne plus ultra as to style.

On Jan. 23, 1892, Arthur Burt was united in marriage, in Lancaster, with Miss Ella A. Plank, a most estimable young lady, who has borne him four children, namely: Nathaniel, Mary B., Arthur A. and Alfred F. B. Mrs. Ella A. (Plank) Burt was born in Lancaster county, March 6, 1869, a daughter of John N. and Elizabeth (Marshall) Plank, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Chester counties. John N. Plank was an agriculturist of considerable prominence and influence, and had been a merchant, but as such lost much of his capital; he died in Salisbury township, Feb. 22, 1898, at the age of fifty-six years, and in the faith of the Episcopal Church, and his remains were interred in the St. John's cemetery, at Compass.

In his social relations Arthur Burt, as was his father before him, is quite prominent and popular. He was formerly a member of the First Troop, Philadelphia City Cavalry; belongs to the Union

League Club; Germantown Cricket Club; Fencing and Sparring Club; University Boat Club; River-ton Gun Club; Philadelphia Athenaeum; and is also a life member of the Philadelphia Skating Club. He was baptized in the Episcopal faith, and was long a vestryman of St. John's Church, at Compass, Chester county, and still liberally contributes toward defraying the expenses of that parish. In politics he is a Republican. His social standing, it is needless to add, is with the elite of Philadelphia and Lancaster county, while his personal merits have won for him the unfeigned regard of all with whom he has an acquaintanceship.

WILLIAM WESTLY UPP, one of the very competent of the contractors and builders of Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Wrightsville, York county, same State, Feb. 20, 1832, a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Prosser) Upp, the former of whom was born at sea within the maritime jurisdiction of the United States, and the latter in Shrewsbury, York Co., Pennsylvania.

Jacob Upp at the age of sixteen years settled in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, later removed to Wrightsville and finally to Marion, Ohio, where he died Dec. 6, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years. His widow afterward returned to Wrightsville, Pa., and there died May 20, 1887, aged eighty years, lacking twenty-four days, having been born June 13, 1807. Both were sincere members of the M. E. Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Upp were born eleven children, in the following order: Ann, who was married to Michael Minnich, both deceased; Henry, a contractor and builder of Freeport, Ill.; Francis, who died in Ohio; Clarkson, a farmer in Lancaster county, Pa.; William W.; Sarah J., who died young, in Wrightsville; Jacob and Harrison, who both died in the same town; Alford, a contractor and builder, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mary, of New York City; John, a saw-mill proprietor in Wrightsville, Pa. The paternal grandfather of this family was a native of Germany, who came to America in 1800, and by vocation was a farmer. The maternal grandparents were of English extraction.

William W. Upp was reared and educated in his native village of Wrightsville, and in early youth was a boatman under his father, who was the owner of several boats with which he did a lively local traffic on the Susquehanna river. The last season of the three years in which he was thus employed by his father he was himself captain of a boat plying between Philadelphia and Hollidaysville, and from Columbia to Wilkesbarre. At the age of eighteen years he made Columbia his permanent home and served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade for three years. Subsequently he and Mr. Schuman, one of his former employers, carried on the business together for six years; later he was a carpenter on his own account for four years, then was a contractor for railroad companies for fifteen years, and

finally resumed his vocation of contractor and builder, which he still carries on with eminent success, being generally recognized as one of the most skillful in his line in Columbia. In politics Mr. Upp is a Republican, has served as borough councilman three years, and for one year was president of the board. Fraternally he is a Mason in high standing, being a Knight Templar and a member of the Red Rose Camp of St. Constantine.

William W. Upp was most happily united in marriage, Aug. 31, 1853, in Columbia, to Miss Ellen Ziegler. To this marriage were born: Charles, who was a railroad contractor, married Mary Park, of Marietta, Pa., and died in Baltimore, Md.; Ambrose, who lives in Philadelphia and is a sign writer; William, who is a bookkeeper for the Fort Wayne Railroad Company at Chicago, Ill., and is married to Fanny Henry; and Harry, a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Philadelphia, who is married to Anna Redheiser. In religion this family was reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith.

Mrs. Ellen (Ziegler) Upp is a native of Columbia, Pa., and is a daughter of John and Maria (Lechler) Ziegler. John Ziegler was born in Baltimore, Md., June 15, 1785, and died in Columbia, Pa., July 8, 1836. He came to the latter place in 1800, and learned carpentering and coopering. He married Maria Lechler, in Lancaster, May 19, 1816. This lady was born in Lancaster, Jan. 14, 1798, and was a daughter of Henry and Juliana C. (Riser) Lechler, of Oley, Berks county, the former of whom was born in 1748, and the latter in 1765. George Lechler, father of Henry, came from Bavaria as a member of the colony which originally settled in Berks county and opened it to civilization.

The father of John Ziegler was Francis Ottomorus Ziegler, from Alsace, France, and served on the staff of Baron von Steuben, who so nobly came to the aid of the Americans in the Revolutionary war. He died in Columbia, Pa., in 1800, within a few weeks after locating here, having been seized with a fever. Francis O. was a son of John and Anna M. (Schirmer) Ziegler, who were the proprietors of a vineyard and died in France. Francis O. was a black-and-white-smith by calling and followed his trade both in France and this country. Francis O. Ziegler married in Lancaster, Mary F. Houck, a native of that city, who died in Columbia, Dec. 26, 1826, at the age of sixty-five years, the mother of six children, viz.: Ann Mary, who died in Abbottstown, Pa., in 1844; John; Barbara, who died in Columbia, in 1844; Andrew, who died in Columbia in 1818; Francis, who died young; and George, who died in Columbia in 1838.

The children born to John and Maria (Lechler) Ziegler were: Francis X.; John Joseph, who was a cooper as well as a printer, and died in Xenia, Ill.; Henry D., who was a gunsmith, and died in Portsmouth, Ohio; George, David and Margaret A., who all died in infancy; Mary F., who died when fifty-

eight years old, married first to Henry Murray, who was killed in a railroad accident, and afterward to William Paxton; Sarah C., of New York City, seventy-four years old, and the widow of John Stirling, who was a sea captain and died in Cuba; Anna E., who married Henry Hamaker, and died in Philadelphia in 1890; Julia C., who married John Cole, agent for a manufacturing company, and died in New York in 1894; Ellen, the wife of W. W. Upp; Ambrose A., of Asheville, N. C., who was first married to Anna Parvin, and secondly to Emma Pool.

Francis X. Ziegler, son of John and Maria (Lechler) Ziegler, was born in Columbia, Pa., April 9, 1817, and taught from 1839 until 1854, his last school having been a grammar school. He was also agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company at Columbia for fifty-one years, and agent for the Adams Express Company for forty-two years, but lost his sight in 1896, which sad event necessitated his retirement.

Francis X. Ziegler married Miss Jane Perry Martin, June 14, 1838, and to this marriage were born children as follows: Catherine C., still at the parental home; Joseph, who went to France and was never again heard from; Marie Jane, still single; Agnes V., also single; Richard, who formerly was assistant postmaster at Harrisburg for seven years, but then resigned, and now resides in Philadelphia; Francis E., at home; Clement, also at home; Eugenia, who died unmarried in February, 1900; and Mary F., who still lives with her parents.

Jane Perry (Martin) Ziegler was born in Philadelphia, April 21, 1817, and is a daughter of Richard and Clarissa (Perry) Martin, natives, respectively, of Cornwall, England, and the State of Delaware. Richard Martin was superintendent of a cracker bakery. His wife died in Philadelphia in 1820, and his own death took place in New York in 1870.

Francis X. Ziegler, although sightless, retains all his other senses in perfection, and is intelligent to a degree beyond the ordinary, and has so lived that he has won the sincere esteem of all who have known him.

H. H. AUMENT, superintendent of lumber and coal for the firm of F. H. Garber & Co., of Quarryville, was born in Drumore township, Lancaster Co., Dec. 25, 1841. His parents were George and Sarah (Holtzhouse) Aument, of Lancaster county.

George Aument was born in 1808, and was the son of George Aument, Sr., who was born in Germany and came to this country and settled in Lampeter township, where he worked for a number of years as a wheelwright. He died at the home of his son George, father of our subject. Of his children, Jacob settled in Drumore township, where he died leaving children Elam, Aldus and Catharine; and George is our subject's father.

George Aument was a wheelwright by trade,

and, after his marriage, he lived for a time in Lampeter township, where he worked at his trade. In 1836 he moved to Drumore township, where he purchased 200 acres of land, making one of the finest farms in Lancaster county. He put up good buildings, and, at his death, the farm was divided into three portions for his three sons. In many respects he was a remarkable man. When eighty years of age he was able to cut eighty shocks of corn in a day. In politics he was an Old Line Whig, and upon the organization of the Republican party, joined its fortunes. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, and were known as good Christian people. Of their family of nine children three have died in infancy; Amanda, born in 1838, married Newton Groff, of Kirkwood, Colerain township, and died leaving five daughters who are all married. H. H. was the next born. John F., born in 1843, married Miss Louisa Long, of Lancaster, and resides on a part of the old homestead in Drumore township; he has two sons: Charles and Walter, operating the steam grist mill in Quarryville. Emma, born in Drumore township in 1846, is the wife of Leander Hensel, of Quarryville. George W. and Benjamin F., twins, were born in 1849; George, who resides on his farm in Drumore township, married Miss Sarah Wimer, of Lancaster county, and has one daughter, Lottie; Benjamin F., who resides on a part of the homestead, married Miss Anna Ressle, of Lancaster county, and has three children: Galen, Clara and Della.

H. H. Aument received a public school education, and afterward learned the trade of wheelwright under his father. In 1862 he married Miss Mary M., daughter of Clark and Mary Phillips, of Lancaster county. After marrying Mr. Aument located on a farm in Drumore township, and lived there until 1865, when he gave up farming, and assumed his trade of wheelwright. For fourteen years he followed it, and then moved to Quarryville where he worked at the carpenter trade for four years. He then engaged himself as superintendent for D. M. Boffenmeyer, coal, lumber and grain merchant, and continued at this employment four years. He also did work for D. B. Landis & Co., who were engaged in the same trade. In 1892 he became superintendent for W. F. H. Garber, dealer in lumber and coal, and still continues with this house. Mr. Aument some time since purchased land in West State street and built himself a fine home. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Aument: William C., born in 1864, married Miss Ollie Place, and now resides in Lancaster City, where he is engaged in railroad business; they have one daughter, Sarah. Jane Aument, born in 1868, was educated in the Ashland school of the county; she is unmarried and at present is assistant post mistress at Quarryville.

In politics Mr. Aument is a Republican, and for nine years filled the office of councilman of the borough; he was also secretary of the borough for

four years. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has been secretary of that order in Quarryville for twenty-five years. He is also a member of the Ridgley Encampment, of Lancaster City. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church of the borough, to which he has always given liberal support. Mr. Aument is one of Quarryville's substantial citizens, and is held in the highest respect and esteem by all classes. He is honest, industrious and kind-hearted. He has the fullest confidence of his house, and the interests intrusted to him are carefully guarded.

JASON K. EABY, who is a general merchant at Intercourse, Lancaster county, where he is at the present time the capable and popular postmaster, was born in this village, Jan. 10, 1840, a son of Moses and Susannah (Kurtz) Eaby, born in Leacock and Salisbury townships of Lancaster county, respectively. The Eaby family is descended from Theodorus Eaby, who came from Switzerland in 1715.

Moses Eaby was born and reared a farmer, and followed that calling until 1834, when he turned to a mercantile career, and established the Eaby store in Intercourse, which is now in the hands of his son, Jason K. He retired in 1878, having served the community as postmaster many years. During his active life he held various local and town offices, having been school director, auditor and town clerk. Much confidence was felt in his integrity and business ability, and he was often called upon to administer extensive estates. At his death, Feb. 23, 1892, he was eighty-nine years and three months old. His wife passed to her rest in June, 1882, at the age of sixty-five years. They were both buried in the Eaby cemetery in Upper Leacock township. Born to this union were the following children: Mary Ann, who died in 1893, married Amos Oberholtzer; Elizabeth died young; Jason K.; Amanda married Dr. S. R. Sample, of Leacock township; Henry C., who married Anna Kendig, died at the age of forty-nine; Jacob, who married Lucy Murr, is a farmer in Salisbury township; Emma married Samuel Showalder, a farmer of Earl township, and David and Christian both died young. The parents were of the Dunkard faith.

Jacob and Susannah (Miller) Eaby, the grandparents of Jason K. Eaby, were good farming people of Lancaster. The maternal grandfather of Jason K. Eaby was Christian Kurtz, a farmer, who married a member of the Weaver family.

Jason K. Eaby was married Nov. 27, 1867, in Providence township, to Amanda Zook, and the children born to this union were: Willard G., who married Eliza Musser, and is now in business with his father in Intercourse; J. Franklin, who died young; Joseph P., who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Roscoe and Paul M., who are both at home with their parents. Mrs. Amanda (Zook) Eaby was born in Leacock township, Oct. 1, 1848, the only child of Joseph and Frances (Dieffenbaugh) Zook, natives

of Leacock and East Lampeter townships, respectively, the former of whom was born in 1821, and is now a retired farmer in Intercourse, while the latter was born in 1811.

Jason K. Eaby remained at home attending the local schools, and when he was sixteen years of age was taken into his father's store. From 1866 he was associated with his father as a partner for twelve years, and when that gentleman gave up active work on account of the increasing infirmities of age the management of the store passed into the hands of the son, who has continued the business to the present time. Mr. Eaby is a Republican, and has been town clerk for twenty-five years. He has been postmaster since 1874, with the exception of the two administrations of President Cleveland. His standing in business is very good, and he is a director of the New Holland National Bank, which he helped to organize. Mr. Eaby has also been a director in the Lancaster County Bank since 1883, and is secretary and a director of the Pennsylvania State Building and Loan Association, in the organization of which he was very active. He is a man of sterling worth and genuine manliness.

BRACKBILL. In 1717 Rev. Ulrich Brackbill left Switzerland, his native land, and with his wife and only child, Ulrich, sailed for America. He was a Mennonite minister, and in the Weilers, Switzerland, he had owned a farm, which he sold for 700 Raix dollars, equivalent to \$630 American money. The journey to the new country was made via England, and the cost of traveling from the Weilers to England was nine florins, or \$3.78 per head. Passage from England to Philadelphia was secured for £6 or \$26.66 per passenger. Continuing on his journey from Philadelphia to Lancaster county, Rev. Brackbill, soon after his arrival in the latter county, purchased 250 acres of land for £42, sterling, or \$186.66. It was located in what is now Strasburg township, about a mile northwest of the village of Strasburg, and here in the wilderness home he began the arduous labors of a pioneer. It was in 1719 that he received payment in coin for the farm which he had sold in Switzerland. He was a well-versed man, and a well known vocalist. He did not long survive his migration to America, passing away April 27, 1720.

(II) Ulrich Brackbill, his only son, was born in Switzerland in July, 1703, and he joined the meeting in 1721. On Oct. 21, 1722, he married Fanny Herr, and to this union were born five children, namely: Fanny, who married John Herr; John, who died unmarried; Benedict; Anna, who married Jacob Groff; and Henry, who died unmarried. Ulrich Brackbill died Nov. 11, 1739, aged thirty-six years.

(III) Benedict Brackbill, son of Ulrich and Fanny (Herr) Brackbill, was born in Lancaster in 1730. He was a farmer and lived to the extreme old age of ninety-two years, seven months and seven days, dying June 4, 1823. He was buried in a private burying ground in Strasburg township,

which was set aside for burial purposes from the original Brackbill homestead. He had married Mary Kendig, and she lived to the age of seventy-six years, dying April 4, 1817. Among their children was Benjamin.

(IV) Benjamin Brackbill, son of Benedict and Mary (Kendig) Brackbill, was born June 8, 1779. On Feb. 12, 1805, he married Elizabeth Hershey, who was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and when six years of age was brought by her parents to Salisbury township, Lancaster county. To this union were born the following children: Mariah, born Nov. 17, 1805, died aged seventy-seven years, unmarried; Anna, born Jan. 26, 1807, died unmarried, aged thirty-three years; Jacob, born Feb. 18, 1809, married Barbara Greenleaf, and lived to the age of seventy years; John, born March 25, 1811, died April 3, 1812; Elizabeth, born Jan. 22, 1813, died unmarried at the age of eighty-two years; Barbara, born Nov. 27, 1815, married Benjamin Hoover; Benjamin, born May 5, 1818, married Magdalena Carpenter, and is now a retired farmer in Paradise township, the only survivor of the family; Joseph, who was born in 1821; and Martha died unmarried, aged about forty years. Benjamin Brackbill, the father, died May 15, 1827, in his forty-eighth year. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born May 14, 1783, died June 12, 1875.

(V) Joseph Brackbill, father of Rev. Christian Metzler Brackbill, was born in 1821. When only about six years old he lost his father by death. He remained with his mother on the farm until his marriage to Elizabeth Metzler, daughter of Christian and Anna (Warner) Metzler, of Salisbury township. They began housekeeping in Salisbury township, where they continued until the spring of 1856, when they returned to Paradise township, and remained through life, following farming. Joseph Brackbill died Oct. 2, 1866, aged forty-one years, eight months and nineteen days. His wife, Elizabeth, died in October, 1869, aged forty-two years, five months and three days. They were prominent members of the Mennonite church, and were buried in Hershey's Mennonite burying ground. To Joseph and Elizabeth (Metzler) Brackbill were born children as follows: Levi H., a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Susan Rauck; Anna, unmarried, residing with her brother, Rev. Christian Metzler Brackbill; Elizabeth, wife of John R. Eby, a farmer and implement merchant of Paradise township; Joseph, a farmer of Salisbury township who married Alice Frantz; and Christian Metzler.

(VI) REV. CHRISTIAN METZLER BRACKBILL, a Mennonite preacher and a farmer, was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 5, 1853, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Metzler) Brackbill. He was reared on the old farm. Orphaned when a boy, Christian remained with his brothers and sisters on the old farm until 1870, the property of Christian Metzler, father-in-law of Joseph Brackbill. Then Christian, a lad of seventeen years, worked for Elam Brackbill, with

whom he remained four years, attending school during the winter months. He then lived for two years with his grandfather Christian Metzler, during the winter of 1875 and 1876, when he was engaged in teaching school. Attending normal school in Bedford county, during the summer, he again returned to the farm for a year. In the autumn of 1877 he purchased his present farm in Salisbury township, and moved to the same in the following spring. On Nov. 20, 1879, in East Lampeter township, he married Elizabeth K. Denlinger, who was born in East Lampeter township Oct. 18, 1855. To our subject and wife have been born these children: Landis E., who married Anna Denlinger, has one son, Morris, and is a clerk in a store in Salisbury township; Anna, at home; Christian, who died aged one and a half years; Mary, at home; Joseph, at home; and Lizzie, who died aged one and a half years.

Mr. Brackbill was ordained a Mennonite minister Sept. 17, 1896. He had been previously for eight consecutive years superintendent of Hershey's Sunday school. In politics he is a Republican. He is one of the prominent residents of Salisbury township, a leader among his fellow men, intelligent and well-informed upon current affairs, an influential farmer and business man, and a citizen whose devotion to the religious well being of the community has been marked by earnestness and signal success.

CHRISTIAN C. FERGUSON (deceased), for many years a leading contractor and builder of Columbia, Pa., was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1846, a son of James and Catherine (Christ) Ferguson, lifelong residents of that county. The father, a wagonmaker, died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother passed away in 1893, at the age of eighty-two. Christian C. was the eldest child of this union, the others being Catherine, who married John Tyson, and died at the age of twenty-four years; and Martha, wife of Isaac Broom, of Columbia. The father was married three times and had twenty-one children.

At the early age of ten years Christian C. Ferguson left home and began the battle of life for himself, working for neighboring farmers until eighteen, when he commenced learning the carpenter's trade in Manor township. As a carpenter he engaged in contracting and building from the age of twenty-four years until his death, which occurred in Columbia in November, 1898. He met with success in his undertakings and was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He was an earnest and consistent member of the M. E. Church, and a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He was thoroughly interested in whatever tended to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his locality, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen.

On Oct. 12, 1864, in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Gurney, and to them were born four children, as fol-

lows: Catherine, now the wife of Isaac Overhultzer, a foreman in stove works at Lehighton, Pa., John G., a contractor and builder of Columbia; Christian, deceased; and Emory, also a contractor and builder of Columbia.

Mrs. Ferguson is a native of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and the only child of George and Elizabeth (Hugendobler) Gurney, who were also born in Lancaster county. Her father, who died before her birth, was of English extraction, and a school teacher by profession. The mother was again married, her second husband being David Kaufman, and she is now living in Silver Spring, Lancaster county, at the age of seventy-three years. By the second marriage there were four children, namely: Abraham, who conducts a coal yard in Silver Spring; David, a resident of the same place; Elizabeth, deceased; and Leah, wife of Horace Heidler, telegraph operator at Silver Spring.

DANIEL STAPE. This venerable man, whose long life of ninety years is drawing to a close, is one of Columbia's most respected citizens. He is the seventh child of Bernard and Julian (Shaffer) Stape, and was born at a little hamlet then known as Brockhouse, Nov. 19, 1812. While yet a babe in the cradle he was brought by his parents on a raft to Marietta, Lancaster county, the family settling in Maytown. The elder Stape was a shoemaker by trade, and during the war of 1812 was an ardent patriot, and although his years prevented him himself carrying a musket, he carried bread to the soldiers in the field. He died in 1838, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who was twenty years his junior, followed him to the grave in 1858, having attained the same ripe old age. Both were earnest Christians and members of the Reformed Church. Their children were: John; Julian; Susan, who lived to see her eighty-second birthday, and died unmarried; Julian (2); Maria, wife of Christian Wachstetter, living at Florin, Pa.; Michael; Daniel; George, living in Illinois; Joseph, who was killed by the fall of a horse when working in a mill; Rosetta, who became the wife of Jacob Dowhoner; Elizabeth, who married Alva Isenberger; and Kitty. All are now deceased except Daniel, George and Maria.

Daniel Stape spent the first thirteen years of his life at home with his parents, and then went to Mount Joy, where for four years he worked on a farm and in a mill. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the trade of a locksmith, at which he served an apprenticeship of four years. On Feb. 19, 1836, he married Mary, the daughter of George Yost, who removed from Montgomery county to Mount Joy in 1832. After their marriage Mr. Stape and his bride took up their residence in Columbia, where he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railway Co. as a fireman. Within a few months he entered the Company's machine shops, and after a year so spent he opened a locksmith's shop of his own. He conducted this establishment successfully

until 1897, when he retired, and he now makes his home with his son, Samuel M. Stape.

Mrs. Stape died April 21, 1896, in her eighty-third year. She was the mother of five sons and two daughters, of whom Simon and Henry died in childhood: Julian grew to womanhood, became the wife of Isaac C. Kaufman, and is now deceased; Mary is deceased; George, a corporal in Co. K, 45th P. V. I., under General Welsh, during the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of Cold Harbor, but recovered, rejoined his command, was taken prisoner and was confined for some time in Libby prison, then transferred to Andersonville, and finally to Salisbury, N. C., where he died of starvation, a martyr to his country; Daniel, Jr., in the employ of Keeley Stove Co., married, but his wife died Dec. 28, 1900; and Samuel M., manager of the Western Union Telegraph Co.'s offices at Columbia, married Addie S. Kaufman.

Despite his ninety years Mr. Stape is erect and active, while retaining his mental powers. It is interesting to note that today he is represented by four generations—one brother and one sister, two sons, nine grandchildren and as many more great-grandchildren. Politically Mr. Stape has been a Republican since the party's organization. He is a man of deep piety, whose Christian faith has dominated his life from early manhood. A devout and consistent member of the First M. E. Church, he has been an active worker in its ranks, having been Sunday school teacher and class leader, and for twenty-five years trustee and steward. The recounting of such lives as his is something more than a dreary chronicling of the past. It imparts a lesson and inspires hope. Faithful to every call of duty, he has walked honestly by the side of his fellows, and "humbly before his God;" and while the eye of sense may be impaired, the spiritual vision, which is the outgrowth of faith, looks forward, clearly and calmly, to "the Beyond," which shall be eternal.

FRANK NISSLEY MUMMA. Among the prominent, reliable and representative business firms of Lancaster city is the shoe firm of Keene & Mumma, the junior member of which is Frank Nissley Mumma. The ancestral line of Mr. Mumma, on both sides of his family, reaches back to the very early settlement of this county. Frank Nissley is in the eighth generation from Frederick Mumma, the progenitor of the family in this locality.

In the masterly address delivered by the late Hon. Marriott Brosius, at the unveiling of the monument to the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers of Donegal, Oct. 5, 1899, we find this passage, which is interesting in connection with a biography of Frank N. Mumma:

"The Continental Congress provided for the appointment of committees of Observation and Correspondence, in each county. Donegal was represented in that committee by Bartram Galbraith, Alexander Lowery, James Cunningham, Frederick Mumma and

Robert Craig. The duty of this committee was, to attentively observe the conduct of all persons touching the use or sale of interdicted articles, or opposing, in any way, the patriotic efforts of the Colonists to free themselves from the oppression of Parliament. If any one was found delinquent in these particulars, they were declared to be enemies to American liberty, and thereafter patriots would abstain from dealing with them. Boycotting was thus early employed to promote patriotism. Few of the Donegalians, however, became amenable to this boycott, for their aggressive patriotism urged them to do too much, rather than too little for the cause of the Colonies, and they fully agreed with Franklin, that a cup of tea, the cost of which helped to pay the salaries of tyrants, would choke any decent American." The Frederick Mumma here spoken of was the progenitor of the Lancaster county Mummas.

The parents of Frank Nissley Mumma were Jonas L. and Ellen R. (Nissley) Mumma, and they reared a family of four children: Frank N.; Lizzie N.; Hallie N., deceased; and Ellen Ruth.

Frank N. Mumma was born on a tract of land, in Donegal, that was given by William Penn to the Presbyterians, on which to erect a church edifice, and this tract was in the possession of the Mumma family for many years. Mr. Mumma was educated at the Mount Joy high school, and at the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College, graduating with credit from the latter. The beginning of his business career was as a clerk in the Keystone Knitting Mills, in Philadelphia, from which he entered the Boston Store, in Lancaster, where he remained for three years. The succeeding four years he spent as a merchant in Roanoke, Va., returning to accept a traveling position with a large Philadelphia house. In 1897 Mr. Mumma returned to Lancaster and entered into a partnership with George W. Keene, in the shoe business, the firm trading as Keene & Mumma.

Mr. Keene, the senior member of the firm, is a son of Capt. Keene, who is a veteran of the Civil war, and who was honored by the Republican party of Lancaster county, with an election to the office of recorder of deeds. From boyhood Mr. Keene has been engaged in the shoe business, thoroughly understanding its every branch. His marriage was to Miss Bessie Yeager, a daughter of Henry Yeager, the retired veteran marble mason, of Lancaster, and their two daughters are, Orick and Anna Mary.

Mr. Mumma is unmarried and resides with his mother, at No. 138 College avenue. Socially he is connected with the Elks; the Eagles; the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is a Republican in his political sympathy, but he never obtrudes his opinions on others, his natural courtesy making him respect the views of his friends.

Both members of the popular and progressive firm of Keene & Mumma are personally justly popular, and their popularity, combined with the high standard of their goods and their honorable business methods, has resulted in the rapid growth of their

trade, so rapid that they were compelled three years ago to enlarge their store-room, and to convert their entire basement into a storage room for duplicate stock. In short, the shoe business of Keene & Mumma is not only one of the most prosperous lines in this city, but they also have one of the largest and most attractive establishments in Lancaster. It has been their idea to meet so fully the wants of their customers in every line and in price, that no customer would feel a necessity of looking further, or of sending an order to larger cities. It reflects not only credit upon their energy and business management that they have gained so high a position in the eyes of the trade, and in the public favor, but it also reflects as much on the good sense of the residents of the city who, by patronage and encouragement, have assisted in building up in their midst so responsible and honorable a business as that conducted by Keene & Mumma.

CHRISTIAN GROFF, late one of the old and honored residents of Paradise township, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 11, 1832, son of David and Barbara (Herr) Groff, and grandson of John Groff, and he died Jan. 23, 1903. The parents of Christian Groff died when he was a young lad of not over ten years of age. His father was a farmer and had the following children: Abraham is now deceased; Susan is deceased; Maria, born in 1828, is the wife of Joseph Brennenman, of Pequea; Christian; Fanny, married Wesley Smith, and both are deceased (she was born Feb. 8, 1837); Barbara, born Sept. 20, 1839, married Benjamin Leaman, of Pequea township. David Groff was born Sept. 16, 1802; and his wife May 9, 1809.

Christian Groff, whose name introduces this article, was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. When he was ten years of age he went to live with his uncle, Emanuel Groff, of Strasburg township, with whom he remained until he was a young man. When he was eighteen years of age he learned the shoemaking trade, but followed it only two years, returning at the end of that time to the home of his uncle, Emanuel Groff, where he married, and bought the property. The farm is a mile and a quarter southwest of Paradise, and contains forty-nine acres. There he lived and labored and became noted as one of the keen and shrewd business men and farmers of the community. Mr. Groff retired from farming in 1897, passing the management of the place into the hands of a son. The preceding year he had erected a fine farm home, making the place one of the most attractive in that part of the county.

On Jan. 3, 1866, Mr. Groff married Miss Elizabeth Overly, a daughter of Isaac and Sarah (Witmer) Overly. Mrs. Groff was born July 24, 1840, and is the mother of two children: Isaac, born Feb. 9, 1870, married Miss Susie Wenger, who was born June 18, 1873, a daughter of Jonas Wenger, of Leacock township, and they have three children:

Jay C., Elizabeth C. and Cora May. Isaac Groff carries on his father's farm. Sarah Groff born Feb. 23, 1872, married Amos Hershey, of Paradise township, and they have six children: Christian, Enos, Nora, Milton, Amos and Maricus. Mr. Groff was connected with the Reformed Mennonite Church, while his wife holds to the Old Mennonite, as do Isaac Groff and his wife. The family is counted among the substantial and reliable ones of the township.

JOHN C. S. HORST (deceased) was born in Mt. Joy township, where he died Jan. 31, 1897, at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in Mount Tunnel cemetery. He was a son of Christ and Sarah (Shaffer) Horst. They were natives of Mount Joy township, and were life-long farming people. The mother died in August, 1899, at the age of seventy-eight years. Both she and her husband were buried in Mount Tunnel cemetery. To them were born two children, John C. S., and Katie, who married Daniel Enterline, both being now deceased.

On Dec. 31, 1863, John C. S. Horst married Louisa Stewart, and to their union were born the following children: (1) Sarah E., deceased; (2) Louisa F., deceased; (3) Christ S., deceased; (4) John H., who went to South Omaha, Neb., where he became a foreman for the Swift & Co. Packing House, and is now deceased; (5) Henry T., who married Louisa Weigand, and is now conducting a restaurant at his father's old stand in Elizabethtown; and (6) Miss Mary M., at home. Mrs. Louisa (Stewart) Horst was born in Mt. Joy township, and is a member of an old and distinguished family, her mother's people having been in this county since 1710. She is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John C. S. Horst was an active and energetic man. In 1877 he opened up a restaurant, and in 1895 retired. His life was cut short two years later by paralysis. In politics he was a Democrat, and he led a thoroughly honorable and useful life, manifesting much character and displaying a kind and generous heart.

WILLIAM FREDERICK HENNECKE, who died Jan. 4, 1901, at the age of fifty-seven years, had a most interesting career. Coming to this country from Saxony when only five years old, at the age of eleven years he was engaged in the business of buying rags. This business grew with his years until he had become the most prominent and successful junk dealer in Lancaster. Socially he was as popular as he was successful in trade, having instituted the Knights of the Golden Eagle in the city of Lancaster, and he was also an active member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Hennecke was twice married; his first wife became the mother of three children, all of whom are living. For his second wife he married Sarah Josephine Heineman, a daughter of the late Isaac G. Heineman, a well known auctioneer of West Hempfield township. Mr. and Mrs.

Heineman were married in Wilmington, Del., Bishop J. W. Downey, of the Episcopal Church, officiating; both passed away in 1894, Mrs. Heineman dying on May 11th, of that year, and Mr. Heineman in the following November. Mrs. Hennecke has shown a great aptness for business, having acquired a good insight into it during the illness of her husband. She is a model house keeper, and enjoys the respect and esteem of all with whom she comes in contact. Socially she belongs to the Foresters of America.

CARL OTTO MATZ, with whom we have been intimately associated for some thirty years, and whom we have long regarded the foremost musician Lancaster has ever known, was born Nov. 20, 1846, in Brussow, a little town near Stettin, Prussia, some fifteen miles from the Baltic sea, the same country from which the Angles and Saxons came to conquer Britain, and of the same virile stock. His father was a merchant tailor, possessed of a fine tenor voice, much in demand, and a devoted lover of music. We have often looked at Prof. Matz as he has been rapidly writing the harmony for voice and instruments, and have marvelled at the readiness and precision with which it was done. Once, in our wonder, when he was at greater speed than usual, we asked him, "Man, how can you do it?" He looked up with a smile, "Oh, it's a gift. I hear the voices and the instruments, and write down what I hear. If I had to think it out, it would take much longer time." We have sat hearing him play from memory folksongs, ballads, hymns, marches, selections from oratorios, overtures, operas, and looked at the watch to find that hours had flown and the evening was gone. We asked him once when the music lay before him black with notes, "Do you play all that harmony just as it is?" His reply was impressive, "I would not miss a note. It would be unjust to this fine composer." He improvises wonderfully under the spell of the music, and his interludes and accompaniments are at such times a revelation and a delight. Who that heard him play "Holy Night" at our last Christmas entertainment, just after he had, at our request, told the story of the origin of that best of Christmas songs, is likely to forget that marvelous performance? He played like one inspired. Once at a great funeral we heard him play "The Dead March in Saul" while the audience was slowly passing out of the church. We stood, held to the spot by the organ. It was as if a great soul were wailing through it all. He played it again and again. We waited till the close and walked down the street with him and talked of the music. He said, "Nothing I ever play stirs me so deeply as that march." And that explained everything.

It was a favorite cousin who discovered his rare endowment in music. Enticed by the sweet cakes at her father's bakery, he was a frequent visitor. One day, when but four years old, she found him in the parlor at the grand piano, picking out on the

keyboard the tunes with which he was familiar. She was delighted at his success, and at once made him her little pupil, so that he began to play the piano before he was old enough to go to school. His father, suffering from adverse circumstances, had little means to expend upon the musical education of his son as he grew older. Nevertheless, he found favor with a stern teacher of the old school, Herr Neumann, who drilled him mercilessly for eight long years in mere musical exercises, at times to the extent of rapping him vigorously over the knuckles with his fiddle bow, without so much as "By your leave." for these old masters were too good in result to be very polite in method or manner. He then passed under Prof. Bichtler for another three years of rigid training in the preparatory school to the leading German seminary for the training of specialists in the teacher's profession. Under these teachers he had nothing but exercises, exercises, exercises, day after day, and all day long, month after month, year after year. Not a piece of music, popular or classical, was allowed to him. Indeed, everything of the kind was resolutely forbidden. Skill, technique, mastery of the keyboard—the artist gift trained to artist power—this was their aim for their gifted pupil. The path might be rugged and cheerless, but it was sure. He came at this time to hate and loathe his exercises and piano practice, as he saw his comrades all given "pieces" in their practice which were denied to himself. Boylike, too, he occasionally picked up and played in the gatherings of his friends the forbidden compositions. But, thanks to the untiring vigilance of his father and the stoical firmness of his teachers, when only seventeen years of age, he was accepted at the noted Seminary of Koepenек, the most prominent educational institution in Prussia for the training of special teachers. The famous Dr. Rudolph Lange, head of the musical department, although a man full of eccentricities, was a great musician and a wonderful teacher. Though the old doctor pronounced his first efforts in musical composition "elephant steps," yet in the last part of his three years' course he ordered one of his songs to be put into the musical archives, which at Koepenек was regarded a high honor. His class was unusual in the number of musicians who afterwards became widely known. Violinists like Engelbrecht, 'celloists like Ungermann, organists like Stegemann belonged to it. So it came about that the kind of music known technically as "chamber music" was cultivated in this class to a high degree, in addition to orchestral music and the chorus work; the trios, quartettes, quintettes and octettes by Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. The students, numbering over a hundred, sang the mottettes by Klien a capella, the double male choruses of "Antigone," etc. During the last year of the course Carl Matz had the honorable distinction of being unanimously elected musical director of his class, and led both orchestra and grand chorus. In the summer of this year his class had the privilege of giving free open-air con-



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certs every Sunday evening in the Seminary Park, to which only tickets of the director admitted. Often the famous quartette of the Berlin Opera House would come in, place themselves quietly in the line of their respective voices, and join heartily in the choruses. He recalls with pleasure during this year a visit to Berlin of Dr. Engelbrecht, leader of the Royal Russian Band in Odessa, whose brother was a member of his class, both noted violinists. For the two weeks of his stay they played chamber music in quartette, the leader and his brother taking first and second violins, Prof. Matz the viola and a very skillful 'celloist the fourth instrument. He speaks of having enjoyed this music more than any other in which he has ever taken part. For a time he played the violin and viola in the class orchestra of the Seminary, but his special instruments were the piano and the grand organ.

After graduating from Koepeneck, he was recommended by Dr. Lange for one of the best organs in Germany, that at Melzow. Here he spent a pleasant year and a half as organist and instructor in the upper grade school of the town. Being debarred, because of his youth, from the directorship of the musical department of the Seminary at Helsingfoer, where his uncle, Dr. John Richter, was director of the institution, he resolved to go to America, where ability seemed more in demand and age a qualification not so essential as in Germany. He married Marie Louise Fiehn, a lady of fine musical sentiment, nobility and force of character and a good vocalist, and set out for New York on his wedding trip, sailing from Bremen, and landing in New York in August, 1868.

Just before sailing he did one of those things that show the stuff a man is made of, and which only a big heart would risk. A friend of his, a musician, who had, for political reasons become an object of suspicion to the government, was in hiding at the port. Knowing the generous nature of Carl Matz, and that he was about to sail for the United States, he sent for him, stated his case, and asked the privilege of using his passport for identification on shipboard by the officers of the port. It was a very dangerous risk, for if detected it meant the detention and imprisonment of both. He took the risk to help him, passed the inspection among the first, then handed the passport to his friend, who came in near the end of a line numbering several hundred passengers. By the time the latter was reached the inspection was less rigid, and he also got through without question. The officers were tired when they neared the end of the line—a chance on which they had reckoned—and both were safe! This man was a teacher of music for many years at Detroit.

On reaching New York city they stopped at the "New York Hotel," on lower Broadway. We saw the place a few days since, and thought of the crushing blow a thief here dealt to the bright prospects of Professor Matz. He had brought with him to America on his wedding trip nearly two thousand

dollars, his purpose being to take ample time for looking about, and, after becoming acquainted with certain leading cities, to decide where he would make his home, and take his proper place among the masters of his art. The future of promise was very attractive and assuring, but before they had been many days in Gotham a thief rifled their trunks and stole every dollar of their money except what they had about them for immediate personal needs. It was an awful blow to their high hopes. A black cloud had suddenly blotted out the sun. They were strangers in a strange land, without money, and no friend or acquaintance with whom to advise. He at once advertised in the *Staats-Zeitung* that an organist who held the diploma of the Koepeneck Seminary desired an engagement. Rev. Mr. Hoppe, who was then clergyman at the Zion Lutheran Church in Lancaster, knowing the grade of such a diploma, wrote him at once for further information. This was most satisfactory, and as it was necessary for Prof. Matz to act promptly, his money being now exhausted, he accepted the modest salary offered for organ choir and parish school. And so his busy life has been lived in the comparatively small town of Lancaster, instead of one of our larger centres of population. It has, indeed, been great gain to Lancaster, where he has been one of her hardest-worked and most useful citizens these many years. But for him—with his high gifts, extraordinary skill, and firm and confident breadth of grasp in the divine art of music—has he been "buried" here all these years? Sometimes, as we have looked at his work and felt his power for these thirty years, we have thought so. But who can tell! One thing is sure: Lancaster has been blessed in him as in few men who have lived and toiled in her midst. And that is a great thing to feel, and know, and say of any good man.

For five years he held the position at Zion Lutheran Church, doing much work for modest wages, and closed his very successful term of service—profitable in every way but money—with a grand rendition of Mendelssohn's "Oratorio of St. Paul," with full orchestra, for the benefit of the church. His leading soloists were noted singers from abroad, as also were some of the musicians in the orchestra, two of whom had played under the lead of Felix Mendelssohn himself years before in Germany. The chorus was mainly from Lancaster, and was highly complimented by the musicians from abroad. The master had put himself into his chorus. Nothing else in music to equal this rendition of the great Oratorio has ever been given in Lancaster by local talent. We remember it well, as if it were but yesterday, when it was given in the Fulton Opera House. Other great works—as "Schiller's Bell," by Romberg, and "The Creation," by Haydn—were produced in the same grand style, with massive and well-drilled choruses, soloists of reputation, and orchestras large, full and well-trained. As musical director of the Maennerchor Society he arranged

and conducted four or five important music festivals, in which many noted singing societies of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Reading and other neighboring towns participated. He has conducted many benefit concerts for others, but has always sturdily refused any such concerts for himself. For nearly thirty years he has been connected with the High Schools as a teacher of German and vocal music. During this long period many hundreds and thousands of boys and girls have passed through these schools, and become scattered far and wide through the world, but Prof Matz and their songs of the olden time they remember with gladness and gratitude. They never forget his vigorous, masterful, enthusiastic manner, as he sat behind the school piano, or sprang to his feet for a special effort, with one hand on the keyboard and the other beating time, and his mighty voice, equal to those of a dozen men, always true to tone, leading with a call to strenuous effort that even the dead before him, if there were any such, must hear and answer.

He would have made a soldier of the Phil Sheridan type, and, with the training of Sheridan, could have taken that same furious ride to reach his army at Winchester, "where the voice of the master compelled it to pause"—only his voice, with the same ring in it would have been more mighty than that of Sheridan. Looking at him many a time in the High School, with keen interest and admiration of his skill and power—hearing his grand voice, firm, resolute, confident, compelling result—and knowing well his fearless unquailing spirit, and his tremendous energy when roused to supreme efforts, we have often thought, "What a leader for a forlorn hope in a desperate charge!"

Other good men have done very much for the cause of music in Lancaster, but the work of this forceful, untiring and eminently capable teacher and leader makes him easily first among them all. Knowing and teaching only the best in music, and holding firmly to that high standard for more than thirty years, as organist and choirmaster, in private lessons and chorus training, and in connection with the music in the public schools,—but especially in the High Schools—he has been an active, earnest, intelligent, constant and, we might almost say, pervading force amongst us in a line of work in which not many are competent to excel, and which is one of the most humanizing and helpful that can be done in any community.

He is a man of very strong physique, with an honest eye, an honest voice and an honest heart, generous and kindly, of rather emphatic manner, with endless capacity for work and large reserve of energy, but one who when roused will go "to the limit" to get things done, with little regard for stress and strain; the sort of man one likes to work with and whom it is good to know and to live with.

CHARLES. The founder of the Charles family in Lancaster county, Pa., was Henry Charles, who came to this country from Switzerland, probably

about 1734, the records showing that he and his wife, and also his blind mother who accompanied him, were members of what was denominated "Rupp's Collection of 30,000 emigrants," and they sailed from Rotterdam, in the vessel named the "Charming Polly" of London, of which Charles Steadman was master, their companions on the voyage consisting of 105 men, twenty-five boys, and 107 women and girls. Prior to this emigration these ancestors had been sold into Holland as slaves; but how long this state of affairs lasted, or what were the conditions of it, the old records do not make very plain. After reaching the free land of America, they first located at Germantown, where they farmed for eight years, and then came to Lancaster county, selecting a tract in Manor township, south-east of Mountville, which property is still in the possession of the Charles family. In connection with large farming enterprises, this ancestor introduced weaving into the community, being an expert in the manufacture of all kinds of cloth, but probably the hardships which he had undergone shortened his life, for he died when about fifty-six years old, his wife not surviving him very long. Three sons were born to them: (1) Joseph, born on the ship in 1734, married and moved to what is now known as the old Frey farm in East Hempfield township. He lived and died there, and his remains were buried on the farm, but there is no graveyard to be found there now. His grandson, Joseph, who was yet young and unmarried (whose father, Joseph was yet living), went with one of his friends to the Potomac river, where he bought a mill, paying what was thought to be an extravagant price for it, his acquaintances all predicting financial failure. They made a public sale and sold the East Hempfield farm, for which they obtained a very high price, giving them enough to pay for the mill and some to spare. This sale was attended by many people from Lancaster, and also from Manor and East Hempfield townships, wine was served to those attending, and the occasion was made a most enjoyable one. After some time Joseph and his family went farther west, and now all the descendants of Joseph, son of the emigrant, are located in the west. (2) John, second son of Henry, the emigrant, was born at Germantown in 1739, and he died when nearly eighty-five years old. Many of his descendants are still in Lancaster county, some of them around Millersville, some along the Susquehanna, some at Charlestown (which was founded by some members of the family), some in Pequea township, and others at Philadelphia and in the west. (3) Jacob is mentioned below.

Jacob Charles, third son of Henry, the emigrant, was born in Manor township in 1742, and died at the age of ninety-seven years, nine months and nine days. His whole life was passed on a farm adjoining the one upon which he was born. In many ways he was a most remarkable man, his physical structure was large, and his mental equipment was of a superior order also, his intelligence being far beyond the average farmer of his locality. As a sample of his

unusual physical preservation, it is recorded that within a year of his death, he easily walked the distance of fourteen miles to and from Lancaster City in one day, and one week before his death he walked home from Habecker's Church, taking sick on the way home. As one of the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, he efficiently managed the affairs of the Habecker Church for a number of years. Jacob Charles married Mary Neff, and to them were born these children: (1) Anna, born in July, 1766, married Jacob Kauffman, and died aged eighty years, eight months and six days. (2) Jacob, born in May, 1769, was a farmer all his life on the original homestead. His death, which occurred when he was aged sixty-four years, three months and twenty-five days, was caused by cutting himself in the foot while felling a tree. He was the father of ten children, as follows: Joseph and Barbara, who both died in infancy; Mary, who married Jacob Froelich; Elizabeth, who married John Hertzler; Anna, who married Jacob Seitz; Barbara, who also wedded Jacob Seitz; Jacob, who died unmarried, when about sixty-three years old; Fanny, who married John Newcomer; Elizabeth, who also wedded a John Newcomer; and Christian, who married Fanny Forey, became the father of Amos, Levi, Christian, Clayton, Catharine, Adaline, Anna, Fanny, Ellen and Emma, and, after passing his life as farmer on the old home, he died in his seventy-fifth year. (3) Barbara, born in July, 1776, married Jacob Stauffer, and died aged seventy-three years, eleven months and four days. (4) John is mentioned in full below. The descendants of Jacob Charles, the father of these children, now living, number between four and five hundred; they have not scattered far, but a circle twenty-five miles in diameter would embrace nearly all. All that are married are farmers, and all that profess religion are Mennonites, except two families.

John Charles, son of Jacob, was born in March, 1781. He, too, was a farmer, and owned over five hundred acres of land in one body. This tract has been added to by his children and grandchildren until it now contains between eight and nine hundred acres; it is now farmed by ten of the name—two Christians, two Davids, two Henrys, Jacob, John, Clayton and Levi. John Charles died at the age of seventy-six years, ten months and twenty days. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Habacker, by whom he had these children: (1) Elizabeth, born in August, 1807, married John Stauffer, and died when eighty-three years, four months and ten days old. (2) John, born Sept. 3, 1809, is mentioned later on. (3) Christian, born June 2, 1812, is yet living, being in his ninety-first year. His children were Elizabeth, Jacob, John, Joseph, Christian, Abraham, Esther, Anna and Mary. (4) Esther, born in June, 1814, died at the age of thirty-eight years, ten months and twenty-seven days, the wife of Rev. Christian Herr. The second marriage of John Charles was to the Widow

Stauffer, whose maiden name was Witmer, and to them two children were born: Anna, born Feb. 8, 1822, married John Bowers and died at the age of seventy-four years and eleven months; and Joseph, born in February, 1825, died at the age of seventy-four years, nine months and seven days.

John Charles, son of John was always engaged in agriculture, residing in Manor township, Lancaster county, where he was regarded as one of the prominent and substantial citizens, a keen business man, but who was noted for an exemplary life, and was one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church. He died aged eighty-four years nine months and eighteen days. John Charles was married to Susan Herr, the estimable daughter of David Herr who was a deacon of the Mennonite Church and well-known farmer of Lancaster township, her birth occurring in 1814, and her death in 1879, at the age of sixty-five years, two months and twenty-five days. The children born to this union were: David H.; Esther, who married Joseph Habecker, of Manor township; Susan, who married Amos Souders, of Manor township; Anna, who married Jacob Krider, of Rohrerstown; John, who died at the age of seventeen; Fannie, who married Jonas Nissley of Manor township; Christian, of Manor township, who married Elizabeth Brubaker; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Aaron Hostetter, of Lancaster township; Mary, widow of Ephraim Hostetter, of Manor township; Henry H., of Manor township, who married Elizabeth Landis; and Jacob, who died in childhood. The father of this family was a most worthy man, and reared his family in the precepts of the Mennonite Church, and all of them have become good and worthy citizens.

DAVID H. CHARLES was reared on the old farm which had been the home of his ancestors, and he received his education in the public schools of the neighborhood. After completing his education he moved to a farm adjoining the home, and belonging to his father-in-law, where he remained for twenty-six years. He then left that farm in the hands of his son, and moved to the village of Kready, where he had purchased a farm for his daughter, and a home for himself.

On Dec. 7, 1858, David H. Charles was married to Fannie D. Brubaker, who was born Aug. 28, 1838, a daughter of Jacob K. Brubaker, a distinguished Bishop of the Old Mennonite Church, and to this happy marriage three children have been born: Susannah B., born Nov. 1, 1859, died March 20, 1862; Fannie B., born May 20, 1862, married Aaron Kauffman a farmer of East Hempfield township, who is a singer, and a teacher in Sunday school; and Jacob B., born Dec. 25, 1863, married Mary H. Gamber of Manor township, and is a farmer, residing in Manor township. Both David H. Charles and wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church, in which they were reared from childhood. For years he has been a leading figure in musical circles in his community, having successfully taught vocal music

in Lancaster county, and has had considerable influence in educating the people to an appreciation of good music. As one of the enterprising and progressive men of the community, he has done his full part in advancing the interests of East Hempfield, and is justly considered one of the representative citizens.

David H. Charles has in his possession the old family Bible, which Henry Charles, the emigrant, brought from Switzerland. It is now three hundred and sixty-seven years old. When Henry Charles wrote down the births of his three sons, he also attached a prayer: "The All Highest let them grow up to His holy Name's honor, and to the praise of their parents, and mostly to their soul's salvation. Amen."

JOSIAH BROWN was in his lifetime regarded justly as an honorable and prominent citizen of Fulton township, Lancaster county. He was born in 1815, and died in 1884, on his farm, which is now owned by his widow and daughter. Josiah Brown was a son of Nathan Brown, who came to Pennsylvania from Cecil county, Md., and the family is of English stock.

Nathan Brown, the father, was a native of Cecil county, Md., and was the father of ten children, as follows: Josephine, Josiah, William, Emily, Elizabeth, Mary, Alice, Lewis, Margaret and Mercy, all deceased with the exception of Mercy and Lewis.

During his life Josiah Brown was a successful farmer and a leading Republican of the district. He was a member of the Society of Friends, and was a fine neighbor and reliable friend. He was a devoted husband and a kind father, and no man stood higher in the estimation of all classes than did Josiah Brown.

On May 30, 1844, Josiah Brown was married to Miss Mary A. Phillips, of Chester county, Pa., who was born Oct. 16, 1822, a daughter of Robert and Rosanna (Mullen) Phillips, the family being of Scotch-Irish origin. This marriage was blessed with two children: Sarah Anna, born April 2, 1854; and Rachel Clay, born March 3, 1846, who died in childhood.

Sarah Anna, the only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Brown, was married to Charles S. Jacobs, of Churchtown, Lancaster county, April 9, 1885. They have two children, namely: Hanson Bentley, born April 15, 1886; and Mary A. B., born Sept. 24, 1895. Mr. Jacobs and his wife reside on the home farm, and he has charge of the place. He was born June 6, 1845, and he is a thrifty and painstaking man who has left no opportunity go by to keep the place in the best possible condition. He is a Republican in politics, and keeps well in touch with his party, and in his religious belief he is a Presbyterian.

Mrs. Brown, widow of Josiah Brown, lives with her daughter in the Brown homestead. She is a noble specimen of womanhood, bright and agile for

one of her age. Her health is good and she lives in the full enjoyment of life, with many friends, and she is highly regarded by all who know her.

HENRY HUBER. The name of Huber is well known through the agricultural sections of Lancaster county, Pa., where for generations the family has owned large tracts of land, and its representatives have been among the most honored and respected citizens. The father of Henry Huber, of this sketch, was Christian Huber, who was born on the farm now occupied by the former, which for four generations has been the old family homestead, coming originally into the family by marriage with the Herrs. Christian Huber was born Feb. 2, 1807, a son of Henry and Fannie (Buckwalter) Huber. He was reared on the farm, educated in the public schools and became a successful agriculturist, his death occurring Feb. 15, 1887. Possessing the energetic and progressive ideas characteristic of the family, he was well known through the township for his sympathy with education and religious enterprises, and both he and his wife were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Christian Huber was married on Dec. 26, 1836, to Anna Harnish, who was born on Feb. 13, 1819, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Eman) Harnish, and still survives, in good health, beloved in the community where she has lived so long an example of Christian womanhood. A family of eleven children came to bless this worthy couple, many of them still living: Elizabeth, born in May, 1838, married Michael S. Kreider, and at her death left three children; Martha, born in May, 1839, married David F. Harnish, of Manheim township; Catherine, born in September, 1841, married Cyrus M. Zittle, formerly of West Lampeter township, now of Strasburg township; Henry, born in January, 1844, resides in West Lampeter township; Fannie, born in March, 1846, married Frank Mylin, of Pequea township; Mary Ann, born in September, 1848, married Abraham Shaub, of Manor township; Anna, born in April, 1851, married Jacob Klaus, of West Lampeter township; Jacob, born in April, 1853, died in childhood; Aaron, born in Dec., 1854, is a farmer of West Lampeter township; Christian, born in Feb. 1858, is a farmer in West Lampeter; and David, born in August, 1860, is also a farmer of this locality.

Henry Huber was born and reared on the farm he still occupies, receiving his education in the public schools. About 1870 he took charge of the homestead, and successfully conducted farming operations there until the death of his father, after which he purchased 103 acres of the land, this being the larger part of the old homestead, and since that time he has been continually engaged in improvements until his estate has no superior in the locality. Its fine condition places him in the front rank as an agriculturist, for it has been under his care for so long a time, that its excellent appearance and

productiveness are directly due to his management.

Henry Huber was married on Dec. 12, 1875, to Isabella Charles, who was born in Pequea township, July 14, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Kendig) Charles, and three children have been born of this union: Henry C., born Aug. 25, 1876; Amos, born Dec. 28, 1878; and Christian C., born Sept. 1, 1882. With their eldest son, Henry Huber and wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church, where they are highly esteemed. Mr. Huber is one of the substantial men of the township, and he has taken an interested part in public matters. Politically he is a Republican, but has never consented to hold any office.

GEORGE ROHR, managing editor of the Lancaster *Freie Presse*, is a native of Mannheim, Baden, Germany, where he was born Oct. 2, 1856. His parents, John and Magdalena Rohr, emigrated to the United States in 1866, and settled in Lancaster. The death of the father occurred in December, 1893; the mother died in December, 1900. George Rohr's education commenced in Germany, was finished in the public schools and St. Joseph school at Lancaster. At sixteen he was apprenticed to the printer's trade under Gottlieb Schmid, and after gaining a thorough knowledge of it went to Trenton, N. J., where he was employed for three years on a German publication. He then went to New York and there spent two years in a printing office; then going to Philadelphia he was employed for a similar period. He thus gained a valuable knowledge of the business in various cities which has been of great service to him.

Mr. Rohr came back to Lancaster in 1883 and went to work for the *Freie Presse*, and since the first of March, 1888, he has been its managing editor. His selection for the position was a wise one, as his talents particularly fit him for it.

While living at Trenton, Mr. Rohr married Miss Kate H. Braun, a native of that city. They have seven children.

JACOB R. HERSHEY, one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county, engaged extensively in milling operations at Hershey's Mill, in Manor township, where he is also occupied in farming, has descended from one of the early and prominent families of Lancaster county.

The emigrant ancestor of this branch of the Hershey family in Lancaster county was Andrew Hershey, who with his sons, Andrew and Benjamin, came from Switzerland, and located here in 1719. A third son, Christian Hershey, came later. All were made ministers in the Mennonite Church. From this emigrant, Andrew Hershey, the subject of this sketch is in the sixth generation, the line of his descent being through Andrew (2), Andrew (3), Jacob and Benjamin Hershey.

(II) Andrew Hershey (2), son of Andrew, was born in 1702, and he died in 1792. His children

were: Christian, Andrew, John, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Peter, Catherine and Maria.

(III) Andrew Hershey (3), son of Andrew (2), was born in 1734, and he died July 16, 1806. His children were: Annie, Jacob, Maria, Andrew, Henry, Elizabeth and John.

(IV) Jacob Hershey, son of Andrew (3), was born Oct. 2, 1765, in Manor township, and became a farmer and miller, building the old Hershey mill in Manor township in 1803. In 1787 he married Barbara Heistand, and died May 27, 1821. Their children were as follows:

John, born March 7, 1790, was a farmer in Manheim township. Jacob, born May 30, 1791, was a farmer by occupation, and moved to Ohio in 1834, locating in Medway, Clark county, where he afterward resided, and where his death occurred; he married and reared a family. Henry, born July 21, 1793, who married Annie Shellenberger, was a farmer, and passed his life in Manor township, dying Aug. 12, 1865; he was a member of the Mennonite Church. Andrew, born Dec. 16, 1794, married Annie, daughter of Samuel Hartman; he was a thrifty farmer of Manor township, though much of the time he was in poor health, and he died March 23, 1837, a member of the Dunkard Church. Elizabeth, born Jan. 19, 1798, died at the age of twenty-six years. Maria, born Jan. 29, 1801, died in infancy. Benjamin is referred to farther on. Maria (2) was born Dec. 31, 1808.

(V) Benjamin Hershey, son of Jacob and Barbara (Heistand), and father of the subject of this sketch, was born Jan. 9, 1804, on the homestead in Manor township, and he passed his lifetime there, occupied in agricultural pursuits and in milling, operating the Hershey Mill from 1834 until 1862. He was one of the substantial citizens of his locality, a man of honor and integrity, who held the esteem and respect of his fellow men. He married Susan Rietzel, who was born in 1818, and to their union were born children as follows: Catharine, who married Jacob Kendig, and is now deceased; Jacob R.; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Jonas Risser, of Mount Joy; Henry B., who married Caroline Mann; and Susan, who married John Newcomer. The two last named live in Manor township. The father of these children died Oct. 1, 1883, and the mother passed away Feb. 28, 1895.

Jacob R. Hershey, the subject proper of this sketch, was born July 15, 1838, at Hershey's Mill, in Manor township, which locality has always been the chief field of his life's work. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and the business of milling, in both of which he has continued and prospered. He had received a common school education, and in 1862 assumed charge of the old mill which his grandfather built about 1803, operating it until his death in 1821, when it succeeded to his son Jacob, who carried on the business until going West, in 1834, and from that time until 1862 it was operated by Benjamin Hershey.

Jacob R. Hershey has a fine farm of sixty-two acres, on which he has been engaged in general farming. He has led a busy, active life, and being a good financier and manager, has become well-to-do. He is enterprising and public-spirited, and has ever taken a deep interest in all movements indicating progress and advancement. For fifteen years he has been one of the board of directors and vice-president of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, of which he was one of the incorporators and original stockholders. He was also one of the promoters of the Columbia Trust Co., of which he is a director. In political belief he is a staunch Republican, but he has never been an aspirant for political office or emoluments.

On Jan. 12, 1861, Mr. Hershey was joined in marriage with Miss Catharine Davis, who was born Dec. 20, 1841, a daughter of John and Catharine Davis, the former of whom was a prominent and well known man of Rohrerstown, Pa. To them have come the following children: Lizzie, born Dec. 10, 1862; Mary Ella, born April 19, 1864; Davis J., born March 29, 1866, married Fanny L. Baer, now deceased; Benjamin and Henry D. (twins), born March 2, 1868, of whom Benjamin died Aug. 11, 1868; and Henry D., married Ida, daughter of M. S. Seichrist; Jacob D., born March 31, 1875, married Elizabeth McBride, of New Jersey, and is a practicing physician at Manheim, Pennsylvania.

DAVID F. MELLINGER (deceased), late a highly honored resident of his native township of Manor, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 6, 1820, a descendant from one of the oldest families of the township, mention of whom will be found on several pages of this volume.

Benjamin Mellinger, father of David F., was the eldest son of John and Elizabeth (Dills) Mellinger, and was born in Indiantown, Manor township, in 1785; he died in 1861. Soon after the war of 1812 had closed, Benjamin purchased, when prices were at the highest point, a tract of land which depreciated in price fully one-half before he had cleared off the mortgage, but he struggled on manfully, and finally extricated himself from debt. He devoted his time to farming and distilling, realized a competency, and became one of the most prominent men of his township, gaining the full confidence of his fellow citizens. In politics, Benjamin Mellinger was first an anti-Mason Whig, but later became a Republican, was honored by his townspeople with many local offices, and for years was a member of the school board. In religion he was a Mennonite. Benjamin Mellinger married Anna Eshleman, who was born in Manor township in 1784, was a daughter of Jacob Eshleman and died in 1875, the mother of seven children who grew to mature years, viz.: John E., a farmer, who died in Yellow Springs, Ohio, June 21, 1900, at the advanced age of ninety years and seven months; Jacob E., a farmer of Millerstown, Pa., who died in 1893, when over seventy-four years of age;

Benjamin E., a farmer of Manor township, who died about 1855, about forty-two years of age; Elizabeth, born Aug. 4, 1815, who is the widow of Henry E. Baer; Henry H., formerly a farmer, now eighty-two years old, and residing in Steubenville, Ohio; David F.; Martin E., born in 1826, a school-teacher, and later a clerk, who died in Buffalo, N. Y., in 1882.

David F. Mellinger was unmarried, and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Baer, on his homestead about one mile from Safe Harbor, which homestead contains twenty-three acres on which Mr. Mellinger lived for forty-eight years. Besides his home he owned a tract of eighteen acres in another part of Manor township. Mrs. Baer, now a widow, is the mother of three children, namely: Benjamin, a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, wife of George H. Weaver, of Harrisburg; and Annie, deceased wife of Benjamin Frey, of Manor township.

David F. Mellinger began his active life when eighteen years old by teaching in both public and private schools, and he followed the vocation fifteen years—teaching every winter and some of the summers. After abandoning this profession he worked for some time for neighboring farmers, when he secured his late home, where his declining years were passed in peace and quiet, and cheered by the visits of many warm friends who honored and esteemed him for his many amiable traits of character. In religion he was a Methodist and in politics a Republican. His death at four score years closed a well-spent life.

CHRISTIAN WITMER STEHMAN, head of the firm of C. W. Stehman & Bro., No. 102 North Queen street, (Y. M. C. A. building), is a self-made man, whose history affords a striking illustration of what intelligent effort and manifest integrity will accomplish. Mr. Stehman's grandfather, who died when his father was only three years old, was a life-long farmer in the township of Manor.

John G. Stehman, the father of Christian W., married Anna S. Witmer, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Witmer, of Manor township, the latter of whom died about twenty years ago, when over seventy years of age. The union of John G. Stehman and Anna S. Witmer resulted in the birth of ten children, all of whom are living with the exception of the first-born, who entered into rest at the age of two years. The survivors are: Jacob W., a carpenter of Millersville; Hiram W., a farmer of Silver Spring; John W., a farmer in the township of Manor; Anna, wife of John B. Warfel, a farmer of Millersville; Elizabeth, wife of John M. Neff, of Manor township; Hettie, wife of Abram S. Kendig, of Manor township; Phares W., a farmer on the Fruitville turnpike; Christian W., the North Queen street merchant; and I. W., formerly a school teacher, but now a member of the firm of C. W. Stehman & Bro.

Christian Witmer Stehman was born in the township of Lancaster Oct. 19, 1867, and received his education in Millersville, and took a classical course

at the Millersville State Normal, leaving that institution at the age of twenty-three years. Coming to Lancaster, he entered the dry-goods store of Bard & McElroy. After being there two years Mr. Stehman entered the establishment of Williamson & Foster, where he became a leading salesman in the furnishing department. His first business venture for himself was in the bicycle rooms in the real estate building on East Orange street, whence he removed to 22½ East King street, where he remained but a short time. His trade so increased that he was compelled to move again to much more commodious quarters in the Opera House, where he added a line of toys in addition to his bicycles and supplies. In October, 1898, Mr. Stehman moved to No. 48 North Queen street, where, under the firm name of C. W. Stehman & Bro., the business rapidly increased, and they added housefurnishings, sewing machines and a special line of floor oilcloths. Finding their quarters too small they removed to their present location, No. 102 North Queen street.

Mr. Stehman is an active member of the Y. M. C. A., and of St. Paul's Reformed Church and the Christian Endeavor Society, of which he was president for two years. For years he was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and has been connected with this church from boyhood. Such has been the career of this well-known young business man, and it is a noble illustration of what prudence and integrity, when united with industry and business ability, may accomplish.

JACOB B. KREADY (deceased) was born at Millersville, Manor township, Lancaster county, Sept. 10, 1826, and he died on his farm in Rapho township, June 21, 1900, and was buried in Erisman's Meeting House cemetery. He was the son of George and Susannah (Birchfield) Kready. On Dec. 4, 1866, Jacob B. Kready was married to Rebecca Eby. There were born to this union the following children: Mary A., unmarried; Frank E., of Petersburg, Pa.; Emma J., deceased wife of James Groff; Susan E., wife of Levi Fissel, of Rapho township; Henry E., a Rapho township farmer; Jacob E., unmarried and at home; Elias E., at Manheim, teaching school; Rebecca E., wife of Elias Hunberger, of Salunga, Pa.; John E., born on the homestead, July 8, 1877; Clinton E., Elizabeth E., Clayton E. and Ellen E., who all died young; Alice; Susan; Henry; Emma; Frank; and Elizabeth, born in Mechanicsville, East Hempfield township.

Mrs. Rebecca (Eby) Kready, wife of Jacob B. Kready, was born in Rapho township, July 4, 1835, and died in December, 1896, at the age of sixty-one years. She was buried in Erisman's Church cemetery. Mrs. Kready was the daughter of Christian and Anna (Wortman) Eby, of Lancaster county. She was a worthy, Christian woman and died regretted by a large circle of friends.

During his life Jacob B. Kready took a prominent part in the affairs of Rapho township. Moving

there in 1866, from East Hempfield township, he at once began that career which marked him as a man of more than ordinary industry, thrift and sagacity. At his death he not only owned the farm occupied by him as a home but two fine adjoining farms which he purchased at different times. He was a director of the Sporting Hill and Manheim Turnpike Co., and was largely instrumental in organizing the enterprise. For years he was tax collector of the township, and during a long period prior to his death was a factor in the development of the resources of his township. A Republican in politics, he stood for the best interests of the party and at all times ready with his purse and counsel to do his share toward its success. Both he and wife were prominent members of the Mennonite Church.

JOHN E. KREADY, brother of the late Jacob B. Kready, is a farmer, market gardener and florist of Rapho township. He was born in Manor township April 12, 1834, son of George and Susannah (Birchfield) Kready. The father, George Kready, was born in Manor township, in August, 1797, and remained there until 1839, when he removed to Rapho township, where he resided until the time of his death in 1869. He was a farmer and held several township offices during his life. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mrs. Kready was born Feb. 20, 1798, and died in 1875. There were born to this couple the following children: Elizabeth, unmarried, and living on the old homestead; Susan, unmarried, and living on the home place; Jacob B., who died in 1900, and already referred to in this sketch; George, of Rapho township; Mary, who died in 1898, the wife of David Burns, of Rapho township; John E.; Anna, unmarried, living on the home place; and Samuel, a Penn township farmer.

In 1863, at Harrisburg, Pa., John E. Kready married Miss Magdalena Stoner, of that city. The following children have been born to this union: Elmira, wife of Jacob Herman, an East Hempfield township farmer; Minnie, unmarried and at home; Wilson, a farmer of Rapho township, who first married Miss Fanny Brubaker and then Louisa Martin; and Francis, at home, unmarried.

Mr. Kready remained at home with his parents until the time of his marriage, gaining an education in the meantime in the public schools of the district. After his marriage he worked his father's farm on shares for two years and then bought his present home and moved into it. In 1880 he began engaging in the nursery business, and it has grown to such extent that he now ships shrubs, plants, trees, etc., to all parts of the United States. He is the person who cultivated and introduced the Keystone and Early Daisy varieties of grapes to general use.

Mr. Kready is a Republican in politics and for three years held the office of township auditor under the auspices of that party. The gentleman is progressive in his ideas, and always alive to everything of benefit and interest to his neighborhood and

aiding in every manner projects for the betterment of social and industrial institutions.

EMANUEL W. EBY, brother of Mrs. Jacob B. Kready (deceased), is a prosperous general farmer of Rapho township. He is the son of Christian and Anna (Wortman) Eby, of East Hempfield township, and was born Nov. 9, 1843, in Rapho township, within one mile of his present home. His parents moved from East Hempfield township to Mt. Joy township, and thence to Rapho township. The father was a farmer and miller and died in July, 1871, at the age of seventy-one years. The mother died in 1889, at the age of eighty-five years, and is buried in the United Brethren Church cemetery of Rapho township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eby were members of that church. There were born to their union the following children: Jacob deceased at the age of seventy-two years; George, deceased at the age of seventy-four years; Mary, widow of George Geyer, of Mt. Joy township; Benjamin, a retired farmer of Middletown, Pa.; Henry, a retired farmer of Manheim, Pa.; Ephraim, a retired farmer living near Dayton, Ohio; Rebecca, deceased wife of the late Jacob B. Kready; John, who died in infancy; Samuel, who died at the age of three years; John (2), who died in infancy; Christian, a Sumner county, Kans., farmer; and Emanuel W.

Mr. Eby's grandfather was Jacob Eby, of East Hempfield township, who in his younger life conducted a distillery and afterward moved to Rapho township. During his latter days he lived a retired life, and died at the age of eighty years, in 1850. His wife, Margaret, died just four weeks prior to the time of his death, at the age of eighty years. There was only one son born to this couple, Christian, the father of Emanuel, of this sketch. Mr. Eby's mother was twice married, her first husband being a gentleman named Singer.

Mr. Eby is a prosperous and well-known man in his community and held in kindly regard by all his friends.

CAPTAIN EDWARD WILLIAM McCASKEY, of the Twenty-first United States Infantry, well known to Lancaster, is now (1903) in his fortieth year, with much efficient work behind him. He was quartermaster of his regiment during almost the entire Philippine campaign, and was for many months also the Depot Quartermaster at Calamba for twenty or more posts in the provinces of Laguna and Batangas during the active operations of General Bell in that country. The Quartermaster was the hardest worked man in the Philippines, with seven busy days in the week; and Captain McCaskey had it day and night, both in regimental and department duty. Besides, all supplies received and distributed must be accounted for, and all accounts be duly audited at Washington, so that he had plenty of financial responsibility, involving, at times, many hundreds of thousands of dollars. In spite of fever and other ailments incident to the climate,

quinine and other medicines almost daily, and the heat and arduous service, all of which must at last have broken him down utterly had he remained much longer on the islands, he did not lose a day from duty while in Cuba or in the Philippines.

Captain McCaskey was born in Lancaster Aug. 30, 1863. He comes of sturdy stock in a half-dozen lines; through his father from the old Douglas family of Scotland, Davis and Piersol of Wales, Eckert of Switzerland, and Wilson and McCaskey of Scotch-Irish descent. Archibald Douglas, Jenkins Davis, Jeremiah Piersol, William Eckert and John Wilson, his ancestors in the fifth and sixth generation, were among the earliest settlers of Lancaster county, who took up large tracts of land here immediately after the organization of the county in 1730. John McCaskey was a Scotch-Irishman, who came to Lancaster county about 1795 from County Monaghan, Ireland. Through his mother he is descended from the English Puritan and Dutch (Holland) ancestry in the seventh and eighth generations; William Chase, who emigrated from England to Massachusetts about 1635, and Rev. Everardus Bogardus, who came from Holland in 1633, and was the second and most noted clergyman in the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam, now the city of New York. They say there is no better combination in the world than the Scotch and the Dutch, and he has it. After graduating from the High School, of which his father is principal, he entered Franklin and Marshall College and was in the junior class when he took the competitive examination for the Military Academy in 1882. He graduated from West Point June 12, 1886, with good rank in a large class of seventy-six members, and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Twenty-first Infantry. He was married soon after to Miss Catharine W. Kennedy, and ordered to the West. After a month at Fort Bridger, the supply point for the hostile White River Utes, the mountain trail becoming impassable, he was sent to Price. From this place he went to Fort DuChesne, in Central Utah, 100 miles or more from railroad communication, a strategic post in the midst of three hostile Indian tribes, which had been established but a few weeks before by General Crook. During the winter and spring they lived in tents, looked after the Indians, ran a sawmill and built permanent quarters. Colonel Benteen was in command, the officer who saved Reno's battalion after the Custer massacre.

On the way out to this post he had what he regards as the narrowest escape from death he has ever known, which in one of his letters is described in this graphic fashion: "I have been thinking of the miracle of our escape here on the mountains out from Price that day when the closed ambulance—thrown upon its side as we rounded the curve of the narrow wagon road—was slipping, slipping farther and farther over the edge of the precipice. A few seconds more would have hurled us, with plucky driver and four frightened mules, to certain death."



EDWARD W. McCASKEY,
CAPTAIN AND Q. M. TWENTY-FIRST U. S. INFANTRY.

on the jagged rocks far below, for the heavy ambulance going down would have dragged the mules with it. I live it all over again—it is burned into me! Narrow roadway for single wagon blasted out of the face of the cliff, not long, but the only way 'round; ambulance upset on the sharp curve; mules pulling right on, without control; man driving thrown on loose rock and unconscious; regular driver, all alive to the danger, thrown beyond him on the smooth slope of solid rock, with pitch like the steep-sloping roof of a house, slipping to the drop and nothing to catch hold of or to stop him—when suddenly one of the lines running by on the rock comes just within his reach! It had nearly passed him when he saw and gripped it like a flash—the only hope for him and us. He told me that he thought, as he snatched it, 'if it's the wrong line I'll pull them down only a moment sooner.' Thank God! it was the line to hold us. The mules were jerked to a dead stop in a tangled heap against the wall of rock, as he came up the slope, hand over hand, on the line, to open the door of the ambulance, which lay on its side hanging over the edge, to salute and ask, 'Is the lady hurt, sir? When we were upset I caught you and tried to ease you up as we dragged along, but did not know the full situation till we got you out.' I've been near to the edge more than once, have heard the zip of bullets very close; they've knocked the match from my fingers, and cut the weeds between my knees, and touched very near my life; a big chunk of iron passed between Rees and me when a heavy cannon burst for our gun squad at West Point; in Cuba one of their shells exploded so near my head that for a time I thought the flaming gas had destroyed my eyesight. But nothing else has ever seemed so near as this, when that splendid fellow, the Sergeant driver, saved us all. And he took it almost as a bit of ordinary duty. Nobody who afterwards looked at the place and knew the facts could see how it was possible to escape, except by the miracle of the Sergeant's quick grip upon the line. What good angel threw it within his reach? I think it was the Providence of God."

In 1887 he was ordered to the Infantry and Cavalry School of Application at Fort Leavenworth, passed the course and graduated in 1889. Col. Alex. M. McCook was at the head of the school; Major General MacArthur, then a Captain, was one of the instructors, as were other officers who have since risen to distinction. After a brief furlough he went to Fort McKinney, Wyoming, under command of Major, afterwards General, Guy V. Henry. Here he spent a year as quartermaster, etc.; on frequent scouting duty, because of the "ghost dances" and other uneasiness among the Indians previous to the Sioux War, which broke out the next year. One of these expeditions led into the Big Horn mountains, through the Bad Lands and Yellowstone Park. From McKinney he went, in 1890, to Fort Douglas, at Salt Lake City. The Sioux war having now broken out, the troops from this post, 1,800 miles

distant, went to the Bad Lands of the White River, in South Dakota. This campaign lasted but a few months, the troops surrounding the Indians and holding them in check until overtures of peace were made from General Miles, through friendly chiefs, and accepted by the Sioux.

From Douglas he went to Omaha, in 1891, as a member of the Executive Committee of the rifle contest held at Bellevue, in the Department of the Platte. Again to Fort DuChesne, as quartermaster and adjutant, under Major Randlett—one of the best officers and one of the best men he has known in the army—building houses, laying out gardens, running irrigating ditches on the mesa, etc.

From DuChesne he was ordered to the Pennsylvania State College, in 1892, as instructor in military tactics, where he remained for four years. Of 120 colleges and schools to which army officers were then detailed, his battalion, for general appearance and drill, was rated third, the first being West Point, the second the military school at Orchard Lake, Michigan, and the third Pennsylvania State College. At the close of this detail he made a very quick trip to Europe, in September, 1896, of but three weeks' duration, in which he traveled over twelve thousand miles in twenty-two days, making an average of about 550 miles per day. 'Fast ocean steamers, fast mail trains by night, sightseeing by day, visiting a dozen leading Capitals of Europe; knowing before reaching a city what to see and how to see it so as not to lose an hour anywhere—going' as far as Eastern Austria, within 300 miles of Odessa, quarter way 'round the world, for the military manoeuvres—and anything else that might be seen "on the wing." He reported the trip to the War Department, as it was of semi-official character, and rejoined his regiment at Plattsburg, New York, in October. Here he had charge of the battalion drill in special athletics and on firing range, and prepared one company for the campaign in Cuba. During the summer of 1897 the regiment was the special escort to President McKinley and other Government officials spending the season at Bluff Point Hotel, on Lake Champlain.

The Maine having been sunk in Havana harbor, the Twenty-first Regiment left for Cuba April 19, 1898, five hundred strong, one of the finest organizations in the service, many of the men being lumbermen and others who had been familiar with the woods and with firearms for most of their lives. They reached Tampa April 22, where they remained for six weeks; sailed for Cuba early in June, and landed at Siboney—afterwards a yellow fever pest-hole—near Santiago, June 21st. The regiment went forward the last days of June and June 30 were in the advance on picket. At midnight of that day the troops generally moved forward and were in position. By noon the Twenty-first was in the zone of fire, on the second line at 3 o'clock, on the first line by 4 o'clock, aiding in driving toward the city the Spanish rapid-fire guns from the fleet and two di-

visions of their infantry as rear guard, the Spaniards leaving one division to die on the hill in the trenches. At five o'clock the Twenty-first had the most advanced position, within 250 yards of the enemy's first line, separated from it by six lines of barbed wire, six strands high. The loss of the regiment this day was forty-two men, one officer, and forty-eight casuals, who had joined the Twenty-first, having lost their own commands. They worked all that night, with axes, pocketknives, a shovel or two, their hands, anything, to get up shallow earthworks for protection. Firing began again at four A. M. and continued fiercely until eight P. M., sixteen hours, with nothing to eat, very little water, and the heat so terrific during a part of the time that some of the men became hysterical and crazy under the long-continued strain of excitement and duty.

About ten o'clock there was a night attack, and very heavy firing; casualties small, but the spies reported heavy loss among the Spaniards. This situation lasted during the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of July. The Spanish fleet left the harbor on Sunday, July 3, and was destroyed. In the interval from the 3rd to the 10th there was a truce to arrange terms of surrender, both sides strengthening their positions. Sharp firing was renewed on the 10th, continued on the 11th, less severe on the 12th, ultimatum on the 13th that charge would be made on Spanish position unless they surrendered within twenty-four hours. The brigade to which the Twenty-first Regiment belonged was under orders to lead this charge. Axes to cut the posts and nippers to cut the wires had been distributed, and the delay at the wire defenses of the Spaniards would have meant awful slaughter of our troops had the enemy not surrendered or had this unwise and reckless plan of attack been carried out. The Spaniards agreed to surrender, terms were finally approved, and the surrender took place July 17th.

Then came the sick camps, for some four weeks, daily growing worse. Because of their depressing influence upon the soldiers, there were no funeral ceremonies after August 1st. Supplies were short and of inferior quality, and the army was in desperate condition, when Roosevelt's "Round Robin" got into the newspapers of the United States and so stirred the nation that the troops were ordered home and thousands of lives saved. The regiment went to Montauk Point, on a captured Spanish boat, *Mortero*, making the trip in eleven days, instead of the usual time of five days, because of the loss of their compass and the leaking condition of the ship.

After a month at Montauk, the Twenty-first was ordered again to Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain, to recuperate and recruit for the coming campaign. Here Captain McCaskey had charge for six months of many hundred sick men, nearly a thousand at times, mostly typhoid cases, who had been sent from the Southern camps. He was examined for promotion in New York, his commission as Captain bearing date of March 2, 1898. The Twenty-first left

for the Philippines April 10th, left San Francisco April 18th, and reached Manila May 11, making a "record trip" of eighteen days across the Pacific.

The regiment went at once upon the line of defenses outside the city, and on the following night the company under his command lost one man killed and another wounded. They remained on the line near the Deposito for some three or four weeks, with movements back and forth, and on July 6th relieved the Colorado volunteer regiment at the Pump House, which was the source of the water supply of the city of Manila. The most stubborn fighting in this vicinity was on the 12th of August. Then to Manila and up the railroad after General Pilar. In this move Captain McCaskey commanded a battalion, with busy work for three days, the firing almost incessant.

The Twenty-first then went down to Calamba, at the head of Laguna de Baie, where he was made quartermaster of the regiment. This place was taken in July, and held, as a strategic measure, to keep several thousand rebels so busy here that they could not give aid to the insurrectos in the Northern campaign. By the end of the year, the campaign in the North being nearly over, fresh troops were sent to the South, and the regiment, which, during those six months had suffered greatly from disease and the casualties of battle—being all the while on the firing line and in the trenches on the south of the city—was sent to Pasay to guard the southern line of defenses of Manila. The Twenty-first Regiment had by this time lost twice as many men as any other on the islands, and its losses during the entire war were greater than any other.

When the Fourteenth Regiment went to China, in July, the Twenty-first took their place in Manila, where the regiment remained until November. Then to Batangas province by sea, with headquarters at Lipa. This was a strong moneyed centre of the insurrectos and was occupied by the Twenty-first until they left the islands, May 6, 1902.

Captain McCaskey was sent down to Calamba, June 5th, 1901, as Depot Quartermaster, under direction of General Wheaton, commanding the Department of Luzon, his business being to see to the distribution of supplies from Calamba, by wagon and pack train, to most of the troops now ordered into these provinces under General Bell to crush the last army of the insurrectos. This was a very responsible and arduous duty. Some ten thousand men were employed in this final campaign, and from twenty to twenty-five or more army posts, as well as troops in the field, were to be kept in supplies, over very bad roads, often almost or quite impassable, and through an enemy's country. But the great work was done, and in a manner so efficient as to give him wide and enviable reputation in the army. General Lawton at an early period in the war had put so high an estimate upon his work that, had he lived, he would have called him to more important duty than even that at Calamba.

The supplies were shipped by water to Calamba, in cascoes, averaging perhaps ten each week, each holding from thirty to sixty tons. A train of sixty wagons handled them. Some three hundred natives were employed, and nearly a hundred white civilians, in addition to the military guards and soldiers on other duty connected with receipt, storage and shipment. The work frequently occupied eighteen hours out of the twenty-four, and often the entire twenty-four. It was necessary, also, for nearly a year to feed about ten thousand of the natives, to whom rice was supplied as the chief article of food. All this work was under the personal direction of Captain McCaskey.

The regiment left Luzon May 6, from the port of Batangas, because of the cholera in Manila, and, after a trip of twenty-four days, reached San Francisco June 1, 1902, stopping for two days at Nagasaki, where 2,000 tons of coal were taken aboard. At San Francisco they were ten days in getting their baggage through the Custom House. Over 8,000 packages had to be opened and examined by the inspectors of the port. Twenty inspectors and sixty soldiers and non-commissioned officers were upon the job day and night for a week, Captain McCaskey, as quartermaster, in charge of everything. From San Francisco six companies and the regimental band went to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, four companies to Fort Yates, North Dakota, and two to Fort Keogh, Montana. The trip to their posts occupied a week. Fort Snelling reservation, which is about three square miles in extent, is one of the important military posts of the country, all arms of the service being represented. It is about four miles west of a straight line perhaps fifteen miles long connecting the centres of population of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and within six or seven miles of each of these great cities. Captain McCaskey is the business man of the post. His wife and family of eight children, six sons and two daughters, are with him here, in comfortable quarters, five of the children in daily attendance, by ambulance and trolley car, in the schools of St. Paul.

The letters of Captain McCaskey to his wife from the time he left Plattsburg, in 1899, until he reached Fort Snelling, in 1902, are probably the most unique series of daily sketches of army life and duty written during that war. They form a continuous series, and often include brief and hurried lines at different times in the day. These cursory notes of the moment, giving events as they occurred, and things as they looked to a keen observer on the spot—describing the people, the duty, the life, the climate, the food, the shelter, the drenching storms, the casualties of war, etc.—would make a book of unusual interest. Many of them have been published in the daily papers of Lancaster, and have been read very widely, but the complete story of nearly twelve hundred days—not a day missing—should be printed in book form as one of the unique records of army life in Luzon during the late war.

DAVID F. WELSH, residing at No. 349 Locust street, Columbia, is one of the five living engineers who were in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad when it was operated by the State. This faithful servant of the company has recently been retired, so that now in his eighty-third year he can enjoy the comfort and quietness of home, and draws a bountiful pension under the new plan lately adopted by the company.

Mr. Welsh was born in Pine Grove, Chester Co., Pa., Sept. 20, 1820, a son of David and Margaret (Fleming) Welsh, the former a native of Lancaster county, this State, the latter of County Derry, Ireland. His paternal grandfather, William Welsh, an iron manufacturer, was a native of England, while his maternal grandfather, James Fleming, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1799. He lived for a time in Lancaster county, but died in Chester county. The father, a forgerman by occupation, spent his entire life in Lancaster county, and died in Colerain township, in 1845, his remains being interred near the Union meeting house; his wife died in 1854, and was laid to rest in Mt. Bethel cemetery, Columbia. Their children were: Charles T., who was a brakeman for the Henry Clay Furnace and was killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad; William, who died in infancy; Caroline E., who married William Maloney and died in Chester, Pa., in 1900, aged eighty-two years; Samuel S., who died in Columbia; and David F., of this review.

At the age of ten years David F. Welsh began his business career as a "nailer boy" in the old Martie forge operated by Pyle & Pinnick, for whom he worked two years, and later was employed at the White Rock forge, at the Ringwood forge by John McGowan, and the Sadsbury forge by Robert Sproul, after which he returned to White Rock forge for a short time. Tiring of this work he went to Nobleville, near Christiana, where he engaged in the dry goods and grocery business for one year. It was then that he became fascinated with railroad life and began his career by operating a market car between Nobleville and Philadelphia. At the age of twenty-six, Mr. Welsh was given the contract to straighten the North Bend curve east of Christiana, on which he had a number of men and carts engaged. After completing that work he came to Columbia and conducted an individual car between that place and Philadelphia, for Bingham & Dock. A few years later he was employed by the State to operate coal and coke cars from plane No. 4, on the Allegheny mountains, to Philadelphia. In 1855 he was made fireman on the old State railroad and after heaving coal one year he was promoted to engineer. When the Pennsylvania Company purchased the road from the State in 1857, Mr. Welsh went with the new company and was employed by them as engineer until Sept. 25, 1899, when he "stopped off." When the pension plan went into effect Jan. 1, 1900, he was retired, being in his eightieth year, and having served the company faithfully and well for a period of fifty-

four years. He was an efficient and careful engineer and had very few accidents during his railroad life.

In Pine Grove, Pa., Mr. Welsh was married, in November, 1847, to Nancy Maloney, a native of Chester county, who died in July, 1890, aged sixty-five years, and was buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery, Columbia. Her parents, James and Sarah (Roberts) Maloney, were also natives of Chester county, but died in Oxford. Her maternal grandfather was a deserter from the English navy, was wounded and left with Washington at Valley Forge. On his recovery he remained with the American army until the close of the war. He died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Maloney, at the advanced age of ninety-six years and six months. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Welsh the eldest, Taylor, died in childhood. Samuel married Alice Shell, of Columbia, and while serving as engineer on No. 9, running Pullman cars between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, was killed in a railroad wreck at the former place, many others losing their lives at the same time. Carrie, the only daughter, is successfully conducting a millinery and notion store in Columbia, and with her the father now lives. David E. married Grace Diver, and is now a prominent physician and oculist of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

JACOB G. HERSHEY, one of the prominent and successful farmers of the township of East Donegal, Lancaster county, is located on a farm that has been in the possession of the family since 1735. Mr. Hershey was born Dec. 19, 1843, a son of Isaac L. and Mary (Garber) Hershey.

Isaac L. Hershey was born on the family homestead, while his wife, Mary Garber, was a native of East Donegal township. Both died on the farm where Jacob G., their son, is now living, the father in 1889 and the mother in 1844, at the early age of twenty-five years. Both were members of the River Brethren Church, of which Mr. Hershey was a deacon for twenty-eight years. Their children were: Noah G., now a retired farmer in Dickinson county, Kans., and Jacob G. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Catherine Strayer, by whom he had one child, Ephraim, who died in infancy.

The grandparents of Jacob G. Hershey were Jacob and Mary Hershey, the former born on the family estate and the grandmother in East Donegal township. Both died on the farm where they spent their wedded life. In religion he was a member of the River Brethren Church. The great-grandparents of Mr. Hershey, whose name introduces this article, were pioneer settlers of this part of Lancaster county. Mr. Hershey was the first bishop of the Mennonite denomination in this part of the State, and was a man of much character, zeal and ability. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Hershey were Jacob and Mary (Miller) Garber, both natives and residents of Lancaster county.

Jacob G. Hershey was married Nov. 8, 1864, in

the home of the wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nissley, to Mary Nissley. The Nissleys were an old and well established family of Lancaster county, and Mrs. Hershey is connected with many of the best people in this part of the State. To this union were born: Amanda, who married Abraham R. Gish, of West Donegal township, where he is general agent for the Page Fence Co.; Ephraim, a general farmer of East Donegal township, who married Anna Engle; Jacob N., who is in the creamery business in Adams county, Pa., and married to Lizzie Zercher; Isaac N., who is in the creamery business in Dauphin county, Pa., and married to Emma Martin; Barbara N., who married Abraham Shenk, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Christian, who was married to Frances Wolgmuth, Oct. 9, 1902; and Paris and Eli are both at home.

Mrs. Mary (Nissley) Hershey was born in Mt. Joy township, Aug. 11, 1846, a daughter of Christ H. and Barbara (Nissley) Nissley, who were born in Mt. Joy and West Donegal townships, respectively. They both died in Florin, Pa. Mr. Nissley at his death was a retired farmer, who had filled several important local and county offices in his active years, and was president of the Union National Bank. His death occurred in 1895, at the age of seventy years, and that of his wife in 1897, and both were buried in the Graybill Meeting House Cemetery.

Mr. Hershey owns two farms, one of 107 acres and one near Maytown of eighty acres, which are highly cultivated and show in every part the touch of a skilled and competent farmer. A member of the River Brethren Church, he is a man of character and standing in the community, where his reliability is beyond question.

A family relic of great value and of great veneration as well is Mr. Hershey's great-great-grandfather's clock on the old homestead, dated 1774. It was made by George Hoff, of Lancaster City, and Jacob Hershey's name is on its face.

JOHN F. REED, for many years prominent in the business world of Lancaster as a dealer in leaf tobacco, was a native son of Lancaster, where he was born April 5, 1858, and where he died Jan. 5, 1897. His parents, George K. and Mary (Fetter) Reed, were natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Bethlehem, Pa., and the former was well known as the president of the Conestoga National Bank. Born of this union were four children: John F., deceased; Susette, who died in infancy; Catherine, who also died in infancy; and Harry, who is a resident of Lancaster.

A practical common school education, supplemented by a course at Nazareth Hall Military School, constituted the training with which John F. Reed entered upon his business career as a dealer in leaf tobacco. He was successful from the start, his general ability and unquestioned integrity placing a high value upon the wealth which rewarded his

efforts. In 1877 he married Clara Parker, born in Newark, N. J., and daughter of Edward and Amelia (Sylvia) Parker. Mr. Parker was a prominent business man of Newark, and accumulated a competence in the grain trade. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and variously identified with the social and other organizations in which Newark abounded. His death occurred in 1868, at the age of forty-five, he having been pre-deceased by his wife in 1865, at the age of thirty-two. To Mr. and Mrs. Reed were born four children: George K., Robert H., Sylvia P. and Paul De H. Mrs. Reed is the second youngest in a family of five children, the others being: Augusta, the wife of A. Groff, a real estate man of Lancaster; Edward, a resident of Lancaster; Mary A., wife of John Sheaffer, a coal merchant of Lancaster; and Amelia, the wife of Charles A. Bitner, in the tobacco business in Lancaster.

On Dec. 31, 1901, Mrs. Reed was united in marriage with William T. Hambright, member of the real and insurance firm of Landis & Hambright. Mrs. Hambright sustains an admirable social position in Lancaster, entertains in a delightful and unconventional manner, and utilizes her talents and versatility for the general betterment of the community.

EUGENE GERHART SMITH was born in Manheim, Lancaster county, a son of Dr. Frisby Rohr Smith, of Maryland, and his wife Elizabeth Barbara Gerhart, of Pennsylvania.

Captain David Smith, his paternal grandfather, served in the War of 1812 and the Mexican War. As did three generations before him, he lived at Antietam, or Sharpsburg, Md. Capt. Smith married Anne Maria Rohr, of Frederick, Md., where her family for several generations had lived. Both were of German descent.

Rev. Isaac Gerhart, maternal grandfather of Eugene G. Smith, was a clergyman of the Reformed Church of the United States. His wife was Sarah Vogel, who was born in Philadelphia, Pa., whither her parents had removed from Paris, France, before the Revolution; her father came from Alsace, and her mother from France. The Gerhart ancestors emigrated from Alsace in 1730. Rev. Isaac Gerhart was also the father of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., the president of the theological seminary of the Reformed Church, located at Lancaster.

When less than ten years old, Eugene Gerhart Smith came with his mother, his father having died, and her only other child, George Albert Smith, from Antietam to Lancaster. He attended the common and High Schools of the city, and entered Franklin and Marshall College in 1869, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1873. Of the societies connected with the college he was a member of the Diognothian and the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity. In February, 1874, he was registered as a law student, and prosecuted his studies in the office of his preceptor, E. H. Yundt, Esq. He was admitted to the Bar Jan. 24, 1876. In 1878 he was elected

City Solicitor of Lancaster. His term of office as Solicitor was marked by a conflict which waged between the City of Lancaster and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by reason of the refusal of the latter to supply gates, or watchmen, at the streets where the road crossed at grade. The City Solicitor was directed to bring suits against the railroad company for violating an ordinance regulating the speed at which trains were permitted to pass through the municipal limits. Numerous suits were instituted against the railroad company—one hundred and seventy-nine appearing as having been appealed to one term of court—resulting in a victory in every instance for the City.

On Nov. 2, 1882, Mr. Smith married Margaret Jean Wiley, the eldest daughter of Colonel William M. and Hannah J. (Dull) Wiley. One child, Florence Wiley, has been born of this union.

While always a partisan Republican, Mr. Smith gave more attention to his profession than to active politics. Not until 1891 was his influence felt in that field. In the struggle that year between the Hon. John B. Livingston and the Hon. H. C. Brubaker for the nomination to succeed the former as Judge of the Courts of Lancaster county, he was active. He became a potent force through the columns of the *Morning News*, the only morning daily paper published in the City of Lancaster, which, shortly before this time, E. K. Martin, Esq., and he had purchased. He has been ever willing to assist in the development of the resources of his city and county, and helped in the organization of a number of corporations, in the directorate of some of which he served, among them the Conestoga Traction Company. He was among the early ones to advocate the importance of a social club in the city, and the Hamilton Club was organized, of which he is a charter member, and of the original board of direction of which he was a member.

Judicial districts of sufficient magnitude in Pennsylvania under the Constitution of 1874 are entitled to a separate Orphans' Court. By reason of its progress and growth Lancaster county, the second judicial district of Pennsylvania, became entitled to such a Court. There are now nine in the State, of which it is one. Without opposition our subject was nominated, and elected the Judge of this Court in November, 1901, and took his seat as its first judge in January, 1902.

ISAAC GROFF, a retired farmer of Mechanics Grove, in East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where he is still living, Aug. 19, 1834, being a son of Joseph and Nancy (Smith) Groff, both natives of Lancaster county.

Joseph Groff was born Aug. 20, 1798, his father being Joseph Groff, Sr., who was born in Providence township, about the middle of the eighteenth century, and is supposed to have been the son of Hans Groff, who came from Germany, and settled near Lancaster.

Joseph Groff, Jr., was married in December,

1825, to Nancy Smith, who was born in Lancaster county, June 10, 1801. He was the fifth member of his father's family, according to the following statement: John, the oldest brother lived and died in Providence township; Jacob lived in the same township; Annie was the wife of Jacob Eshelman; Samuel lived and died in Providence township; Joseph.

Joseph Groff was engaged in tilling a farm in East Drumore township all his active years. He lived to be seventy-nine and died on his farm home in January, 1877, his widow passing to her reward Sept. 20, 1888. They were devout Methodists, and for many years he was a class leader in the Mount Hope Methodist Church. His parents, however, were members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Joseph Groff was the sire of ten children. (1) Abraham, born in 1826, died in his early manhood. (2) Joseph, born in 1828, married Miss Lizzie Crawford, and settled in East Drumore township, on a farm. During the war he was a member of one of the Pennsylvania regiments and did creditable service at the front. He died at his home in East Drumore in December, 1881. His widow and family are still residing in East Drumore township. (3) Sarah, born in July, 1830, is the wife of Robert Barnes, of Quarryville. (4) John, born in 1832, died in childhood. (5) Isaac is mentioned below. (6) Mary A., born in November, 1836, married Thomas Hoffman, and died soon after her marriage. (7) Catherine E., born in December, 1838, married Francis McCrabb, and died leaving a large family. (8) Capt. Benjamin, born in East Drumore, in September, 1841, enlisted in the Union army and by the display of signal valor and marked ability rose from the ranks by successive steps to become a captain under General Grant. He was wounded at Antietam, but survived the perils of war to return home and become a member of the legal profession. For a time he lived in Kansas, but later had his home and office in Reading, Pa., where he was engaged in his profession at the time of his death in 1886. He married Mrs. Mary Bull and of his four children, Ira and Frank live in Pittsburg, and Annie and Mabel in Philadelphia. (9) Henry W., born in September, 1843, died in childhood. (10) Elias, born in November, 1845, enlisted in the Union army when a lad of only sixteen years of age, and served throughout the war in one of the Pennsylvania regiments. He returned to East Drumore township, where he married Miss Letitia Painter, a daughter of Ezekiel Painter. Until 1888 they lived in East Drumore township. That year they moved to Washington, D. C., where he holds a government position. He is the father of the following children: Harry, Marion, Winfried, Charles and Ralph.

Isaac Groff was reared on the old homestead in East Drumore township, where he was living at the outbreak of the Civil war. He enlisted, and became a corporal of Co. H, 79th P. V. I., serving throughout the entire struggle and making a creditable record. Among the many memorable battles

and conflicts in which he participated were those at Missionary Ridge, Stone Ridge, the battles around Atlanta, Lookout Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Chickamauga, where his haversack and canteen were shot away. He was a part of the gallant host that marched with Sherman down to the sea and was twice honorably discharged, his first enlistment being for three years, and his second for the war.

At the close of the war Mr. Groff returned to the old home in Drumore township, where he had left a young wife, having been married in 1861 to Miss Louisa Marshall, the daughter of Abraham and Martha Marshall, and a native of West Drumore township, where she was born in 1833. Mr. and Mrs. Groff lived for three years in Paradise township, where he dealt in real estate. In 1869 he moved to East Drumore township, where he farmed and dealt extensively in real estate. Later still he purchased the fine brick residence intended for a parsonage at Mechanics Grove. This he sold after a time, and bought the brick residence of Joseph Ferguson, where he still resides, owning one of the most desirable homes in that part of the county. Mrs. Groff died April 14, 1887, leaving no children.

Mr. Groff is a Republican, and with his wife belonged to the Methodist Church, where they were active and devoted workers.

EDWARD H. PLANK, M. D., in his lifetime a popular and skilled physician at Christiana, Pa., whose long and successful career as a healer of the sick and as an upright citizen won for him a place in the hearts of the community, was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, in 1846, and was a son of David K. and Susan (Evans) Plank, farming people of Lancaster county. His father, who was born in October, 1821, retired from farming in 1886, the year after his wife died, and moved to Reading, where he is still living. Mrs. Susan (Evans) Plank died in 1885, at the age of sixty-four. She was a member of the Episcopal Church, while her husband belonged to the Methodist communion. They were good and upright people, and reared the following family: Edward H.; J. Luther, now a justice of the peace in Caernarvon township, Berks county; Charles, a train dispatcher of the Reading Railroad; Esther, Elizabeth and Franklin, who all died young.

Jacob and Leah (Zug) Plank, the paternal grandparents of Edward H., were farmers in Berks county. Jacob Plank was a son of Peter Plank, and was born in 1785.

Jean Planche, the head of a Huguenot family, came from Switzerland to America in 1709, arriving in New York in the month of December. He had been exiled from France at the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 by Louis XIV., and for some years had been a resident of the Swiss Republic before coming to the New World. During the winter of 1710 he remained in New York. Jacques de la Planche was the head of the Plank

family in Lancaster county. The vessel on which this notable ancestor crossed the ocean left the old world June 30, spent nine days in England, and arrived in Philadelphia Oct. 3; there he remained a short time and then moved to Berks county.

David Evans, of Lancaster county, was the maternal grandfather of Edward H. Plank.

The wedding ceremonies of Edward H. Plank and Miss R. Ella Roberts were celebrated in Ebensburg, Pa., in June, 1878, and born to this union were: E. Roberts; S. Gertrude; Ethel Bird; D. Harlan; Rachel E., who died at the age of six years. Mrs. R. Ella (Roberts) Plank was born in Ebensburg in 1850, and was a daughter of Edward and Susan (Owens) Roberts, of that place, where her father was a prominent and wealthy merchant. For some years before his death he lived retired.

Edward H. Plank was reared on the home farm, where he remained until he was eighteen years of age. He studied at the Millersville State Normal School, and in 1868 entered Jefferson College, from which he was graduated in 1870. It was in Cambria county, Pa., that he began a medical career that was singularly honorable and successful. After seven years in Cambria county he moved to Christiana, and followed his profession in that community until his death, Feb. 5, 1902. In the Masonic fraternity he was much respected, alike for his character and his mastery of the craft; he had risen to the Third Degree. For fourteen years he was a school director, and was a member of the board of health from the organization of the borough. For one year he was a member of the borough council. His political views were of the Republican order. In his religion he was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the session.

SIMON H. ENGLE. For one hundred fifty years the name of Engle has been familiar in the agricultural annals of Lancaster county, and representatives in each generation have held high positions in the religious and official life of the community. The first of the family to come to America was Ulrich Engle, who with his wife and eight children left their native Canton, of Basel, in Switzerland, and sailed from Rotterdam, by way of Cowes in the Isle of Wight, on the good ship "Phoenix," landing in Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 1, 1754. They made their home at what is now known as "Wild Cat," a station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, west of Marietta, and their remains now lie buried in a small burying ground on a part of their original purchase. Of their children, Ulrich, Jr., wedded Martha Bixler; John married Elizabeth Shock; Jacob married Fanny Shock; Annie married Henry Grove; Christina wedded Jacob Musser; another daughter married Benjamin Musser; and the two remaining children married into the Witmer family.

John Engle, second in the above mentioned family, was born Oct. 16, 1745, and died Jan. 18, 1824. His wife, Elizabeth Shock, was born Jan. 10, 1749,

and died Feb. 12, 1828. They made their home on a farm in Conoy township now in the possession of their great-grandson, Simon H. Engle. They were the parents of five children: Jacob, who married Martha Strickler; John, who married Hester Long; Annie, who married John Heisey; Eliza, who married John Gish; and Fanny, who married John Hoffman. Of these Jacob Engle was born July 9, 1773, and died Jan. 24, 1841, while his wife, Martha Strickler, was born Jan. 24, 1780, and died Jan. 12, 1831, and their remains now lie at rest in a cemetery on a farm in Conoy township, on the Abraham B. Engle estate. Jacob was the father of eight children: John, born Jan. 3, 1804, died Aug. 8, 1831, married Catherine Nissley; Henry, born May 30, 1806, married Nancy Brubaker; Rev. Jacob S., born Nov. 10, 1808, married Barbara Wolgemuth; David, born in 1820, married Mary Hamaker; Elizabeth married Rudolph Good; Martha, born Aug. 21, 1811, died Aug. 27, 1831; Fanny, born in 1814, married Rev. Jacob N. Graybill; and Susanna, born 1817, married John P. Kraybill, a bishop of the River Brethren Church.

John Engle, son of John and Elizabeth (Shock) Engle and a representative in the third generation of the family in this country, followed farming as an occupation, and made his permanent home on the farm occupied by his father, and now occupied by his own grandson, Simon H. He was very progressive and industrious, and died at the age of sixty-four. His wife, Hester Long, died in 1835, at the age of sixty. They sleep their last sleep side by side in the old family burying ground on the home farm. They were the parents of the following children: John, who wedded a Miss Stern; Christian, mentioned below; Jacob, who married a Maria Long; Joseph, who wedded Barbara Breneman; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Hershey; and Hester, who wedded Nicholas Peck. All are now deceased.

Christian L. Engle was born on the old homestead farm, and made his home there until 1859, when he removed to an adjoining farm where his last years were spent. He was a very successful farmer, and added many substantial improvements to the old home. He was active in public affairs, taking an intelligent interest in such subjects, and was a man whose common sense and clear judgment made him a natural adviser on important matters. His neighbors and friends relied implicitly in his wisdom, and never hesitated to consult him even in regard to their private affairs. He was never in any sense an office seeker, but for one term held the office of County Poor director. In religious faith he belonged to the River Brethren Church. His wife, Maria Hess, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Lichty) Hess, farming people of Lancaster county, bore him a large family of children, namely: Simon H.; Christian, deceased in infancy; John, deceased at the age of eighteen; Martha, who married John L. Hoffman, a cigar manufacturer and farmer of

Snyder county, Pa.; Joseph, a farmer of Conoy township; Amos, a retired citizen of Maytown, Pa., who married Martha Lenhart; Mary, who married Henry M. Engle, a farmer of Rapho township. The father died in 1887, aged eighty-two years, and the mother the same year, aged seventy-five years.

Simon H. Engle, son of Christian L. Engle, was born on his present farm Nov. 3, 1833, and has passed his entire life as a thoroughly up-to-date farmer. He has read widely, and a naturally discerning mind has given him a close insight into public questions, on which he is a recognized authority, more particularly does he take keen interest in educational questions, and closely watches the advancement of the common schools. For thirty years he has been a school director, and has given much of his time to the personal inspection of the schools in his care. In politics he is a staunch Republican.

On Dec. 8, 1857, Mr. Engle was united in marriage with Miss Mary Graybill, who was born in East Donegal township, Sept. 1, 1839, daughter of Rev. Jacob N. and Fanny (Engle) Graybill. To this union came eight children, viz.: Paris G., who married Mattie Hess, and has two children, Mary and Robert; Naomi G., at home; Walter G., of Middletown, Pa., who married Minnie Shireman, and has one child, Rachel; Myra G., at home; Emma, who married John Hiestand, in the bakery supply business in Philadelphia, and has one child, John; Christian G., notary public and manager of the Real Estate Exchange at Columbia, Pa.; Mary G., a school teacher residing at home; and Gertrude, at home. The family are all highly esteemed, and are deservedly popular in the county. They are consistent Christian people, endeavoring to do good while they may, and are earnestly at work to aid those less fortunate than themselves.

Rev. Jacob N. Graybill, father of Mrs. Engle, was a farmer of Lancaster county, and for forty years was a preacher of the River Brethren Church. He was earnest and devout in his work, never at any time allowing his own personal feelings or duties to stand in the way, if he saw any possible chance of doing good to a fellow man. He married Fanny Engle, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Strickler) Engle, and their union was blessed with a large family of children: Simon, who died in 1897, married Emma Brenerman; Martha married Noah Engle, of Dickinson, Kan.; Mary; Christian is manager of a shirt factory at Columbia, Pa., married Lillie Brenerman; Sarah married Harry Bossler, of Middletown, Pa.; Fanny married Cyrus Mann, of Manor township; Jacob, who married Lizzie Brenerman, is a farmer of East Hempfield township; Isaiah, retired, married Katie Brandt; Emma married Alvin Gottschall, of Cumberland county, Pa.; and Lizzie married John Nissley, also of Cumberland county. The father of these children carried on farming actively until within ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1891, when he was aged eighty-two years. The mother died in 1898, aged

eighty years, and the remains of both are interred in a private burying ground connected with the River Brethren Church.

Rev. Jacob N. Graybill was a son of Christian and Mary (Nissley) Graybill, representatives of pioneer families of Lancaster county, and highly respected people.

WILLIAM RIDDLE, educator, author and for many years a leading citizen of Lancaster in the administration of its municipal affairs, is one of the most familiar figures in the city; and there is no department of the city government upon which he has not left his impress.

Jacob Riddle, his father, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and before reaching his majority left his home with several of his young companions for America. To accomplish his purpose he was compelled to enter into a written agreement with his parents that under no circumstances would he ever be allowed to share, with his brothers and sisters, the legacy that, under other conditions, might fall to his lot in the years to come. Under these strained relations, he shook the dust of German soil from his feet, landing in Philadelphia some months later; and from there reached Lancaster a few years after it became a city. Some years thereafter he married Frederica Killinger, who, at the time, resided with her parents on what was for many years known as the Stambaugh homestead, directly north of the city limits. Mrs. Riddle was the mother of eight children, only two of whom are now living—Mrs. Merz, widow of the late Karl Merz, Professor of Music in the Wooster University, Ohio, and William, the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Riddle died in Lancaster at the age of seventy-three. She was a devoted member of St. James' Episcopal Church under the pastorate of the much lamented Bishop Bowman.

William Riddle was born opposite the First Presbyterian church, where he resided until his sixth year, when he moved with his parents to Leesburg, Va. Residing there a few years he returned to Lancaster, where he remained, attending the public schools until his seventeenth year. Joining his family, he went with them to the village of Paradise; and the same year entered upon a three-years' apprenticeship as a machinist and woodworker. Turning his attention to literary pursuits later, he applied for a certificate under the late John S. Crumbaugh, county superintendent of schools; and in the year 1858 taught his first school in the borough of Strasburg. During the year following he taught in Leacock township; and from 1860 to 1865 had charge of the Cedar Hill school, in Paradise township. Returning to the city during the early spring of the latter year he entered the recorder's office, where he remained until the opening of the fall term, when he took charge of the South Duke street grammar school, a position he held for three years. Feeling restless under the close con-



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finement, he entered the publishing house of Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York. Remaining in the agency work a few years, he accepted, in the year 1871, the position of adjuster for the Lancaster Fire Insurance Co., whose business extended over nearly every State in the Union. Among his most important work as adjuster was the settlement of the company's losses in the great Chicago fire, reaching said city within twenty-four hours after the first telegraphic dispatch had reached the city. A year later he again associated himself with the book firm above mentioned, in which position he continued, until, a quarter of a century later, it resolved itself, among others into the American Book Co. Remaining with the latter organization some half dozen years, he retired from the agency business after an almost continuous service of more than thirty years. Entering the book agency at the close of the war with a uniform series of text-books of undisputed merit, he was enabled to claim for the schools of Lancaster county, and for other sections of the State, as well as for himself, the credit of having brought system out of chaos, eliminating from the schools as many as a half dozen different kinds of readers, spellers, geographies, histories and arithmetics, all of which had been used indiscriminately without regard to system or classification. Knowing whereof he spoke, a former superintendent remarked years ago that "William Riddle had done more for the advancement of education among the schools of the county in the line of his agency work, in bringing about an up-to-date system of text-books, than had been done up to said time through all other agencies." It was the rooting out of the Old by substituting the New, that made possible that higher and broader state of intellectual development, which has made the schools of Lancaster county what they are to-day second to none in the Commonwealth.

From 1869 to 1872 Mr. Riddle was a member of the Lancaster school board, resigning therefrom at the close of his first term, for the reason that the duties of the office of director were incompatible with the agency work in which he was then engaged. For nearly twenty years he was a member of City Councils, serving one year in the Common branch and the remainder of the time in the Select, of which he was twice honored with the presidency. For seven years he was chairman of Streets and Highways; and also served as a member of the special water committee in charge of the erection of the new water works.

Fraternally Mr. Riddle is a Mason, belonging to Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M.; to Lancaster Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., and to Commandery No. 13, K. T.

In the year 1874 Mr. Riddle married Miss Arabella Zug, a prominent teacher at the time in our city schools. They have five children living: Mary, William, Howard, Robert, and Helen. They reside at No. 314 North Lime street, in a dwelling erected

by himself. The family are members of the Moravian Church of this city.

Possessed of fine observing powers, Mr. Riddle has always wielded a trenchant pen, many of his articles along the line of his travels having attracted considerable attention. His "Tally-Ho" ride through Lancaster county, delivered before the County Teachers' Institute, some few years ago, was well calculated to re-awaken an interest in Lancaster county local history among the teachers of the various sections.

Another thing that will cause Mr. Riddle's name long to be remembered among the school children as a household word is the large-sized Lancaster county map, which at present hangs upon the walls of nearly all of our six hundred schools. And of this, it may be said, as upon one occasion he remarked, while exhibiting the map before a body of teachers and directors, "I am as familiar with every road and cross road of this county as I am with every teacher and director."

His recent work, however, entitled "Nicholas Comenius, or Ye Pennsylvania Schoolmaster of Ye Olden Time," will not only live in local history among his numerous friends of city and county, but will be found in libraries all over this and other States long after its author has gone to his final reward. Of this work, the late Gov. Hastings, writing a personal note to the author from the Executive mansion at Harrisburg, among other things aptly said: "During the time of the Hazleton riots I read every chapter of your book aloud to my comrades, and we unanimously agreed that I should write you this letter of thanks for such an interesting and delightful contribution to our Pennsylvania literature. I have always thought that the 'Vicar of Wakefield' was the most charming book in our language. I now think your book comes pretty close to it." Having already entered its third edition, it has not only found its way into the hands of many a teacher, director and educator of this and other States, but within the past year an invoice of one hundred copies has gone to the teachers of the city of Havana, Cuba. While the author of the "Old Schoolmaster" is no longer actively engaged in the line of his former calling, he is not by any means disposed to fall into "innocuous desuetude," being at the present time employed in other literary work, as well as in the sale of his "favorite Nicholas."

Indeed, for a period of more than forty years, from the time Mr. Riddle entered upon the profession of teaching in the little brick schoolhouse in old Strasburg down to the present time, he has attended every County Teachers' Institute held in Lancaster. And to his credit be it said, that during all the years of his agency, there has never been a school board meeting to which he was not invited back the year following. How many of these former directors are still actively engaged in their former work, needs but a glance over the various roll-books of the county to verify.

DAVID McCURE, a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Strasburg township, March 14, 1819, and is a son of John and Susan (Hull) McClure. In his advanced age he enjoys the satisfaction that must come from a well-spent life, and the confidence and respect of the community in which he has done his work manfully and well.

John McClure, who was born in Bart township in August, 1792, married Susan Hull, who was born in Strasburg township. He was a son of John McClure, who was born in Ireland, and came to this country before the Revolution, in which he was associated with Gen. Washington as a supply contractor. After the successful conclusion of that war he purchased land near what is known as the Green Tree, and there made the first improvements in this section of Bart township. There both he and his wife died, leaving a large family: James, who lived and died in Bart township; John; William, who lived in Beaver county, Pa.; Thomas, who died unmarried; Robert, who died young; Samuel, who died unmarried; Francis, who located in Lewistown; Joseph, who lived and died in Bart township; Jane, who married Thomas Ross, and lived in Beaver county; Martha, who married Mr. Witherow, and after a residence of some years in Chester county moved with him into Beaver county, where both died.

John McClure was married in 1810, and buying a farm in Bart township, near the "Nine Points," made it his home, and there died. On this farm his youngest son, Thomas, is now living. There were thirteen children in the family, nine of whom are now living. (1) David was the eldest of the survivors. (2) John, who is now dead, was a contractor for the government after the Mexican war, putting up light houses, and while in Texas, engaged in that business, died from yellow fever. He was unmarried. (3) Samuel married and located in Bart township, where he died, leaving a family. (4) William McClure died when a boy. (5) James, who is now living in Iowa, was a surveyor in Lancaster county for a number of years, and was also engaged in the mercantile business there, later going into the West. He married Miss Joanna Wilkinson, of Lancaster county, by whom he had six children: Frank M., Charles, Aldus, William, Mary and Anna. (6) Francis McClure was a merchant at The Gap for many years, married Mary Hover, of Lancaster county, and now lives in Kansas City, Mo. They have a family of six children, Hover, John, Harry, Jasper, Anna and Lillie. (7) Joseph McClure married a Miss Martin, of Colerain, lives retired in Christiana, and has had children—Kelso, Eva, Annie, and Harriet, who is dead. (8) Thomas McClure married Margaret Sampson, and resides on his father's old home at Nine Points. They have had a family of six children, of whom William, the fifth is deceased; Susan married Byron McElwain; Jessie is the wife of Ben Roads; Nettie married Harry Hess; Olie and Edward are single. (9)

Christianna McClure, now the widow of Benjamin Baxter, lives in Georgetown. She has two children: John, who is on the home farm; and Susan, the wife of Amos Girvin. (10) Martha McClure is the widow of Josiah McElwain, and lives in York county, Pa. She has two daughters: Mary and Jessie (who married Ramsey Webb), both of York county. (11) Amanda McClure is the wife of John Crossin, of Chester county, and the mother of four children: Mary, who married Samuel Espenshade; Lillie, who married Wilson Hudson, of Chester county; Frank, who died when a boy; Elmer, at home. (12) Jane McClure is the wife of John Keylor, of near Mechanics Grove. They have three children: Dr. Walter, a practicing physician at Mechanics Grove; William; and Lillie. All the above children of John McClure were born in Bart township.

David McClure was reared in Bart township, and given such educational advantages as the public schools of his youth afforded. He was married to Miss Jane McClure, a native of Bart township, and a daughter of Thomas and Jane (Murdaugh) McClure, prominent residents of Chester county. After their marriage the young couple settled in Bart township on their own farm, where Mr. McClure was engaged in agriculture many years. He bought the Joshua Gilbert farm in 1864, half a mile from his old place, near the Presbyterian Church. Here Mr. McClure still resides, and though eighty-two years of age manages his own business affairs and bears himself like a much younger man. Mrs. McClure died in 1896. They had a family of six children. (1) William married Miss Susan Lefever, a daughter of Henry Lefever, of Paradise, and lives on one of his father's farms in Bart township; they have had three children: Harry, Mary Agnes and Lillie. The latter, who is deceased, graduated from the Millersville State Normal, and was a finished scholar, and became a capable teacher. She was engaged in that work at the time of her death, in October, 1899. Harry McClure is an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and has his headquarters in Philadelphia. His wife died in that city, leaving no family. (2) Agnes McClure is unmarried and lives at home. (3) Maggie McClure married Robert Ray, of Bart township, and is deceased. (4) Thomas McClure died when a young man, after some years of business experience, in which he was very successful. (5) Mary A. McClure was educated in the home schools, and at the present time has the management of the home. She is a lady of marked excellency of character. (6) Susan A. McClure is also at home. All these children were born in Bart township.

David McClure has been a member of the United Presbyterian Church for over sixty years and is an elder. With this church his family, too, are connected, his son William being also an elder of the church. In politics Mr. McClure is a Prohibitionist, though for years he was a Democrat.

The McClure family stands high in the history

of Lancaster county. Its annals date from before the Revolution, and its various representatives have been honorable and industrious people, and their elegant homes, fine farms and prosperous families are monuments alike to their industry and integrity. David McClure still manages his farm, looks after his large estates with care, and knows every detail of his business. The McClures were among the founders of the First United Presbyterian Church, of Octoraro, and for over a hundred years have been among its most zealous supporters.

COL. JAMES DUFFY was for many years one of the prominent residents of Marietta, Lancaster county, but his reputation was not by any means confined to that locality. He was active in many lines before connecting himself with the Hollow Ware & Enameling Company, with which he was identified from 1877 to the close of his long and active life.

Col. Duffy was a grandson of James Duffy, a native of Newtowncunningham, County Donegal, Ireland. He was a leather dresser by trade. He married Ann Bradley, and their son, James, the father of our subject, was also born in Newtowncunningham. The latter came to America in 1800, locating first in Lancaster, and later in Marietta, in the organization of which borough he took an active part. Prior to the war of 1812, he, in company with James Mahaffy and John Pedan, bought of Mrs. Frances Evaus 164 acres of land, paying therefor the sum of \$35,000. This was a large transaction for that day, and required business courage of a high order. On this land they laid out and platted the Mahaffy, Pedan and Duffy additions to the borough, and started what is now an important part of Marietta. Mr. Duffy was engaged in many other undertakings which proved of great benefit to the community and county, and, being a man of good business ability, he carried on the contracting business on a large scale and made money. He constructed the Marietta & Lancaster turnpike, the turnpike from Elizabethtown to the Susquehanna river, and the road from Carlisle to Baltimore, through York Springs and Gettysburg. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was naturally a man of influence in his community and party, being an educated man, as well as an able one. He had a fine library, and from it gleaned a store of knowledge rare among the men of his period and locality. Previous to his leaving the land of his birth he was a member of the Farmers' Light Horse Cavalry of Ireland. He passed away in 1836, at the age of sixty-five years. His wife, who died in 1820, was Catherine Sheriden, who, like himself, was born in County Donegal. To them were born ten children.

Col. James Duffy was born in Marietta, Sept. 16, 1818, and as soon as old enough engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna river, rising in time to the then important position of pilot. He followed this responsible work until 1846, and the following year took a trip to Europe. In 1848 the Colonel estab-

lished a line of boats for transporting coal from Pottsville to New York, in the interests of the Schuylkill Navigation Company. He was also connected with James Mahaffy in the lumber business, and remained therein until 1865. In 1861 he had begun the transporting of supplies for the general government to forts in New Mexico and the West, among other places to Salt Lake City. The magnitude of these contracts may be estimated from the fact that millions of dollars were employed, and more than thirty thousand oxen were used. After seven years spent in this line, Col. Duffy retired from business of a public nature, and from that time on devoted himself to his large landed interests, soon winning the reputation of being the largest tobacco grower in Pennsylvania. In 1877 he became interested in the Marietta Hollow Ware & Enameling Company, in which he controlled one-half the stock. He was one of the directors of the Bald Eagle Valley Railway Company, and was active in the support of many other enterprises. Although he was a Democrat in politics, he was appointed, during a Republican administration, in 1875, a Fish Commissioner for Pennsylvania, and filled the position to the satisfaction of all. The Colonel's public life gained for him a wide acquaintance among the most noted men of his day. He was a personal and warm friend of Gen. U. S. Grant, Joseph Blackburn, United States Senator from Kentucky, Samuel J. Randall and others, and these gentlemen were often entertained by the Colonel and Mrs. Duffy at their elegant and hospitable home in Marietta. On the first day of November, 1888, having reached the age allowed to man, honored and respected by his fellow citizens of Pennsylvania and a host of friends outside of his native State, the Colonel answered the last roll call and was laid to rest.

Col. James Duffy was married Sept. 8, 1863, to Martha, daughter of John Park, of Marietta, and to them were born the following named children: Josephine, who is now deceased; Catherine, deceased; James; Donald Cameron; Thomas Bayard, deceased; John Park, deceased; Martha Park; John Park (2), also deceased; and one who died in infancy.

WILLIAM PENN PUSEY, a retired farmer of East Drumore, was born at Chestnut Level, April 8, 1827, and is one of the prominent and successful farmers of Lancaster county. His parents were Mahlon and Lydia (Housekeeper) Pusey, both of whom were born in Lancaster county.

Mr. Pusey, the father of William Penn, was the son of Samuel and Mary (Kinsey) Pusey and was born in 1773. His parents were both of English birth. Samuel Pusey was the son of Joshua Pusey, who came with William Penn from England.

Samuel Pusey, the son of the foregoing Joshua, and the grandfather of William Penn, settled in what is now known as Puseyville, where he purchased 200 acres of wild land, and at the time of

his death he owned a saw and grist mill which he had built. He was the father of a numerous family, there being eleven children in all. (1) John was a merchant for many years at Chestnut Level, and his son, Cyrus, is still living, in Kansas. (2) Mahlon. (3) Joshua settled at Puseyville, where he was a miller for many years: his death occurred at New London, Chester county. Two of his children are still living: Samuel, of Washington, D. C.; and John R., also of the Capital City. The mother of these children was born Mary A. Montgomery, of Chester county. (4) Samuel married Hannah Montgomery, and settled near Puseyville, where he followed the carpenter trade during his life. His children were: Joshua, of Philadelphia; James, of the same city; Charles, of Long Island; Amanda, the widow of Handford Brucher, of Christiana; and Jane, the wife of Daniel Eckman, who lives with the subject of this sketch. (5) Anna, born at Puseyville, married James Brown, and died, leaving one daughter, Mary. (6) Maria, born at Puseyville, married Lewis Bailey, and is deceased. She was the mother of Gibbons and Susan. (7) Susan married Robert Good, of Chester county, and has since died. (8) Hannah married Thomas Patterson, of Britain township, and died leaving one daughter, Malvina, the wife of Fred Fairbank, of Media, Pa. (9) Letitia, born at Puseyville, married Eli Ellicott, of Philadelphia, and is now dead, leaving three daughters, Emma, Ada and Anna. (10) Jane Pusey died unmarried at the home of her parents. (11) Eliza, the wife of Jacob Eckman, settled in Bart township, where she died, leaving six children, Thomas, Samuel, Daniel, John, Joanna and Mary.

Mahlon Pusey, the father of William Penn, grew to manhood in the old home, and when a young man became engaged in the mercantile trade, which was his life business with the exception of a short time spent in keeping hotel, about the time of his marriage.

Mahlon Pusey married Lydia Housekeeper, who died in 1837, leaving a family of five children. (1) Elizabeth, born in Chestnut Level, married F. McSparran, of Fairfield, Lancaster county, and was the mother of: Emma, the wife of David Wideley, of Fairfield; James; Eleanor, the wife of Dr. Yell, of Britain; Ida, the wife of William Hastings; William; Marian; Isabella; Edgar; and Cheney. Mrs. McSparran is dead. (2) Thomas, born at Puseyville, when a young man went to Pikes Peak in 1859, in company with his brother, William Penn. They remained in the gold fields of the mountains until 1867, when they returned to Pennsylvania. He purchased the Puseyville estate, and made it his home until his death in 1900, having lived unmarried. (3) William Penn, whose name appears above. (4) Lydia A., born at Puseyville, married Thomas McSparran, of York, where she died, leaving several children, three of whom are living. Eleanor, Harriet and Marcia. (5) Cheney was

born at Puseyville and was engaged as a merchant at Liberty Square, where he died a single man.

Mahlon Pusey married for his second wife, Ann Dare, and by this marriage was born a large family: Rebecca, the wife of Hugh Long, of Mechanics Grove; George, of Oxford; Emma; Adda; Sallie, the wife of Leonard Hutton, of New Jersey; Hannah, the wife of Joseph Penney, a farmer of Colerain township; Rose, the wife of Frank Herr. Mr. Pusey died in 1874. The Puseys are an old and prominent pioneer family and took a leading part in the affairs of the county.

William Penn Pusey was the third child of the first marriage of his father, and received his education at the home school and in Philadelphia. In 1859 he went to Pikes Peak, Colorado, in company with his brother, making the journey across the plains by ox teams. They remained in the mountains until they had accumulated a fair amount of money, and then came back to their native town. For nineteen years he was a clerk in the store of his brother at Puseyville. In 1893 he bought the Moore farm property. Since buying this farm he has made general improvements and brought it up to a high level of cultivation. Mr. Pusey has lived mostly retired since going on the farm. He has never married. In politics, like his father, he holds to the old Democratic party. He is the last survivor of his old family name in this community, and is a man respected for his many good qualities. He abounds with interesting reminiscences of his mountain trips.

THOMAS CULLY. One of the old and respected families of Lancaster county is that of Cully, the farm now occupied by Thomas Cully having been purchased by his grandfather, also Thomas Cully, more than a century and a half ago. His family was a numerous one, its members scattering through the West where many of them founded families.

George Cully, a son of Thomas, the first settler of the family in Lancaster county, was born in Martic township in 1793, and died in 1871. About 1825 he was united in marriage to Mary Boyd, who was born in 1803, and died Jan 5, 1833, having been the mother of four children: Thomas; William, who was born in 1830 and died in 1873, and two others who died in childhood. In politics George Cully was identified with the Democratic party; during his life he became possessed of a large acreage of land.

Thomas Cully was born Feb. 3, 1827, on the fine farm where he is now living a life of ease and retirement from activity. His life has been entirely an agricultural one and during an industrious career he has gained a strong position by the ability with which he has conducted his affairs, continually having made progress in the accumulation of the fruits of his vocation, being now one of the most

substantial citizens of the township. His fine farm of 240 acres shows the careful cultivation and valuable improvements of an owner who has taken a just pride in his work.

Thomas Cully was married to Mary A. Harner, April 26, 1855. She was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, who came to Martic township from Montgomery county, Pa., and had a family consisting of these children: John S., a retired farmer of Martic township; Samuel, also retired; George, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who married J. Harrison Long, of Drumore township; Joseph, also a retired farmer of Martic township; Jesse, a retired farmer of Drumore township; and Mary A., the second in order of birth, the wife of Thomas Cully.

Mr. Cully upholds the principles of the Democratic party, actively supporting its men and measures. Mrs. Cully is one of the consistent and beloved members of the Presbyterian Church, and a model of Christian virtues. In every relation of life, Mr. Cully comes up to the standard of good citizenship, and in no part of the township can be found a more honest or upright man, nor one who numbers a larger number of sincere friends.

FRANKLIN P. D. MILLER. The name was originally Druckenmiller. It was under that name that the ancestors about 1717 emigrated from Germany and settled in Manheim, Lancaster county. They were prominent members of the Lutheran Church, to which faith the descendants have clung. Franklin P. D. Miller is a prominent merchant at Columbia. His education and training have been in the practical school of commerce, of which he is an honored and influential representative.

Henry D. Miller, father of Franklin, was born at Manheim in 1824, the son of George D. Miller. Henry D. followed successfully at Manheim the vocation of tailor and painter, a highly respected citizen, who filled many of the borough offices. He married Sarah Ann Tones, a native of Wrightsville, York county, and to them were born eight children, namely: Franklin P. D.; Margaret L., wife of Eli F. Groach, a general merchant of Milton Grove, Pa.; Mary E., wife of Jeremiah Kauffmann, keeper of a restaurant at Baltimore, Md.; John H., who died aged two years; George W. D., a salesman for his brother, Franklin P. D.; Alice, who died at Manheim in September, 1883; Sarah Ann, who died aged six years; and Samuel M., a clerk at Lebanon, Pa. Henry D., the father, died in February, 1886, aged sixty-two years. The mother survives and is a resident of Manheim.

Franklin P. D. Miller, the eldest member of the family, was born at Manheim, Sept. 29, 1853. He remained at home until the age of fourteen, attending the Manheim schools, then in 1867 entered the store of Tshudy & Huebner, at Lititz, remaining with them and their successors, Tshudy & Bricker, four years. He accepted a position with Lindemuth

& Bro., general merchants at Marietta, remaining three years. Mr. Miller then went to Columbia and for nine and a half years clerked for G. W. & B. F. Halderman, dry goods and carpets. He had passed his thirtieth year and gained an extensive knowledge of mercantile pursuits. Believing in his abilities to conduct a successful business and finding a clerkship unsuited to his ambitions, he opened at Columbia a stock of groceries and thus began a mercantile career which has since grown steadily. Mr. Miller is one of the most prominent merchants of Columbia and also one of its most enterprising and public-spirited citizens.

In June, 1877, at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, he married Mary E. Sides, a native of that borough, daughter of Peter Sides, an esteemed retired shoemaker of Bainbridge. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born three children: William McA.; Caroline S., wife of E. Ray Shelby, a cigar manufacturer of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Frank Armor, at home.

Mr. Miller is president of the Vigilant Fire Company, and secretary of the Laurel Hill cemetery. He has been notary public for the past ten years and has served three terms as school director in Columbia. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious faith a member of St. John's Evangelical Church. As a member of the Masonic Lodge and Chapter, the I. O. O. F., K. of M. C. and K. of P., he is prominently identified with the fraternal orders of Columbia. He possesses a fine library and is well informed upon all the leading questions of the day.

ALDUS AUMENT, a farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where he is living at the present time, Oct. 7, 1844, his parents being Jacob and Sarah (Cunningham) Aument.

Jacob Aument was born in Lampeter township in 1819, and his wife in 1821. He was the son of George Aument, who was of colonial associations. They were at first residents of Lampeter township, where Jacob Aument was reared. George Aument moved to East Drumore township, where he and his wife died in the home of his son, George. They left two sons and two daughters. (1) Jacob was the father of Aldus. (2) George, who married and settled in East Drumore township, died some years ago, leaving a family. Henry Aument of Quarryville, is one of his sons. (3) Elizabeth married James McCall, and both are dead. Their children, of whom the survivors still reside in Maryland, were as follows: Anderson; Mary, late wife of William Brickley; Eliza, who married Theodore Brickley (deceased); Sarah, who married Frank Lacklin; Jane, who married and settled in Maryland; Beulah, unmarried, living with her brother, Anderson; and Clara, who married a Mr. Jackson. (4) Catherine married Samuel Kendig, lived for a time in Eden township, and then moved into East Drumore township, where Mr. Kendig was a farmer and miller as long as he lived. They left

four children: Eliza, of Lancaster; George, of Philadelphia; Samuel, of Illinois, and Scott, of Lancaster.

Jacob Aument was reared to manhood in Lampeter township, where he received his education in the local schools. Miss Sarah Cunningham, who became his wife, was born in Lampeter township. For a few years Mr. Aument worked at his trade of wagon-making in Lampeter township, then moved to East Drumore township, near the Quarryville cemetery, where his nephew, John Aument, lives and there worked at his trade while his family were maturing. In 1846 he bought a farm of 180 acres of wild land which he converted into the fertile and highly cultivated farm now the home of his son, Aldus. The land was cleared by him, a pleasant home erected, and a bank barn, 40x80 feet put up. There Mr. and Mrs. Aument lived all their days. They were active and devoted members of the German Reformed Church, and he was one of the founders of the Stone Church at Quarryville. In politics he was a Whig and later became a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Aument were the parents of nine children. (1) George married Miss Sarah Swineheart, of Quarryville, and after living for a time at his father's home, bought a farm adjoining, on which they spent some years, when they moved to Quarryville, where he died, leaving a widow and two children: Letitia, who married George England; and Maria, who married Stephen Clemmings, both widows. (2) Catherine, born in Lampeter township, married Jacob Barr (deceased), and is the mother of the following children: Emma, who married John Robinson, of Limeville; Henrietta, who married Harry Shrimp, of Glen, Chester county; Milard: John; Dollie, who married O. M. Sowders, of Strasburg township; and Sue, who married Daniel Dooner. (3) Sarah married Hoover Hilterbrand, of Iowa, deceased, and is the mother of the following: Elias, Ernest and Mary. (4) Elias married Miss Maggie Wentz, and was engaged in the mercantile trade at Drumore Center for some years; after several trials of store life in various places, he bought a farm adjoining his brother Aldus, where he died, leaving a widow and four children: Stella, who married Benjamin Fritz, of Quarryville; William, who married Sallie Kun; Irwin, who married and settled in West Drumore township; and Clifford, who is a merchant in Fairfield, Lancaster county. (5) Jacob was killed by the kick of a horse when he was twenty-one years of age. (6) Elam, born in East Drumore township, married Agnes Keen, of Eden township, and resides in Lancaster, where he is retired. They have had the following children: Jacob, Ella, Katie (deceased), Sallie, Charles, Edward and Daniel. (7) Mary died in young womanhood. (8) Harvey married Miss Sue Ferguson, and moved to Topeka, Kan., where he was engaged in farming at the time of his death in 1895; he left a widow and five daughters,

who still reside in that distant city, Ada, Maggie, Emma, Alma and May. (9) Aldus.

Aldus Aument received his education in the local schools and before attaining his majority became a member of Co. D, 195th P. V. I., which was a part of the Army of the Potomac. This regiment was held after the surrender of Gen. Lee, and was detailed to guard government property, so that it was not until March, 1866, that Mr. Aument was mustered out.

For three years after his return to civil life, Aldus Aument was a clerk in his brother's store. At that time he was called back to the old home to take charge of it and care for his parents until their death.

Mr. Aument was married in 1871 to Miss M. J. Penny, a daughter of Hugh and Sarah (Wentz) Penny. Mrs. Aument was born in West Drumore township in October, 1844, where she received her education in the common schools. They settled on the old homestead, and have greatly improved it in the way of new buildings and a more thorough and modern tillage. They are the parents of a son and daughter: Bertie, who was born in 1877, was educated in the Level High School, in 1900 married Walter Boyd, and lives in Philadelphia, where he is in business; Lawrence, born in 1881, is a student of the Wade Business College of Lancaster.

Mr. Aument is a Republican and has been collector of taxes and assessor of East Drumore township for five years; for twelve years he has been a school director. He belongs to Bireley Post, No. 511, G. A. R., at Quarryville. Mr. Aument and his wife belong to the Quarryville Reformed Church.

AMOS KESSLER. The village of Cambridge, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., has within its limits a general blacksmith, coachmaker and all round worker in iron and wood, combined in one person, and in this respect its inhabitants are more fortunate than those of most villages of its size in the State. This gentleman is Amos Kessler, who was born in East Lampeter township, in the same county, Aug. 15, 1854. His parents, David and Mary (Myers) Kessler, were born in East Lampeter township and in Berks county, respectively, but the father, who was a wheelwright by trade, carried on his business for a long time at Soudersburg, whence, owing to ill-health, he retired to Kinzers, this county, where his death occurred in March, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years. His widow, who was born in 1820, now resides in Brownstown, Lancaster county, and is a faithful member of the Presbyterian Church in the faith of which her husband passed away.

David and Mary (Myers) Kessler had born to their marriage eight children in the following order: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Henry Gault, of Cambridge; Amos; John, a blacksmith at Kinzers, Paradise township; Harry, who died at the age of nineteen; Mary, wife of William Witmer, a farmer.

in Salisbury township; Ida, deceased wife of Jacob Fisherman; Susan, who died at the age of twenty-two years, and Sarah, who died in infancy. The paternal grandfather of Amos Kessler, Leonard Kessler, was also a native of Lancaster county, and was a wheelwright, first at Intercourse and next at Soudersburg, at which place his death occurred.

At the age of eighteen years, Amos Kessler left his parents and went to serve an apprenticeship of three years at the blacksmith's trade with Joseph Cashner at Smoketown, and then, having served out his term, went to work as a journeyman for one month at Green Tree; then for several months he worked at Colter's Corners; next located in Goodville, where he continued to work as a journeyman for eight months, and then came to Cambridge and began business on his own account in 1876. There he has met with complete success and draws to his shop patronage from a radius of miles about him, his work being of the most finished kind and unsurpassed in that respect by any turned out from the large cities.

In January, 1878, Amos Kessler was united in marriage in Cambridge, with Miss Abigail Ottenkirk, the amiable and accomplished daughter of James and Elizabeth (Lawrence) Ottenkirk, of Chester county, near Honeybrook, in which county she had her nativity. James Ottenkirk was a well-to-do and prominent farmer, was born in 1800 and died in April, 1870; he had lost his wife, in 1848. Their remains were interred side by side in Honeybrook Presbyterian churchyard. They were faithful Presbyterians in their religious faith, in which they reared their six children, who were born in the following order: Mary A., who is the widow of James Givens and resides in Chester county, Pa.; David, a farmer in the same county; Elizabeth P., wife of Lemuel Pearl, also a farmer in Chester county; Martha, who makes her home with Amos, her brother; Reece, who died at the age of sixty-two years; and Abigail, wife of Mr. Kessler. The union of Amos and Abigail (Ottenkirk) Kessler has been blessed with two sons, Harry D. and William, now highly educated and intelligent young men who still make their home under the parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler are members of the Presbyterian Church and in politics Mr. Kessler is a Republican. He is recognized as one of the best mechanics in the county, is strictly honest in all his transactions, and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of warm-hearted friends.

D. E. HELM, a successful and public-spirited merchant at Mechanics Grove, East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Strasburg township, Dec. 12, 1850, and is a son of Daniel and Susan (Eckman) Helm, both of whom were born in Strasburg township. Daniel Helm was born Nov. 10, 1810, and is still living. Mrs. Helm was a daughter of Joseph Eckman, of Providence, and was born in 1827.

Daniel Helm was born in Strasburg township, where he spent sixty-eight years of his life. In 1888 he moved to New Providence, where his wife died two years later, and where he is living retired. They both belonged to the Reformed Church, of which he has been for many years an elder. In his political relations he was a Whig, and in later years a Republican. For over fifty years he served as assessor, school director, collector, supervisor, and in other township offices.

Mr. Helm has had two wives, the first being Anna Hoak, of Strasburg township. To this union were born four children: J. Harry, in business in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Frank W., in business at New Providence, where he is a merchant and the president of the Quarryville Bank; Dr. A. H., a practicing physician at New Providence; Mary A., living at home in New Providence.

To Daniel Helm's second marriage were born seven children: D. E., whose name heads this article; Enos M., born in 1853, who is married and in business at New Cumberland, Cumberland Co., Pa.; J. Calvin, born in 1855, who married Alice Penny, of Drumore township, and is a foreman in one of the steel plants at Steeiton, Pa.; Dr. Charles E., a resident of Georgetown, who is married, and is engaged in his professional work; Elmer E., born in 1858, who has his home in Lancaster and is a traveling salesman; Rev. Thaddeus G., born in 1860, who is a professor in the Franklin and Marshall Academy, and has a wife and family; Rufus D., born in 1863, who is unmarried and is a business man of Seattle, Washington.

D. E. Helm received his education in the home schools, in 1868 became a clerk in the store of Free-land & Lytle, holding his position with them for three years and then moved to Quarryville, where he clerked some six years for George W. Henshel. After this for three years he was a partner with his brother, F. W. Helm, in a general store, for ten years at New Providence. They did business under the firm name of Helm Brothers. Before going to New Providence, D. E. Helm was postmaster at Quarryville. In 1888, D. E. Helm disposed of his interests at New Providence, and engaged in a general store at Mechanics Grove, which has largely developed in his hands, and in which he has continued to the present time.

Mr. Helm was married in May, 1882, to Miss Sallie W. Bower, a daughter of George and Anna Bower, both now deceased, who were classed among the very best people of their community in their life time. Mrs. Helm was born in Paradise township in 1850, was thoroughly educated in the schools of her community and county, and is a lady of many charms and graces.

D. E. Helm bought ground in Mechanics Grove and has one of the fine homes in the village. He has also enlarged his store building and is one of the successful business men of that section of Lancaster county. To him and his wife have come a family of

six children: D. Bower, born in New Providence in 1883, a student in the Franklin and Marshall Academy; Agnes S., born in 1885, a student in the home school; James C., born in Providence in 1887; Elmer L., born in 1889; Paul Victor, born in 1891; Willis, born in 1895.

Mr. Helm has always been a Republican, and from time to time has been honored with offices of trust and responsibility. He was postmaster of Mechanics Grove from 1888 to 1894. That year he was elected justice of the peace, and he resigned the post office. Always an active and earnest business man, he stands high in the village, and commands a wide circle of friends through the vicinity, who are anxious to help him in every laudable way. Both he and his wife belong to the Reformed Church.

ANDREW CHARLES. In a life that was prolonged beyond the allotted period of existence, Mr. Charles won and retained the respect of acquaintances and associates. It was his privilege to witness the development of our nation during the most eventful era of its history. His earlier recollections were associated with the country as an infant republic, its possibilities unknown, its destiny unforeseen. When he was an old man, and shut off largely from intercourse with others through deafness and failing sight, he was wont to dwell upon events connected with the far-distant past, and used to tell his children how, as a boy, he had shaken hands with George Washington, who had told him to be "a good boy," and had hoped God's blessing would rest upon him.

The life of Andrew Charles began in County Tyrone, Ireland, May 6, 1782, and closed in Strasburg, Lancaster county, April 4, 1873, his body being laid to rest in the Strasburg cemetery in the midst of surroundings so familiar to him. His parents, William and Jane (Charles) Charles, were natives of Ireland, the former being a farmer all through his active life. In the family were the following children, all now deceased: John; Andrew; Hannah; Mrs. Charles Earlie, of Ireland; Catherine, Mrs. Wilson, who died in Virginia; and Mrs. Jane Hayes, of Pittsburg, Pa. While the family were Irish-born, they were of English extraction, and the genealogy is traced back to three brothers, of whom one left England for Ireland, another went to Scotland, and the third settled in Germany.

Accompanied by a brother and two sisters, Andrew Charles came to the United States in 1794 and settled in Philadelphia, where he soon began an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade. Owing to an epidemic of yellow fever when he was twenty-one years of age, he left his home city and afterward made his home in Lancaster for a time, thence going to Lititz, where he followed his trade a few years. A later location was at Strasburg, where he not only followed his trade but also built up an important business in the sale of furniture and undertaker's supplies. For forty years he suffered the inconvenience of deafness, but prosecuted his work

with diligence, notwithstanding this affliction. However, when finally blindness came to him five years prior to his death, he relinquished his connection with business. During his younger years he was an active citizen, an enthusiastic worker in the Democratic party, and for many times served both as burgess and as a member of the borough council. In religion he adhered to the Episcopal doctrines, and fraternally was connected with the Masons.

Before the days of railroads, Mr. Charles rode on horseback to Lancaster to be married, and there the ceremony was performed which united him with Margaret Ferguson. They became the parents of the following-named children: Robert F., deceased; Jane A., Mrs. Henry Hunter, deceased; Harriet, who was born in Strasburg, Aug. 18, 1813, and now makes her home in Lancaster; William, who died while in the army; John, who died in infancy; Amanda, Mrs. Charles Mellinger, of Columbia, Pa.; Margaret, who was born June 15, 1823, in Strasburg, and now resides with her sister Harriet in Lancaster; John A., who married Anna E. Bart, and is now deceased; and Adeline, who died in girlhood.

In 1847 Miss Harriet Charles opened a millinery store in Strasburg, and this she conducted until 1882, when she and her sister removed to Columbia to make their home with a married sister, but after seventeen months they removed to their present home in Lancaster. Although her father accumulated little, Miss Charles was enabled to surround his old age with the comforts of life as a result of her own industrious efforts, and at the same time she accumulated sufficient to provide for herself and sister so that now, in their advancing years, they are comfortably and pleasantly situated. Their friends are many in the county where they have always lived.

JOHN Q. DENNEY. It is a firmly established fact that the great majority of men who have been successful as manufacturers, and whose energy and skill have hurried our nation to the front as a producing people, have started at the bottom round of the ladder. Such a one is John Q. Denney, born in Chester county, Pa., Sept. 10, 1832. His father, Samuel Denney, was born in England, and after his marriage to Edith Dubree, also a native of that country, settled in Chester county, Pa., on a small farm, to the cultivation of which he gave his time when not following his trade, that of skilled mechanic. He had never served an apprenticeship, yet so skillful was he in the use of tools that he could make or repair with accuracy any kind of machinery used in the mills and furnaces of half a century ago. His ability received more than local recognition, and he was relied upon to repair breaks in machinery, and correct errors of construction or mounting, in the mills and furnaces for many miles around his home. After his removal from the paternal roof-tree Mr. Denney spent the remainder of his life on the farm and that adjoining it, upon which he settled in the



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early days, and there his death occurred in 1869. His wife died in February, 1848.

John Q. Denney remained with his father until he was twenty years old, acquiring such education as could be obtained in the country schools. In the meantime, his inherited mechanical skill had already developed into practical utility, and he was employed by Joshua Pusey to do the iron work in the refitting of his flouring-mill. In so masterly a manner was this task accomplished that Mr. Pusey brought his promising workman to Columbia, where during the winter of 1852 he invested the disabled machinery of another Pusey mill with a new lease of life. The mill completed, the tools, consisting of a lathe, siderest, chisels and hammers, were removed by Mr. Pusey's son, Israel, to the Hughey & Bachman planing-mill, in which the son had an interest, and where Mr. Denney worked until 1853. His responsibility included not only keeping in repair the planing-mill, but the general repair work of the blast furnaces in and around Columbia.

In the spring of 1854 the firm of Smith, Richards & Co. was organized, to build the Shawnee rolling mill, now known as the Columbia rolling mill, for the manufacture of bar iron, and Mr. Denney was induced to accept the position of master mechanic or superintendent of construction. The mill was completed, and began operations in the early summer of 1855, and in the latter part of 1856 changed its output from bar iron to iron rails, supplying principally the Pennsylvania and Northern Central railroads. The panic of 1857, which brought ruin and failure to this company, as it did to so many others throughout the country, resulted in Mr. Denney's loss of position, but with characteristic courage and resource he was not long in bringing out of chaos a practical plan of action. From Samuel Trescott and George Woolf he rented a machine shop at "the Basin," and there carried on a general business, doing work for the mills and furnaces in and around Columbia. The destruction of the shop by fire in 1862 again made a change necessary, and in the crisis Mr. Denney became superintendent of the Maltby & Case rolling-mills, a position he held until the spring of 1863. During that year he entered into partnership with Col. Henry McCormick and John Haldeman, and undertook the full management of the Henry Clay furnace, near Columbia, Pa., which was located between the Tunnel and Chickies. So thoroughly satisfactory was his assumption of this responsibility that at the end of the first six months the profits had increased to astonishing proportions. Mr. Denney remained in control of the furnace from Oct. 1, 1863, until 1869, and then turned over the management to J. G. Hess, who had been taken into partnership, he himself having entered into an agreement with James McCormick, of Harrisburg, to manage the Paxton furnace, and to build the Paxton rolling-mills, for the manufacture of boiler and other plate iron. In 1872 he built for the same parties Paxton furnace No. 2, which he operated for many

years, and in 1891-92 built Paxton mill No. 2, introducing therein all improvements known at that time. As superintendent of these mills Mr. Denney carried on the work successfully, and to the profit of all concerned. In the meantime he had become identified with various other enterprises, one of which was the York rolling-mills, in which he was a third owner with J. W. Stacey and Michael Schall. After a number of years of successful operation this concern acquired the Aurora furnace, which was reconstructed, and operated in conjunction with the York rolling-mills in manufacturing pig iron for the use of their own mills. A company had also been formed consisting of Mr. Denney, J. W. Stacey, Michael Schall and John Keller, which purchased and reconstructed for the manufacture of skelp-iron the Shawnee mills, at Columbia, Pa., and operated the same under the corporate name of the Columbia Rolling Mills Company. As president of the company Mr. Denney upheld his former enviable reputation as a manager, and so profitable was the venture that after a few years the company purchased and reconstructed the Vestry furnace, at Watts Station, near Marietta, Pa., in which they manufactured pig iron to supply the Columbia rolling-mills. About this time a corporation known as the Schall, Stacey & Denney Company was formed, with a capital of \$240,000, and with Mr. Denney as president. This concern purchased from the firm of Schall, Stacey & Denney the York rolling-mills and the Aurora furnace, both of which were operated for many years. After the death of Mr. Schall the name of the company was changed to the Stacey & Denney Company, and as such continued operations until 1898, when the company disposed of their aggregate properties, including the Columbia rolling-mills, to the Susquehanna Iron & Steel Company. Until 1901 Mr. Denney, who was a director and heavy stockholder, assumed the management of the new company after which he retired from active business, as compensation for a long and esteemed business career.

Mr. Denney was one of the incorporators of the Columbia Trust Company, and is one of its directors, as well as one of its largest stockholders, and he is also a stockholder and director in the Norway Iron & Steel Company, of York, Pa. He was one of the first to advocate an electric street car service in Harrisburg, and he was for twelve years president and manager of the trolley system in the State capital. In the latter capacity he had full charge of the construction of the road of which his son, James M. Denney, was engineer.

From the beginning Mr. Denney has been associated with the political party which sprang into existence beneath the oaks at Jackson, Mich., but although an ardent Republican he has never had official aspirations.

On Nov. 6, 1856, Mr. Denney married Rachel Mathiot, who was born in Columbia, Pa., Nov. 19, 1837, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Mathiot, and

to that union have come the following children: 'De-witt C., born Sept. 25, 1857; Edith, born Aug. 8, 1859; Cora, born Sept. 16, 1867 (died June 9, 1870); Franklin, born May 1, 1862 (died Oct. 22, 1864); James M., born July 16, 1869; and Thomas, born Oct. 1, 1872.

WILLIAM McELWAIN (deceased), in his day a leading farmer of Colerain township, was born there April 2, 1821, son of John and Rebecca (Beyer) McElwain, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. John McElwain was a son of Patrick and Mary (Campbell) McElwain, the former of whom was born in County Donegal, Ireland, October 26, 1758, the latter in London. Patrick McElwain came to this country when twenty-one years of age. His wife came in childhood. He purchased land from Jacob Rohrer, in Bart township, where he lived and died, leaving the following children: Agnes; William; John; Dorothy, wife of Henry Beyer; Mary, who married David Beyer; Jessie; James; Josiah; David, and Martha.

John McElwain, father of William, was a farmer in Colerain township, where he died. He was twice married, and by his first wife, Rebecca Beyer, had four children: Daniel, deceased, whose children reside in the West; William, mentioned below; John S., a resident of York county; and Robert B., deceased, formerly a resident of Bart township, this county, and the father of two daughters—Cornelia, who married Elmer Lantz, of Chester county, and Sylvania, wife of Pharez Lantz, who lives on her father's homestead. John McElwain married, for his second wife, Eliza Kerr, by whom he had one daughter, Eliza, the wife of James Wise, of York county.

William McElwain made his home on a place bought from William Eckert, in Colerain township, which he developed into a fine farm. He was widely known in his section of the county, and enjoyed a creditable standing all his life. He married Mary Beyer, who was born in Bartville, April 5, 1832, daughter of David and Mary Beyer, and who died in 1890. Mr. McElwain lived with his daughters, Ella and Amanda, until his death, in 1895, and they were faithful and devoted, looking to his every need and comfort. During his lifetime Mr. McElwain acquired four valuable farms, on which his children are now located. Mr. McElwain and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church, with which the family has always been associated, and in which he served as elder many years, during the most trying period of its existence, and he was always found faithful in the discharge of his duties. His son, J. E., took up his father's church work and office, when the latter gave them up. Mr. McElwain in political faith, was a staunch Republican from the formation of the party, an ardent supporter of the Union cause, and during the period of the Civil war, when so much uncertainty existed about the stability of the Union, he was one of the few who had the confidence to

come to his country's aid with funds, investing largely, and urging his friends to do likewise. Mr. McElwain and Thomas Beyer were the only supporters of Fremont in Colerain township in 1856. Our subject is remembered as a man of kind and tested character, and his place among the good men of his day is secure.

Mr. and Mrs. McElwain were the parents of seven children. (1) Martha A. McElwain was a student at the private school of Thomas Baker, and at Parkesburg Seminary, where all this family were educated; she married William J. Ingraham, and lives in Fulton township. They have seven children, William A., Mary M., wife of C. C. Aument, Nellie A., Ma L., Zaidee, Hattie M. and J. E.

(2) M. Amanda McElwain, who taught school very successfully for two years, part of the time as instructor in mathematics under her old principal, J. Morgan Rawlins, at Parkesburg, makes her home with her sister Ella, on their farm in Colerain township.

(3) J. B. McElwain married Miss Susan J., daughter of Thomas McClure, of Bart township, and has his home in lower Oxford, Chester county, where he is engaged in farming; he has two children, Roy E. and Mary I.

(4) William E. McElwain married Elizabeth Heyberger, of Bart township, and has his home on the farm purchased by his father in East Drumore township. He has two children, Mary I. and W. G. H.

(5) Josiah E. McElwain was born on the old homestead, where he still resides. He married Miss Sallie Cain, of Chester county, and they have one son, Madison E. Mr. McElwain graduated from the Millersville State Normal School, and was a teacher in Lancaster county for several years.

(6) Ella R. McElwain received a good education in the home schools, but on account of poor health was denied the advantages of study elsewhere, which her brothers and sisters had enjoyed. She and her sister are known as women of superior character. They are deeply interested in Christian Endeavor work, and attended the conventions held at Boston (1895) and San Francisco (1897).

(7) Clara L. McElwain died in childhood.

GEORGE H. WITMER. Among the well-known and highly esteemed citizens of Providence township is George H. Witmer, now living retired in his pleasant home in New Providence, who was born eighty-three years ago, on Jan. 6, 1820, in West Lampeter township, son of Jacob and Sarah (Lefever) Witmer.

Great-grandfather Jacob Witmer came to America from Switzerland and, as was the custom, worked for a man in Philadelphia until he had paid his passage money. He was the founder of the Witmer family in Pennsylvania. John Witmer was the grandfather of George H. and he had a family of children as follows: Jacob; Barbara, who married Jacob

Barge; Nancy, who married Christian Shaub, all of these having passed away long since. Jacob Witmer, the father of George H., was a farmer and married Sarah Lefever and they had a family of ten children, namely: (1) Hettie married Jacob Fritz and had six children; (2) George H. married first Annie Paoler (by whom he had seven children) and second Martha Rhoads; (3) Susan married Jacob Herr and had fourteen children; (4) Sarah married first Abraham Groff and second Amos Herr; (5) Aaron, deceased, married Mary Ann Herr, who bore him six children; (6) Jacob, unmarried, is at home; (7) Martin married first Elizabeth Huber, who had five children, and second Mary Mowref, who had six children; (8) John died at the age of two years; (9) Annie died when only three years old, and (10) Neoma only lived four years. Both father and mother lived long and useful lives, the former, born in 1792, died in 1864, while the latter, born in 1798, survived until 1890. They belonged to the Old Mennonite religion and were most honorable and respected people.

George H. Witmer grew up on his father's farm and went to the old time school when his services were not required at home. He remained with his father until he was twenty-five years of age, and when he started to grapple with the world for himself it was as a poor young man. However, he had energy and perseverance and as the years went by each one made him more independent until by the time age overtook him he was ready to retire from work and enjoy the fruits of his industry. Mr. Witmer owns a fine farm of ninety-six acres of excellent land, with fine improvements, and in addition to this, his residence property in New Providence. He has the satisfaction of knowing that he is regarded with respect and esteem in his community and that each neighbor is a friend as well. Mr. Witmer enjoys fine health both in body and mind and takes a deep interest in all current events. In politics he is a Republican. For fifty years he has been a member of the Mennonite Church and his life has reflected the kind and charitable teachings of this religious body.

In 1844 Mr. Witmer was married (first) to Miss Annie Paoler, daughter of John Paoler, of Providence township, who died July 19, 1866. She bore him seven children, namely: Sarah, born Nov. 29, 1847, married Abraham Root, of East Hempfield, bearing him four children; Susan, born April 21, 1850, married Amos Brenneman, of Strasburg township. They have five children; Emma, born April 7, 1852, married Elam Hoover, of West Lampeter township. They too had five children; Elizabeth, born June 24, 1854, at home; Leah, born Nov. 11, 1856, married B. Frank Baldwin, of Strasburg township. Their children number six; Jacob Elmer, born Feb. 3, 1864, married Lizzie Herr and died March 25, 1901, leaving a family of four children; John died at the age of four years. Mr.

Witmer married (second) Miss Martha Rhoads, of Providence township, April 3, 1873, daughter of John and Susan (Miller) Rhoads, of Strasburg township, no children being born to this marriage.

Until 1890 Mr. Witmer and wife resided on the old farm, but at that time they retired to their pleasant home in New Providence, where they are held in high esteem and where they have many warm, personal friends.

SAMUEL M. WETZEL, a retired cabinet-maker and farmer of Lancaster, now residing at a pleasant home at No. 536 East King street, was born on the square adjoining his present residence, March 15, 1829, a son of John C. and Catherine (Zeahmer) Wetzel, the father being a native of Germany, and the mother of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

John C. Wetzel came to this country with his mother and a brother and sister in 1803. For a few years, he resided in Lancaster, whence he went to Reading, Pa., with Dr. Otto; there he remained for several years, but returned to Lancaster, and learned the trade of a shoemaker. Here he married, followed his trade in the winter and during the summer worked on his farm of seventeen acres, which is now occupied by the city of Lancaster. The farm extended on East King street, the lower part of Marshall, Franklin and Chester streets running through the same, and it reached Ann street by point. In 1857 the father died, aged sixty-six years, and his wife died March 18, 1876, aged seventy-eight years. Both are buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were members of the German Reformed Church. For many years he was a member of the city council. The children born to this union were: Mary A., deceased, married William T. Baumberger; Catherine A., deceased, married Ezra Montgomery; John H., of Lancaster; Jacob, died in childhood; Charles, died in infancy; Samuel M.; Elizabeth, deceased, married Frederick Beates; Edward, deceased, married Mary Dreppard; William T., deceased, married Mary A. Lechler. The great-grandfather on the mother's side was Anthony Zeahmer, who died in Lancaster. The grandparents on the maternal side were Henry and Anna (Shreiner) Zeahmer, and the grandfather was a distiller of Lancaster.

Until he was eighteen years of age, Samuel M. Wetzel worked at home, attending school as the opportunity offered, but at that time he began to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, which calling he followed with marked success the remainder of his life. At first, he pursued it in Lancaster, but later removed to Clearfield Co., Pa., where he remained six years, when he was called home by the illness of his father. Without considering his own affairs, this good son hastened to his parents, assumed the duties of the farm and tenderly cared for them until their death. For some years, he continued to farm the homestead, but is now retired from active life. Mr. Wetzel is a member of the Red Men and the K. of P. In poli-

tics, he is a staunch Republican and takes a deep and abiding interest in all measures calculated to advance the welfare of the community. Although advanced in years, Mr. Wetzel is very active for his age and takes pride in his good health and unimpaired faculties. He has never married, but his fire-side is not lonely for he has made so many friends in the neighborhood that he is accounted one of the most popular residents of this locality, while all recognize his sterling traits of character and unimpeachable honesty of purpose.

JOSEPH COATES WALKER, president of the Gap National Bank, senior member of the well-known firm of Joseph C. Walker & Son, is not only one of the most substantial and reliable business men of southern Lancaster county, but is a leading citizen of Gap, his home, which through many years has benefited by his public spirit and liberal generosity.

Mr. Walker was born in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, April 4, 1832, son of Asahel and Sarah T. (Coates) Walker, the former of whom was a native of Sadsbury township, and the latter of Caln township, Chester county. Asahel Walker was a man of substance and prominence, was an extensive farmer, owning some 300 acres of valuable land, and efficiently filled many offices of trust and responsibility in his locality, for many years serving as a justice of the peace. He was known in his vicinity for his conscientious opposition to the Masonic fraternity. He belonged to the Society of Friends, and was laid to rest in the shadow of the old meeting-house in Sadsbury township, his death occurring in December, 1856, when he was aged sixty-eight years. His widow, who was born in 1793, survived until May, 1869, and was laid by his side in the old Quaker cemetery. Their children were as follows: Anna married W. P. Cooper, and both have passed out of life; Susan (deceased) married Moses Pownall; Phoebe (deceased) married her brother-in-law, W. P. Cooper; Sarah (deceased) married Sylvester D. Limballe; Samuel (deceased) married Sarah L. Haines; Asahel C. married and died in New Mexico; Joseph C. is mentioned below; Mary A. is the widow of Alfred Ellmaker, of Gap; Margrette is the wife of Frank Pennock, of Philadelphia.

It is in a manner easy to attribute some of the qualities which have made Mr. Walker so estimable and useful a citizen to a most honorable ancestry, which the biographer finds was thoroughly identified with the religious and educational, as well as the commercial and agricultural, advancement of the sections in which they found a home. In 1680 Lewis Walker, a man of parts, a friend of William Penn, came from England, where his religious views were interfered with, and permanently settled in Montgomery county, Pa., buying a large tract of the rich land lying in what was known as Great Valley. There he reared a family. He was succeeded by his son Isaac, who was also an extensive agriculturist,

and whose large estate was left his heirs, one of whom was Asahel, the grandfather of Joseph C. Walker, of Gap.

Asahel Walker (1) married Anna Moore in 1770, in the old Sadsbury township meeting-house near her home, and they began life together in Adams county, Pa., returning in 1788 to locate in Sadsbury township. By trade he was a millwright, and he erected the first mill which was built in this part of the county, for his father-in-law, in 1765. This building still stands, the old stone mill near Christiana, Pa., being an object of historic interest in that locality. His later days were spent in agricultural pursuits, his farm consisting of 250 acres. He passed away in 1838, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, after a quiet, useful and benevolent life. His wife, born in 1749, died in 1823. Both were members of the Society of Friends, and he was a minister of the Gospel. Their children were as follows: Isaac; Anna, who married John Moore; Sarah, who married George Cooper; Mary, who married Andrew Moore; and Asahel, the father of Joseph C., previously mentioned.

On the maternal side, the grandfather of Mr. Walker was Samuel Coates, who carried on farming all his life in Chester county, and whose name was connected with much of the enlightened advancement of his section. He was a son of Moses Coates, who was of English extraction, and who long was a respected resident of Phoenixville, Chester county. He was a descendant of the Coates family who first settled in or near Baltimore, Maryland.

It has been more than once noted that a farm has been the early home of almost every prominent man in our country's history, and such was the case with Joseph C. Walker. Until he reached his majority he remained on the farm, acquiring his education in the district schools and at Unionville Academy, in Chester county. His first entrance into the business world was as a clerk in the employ of Baker & Hopkins, in Gap. Col. Joseph B. Baker, the head of the firm at that time, 1853, was the superintendent of the Philadelphia & Columbia railroad, then owned by the State, but now the Philadelphia division of the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad. There Mr. Walker remained for a period of two years, going then to Christiana, where he engaged for the two succeeding years in a general mercantile business, operating in this connection a business in grain and feed.

Upon his return to Gap, in 1857, where he decided to make his home, Mr. Walker embarked in the mercantile business, purchasing from his former employers their business plant, and he has the distinction of being one of the oldest merchants on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. As years went on, through his public-spirited efforts, the hamlet grew to its present proportions and prosperity, and his business growth was commensurate with other advancement. In 1885 he erected his great brick grain elevator,



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and the bulk of the business done in this locality in grain, feed, coal and lumber is carried on by the well-known, reliable firm of Joseph C. Walker & Son.

In 1883 financial conditions seemed to assure the success of a properly managed National bank at this point, and Mr. Walker was one of its principal organizers. He was made its president, B. Maurice Herr its cashier, and from the bank's comparative statement of its condition on June 30, 1899, we find that its loans and discounts at that time amounted to \$198,710.81; its surplus and net profits, \$30,716.49; and its deposits, \$159,645.50; while its surplus and undivided profits were \$30,716.44; the amount paid to stockholders in dividends, \$35,500.00; and the total net profits from its organization, \$66,216.49. This remarkable showing is a testimony to the careful and conservative yet successful course followed by its eminent president.

Aside from his duties already mentioned, Mr. Walker has found time to take a deep interest in all the public affairs and enterprises of his little city. In 1893 he was a member of the Pennsylvania Board of World's Fair Managers, Chicago, serving as chairman of one of the committees of that board. For four years he served as postmaster; for six years gave his time on the school board as one of the efficient and careful directors, with the result that no locality in the county has better school equipments; and for a period of five years served the good people of Gap as a just justice of the peace. For thirty-five years he has been an active member of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, and has served on its board of directors. At the outbreak of the Spanish war he was appointed, by Gov. Hastings, on the Board of Commissioners of Pennsylvania to examine into the condition of fortresses and needs of defense on the Eastern Coast, acting with like boards from the other States. Mr. Walker is noted for his sterling personal as well as political honesty, his affiliation in the latter direction being with the Republican party. He is a man whom Nature endowed with extraordinary energy and business capacity, and in conjunction gave him the honesty of his Quaker ancestry.

In fraternal life Mr. Walker is connected with the Masons. He has long been a leading member of and liberal contributor to the Presbyterian Church, encouraging its spheres of usefulness in every possible direction. His manner possesses the polish of the social world, and he numbers his friends by the number of those who make his acquaintance. In Gap he has long been regarded in the light of a public benefactor.

On March 13, 1856, Mr. Walker was united in marriage with Miss Lucy H. Ellmaker, and children as follows have been born to this union: E. Enfield, who is his father's efficient partner in business, married Miss Nancy McCullough, and their two children bear the names of Joseph and Margaret; Miss Sarah W. and Miss Susan P. are both at home; Joseph C. is deceased; William J. L. is a student in

college. Mrs. Walker is a native of Leacock township, a daughter of Esaias E. Ellmaker, and a sister of Watson Ellmaker, of Lancaster.

DAVID F. HARNISH, whose home is in Manheim township, a mile and a half north of Lancaster, belongs to an old family, and worthily wears an honored name. Born in Conestoga township, Aug. 9, 1836, he is a son of David and Susan (Forrey) Harnish. The father was born in Conestoga township, in 1803, where he was reared, and was married in 1824. Purchasing a farm in Manheim township (in 1838) which contained 160 acres, and was known as the old Sworr homestead, he devoted his life to its cultivation. This farm now belongs to David F. Harnish. Here the elder Harnish lived until about two years before his death, when he bought a property in Petersburg, to which he moved, and there he died in 1896, at ninety-three years of age. Always a farmer, he was a very successful man. In the Mennonite Church, with which he was associated from early life, he was much esteemed for his genuine character and manly worth. His children were as follows: Fannie, now deceased, who married Jacob Harnish; Jacob, a resident of Peterburg; Elizabeth, the widow of Henry B. Rohrer, of Petersburg; Daniel, a resident of Manheim township; David F.; Sarah, the wife of Henry Harnish, of Conestoga; Leah, the widow of John Brubaker, of Freeport, Ill.; Anna, who died in youth; and two children, who died in early childhood.

David F. Harnish was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-eight years of age he began for himself on the farm where his home has been maintained to the present time. On this farm he has made many substantial improvements, and has devoted his labors to general farming.

Mr. Harnish was married, in 1865, to Miss Martha, a daughter of Christian Huber, of West Lampeter township, long since passed to his reward. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish are the parents of the following children: Christian, a farmer of Leacock township; Susan, the wife of George Kendig, of Pequea township; David, a resident of East Hempfield township; Aaron; Ida; John, the last three being all at home.

Mr. Harnish has filled the office of school director in Manheim township, and is a member of the Church of God, while his wife belongs to the Mennonite Church. They are good people, and have been industrious and upright through their useful years.

WAYNE BARE, one of the venerable farmer citizens of East Lampeter township, was born June 5, 1822, in Bareville, Lancaster county. He is a descendant of a family whose members have for years been among the most honored residents of the county, being a grandson of Andie Bare. The latter was born in Lancaster county, and spent his entire life

there. He kept hotel at Bareville for some years, was also distiller and farmer, and was a very successful man, owning three farms adjoining. He married a Miss Diller, and they were the parents of four children: Polly, Mrs. Bare; Julia A., wife of Michael Johns; Liddie, wife of Henry Good; and Adam, the father of our subject.

Adam Bare was born in 1784, at Bareville, Upper Leacock township. He succeeded his father in the hotel at Bareville and he was also a distiller and farmer. He died in 1877. Adam Bare was one of the prominent men of his day. He was sheriff of Lancaster county, in 1832, and served as county commissioner for some time. He married Miss Sarah Graybill, and they were the parents of eight children, one of whom died in childhood; Wayne is our subject; Elias, deceased, was a drover and farmer at Bareville; Caroline is the wife of Samuel Groff; Diller resides in Philadelphia; Catherine is the wife of Levi Groff; Adam, deceased, was a carpenter, in Alabama; John, deceased, lived in California.

Wayne Bare obtained his education in the common schools of the county and lived at home until he was twenty-six years of age. He then began farming for himself, in Lancaster county, Leacock township, and continued there twenty-four years. In 1873 he purchased a farm in Leacock, which he sold in 1882, and then purchased the place where he now resides, and which he has since conducted. In politics Mr. Bare is a Republican, and he was inspector of elections for three years. By a life of industry and upright living he has won the esteem of all who know him, and has well sustained the high reputations borne by all members of the Bare family. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Mr. Bare wedded Miss Mary Landis and to this union were born seven children, one of whom died in infancy; John L. is a farmer in Leacock township; Sarah is the wife of Henry C. Kurts; Emma is the wife of Benjamin D. Rohrer; Milton is a farmer in Leacock township; Ida is the wife of Whitmore Rohrer; and Wayne L. is a farmer of East Lampeter township.

JOHN LANDAU (deceased), who was one of the leading men of Lancaster, Pa., was born Aug. 16, 1831, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and died in Lancaster, Pa., in August, 1901, and is interred in the Zion Lutheran cemetery.

The parents of John Landau, Peter and Elizabeth Landau, were natives of Germany, where they lived and died, the demise of the father occurring in 1886, when he had attained the age of eighty-six years, and the mother passing away in 1840, aged forty-four years. By occupation, the father was a tailor. The following family was born to this union: Peter, a shoemaker of Germany; Margaret E., who married Adam Hirsh, of Germany; John, a farmer; K. Elizabeth, widow of Peter Kiesner, of Mt. Joy, Pa.; Barbara E., who died in Germany, and was the

wife of Peter Bach, a machinist; and Catherine, who married a Mr. Fisher, of Germany.

John Landau came to the United States in 1854, settling in Lampeter township, where he engaged in farming until 1861, when he located in the city of Lancaster and there took up gardening, which he successfully pursued until his death. By his industry, thrift and excellent business management, Mr. Landau not only made a success of his work, but also accumulated considerable property, and at the time of his death owned seven good houses and other holdings. Fraternally he was a member of the order of Red Men, in which he took an active interest. His religious connections were with the St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, of which he was one of the organizers, in 1874, and where he served as elder and trustee for many years. Socially, he was a member of Liederkrantz Society, of which he was treasurer for the last six years of his life. Mr. Landau viewed the political field from the Democratic standpoint, and was a staunch supporter of the candidates of that party. In every relation of life, Mr. Landau proved himself an honest, worthy, whole-souled man, faithful to his duties and devoted to his family. In him Lancaster lost a representative citizen and one who had done much, in his quiet way, to advance its interests.

On Jan. 11, 1857, Mr. Landau was married in Lancaster to Barbara E. Dietz, and the following family was born to this union: (1) Margaret E., married to Edward M. Stone, a Lancaster watchmaker, who settled in Waltham, Mass., dying in 1891. (2) Mary A., married to John W. Rushton, also a watchmaker of Waltham, Mass., who was born in England but came to America when four years old. (3) Anna K., married Harry C. Aument, a painter, a native of Lancaster county, where his family had long lived, his grandmother, Mrs. Clark, dying there in 1890, at the age of one hundred years and eleven days. (4) Jacob, a carpenter of Lancaster, Pa., who served two years as a policeman under Mayor Schissler. He married Anna, daughter of John Z. Thomas, a native of Monmouthshire, England, who came to America when a young man and served through the Civil war as first lieutenant of Co. F, 195th P. V. I. (5) John P., unmarried, and living at home; a watchmaker. (6) William C., a watchmaker of Waltham, Mass., married Lucy E. M. McGregor, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mrs. Landau was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in January, 1838, daughter of Peter and Barbara (Landau) Dietz, also of Germany. The parents of Mrs. Landau came to America in 1854, settling six years later in Lancaster City, Pa., where the father was a gardener. His death occurred in 1896, when he was eighty-six, and the mother died in 1889, aged seventy-seven; both are buried in Zion cemetery, having been members of the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Dietz, like his son-in-law, was an organizer of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and later

an elder and trustee. Their children were: (1) Anna K., died in 1898, married John Stamm; (2) Barbara E., married John Landau; (3) Margaret E., married William G. Rapp.

ABRAHAM W. STEHMAN, whose home-
stead is in the borough of Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., but whose place of business is on Light street, Baltimore, Md., is a native of Conestoga township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and was born in 1839. His parents, Tobias B. and Ann (Gamber) Stehman, were respectively born in Conestoga and West Hempfield townships, in the same county, and were the parents of two children: Jacob G., M. D., who died in New Orleans, La., in 1864; and Abraham W., whose name opens this biography.

Tobias B. Stehman was a farmer by calling, but in 1847 retired to Marietta, where he passed forty-three years of his long life, dying at the home of his son, Abraham W., in 1890, at the age of eighty-three years. His wife had passed away in 1862, at the age of forty-eight. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, although later in life they became Presbyterians.

Abraham W. Stehman was brought to Marietta in 1847 by his parents and here attended the district schools, and later for three years was a pupil in Prof. James P. Wickersham's academy. In 1860 he engaged for a few years in the coal business at Marietta in partnership with his cousin, Samuel H. Brown, and was then appointed ticket and freight agent in the same borough for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and held the position until 1864.

In July, 1864, Mr. Stehman enlisted in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., was mustered in at Harrisburg, and was detailed for clerical work at Baltimore, Md., in the mustering and disbursing office, having been mustered out of field service at Harrisburg, three months after enlistment. After his discharge from the army, he re-entered the same office and clerked for fourteen months, and was then commissioned deputy internal revenue collector for Baltimore, in which capacity he served for thirteen years—eight as chief deputy. He then resigned to engage in the stove jobbing and manufacturing trade with B. C. Bibb, who had become his father-in-law, and the firm was known until 1885 as B. C. Bibb & Son, when it was incorporated and Mr. Bibb made president and Mr. Stehman general manager and treasurer.

The marriage of Mr. Stehman took place in Baltimore, in 1878, when he was united with Miss Catherine Amanda Bibb, daughter of Bentley C. and Amanda M. Bibb, natives, respectively, of Virginia and Baltimore, Md. Mr. Bibb at times, as may well be surmised from the foregoing statements, was a wholesale jobber and manufacturer of stoves and employed 100 men. He died in June, 1894, since which date Mr. Stehman has been president of the company. Mr. and Mrs. Bibb were the parents of five children, of whom only two now survive—

Mrs. Stehman and Mrs. Walton Saunders, whose husband is a retired physician of San Francisco, Cal. To Mr. and Mrs. Stehman no children have been born. In politics Mr. Stehman is a true Republican. He continues to maintain his home in Marietta, whither he resorts each summer and fall to rest. His circumstances in life are most comfortable and his wealth is the result of his personal attention to his business affairs and his superior business ability.

FRANKLIN J. HECKLER, for many years the well-known assistant yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Columbia, was born in Bedford, Dauphin Co., Pa., Dec. 16, 1833, a son of Jacob Heckler. The father was a native of Germany and came to this country when a young man. He made his home in Columbia, Pa., from 1835 to 1852, and then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and later to Louisville, Ky., where he died in 1862, at the age of sixty-five years. In his family were five children, of whom Franklin J. is the youngest, the others being Christiana, widow of Mr. Shaffer and a resident of Louisville, Ky.; Mary, wife of Mr. Galich, of the same city; Louisa, who died young, and Catherine, wife of Mr. Smith, of Covington, Kentucky.

Franklin J. Heckler was not three years old when brought by his parents to Columbia, where he grew to manhood, and he was married in Lancaster, Dec. 16, 1866, to Letitia Santee, by whom he had two children, namely: Elizabeth S., who died in childhood; and Franklin J., Jr., a druggist of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Heckler was born in Columbia, Nov. 17, 1837, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fordney) Santee, the former a native of Wilkesbarre, Pa., the latter of Baltimore, Md. Her paternal grandparents, Isaac and Rachel (McNeil) Santee, were natives of France, and on their immigration to America first settled in Connecticut. The maternal grandparents, William and Rachel W. (Ware) Fordney, were born in Norfolk, Va., and spent several years in Baltimore, Md., where the latter died. Mr. Fordney later came to Columbia, Pa., which continued to be his home until death. Mrs. Heckler's parents were married in Lancaster, Pa., and in 1817 took up their residence in Columbia, where they made their home until 1840 and then moved to Wilkesbarre. At one time the father was very wealthy, owning and operating large coal mines, but unfortunately lost all his property. While in Wilkesbarre on a visit, he was stricken with paralysis and died in 1851, leaving three children, namely: James, who was killed while riding on a railway train; Rachel E., deceased wife of John F. Gebhart, and Mrs. Heckler, who died Aug. 19, 1902, in Columbia, Pa. Mrs. Santee was twice married, her first husband being Charles Lochard, by whom she had six children: Samuel, deceased; Sophia, widow of Jeremiah Brow and a resident of Columbia, Pa.; Charles, who died in Cincinnati, Ohio; Hannah, who married Martin

Irbin and died in Columbia, Pa.; William, who died in Philadelphia, and Ann E., widow of Thomas Groom and a resident of Columbia. For the long period of fifty-eight years, Mrs. Santee lived in the same house in Columbia, and there died in 1876, at the age of seventy-eight years.

At the age of sixteen years, Mr. Heckler commenced learning the shoemaker's trade, at which he worked for two years and a half. He then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and after serving as brakeman for a year and a half was promoted to flagman, which position he held for the same length of time. During the following five years he was a conductor on the road, and from July, 1869, served as assistant yardmaster at Columbia, with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the company. He died Jan. 11, 1902. In his social relations Mr. Heckler was an Odd Fellow and in his political views was a Republican. He and his wife were numbered among the progressive and well-informed citizens of Columbia, were widely and favorably known, and their circle of friends seemed only limited by their circle of acquaintances, for all who knew them appreciated their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

HON. H. BURD CASSEL. Among the prominent men of Lancaster county who have, through sterling worth and business acumen of a high order, acquired and held honorable positions as business men and statesmen, we find the name of H. Burd Cassel, who was born in Marietta, Pa., Oct. 19, 1855. He comes from one of the first families of the county, where his ancestors have been residents for four or five generations. On the paternal side he is of German descent, while on his mother's side he is of German and French extraction. His grandfather, Henry Cassel, was interested in the lumber business, as well as numerous other enterprises, and was one of the incorporators of the old Marietta Bank. On his death he was laid to rest in the family burying ground near Marietta.

Abram N. Cassel, father of H. Burd, was born in Marietta borough in January, 1810. He learned the hatter's trade in his youth, and during his twentieth year started in business for himself at his birthplace, continuing some twenty years. At the expiration of that time he embarked in the lumber business. He was held in high esteem by the people of his borough and district, and was their representative in different offices and positions. For three terms he served his district in the State Legislature, where his career was most commendable. He was one of the first advocates of the public school system, and was a member of the school board and town council a number of terms. Until the organization of the Republican party, in 1856, he was a Whig, but thereafter and until his death he was a member and warm supporter of the new party. In county conventions and in local political meetings he was a

prominent figure for many years. He was one of the incorporators of the Lancaster & Marietta Pike Co., and was its president. Religiously he held membership with the Presbyterian Church, and was one of its elders for many years. By his marriage with Mary J. Stahl he was blessed with two children: George L., a practicing physician of Lancaster; and H. Burd, whose name introduces these lines. Mr. Cassel died Dec. 28, 1895.

The early years of H. Burd Cassel were passed in Marietta, and his education was obtained in the public and private schools of that borough and Columbia. Soon after the completion of his studies he entered his father's office, and has since been identified with the lumber trade. He also owns and operates a retail lumber-yard in Mt. Joy, and controls numerous mills throughout the State. In 1888 was founded the present firm of A. N. Cassel & Son, of which he became sole proprietor upon the death of his father, in 1895, continuing as such until Jan. 1, 1902, when he admitted his son, Howard N., to partnership. Previous to the organization of the firm H. Burd had long managed the business. Their trade, which previous to 1888, was exclusively retail, is now largely wholesale, and everything in the line of dealers' supplies is constantly kept on hand. The trade of this firm in shingles alone is greater than that of any other in the State. Much of the product in this line is from the State of Washington, while the lumber in which the firm deals comes from Canada, the States of Washington and Florida, and, in fact, from almost every State in the Union. Mr. Cassel is president and receiver of the Marietta Manufacturing Company, of which his son, Howard N., is secretary and treasurer. In 1898 he was a director in and president of the Marietta Gravity Water Company; is a director in the Home Building & Loan Association; has been treasurer of the Pennsylvania Construction Company since 1894; was president of the Lancaster Building & Loan Association from its organization in 1895 until 1900, when he resigned on account of other business; for many years he has been secretary and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Electric Company, and is also a member of the Pennsylvania Monument Association, of Philadelphia. For four successive terms Mr. Cassel served as a member of the borough council; was for two years chairman of the Republican County Committee; and in 1896 was a delegate to the Republican National Convention held at St. Louis. In 1898 he was elected to the State Legislature, and so ably did he fill the position that his constituents renominated him in 1900. As a further proof of the people's confidence in his integrity and ability he was elected, in November, 1901, to represent, in the Lower House of Congress, the district so long and ably represented by the lamented Marriott Brosius, and was re-elected in November, 1902, for the LVIIIth Congress.

Mr. Cassel is a member of the Presbyterian



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Church in Marietta, and one of its elders. For many years he has been Sunday-school superintendent, and was also president of the Lancaster County Sunday-school Association, and president of the Lancaster County Union of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

On July 17, 1877, Mr. Cassel married Miss Mary Ann Patterson, who was born in Mt. Joy, Pa., daughter of James and Mary Patterson. Their children are Howard Neff, M. Effie, Frances Patterson, Henry and Walter Patterson.

LEWIS BRINTON (deceased), a worthy representative of a family that has been well and favorably known in Lancaster county and vicinity for two centuries, was born on a part of the present home of the family May 19, 1829, and there he died May 26, 1883, aged fifty-four years and seven days. He was a son of Samuel and Lydia P. Brinton, and a brother of William P. Brinton, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

On April 17, 1856, in Beaver county, Pa., Lewis Brinton was married, by the Rev. B. T. Critzlow, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, to Mary Bradley Boak, of New Brighton, of that county. To this union were born: (1) Rilla W., born Jan. 10, 1857, was a cultured and noble woman, who died April 18, 1892. (2) Charles Edgar, born March 25, 1860, is a printer by trade, and lives in Philadelphia; he married Leah Conard, and has two daughters, Edna Harvey and Mabel Boak. (3) Walter, born Sept. 28, 1863, is a manufacturer of Manganese steel, with the Taylor Iron and Steel Co., at High Bridge, N. J. He is a highly skilled worker in iron and two kinds of steel, having medals and diplomas from several European countries, and is much esteemed in business circles. He is now serving his second term as mayor of High Bridge. He married Elizabeth Ewing, of Chester, Pa., and has had five children, Elizabeth Ewing (deceased), Rilla Crothers and Agnes Ewing (twins), Helen Erskine and John Taylor. (4) Lydia Suseanna Rigby, born Jan. 26, 1869, married Thomas W. Jopson, of Germantown, Pa., a lawyer of considerable ability, living at No. 523 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; they have four children, William Sidney, Arthur Brinton, John Marshall and Elizabeth Thomas.

Mrs. Mary Bradley (Boak) Brinton was born in Boalsville, Beaver county, Oct. 29, 1839, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Eldridge) Boak. John Boak was a fire-brick, clay and iron manufacturer, and died Oct. 28, 1847, at the age of forty-five years. His widow passed to her rest in February, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. They were members of the Presbyterian Church and Society of Friends, respectively. To them were born: William, died at the age of eleven years and two months; Mary Bradley; Robert, a groceryman at Foster Brook, Pa., married Annie Powers, of Boston, Mass.; Martha, deceased, was twice married, her first husband being

John McPherson, and her second, J. Shepler, of Greensburg, Pa.; Samuel, a farmer and lumberman, died in Center county; Elizabeth, deceased, married George Karney, of Pittsburg, Pa. Both Samuel and Robert served three years in the Union army during the Civil war, and hold honorable discharges.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brinton were William and Martha (Bradley) Boak, natives of Ireland, though married in Scotland. William Boak carried on a distillery in Beaver county, and was a large landowner in his day. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church, and was a man of much prominence in the community.

Lewis Brinton was reared on the farm where his family still reside, until the age of twenty-five, when he went to New Brighton, Beaver county, where for three years he was engaged in the making of tubs, buckets and wash boards. At the end of that period he married, and located in Johnson county, Iowa, where he was farming four years, when he sold his farm and returned to the old homestead, and spent the remainder of his life on the farm that had been in the possession of the Brinton family for over 200 years, and which has now passed to his children as the family estate.

Mr. Brinton was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and in religion was a member of the Orthodox Friends. In Sadsbury township, during his active years, he was called upon to fill various local offices, and was a deputy internal revenue collector, township tax collector, and justice of the peace, receiving his commission from Governor Curtin. The present family farm consists of nineteen acres, though it consisted at one time of 180 acres. The site of Christiana takes in the most of it.

JOHN R. RUSSEL, a retired hardware merchant of Lancaster, Pa., and one of the prominent and most highly esteemed citizens, was born Jan. 9, 1818, at Russelville, Chester Co., Pa., son of Francis and Margaret (Whiteside) Russel, natives of Chester county. In 1820 Francis Russel moved to Lancaster county and settled near Gap, where he followed a blacksmith's business through life. His birth took place in 1783 and his death in 1859. His wife survived him a few years, dying at the age of eighty-two. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Lancaster. They had these children born to them: Hannah, wife of Samuel White; Alexander; Eliza, who died unmarried; Rebecca, wife of John Hastings; Abraham; George; John R.; Margaret, wife of John Robinson; Isabella, who died single, and Francis. The only survivors of this family are John R. and George, the latter a retired physician in Detroit, Mich., with two sons prominent in business life, one as the president of one of the largest banks in Detroit, and the other as attorney for the Michigan Central Railroad.

John R. Russel attended the district schools in his youth and made himself useful to his father in his shop, quickly learning the practical details of the

blacksmith business, so that when but thirteen years of age he could perform many duties and by the time he was fifteen had become so skilled a mechanic that his father could safely leave a part of the business to him. Until he was twenty-six years old he remained associated with his father in the same shop, operating on his own account from the age of twenty-two. Later, in partnership with his brother Abraham, he conducted a hardware business one and one-half years, prior to moving to Stark county, Ohio, in 1844. Eight and one-half years later he returned to Lancaster and opened up a hardware business which he continued to operate until 1874, at which time he retired from activity. Before moving to Ohio he became prominent in public life and served on the city council during 1842-3-4 and in later years was again elected. Mr. Russel has always been a progressive and public-spirited man and has shown his interest in education by serving a number of terms as school director.

In April, 1848, in Lancaster, Mr. Russel was married to Elizabeth Zimmerman, who was born on the site of the present home, where she died in 1893, at the age of seventy years, and was interred in the Lancaster cemetery. She was a daughter of Hon. John and Maria (Sheaffer) Zimmerman, the former of whom was mayor of this city for two terms, operated a large greenhouse here and was successfully engaged in the insurance business for a long period. Mr. Zimmerman died in 1886, aged eighty-eight years, his wife having died in 1881, aged seventy-two years. Both were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. They had these children: Elizabeth, deceased; Catherine died in 1884, unmarried; Emanuel died in 1847. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Russel were: Howard F., a carpenter, residing with his father, married Anna McPherson and four of their eight children still survive; Anna M., deceased; Ella died in infancy, and Charles died at the age of eleven years.

Mr. Russel has always been identified with the Democratic party. For many years he served as treasurer and as trustee in the Presbyterian Church, of which religious body he has been a member since youth. Few men of his age are more vigorous physically or mentally than Mr. Russel. His exemplary life and his kind and genial disposition have almost defied Old Father Time and he seems very many years younger than the calendar asserts. Mr. Russel is much esteemed and counts his friends and well-wishers by the score.

GEORGE REDSECKER, who is a retired miller, of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Dauphin county, near the Lancaster county line, Jan. 20, 1829, and is a son of George and Catherine (Moyer) Redsecker, both natives of Lancaster county. The older Redsecker died in 1839, at the age of fifty years, and his widow in 1859, at the age of sixty-six years, both being buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. He was a miller, a distiller and a farmer, and carried

on these industries for many years in Dauphin county, two miles from Elizabethtown, becoming very wealthy. Both he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church, and reared the following family: (1) Abraham, a retired miller at Elizabethtown; (2) Susan, the wife of A. Risser, at Paris, Ill.; (3) George, whose name introduces this article; (4) Mary, the wife of Major J. Royer, of Lancaster, Pa.; (5) Sarah, the wife of John Risser, at Paris, Ill.; (6) Catherine, who died at the age of twenty-three years.

George Redsecker was married, in Campbelltown, Pa., in 1856, to Ann Clendenin, and to this union were born the following children: (1) Miriam L., wife of H. G. Gingrich, a farmer and cattle dealer of Lebanon county; (2) Harvey S., died in infancy; (3) Henry C., also died in infancy; (4) Mary C., the wife of J. L. B. Miller, a telegraph operator at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Redsecker came to Elizabethtown in company with his mother when he was only ten years old, and with her he spent the ensuing ten years. When he was twenty years old he entered a mill in Dauphin county, two miles from Elizabethtown, to learn the trade of a miller under the instruction of his brother, Abraham. For thirty-five years he continued in charge of the mill, making a wide reputation by his honesty and fair dealing. At the end of that long career of marked industry and integrity he returned to Elizabethtown, and here he has since lived a retired life.

Mr. Redsecker is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has been a representative in the Grand Lodge. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, and in politics a Democrat.

The paternal grandparents of George Redsecker were George and Susan (Reem) Redsecker, both natives of Lancaster, residents of Elizabethtown, where the grandfather died in 1834, at the age of sixty-five years, and his widow in 1841, at the age of eighty-eight. They were buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Their children were: (1) George; (2) Barbara, the wife of Robert Ross; (3) Susan, the wife of George Peters; (4) Elizabeth, the wife of Philip Fisher; (5) Mary, the wife of Abraham Breneman; (6) Abraham—all being dead. George Redsecker, the great-grandfather of the gentleman whose career forms the theme of this article, was buried with his wife in Mt. Tunnel cemetery, their ashes having been removed from the burying ground of the old Reformed Church on the Ridge in West Donegal township.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Redsecker were Alexander and Elizabeth Moyer, of Lancaster county.

JOHN C. REDSECKER, the popular and efficient ticket and freight agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, as well as manager of the Adams Express office at Elizabethtown, was born in Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., and is a son of Abraham and Eliza-

beth A. (Fisher) Redsecker, both born in Elizabethtown, where their lives were spent, the husband and father following the career of a druggist in his active days. In 1860 Abraham Redsecker was appointed a clerk in the post office at Philadelphia, and for five years he continued in that position. In his early days he had charge of the Columbia Locks, and throughout his life he was an active and industrious man. In 1865 he was compelled to resign from the Philadelphia post office by his ill health, and two years later he died, March 23, 1867, at the age of fifty-three years. Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Fisher) Redsecker, who was born in 1819, died in 1885, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Both she and her husband were members of the Reformed Church, and he was a strong Republican. Born to this union were: Isaac R., who died young; John C.; Mary V., the wife of Dr. S. R. Nissley; Laura E. and Harry H., both of whom died young.

John Redsecker was married in Nov., 1877, in Elizabethtown, Pa., to Kate Murray, and to this union was born one son, George A., who is living with his parents, and is assistant in the railroad and express work under his father.

Mrs. Kate (Murray) Redsecker was born in Maytown, Pa., and died in August, 1878, her interment being in the Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. She was the daughter of Charles W. and Margaret (Jacobs) Murray, both of Elizabethtown, where her father was the landlord of the "Washington Hotel" for many years.

John C. Redsecker came to Elizabethtown, Pa., with his parents when a child, and here the active years of his life have been very largely spent. March 15, 1871, he entered the local telegraph office and became a master of every detail of the railroad business, so that in seven years he was made the ticket and baggage agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and in 1884 was put in charge of the freight office. He is a thoroughly competent man, and no detail of his complicated work escapes his attention. He is regarded as one of the capable men on the road, and is slated for a more remunerative position. His faithful management of the office and his courtesy to the public have won for him a host of friends among the traveling public.

Mr. Redsecker is a Mason of high standing and is past master of Casiphia Lodge, No. 551, F. & A. M., of Mt. Joy, and Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, both of Lancaster, Pa., and also member of Rajah Temple, Ancient Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Reading, Pa.; Past Grand of Elizabethtown Lodge, No. 128, I. O. O. F.; and also Past Chief of Unity Castle, No. 420, K. G. E. In politics Mr. Redsecker is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church. For six years he was president of the town council and he is one of the prominent and leading men of the city.

FRANKLIN BRENNEMAN, postmaster at Rawlinsville, and the leading merchant of that place, was born in Providence township June 4, 1828, son of Christian and Catherine (McFalls) Brenneman.

Christian Brenneman, the father, was born June 12, 1794, and died Aug. 6, 1874, at the age of eighty years. He was a son of Jacob Brenneman, of German ancestry, and married Catherine McFalls on Nov. 22, 1826. Of Irish origin, she was born July 22, 1806, and died Jan. 15, 1888. They had a family of ten children, as follows: Franklin, of this sketch; Christian, born May 7, 1830, resides in Philadelphia; Catherine, born June 18, 1832, died unmarried Jan. 28, 1854; William resides retired in Lancaster; Mary, born Oct. 6, 1837, married John Conrad, a hotel keeper of Providence township; Margaret Ann, born Sept. 9, 1839, married A. N. Rutter, of Drumore, both of whom are deceased; John B. and Henry B., twins, were born Jan. 30, 1843, the former deceased, the latter a resident of Lancaster; Susanna, born Jan. 10, 1846, deceased, was the wife of John Bair; and Elizabeth, born April 7, 1848, is the wife of Tobias Mawrer, of Lancaster. Christian Brenneman was a miller by trade and ran a mill at Millvalley, in Providence township, for some fifty years. He was a Democrat in his political belief, and through life was an honest, hard-working man, respected by every one.

Franklin Brenneman of this biography grew up at home and learned how to run a mill under his father's instructions. His education was acquired in the township schools and he put his knowledge to practical use by following the profession of teaching for some nine years. He also engaged in milling for a time, and then in farming for twenty-five years. In 1876 he went to Pequea, and after farming there for six years moved to Rawlinsville and embarked in the mercantile business and has successfully followed the same ever since. His stock consists of a general assortment of goods calculated to meet the demands of the trade in Rawlinsville and vicinity and he has many warm friends, both of a business and personal character. His honest and upright methods of dealing have won him the confidence of the public. For many years, through the changes of administration he has continued to be the village postmaster.

On Feb. 12, 1856, Mr. Brenneman was married, by Rev. J. J. Strine, to Miss Sarah Heidelbaugh, of Pequea township, born July 6, 1832, daughter of Henry Heidelbaugh. This union was blessed with seven children: Mary E., born Nov. 2, 1856, died at the age of twelve years; Aldus H., born April 19, 1859, graduated at the Lock Haven Normal school and is now traveling salesman for a publishing company; Elmer F., born May 8, 1861, a farmer; Sarah Lizzie, born Nov. 9, 1863, married W. B. Keene, a carpenter in Quarryville; Christian H., born Aug. 17, 1866, is ticket agent for the Pennsylvania R. R. at Quarryville; John Cassius, born Nov.

28, 1868, resides in Lancaster and has charge of the Reading depot; and Frances Ann, born March 8, 1871, married Dr. E. K. Lefever, of Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

In politics Mr. Brennenman adheres to the principles of the Democratic party. He is esteemed in his community as an honorable and public-spirited citizen.

BISHOP ISAAC EBY was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Jan. 26, 1834, and is in the sixth generation from Theodorus Eby, who emigrated from the Palatinate in the year 1715, and settled sometime in August of that year on Mill creek, in the locality now known as Roland's Mill, southwest of New Holland. In 1720 the family received an addition by the emigration to Lancaster county of Peter Eby, who was either a son or other relation of Theodorus. In early days the name was spelled "Abye," but later "Eaby," and still later "Eby."

Peter Eby, the grandfather of Isaac, was a Mennonite bishop. He settled in Salisbury township, near the Gap, in 1791. He was married to Margaret Hess. After laboring in "God's vineyard" for many years, he died in 1843, aged seventy-seven years and five months. Peter Eby was the name also of the father of Isaac Eby, the subject of this article. He married Elizabeth Weaver, who died in 1844, leaving Isaac, a child of ten years of age. Isaac Eby was educated in the common schools of Salisbury township. He was married to Mary Mellinger of Strasburg township, and this union was blessed with eleven children, two of whom are deceased. In the fall of 1860 Mr. Eby and his wife were baptized by Bishop Benjamin Herr, and were received into the Mennonite Church. On Nov. 9, 1876, he was chosen a Mennonite minister, by lot, and was ordained such by Bishop Herr. In 1878 the latter, having felt that the work in his district had become too arduous for him, took steps to secure an assistant, and on June 6, 1878, Isaac Eby was so selected, being consecrated and ordained by Bishops Herr, Weaver and Bomberger, the charge being given by the first named, who died a few years later. Since that time Bishop Eby has had full charge of the Hershey, Strasburg and Mellinger Districts. Bishop Eby was one of the pioneer advocates of Sunday-schools in the Mennonite Church, and was one of the organizers of the first Sunday-school taught in eastern Lancaster county, opening the school with about forty pupils. The idea at first met with much opposition, but by a gradual growth the Hershey district alone has about 800 enrolled. Throughout his wide acquaintance Bishop Eby is regarded as a man whose counsel is safe, and his love for his people like unto that of a father, and in whatever direction duty has led, Bishop Eby has unfailingly been at his post. Whether in the pulpit or at the sick-bed, his kind words of cheer and consolation have been

listened to, bringing sweet peace to those outside the fold of God.

On March 7, 1886, Mr. Eby's first wife died, and in 1890 he married Mrs. Elizabeth (Kreider) Leaman, of near Fertility. Two children, Eva May and Ruth Ann, have been born to them. By her first marriage Mrs. Eby had two daughters: Lizzie, who married Deacon Landis Hershey; and Ada, now the wife of Deacon Isaac E. Hershey. Bishop Eby lived on the old homestead until 1894, when he removed to Kinzer's Station, where he now resides. He is hale and hearty, and bids fair to be able to attend to his duties for many years to come.

ANDREW BERGMAN, one of the retired farmers of Lancaster, is also one of the town's representative German-Americans, and was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 15, 1826. His father, George Bergman, lived his entire life in Germany, was twice married, and died in 1841, at the age of forty-five years. Of the children born into his family Kittie died when young; John also died when young; and Mary came to America, since when nothing has been known of her.

Andrew Bergman received the substantial home training accorded the average farm reared youth, and studied at the district schools as opportunity offered. He came to America in 1850, landing in New York after a long voyage in a sailing vessel. He gained his first impressions of American life on a farm in New York state, and a couple of years later tried his luck in the far West, prospecting for gold in Southern California. Not content with the life of a miner, he decided to return to the surer means of livelihood on a Pennsylvania farm, and, locating in Manheim township, Lancaster county, lived and worked until his retirement in 1892. Since then he has lived in the town of Lancaster, where he is well known and respected, and where he is enjoying the fruits of his untiring exertions in the past. He is in every sense of the word a self-made man, for, having in his boyhood days lost his mother, and being in consequence thereof thrown upon his own responsibilities, he has realized the necessity of continuous and arduous toil.

In March, 1856, Mr. Bergman married in Lancaster, Wilhelmina Ahlbrecht, and of this union the following children have been born: Henry, unmarried, died at the age of thirty-three; Andrew, managing the old homestead in Manheim township, married Lillie Kamm; Abraham died at the age of thirteen; George, deceased at the age of eleven; Adam, unmarried, and living in Denver, Colo.; Emma, the wife of Ezra Martin, of Manheim township; Mary, the wife of Albert Hupper, of Lancaster, Pa.; Elizabeth, died at the age of four years; and Lillie, living at home. Mrs. Bergman was born in Hanover, Germany, and died in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 22, 1901, at the age of fifty-five years. She is buried in Zion Lutheran cemetery. Her parents,



RESIDENCE OF BISHOP ISAAC EBY

Henry and Louise Ahlbrecht, were born in Germany, and came to America about 1837, locating on a farm.

FRANKLIN BOWMAN. Well-known and highly esteemed, Franklin Bowman, a retired farmer of East Lampeter, worthily represents an old and respected family of Lancaster county. Franklin Bowman was born in Providence township, originally a part of Martic township, on Oct. 29, 1835, a son of Henry and Mary (Brenneman) Bowman, the latter a daughter of Mr. Baer.

The great-grandfather, Henry Bowman, a prosperous farmer and an upright man, married a Miss Herr, who bore him five children: Henry; John; Polly, who married Samuel Herr, and removed to Montgomery county, Ohio; Hettie, who married John Harnish, of Clark county, Ohio; and Elizabeth, who married George Rathfon, of Lancaster. The burial of the grandparents was in Providence township, near Refton village.

Henry Bowman, Jr., a son of Henry, born Oct. 6, 1795, grew to manhood on the farm, and, although he had but limited schooling, through natural ability he became a very intelligent man. He was ordained a minister in the Reformed Mennonite Church, later becoming a bishop, and remained in the service of his Master until his lamented death, Aug. 14, 1863. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Weaver, who bore him one son, Jacob, who grew to manhood and also became a minister in the Reformed Mennonite Church, and until the time of his death, in Sept., 1868, ceased not to admonish, teach and guide. His marriage was to Maria Frantz, and she resides in Lancaster. The mother of Jacob died Sept. 9, 1820, and Mr. Bowman married Susanna Weaver, who bore these children: Elizabeth, deceased, who married Henry Trout; John, deceased; Annie, deceased; Esther, deceased, who married Christian Kreider; and Henry, deceased. The mother of these children was born on June 6, 1797, and died on Jan. 13, 1832. The third marriage of Mr. Bowman was to Mary, the widow of Jacob Brenneman, of Franklin Co., Pa., born on Jan. 10, 1794, who died on April 6, 1850, leaving two children: Franklin, of this biography, and Amos, a retired farmer of West Lampeter township.

Franklin Bowman was reared on the farm and until his retirement, in 1886, with the exception of three years, in which he engaged in the creamery business, agriculture has been his sole pursuit. On Nov. 7, 1859, he united in marriage with Annie Herr, a daughter of John Herr, and to this union one daughter, Annetta H., was born, who now is the solace and constant companion of her father, Mrs. Bowman having died in 1886.

Since 1864 Mr. Bowman has made his home in East Lampeter township, on a most desirable estate, located about one mile from Bird-in-Hand, and here he passes his life in ease and quiet. Being a

man of very quiet tastes, he has never sought notoriety of any kind, and aside from an interest in the schools of his locality, he has given but little attention to matters of a public nature. In the seclusion of his own home his advancing years are comforted by the kind attentions of his daughter and the visits of friends and relatives, by whom he is highly esteemed.

AMOS GRAVER is a son of John Graver, who was born in Conestoga township Feb. 22, 1816, and was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. In politics he was a Republican, for some time held the office of auditor of the township, and later was school director and also supervisor of roads. He married Miss Fannie, daughter of Jacob B. Shenk, of Conestoga township, and they had two children: Andrew, who died in Philadelphia June 28, 1898, and Amos, subject of this sketch.

Amos Graver was born May 14, 1848, in Conestoga township, on the farm now owned by Maynard Warfel. When he was but two years old his father bought the farm now occupied by our subject, and where the latter has lived since, he having purchased it from his father in 1897. Mr. Graver was educated in the public schools of the county. Politically he has always been a Republican, but never sought office.

On Sept. 10, 1876, he was married to Miss Amanda E., daughter of Jacob Henry, of Conestoga township, and they are the parents of thirteen children: Elvina, unmarried, who lives at home; Fanny, unmarried, of Lancaster city; Enos and Annie, twins, both of whom died in infancy; Ida, Landis, Emma, Lizzie, Minnie and Phares, at home; Jacob, deceased; John, deceased; and Alfred, at home. Mr. Graver has a farm of 107 acres in the center of Conestoga township, one of the finest in the neighborhood. Besides this farm he owns a nice little place of two acres at Conestoga Center, and also another one of four acres, with improvements, adjoining the home place.

Although he received but a limited education, Mr. Graver has been very successful in life. He is interested in public events, and is a man always ready to assist any project which has for its aim the advantage of the community.

HENRY POWNALL, in his lifetime one of the prominent and influential citizens of Lancaster county, was born there, in Sadsbury township, Oct. 29, 1823, and died there on a farm Jan. 20, 1872. His remains rest in the old Friends cemetery.

Joseph and Phebe (Dickinson) Pownall, his parents, were natives of Christiana and Pequea townships, respectively. In his active years Joseph Pownall was a farmer. He was born Jan. 5, 1791, and died March 17, 1869. His wife was born Nov. 14, 1793, and died March 30, 1875. Their ashes repose

in the Old Friends cemetery. They had the following family: Moses, born July 23, 1815, died Feb. 12, 1854; Levi, born Sept. 29, 1817, died Sept. 23, 1818; Joseph D., born Nov. 26, 1819, died in 1887; Elizabeth, born Dec. 11, 1821, married Hon. George Witson, at one time a representative of the town in the General Assembly, and now living retired in Christiana; Henry, mentioned below; Ambrose, born Sept. 3, 1825, is a retired farmer of Sadsbury township; Simeon B., born Sept. 25, 1827, living retired in Harrisburg; Catherine, born Dec. 19, 1829, married Thomas Griest, of Philadelphia; Oliver, born Feb. 6, 1832, died in infancy; Phebe, born May 24, 1833, died March 5, 1900.

George and Eleanor Pownall, the pioneer ancestors of this family in America, were natives of Laylock, Cieshire, England, and came to this country in the ship "Friends Adventure," of which Capt. Thomas Wall had command, in July, 1682, landing at Philadelphia and soon settling in Bucks county, Pa. They brought with them the following children: Reuben, Elizabeth, Sarah, Rachel and Abigail. They were accompanied by their servants, John Brearley, Thomas Leister and Martha Worrall, who remained with them four years, after which each received fifty acres of land. George Pownall, son of George and Eleanor, was born in Bucks county, Pa., Sept. 11, 1682. The father was killed by a falling tree Aug. 30, 1682, this being the first accident to occur in the county. He owned a thousand acres of land in Solebury township, Bucks county, the first tract sold in that section; the deed was signed by William Penn.

George Pownall, who was born shortly after the death of his father, was married in the Falls Meeting of Friends to Hannah Hutchinson, May 2, 1707, and became the father of four children: John, Rachel, Reuben and Simeon. The last named married Catherine Howsell, and they came into Lancaster county, when their son Levi was but two years of age, settling in Sadsbury township, where Simeon Pownall had a tannery, and was also engaged in farming. He and his wife had children as follows: Simeon was born Sept. 15, 1753; Levi, born July 5, 1756, in Bucks county, married Elizabeth Buckman, also a native of that county (they were the grandparents of Henry Pownall, whose name introduces this article); Anna was born Feb. 11, 1757; Moses, April 1, 1759; Mary, Jan. 28, 1761; Hannah, Feb. 5, 1763; Margaret, May 6, 1765; Catherine, July 28, 1766; Rachel, Aug. 23, 1768.

Henry Pownall was married to Deborah Walker March 7, 1850, in Bart township, Lancaster county. To them came the following children: Phebe, born Aug. 5, 1851; Mary, born Jan. 6, 1853, died Dec. 11, 1876; Deborah, born July 24, 1855; Henry, born Oct. 10, 1857, who married Louissa Smedley, by whom he had six children, died Feb. 9, 1901; and Anne, who taught school for six years. The three sisters reside together.

Mrs. Deborah (Walker) Pownall was born in

Sadsbury township Feb. 12, 1820, and passed to her rest Dec. 19, 1890; her remains were interred in the old Friends cemetery. She was a daughter of Isaac and Deborah (Dickinson) Walker, farming people of Salisbury township, who had the following children: Anna, born Sept. 27, 1804, died unmarried Jan. 28, 1824. Mary, born April 6, 1806, died April 21, 1893; she married Samuel Slocum, a sketch of whose parents appears elsewhere. Isaac, born Jan. 27, 1808, died in 1892. Asahel, born Sept. 22, 1809, died in 1870. James, born Oct. 7, 1811, died in California in 1850. Joseph, born Aug. 18, 1813, died March 5, 1831. Rebecca, born Oct. 28, 181—, married Robert Harry and died in 1853. Aaron, born April 26, 1818, died Feb. 16, 1831. Deborah, born Feb. 12, 1820, married Henry Pownall and died Dec. 19, 1890. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Deborah Pownall were Asahel and Ann (Moore) Walker, of Sadsbury township; her maternal grandparents were Gayes and Mary (Newlin) Dickinson.

Henry Pownall was a farmer and in 1851 built a brick kiln in Christiana which he carried on in connection with farming until 1854. That year he sold out and moved to Coopersville, this county; there he spent one year, at a later period purchasing the old Hood property in Sadsbury township, where he spent the remainder of his life. In his active years he was prominent, for six years was prison inspector, and was tax collector for some time. In politics he held to Republican views. In religion he was a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

PETER J. WINOWER, the establisher, and for many years the manager of the painting and decorating business now in the hands of his son in Lancaster, was born near his present home Jan. 13, 1829, a son of John P. and Barbara (Russell) Winower, natives of Lancaster county.

The paternal great-grandfather, John Peter Winower, emigrated from his ancestral home in Wittenberg, Germany, and landed in the United States when eighteen years of age. With that inherent patriotism which loses nothing when transferred from the fatherland to an adopted country, he regarded as his own the cause of the down-trodden colonists, and followed for seven years the martial fortunes of Washington. He was a stone mason by trade, and owned the old "Plow Tavern" on the corner of Charlotte and West King streets. His son, John Peter, the paternal grandfather, was also a stone mason, and lived and died in Lancaster. The third John Peter, the father of Peter John, was a painter and decorator in Lancaster for forty-five years, and died in March, 1852, at the age of seventy years, his wife also attaining to the same age, her death occurring in 1863. The parents, who are buried respectively in Trinity Lutheran and Zion Lutheran cemeteries, were the parents of the following children: Barbara, the deceased wife of William Afflebaugh, who died in the army; Amelia, the de-

ceased wife of George Sensenderfer; Susan, deceased when young; Peter J.; George W., died in the army; Sidney, the widow of George Vogt, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Hettie, unmarried and living in Lancaster. By a former marriage, with Mollie Martin, the father of Peter John Winower had two children, Mary, who died in Indiana, and Henry Fisher.

As early as ten years of age Peter John Winower began to learn his father's trade, and from then until his retirement, in 1893, knew no other means of livelihood than painting and decorating. His otherwise uneventful career was interrupted by the Civil war, and no more enthusiastic Union man threw down his work and stepped into the ranks. He enlisted Feb. 24, 1864, in Company D, 99th Pa. V. I., and participated in many of the important battles which marked the time of his brief service, as a member of the Army of the Potomac. May 12, 1864, scarcely four months after enlisting, he was wounded in the thigh by a slug while attempting to capture the cannon of the enemy, and was sent to McClellan Hospital, where he remained until the day after his discharge, which was Dec. 31, 1864. Though by no means recovered, and scarcely able to leave the hospital, he managed to reach home, and has ever since been partially crippled as a result of his experiences during the war. After resting in the quiet of his family he resumed his former occupation, and in 1893 retired from his firmly established and paying business in favor of his sons.

Sept. 7, 1851, Mr. Winower married Catherine Vogt, the ceremony being performed by Rev. C. Baker, pastor of Trinity church. Mrs. Winower was born in Baden, Germany, June 22, 1832, a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret E. (Shane) Vogt, of Baden, Germany. The parents, having previously spent four weeks in Rotterdam, came to America in a sailing vessel that made the voyage in forty-five days. They landed in Baltimore, Md., and came at once to Lancaster, where the father worked at his trade of tailoring until his death, in 1868, at the age of sixty-two years. His wife died in 1867, at the age of fifty-seven years. They were members of the Lutheran church, and are buried in Zion Lutheran cemetery. To the parents were born the following children: Catherine, married Peter J. Winower; George, deceased; Valentine, killed in the army; Dora, the deceased wife of Christopher Hepting; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Charles Heckler; Henrietta, the deceased wife of Peter Allebaugh; Christian, living in Lancaster; and Mary, the wife of John Bissinger, proprietor of the Hotel "Tremont," Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Winower are as follows: George V., died after his marriage with Jennie Missenkop, by whom he had a son, Charles A., a decorator and paper hanger in Lancaster; John P., deceased husband of Susan Hoover; William, a tobacco dealer, married Rebecca Smith and lives in Lancaster; Emanuel, a decorator and painter in Lancaster, successor to his father, married Emma

Hentzler; Charles, married Carrie Stone, and has a tonsorial parlor in Lancaster; Catherine B., married Walter Suydam, engaged in the milk business in Lancaster; and Harry, married Bertha Cully, and is a watchmaker.

Mr. Winower is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the G. A. R., and in political affiliation is a Republican. His life has ever been an upright and worthy one, and he has the confidence and good will of all who have known him, in whatsoever capacity. He and his wife are among the interesting and always youthful couples in the town, and their happy married life has recently been brightened by a golden wedding, memorable because of the beautiful gifts showered upon them by loving friends and the innumerable evidences of esteem by which they are surrounded.

JOHN CLARK, one of the most highly esteemed retired farmers of Martic township, has always been noted for his high moral character and excellent citizenship. John Clark, the third of his name, although now a resident of Bethesda, in Martic township, was born in Providence township May 18, 1821, a son of John (2) and Fannie (Sides) Clark, the former of whom, a farmer of Providence township, was a son of the first John Clark, who located in Lancaster county in early days, when he first came from his native Ireland. On the death of John Clark (2) the mother of John (3) married a James Brown, who, at his death, left Mr. Clark the farm which he now owns in Martic township. Upon this estate still stands an old residence that very many years ago was used as a store and tavern.

John Clark, of Bethesda, was reared on a farm and through a long period, covering more than a half century, his principal interest has centered in agriculture and those things best calculated to the success of the farmer. Brought up to hard work and strict discipline, Mr. Clark early learned the value of industry, and the results of a life of activity are now shown in the competency which he is able to enjoy in his declining years. His farm comprises 130 acres of excellent land, some of it probably being the most productive in the county.

On April 16, 1846, John Clark was married to Miss Mary Annie Winters, who was born in 1827, a daughter of Joseph Winters, of Providence township; she died in 1871. The children born of this union numbered thirteen, and six of these grew to maturity: (1) Laura, the wife of John Musselman, a laborer of Providence township, has two children, Mary E. and Harry C.; (2) Elmyra is at home; (3) Elizabeth, the wife of Benjamin Sweigart, a carpenter of Lancaster, has had six children, Mary A., Felix (deceased), Theresa M., John A., Sarah E. and Leonora C.; (4) Joseph, who farms the home place, married Mary Barclay, and has two children, Bessie G. and John R.; (5) John D., a farmer of Martic township, married Ella Robinson and has a daughter, Erma G.; and (6) Leonora, who resides

at home. In politics Mr. Clark has been a life-long Democrat, and both he and his family are leading members of the Bethesda Methodist Church. Few men in this locality deserve and enjoy higher esteem than he.

HIRAM F. BROWN, a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township in July, 1830, and is a son of James and Susanna (Bowers) Brown. James Brown was born in Bart township May 19, 1792. His wife, Susanna Bowers, was born in August, 1793. James Brown was the son of William Brown, who first settled in Lancaster county, and came of Scotch-Irish parentage. James Brown had a half-brother, Andrew, who moved to Clearfield, Pa., where he died, leaving a family of four children. One son of his, Clark, was a county commissioner at Clearfield; Samuel and William were farmers; descendants of theirs are still living in Clearfield county.

James Brown, the father of Hiram F., and a brother, William, were born to the second marriage of their father. William Brown married a Miss Scott, and made a home in Bart township, near Georgetown, where he died in 1870. All his children are dead.

James Brown began life as a school teacher, and was known as a man whose education was much above the average. Later in life he entered the mercantile world as a business man, and had a general store in Colerain. In 1822 he was married, and continued as a merchant until 1855. In 1836 he moved from Colerain to his present farm home, where he erected the first brick house in this section of the county. In one end of this house he had a large and commodious store room. As a merchant he was very successful and became quite wealthy. He was a strong supporter of the Presbyterian Church, and when he died, in 1874, he left a reputation behind him as a capable and upright business man. His wife died in 1872, and they lived the faith they avowed before the world. Of their four children, (1) Samuel and (2) William are dead.

(3) James Scott Brown, born in 1826, received a good education in the public schools, and for a number of years was one of the successful teachers of Lancaster county. At one time he was a writer for the Lancaster county papers, and in 1858 wrote a book of poems, which was published by Murray & Young, of Lancaster. This book was widely read. He remained a single man throughout life, working with H. F. Brown, in taking care of the farm and in other business. He died in 1890.

(4) Hiram F. Brown, whose name heads this article, received a district school education, and spent much of his time in looking after the farm. After the death of his parents he and his brother, James, continued at the old home, and maintained the business interests left by their father. For many years Mr. Brown has had charge of the old homestead, where he lives in peace and harmony with the world.

Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and is widely known as an upright and intelligent citizen. Religiously he and all the family are Presbyterians.

Mr. Brown is one of the wealthy men of Bart township. He is the only member of the family of his parents now living, and the accumulations of his father have been greatly increased under his capable management. His standing in the community as a business man, a public-spirited citizen and a kind friend and neighbor, is beyond question. He worthily wears a good name.

GEORGE BROWN, the founder of the extensive cotton and woolen mills located at Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, has made a life-long study of the manufacture of textile fabrics. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in October, 1831, son of Benjamin Brown, who operated the first power carding machine ever constructed.

Mr. Brown came to America in 1855, and first located in Trenton, N. J. He was married in his native county to Miss Esther Beardsell, also of Yorkshire, who died in 1873, leaving ten children, viz.: Thomas J., Arthur, Walter G., Sarah (widow of Joseph A. Battye), Benjamin W., Emma (wife of J. B. S. Zeller), George H., Annie E. (widow of Abraham K. Shelly), Elmer E. and Lilly A. (who died in infancy). The six sons, under the firm name of George Brown's Sons, now conduct the plant at Mt. Joy, which was established in 1883.

THOMAS J. BROWN, the eldest of the above named children, was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 23, 1855. He received his education in the public schools of Philadelphia, in private schools in Delaware, and at the University of Pennsylvania. However, he was but a boy when he entered a textile mill in Philadelphia, and he learned the business in all its branches. At the age of twenty-four years he was appointed overseer of the carding department of one of the woolen mills of the city, and was later promoted, in turn, to all the positions of trust and responsibility in the factory. In 1888, in company with his brothers Arthur and Walter G., he established a cotton and woolen mill in the Quaker City, which he operated until 1891, the year of his removal to Mt. Joy, where he has had charge of the office work of George Brown's Sons up to the present time. He is a member of the New England Cotton Manufacturers Association. Mr. Brown is a Republican in political sentiment. He has shown himself public-spirited in the interests of his adopted place, having been a member of the school board for the past eight years, and for six years its president.

Thomas J. Brown was married, in Philadelphia, April 12, 1879, to Miss Mary A. Horrocks, and to this union have been born three children, viz.: Esther M., Mabel (who died in 1899) and Thomas J. B. The family attend the Episcopal Church.

ARTHUR BROWN, the second son of George Brown, was born in England Aug. 31, 1857, and was



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educated in the public and private schools of Philadelphia. Like his brother Thomas J., he began his business education in a textile factory in that city, and at the age of twenty-one years became overseer of the carding department, later filling a number of other responsible positions with the same firm. He was one of the three Brown brothers who in 1888 formed a firm and started in business on their own account, in Philadelphia, and he continued in that relation until he came to Mt. Joy to enter the establishment there, having charge of the carding, spinning, etc.

Arthur Brown was united in marriage, in 1879, in Delaware county, Pa., with Miss Anna L. Browne, and six children have crowned this union, viz.: Anna L., Arthur Maurice, Lawrence M., Laura M. (deceased), Edwin L. and John T. The family attend the Episcopal Church.

WALTER G. BROWN was born in Trenton, N. J., Feb. 23, 1860, was educated in Philadelphia, and early entered a textile mill. He soon rose to the position of overseer of the carding department, and held other posts of trust and responsibility. In 1888, in connection with his elder brothers, Thomas J. and Arthur, he embarked in the manufacturing business in Philadelphia, and, like them, he is now identified with the concern at Mt. Joy, having charge of No. 2 Mill.

In 1887 Walter G. Brown was married, in Delaware county, Pa., to Miss Izella Garside, and this union has been graced with three children, Harry G., Elmer E. and Russel H. (the last named deceased). This family are also united with the Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown has already won a place for himself as one of the most progressive men in the borough. In politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN W. BROWN, the fourth of the six brothers, was born in Delaware county, Pa., March 12, 1863, was educated in Philadelphia, and there learned the textile business. In 1883 he came to Mt. Joy with his father and his interests have ever since been centered in the great factory, where he has charge of the finishing department. Mr. Brown was married in Mt. Joy to Miss Annie Henery, and to this union have been born two children, Laura D. and George. The family attend the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Brown is a Republican and as the candidate of that party he has been elected a member of the borough council, of which he is at this time president.

GEORGE H. BROWN, the fifth of the brothers who constitute the firm of George Brown's Sons, was born Nov. 3, 1867, in Philadelphia, was there educated, and in 1883 came to Mt. Joy. He has charge of the weaving in the factory, and has developed conspicuous ability in the management of that department. He was married in Mt. Joy borough to Miss Annie Kelter, and they have a family of three children, George H., Milroy and Beatrice. This family are also members of the Episcopal Church, and in politics George H. Brown is a Republican.

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ELMER E. BROWN, the youngest member of the firm of George Brown's Sons, was born in Philadelphia Oct. 21, 1871, and was educated in the public schools of that city and Mt. Joy, having come to the latter place in 1883, when about twelve years of age. There he learned the art of manufacturing textile fabrics under his father, and, being a young man of ability, was soon admitted into partnership and given a responsible position in the weaving department as an associate with his brother George. Elmer E. Brown was married, in Mt. Joy, to Miss Sallie Heilig, and three children brighten this home, Elmer E., Elsie M. and Russel H. This family are also members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Brown is a Republican in politics.

It is proper that a history of the immense cotton and woolen mills operated by George Brown's Sons at Mt. Joy be here recorded. George Brown, the founder, learned the business in Yorkshire, England, the greatest woolen manufacturing district in Great Britain, where he was born and reared. Coming to this country when a young man, he first settled at Trenton, N. J., but in about two years removed to Philadelphia, where better opportunities were offered to skilled workers. From boyhood until his retirement from business, a few years ago, he was always connected with the same line of manufacturing. He started business at Mt. Joy in 1883 with only twelve looms, and some idea of the magnificent advance of this concern may be obtained by the statement that now 170 looms are in operation daily. Mr. Brown first rented the building now known as No. 2 Mill, a two-story brick structure, 40x120 feet. As trade developed he continued to add to its mechanical appliances, and in eight years his business had so expanded that larger facilities were required; in 1889 he purchased what is now known as No. 1 Mill, making great alterations and additions to suit the requirements of his business. Mr. Brown's successful career has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the people of this section that Mt. Joy is a good site for manufacturing on the most extensive scale. He has made apparent the fact that an enterprise, though situated at some distance from large trade centers, far from the field of supply, when properly managed by a skilled and experienced mind will thrive and blossom, here in the heart of Lancaster county. The people of Mt. Joy owe to him a debt of gratitude for this exemplification, as the development of the business has been a notable factor in the expansion of the town in recent years. In 1891 Mr. Brown retired from the business and was succeeded by his five sons, Thomas J., Arthur, Walter G., Benjamin W. and George H., all of whom are thoroughly familiar with every branch of the manufacture, each having been trained in this line from boyhood.

Previous to their location in Mt. Joy, in 1891, Thomas J., Arthur and Walter G. Brown had been engaged in cotton and woolen manufacturing for a few years at Philadelphia. The other brothers,

Benjamin W., George H. and Elmer E., had assisted their father in the conduct of his business in Mt. Joy from its inception. The six brothers have always been identified with the cotton and woolen business, and from the time they assumed entire charge of the present establishment they have ranked as men keenly alive to the demands of trade, ready at all times to supply their patrons with something new, novel and attractive. Independent of their skill and experience as manufacturers they have demonstrated the fact that they have the ability to observe, and the business capacity to utilize opportunities for improvement. These necessary characteristics are contributing much to the reputation of the company—in fact are placing its output in the front rank.

Another feature that has been of paramount influence in widening the reputation of the house is the fact that every department in the extensive plant has the personal supervision of one of the brothers. Thus patrons can always rest assured that the product, is, at all times, all that it is represented to be, no detail, no matter how seemingly inconsequential, being omitted that would make the goods equal to the best of their class manufactured in America.

The extensive works of George Brown's Sons are located out on the eastern edge of the borough. Gazing toward the town from the east the buildings of the company appear in themselves to constitute a little village of ceaseless activity. The works consist of a number of buildings, built of brick principally, and so arranged as to secure the greatest amount of light, good ventilation and working space. They are thoroughly adapted throughout for their special productions, being divided into appropriate departments—weaving, beaming and twisting, dyeing, carding, picking, napping, finishing, shipping, etc., besides storehouses and warehouses for finished stock and raw material. In the different divisions of the industry, all of which run smoothly under perfect supervision, 140 hands are employed, and, notwithstanding the depression, that has hovered over the country for some time, so great has been the popularity attained by the goods of this house that in that time they have found it necessary to enlarge their mechanical equipment and increase the number of their employes. As a whole the premises are admirably arranged, and supplied with the latest improved machinery and appliances necessary for the systematic and economic conduct of the business, and, in fact, every contrivance which skill, science and capital can supply is utilized in the process of manufacture. In the matter of equipment this concern is probably unsurpassed in the entire country, the very latest inventions in looms, cards, mules, nappers, shears, rotary hot presses, measuring and rolling machines, twistors, etc., being utilized throughout.

The main building is a splendid two-story brick structure 40x146 feet in dimensions. On the ground floor is located a weave room containing ninety-nine

looms. In the second story is the necessary carding and spinning machinery, all of which is of the very latest pattern and design. Annexed to the main building is another two-story brick structure, 32x50 feet. Its first floor is also used as a weave room, having twenty-seven looms, while the second story is utilized for a picker department for the preparation of the stock. Immediately adjacent to the main building is a two-story brick, 32x34 feet, the first floor of which is used for a machine shop and dynamo room, the upper floor for a carding room. Close by is the dye house, a one-story structure, 50x70 feet. Immediately across the road from this is another important building devoted to manufacturing. Like all of the other buildings which contain mechanical appliances, it is a substantial two-story brick, 40x70 feet. On its ground floor are located napping machines, rotary hot presses, shears and measuring and rolling machines, etc., for finishing. On this floor also is the shipping department. Upstairs is the beaming and twisting room. There are three beaming machines used for preparing warps for the looms, and three twistors for doubling two or more threads together. The buildings stand upon two plots of ground, one 150x180 feet and the other 60x340 feet, allowing the company considerable room for future expansion.

In order that no essential modern feature should be lacking in the successful operation of the factory, George Brown's Sons have their entire premises illuminated by electricity, using both incandescent and arc lights, supplied by a direct connected generatory set of 700 lights capacity. The most up-to-date improvements, in fact everything new that is of proved value, have been introduced, and the electric plant may well be said to be complete in every particular.

All in all, it is improbable that better or superior facilities for the receipt and shipment of stock could be had than are possessed by this company. The main line of the Pennsylvania railroad runs through the property, bringing the factory directly in contact with that entire vast railway system and its still vaster connections, which radiate to all sections of the country. They are thus enabled to handle goods for shipment, stock for consumption, fuel, etc., at minimum rates, an advantage that counts decisively when the magnitude of the business is considered.

In 1883, when George Brown laid the foundation of the business, 300,000 yards of material made greatly taxed the manufacturing facilities, to the utmost. He began operations with only twelve looms, while at present there are 170 running daily. The yearly output has increased to 1,750,000 yards, to manufacture which enormous product requires 400,000 pounds of yarn (purchased elsewhere) and about 600,000 pounds of cotton or wool, annually. So great an increase in production, in such a short time, not only speaks volumes for the liberal and progressive character of the management, but also for the high quality of the goods. It necessarily also re-

quired a continual increase in manufacturing facilities from year to year, and new machinery is constantly being added to meet the growing demands as the goods are ever reaching new sections of the country. George Brown's Sons manufacture cottonades, cotton worsteds, flannels, etc. The product commends itself to wholesale dealers and clothing manufacturers, because, in all grades of the work, only the best of materials and workmanship are employed. A great variety of patterns and designs are made, the soundest judgment being exercised at all times in the harmony of colors, and as the plant possesses everything in the way of the latest machinery the finish and workmanship of the goods are absolutely unexcelled.

The trade of the house extends from ocean to ocean, and from British Columbia in the North to the Gulf Coast in the South, including Texas, in the great Southwest. The meritorious quality of the productions has been the greatest recommendation of the goods, and the trade territory has consequently developed rapidly. Wherever introduced the goods have established an ever-widening market for themselves, and the strongest testimony as to the truth of this fact is the great and growing increase of the annual output.

The members of the firm have always evinced the strongest and most energetic public spirit, and since locating at Mt. Joy have, at all times, identified themselves in every movement made to advance the material interests of the borough. They have championed, father and sons, every effort put forward to place Mt. Joy in her rightful position as an enterprising and progressive town. In the town council, in the school board, or in any other department of the borough's service in which they take part, their voices are always raised in approval of those measures that redound to the general good. The borough has had need of just such assistance, because, while she is on the rapid road to a greater era of prosperity, she, like many of her sister municipalities of the East, has also heard the fossilized bones of the antiquated class rattled within her boundaries. So, as has been stated, she is pleased to welcome those who represent the spirit of progress, and, as she is now evolving from a mere agricultural community to a first-class manufacturing town, men like George Brown's Sons are destined, by their aid, to hasten that auspicious time.

MARTIN DORWART, formerly a plasterer, but for many years the manager of a teaming and hauling business, was born on the square where he now lives, in Lancaster, Oct. 22, 1828. His parents were John and Maria (Stone) Dorwart, and his grandfather, on the paternal side, was Martin Dorwart, a shoe maker of Lancaster, and of German descent. John Dorwart was also a plasterer, and his death occurred in Lancaster in 1871, at the age of seventy-five, his wife having died in 1866, at the age of sixty-seven. The parents, who are buried

in Shriner's cemetery, were members of the Reformed Church, and the children born to them were as follows: Ann, the deceased wife of James Chambers; Emanuel, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Barnhart (deceased); Margaret, the deceased wife of Henry Metzgar; John, deceased; Salina, the deceased wife of Andrew Cogley; Martin; William, deceased; Sarah, the deceased wife of James Tearney; and Elvina, married to William Gable (deceased).

Until eighteen years of age Martin Dorwart attended the public schools of Lancaster, and then learned the plasterers' trade, which he followed until engaging in teaming and hauling in 1883. This has since been his principal means of livelihood, and for the performance of his work he is obliged to hire several men, as he himself merely directs. Mr. Dorwart has taken an active part in general affairs in the town, is popular with his men and the public at large, and has been a member of the city council under Republican administration for one term. He attends the Episcopal church, but is not a member of any.

In 1850 Mr. Dorwart married Wilhelmina Dellet, born in Lancaster county in March, 1831, a daughter of Adam and Susan (Huber) Dellet, the former a contractor in Lancaster, but now deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Dorwart have been born the following children: John, deceased when young; Mary, also deceased when young; Emma, the wife of E. Wilson Schriver, of Lancaster; Adam, married to Mary Baer, a printer in Lancaster; Ida, the wife of William F. Humble, of Lancaster; Rose, the wife of A. B. Clark, of Reading, Pa.; Rev. William, a graduate of the Andale College, N. Y., ordained to the Episcopal ministry in 1891, has charge of a church in Newport, Pa., and married Catherine Marks; Rev. George M., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, ordained to the Episcopal ministry in Reading, Pa., and has charge of a church in Paterson, N. J.

JOHN A. HOOK (deceased) was for some years a retired business man of Columbia, Pa., where he died July 29, 1879. He was born in Lancaster, Pa., May 9, 1815, a son of David and Bridget (Gallagher) Hook, respectively, natives of Philadelphia, Pa., and Ireland, but who both died in Lancaster. David Hook was a spoke and wagon manufacturer and was called from earth July 29, 1853, at the age of sixty-three, and his widow May 27, 1874, at the age of eighty-six years, both in the faith of the Catholic church. Seven children blessed the marriage of this couple, viz: John A., Mary (who was married to George Boyle), William, James, Henry and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased; and Jane, still a resident of Lancaster.

Michael Hook, great-grandfather of John A., came from Magnea in 1750 and settled in Lancaster, Pa. He was the father of four sons and two daughters, viz: Michael, who married Mrs. Jane Thom-

as; Ferdinand; Anthony; Andrew; Mary Frances, who was married to Francis Zeigler; and Christina, who became Mrs. Ginther.

John A. Hook, until eighteen years old, assisted in his father's wagon and spoke factory in Lancaster, but owing to ill health abandoned that class of work and came to Columbia and here clerked for a Mr. Haldeman five years. He was next employed by a transportation company as agent, and this position he held until the Pennsylvania Railroad was built through the town. He then went with a Mr. Graff to Cincinnati, Ohio, and was engaged in the coal trade a year or two, when Mr. Graff died, and Mr. Hook was employed by another coal firm. He remained in Cincinnati seven years, then returned to Columbia, Pa., and after engaging in the foundry business there a few years sold out and went to Pittsburgh, where he passed two years. He next engaged in the commission business in Baltimore, Md., three years, and was very prosperous, but failing health forced him to relinquish his business career and return to Columbia, where he lived in retirement until his death in the faith of the Catholic church. He was very popular personally and filled several borough offices.

John A. Hook was united in marriage at Lancaster, Pa., by Rev. Father B. Keenan, June 26, 1845, to Miss Mary A. Wolf, and this union was blessed with ten children, viz.: Mary J., born Aug. 30, 1846, married Bernard Malone, a contractor; Sarah E., born March 22, 1848, married Charles F. Youngs, formerly postmaster and now assistant postmaster of Columbia; Charlotte A., born Nov. 15, 1850, is the wife of Wald H. Frye, a Republican office-holder in Baltimore, Md.; George A., born June 21, 1853, is a contractor in Lancaster; Anastasia, born Nov. 8, 1855, is at home with her mother; James A., born Nov. 8, 1855, is now a railroad engineer at Columbia; John F., born Dec. 4, 1859, is in the same employ in the same borough; Alice died young; Edward P. died in infancy; and Clara A. was born in Columbia and is still single.

Mrs. Mary A. (Wolf) Hook was born in York, Pa., Dec. 8, 1826, and is a daughter of George and Sarah (Platt) Wolf, who lived in York until 1834, when they came to Columbia. George Wolf for several years had operated an iron foundry in Philadelphia, and on settling in Columbia followed the same calling until his death, in 1858, at the age of fifty-one years. He was a personal friend of Governor Porter, who appointed him quartermaster. Although he was not a member of any religious society he was a good Christian, was very charitable and was beloved by all who knew him. Mrs. Sarah (Platt) Wolf died May 25, 1896, in the faith of the Lutheran church, at the advanced age of eighty-six years, and her remains were interred beside those of her husband in Mount Bethel cemetery. To Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were born eight children, viz.: Mary A.; Daniel, who died in York; Elizabeth, widow of Robert T. Ryan, of Columbia; Charlotte Augusta;

George W.; and Julia, William and Sarah C., who were called away in infancy.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wolf were Thomas and Elizabeth Platt, of Nottingham, England, where they were married prior to coming to America. Thomas Platt came to America as a British soldier at the time of the Revolutionary war, but on arrival joined the Continental forces and assisted in achieving the independence of the Colonies. After living in this country thirty years, during which period it was thought at home he was dead, he sent for his family, who here passed the remainder of their lives.

HON. MILTON HEIDELBAUGH, a member of the State Senate from the 13th District, which embraces the city of Lancaster and the southern part of the county, is one of the most genial and clever gentlemen in this section of the State.

The ancestors of the Heidelberg family came to America from the northern part of Germany early in the eighteenth century. The great-grandfather of Milton Heidelberg, who was a farmer, settled in the Octoraro valley, among the Quakers.

Henry Heidelberg was a farmer, and owned a large tract of land in Bart township, which at his death was divided among his children, who were: John (mentioned below), Henry, Mary Ann (who married Peter Pickel) and George, all now deceased.

John Heidelberg, son of Henry, was well educated, and in his early life taught school, and again after several years' intermission followed the teacher's profession. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and prominent in party work, but cared nothing for the holding of public office. He died in 1873. He was twice married. Mary Pickel, his first wife, was a daughter of George Pickel, who lived near Octoraro Church, and by that union there were four children, only one of whom is now living, Susan, widow of John E. Draucker, a farmer of Bart township. For his second wife John Heidelberg married Margaret Bender, daughter of Nathaniel Bender, a trader and a hotel keeper of this county; she died in 1863. To this union were born five children, four of whom are living: Albert, a farmer living on the old place at Octoraro; Milton, of Lancaster; Rachel Ann, wife of Michael Scott, a farmer of Bart township; and Henry, a farmer of Chester county. James Edwin died in 1892, unmarried.

Milton Heidelberg was born on the old farm in Bart township, April 19, 1843, and was educated in the public schools of the district and in Maple Grove Academy. Leaving school at the age of eighteen years, he became a clerk in a store in Georgetown, Lancaster county, where he spent a year and a half. He then entered the Union army, enlisting in Company C, 50th P. V. I., under command of Col. Emlin Franklin. After the battle of Gettysburg Mr. Heidelberg returned to civil life, and spent some three



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years in teaching—two at Rohrerstown, and one at Paradise. He then became a clerk in the store at Georgetown, Lancaster county, where after a year of labor he formed a business association with his former employer, William S. Ferree, conducting a general store at Nickel Mines for five years. At the end of this time Mr. Heidelbaugh bought out his partner's interest, and carried on the business alone very successfully for fifteen years, when he sold out to the late Capt. Doble. After retiring from the Nickel Mines store Mr. Heidelbaugh was engaged in farming for a time, and then turned his attention to the hardwood lumber business, into which he introduced portable sawmills. This is still his main business, and he has two sawmill plants in Prince William county, Va., and one in Maryland, in the three employing some seventy-five men. In the Virginia business he has for partners John J. Heidelbaugh and B. Frank Althouse. Mr. Heidelbaugh owns a fine dairy farm of 132 acres in Chester county, which is in the charge of a tenant.

During his residence at Nickel Mines, Bart township, Mr. Heidelbaugh was township auditor and a school director. Mr. Heidelbaugh has a deserved reputation as a legislator. In 1885 he was elected to a seat in the Legislature, and has been four times re-elected, 1893, 1895, 1897 and 1899. He was elected to the Senate without opposition for the term beginning in 1901. While in the Assembly he served at different times on the committees on Ways and Means, Appropriation and Education, and he was chairman of the committee on Law and Order for three terms. In the session of 1901, in the Senate, he was chairman of the committee on Mines and Mining and was appointed on a commission to devise better means of caring for the Insane of the State.

Mr. Heidelbaugh was married, Jan. 13, 1869, to Miss Harriet E., daughter of Jacob and Mary Thompson, of Bart township, the former a well-known merchant of that section, now deceased. To this union were born six children, four of whom are living: George Ferree, a train despatcher in the main office of the Pennsylvania railroad, in Philadelphia, married Anna Roche, of that city, and has four children, Mary Helen, Milton Harold, Margaret Hulda and Martha Talley. Mary Blanche married Rev. William B. Anderson, a missionary in the Punjaub district, India, whither he was sent in 1897, and they have had two children, both born in India, Howard Gerald (deceased) and Lelia Blodwen. J. Howard assists his father as a bookkeeper and stenographer. William Wharton took the mechanical engineer's course, with the class of 1901, in the State College. John Milton died unmarried, at the age of twenty-two. Margaret Lelia, a student in the Millersville State Normal, died at the age of eighteen, in May, 1896, just one month prior to the graduation of her class.

Mr. Heidelbaugh belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and to the Masonic fraternity, where he

has passed through lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, in which he is an elder, as he was for years at Octoraro. One of two members sent from the Westminster Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Church at Omaha, Neb., in 1887, he acquitted himself creditably, and justified the wisdom of the Presbytery in sending him on that important and responsible labor. He is one of the managers of the Lancaster General Hospital.

FRANK J. WEAVER. The old and honored family which bears the name of Weaver, or as it probably was, Weber, originated in Switzerland, from whence came the founder of the Weavers in Lancaster county. The old records tell how Hans Weber came to America in 1717 and settled in the Keystone State upon 500 acres of land in what is now known as West Lampeter township. His associate was Ulrich Houser, and subsequently the land was divided between the two, the Weavers still retaining 300 acres of the original purchase. This valuable land was in the possession of Rudolph Bundeley, from whom it was secured in 1717, and the homestead is now in the possession of John K. Weaver, the fifth in line from the founder, and now contains seventy-five acres. The first house was erected by Hans Weber, or Weaver, a log cabin, which stood some 300 yards north of the present residence, and probably about 1740 a stone house was built, this still standing, in an excellent state of preservation. In 1765 there was erected a brick residence, from brick made on the place, and this is still occupied by the family, having been so thoroughly constructed that it remains much more comfortable than many of the modern structures. When John Weaver, the son of Hans, built this house it was considered such a remarkable edifice that people came many miles to see it, the newness of it attracting their notice, just as in these days it is a historic landmark, notable for its preservation in age. Jacob Weaver, the son of John, built the barn in 1788, and each proprietor has added to the improvements. John Weaver left twin sons, Jacob and John, and Jacob became the grandfather of Francis J. Weaver, of this biography. His occupation was that of farming, his religious connection was with the Reformed Mennonite Church, and he was one of the highly respected citizens of his locality. His marriage was to Mary Neff, of a farming family who resided near Strasburg, and a family of eight children was born to this union, one son, John, becoming the head of the present family.

John Weaver was born and reared on this farm, where he lived some eighty years, a good, pious and most worthy member of the Reformed Mennonite church. He was married to Elizabeth Kreider, a daughter of Christian Kreider, and of their children we have record of the following: Martin, of Strasburg; Christian, of Lancaster; Amos, of East Lam-

peter township: Elizabeth, of Strasburg; Annie, deceased; Cyrus J., of Chester county; Frank J., of East Lampeter; and Jacob G., a physician of Strasburg.

Frank J. Weaver, one of Lancaster county's most worthy and respected citizens, resides in West Lampeter township, one and one-half miles east of the Lampeter postoffice, and one mile from Wheatland Mills, a most desirable location. His descent has been traced from one of the oldest families in the county and he is a worthy representative of it. He was born on the farm adjoining the old homestead April 7, 1838, a son of John and Elizabeth (Kreider) Weaver, and here he was reared and received his preparatory education, later attending a business college in York, Pennsylvania.

Upon finishing his schooldays Frank J. Weaver took up farming in connection with his brother, and for some time prior to his marriage carried it on with success. In 1869 he purchased the farm he now occupies, consisting of forty-eight acres, where he has made many permanent and valuable improvements, erecting good and substantial buildings, and he has placed his farm under such cultivation that it is justly regarded as one of the most desirable in the neighborhood.

On Feb. 17, 1870, Mr. Weaver was married to Mary Buckwaite, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mylin) Buckwalter, and to them have been born the following: Henry B., B. Ellis and Elizabeth Elma. The sons have imbibed the progressive ideas of their father, and have engaged in the propagation and growth of hothouse plants and flowers, making a specialty of carnations, and have also engaged in the fruit business, placing on sale peaches, plums and pears, also all kinds of choice grapes, having four acres devoted to this industry. In their greenhouses they have 8,500 feet of glass, and have five houses, seventy feet in length. This is a growing business and covers a large territory of trade. The daughter of the house is an accomplished young lady who has displayed talents of a high order in free-hand sketching, and all the children have been afforded the best possible educational advantages. Both Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, in which he has been a deacon for the past thirty years. The family is regarded as representative, socially and otherwise, in West Lampeter township.

JAMES S. PATTERSON, one of the leading citizens of Little Britain township, Lancaster county, long identified with her political, educational and religious life, was born Aug. 8, 1838, a son of James and Rebecca (Black) Patterson, of the same township.

The founder of this branch of the Patterson family was James Patterson, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1708, and came to America in 1728. The locality in which he settled is now included in Little Britain township, and the land was

purchased from the Penns. He married Mary Montgomery, and his children were: William, John, Hannah, Mary, Samuel, Jane, Isabella, James, Elizabeth and Thomas.

James Patterson, the second of the name, was born in 1745, and married Letitia Gardner. His children were: Isabella, Francina, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, James, Letitia and Rachel, all of whom have passed away.

James Patterson, the third of the family name and father of James S., was born on the farm now occupied by our subject, March 7, 1796, and on Dec. 18, 1823, was married to Miss Rebecca Black, of Little Britain township. Ten children were born to this marriage: Robert B., born Sept. 28, 1824, died in March, 1901; William, July 19, 1826, resides in San Francisco, Cal.; Rachel, born Sept. 5, 1828, married John Carter, and died Jan. 18, 1862; Isabella, born June 29, 1830, is the widow of David Ramsey, of Chester county; Francis, born March 17, 1832, died Oct. 6, 1861; Harriet, born Aug. 22, 1834, married Dr. Kennedy, of Oxford, and died Nov. 18, 1874; Mary Rebecca, born Aug. 9, 1836, married Dr. John W. Zell, of Little Britain township, and died Sept. 23, 1870; James S., born Aug. 8, 1838; Letitia, born Sept. 2, 1840, married Dr. D. H. Strickland, of Chester county, and died May 9, 1875; and D. Ramsey, born Oct. 30, 1842, is a member of the legal profession in Philadelphia.

James S. Patterson was reared on the farm and through boyhood attended first the district schools and later the Academy at Hopewell, Chester county. For many years he has been one of the substantial agriculturists of this section of Lancaster county, and now owns one of its finest farms, consisting of 200 acres, two-thirds of which is well cultivated and the balance woodland, and on which is one of the most commodious and comfortable residences in the township.

On Jan. 30, 1868, James S. Patterson was united in marriage with Miss Margaret E. Ferguson, born Oct. 27, 1844, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Dripps) Ferguson, of Colerain township, and five children were born to this union: Mary, born July 18, 1869, married Lieut. J. Howard Griffiths, of the U. S. Army, stationed now in the Philippine Islands; Charles, born Nov. 18, 1870, married Mary Webb, of Drumore township, and now conducts the home farm; Chester, born April 19, 1872; James, Jr., born March 17, 1874, is a resident of Omaha, Neb.; and Anna R., born May 19, 1877, married Melville Barr, a merchant of Colerain township. Mrs. Patterson, the mother of this family, died Feb. 5, 1891. On Feb. 10, 1898, Mr. Patterson was married to Mrs. William Warden, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Thompson) McIntire, of Philadelphia; there are no children by this marriage.

In politics Mr. Patterson is a stanch Democrat. His father was a personal friend, admirer and supporter of President James Buchanan, and took an active part in the campaign of 1856. Mr. Patterson

has been especially prominent in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church, and in 1884 was chosen as a delegate from the Westminster Presbytery to the General Assembly at Saratoga Springs, and in 1892 he was again so honored, and attended the General Assembly held at Portland, Ore. In his township Mr. Patterson is held in high esteem, and his integrity of character reflects credit on himself, his family and the community.

FREDERICK QUADE. In recalling the incidents in the career of Frederick Quade, one of Lancaster's substantial and respected citizens, it is easily proven that energy, honesty, perseverance and industry are the steps by which a man can change his condition from poverty to comfortable competency. Mr. Quade is a self-made man, and from a youth who reached America only by obtaining a small loan from a friend has not only paid that back with interest, but has assisted friends in turn and has done more in the way of charity than many of his fellow-citizens imagine.

Mr. Quade was born in Westphalia, Prussia, April 12, 1830, son of Charles and Jane S. (Spilker) Quade, the latter dying when our subject was but five weeks of age. His father and grandfather both were contractors and builders. The father died in 1860, at the age of fifty-eight years. The children born to our subject's parents were: Charles F., deceased, a brickmason who died in Missouri; Louisa, the widow of Andrew Kohm, of Lancaster; and Frederick, of this sketch.

Mr. Quade was religiously reared and was confirmed at the age of fourteen years, according to the rules of his church. At about that same age he began to have a determination to emigrate to America. He reached New York City on a cold day in January, 1845, and soon found occupation as a clerk in a grocery store, his attention to business and his faithful service making him so valuable that he was retained for four and three-quarters years. He learned so much in this time that in 1851 he felt able to start into business for himself, but later, because of ill health, sold out and came to Lancaster. He began as a clerk, then was made a foreman. He would have enlisted as a soldier, but was refused on account of poor teeth; his faithfulness, however, had been noticed, and through Hon. Thaddeus Stevens he was, in 1863, made a foreman in the quartermaster department and an agent to look after lost and stolen goods of the government. After the close of the war he returned to Lancaster and secured a position as foreman in the cotton mills and for three years was yard boss.

Mr. Quade then embarked in the butcher business, which he followed for fifteen years and then became a bottler of beer, ale, porter, etc., which business he followed for ten years. He now lives retired from activity, and is one of the city's large landholders. He owns eleven valuable buildings, the "McCall's Hotel" and other desirable properties.

When Mr. Quade came to Lancaster county he had less than \$100, and now is possessed of very large means. He has taken an active interest in various benevolent and charitable enterprises and is a man who has many personal friends. Fraternally he belongs to the Masonic Blue Lodge; the I. O. O. F., having passed all its chairs; and is the second oldest member of the Order of Red Men in Pennsylvania. In politics he is a Republican. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

On March 28, 1851, Mr. Quade was married, in New York City, to Miss E. Ann Harcop, who was born in Hanover, Germany, died Jan. 9, 1899, aged seventy-six and is buried in Greenwood cemetery. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Quade were: Christian F., who is in charge of a hotel at McCall's Ferry, this county, married Ada Hebble and has six children; John H., who has been a clerk with Baungardner & Martin, in the coal business, for twenty years, lives in Lancaster, married Anna Shoop and has one child; and Louisa, who married Benjamin F. Davis, an attorney in Lancaster.

HENRY B. GISH (deceased) was born in West Donegal township Oct. 12, 1834, and died on the farm where his family is now living Sept. 24, 1897, his remains being laid to rest in Mt. Tunnel cemetery.

John S. and Annie (Breneman) Gish, his parents, were both natives of West Donegal township, where their lives were spent. The father was a farmer, and carried on in addition to his farm work a grist mill, which he rebuilt in 1845, and operated until 1860, when he passed it over to his son, Henry B. John S. Gish died in March, 1889, at the age of ninety-seven years; his wife died in 1860, at the age of sixty-two years. Their remains, removed from the old farm cemetery, are now resting in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. To them were born the following children: Anna, who married Henry Breneman, and is now deceased; John (deceased), who first married a Miss Boyer, and second Adaline Baxter; Catherine, who married John Boyer; Mary, deceased wife of Philip Olweiler; and Henry B., whose name introduces this article.

Jacob Gish, the paternal grandfather of Henry B., was a prominent man in his day, and had much to do with the early industries of West Donegal township.

Abraham Gish, the pioneer settler of the family, came to this State from Switzerland, and was the progenitor of a numerous family: Jacob, born in 1767, died in 1846; Abraham, born in 1770; Catherine, born in 1771; John, born in 1774, died in 1871; Christian, born in 1775; David, born in 1777; George, born in 1779, died in 1851; Elizabeth, born in 1781, married Abraham Heisey, and died Jan. 14, 1861; Susan, born in 1784; and Mathias, born in 1788. Six of these ten children were born in the month of December, and their average age was

over eighty years, and the combined age of the ten children was over eight hundred years, and one attained the age of ninety-seven years, none died in infancy or youth, and all were married. Two brothers accompanied Abraham Gish from their Swiss home. One settled near the Dauphin and Lancaster dividing line, and died childless. The other went to Virginia, where his descendants at the present time are numerous. None of the family are addicted to intemperate habits, and with very few exceptions they are members of Christian churches.

Henry B. Gish and Miss Amanda Herr were married in Lancaster in December, 1863, and to them were born the following children: Laura E., wife of Abraham Coble, a farmer in West Donegal township; Henry J., a farmer and miller of West Donegal township, whose life history is given on another page, and who married Mabel Hershey; Benjamin H., unmarried, a farmer in Hamilton county, Iowa; Jacob, a farmer in Iowa; Edwin H., a tobacco dealer, who married Lillian Hostetter and lives at home; Anna H., wife of Peter Nissley, a farmer of West Donegal township; Mary H., the wife of Clayton Hoffman, a farmer of Elizabethtown; Minnie H., wife of Christian Ober, a jeweler in Elizabethtown; and Ada H., unmarried and at home.

Mrs. Amanda (Herr) Gish was born in East Donegal township March 17, 1842, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stehman) Herr. They were both born in Manor township and died in East Donegal township, near Maytown. They were members of the Church of God, and were regarded as solid and substantial people. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died July 28, 1879, at the age of seventy-two years; his widow in 1894, at the age of eighty years. Their remains are resting in Peck's cemetery, near Maytown. The following children were born to them: Hiram S., who married Charlotte Watson, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Benjamin S., who married Sallie Miller, is deceased; Elizabeth S. is the widow of Christian Rohrer and lives at Canton, Ill.; Mary S. married John S. Miller, a retired farmer in Marietta, and the subject of a sketch that is to be found in another place; Amanda S.; Jacob died in infancy; and Cyrus S. married Anna Sultzbach and is now deceased.

Henry B. Gish spent his boyhood and youth on the farm, and when he was twenty-seven years of age engaged with his brother in the coal and grain business in Elizabethtown, a business they conducted for two years, and then sold to B. G. Groff, who is still engaged in its management. In 1862 Mr. Gish took his father's mill in West Donegal township, operating it for thirty-four years, and then retiring to his late home, a handsome two-story brick, which he had built two years before. One of the directors of the Exchange Bank at its organization, he was acting in that capacity at the time of his death. During his more active years he served in

various local positions as school director and auditor, and took a leading part in public affairs. Mrs. Gish is a member of the Church of God, and is one of the prominent and wealthy ladies of the community. She occupies a fine home, near the boro line, and is noted for her many excellent and womanly qualities.

DAVID LEWIS DEEN, one of the most popular and active citizens of Lancaster, is a native of that city, having been born there May 12, 1847, and is descended on his father's side from sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Deen, his grandfather, was born in Ireland, of Scottish parents, and came thence to America with two brothers, Mark and David, settling on what is known as the Evans farm, in Lancaster city, Pa. Later he purchased a farm in Juniata county, Pa., on which he passed the rest of his days, dying when he was over eighty years old. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, as well as all his forefathers.

Thomas Deen, father of David L., was born Feb. 4, 1812, in Lancaster, Pa., and was there reared to manhood. For a considerable time, and until the breaking out of the Rebellion, he was traveling salesman for a Philadelphia dry-goods house, and he then became sutler for the 1st and 2nd Regiments, Pennsylvania Reserves. In 1837 he married Miss Catherine B. McGlinn, daughter of Anthony McGlinn, in his day a widely known carpenter, builder and undertaker, of Lancaster, where he died in 1871, in the eighty-eighth year of his age; at one time he served a year as coroner of Lancaster county. To Thomas and Catherine B. Deen were born nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the others, (1) William M. served as a letter carrier, and filled various positions of trust in the city government of Lancaster, until his enlistment, during the Civil war, in the 79th P. V. I., in which he served until wounded, at the battle of Green river. (2) James A. died at Camp Slifer, near Chambersburg, Pa., May 22, 1861, while serving as a member of the 10th P. V. I., he being one of the first men in the State to enlist for the war of the Rebellion. (3) Thomas A., the youngest surviving brother, is a leading electrical engineer and contractor of Lancaster. The father of this family died in Philadelphia March 1, 1862, aged fifty years, the mother passing away in 1882. Both were lifelong consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

David L. Deen attended the public schools until reaching the age of fourteen years, at which time, his father having died, the lad commenced life in earnest, his first mercantile experience being in the store of John D. Skiles. We next find him in the capacity of apprentice to the trade of machinist in the Lancaster Locomotive Works, whence, after three years, he moved to Pittsburg, and for eight months worked in the Pennsylvania railroad shops, later finding similar employment in those of the Cone-



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maugh & Altoona and the Renovo & Baldwin Locomotive Works.

Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Deen took charge of the machinery in the Conestoga Cork Works, and then, having now become a skilled mechanic, in every sense of the term, he was appointed chief engineer of the city water works, filling that position with rare intelligence and fidelity for six and one-half years. After this for a time he served in John Best's works, then for four years as chief engineer of the Penn Iron Works. In 1884 he was elected by the city councils to the position of street commissioner, discharging the duties of that office with the same degree of satisfaction to his constituents and the community at large as had characterized all his other work. In the spring of 1885 he was elected alderman by the Republicans of the Sixth ward, and has since filled that office continuously, at this writing serving his fourth term. In 1897 about one dozen aldermen and justices of the peace of Lancaster and neighboring counties convened at Harrisburg, for the purpose of forming an organization for the better advancement of the Minor Judiciary of the State of Pennsylvania. This organization is known as the Magistrates Association of the State of Pennsylvania, and numbers over five thousand members; Alderman Deen was elected president of the Association in September, 1902. In the spring of 1902 Mr. Deen was elected treasurer of the directors of the poor of Lancaster county. In addition to all these many responsibilities he has, for years, been clerk of the common councils.

In 1869 Alderman Deen married Miss Mary C. Price, who was born and reared in Lancaster, and two children graced their union: (1) William L., a graduate of pharmacy, is now holding a responsible position in the drug business in Philadelphia; in 1895 he married Jennie Swartz, and they have one son, David L. (2) Mary Elizabeth is at home. The mother of these died in 1877, and in 1879 Mr. Deen married Maggie I. Seith, by whom he had one child, Charles F., formerly a clerk with Cox & Rose, merchants, Lancaster, and now with the United Telephone & Telegraph Company, Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Deen are members of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Republican, and has been for several years a member of the Republican County Committee and Republican City Executive Committee, of which latter he has been chairman for ten years. He has for many years taken an active, earnest and efficient part in all city, county, State and National affairs. Socially Alderman Deen is past chancellor of the K. of P.; secretary of the Lancaster Game Protective Association; and "in days of yore" was a member (for a time) of the American Order of Steam Engineers, and chief engineer and secretary of the old American Fire Company, as well as assistant engineer of the Volunteer Fire Department of Lancaster. In conclusion, it may, without fear of contradiction, be added that, in all his walks of life—whether as a private citizen or as a public offi-

cial—Alderman Deen has always stood unswervingly for the right, and for that alone, and he has deservedly earned the esteem of all who know him.

DAVID SHETRONE (deceased) was a man who commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact, either in business or social life, on account of his sterling worth and honorable dealings. The greater part of his life was spent in York county, this State, but for three years he made his home in Columbia, and during that time made a host of warm friends in that city.

Mr. Shetrone was born in York March 15, 1824, a son of John and Mary (Beakie) Shetrone, of that place, where the father followed the shoemaker's trade throughout life. The children of the family were: Jacob, deceased; Isaac, a resident of Ohio; William, deceased; Henry, a resident of York, Pa.; David, of this sketch; Sarah, a widow and a resident of Indiana; and Margaret, wife of a Mr. Plank, of Chester, Pennsylvania.

As previously stated, David Shetrone was a resident of Columbia for three years, from 1854 to 1856, inclusive, but with that exception he always lived in York, Pa., and was lumber inspector for many years. Fraternally he was a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and politically was a supporter of the Democratic party.

In Columbia, May 1, 1855, Mr. Shetrone married Miss Mary M. Bartch, and by this union were born children as follows: Anna L., now the wife of Clayton Wiest, a machinist of York; Michael, deceased; David, a merchant of Columbia; Mary Eliza, deceased; George, manager of the Atlantic Refining Company, who married Ella Fockner and lives in York; Ada, wife of Newton Nissly, a machinist of Columbia; Bertha, wife of John Herman, a grocer of Gloucester City, N. J.; Mary, wife of James King, a railroad man of Columbia; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Amos, who is with his mother. The father died April 5, 1884, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in York.

Mrs. Shetrone, a most estimable lady, has made her home in Columbia since 1894, and is an active and prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church of that place. She was born on Chestnut Hill, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. Her father, Michael Bartch, was born in Gross Gunbe, Darmstadt, Germany, March 28, 1802, and was about twenty-five years of age when he came to America. Locating on Chestnut Hill, Lancaster Co., Pa., he followed farming, and also opened up and operated ore banks. Here he was married, in 1833, to Elizabeth Schwinn, who was also born in Darmstadt, Germany, March 1, 1810, and died Feb. 16, 1888, while his death occurred on Chestnut Hill April 29, 1859. They were earnest members of the Lutheran Church, and highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. In their family were the following children: Michael, a contractor and

builder of Dayton, Ohio; Mary M., now Mrs. Shetrone; George, foreman of Bruner's coalyard at Columbia; Louisa, deceased wife of Frederick Bucher, of Columbia; Sarah, wife of Valentine Bentley, a carpenter of Columbia; Tobias, a resident of the same place; Amos, a merchant of Columbia, now deceased; and Elizabeth, wife of Adam Agle, of Columbia. Mrs. Shetrone's maternal grandfather was a farmer by occupation and a life-long resident of Germany.

JACOB CASSEL, an old and retired farmer, whose long life has been marked by industry and integrity, was born on the farm where he and his son now reside, Dec. 9, 1817, a son of Joseph and Anna (Hershey) Cassel. Joseph Cassel was born on the farm where his son and grandson are now living, and Anna Hershey was born in Penn township, all of Lancaster county. Abraham Cassel located on this farm in 1747, and it has never passed out of the hands of his descendants to the present time.

Joseph and Anna (Hershey) Cassel moved to Penn township in 1846, being engaged during all their active life in the tillage of the soil. The father died in 1847, at the age of seventy-five, and the mother, who passed to her rest in 1855, lived to be eighty-one years old. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and in their day were among the leading people of their community, honest, upright and of manifest integrity. These were their children: Joseph, who lived to be twenty-eight years old; Henry, who died when fifty-seven; Nancy, who married a Mr. Stauffer, and died when twenty-three; John, a retired farmer in Penn township; Mary, who married Jacob Hostetter and lived to be eighty-one; Elizabeth, who married Henry Buckholder and lived to be eighty-three; David, who passed away at the age of eighty-one; and Jacob, noted above.

Joseph Cassel, who was the grandfather of Jacob, was a resident of Lancaster county and a strong and leading character of his day.

Jacob Cassel was married in Lancaster county, in Feb., 1846, to Barbara, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Lehma) Hershey. Her parents were natives of Lancaster county, and in every way honorable and upright people. Jacob Cassel has remained on the farm where he is now found for many years. In 1873 he retired from active labor, feeling that his long and arduous life entitled him to some rest and ease during its closing period. His religious associations have been with the Mennonite Church, of which he is an honored and devoted member. His political views are those held by the Republican party, and he has long been an effective worker in that organization.

Abraham H. Cassel, prominent in the farming community of Rapho township, and long and intimately associated with his father, Jacob Cassel, was born on the farm where he is now living Jan. 1, 1851. In 1892 he lost his mother, who was born

in 1821. Her remains were interred in the Kauffman Meeting House churchyard. The following children constituted the family: Fanny H., who married John Wademan, and is now dead; Abraham H., the second child of the family; Anna H., the wife of John Musser, a farmer and tobacco packer of Lancaster county.

Abraham H. Cassel was married in Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 12, 1872, to Barbara Musser, and to this union was born Henry M., who is now at home.

Mrs. Barbara (Musser) Cassel was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, July 11, 1852, a daughter of Benjamin and Maria (Nissley) Musser. Her parents were both natives of Lancaster county. Her father died in Salunga, and her mother in Lancaster. They were born and reared farming people, and in 1872 retired to spend their last years in Salunga. Her father was in his active days a school director. Religiously he belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church. He died in Salunga in 1892, at the age of sixty-seven and was buried in the Landisville cemetery. His widow died in Lancaster in 1898, at the age of seventy-three, and her remains rest beside those of her husband. She was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Born to this union were the following children: Martin N., who is a farmer in East Hempfield township; Anna N., the wife of Joseph Cassel, a merchant at Reading, Pa.; Barbara N., who is Mrs. Cassel; Mary N., single, and living in the city of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cassel have spent their lives on the old historic homestead that is so rich with the memories of the former generations of the Cassel family, and they have passed industrious and useful lives. They have many friends in the community who admire their genuine integrity and honor, and cherish their friendship for their worth and moral value.

JOHN S. KURTZ, a retired farmer living in Lancaster, was born in Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., Feb. 21, 1839, son of Jacob and Sarah (Shirk) Kurtz, natives, respectively, of Reading and Lancaster counties, Pa. The father was a farmer and died in 1866, aged fifty years, while the mother, who was born in 1819, lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa. They were members of the Reformed Mennonite church, and were the parents of three children, of whom John S. is the second child and only son. The eldest daughter, Anna, now deceased, married Ephraim Hostetter; and the youngest daughter, Sarah, is the widow of David Rupp, of Mechanicsburg. The paternal grandparents, John and Anna Kurtz, were natives of Berks county, Pa., where the former was a farmer and stockraiser.

After his first marriage, John S. Kurtz left the home farm and undertook to farm for himself in Ephrata township until 1889, during which year he retired to another part of his property, and settled in Lancaster in April of 1892. He was one

of the best farmers in this section of the county, and has to show for years of untiring industry not only a finely improved farm, but several valuable city properties. He is a Republican in political affiliation, but aside from the duty of casting his vote has never interested himself in the strenuous and uncertain life of the politician. He and his family are members of the New Mennonite church, of which he has been a deacon for the past fourteen years, and have materially assisted in building up the organizations in connection therewith.

The first marriage of Mr. Kurtz was solemnized in Lancaster, Jan. 19, 1860, with Maria F. Hostetter, born near Manheim, Pa., in April, 1843, and died Aug. 30, 1877. Mrs. Kurtz was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Forney) Hostetter, of Lancaster, and was the mother of two children, of whom Lizzie K., now deceased, was born Sept. 4, 1863; and Edwin H., born in Jan. 1864, married first Lizzie Shirk, and afterward Mollie Bankert. On April 3, 1892, Bishop Hershey performed the ceremony uniting Mr. Kurtz and Anna E. Weaver, born July 17, 1848, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Steman) Weaver, natives respectively of East Lampeter and Strasburg.

Joseph Weaver, who was a minister of the Reformed Mennonite church, and a farmer during the active years of his life, married Barbara Barr, who was born in 1794, and died in 1840, leaving seven children as follows: Isaac, deceased; Ephraim, deceased; Ann, deceased wife of John Franz; Jacob, deceased; Mary, living in Lancaster; Elizabeth, the wife of C. N. Witmer, since deceased; and Susanna, who lives with Mary in Lancaster. For his second wife Mr. Weaver married Esther Steman Brubaker, and to this marriage were born: Barbara A., who married Amos Bowman, a retired farmer of East Lampeter; and Anna E., the wife of John Kurtz, the subject of this biography. Mr. Weaver died in East Lampeter in 1871, at the age of eighty years, his wife surviving him until May 11, 1890, her age being eighty-three years. They are buried in Longnecker churchyard. Joseph Weaver was a son of Jacob and Esther (Neff) Weaver, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a farmer and lived to a ripe old age. Mrs. Esther Weaver was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bowman) Steman, also of Lancaster county.

J. FRANK REED, who both as miller and farmer is well and favorably known to the citizens of Sadsbury township, was born there, on Jan. 21, 1825, and was a son of Charles and Sarah (Brooker) Reed, the former of whom was a native of England, a stone mason by trade, and died in Sadsbury township in 1831. The mother was a native of Sadsbury township and lived until 1856, dying at the age of sixty-six years. Both of these parents had belonged to the Society of Friends, and were laid to rest in the cemetery attached to the meeting

house in this township. Their children were: J. Frank; and Amanda, who married William G. Miller, of Chester county, and died in 1876, in Sadsbury township.

J. Frank Reed was reared by his mother in the home of his grandfather Brooker until he was seventeen years of age, although he was but fourteen when he began to learn the milling business, working at it as opportunity offered. When seventeen he went for one year to Brownstown, in Drumore township, and worked there as a journeyman; then to Bart township, where for four years he was one of the employees of the well remembered Old Rock mill. When that property was sold, Mr. Reed rented the Willow mill, in Bart township and turned out the "grists" for the country round, for four years, going to Paradise township, where for three years his skill as a miller was tested. Mr. Reed then purchased one-half of a farm in Sadsbury township, with an uncle, this arrangement continuing but one year, Mr. Reed selling his interest and going to Colerain township. Here he invested in a small farm of thirty acres, and cultivated it for fourteen years, at the end of that time taking advantage of an opportunity to purchase his present estate. Since then he has been engaged in both farming and milling, doing some of the most satisfactory work in this locality, in his mill. This old stone structure was erected in 1833, by John Townsend, and was originally a water-power mill, but with other improvements, Mr. Reed replaced the old power with a gas engine.

The marriage of Frank Reed was on March 9, 1853, to Sarah J. Lary, and the children of this union were: Adela, who died in young womanhood; Laura A. and Edna F., both cultured and intelligent ladies, living with their parents, and, with their mother, leading members of the Presbyterian church.

The birth of Mrs. Reed was on July 10, 1833, and she was a daughter of Uriah and Juliann (Barge) Lary, natives of Paradise township. Uriah Lary was killed by a peculiar accident, being struck in a vital part by the tongue of a wagon while he was in the act of removing it from the barn. This occurred in 1837, when he was yet in the prime of life, having only reached his fortieth year. His widow survived until 1856, reaching her fiftieth year. Their children were: Benjamin F., who died in a field hospital, during the Civil war; Adeline, who is the widow of William Barnett, of Iowa; Mary A., who is the widow of Uriah Miller, of Paradise township; and Sarah J., who became Mrs. Reed.

Few men of this township are more widely known than Mr. Reed, and he counts his friends by the number of his acquaintances. A staunch Republican, he takes a great interest in the success of his party, but has held no office except that of school director and that of supervisor, in Colerain township. His religious training was in the Quaker

faith, but he is liberal enough to see good in all, and while not confining himself to any fixed doctrine, his exemplary life speaks for itself, and he is universally esteemed. His present farming land comprises twenty-six acres, and he still is quite capable of managing both it and his milling interests, although he has passed the limit of three-score years, which in the old days marked a man's decline. Vigorous in mind and body, Mr. Reed is a living example of the results of an exemplary and temperate life.

BACHMAN. The founder of the Bachman family in Lancaster county was John Bachman, who was born March 20, 1746. His native country was Switzerland, and thence he came to the United States while still a young man, and established in Lancaster county a family which has grown into wealth and prominence.

John Bachman, the pioneer, was married April 9, 1771, to Maria Rohrer, who was born Jan. 28, 1749, and their family consisted of the following children: Anna, born Jan. 18, 1772; Maria, May 7, 1773; John, Jan. 20, 1775; Elizabeth, Dec. 14, 1776; Barbara, Dec. 20, 1778; Christian, March 1, 1780; Jacob, April 25, 1782; Susannah, March 29, 1784; and Maria, Aug. 16, 1786. Of this family, Maria married John McCartney, of West Lampeter township. Susan remained single, and lived to an advanced age.

John Bachman, son of John, born Jan. 20, 1775, came into the world during a historic time in West Lampeter township, and there and in Pequea township he spent his life, and carried on his father's business, that of cabinet making and undertaking. He was located between Willowstreet and West Willow, in Pequea township, where for very many years he could be found, an industrious and thorough workman, and a man highly respected throughout the neighborhood. As one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church he set an example of exemplary living, and his decease, on Nov. 10, 1849, was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. John Bachman (2) was married Dec. 12, 1797, to Esther Grider, who was born Feb. 16, 1780, and died Sept. 28, 1850. Their children were: Jacob, born Sept. 24, 1798, died July 4, 1869; John, born Oct. 5, 1799, died Sept. 9, 1876; Anna, born Feb. 24, 1802, died March 2, 1819; Christian, born April 10, 1803, died May 9, 1857; Susannah, born Feb. 18, 1805, died Nov. 5, 1888, unmarried; Benjamin, born July 17, 1807, died July 24, 1843; Mary, born Dec. 6, 1808, died March 12, 1811; and Barbara, born Oct. 27, 1811, died Sept. 24, 1815.

Jacob Bachman, the eldest in the family of John (2), was born in Pequea township, between Willowstreet and West Willow, and was reared to his father's business, which he also adopted. On Feb. 12, 1822, he married Barbara Kendig, who was born Nov. 16, 1803, and died Jan. 30, 1876. She was the daughter of Christian and Barbara (Mylin) Kendig,

of Conestoga township, where they were much respected residents. After their marriage Jacob Bachman and wife moved to East Lampeter township, and located his cabinetmaking business near Soudersburg. In the course of time the little settlement grew, and as the Bachman family was the most prominent the name soon became Bachmantown. For forty-eight years Jacob Bachman was a resident of that locality, and few indeed were there who did not know him well. In connection with his trade he also engaged extensively in farming, and was a man who took an interest in public affairs, always advocating measures for the advancement of education, and more progressive than almost any other citizen. His connection with the board of education lasted many years, and many of the advantages enjoyed at the present time may be traced to his persevering and intelligent management of affairs. Both he and his estimable wife have long since passed away, and rest in the Mennonite burying-ground in Strasburg.

The ten children born to Jacob Bachman and his wife were as follows: Ann, born Jan. 20, 1823, died May 21, 1895; she became the wife of Jacob Weaver, who died in their early married life. Eli, born Jan. 15, 1825, resided in West Lampeter township, until his death, Oct. 1, 1901. Christian, born May 22, 1827, died May 14, 1901. Susan, born Nov. 20, 1829, is the widow of Augustus Baum, and resides in Quarryville. John K., born June 10, 1832, is a resident of East Lampeter. Barbara, born March 28, 1835, is the wife of Harvey Sherts, of Strasburg township. Martin, born Jan. 30, 1838, died Oct. 3, 1884, in West Virginia, where he owned large tracts of timber land and also was the proprietor of a sawmill; he was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., entering as a private, and being mustered out a lieutenant; after serving gallantly for three years, he was slightly wounded and held in prison; after the war he went to West Virginia, became prominent in the Republican party, and was a man of ability in every direction. Magdalena, born March 30, 1841, is unmarried and resides in Strasburg. Jacob H., born March 22, 1844, died Sept. 11, 1872, he was a resident of Strasburg, where he carried on cabinetmaking. Elizabeth, born Sept. 19, 1848, is the wife of Frank Book, a farmer of Strasburg township.

Christian Bachman was reared in East Lampeter, and learned the trade of cabinetmaking with his father, remaining with him until his marriage, on Dec. 4, 1855, when he moved into Strasburg and established himself there, opening up a business in cabinetmaking and undertaking, and continuing as its active head until 1897. In 1880, however, he had associated with him in the business his two capable sons, Ellis and Frank, the firm name becoming C. Bachman & Sons, and this arrangement continued until 1888, when Frank Bachman withdrew. The business was then conducted under the firm name of C. Bachman & Son, this style obtaining until the



Chris Bachman

retirement of the father and the assumption of the entire business by Ellis Bachman under the firm name, as it is at present, of E. Bachman.

When the business was first established the firm manufactured all of the goods sold by the house, but later, as the demands of trade kept increasing, they found it desirable and necessary to place a larger line of furniture in their stock, which gradually has come to embrace every style and kind in their line known to the trade. When Christian Bachman retired from active business it was to leave the important industry in younger hands. For many years he had occupied a prominent position in the public eye, for twenty-five years serving on the board of education, and for another quarter of a century officiating as a notary public, and in spite of private interests he had ever been ready, when called upon, to serve his borough to the best of his ability, usually without profit to himself. As a generous promoter of all progressive and educational movements in Strasburg, his attitude was well known. In his political affiliations he was always a Republican.

Christian Bachman married Miss Barbara Buckwalter, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mylin) Buckwalter, who was born in Strasburg township March 10, 1833, and died March 22, 1901. She was a most estimable woman, and a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman were the parents of seven children: (1) Ellis, born Aug. 15, 1856, is his father's successor in the well-known firm of Bachman & Son. (2) Benjamin Franklin, born Sept. 18, 1858, first learned his father's business, and for a few years was associated with him, but decided to adopt the profession of veterinary surgeon, and took a course in that line in the University of Pennsylvania; after graduating he located for practice in Strasburg, but in the fall of 1900 removed to Pittsburg, where he is now engaged at his profession. He married Miss Elizabeth Loher, and they have three children, Walter, Nancy, and Emily. (3) Harry, born April 25, 1861, died April 19, 1864. (4) William, born Oct. 24, 1863, is a clerk in the Allegheny Galvanizing Company, Pittsburg. (5) Morris, born April 12, 1866, resides in Sharon, Pa. He married Miss Minnie Bachman, and they have two children, John Tedford and Frederick Christian. (6) Edith, born Sept. 26, 1868, is the wife of Isaac H. Weaver, a tobacco dealer and packer of Lancaster city, and they have two children, Herbert and Edward. (7) Charles, born Sept. 30, 1872, resides in Pittsburg, and is the manager, secretary and treasurer of the Allegheny Galvanizing Company.

ELLIS BACHMAN was reared and educated in Strasburg borough, and with his father he learned the trade of cabinetmaking, and learned it thoroughly. Devoting his whole attention to the business since he has assumed full control, he has been enabled to fill the requirements of a critical public, and has been long regarded as a most reliable business man. For the past fifteen years has served effi-

ciently in the office of assessor, and is at present a notary public, succeeding his father. In politics he is a Republican, and one of the active workers for the party.

Ellis Bachman was married, Oct. 31, 1883, to Miss Lillian S. Arnold, who was born Jan. 26, 1859, a daughter of the late Thomas Arnold, of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Bachman are the parents of nine children: Robert, born Nov. 5, 1884, who is in the employ of the Griffin Manufacturing Company, Erie, Pa., as bookkeeper (he is a graduate of the public schools of Strasburg, class of 1900); Harold C., a clerk in the First National Bank, Strasburg; Barbara A.; Pauline N.; Stanley; Donald; Morris; Thomas and Charles.

MORRIS BACHMAN, son of Christian Bachman, has proven himself to be an energetic and successful business man. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Strasburg, from which he graduated in 1883, supplementing this instruction with a special course at the State Normal School, in Millersville. The following spring he entered the office of J. W. Hoffman & Co., iron brokers, in Philadelphia, and remained there until the fall of that year, when he went to Chicago, Ill., and entered the wholesale hardware house of Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co., remaining with them until the following May.

Returning from Chicago to Strasburg, Mr. Bachman embarked in the chicken business, using incubators, and enlarging until he was locally known as something of a chicken fancier. In the following spring he entered the auditing department of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Pittsburg, several months later becoming associated with Lindsay & McCutcheon, manufacturers of hoop iron. He was their traveling salesman for two and one-half years, at the end of which time, after resigning his position, he became associated, in the same capacity, with the firm of J. Painter & Sons Co., of Pittsburg, his territory covering the United States and Canada. Mr. Bachman, desiring a more practical knowledge of the iron business, went to Homestead, and entered the iron works of the Carnegie Steel Co. at the time of the great strike, and almost lost his life as a consequence of drinking some of the poisoned water. Through this he was incapacitated from November until the following March, but in the spring of 1893 he returned to Pittsburg, and was made the manager of a coal mine at Coal Center, continuing in this capacity until the following August. He then became associated with William Clark, Son & Co., of Pittsburg, manufacturers of steel hoops, bands, etc., and acted as salesman for their business for two years, when he returned to his old firm, Lindsay & McCutcheon, and remained in their employ several years. In 1898, in company with Veryl Preston, he organized the Monessen Steel Company, locating the plant at Monessen, Pa., where a business was inaugurated for the manufacture of steel hoops and bands, cotton ties, etc. After operat-

ing for about a month the business was bought by the American Steel Hoop Company, of which company Mr. Bachman was made general sales agent, with office in New York, holding this position until the fall of 1900, when he resigned it to organize the Sharon Steel Hoop Company, with a capital of \$200,000, of which company he is the president.

Morris Bachman, though yet a young man, has had a varied business career, but he has been working to one end. Thoroughly equipped, with boundless energy combined with complete and practical knowledge, he is well fitted to be at the head of a great enterprise. With clear business foresight and sagacity, fitted by nature to command, a hard-working man himself, he has before him a promising future, and reflects credit upon the name he bears and the locality which is proud to consider him one of its products.

FREDERICK KINZLER, at the time of his death a retired shoe manufacturer, and one of the pioneers in his line in Lancaster, Pa., was born in Winnenden, Wurtemberg, Germany, Sept. 13, 1821, a son of John J. and Catherine M. (Beck) Kinzler, who were born, reared and eventually died in the same German town. The father was a millwright and coach manufacturer, and besides Frederick, who is the youngest in the family, he had three other children: Christopher, who died in America; Gottlob, who was a cloth weaver, and died in Germany; and Jacobenia, who married Mr. Frey, and later Mr. Vogel, and died in Philadelphia.

In Germany Frederick Kinzler learned the tanners' trade, and followed the same until his immigration to America in 1842. Upon settling in Philadelphia he failed to find work in his chosen line, and so went to Pine Grove, Pa., and worked in a tanner's for a couple of years. A second effort to find work in Philadelphia also resulted in failure and he therefore learned the trade of shoe-making, to which he applied himself until his removal to Lancaster in 1849. He was successful as a shoe-maker in his new location, and in 1851 opened his late business which grew to such proportions that he was obliged to hire his shoes made, himself attending to the management thereof. Owing to continued ill health he was compelled to retire from active business in 1898, and upon his daughter, Elizabeth, fell the responsibility hitherto assumed by the father. This arrangement was satisfactorily carried on and under the new state of affairs the store is still recognized as the headquarters for reliable and up-to-date shoes.

In 1848, in Philadelphia, Mr. Kinzler married Dorothea Frank, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Dec. 2, 1827, and died in Lancaster June 30, 1895. Mrs. Kinzler was the daughter of Jacob Frank, a farmer on an extensive scale in Wurtemberg, who had the following children: Caroline, the wife of John Frank, a farmer in Lancaster county; Henry, a shoe merchant in Lancaster; Dorothea; Mary;

David; and George, a resident of Germany. To Mr. and Mrs. Kinzler were born the following children: Caroline, the deceased wife of Jacob Deichler, an artist; Frederick, who died at the age of thirty; Emma, the widow of Frederick Freuend, of Lancaster; Elizabeth, living at home and managing her father's shoe business; Louise, deceased at the age of five years; Anna M., the wife of Alfred Allen, a grocer of Philadelphia; Ella D., who married Henry Sachs, manager of a cigar manufactory in Lancaster. Mr. Kinzer was a Democrat in politics, and was a member of the Zion Lutheran church, of which he was treasurer for many years. He was one of the financially sound men of the town, and had an enviable reputation for sobriety, thrift and devotion to the best interests of the community. He died June 12, 1902, and was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, Lancaster.

ABRAHAM B. HAVERSTICK, one of the representative citizens of Lancaster county, has his home in Neffsville, where his manly qualities and genuine worth have made him many friends.

Mr. Haverstick was born at Wabank, Jan. 6, 1837, a son of John Haverstick, whose sketch appears elsewhere, and was reared on the family homestead, receiving his education in the common schools, where he learned to write with the old quill pen. Though the schooling of the times was of the crudest character, young Haverstick attended until he was eighteen years old, mostly in the winter season.

Mr. Haverstick remained with his father until 1861, when he moved to his farm in Manheim township, on the Fruitville turnpike, four miles from the city of Lancaster, an estate containing ninety-eight acres, being one of the finely improved farms of the county. The barn was erected by the elder Haverstick, and Abraham B. himself modernized the home and put up other buildings. His parents spent their last years under the roof of their son. In 1897 Mr. Haverstick erected his present handsome modern residence at Neffsville, which is a credit to the place. He and his worthy wife are living in retirement. While devoting his active life to the farming of the Manheim place, he owns a farm of 109 acres in Ephrata township, as well as his handsome residence in Neffsville, and is a stockholder and director of the Fruitville Turnpike Company. In the Penn Turnpike Company he is a stockholder, as he is of the Lancaster Chemical Company, in the founding of which he was active. He was at one time a director of the Manheim-Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has also been a member of the School Board.

Mr. Haverstick was married May 20, 1868, to Catherine, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Deitrich) Martin. Mrs. Haverstick was born April 22, 1840, in Warwick township, near Lititz, and is the mother of the following children: Dora A., born May 14, 1869, died Feb. 17, 1872; Steh-

man M., born Sept. 19, 1871, died April 2, 1872; Monroe P., a farmer on the homestead in Manheim township, who was born March 24, 1873, married a graduate of Lancaster business college, Salinda Graybill, and has one child, May; Clayton D., born Oct. 2, 1876, a teacher in the public schools of the county, a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, married Miss Maggie Heist, and is living at Lititz; Mamie, born July 7, 1879, the wife of George Groff, of Manheim township.

Mr. and Mrs. Haverstick and their children are members of the Lutheran church, of which he is an elder, and his eldest son a deacon. All the members of this family command the respect and esteem of the community for their worth and character.

PROF. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SHAUB, ex-county superintendent and treasurer and one of the owners of the Lancaster Carpet Company, Inc., dealers in carpets, rugs, mattings, etc., was born April 25, 1841, in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., son of Benjamin and Susannah (Wade) Shaub, natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Shaub, the father, was a farmer in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, where he was a well known and influential man, highly respected by all who knew him. His death occurred in 1896, when he was eighty years of age, and his wife died in 1899, aged eighty-four years, both dying at Strasburg; they were buried in the Old Mennonite cemetery, as they were members of that denomination and most worthy, Christian people. Five children were born to these parents: Benjamin Franklin; Amos, a shoe merchant of Lancaster, Pa.; John, a shoe merchant of Lancaster; Christian, a clothing merchant of Lancaster; Mary, widow of David E. Mayer of Strasburg. The paternal grandfather was John Shaub, and he married Elizabeth Gochenaur. He was a farmer of Providence township, and a man of prominence and influence in the community. The first of the Shaub family to settle in this country was a native of Switzerland.

During his boyhood days, Prof. Shaub worked upon his father's farm, attending school during the winter seasons. At the age of eighteen, so advanced was he in his studies, he began teaching, and continued as an instructor in the public schools for five years, giving unqualified satisfaction and winning many friends. His first school was at Fairview, in Strasburg township, and at the expiration of five years, although only twenty-three, he was offered the position of principal of the high school in Bellefonte, Center county, Pa., which he retained one year, and then entered the Millersville Normal School, from which he was graduated with high honors, in the scientific course, in 1869. In that year he was elected Professor of Physics and of German, in the Millersville Normal school, and

remained in this position until 1871, when he resigned to enter upon the study of law, under the preceptorship of Hon. John B. Livingston, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In 1872 Mr. Shaub was elected county superintendent, and continued in that office for eleven and one-half years. In 1883 he was elected principal of the Millersville Normal school and remained in that position four years. Many important improvements were made in the school under his principalship, and the tone of the school was kept at high grade. A fine reading room was established, and the entire institution was supplied with water throughout, in a most perfect manner, thus furnishing a basis for many subsequent improvements.

In 1887 he resigned the principalship, and removed to Lancaster and entered into his present business, with John V. Vondersmith, these two partners continuing alone until 1891, when the concern was incorporated, with Mr. Shaub as treasurer, and Mr. Vondersmith as superintendent. The extensive business connections built up by this organization have placed it among the leading commercial houses of Lancaster, and reflect credit upon both Mr. Shaub and his associates.

As an educator, Mr. Shaub was a capable and practical man of wide experience and peculiarly adapted for his work.

In 1880 he was president of the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association. In 1875 Franklin and Marshall College conferred upon Mr. Shaub the degree of A. M.; and in 1885 Lafayette College conferred upon him the degree of Ph. D.

As a business man, he has also been successful and the results accomplished by him, demonstrate what can be done by industry and through comprehension of the details of the work undertaken.

Mr. Shaub is married to Alwilda Book, who was born in Strasburg, Pa., a daughter of Michael and Sarah (Spiehlman) Book, of Lancaster county, Pa., where the father was a farmer. These parents were of Swiss and German descent. One child was born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Shaub, Miss Miriam, who resides with her parents, is a graduate of the Lancaster high school, and is now teaching Latin in Prof. Moore's school for young ladies, Cotta College, Lancaster. The family are members of the M. E. church, in which organization Mr. Shaub was Sunday-school superintendent for five years, and is now a member of its official board. In politics, he is a Republican, and always takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the advancement of the highest ideals in the community.

ABRAHAM NEWCOMER, one of the prosperous and best known farmers in Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa., and residing two miles south of Mountville, was born July 8, 1842, and was reared on the old homestead. He was educated in the public schools, and at nineteen years of age

began learning the carpenter's trade with Jacob Sneath; this trade he followed for eight years, and then began farming near Safe Harbor on a tract of thirty-seven acres. Seven years later he purchased forty-two acres of the Lehman farm, to which he at once removed, having sold his farm at Safe Harbor. He passed eighteen years on this new property, then without selling it, returned to the old Newcomer homestead in 1896, on which he lived until the spring of 1899, when he located on his present farm, south of Mountville. He now owns the forty-two-acre Lehman farm, forty acres of the Newcomer homestead, and six and a half acres where he resides near Mountville. In conjunction with general farming he has done considerable carpenter work and has erected all his own buildings as occasion required.

Mr. Newcomer married, Nov. 10, 1868, Miss Mary Ann Rutt, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of David Rutt. To this union have been born nine children, in the following order: Alice, wife of Frank Hershey, of West Hempfield township; Amos, farming on his father's place and married to Clara Witmer; Martha, wife of Milton Millhouse, a farmer of Manor township; Abraham, also a farmer in Manor township and married to Ellen Dombauch; Mary; Ellen, Elizabeth, David and Annie.

Mr. Newcomer has been an active member of the Mennonite church about twenty-three years, and for a long time has been a member of the official board; in April, 1899, he was made a deacon, and his life has been one of quiet usefulness and industry. The family stand among the county's most worthy and respected citizens, and although unassuming in deportment, are effective in their usefulness.

EDWARD D. REILLY has within a comparatively brief career as a member of the Lancaster County Bar established himself among the successful representatives of the legal fraternity in his section. He has already been honored with positions of public trust and private confidence, and in the discharge of the duties of these incumbencies has proved himself eminently worthy.

Mr. Reilly was born Nov. 25, 1869, in Easton, Pa., youngest son of the late John Reilly, who came to this country from Ireland in 1836. He landed in New York, and made his way soon after to Lancaster. John Reilly did a vast amount of work as a railroad and bridge builder, undertaking and carrying to successful conclusion many large and important contracts, notable among them being the contract for the Lachine canal, in Canada, the North Pennsylvania railroad, the Lehigh & Susquehanna Valley railroad, at Easton, the Easton & Amboy railroad, the Chestnut street bridge, at Philadelphia, and many hardly less notable undertakings. For some time he was associated with the late Richard McGrann, the father of B. J. McGrann, the firm

being Reilly & McGrann. Mr. Reilly died at Easton, Pa., at the age of fifty-four years, at the very prime of his manhood and business ability. The family came to Lancaster in 1875, and there they have since remained.

John Reilly had six brothers, all of whom came to the United States, rising to prominence as contractors. Dennis Reilly, one of the brothers, was a leading ironmaster at Easton, Pa. John Reilly was married, in 1856, to Mary, daughter of Thomas Wallace, for years the keeper of an old-time inn at Huntingdon, famous in the days before the railroad as a stopping-place for travelers by stage and coach. Mr. Wallace passed away full of years and honor at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Reilly, in Lancaster, in 1889, when ninety years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. John Reilly became the parents of the following family: (1) John B., a railroad and bridge builder of Lancaster; (2) T. Wallace, now a member of the wholesale grocery firm of M. S. Miller & Co., of Lancaster; (3) Richard M., of Reilly Bros. & Raub; (4) William H., deceased, formerly of Reilly Bros. & Raub; (5) Mary and (6) Elizabeth, both of whom are at home with their mother; (7) Edward D., mentioned below; and (8) Margaret, the wife of the Hon. J. Hay Brown, Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Edward D. Reilly was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, graduating from the high school in 1885. He attended Mt. St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md., from which he was graduated in June, 1888, and the following year entered upon a business career. In the fall of 1889 he began the study of law with John A. Coyle, and was admitted to practice Dec. 20, 1892. In 1892 and during the two ensuing years he was president of the Young Men's Democratic Society, and in 1896 was elected a member of the city council from the Second ward by a majority of two votes. In 1897 and 1900 he was elected to the school board, and has been chairman of the Judiciary committee of that body since his first election. Belonging to St. Mary's Catholic Church, he is serving on the board of St. Mary's Orphan Asylum. Mr. Reilly is connected with a number of Catholic societies, holding membership in St. Michael's Beneficial Union, of which he was president for two years; the Leo XIII Society; the Knights of St. John; and the Pennsylvania C. B. L.

Mr. Reilly was married, Dec. 29, 1897, to Miss Katharine Eugenie, daughter of A. F. and Emily Keating, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

A Democrat in politics, and a warm supporter of Bryan, Mr. Reilly is recognized as one of the leading young Democrats of Lancaster county, and has frequently been a delegate to county and State conventions, being the county committeeman at the present time from the Second ward. During his preparation for the law Mr. Reilly acted as a reporter for a great part of the time on the Lancaster *Examiner*, until his press of work in making ready for the final examination compelled him to devote all his time to



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study. During this time, and since his entrance upon professional life, Mr. Reilly has developed marked ability as a writer of strong and forcible English. As a lawyer, a large success has attended his efforts.

Liberal in his views and practice, a fine conversationalist, and possessed of a kindly and genial nature, Mr. Reilly has developed rapidly in his professional and social relations, and gives every promise of a brilliant future.

CHRISTIAN LEFEVER, himself a prominent resident of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, descends from one of the old and honored families of the county. Isaac Lefever, the great-great-grandfather of Christian, was the founder of this family in America. He came from Strasburg, in Alsace-Lorraine, and landed in New York, coming at a later date to Lancaster, where he secured many hundred acres of land. Still later he bought a tract of 400 acres, though described in the deed as consisting of 350 acres. This was divided, and the part on which the family home was erected has descended to Christian Lefever. It comprises about a hundred acres, and a nephew, Martin Lefever, owns 155 acres. The remainder of the vast property held by the American ancestor of the family has passed out of the hands of his descendants. Phillip Lefever, the son of Isaac, received by deed his large property in West Lampeter township, the consideration being "natural love and affection."

Adam Lefever was the grandfather of Christian, and was born on the old homestead, where Christian is now living. His death in 1815 carried him away at the age of sixty-eight years. A farmer all his life, he was a man of industry and character, and reared a family of thirteen children: Henry, the father of Christian; Adam; Philip; John; Daniel; George; Samuel; Peter; Jacob; Catherine, wife of Henry Mandebach; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Esbenshade; Esther, who married Jacob Rothfen; Mary, wife of Dr. Peter Lefever.

Henry Lefever, noted above, was born April 11, 1772, and died in Sept. 1844. His active life began as a day laborer and wood chopper. For a short time he was in the building business, and as he had become somewhat prosperous, he bought a small farm, and engaged in the cultivation of the soil. When rather advanced in years he bought 200 acres from the estate, and when he died was quite wealthy. His business judgment and personal probity were highly regarded by his fellow townsmen, and several estates were put into his hands to settle. Many local offices were filled by him, and he was considered one of the leading men of the town. Henry Lefever married Miss Elizabeth Hess, a daughter of Christian Hess; she died early in life, leaving two children: Christian, whose name introduces this article; and Adam, a farmer in West Lampeter township, now dead. The father was a member of the Old Mennonite church.

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Christian Lefever was born Nov. 24, 1823, and received his education in the public schools. His father dying while he was still a boy, Christian took charge of the farm before he was twenty-one, and from that time to the present has had charge of the family homestead, comprising a hundred acres, which has now passed into his ownership. Following in the line of his ancestral character and industry, he has become one of the leading men of the community in which he lives. His farm now comprises 192 acres of the best land Lancaster county, the garden of the state, affords. He is also a director in the Farmers' Bank and the Lancaster County Bank in the city of Lancaster. Since 1899, on account of failing health, he has been compelled to give up many of his business associations, and lives very much retired.

Mr. Lefever takes an active interest in local affairs, and from time to time has filled many of the town offices. His property is kept up in the best of shape, and he has erected on his farm three different sets of farm buildings.

Mr. Lefever was married in 1853 to Annie a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brackbill) Houser, by whom he has had the following family: Jacob, who died just prior to his graduation in medicine; Annie, who died at the age of twenty years; Christian E., who died about the age of twenty-four years, remembered as one of the bright and promising young men of the county; Elizabeth, married to W. B. Gontner, a farmer on the old homestead; Harry L., married to Frances E. Harnish, and living in Lancaster township.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefever belong to the Old Mennonite church, and are highly esteemed by those who know them best, for their many good qualities and genuine worth.

LEVI S. HACKER (deceased), at one time a conspicuous and central figure in Lititz, Lancaster county, was a native of the borough of Ephrata, in that county, and was born Sept. 7, 1822. His father was Jacob Hacker and his mother bore the maiden name of Steiner. He was educated in his native borough, where he also made his first business venture while still a very young man, by opening a dry goods store. A short time afterwards, however, he disposed of this business and went to Philadelphia, and engaged in dry goods jobbing at the corner of Third and Market streets, in connection with a Mr. Riegel and a Mr. Conrad, under the firm name of Hacker, Riegel & Conrad; this style was maintained for nineteen years, when Mr. Hacker returned to Lititz and entered the lumber trade with Mr. Beckler under the firm name of Hacker & Beckler. This firm continued for many years, when Mr. Beckler withdrew to accept a position in the Lititz National Bank. Mr. Hacker then relinquished his retail department, but still continued the wholesale business until his death, Feb. 22, 1889.

In the death of Mr. Hacker, Lititz and Lancaster county lost a most useful and valuable citizen, although he took no active part in politics, neither did he unite with any of the secret societies, preferring the companionship of the wife and children and the comforts of his home to those of any club or society organization. He was, however, an active member of the Reformed church and an ardent worker in the Sabbath-school, and for years was a Sabbath-school teacher. While a resident of Philadelphia he was a member and trustee of Dr. Willitt's church, but after returning to Lititz he and his family attended the Moravian church as the Reformed society had no church edifice in this borough.

Mr. Hacker married, Aug. 18, 1859, Miss Lavinia L. Arndt, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Bartruff) Arndt, of Manheim, and this marriage was blessed with three children, the eldest of whom died in infancy; Mary, wife of Haydn Miksch, and Ella, wife of Martin Hess, are both residents of Lititz. No family in this borough is more respected than that of the deceased Levi S. Hacker, and no gentleman was ever more highly esteemed for his many personal virtues than Mr. Hacker himself.

SAMUEL C. STEVENSON, a well known and successful business man of Mt. Nebo, Martic township, is a native of that township, born Jan. 20, 1842, son of John and Elizabeth (Doulin) Stevenson.

John Stevenson, the father, was born in Martic township, Dec. 1, 1807, and died in 1896. His wife was born in 1809 and died in 1855. They were married in 1829 and had a family of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, viz.: Mary S., the widow of John B. Appleton, of Martic township; Harriet Ann, the wife of Gilbert Smith, of Philadelphia; Samuel C., of this sketch; Matilda H., deceased; William E., in the West; and Elizabeth, of Philadelphia. John Stevenson was a son of Samuel, a grandson of Samuel, and a great-grandson of John Stevenson. In politics he was a Democrat. He belonged to the Presbyterian church, and was a man who was honored and respected in the community.

Samuel C. Stevenson was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the public schools. In 1858 he commenced to learn the cabinet-making trade and the undertaking business, and has followed both in Mount Nebo up to the present time. On May 7, 1863, Mr. Stevenson was united in marriage with Miss Mary Clark, daughter of Thomas Clark, born Aug. 25, 1842, and this union has been blessed with two children, namely: George E., who is now a resident of Mount Nebo; and Emma D., who is the wife of W. W. Erb, of Martic township, more extended mention of whom will be found in another part of this volume.

In politics, Mr. Stevenson has long been an

influential member of the Democratic party and has efficiently served his township as assessor and justice of the peace. Mr. Stevenson has been particularly active and useful in the Mount Nebo Methodist church, serving as steward of that body and for many years as superintendent of the Sunday-school. He is also identified with a number of the leading fraternal societies, notably Lodge No. 374, of Rawlinsville, I. O. O. F.; Lodge No. 423, K. of P., of Rawlinsville, and also of the Mystic Chain of Mount Nebo.

Mr. Stevenson is a man who commands the esteem, respect and confidence of his community, as he is honorable and upright in his dealings, is a worthy citizen, a true friend, a model Christian and kind husband and father.

HENRY PATTON, general farmer and ex-carpenter in Salisbury township, was born one-half mile from his present home, Dec. 4, 1838, son of Linton and Elizabeth (Reel) Patton, the former of whom died in Jan. 1867, aged seventy-one years. The latter died in 1879, at the age of eighty years, and they were interred in the Pequea Presbyterian church cemetery.

Henry Patton grew up on the farm and remained at home assisting his father until the outbreak of the Civil war. With other loyal defenders of his country's flag, he enlisted in Lancaster, Aug. 19, 1861, in Co. A, 79th P. V. I., for three years and served valiantly under Captains William K. Kerdrig and James L. Benson. Mr. Patton's service was a hard one and he still has reminders of it from a musket ball wound in the left thigh, the ball never having been found. This wound necessitated a stay in the hospital from October until Christmas, when he rejoined his company at Stone River. He participated in many very serious battles, beginning with that of Perryville, where he was wounded, Stone River and Chickamauga. He was with Gen. Sherman's forces in Georgia and was discharged Oct. 3, 1864, at Atlanta. In March, 1865, at Philadelphia, Mr. Patton enlisted in Co. F., First Army Corps, U. S. Vet. Vol. and served through one year and was then honorably discharged at Madison, Wisconsin.

Upon his return home, Mr. Patton resumed work as a carpenter, which trade he had previously learned, following it three years prior to his enlistment, and for twenty years he worked in this part of Lancaster county, becoming known as one of the most reliable men in his line in the locality. Since retiring from his trade, he has successfully followed farming, proving himself as excellent a farmer as he was soldier and builder. In politics Mr. Patton is a Democrat.

ANDREW KRAY (deceased). One of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster, Pa., was Andrew Krav, whose death took place on Nov. 18, 1899. His life was one filled with good works and

kind actions, and his memory is held in reverence by his descendants. He amassed a competency for his family, set them a most estimable example and in every sense was a devoted father and husband, a kind neighbor and friend and a most excellent citizen.

Mr. Kray was born in Waldalgesheim, Germany, on April 18, 1832, and was a son of Peter Kray, who passed his life in Germany. The family of Peter Kray consisted of the following children: Peter, who is a retired shoe manufacturer, in Lancaster; Fred, who was a gardener by trade, died in Coleman, Ala.; Andrew, of this sketch; Margaret, who was the wife of Ernest Hankte, died in Germany, while Andrew Kray was on a visit there; Elizabeth, who lives on the old family homestead in the house which was built in 1706. Andrew Kray served his apprenticeship to the trade of shoe-maker, and followed that in his own country until 1853, when he emigrated to America. He joined other Germans who had previously located in Lancaster, Pa., and worked industriously until within a few years of his death, when he retired from activity. He was a quiet, unassuming man, and was particularly fond of his home and friends. The attachment which continued to exist through life, to his most estimable wife, was a most beautiful trait in his character. For years they were almost inseparable, attending to home duties and outside business in companionship. The devoted wife was called first from earth, and it seemed as if the strong bond of affection existing between them enabled her to foresee the date of his decease, which took place as she predicted, and the father and mother of the four surviving children, lie side by side in St. Anthony's cemetery.

On June 12, 1855, Mr. Kray married Margaret Kaber, in Lancaster. She was born Dec. 2, 1822, in Braunweiler, Germany, a daughter of John Kaber, who was a farmer there. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kaber were: Elizabeth, who married Peter Sheid, died in Lancaster; Agnes, who married John Kaber, died in Germany; Katherine, who married John Long, died in Germany; Emma, who married Nicolaus Wies, died in Germany; Nicholas, died in Germany; Christian, who died in Germany; and Margaret, who married Mr. Kray. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kray were: Peter, who died in infancy; John, who died in infancy; Andrew F., who is a retired printer and shoe manufacturer, resides in Lancaster; Mary, who married August Geiger, a confectioner and grocer in Lancaster; John A., who married Helen Hebrank, is a shoe manufacturer in Lancaster; Barbara and Fred, both of whom died in infancy, and Catherine M., who married Joseph Geiger, who is a shoe manufacturer in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Kray reared this family carefully and well, educated them and lived to see them honored and respected members of society.

Mr. Kray was one of the founders of St.

Anthony's church and was always liberal in his benefactions to it. At the time of his death he was connected with a number of beneficiary societies, namely: St. Peter's, St. Joseph's, Conestoga, Shillows and Fulton, thus showing his interest in the welfare of those to come after him. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Kray was very well known in Lancaster and was universally esteemed.

JACOB N. NEWCOMER, a retired farmer, now living at Salunga, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born in Rapho township in July, 1834, a son of Christian and Catherine (Nissley) Newcomer, both of whom were native to the soil of Lancaster county.

Jacob N. Newcomer was married in 1858, in Lancaster, Pa., to Barbara Weidman. There were born to this union nine children: (1) Amos W., now living on the old homestead, was married Oct. 25, 1883, to Mary S. Snyder, and to their union have come the following children: Fanny S., Ada S., Harvey S., and Jacob. (2) David W., who lives at Quarryville, married Susan Musser, by whom he had Melvin, Irwin, Bertha, Ray, Cora, Frank, Katie and Barbara. (3) Fanny W. married H. N. Bair, of West Hempfield township, and is the mother of Norman and Frances. (4) Alice W. married John E. Garber, of West Donegal township, by whom he has had these children, Stella, Paris, Barbara, Alice, Jonas and Rhoda. (5) Levi W. is single, and lives at home. (6) Jacob W. married Mary Beamderfer, of East Donegal township, by whom he had the following children, Elmer, Esther, Barbara, Alice and Oscar. (7) John W. married Kate Kreider, of Mt. Joy township, by whom he has had the following children, Ira K., Clayton K., Lizzie K., and Hannah May K. (8) Barbara W. married Ira Longenecker, a farmer of East Donegal township. (9) Ezra W. lives in Mt. Joy, Pa., and his history is found on another page.

Jacob N. Newcomer came to his present farm shortly before his marriage, and here he remained until April, 1901, when he moved to Salunga, to pass his declining years in that peace and rest which his honest and useful life has so well merited. In his more active years he took a prominent part in local affairs, served three terms as supervisor, and took a leading part in the affairs of the Republican party. In religion he was a member of the Mennonite Church, and was a man of virtue, honesty and simple and unaffected piety.

AMOS W. NEWCOMER, a general farmer on the old family homestead, where he was born March 6, 1861, has made a marked success in his somewhat limited career as an independent and progressive farmer.

Mrs. Mary S. (Snyder) Newcomer was born in East Donegal township Sept. 18, 1861, a daughter of Christian and Fannie (Stauffer) Snyder, of East and West Donegal townships. Her parents died on the farm where her father was born. He was an

industrious and enterprising man, and retired from active labor some seven years prior to his death Sept. 2, 1886, at the age of sixty-eight. His wife passed to her rest in September, 1863, at the early age of thirty-four years. They were buried in Kraybill's cemetery; both belonged to the Mennonite Church, and lived in a modest and simple manner, in close harmony with the tenets of their faith. These were their children: Jacob, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy; Mary, who is Mrs. Newcomer. Mr. Snyder was twice married, his first wife being Mary Garber, by whom he had: Levi G., who died young; John G., now a retired farmer in Mt. Joy; Anna G., who married Christian Newcomer, a farmer in Rapho township; Henry G., a farmer in Warwick township; Christian G., a farmer in West Donegal township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Newcomer were Henry and Maria (Witmer) Snyder, of Lancaster county.

Amos W. Newcomer remained on the farm where he is now found, until after his marriage, when he removed to East Donegal township, where he spent eight years. In Mt. Joy township he was then established, and there he remained until 1901. That year he returned to his early home, and here he is doing well. For five years he was auditor of Mt. Joy township, and his business abilities and manly qualities have combined with his industrious habits and marked personal integrity to make him popular and friendly. All the family are connected with the Mennonite Church. In politics he is Republican, and takes a leading part in the development of the local interests. His name well deserves a place in a book like this devoted to the history of the men who do things in Lancaster county.

GEORGE NELSON REYNOLDS, general agent of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, is not only one of the most prominent figures in business, political and social circles in Lancaster, but he belongs to a family who were among the early and very distinguished settlers of this country.

(I) Robert Reynolds, who was born in England, emigrated to Boston, Mass., in 1630. His death occurred there April 27, 1659. His wife Mary, who accompanied him to this country, died in Boston, Jan. 18, 1663.

(II) Capt. Nathaniel Reynolds, son of Robert, was born in England, and came to America with his father in 1630. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, joining in 1658. In 1655 he was a constable, and from 1663 to 1692 was sealer of leather and inspector of transportation of hides. During King Philip's war he served as captain, and in 1675-76 he was in command of the garrison at Chelmsford, Mass. The homestead which he erected, on Milk street, near the old South Church, Boston, was willed to his eldest son, Nathaniel. Capt. Reynolds was twice married. On Nov. 30, 1657, he wedded Sarah Dwight, daughter

of John Dwight, of Dedham, Mass., and she died July 8, 1663. His second wife was Priscilla Brackett, daughter of Peter Brackett, of Boston. After his second marriage he removed to Bristol, R. I., of which town he was one of the founders, and he died there July 10, 1708. His descendants by his second wife still live there.

(III) Nathaniel Reynolds, mentioned above as the eldest son of Capt. Nathaniel, was born in Boston March 3, 1662, and passed the greater part of his life in the old home on Milk street. His wife's name was Ruth. He died probably at Marblehead, Mass., at the home of his son John.

(IV) Nathaniel Reynolds, son of Nathaniel (2), was born Jan. 14, 1693, and died in Boston in 1740. He married, in 1712, Mary Snell, daughter of Thomas Snell, who came from England.

(V) Nathaniel Reynolds, Esq., son of Nathaniel (3), was born in Boston March 19, 1718, and with his mother moved to Bridgewater, Mass., where he was the first justice of the peace. He died at Vassalboro, Maine, in 1807. His first wife, whom he married in 1739, was Hannah Hartwell, a daughter of Samuel Hartwell, and she died at North Bridgewater, Mass., Aug. 12, 1742.

(VI) Philip Reynolds, son of Nathaniel (4), was born in North Bridgewater Sept. 19, 1740, and died in January, 1775. He married Oct. 29, 1765, Hannah Packard, daughter of David Packard, and she died May 23, 1831. Philip Reynolds was a private in Capt. Dunbar's company on the expedition to Crown Point, in the French and Indian war, in 1762.

(VII) William Reynolds, son of Philip, was born in North Bridgewater June 23, 1767, and died at Winthrop, Maine, in 1854. He married Nov. 3, 1791, Martha Snell, who was born at North Bridgewater Dec. 18, 1769, and died in Garland, Maine, in 1847. She was a daughter of Capt. Zebedee Snell and his wife Martha Howard. Capt. Snell was in Col. Mitchell's regiment in the Revolutionary war.

(VIII) Nathan Reynolds, son of William, was born in North Bridgewater, Mass., in 1796, and died at Lewiston, Maine, Nov. 4, 1858. He married Nov. 10, 1815, Betsey Briggs, who was born at Minot, Maine, June 18, 1794, and died at Lewiston, Nov. 4, 1856. Through her mother, Betsey Bradford, she was a descendant of Gov. William Bradford, of the Plymouth Colony, and through her nine of the people who came over on the "Mayflower" are in this family's connection, namely: Gov. William Bradford; Richard Warren and his wife Elizabeth; Elder William Brewster and wife and son, Love Brewster; John Alden, who married Priscilla Mullen; and William Mullen and wife.

(IX) Major Nelson Briggs Reynolds, son of Nahan, was born in Lewiston, Maine, May 16, 1819, and died in Auburn, that State, Feb. 6, 1898. He married Nov. 28, 1839, Harriet Andrews Chase, who was born in Portland, Maine, Aug. 20, 1820, and died in Auburn, same State, Jan. 11, 1895. Major Reynolds was a merchant by occupation. He was



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a very prominent man, politically was a Democrat, and by appointment from President Polk became the first postmaster at Lewiston. For many years he was a member of the State central committee, and he was long a popular and wise adviser of his party. His title of major he held by virtue of his commission in the State militia. In his religious belief he was a Congregationalist. Socially he was active in the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Harriet Andrews (Chase) Reynolds was a daughter of Capt. Benjamin Tappan Chase, a sea captain, who died at sea, of yellow fever, in 1820. He was a captain in a Massachusetts regiment in the war of 1812. This family of Chases is traced back to 1570, and the record is complete. They were among the earliest settlers of New England, and among the distinguished members of the family was Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. Among Mrs. Reynolds' other ancestors were Robert Hicks, of Tortunth, Gloucestershire, England, a lineal descendant of Sir Ellis Hicks, who was knighted by the Black Prince on the battle-field of Poitiers, in 1356; Col. Joshua Wingate, of Hampton, N. H., who was in the famous siege of Louisbourg, in 1745; and also the Andrews family, of Revolutionary fame; and the Leonard family, one of whom, Major Thomas Leonard, in 1660 started the iron works in Taunton, Mass., which, owned by him and his children, became not only the oldest but for years the leading works in New England (he was a descendant of Thomas Leonard, Earl of Sussex, England, and also of Sir Roger Finnes). Major Nelson Briggs Reynolds and his wife were the parents of seven children, three of whom are now living.

(X) George Nelson Reynolds, their eldest son, was born in Lewiston, Maine, Oct. 30, 1842, and was educated at the Lewiston Falls Academy, which his grandfather founded, and was graduated from there, fitting for college. In 1859 he entered into business in the city of New York, in the store of Stone, Bowman & Bliss, large cloth commission merchants, remaining five years in the great metropolis. His next business location was in Milwaukee, Wis., where he was engaged in the life insurance business, with the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York, and he remained there for the succeeding five years as their general agent for Wisconsin and Minnesota, making his next change to Philadelphia, where he took charge of Pennsylvania and Delaware; he remained in that service for five years, at the expiration of that time becoming associated with the great Northwestern as one of their general agents.

It was on Oct. 10, 1877, that Mr. Reynolds became connected with this great insurance company, and one and one-half years later he removed to Lancaster, where he has ever since remained, and where he has become one of the most prominent figures in business circles, and has been prominently identified also with its social and political life. What he has accomplished here, during these years, for the company which he so ably represents, is best told in the

Insurance Register, of Philadelphia, an authority in such matters, in its issue of Thursday, Oct. 18, 1900, from which we quote: "George N. Reynolds is the oldest life underwriter in Lancaster, in point of continuous service, and unquestionably the most able and successful. He is the general agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., and has under his charge twenty counties in the central portion of Pennsylvania. He has been connected with the Northwestern Mutual Life for twenty-two years, during all of which term he has been a resident of Lancaster.

"When Mr. Reynolds assumed his duties with the Northwestern, it had in force throughout the entire district only twelve policies, and these were held by parties who had removed from other locations. That he does by far the bulk of life underwriting in the section is self-evident, from the fact that his average monthly premium collections foot up \$30,000, and the business secured is mainly from well-to-do business and professional men and farmers, in policies for large amounts. His remarkable success is not only due to his natural talents being particularly adapted to insurance, and to his genial and sterling characteristics, which gain the good graces of every one with whom he comes in touch; it may in a large measure be attributed to zealously devoting his undivided efforts to the furtherance of the interests of the company with which he is identified."

This is certainly a record to be proud of, and yet, with all these efforts in behalf of the insurance company, Mr. Reynolds has found time to serve the best interests of his city, his church and his social organizations, and to become prominent in all of them. For nine years he served as a member of the Lancaster school board, and during that time he was on the Book, Superintending and other important committees; was president for two terms of the Young Men's Democratic Society, which he was largely instrumental in putting into prominent position in its earlier history; director and secretary of the Hamilton Club; was named and urged for the position of mayor of Lancaster; has been for years a vestryman in St. James Episcopal Church, of which he is junior warden; trustee and secretary of Yeates Institute; trustee of the Bishopthorpe School for Girls, in South Bethlehem; trustee of the Christmas Fund of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, a fund that supports aged clergymen of the Episcopal Church; for years a delegate to church conventions; for years member of the Masonic fraternity, 32d degree; director of the Lancaster & Susquehanna Turnpike Company; president of Elm Lawn cemetery, Buffalo, N. Y.; and last, but by no means least, a member of the New England Society of Philadelphia, and in 1899 was honored with election to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars, New York. During the year of 1864 he was a volunteer aid on Gen. Howard's staff and saw active service.

On Nov. 7, 1865, Mr. Reynolds was married, in

New York City, to Miss Helen Koues, who was born in New Orleans, La., daughter of Theodore M. and Louise Henderson Monroe (Board) Koues.

Theodore M. Koues was a native of Portsmouth, N. H., and among his lineal ancestors were Govs. John Winthrop and Thomas Dudley, the first and second governors of Massachusetts Bay Colony; Roger Harlakenden, one of the leading early settlers of the Colony; and Col. Edward Hilton, founder of Exeter, N. H. The ancestral lines of the Dudleys and Harlakendens run back to William the Conqueror, and include many names famous in English history. The house of Dudley was founded by Baron Dudley, who died in 1488. Theodore M. Koues was a merchant in New Orleans when he married, in New York City, Louise Henderson Monroe Board, a granddaughter of Major David Board (paymaster of New Jersey troops in the war of the Revolution) and of Lieut. William Leaycraft (a lieutenant in Col. Lamb's artillery regiment in the Revolution, and one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati). Mrs. Koues' mother was a Bogert, and among her ancestors were Gen. Johannes De la Montague and many others of the leading Dutch and Huguenot settlers of New Amsterdam.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were born five children, as follows: (1) Mary Leaycraft, born in New York Sept. 1, 1866, died in Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 24, 1867. (2) Nelson Bradford, born in Milwaukee Dec. 25, 1870, died in New York City in 1894. (3) Louise Bogert, born in Philadelphia June 5, 1872, married Benjamin Franklin Fisher, Jr., son of Gen. B. F. Fisher, of Philadelphia. They have one son, Malcolm Leaycraft, and are living in Washington, D. C. (4) George Koues, born in Philadelphia Oct. 1, 1875, finished his education at State College, Pa., and is now engaged in the insurance business with his father. (5) Frank Winthrop, born in Lancaster July 29, 1882, is a member of the class of 1904, University of Pennsylvania, where he is pursuing an architectural course.

Mrs. Reynolds is a member of the Gov. Thomas Dudley Family Association of Boston, and is vice-regent of Donegal Chapter (Lancaster), Daughters of the American Revolution. She has always been prominent in church work and social circles. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds live in an elegant home at No. 231 North Duke street, Lancaster, and their hospitable mansion is a favorite center for the gathering of the brightest and best of the people.

JOHN G. SNAVELY. Among the veterans of the Pennsylvania railway service in Columbia, none perhaps is better known or more popular than John G. Snavely, a trainman for nearly thirty consecutive years, who did not retire from the active life to which he was so closely attached until he met with a severe accident, from the effects of which he remained in a hospital nearly a year.

Mr. Snavely was born in Lampeter, Lancaster

county, Aug. 22, 1839, son of Christian and Eliza (Howry) Snavely, and grandson of John and Esther (Hoover) Snavely, and great-grandson of Nathaniel and Catherine (Auport) Hoover, early settlers in East Lampeter township. Eliza Howry, wife of Christian Snavely, was a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Keepert) Howry, and granddaughter of Daniel and Franey (Miller) Keepert, of West Lampeter township. Samuel Howry died in 1878 and his wife in 1892. They had two sons and three daughters. (1) Daniel died unmarried in 1866. (2) Christian was a tailor, living five miles south of Lancaster; he died in 1900. (3) Eliza. (4) Fannie, who died in 1860, was the wife of Martin Brubaker, of Strasburg, now deceased, and had three sons and two daughters: Jesse, who died from a wound received while serving in the navy; Elam, now living in Mapleshade, N. J., and in business at 14 North Third street, Philadelphia; Frank, in the produce business in Philadelphia; Eliza Ann, wife of John Sides, of Strasburg, now living in Philadelphia; and Amanda, who married William Rohrer, of Strasburg, deceased, and who now lives at 2122 North Fifth street, Philadelphia. She and her husband both belonged to the M. E. Church. (5) Barbara married George W. King in 1855, at Lampeter. They removed to Sandusky, Ohio, where he was clerk for the Sandusky Railroad. Later he engaged in the hardware trade in Marion, Ohio, and was quite prominent in business circles there. Mr. King died in 1890. His wife, so far as is known, is still living in Marion. Both belonged to the Congregational Church. They had two daughters and one son. One daughter and the son are married and living in Marion.

The Snavely family was founded in Lancaster county by two brothers, natives of Germany, who on account of religious persecution had fled to Switzerland, and who migrated from Basel to America. John Snavely, the grandfather of John G., was a distiller in his younger days, following farming later in life. Christian Snavely, the father, acquired the trade of blacksmith in his youth, and later conducted a general implement, blacksmith and wagon business at Lampeter, Lancaster county, until the autumn of 1844, when he went to Strasburg. In 1845, owing to ill health, he was compelled to retire from active life. He died three years later, in Sept., 1848, at Strasburg, Lancaster county, at the early age of thirty-two years. His widow Eliza survived until March, 1896, dying at Lancaster at the age of seventy-six years. Christian Snavely was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his wife was a Mennonite. Their children were as follows: John G.; Frances E., of Columbia, widow of George W. Keene, who had been clerk of the orphans' court; and Hiram H., superintendent of the gas company at Bellevue, Ohio.

John G. was a lad of nine years when he was orphaned by the death of his father. The next eight years of his life were spent on the farm of his

grandfather, John Snavelly. Then at the age of seventeen years he went to New York City to assist his uncle, engaged in the shirt business. Six months later the disastrous panic of 1857 swept over the land and Mr. Snavelly returned to Lancaster. He began work as a carpenter but the panic had paralyzed industry at Lancaster and the following year he spent on a farm. Resuming the trade of carpenter, he worked two and a half years. He was then employed for three and a half years by N. Gillespie & Son, lumber and coal merchants at Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, followed by six months employment with Bruner & Co., coal merchants at Columbia.

His long career as trainman on the Pennsylvania railroad then began. For nine months he served as freight brakeman and was then promoted to flagman. Eighteen months later he became conductor and in that capacity served the railway company continuously for twenty-seven years. On July 6, 1893, on the Amboy division, both his limbs were crushed and broken in a train collision. He was taken to the Presbyterian hospital at Philadelphia, where he remained ten months. He was then sent home, but for ten months longer he was confined to his bed. For fourteen months he used crutches and is now able to walk with the use of a cane.

Mr. Snavelly married Dec. 26, 1860, at Lancaster, Pa., Miss Emma Keene, who was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, Feb. 5, 1842, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (McCullough) Keene. Daniel Keene was a wagon builder, and died in 1848, his wife surviving until 1866, passing away at the age of sixty-six years. The children of Daniel and Elizabeth Keene were: Henry, a farmer of Cecil county, Md.; George W., who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in 1883; Joseph, who also served in the army and was drowned in the Susquehanna river in 1867; Eliza, widow of Benjamin Rhieneer, of Eden township; Susan, deceased wife of Peter Eberly, of Strasburg; Barbara, who died quite young; Amanda, who married Isaac B. Myers, of Lancaster county; Mary Anna, wife of William Creswell, both of whom died in Cecil county, Md., at an advanced age; Sarah, who married Samuel Peters; and Emma, wife of Mr. Snavelly.

To Mr. and Mrs. Snavelly were born six children, namely: Christian K., who married Anna Evans and is vice-president of the Columbia Shade Cloth Co., New York City; Hiram E., who married Olive Eager and died April 13, 1890; John J., a railway superintendent at New Haven, Conn.; Albert E., who married Mary E. Eagle, and is a mail carrier at Columbia; George M., who married Florence Powell and is a telegraph operator at West Haven, Conn.; and Armeda, who died March 7, 1900, aged seventeen years.

In politics Mr. Snavelly is a Republican. He is a prominent Mason of Columbia and a member of the K. G. E. In religious faith he is a member of the

Reformed Church. His long service on the Pennsylvania road is evidence of his sterling traits of character, and he has ever been recognized as one of Columbia's most representative and prominent citizens.

MICHAEL R. GOOD, a general farmer and the proprietor of a greenhouse and truck garden near New Holland, was born in Earl township Sept. 8, 1837, and is a son of Michael and Ann M. (Ranck) Good, of Earl and Caernarvon townships, respectively. In his younger days the father was a teamster between Pittsburg and Philadelphia. In 1843 he removed to New Holland, where he spent his remaining years. He became a farmer and huckster, and did well. For many years he held public positions, being at different times supervisor, assessor and collector. His death occurred in April, 1871, when he was seventy-four. His wife died in 1889; she was born in 1800. Both were buried in the cemetery at Groffdale. He never accumulated much property but held a prominent position in the community.

Michael Good and his wife were the parents of the following family: Elizabeth, who married James Rutherford, and is dead; Ann M., who is the widow of A. J. Bowers, and lives in New Holland; Leah, who is the widow of John Musselman, and lives at Bareville, Pa.; Delilah, the widow of Henry Rator, of New Holland, Pa.; Anna, who married Edward Bucklin in California, where she died; Catherine, who died young; Michael R.; Moses R., deceased; Martin R., married, and a farmer in Salisbury township.

The paternal grandfather of Michael R. Good was Jacob Good, a farmer of Earl township, Lancaster county, who married a Miss Martin. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Good were Michael and Elizabeth (Weaver) Ranck, farming people of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Michael R. Good was married in 1871, in New Holland, to Mahala Kling, by whom he has had the following children: Mary C., who died at the age of two years and seven months; Michael D., who is unmarried and living at home. Mrs. Mahala (Kling) Good, who was born in Earl township, died in Nov. 1898, at the age of sixty-five years. Her ashes rest in the cemetery connected with the Reformed Church at New Holland.

Mr. Good spent the first twelve years of his life under the parental roof. At that age he started out for himself, and was employed among the neighboring farmers until he was seventeen. At that age he entered a wheelwright shop in Upper Leacock township, which was under the management of Jacob Hoover, with whom he remained three and a half years. After working for another party six months, he started a shop for himself in the spring of 1859. In 1870 he gave up the shop, and was elected supervisor for one year. After working for five years among the farmers at fence making, he came to New

Holland. In the spring of 1891 he moved to his present farm home. He and his wife belonged to the Reformed Church. In his politics he is a Republican. In the community he stands well, where his industrious habits, business abilities and upright character have won him many friends.

AMOS HOLLINGER, who passed away Sept. 13, 1901, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, was not only one of the most prominent tanners in the State of Pennsylvania, but was descended from one of the best and oldest families in the State. He was born Jan. 18, 1837, at Hollinger's, three miles south of Lancaster—a place that was settled by his people, and where his father conducted a successful tannery. There Amos Hollinger learned the tanning business and learned it so thoroughly that he succeeded his father in the business, and he became the leader in that line in Lancaster county. In fact, Hollinger's tannery—or rather its products—became known not only all through this State, but even in other States and in Europe. The Hollinger leather was known far and wide, and the exhibits made by Mr. Hollinger at the Paris Exposition, and at the World's Fair, at Chicago, won first premium. This was a source of great gratification to him, for no man ever worked harder or more conscientiously to give his patrons a first-class article. He continued actively in the business until 1893, when he associated his son John in the business, and from that time on the son was practically in control, Mr. Hollinger removing to Lancaster, and making his home with his son-in-law, Rev. J. W. Meminger.

Mr. Hollinger was married, in early manhood, to Miss Elizabeth Harnish, of a prominent family of West Willow, who, with the following children, survives: Cyrus, of Park Rapids, Minn.; Ada, wife of John McAllister, of West Willow; Florence, wife of Rev. J. W. Meminger, pastor of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster, and with whom Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger went to reside some years ago; Barbara, wife of Joseph P. Breneman, of Lancaster; Mary, unmarried and at home; and John, the junior member of the firm of Hollinger & Son. Mr. Hollinger's only brother, Henry, is a well-known citizen of Columbia.

Before taking up his residence in Lancaster Mr. Hollinger was an active member of the Willowstreet Reformed Church, and was frequently sent as a delegate to the classis. After coming to Lancaster he became a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of which his son-in-law, Rev. J. W. Meminger, is the popular pastor. In politics he was a Republican, and in fraternal circles a Mason. He was at one time a trustee of the State Normal School at Millersville, and president of the Farmers' Insurance Company, of Lancaster. The post office near him, organized in 1892, was named Hollinger in his honor. Up to the time of his death he was vice-president of the Tanners Mutual Insurance Company of Philadelphia, and president of the proposed Willowstreet

& Strasburg Railway Company, of which he was a projector. His funeral took place on Monday afternoon, Sept. 16, 1901, and the remains were interred in Greenwood cemetery, in the southern suburbs of Lancaster. Possessed of rare intelligence and fine conversational powers, Mr. Hollinger was a welcome guest at all times and in all places. He was as genial and kindly as he was intelligent and thoughtful, and the love and the respect of the community were his.

The tannery so long in the family has, since Mr. Hollinger's death, been run by the son, John, who serves as manager for the estate. The same high reputation is maintained, and the business continues to prosper, necessitating the employment of some twenty or twenty-five hands.

John Hollinger married Elizabeth Hertzler, daughter of Samuel M. and Susan (Seitz) Hertzler, the former a retired farmer and living near Harrisburg. Two children have blessed this union, John Hertzler and Marion.

U. G. BARD. Levi Bard (deceased) was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, April 19, 1812, and in his time was one of the leading men of his community, and counted many friends. He was a son of George and Elizabeth Bard, was married in Earl township and began operations on his own account on a farm in West Earl township, this farm consisting of 118 acres, now the property of his son Ulysses, whose name introduces this article. In 1851, he married Miss Frances Hahn, a resident of Hinkletown, and a daughter of Daniel and Fannie (Shirk) Hahn. After their marriage they made their home on the farm in West Earl township, and there they lived until 1869, when they moved to Earl township, on a farm which has been their home to the present time. This place contained nineteen acres. Mr. Bard was a substantial Republican, and for some years was a member of the school board. For many years he was one of the most active members of the Lutheran Church. By his upright bearing and honest heart he had acquired a large circle of friends. His death occurred Nov. 2, 1896. To him and his wife were born twelve children: Mary Jane, John Leaman and Clara Ann died in childhood; Jacob Hahn, a resident of Mapleville, Ill., who married Miss Elizabeth Byam; George Franklin, of Reading, who married Miss Anna Frey and has three children, Daniel, Harry and Clarence; Ulysses G., a farmer on the home place; Carrie, the wife of Hoyer Lashur, of Reading, Pa., who has two children; Herbert and John Philip. The other children born to this worthy couple died in infancy. The widow is still living, and has her home with her son, Ulysses. She belongs to the Lutheran Church.

The parents of Mrs. Levi Bard are both dead. The Hahn family came from Germany. The great-grandfather of Mrs. Bard was Daniel Hahn, who settled in the vicinity of Washington. The grandfather of Mrs. Bard was Daniel Hahn, who mar-



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ried Barbara Sweiger. They were among the well-to-do people of the community, and belonged to the Reformed Church. They had three children: Daniel, the father of Mrs. Bard; Samuel, who lived at Manheim, where he died and left a family; Mary, who never married, and in her latter days lived with Mrs. Bard. The father of Mrs. Bard died at the age of some fifty years. The most of his life was spent in Hinkletown, where he was a mason in the summer, and a carpet weaver in the winter. In local affairs he was a man of public spirit. His wife died at about the age of her husband. She was a daughter of Phillip Shirk. The parents of Mrs. Bard had a family of five children, of whom Mrs. Bard is the only surviving member. Jacob Hahn was a farmer and his widow is still living at Ephrata; Harriet Hahn married Levi Mentzer, a merchant; Chambers was a carpenter at Hinkletown; Frances, Mrs. Levi Bard; Rudy was a merchant of Ephrata, where his widow still lives.

Ulysses G. Bard was born Oct. 16, 1864, and received his education in the common schools. At the death of his father he took charge of the farms, and both now belong to him. He has taken a leading position as a young farmer, and his home gives evidence of thrift and prosperity. In 1888 he was married to Miss Lizzie Burkholder, a resident of West Earl, and a daughter of Israel Burkholder. They have two children, Levi M. and Frances A. They belong to the Lutheran Church, and hold a creditable position in the community.

SAMUEL McCLURE, in his lifetime a farmer and stonemason, and a man of the very highest character and standing, was born in December, 1817, and was a son of John and Susan (Hull) McClure, natives of Strasburg and Bart townships, respectively. They settled in Bart township and there lived and died, leaving a family of eleven children. Their history appears in connection with the sketch of David McClure, which may be found on another page.

Samuel McClure was reared on the old home in Bart township, where he learned the mason's trade, which he followed all over the county. He was married in Dec., 1842, to Miss Mary Kidd, a daughter of John and Jane (Thompson) Kidd, of Bart township.

John Kidd was born in Ireland, and coming to this country in 1803, made his home in Strasburg township. He was married first to Anna McKneely, on Dec. 25, 1806; their two children died. In 1819 he married Miss Jane Thompson, his second wife, a native of Colerain township, where she was born in 1786. She was a daughter of James and Mary Thompson. Her father was born in Scotland, where he married his first wife, who died there. He married Mary Martin in Carlisle, Pa. John Kidd settled on his farm in Bart township, where he made many improvements and secured a substantial home for his family. He died in 1874, his

wife having passed away in 1873. Unto them were born four children: Thompson Kidd, still living in Juniata county, at the advanced age of eighty-two years; Ebenezer, a widower, living at Puseyville; Sarah Kidd, who died in Juniata county, where she had her home with her brother, Thompson; Mary, who became Mrs. McClure. Mrs. McClure was born March 4, 1822. She was educated in the local schools, and was regarded as a woman of much culture and intelligence for the time.

After his marriage Samuel McClure located near the creamery in Bart township, and there followed the mason's trade. In 1844 he purchased the property near the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, where they lived until 1857. That year he bought his property in Bart township, one mile east of the Nickel Mines, where he made his home until his death, April 15, 1897. In 1867 he put up a new barn and later remodelled the house on a very extensive scale. With his family he belonged to the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was an active member during his life. In his politics he was a Democrat. At his death he left a widow and ten children. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McClure:

(1) John McClure, born in Bart township, married Miss Mary McIlvaney, and lived in Bart township until 1877, when he moved to Beaver county, where he engaged in farming. They have one living daughter, Ella, who married Frank Welk, and is the mother of five children; John, William, Pearl, Elsie and Earl. (2) Martha J. McClure died when a young woman in 1872. (3) Samuel W. McClure was given a fair education, and when a young man, took up the mason's trade under his father's instructions; he is at home, single. (4) Thompson married Miss Mary J. Rambo, of Chester county. They now reside in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in the building and loan business. They have one living daughter, May, who married Howard Bulyard, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of one son, Howard A. (5) Anna McClure married William Bennett, and resides in Perry county, Pa. (6) Edgar married Miss Anna Hart and is a resident of Beaver county. (7) William E., and (8) James C. were twins; William McClure married Miss Adelaide Matthews, of Chester county, and lives on a part of his father's homestead, where he is manager of the farm; James C. McClure married Miss Ida Wright, of Lancaster county. They live in Sadsbury township, where they have one son, Claire. (9) Frank McClure married Miss Della Gibbons, of Maryland. They have their home in Wilmington, Del., where he deals in produce and fish. They have three children; Nellie, Walter and Ollie. (10) Ida received a home school education, and is regarded as one of the accomplished young ladies of the neighborhood. She is at home ministering to the comfort of her aged mother, and has charge of the family estate. (11) David McClure married Miss Mamie Keene, a daughter of Samuel Keene, and lives in Wilming-

ton, Del., where he is engaged in business as a wholesale merchant.

This family of McClures, like all the rest, is connected with the Presbyterian Church of Octoraro. Of this church father and mother became members in 1844.

BERNARD J. McGRANN, of Grand View, is the only surviving son of the late Richard McGrann, who was for years one of Lancaster's most prominent citizens, and who was born in Ireland in 1794, and in 1819 began his career in this country.

In 1835 Richard McGrann founded the homestead at Grand View, in Manheim township, near this city, on the New Holland turnpike. In the course of years, and with the many improvements and additions made to it by the present owner (Bernard J. McGrann), it has become one of the most magnificent farms and attractive suburban homes of Lancaster county, and comprises six hundred acres. Richard McGrann, who was a contractor, constructed many splendid public works in his day, notably the Chestnut street bridge across the Schuylkill, in Philadelphia, the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad bridge at Easton, and many other important works on nearly every great line of canal and railroad built in the State in his time. The perfection of their construction attested to his skill and high enterprise, and carried the fame of Lancaster contractors far and wide, Mr. McGrann being conspicuous for bold undertakings in engineering and for the successful completion of his enterprises. In 1835 he purchased the farm on which his descendants have since resided. The house at that time stood back, near a fine spring which now supplies the fountains on Fountain avenue. In 1838 he built the present residence and laid out the grounds, which by subsequent enlargement and improvement, have become the magnificent estate of his only living son. Eight children were born to him, of whom the youngest son alone survives, Bernard J., who was born at Grand View, of which he is the owner. His wife died there in 1844, and he himself passed away in 1867.

Bernard J. McGrann was born where he now lives, June 24, 1837. He was a student of Lancaster's public schools and of the famous Catholic collegiate institutions of Emmitsburg, Md. He early had a fondness for agriculture, and his father encouraged his taste, and destined him to become an exponent of the most advanced and successful agriculture. He completed his studies in the schools when only seventeen or eighteen, and gave himself up largely to the management of his father's landed estates. He was no mere fancy farmer or theorist; every phase of practical farm life found his hand ready to it; he studied the elements of the soil and the results of fertilizers, the meteorological conditions and the rotation of crops, breeds of stock and the uses of farm buildings, the mechanical wants of the farm and every mode of agricultural

machinery; in short, he made a thorough, exhaustive study of every branch of practical agriculture, and observed the best results of experience and science. He not only made a study of it in all its ramifications, but he applied his knowledge and built up a farm that is today a model, perfect in every part.

Mr. McGrann is, however, not only a successful agriculturist. The banking house of Reed, McGrann & Co., which had an existence for over a generation and is now merged into the Conestoga National Bank, lost its senior member, Richard McGrann, by death in 1867, and the son succeeded to his interest in it. From that day until the firm was dissolved, Bernard J. McGrann's name and capital were associated with that financial establishment and contributed in no small measure to its reputation for integrity, stability and security. Mr. McGrann gave the banking business, as well as all other interests, his personal attention, and the benefit of that clear judgment and conservative counsel which have distinguished his business career.

In 1870 Mr. McGrann first entered the field of contracting, in which his father had won such success, and in which he soon took a leading part. He came by inheritance to a ready comprehension and quick execution of gigantic schemes. In 1870 he built the Catawissa extension railroad to Williamsport, and later, graded a part of the Bound Brook railroad from Jenkintown, including the bridge that spans Delaware river at Yardleyville. In 1878 he undertook the work that was to be the crowning triumph of his successful achievements as a contractor. For many years Pittsburg had suffered grievously from the monopoly of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; exorbitant charges and excessive freight discrimination had brought about a state of oppression to the business community which threatened to paralyze many of the operations of trade. Under these circumstances, some time in the 60's, a certain number of influential gentlemen of Pittsburg conceived the notion of building a railroad some seventy-miles in length, from Pittsburg to Youngstown, Ohio, in order to connect with the Vanderbilt lines there, and make a new outlet for the hemmed-in and suffering business interests of Western Pennsylvania's great metropolis—"the great workshop of America," as it is known. They wanted a prompt and responsible execution of their order. They were not railroad men nor speculators, nor were they building a road on paper, and on margins. They had the money to pay for it, and they wanted good work, quickly executed. They cast about for a man who would undertake the entire enterprise and relieve them of responsibilities for details. Mr. McGrann made the novel proposition to undertake the construction of the whole road, engineering, grading, bridges, ballast, ties and track in one year. It was a vast undertaking, running up into the millions, and such as no single individual in this country had ever grappled

with. The man for the hour was chosen in Bernard McGrann. He closed the contract, and backed it not only with sound judgment and hardy spirit, but with substantial security for the successful completion of the work. While old railroad men were dubious and western contractors predicted losses for the stranger who dared a feat they would not attempt, the young contractor set out to organize his forces, subdivide and sub-let his work and to make extensive contracts for supplies of all sorts. Engineers of talent and railroad men of the highest efficiency were summoned to service all along the Ohio, from Pittsburg to Phillipsburg, up the Beaver and all along the line; and there was activity that wakened the sleepy towns along the route and attracted the attention of engineers, railroad builders and contractors the country over. The great feature of this particular work was the bridge across the Ohio, between Beaver and Phillipsburg. The river had to be spanned at a height of ninety-five feet above the water to admit of proper navigation facilities, and had a channel span of 446 feet, with long approaches of iron frame work. The entire enterprise was completed in one year and handed over to its owners in first class condition, its entire length ready for trains.

When the Lancaster County Fair Association failed, some years ago, Mr. Grann bought its entire grounds and pressed them to their original uses; to his liberal grants, the public owes the renewal and succession of successful county fairs held there to this day, as well as clean trials of speed. The feeling that Mr. McGrann was connected with the races inspired the public with confidence in their fairness.

Mr. McGrann is a pillar of St. Mary's Catholic Church. No subscription list for church purposes is ever found without his name and a good round sum opposite it. He is also full of love for his countrymen, and contributed \$500 to the Irish National League fund, and his interest in the cause of Ireland and her downtrodden people is ever maintained. As a citizen he is always enterprising and liberal. He had large real-estate interests in this city and though a resident of Manheim township, is one of Lancaster's heaviest tax payers. In all the length and breadth of the county, no finer or better cultivated farm with more costly or enduring improvements can be found. Every movement for the betterment of farm methods has his quick appreciation and patronage.

On Jan. 3, 1872, Mr. McGrann was married to Mrs. Mary Kelly, widow of the late William T. Kelly and daughter of Philip Dougherty, of Harrisburg. Two sons, Richard Philip and Francis, have blessed this union. Men of high distinction in church and State, in business and professional life, from every part of the country, are again and again welcome guests in the McGrann home. A Democrat by instinct and training, by inheritance and conviction, Mr. McGrann has been sent as delegate to State and National Conventions. He has been frequently

on the local ticket, has served on the county committee and was nominated for State Treasurer in 1887. He has always been a generous contributor to, and staunch supporter of his party. He is the President of the Board of Managers of the Huntingdon Reformatory, and gives it that earnest, intelligent attention which he devotes to all things with which he is connected. With his broad humanity and sympathetic nature, no man could have been more fittingly selected to assist in the management of a reformatory institution, and we make no apology for relating an incident that came to our notice quite recently, as illustrative of Mr. McGrann's interest in and kindly regard for the young. "There," said a successful young professional man as he displayed an inscribed silver dollar, "is the thing that inspired me to study a profession." The inscription told that this silver dollar had been presented by Mr. McGrann and the date of the presentation was also given. "I was a lad of tender years and was standing in the Pennsylvania Railroad station in this city, on my way to the House of Refuge, having been sent there on the application of an uncle, in whose custody I had been placed after the death of my mother, and who wanted to get rid of me. As I stood there Mr. McGrann came along, spoke kindly to me, asked me where I was going, and telling me to cheer up, gave me a dollar. That act inspired me. I was detained only a short time in the Refuge, then returned to Lancaster, became an inmate of the Home of the Friendless Children, and there remained until I was old enough to do something for myself; but Mr. McGrann's silver dollar has been my talisman all these years and will be till I die." Such is the testimony of a professional man of Lancaster—testimony that could be multiplied many times if all the beneficiaries of his generosity could be permitted to tell the story of their gratitude.

HENRY P. TOWNSEND. During a long, busy and able career as agriculturist and prominent citizen, Henry P. Townsend, won the high esteem of the residents of Little Britain township. His birth was on Dec. 25, 1820, and his death was on July 26, 1897. His father was John Townsend, a son of Joseph, who was one of the early settlers of the county and who, with his descendants, carried on large farming interests. One sister of Henry P. Townsend was Eliza, who married John Bowden, but they, too, have passed away.

Henry P. Townsend was married to Sarah G. Spencer in 1843. She was a daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Good) Spencer, of Bucks county, Pa., of English origin, and consistent members of the Society of Friends. Nine children were born to this marriage: Marietta, unmarried; Joseph S., of Little Britain township; Elwood H., whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; John, deceased; Israel H., of Oxford; Annie, the wife of Cecil Stubbs, of Little Britain township; Sarah, at

home; William, a farmer of Chester county; and Harvey, deceased.

The family born to the parents of Mrs. Townsend, numbered five members: Rachel, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Marian, and Sarah, Mrs. Townsend being the youngest, and the only survivor. She resides on the old home place with her two estimable daughters, Marietta and Sarah, occupying the farm of 116 acres, which includes some of the most desirable land in Lancaster county. They belong to the Society of Friends.

Mr. Townsend was one of the leading farmers of his township, and at various times he was called upon to serve in positions of responsibility, his fellow citizens feeling assured that every trust be as carefully guarded as if it were a personal matter. His interest in educational questions made him long a school director, and during his term of office as supervisor, the roads of his township were improved and all measures promising the betterment of his section received his approval. A staunch Republican, he never was, however, a politician. Though leading a quiet life, and rarely taking a conspicuous part, his influence was ever felt in the direction of morality, temperance and good citizenship.

WILLIAM WOHLSEN, substantially connected with the business interests of Lancaster as president of the Union Trust Company, and owner of the planing-mill bearing his name, was born in Hanover, Germany, Dec. 24, 1847, son of Peter and Catherine (Oelrich) Wohlsen, natives of the same German principality. To Peter Wohlsen and his wife were born the following children: William; Peter N., a contractor and builder of Lancaster; Herman F., also a contractor and builder of Lancaster; and Anna, the wife of Henry Elsen, of the same city.

The youth of William Wohlsen was uneventfully passed on his father's farm; when seventeen years of age he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until emigrating to America, in 1867. For a time he worked at his trade in Lancaster, and was quite successful as a contractor and builder until 1871, in which year he bought a small planing-mill, which was gradually enlarged from a one-horse-power concern to one of the largest and best patronized mills in Lancaster county. In 1880 Mr. Wohlsen abandoned building and contracting to give his entire attention to the mill, which eventually came to employ fifty people, and thus represented a large responsibility. Latterly he has had a more pressing demand upon his time as president of the Union Trust Company, which was chartered Oct. 17, 1901, and opened for business March 17, 1902. The company has an authorized capital of \$300,000, and a paid-in capital of \$150,000. The officers are: William Wohlsen, president; D. F. Buchmiller, vice-president; S. Z. Evans, secretary and treasurer; and John M. Groff, solicitor.

In 1869 Mr. Wohlsen married Catherine Klenck,

who was born in Hanover Oct. 3, 1849, daughter of Henry Klenck, a farmer in Germany, who never came to America. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wohlsen, Mary married Stewart Griffith, teller of the Union Trust Company; Anna married Henry Behrens, of New York; P. Harry is superintendent of the planing-mill belonging to Mr. Wohlsen; William H. is in his father's mill; John O. is a shipping clerk for his father; Catherine is attending school in Philadelphia, Pa.; Clarence is at the Yeates School, north of the city; B. Frank is living at home; and two daughters died young.

Mr. Wohlsen is fraternally associated with the Masons, the I. O. O. F. and the Red Men. Politically he is a Republican. He is allied with the Lutheran Church, and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the vestry of Zion's German Lutheran Church, of East Vine street, Lancaster.

DANIEL KURTZ, a retired farmer of Spring Garden, Salisbury township, and one of its substantial and respected citizens, was born in that township, July 26, 1828, a son of John and Mary (Boley) Kurtz.

Jacob Kurtz, the paternal grandfather of Daniel Kurtz, was an intelligent and prosperous farmer of Lancaster county. He began his farming life in this county on the old John Warner farm, near the Pequea Meeting House. He was well known and was highly esteemed. Mr. Kurtz was a large man, weighing fully 200 pounds. He married Martha King, of Salisbury township, who died in 1817, at the age of sixty-nine years. Jacob Kurtz died in 1822, at the age of seventy-five years and two months, and both were interred on a part of their old farm, one mile east of the Pequea Meeting House. Both were consistent members of the Amish church.

John Kurtz, son of Jacob and father of Daniel Kurtz, was a prominent and successful farmer of Salisbury township, at the time of his death owning six of the fine farms of this township. Although not a member, he was a regular attendant and a very liberal supporter of the Old Mennonite church, of which his wife was a consistent member. John Kurtz died April 16, 1871, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife died in Jan. 1888, aged eighty-eight years. Both were buried on the old Kurtz homestead, in Salisbury township. The children born to John and Mary (Boley) Kurtz, were as follows: Daniel, a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Nancy, deceased, wife of Samuel Worst; John, who died in Kentucky, but was buried in Salisbury township; Martha, who married Harvey Swigart, a farmer of Salisbury township; Jacob, who was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in New Mexico; Abraham, a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Samuel, a resident of Denver, Col.; David, a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary, wife of James Roseboro, of Lancaster; Martin, residing on the old homestead; and Joseph, a



William Wobben

farmer and lime manufacturer of Salisbury township.

Daniel Kurtz, of this sketch, was reared on the farm and has never lost his interest in agricultural pursuits. His education was acquired in the public schools of his locality, and he spent his time until within three years of his marriage, in assisting his father, who was an extensive farmer. He then operated a farm of 100 acres, upon which he remained until 1892, retiring from activity at that time, although still vigorous in body and mind. Mr. Kurtz resembles his grandfather in weight, and until recently has been in robust health; rheumatism, however, has annoyed him to some degree lately. As a farmer, Mr. Kurtz has been regarded as one of the most capable in this locality. He is a large land owner, his sons occupying his four valuable properties in Salisbury township. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Republican. Both he and his family belong to the Mennonite church.

On Jan. 31, 1854, Mr. Kurtz was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Worst, and the children born to this union were: Frank, born Nov. 29, 1854, engaged in farming in Salisbury township, and married to Lydia Warner, deceased; Henry C., born March 19, 1856, a farmer of Salisbury township, married to Anna Dague, by whom he has a family of nine children: John R., born Sept. 11, 1858, who died in infancy; Mary E., born April 7, 1860, wife of John Livingston, of Philadelphia, and mother of four children: Abraham W., born Aug. 27, 1862, who died young; Annie E., born Sept. 19, 1864, who married Aaron Groff, of East Lampeter township, engaged in the dairy business, and who has four children: Daniel W., born Nov. 9, 1866, a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Anna Eby, and has five children; Martin, born Nov. 9, 1866, twin brother to Daniel, and a farmer in Leacock township, married to Anna M. Denlinger, by whom he has had three children; Benjamin L. Kurtz, born Feb. 11, 1878, unmarried, a farmer in Leacock township.

Mrs. Susanna (Worst) Kurtz, was born in Springville, Salisbury township, Aug. 11, 1833, daughter of Henry and Mary (Kurtz) Worst, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Kurtz is one of the most highly respected men in Salisbury township and his children are among the leading and reliable citizens.

MARTIN KURTZ, a general farmer of Salisbury township and one of its most highly regarded citizens, was born on his present farm in 1839, son of John and Mary (Boley) Kurtz, and grandson of Jacob and Martha (King) Kurtz, extended mention of whom is made upon another page of this volume.

Martin Kurtz has followed agriculture all his life and owns and operates his present well-improved farm of seventy-one acres, in Salisbury township. In politics he is active in his support of

the Republican party, although he has never been ambitious for political preferment. His liberality assists in the support of the Episcopal church, of which his wife is a devoted member. Mr. Kurtz is well known in his locality and is universally esteemed.

On May 19, 1864, in Reading Pa., Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Eva R. Fleming, born in Salisbury township, Aug. 5, 1845, daughter of David and Mary A. (Clemson) Fleming, the former a native of Chester county, and the latter of Salisbury township. Mr. Fleming was born Jan. 29, 1812, and died Dec. 9, 1850, his burial being in the Octoraro cemetery connected with the Presbyterian church. The mother of Mrs. Kurtz, born April 6, 1821, is spending her declining years with her daughter. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were as follows: Lucy, who married William Dieffenbaugh, supervisor of Mt. Joy township; Eva R., who is Mrs. Kurtz; Davis Clemson, who was a hotel keeper and died in 1891, in Hanover; and Mary A., who died in infancy. By a previous marriage, Mr. Fleming had become the husband of Lucinda E. Bemis, an English lady, born Nov. 24, 1816, who died Aug. 9, 1841, and was the mother of two children: Tabitha, who died at the age of eighteen; and David, who is employed in Cramp's ship yards, in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kurtz were David and Tabitha (Matlick) Fleming, farming people and natives of Chester county. Their two sons were David and Preston, who, with their parents are buried in Octoraro cemetery, being members of the Presbyterian church. The maternal grandparents were Davis and Rebecca (Cowan) Clemson, farmers of Salisbury township. Grandfather Clemson was a man of prominence in his locality and for many years served on the school board and was highly respected. He died in Nov. 1871, aged eighty-four, after years of retirement, his widow surviving until 1890, when she was ninety-four years of age. They were buried in the cemetery connected with St. John's Episcopal church, in Compassville, being devout members of this church. Their children were: Mary A., the mother of Mrs. Kurtz; James, who died unmarried, in 1891; William, who died in 1899, in St. Louis, Mo.; Caroline, who died in 1882, and who married (first) Henry Harman, and (second) Jacob Evans; Adeline, who married James Gossler, a retired machinist of Reading, Pa.; Sarah J., who married Jacob Warfel, of New Holland; and S. Rebecca, who died unmarried in 1899.

The founders of the Clemson family in Lancaster county came here from England with Rev. James Clemson in the early part of 1700, being of Quaker stock. Mrs. Kurtz's great-great-grandfather was James Clemson, of Salisbury township, who lived on the old homestead which was purchased from William Penn. James Clemson was born July 13, 1729, and died in 1792. He married Margaret

Herd, a beautiful but eccentric woman, who, after her husband's death, spent the rest of her life with a daughter. Their son, James Clemson, born March 20, 1755, died April 4, 1820. He married Mary Brady, born Dec. 4, 1752, and died April 21, 1819. They had these children: Grace, who died in infancy; Jehu, who married Susan Ellmaker; Eli, who married Eliza Swartzwelder; Levi; Rachel, who married John Logan; Amos, who married Maria Miller; Davis, who married Rebecca Cowan; Margaret, who died in infancy; and James.

Both the Clemson and Kurtz families are among the oldest and most honorable in Lancaster county, their names standing for honesty, integrity and high moral character.

N. DAVIS SCOTT. This honorable citizen, so long well and favorably known to the residents of Lancaster county, was born Feb. 13, 1832, and passed from life May 25, 1899. The Scott family is an old and honorable one of this county. It originated in Wales and one of its hardy members was John Scott, who took a distinguished part in the Revolutionary war, gaining a major's commission, later married Elinor Armstrong, and settled among the pioneers in Southern Lancaster county.

William Scott, son of John, married Hannah Jenkins and they reared a family of ten children: John, Elinor, Margaret, Franklin, Samuel, James, Hannah, Martha, Francis and N. Davis.

N. Davis Scott became one of the leading agriculturists of Fulton township, and more than that, for during a number of years he was identified with many of the important public movements in his section, and was conspicuous in the Republican party. An admirable phase of the character of Mr. Scott was his influence in favor of temperance in all things. His life was one of industry and it afforded him comfort to realize that at death he could leave his family secure as to worldly interests. His farm of 180 well improved acres is one of the best in the county, while his personal property was of considerable value.

The marriage of Mr. Scott was on Jan. 31, 1861, to Miss Edith R. Carter, of Fulton township, and three children were born to this union: William Graham, who died in childhood; Mary H., who resides with her beloved mother; and Cora C., who also died in childhood. Mrs. Scott was a daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Jackson) Carter, of Fulton township, who reared a family of seven children: John, who is a farmer of Chester county, Pa.; Alice, deceased; Annie, who is the wife of Cooper Stubbs, of Fulton township; Harlan, who was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, during the Civil war; Edith R., Mrs. Scott; Joel J., who is a farmer of Fulton township; and Kate A., unmarried, who resides in this township.

Henry Carter was one of the prominent and leading farmers of Lancaster county. He was

born in 1802, a son of John Carter, an early settler in Maryland, and he preserved much of his physical activity and mental vigor until his death, at the advanced age of nearly ninety-two years. In early days a Whig, he later became identified with the Republican party, and served as a member of the State Constitutional Convention. His wife also lived to the age of nearly ninety-two years. Mr. Carter was a successful farmer of Fulton township.

N. Davis Scott was noted for his public spirit, as well as his activity in promoting the general prosperity of the community by favoring all measures which his judgment convinced him would be for the welfare of his locality. For sixteen years he served as school director, was also judge of elections, and held other offices, being a man in whom his fellow citizens could place implicit confidence. Such a man can never be forgotten in any community, and has every right to be classed among its leading representatives.

ABRAM SCHEETZ, the head of the firm of Scheetz & Co., otherwise the Paragon Shirt Co., at No. 6 West King street, is a native of Lancaster county. His father, Christian Scheetz, was a well known resident of Millersville, Manor township, for many years, but was living in Penn township when Abram was born, Nov. 27, 1838.

Abram Scheetz attended the district school for some years, but left at the early age of thirteen years to enter the grocery store of Jacob Buchler on East King street, Lancaster. For a time he was employed in the dry goods store of B. B. Martin & Co., and in that of John Myers, and was then employed for a longer period in the store of A. Dyssinger at Elizabethtown. Returning to this city the young man was again connected with the Martin store, where he was engaged at the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion.

Abram Scheetz enlisted as a private in Co. D, 122d P. V. I., but was discharged on account of sickness before his term of enlistment had expired. Presently recovering from his physical ailments, he joined the 44th Pennsylvania, when they rallied to defend the State against the Rebel invaders, and participated in the scenes and experiences that culminated in the terrible struggle at Gettysburg. Mr. Scheetz remained with his regiment until it was mustered out and returned to civil life.

After laying aside his army blue Mr. Scheetz repaired to Philadelphia, and found employment in a dry goods and notion store. Lancaster had the charm of home for him, however, and he could not resist the attraction of the old familiar scenes, so he came back to this city, and opened a dry goods store. In 1885 he retired from the dry goods trade, and opened a factory for the manufacture of shirts. In this business he has been very successful, and the reputation of his shirt, to which he gave the name of Paragon, has become very extended, selling

throughout Pennsylvania and in the city of New York.

Mr. Scheetz has been greatly interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, since its organization. A member and past commander of Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, he rarely misses a camp fire. A member of St. John's Lutheran church, he is recognized as a useful man in church and Grand Army circles, as well as in the marts of trade.

Mr. Scheetz was married in 1861 to Louisa, daughter of Junius P. Marshall, a farmer of Chester county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Scheetz are the parents of two children, Henry Marshall and May Alma. The latter died in infancy, but the former survives, and is now connected with the West Disinfecting Company in Allegheny, Pa. Mrs. Scheetz is still living, and presides over her husband's beautiful home in Lancaster with charming grace and benignity.

Abram Scheetz is an unpretending and liberal man, energetic and industrious in his business, but carrying a kind and sympathetic heart in his bosom that has endeared him to many friends.

PHILIP BRUBAKER. Among the venerable citizens of New Holland, Pa., who possess the esteem of the community after a long life in its midst, is Philip Brubaker, a man of substance and standing in Earl township. His life has extended over the most progressive part of the world's history, he having been born April 15, 1815, that year marking the beginning of a new era in America. At that time science, which now flourishes and assists mankind in every relation of life, was but in its infancy, and the discoveries and inventions that have almost transformed the world have had their birth or development during the years encompassed by this worthy citizen.

Born of German parents, Philip Brubaker inherited much of the sturdy strength and solidity of character from them. His father was Philip Brubaker, a well known farmer of Earl township, who was born in 1763, and died in 1825, while the mother of Mr. Brubaker bore the maiden name of Catherine Richwine, also of German parentage. The children born of this marriage were: Margaret and Catherine, who both died single; Julia Ann, who married Isaac Witwer; Elizabeth, who married John Miller; John R., who became a hardware merchant of New Holland; Henry R., also a merchant of New Holland; Philip, the subject of this biography.

Philip Brubaker was reared on a farm, and received his education in the schools of the period. While still a lad, he was hired out to neighboring farmers to do farm work, for a mere pittance, at the age of fourteen engaging with a cattle drover to assist him in driving cattle to Philadelphia from New Holland, a distance of fifty-two miles. The trip usually was made in three days, two in going, with the cattle, and one in coming back, the weary

boy making it on foot. His next business venture was with a butcher, and for a time he assisted in this line, later entering a dry goods house as a clerk, still later finding employment with his brother John R. Brubaker, as a hardware salesman. Five years were spent in this business and then he opened up a mercantile line, associating himself with Gabriel Davis and John Piersol, following this for a number of years. Since selling this Mr. Brubaker has lived somewhat of a retired life. During the war of the Rebellion, he dealt in gold, stocks and bonds very successfully, but lately he has lived quietly in his comfortable home in New Holland.

During his active life, Mr. Brubaker was a prominent member of the Republican party, and has ever been a staunch supporter of it. In 1869 he was married to Miss Elizabeth J. Miller, of Earl township, a daughter of Adam Miller, born in 1825, her death occurring on May 17, 1900. Mr. Brubaker has lived a life of charity and good will toward his neighbor, and numbers his friends by the score. Although he has passed the limits of the Psalmist, his friends wish him many more years of comfort, after his busy life, which he has lived for the betterment of others.

ABRAM G. SHEIBLY. One of the retired and substantial agriculturists of Lancaster county, residing on his fine farm in Upper Leacock township, on which he was born Dec. 7, 1823, is Abram G. Sheibly, a well known and highly respected citizen.

The parents of Mr. Sheibly were Henry and Susanna (Groff) Sheibly, who were united in marriage March 12, 1822; the former was born in Upper Leacock township, and the latter was a native of West Earl township. The birth of Henry Sheibly was on April 11, 1797 and he died in Jan. 1882, at the home of his daughter Caroline, in Farmersville, at the age of eighty-five years. His burial was from his old home and he was laid to rest in the private family burying ground. Since 1859 he had been retired from active life, but prior to that time he was active in work on his farm, in township affairs and in the Reformed church, where he was one of the elders. The mother of our subject was born June 11, 1802, and died in April, 1877, having lived nearly seventy-five years, which she filled to overflowing with kind actions and neighborly deeds. The children born to them were: Anna, who died young; Abram G., our subject; Elmira, Henry and Martin, who all died young; Maria, who married John B. Landis; Susannah, deceased, who married Isaac Reif; Sarah Ann, who is the widow of Martin Shaffer, and who lives in East Lampeter township; Caroline, who is the widow of Isaac Shaffer, of West Earl township; and Adam, who died young.

The Sheibly family has long been prominent in this county. Henry Sheibly, the grandfather of our

subject, started for America with his parents when he was but seven years of age; his father, Henry Sheibly, Sr., died on the voyage from Switzerland, and was buried at Philadelphia. The son made his permanent home in Lancaster county. He was a man of great industry and accumulated large means, cultivated his lands and added many improvements which today testify to his excellent judgment. In 1779 he built the present family residence, which is a stone structure, in an excellent state of preservation, and in 1800 he erected the large barn which is still used for its original purpose. In 1817 he built a large brick house on the farm and this is now used by his great-grandson. The death of this worthy ancestor was in 1818 when he had reached his seventy-second year. The first wife of Henry Sheibly was a Miss Wenger, who died in 1794, but the grandmother of our subject was the second wife, Elizabeth Miller, who died in 1840, at the age of eighty years. On the maternal side Abram G. Sheibly was connected with the Myers family, another old and prominent one in the county.

Mr. Sheibly of this sketch has devoted his energies to agriculture all his life, remaining on the old farm which he has developed and improved through many years. His prominence in his locality has made him a useful member of society, and he has been called upon to serve the public in several capacities, notably as township auditor. For forty-six years he has been a member of the Board of the Lancaster and New Holland turnpike road and for the past fifteen years has been its valued president. In politics Mr. Sheibly is a staunch Republican and takes an active and intelligent interest in public questions. Both he and wife have been connected with Hellers Reformed church for over 50 years, and he is secretary, and also an elder.

The marriage of Abram G. Sheibly was in Upper Leacock township, May 21, 1848, to Miss Maria W. Zook, and the children born to this union were: Susannah, who is the widow of David Groff, and lives at home; Henry, a clerk in Lancaster, who married Hattie Landis, and has one daughter, Blanche; Abram, Jr., who married Miss Emma Bear, operates the home farm and has one son, J. Emory; and Mary and Emma, who died young.

Mrs. Maria W. (Zook) Sheibly was born in Manheim township, on June 5, 1826, and died on Jan. 3, 1899, and was laid to rest in the Heller church cemetery. She was a daughter of David and Susannah (Weidler) Zook, both of Lancaster county, the former being a prominent farmer.

ABRAM SHEIBLY, JR., a son of Abram and Maria W. (Zook) Sheibly, was born on the old homestead and in the house which has sheltered his ancestors, Nov. 2, 1852. His education was acquired in the public schools and he remained assisting his father until his marriage, when he removed to the other residence, on the same farm,

and since his father's retirement has managed the estate himself. Its fine condition testifies that he has given close and careful attention to the land, as it is one of the most productive in the township.

Mr. Sheibly was united in marriage June 12, 1877, in Mechanicsburg, to Miss Emma E. Bear, and to this union was born one son, J. Emory. Mrs. Emma (Bear) Sheibly was born in Upper Leacock township, May 9, 1855, and she is a daughter of John and Hattie (Landis) Bear, both of whom were natives of Upper Leacock township. The father was a farmer and cattle dealer of prominence through the county. His death was in Mechanicsburg, in 1899, at the age of sixty-nine, while the mother makes her home with her children. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bear had become connected in early life with the Lutheran church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bear were: Emma, the wife of Abram Sheibly, Jr.; Benjamin, of Philadelphia; Mary, deceased, who married Amos Baumberger; Newton, of Philadelphia; Lillie I., who died young; Minora, who married M. Ward Weidman, a merchant in Clay township; and George R., who died young.

Mr. Sheibly has been school director for the past six years, taking a great interest in educational matters. His religious membership is with Heller's Reformed church, in which he is both treasurer and deacon, while, like his respected father, he adheres to the Republican party. Mr. Sheibly is regarded as one of the representative men of Lancaster county and worthily represents a prominent line of ancestors.

BRUBAKER FAMILY, AND CONNECTIONS IN AMERICA. John Brubaker emigrated from Switzerland—Germany—to America about 1710. No record has been found as yet showing the exact time. In the year 1717 he and a certain Christian Hershey jointly took out a warrant for 1,000 acres of land, situated in Hempfield township, Lancaster county, about three miles west of the present Lancaster city. In the year 1718 he and the said Christian Hershey divided the above tract of 1,000 acres into two equal parts by running a line east and west, Brubaker taking the southern part, viz., 500 acres, on which tract he built the first grist and saw mill in Lancaster county (so tradition says), the mill property being located on the little Conestoga Creek, at what is now called "Abbeyville." It is not certain that John Brubaker was married when he came to America. On May 13, 1728, John Brubaker and his wife, Anna (what her maiden name was is not known), sold and conveyed 150 acres of the 500 acres mentioned, including the mill property, to one Christian Stoneman. John Brubaker and his wife Anna had the following children: John (it being the custom at that time, and many generations following, that the first born son received the father's given name), Jacob, Abraham,



RESIDENCE OF BISHOP JACOB N. BRUBACHER



BIRTHPLACE AND HOMESTEAD OF BISHOP JACOB N. BRUBACHER

Peter, Daniel, Henry, Joseph, David, Christian and one daughter, Anna. Anna Brubaker was married to Abraham Buckwalter.

John Brubaker, the eldest son, after having grown to manhood desired to go to Switzerland (Germany) to seek a wife, but his parents were dissuaded from consenting. However, he went after his father's death, in the year 1750, arrived in his father's native land, and was received with great joy. His friends had two lamps burning evenings. He was successful in his matrimonial undertaking, and found a maiden, Maria Newcomer, who was willing to cast her lot with him in the New World. John Brubaker and Maria Newcomer entered into the sacred relation of matrimony A. D. 1750, eight days before Whitsuntide. They then sailed for America, it is not known how soon after their marriage, but presumably at their earliest convenience. Abraham Brubaker, a cousin of John, accompanied them, and was so well pleased with the New World that he wrote enticing letters to his brothers and sisters, who also emigrated to America. Abraham Brubaker settled at the Middle creek, where "Wissler's mill" is located, not far from Clay. There he intended to build a mill, but getting into difficulties with some land owners in regard to the water right he moved to what is now called Indiantown, about three miles northeast from Ephrata. Hence his descendants are called the Indiantown Brubakers.

When John Brubaker and his wife came to America, they brought, among other things, a large chest full of goods, glassware and earthenware. Those articles became scattered about, but some are yet extant, and are highly prized as relics by those that have them. Several articles are in the possession of Jacob N. Brubaker: a salt stand, pewter communion cup, and a German book. The chest is also in the family. After their arrival in America they settled on part of a tract of land which his father had bought of Lewis Lewis, situated in what is now Elizabeth township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and there they commenced housekeeping in the wilderness. The beavers were yet there building their dams. But John and Maria (Newcomer) Brubaker were not permitted long to live together, only thirty weeks in fact, the wife dying Dec. 15, 1750. He buried her in the garden, where her remains rested 150 years, and in 1880 they were removed to the Brubaker family graveyard, and a suitable tombstone placed at the grave. This was indeed a sad bereavement. His sorrow was great. Tradition says, if possible he would dig her out of her grave, he said, with his fingers, and restore her to life. The bereaved husband did not long remain a widower in the wilderness. He married April 30, 1751, Maria Tauner (now written Doner), eldest daughter of Michael Tanner. John and Maria (Tanner) Brubaker were blessed with a large family, five sons and six daughters, most of whom grew to manhood and womanhood. A kind Providence blessed them. They were permitted to see their children, and chil-

dren's children, grow up around them. And above all, they saw their descendants—as a rule—embrace the faith, and religion "which was once delivered to the Saints," for which sake the forefathers were persecuted in the "Vater Land," and which was the prime cause of their emigration to "Penn's Forest." They, and their descendants, realized the Bible truths that what we suffer for Christ's sake brings the blessing of God. The early settlers were generally rugged, resolute, but honest and hospitable, and willing to lend a helping hand. John Brubaker was deprived of his sight during the latter years of his life (it is not known how long). During his blindness he would call into his room his grandson, Jacob Brubaker, every Sunday morning, and have him read a sermon out of his book of sermons, called the "Denner Buch." (The chair on which the old grandfather sat and the book are in the possession of Jacob N. Brubaker). This shows that his mind was engaged in the service of the Lord. After John and Maria Brubaker had passed through many vicissitudes of life they went to their "long home," John Brubaker dying April 9, 1804, aged eighty-four years, seven months. His wife died some time before, June 21, 1802, aged seventy-three years, four months, ten days.

As remarked, the greater number of the family of John and Maria (Tauner) Brubaker, grew to maturity and married, viz.: John married Anna Eby; Anna married John Moyer; Maria married John Baer; Jacob married Susan Erb; Magdalena married John Bruckhart; Elizabeth married Christian Martin; Veronica married John Bomberger; Barbara married Abraham Martin. The children of the above named families, about thirty in number, nearly all of which grew to maturity, again intermarried with those families of like faith—the Ebys, Buchers, Bombergers, Snyders, Wisslers, Erbs, etc., and their families to a great extent again intermarried with families of like faith, viz.: the Ebys, Shenks, Shirks, Graybills, Bombergers, Stauffers and Rissers. Thus as a matter of course, the adherents to the faith of their forefathers greatly multiplied, and took a firm foothold in the New World, commanding the respect of the rulers of the land, and exercising a healthful influence, in many directions, by their modest, simple and honest intercourse with their neighbors. Many persons in higher stations of life were convinced that the principles and sentiments advocated and practiced by these modest and plain people were the true and cardinal principles of the Gospel, and if the descendants from generation to generation had continued those principles, by practice, down to the present time, they would exercise a greater influence. But many became dissatisfied with walking in those plain and simple paths of their forefathers, and chose strange ways, and mingled too much with the world, which greatly disturbed the peace and harmony, and therefore that influence was much shorn of its effect. But, notwithstanding all those jars and upheavals, the Mennonite denomina-

tion still stands as a beacon on the shores of time. Among those descendants there were men, members of the Church, chosen of God and church counsel, and by casting of lots, as necessity demanded, to discharge the sacred duties of the ministry. Great care was exercised, and anxious prayers were offered, invoking Divine guidance and God's blessing in providing teachers and housekeepers in God's house. A reluctant but submissive will to be ordained to the sacred office of deacon or minister, but especially of bishop, was at all times much approved of by the church. But an aspiration for those offices was always unpleasant to the church as a body.

To write the life of all prominent men of the Mennonite Church in America would be impossible, as they left scarcely any written record or account, and to mention some only might seem partial. Therefore a few remarks will be made in a general way. The polity of the Mennonite denomination has remained unchanged as regards the principal points. There have been secessions from the main body, from time to time. Those have formulated other rules of government. As a body the Mennonite denomination consists of bishops, ministers and deacons, and also the laity. Each lay member has a right to the Council of the church. At stated times examinations are held to ascertain the standing and condition of the church, the result of which is reported to conference, when bishops, ministers and deacons meet in general council and counsel with each other and advise for the welfare of the Church. The preaching of the word of God is extemporaneous and without charge. It is not the principle of the ministry to preach according to the wisdom of this world, but according to the spirit of Christ, in humility and simplicity. All persons have access to public worship. Penitent believers upon application, and after being instructed in regard to the rules and ordinances of the church, and promising obedience and allegiance thereto, are received to membership by baptism in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. The members observe communion with each other, with bread and wine, the bread and wine being emblems of the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ. Feet washing commanded by Jesus Christ, as a token of humility, is recognized as an ordinance, and observed by the greater number of the brethren. When any difference or strife arises between the members it shall be adjusted according to Matt. xviii, 15-20. Although believing that living according to the tenets of the Mennonite faith is compatible with the word of God, yet the principle thereof does not allow members to condemn those of other denominations.—[BISHOP JACOB N. BRUBAKER.

JACOB N. BRUBAKER was born July 25, 1838, in Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and is a descendant in the sixth generation of John and Anna Brubaker, his line being through John and Maria

(Tauner) Brubaker: Jacob and Susan (Erb) Brubaker; Jacob and Maria (Eby) Brubaker; and Sem and Magdalena (Nissley) Brubaker. In 1865 Jacob N. Brubaker was ordained to the ministry of the Mennonite Church, and in 1867 he was ordained bishop, in which capacity he has since officiated.

On Nov. 1, 1857, Bishop Brubaker married Barbara H. Stauffer, daughter of David K. and Anna Stauffer, and they have had children as follows: Fannie died when four and a half years old. Martin died in his thirtieth year, leaving a widow, whose maiden name was Emma Frances Witmer, and one daughter, Mabel May. David D. died when two and a half years old. Magdalena, who died in her twenty-ninth year, was the wife of Christian G. Brennerman; she left one son, Jacob Roy, and one daughter, Barbara Anna, the latter of whom died in infancy. Sem wedded Bertha Engle, and is a farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county.

SAMUEL HATZ (deceased) was for many years one of the well known and successful business men of Lancaster, and was born in this city in April, 1826, his death occurring in his home there Feb. 18, 1886.

John Hatz, the father of Samuel Hatz, was one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county for many years, the family being a well known one in the time of the grandfather of our subject, John Hatz, who was a very large landowner, possessing the tract which is now included in James St., extending north beyond the city's limits. He married Mary Burgian. His son, John, inherited much valuable land which increased in value as the city grew, and by his good management he accumulated a fortune which reached \$200,000. He probably owned more land than any other citizen of Lancaster and engaged in the real estate business, in connection with horse dealing. He was one of the first directors of the Lancaster County Bank, and one of the largest stockholders. At the time of the failure of the old Lancaster County Bank, he lost some \$60,000. He was a very public-spirited man, and was one of those instrumental in the building of the Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster.

John Hatz married Elizabeth Ensminger, of Manheim, Pa., and the children born to this union were as follows: Samuel, deceased; Rosanna, deceased, who married William M. Shrum; Mary E., who is the widow of Andrew Wingert; Sarah, who married H. D. Musselman, of Lancaster, and Elizabeth, who married W. G. Bender, of Lancaster. John Hatz died in September, 1858, at the age of fifty-seven years, and his wife died in 1856, at the age of fifty-three years. Both were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. They were good, Christian people, members of the First Reformed church.

Samuel Hatz, son of John and Elizabeth Hatz, lived at home until he began a business career for himself. He followed the same lines as his father, dealt in horses and conducted a large livery busi-

ness, in Lancaster, and for many years was also interested in the cigar business, being very successful in all. His energy and ability made him a prominent man in Lancaster, and at his death he left a large and valuable estate to his heirs. In business life he was regarded as a man of integrity, and he was much beloved in the family circle. Mr. Hatz was a member of the Reformed church. He was identified with the Republican party.

On Nov. 22, 1847, Mr. Hatz married Harriet Spoonhower, and to this union were born the following children: John, who died at the age of three years; Frederick, who died in 1892, at the age of forty-four years, married Emma Hartley, and they had six children; Mary, who died Jan. 11, 1896, married Benjamin F. Bard; Miss S. Alice, at home; Harry, who died, unmarried, in 1891; Emma H., married James S. Nowlen, a tailor in Lancaster; Charles, who married Anna N. Kellar, deceased, lives at home with his one daughter, Fanny M.; Samuel, a cigar merchant in Lancaster, married Viola Heise, and they have one daughter, Minnie, and George, who is a sign and ornamental painter in Lancaster, married Maria Simpson, and they have three children.

B. F. KINZER. Prominent and highly esteemed among the leading citizens of New Holland is B. F. Kinzer, the worthy representative of an old and honored family of Lancaster county, which has long been identified with her agricultural interests.

The Kinzer family originated in Germany, where great-grandfather Jacob Kinzer was born, coming to Lancaster county in 1729, where he found pioneer conditions, being one of the early settlers. Here he founded a family which has done honor to their ancestor, and now ranks with the most highly respected in the State. Michael, the son of Jacob Kinzer, reared a family of seven children: Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth, Margaret, William, George and Jacob, all of whom became respected members of society, lived agricultural lives, and were connected with the Lutheran church.

William Kinzer became a prosperous farmer in Earl township, married Katherine Weidler, and they reared a family of nine children: Louisa C., who married Amos Lemon; Caroline M., who died single; Maria, who married Abraham Smoker; Elizabeth E., single; B. F., the subject of this biography, born April 29, 1825; Lucetta A., who married Mathias S. Hurst; William W., who died October 1, 1900; Margaret W., who married John Wallace; and Lydia A., deceased.

Born and reared on a farm, B. F. Kinzer has been an enthusiastic farmer all his life, passing forty years as one of the successful agriculturists of Lancaster county. With a five-dollar bill in his pocket, he started out in youth to earn his own way in the world, and has succeeded beyond expectation, being now one of the county's substantial men, the

owner of four well-improved farms, and identified with much of the progress of his township. For a number of years he filled township offices, and is now one of the directors in the New Holland and Downingtown Railroad.

The estimable lady who became the wife of B. F. Kinzer, in 1853, was Miss H. Caroline Youndt, born Nov. 15, 1825, a daughter of Henry Youndt, of East Earl township, and she still survives, in good health, and it is the wish of the neighborhood that both she and husband may be spared many years. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Kinzer consisted of three children, the eldest daughter, Maria Magdalena, remaining with her parents, both Catherine W., and H. Caroline having died in childhood.

Mr. Kinzer is a consistent member of the Lutheran church, and is a man who has lived uprightly, doing his full duty, in every relation of life, thus being one of the representative men of a county where the majority are honest, industrious and law abiding.

FREDERICK VALENTINE GRAB, deceased, for many years a highly esteemed and honored citizen of Columbia, Pa., was born in Schonau, Germany, Feb. 14, 1806, and was there reared and educated. In 1832 he emigrated to America with his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Kern) Grab, and located in Columbia, where the father lived a retired life. In Germany he had always engaged in agricultural pursuits. Both parents were suffocated by gas from a leaking pipe and died the same night, Jan. 3, 1861, at the age of eighty-one and seventy-six years, respectively, their remains being interred in the Catholic cemetery of Columbia. Frederick V. was the oldest of their children, the others being Andrew, who was drowned in a canal; Elizabeth, who married first Frederick Renter, second Ulrich Vogel and third John Hinke, and died in Columbia; and Peter, who is living retired in Columbia.

After locating in Columbia, in 1832, Frederick V. Grab made that city his home throughout the remainder of his life with the exception of a few years, two of which were spent upon a farm in York county, Pa. He then went to Ohio with his parents, traveling in wagons, but after a short time spent there, they all returned to Columbia. He was engaged in the butcher business for a few years, and later successfully engaged in contracting, such as building houses and the wharves of the Susquehanna River; also the grading of streets and the turnpike from Columbia to Washington borough. In 1850 he opened a grocery store which he conducted for many years. He was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and a devout member of the Catholic church. He was known for his kind hospitality. He died Feb. 18, 1876, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Grab was twice married, his first wife being

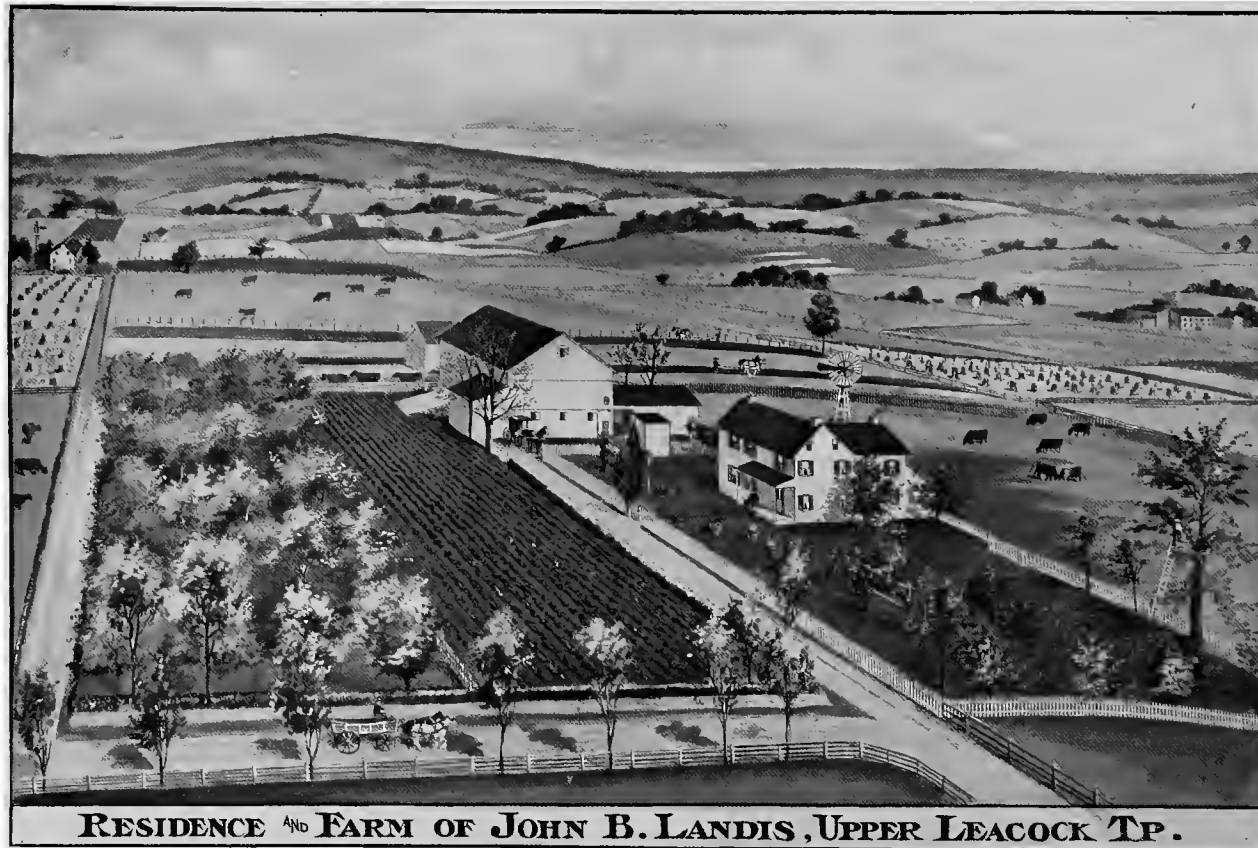
Mary Helping, who died in 1856, and by that union he had four children: (1) Catherine became the wife of Joseph Lutz, a retired citizen of Columbia, and they had the following children: George F. Squire; Mary, wife of P. Chalfant; William, proprietor of the "White Swan Hotel"; Elizabeth, wife of Sherman Swingler; Joseph, proprietor of the "Fifth Street Hotel"; Margaret, wife of Clem Hoghentogler, deceased; and Anna, wife of Peter Roeser. (2) Frederick died in Columbia. (3) Joseph married Mary Beck, and is living retired in Allegheny, Pa. They had five children: Thomas, Ida (both deceased), Mary, Emma and Rose. (4) George is deceased. In York, Pa., Mr. Grab was again married, Jan. 15, 1857, his second wife being Louise Tavernier, and to them were born six children, namely: (1) Mary G. is the wife of Henry H. Gerfin, a blacksmith of Columbia, and had the following children: Katherine A. and H. Gustave, both deceased; Mathilde E., a teacher in the public schools of Columbia; Louis H., a blacksmith; Frederick V., a blacksmith; Louise T.; Harry E., deceased; Marie C.; George P.; H. Albert; William A.; John L.; Edna A., and E. Harold; (2) Louise, (3) Peter and (4) Elizabeth, all died in childhood. (5) Harry, a blacksmith in Columbia, married Caroline Brommer, and had the following children: Lenius, Frederick, John, Louis, Harry, Wilhelmina, Charles, William, Caroline and Christian; (6) Louise is a music teacher and organist of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church, Columbia. Mrs. Grab was born in Gonnheim, Rheinpfalz, Germany, in 1837, a daughter of Peter and Mary Katherine (Egle) Tavernier, also natives of Rheinpfalz, where the father, a farmer by occupation, died in 1841, at the age of thirty-eight years. The mother came to America in 1856 and located in Columbia, Pa., where she died June 27, 1866, aged sixty-three years. Their children were: Anna B., wife of Frank Dout, a retired citizen of Columbia; Anna Katherine, who married George Gundel, and died in Columbia; Julia A., who married Christ Kraft, and died in Columbia; and Louise, now Mrs. Grab. Mrs. Grab has been a devout member of St. Paul's German Evangelical Lutheran church since its organization, in 1859.

JOHN B. LANDIS. Among the prominent and substantial retired farmers of Lancaster county, whose agricultural activities were confined to Upper Leacock township during many years, is John B. Landis, who was born Jan. 8, 1828, son of Benjamin and Mary (Buchwalder) Landis, of East Lampeter township, whose farm was in Upper Leacock township. The father died after about fifteen years of retirement, at the age of seventy-one; the mother died at the age of sixty-nine years. These good Christian people were buried in the Groffdale cemetery. They led worthy lives, and were members of the Mennonite Church. The children born

to Benjamin and Mary Landis were: Elizabeth, of East Earl township, who first married Samuel Weaver, and is now the widow of Peter Zimmerman; Mary, who married Wayne Bare, a prominent farmer, whose sketch may be found elsewhere; John B., whose name opens this record; David B., who was murdered in Lancaster, Pa.; Hettie, who is the widow of John G. Bare, of Upper Leacock township; Fianna, who is the widow of Abraham R. Grabell; Jacob, who was in the cattle business, and died in Chicago; and Harriet, who married Isaac Sprecher, of New Holland, Pennsylvania.

John B. Landis was reared on the farm in Upper Leacock township, where for a number of years he carried on successful agricultural operations. Mr. Landis has been a lifelong resident of Upper Leacock, and for thirty-seven years has resided on his present farm. He is one of the highly respected citizens of his locality. Mr. Landis was married Dec. 20, 1852, in Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Maria G. Sheibly. They had no children. Mrs. Landis died May 30, 1898, at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in the Stumptown cemetery. She was a member of the Mennonite Church at Stumptown, with which Mr. Landis also united. Mrs. Landis was a sister of Abrah G. Sheibly, of Upper Leacock township, and a daughter of Henry and Susanna (Groff) Sheibly, all members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Landis commenced farming April 1, 1853, on his father's farm in Upper Leacock township, where they remained altogether twelve years, after the first five years taking the place at \$140 per acre. On April 1, 1865, they took up their residence on property in Upper Leacock bought from John Sigel, having paid \$6,500 for eighteen acres, with improvements; this is the place where Mr. Landis still resides. He has made a number of purchases since, viz.: On May 19, 1870, he bought from Christian Kendig four acres covered with chestnut timber, in Paradise township, paying \$80.25 per acre; on Aug. 21, 1879, he bought of Jacob Hildebrand twenty-nine acres in Upper Leacock township, with improvements, formerly the Adam Ranck property, for which he gave \$7,050; on April 2, 1883, he bought from Benjamin L. Denlinger, trustee of Christian Mylin, four acres with improvements in Upper Leacock, for which he paid \$1,200; on April 1, 1885, he bought from Daniel Smocker, another tract in the same township, consisting of fourteen acres, without improvements, paying \$225 per acre; on April 1, 1891, he bought from Abraham K. Landis, ninety-five acres, with good improvements, in East Lampeter township, which cost him \$155 per acre; on April 1, 1894, he bought from Benjamin B. Landis, three acres of unimproved land in Upper Leacock township, paying \$190 per acre; on March 15, 1899, he bought from Frances M. Lenox a house and lot at Gap, in Salisbury township, for which he paid \$800.



Mr. Landis for eighteen years was a school director, and he has always taken a great interest in public matters, adhering in his political belief to the Republican party. He has been a director in the Fulton National Bank for many years, and in that, as in every other trust reposed in him, has proved himself faithful and trustworthy.

BENJAMIN B. LANDIS, one of the prominent retired farmers of Upper Leacock township, is a native of that town, born Aug. 10, 1834. His father, Benjamin Landis, was born in 1801, and died in 1871, and his mother, who was born in 1803, died in 1870; both were buried in the Groffdale cemetery. Until his retirement, some fourteen years before his death, he engaged in farming, and was prominent in public matters in the township, efficiently filling the offices of both supervisor and assessor. He was a son of John Landis, like himself a farmer of East Lampeter township.

Benjamin B. Landis was reared on the farm, and learned under his father the principles which made him a good agriculturist. Two years prior to his marriage he went to work for his brother David, on a farm, and later began farming in West Earl township, where he continued for ten years, removing then to Leacock township, and four years later coming to his present farm. In 1896 he gave up active work, and since that time has lived in the enjoyment of comforts suitable to his ample means.

Mr. Landis has been identified with much of the progress and improvement of the county, and has been greatly interested in educational matters, serving as school director of his township for six years. In public enterprises he has been a leader for twelve years, being a director of the New Holland Bank, and for fourteen years he was manager of the New Holland turnpike. In politics he has always been one of the staunch supporters of the Republican party. For many years he has been an active member of the Mennonite Church, into which faith he was born.

Mr. Landis was married Dec. 14, 1858, in Philadelphia, to Barbara Ann Groff, and children as follows were born to this union: Mary C., married Alfred Evans, a farmer of Manheim township, and they have seven children; Ida A., married Dr. Leroy Leslie, of Bareville, Pa.; Benjamin G., a prominent farmer, married Emma Eby, of Upper Leacock township, and they have two children; Cora died young; Anna died young; John G. is at home; Alice is at home.

Mrs. Barbara A. (Groff) Landis was born in Earl township Nov. 2, 1838, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Shaffer) Groff, both natives of Earl township, and members of old and prominent families. Abraham Groff died in 1886, aged seventy-two years, and his wife survived until 1894, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. These pious and esteemed people were laid to rest in the Groffdale cemetery. Their only child was Barbara

A., wife of Mr. Landis. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Landis, Samuel and Barbara (Musselman) Groff, were direct descendants of the old Swiss families of those names, and the former was a son of Hans, the pioneer settler of the Groff family; more extended notice of its earlier members will be found elsewhere. The maternal grandparents, Peter and Susannah (Hull) Shaffer, were also representatives of old and established families; Peter Shaffer was long connected with the farming interests of this county.

JESSE BROSIUS, a noted farmer in Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Chester county, Sept. 9, 1833, and is a son of William and Lydia (Pennock) Brosius.

William Brosius was born in Chester county in 1798, and his wife near Kennett Square in 1804. She was a daughter of Joshua and Lydia Pennock, natives of Chester county, and of Scotch-Irish ancestry. William Brosius was the son of Henry and Mary (Roberts) Brosius. His father came from Germany, with one brother, and made his home in Chester county, and there married Mary Roberts. He was the founder of the family, all trace of the brother being lost. He died as a farmer in Chester county. He and his wife became members of the Friends church, to which his children, fifteen in number have all adhered. They were as follows: Isaac, of Chester county; Benjamin, who married a Miss Booth and went to Ohio; Harper, who married and moved to Ohio; Mahlon, who married a Miss Kent, and was a potter in Chester county; Nathan, who lived and died in Delaware; William; Charles and Amos, both of whom settled in Ohio; Abner, a farmer in Lancaster county, who died in Chester county; Henry, who lived and died in Chester county; Joseph, who had a farm at Andrews' Bridge, where he died, leaving one son, Joseph P., now of Philadelphia; Mary Ann, who married Evan Bolton, and died at London Grove, Chester county; Sarah, who married Daniel Kent, and lived on her father's old homestead in Chester county; Agnes, who married Edwin Cook, and had her home in Indiana; Ruth Anna, who married Charles Reese, and lived at Atglen, Chester county.

William Brosius spent the most of his boyhood and youth in Montgomery county, in the home of an uncle, by name Roberts. When a young man he came back to Chester county, married Lydia Pennock in 1827, and lived in Chester county for a few years. In 1835 he bought a farm in Colerain township, where he and his wife made their home for a time in a little log house. Later, he put up good buildings on this farm, where they both lived to celebrate their golden wedding in 1877. They were members of the Friends' church, of which he was a minister, officiating in that capacity for many years. His wife died in 1884; and he, in 1888. Strongly anti-slavery in his convictions, he was opposed to the prosecution of the war. Besides Jesse,

the subject of this sketch, they had seven children: (1) Phoebe A. and (2) William died in childhood; (3) Pennock, who was born in Chester county, was reared in the home of his grandfather, Joshua Pennock, and died at the age of thirty years; (4) Levi, born in Chester county, married Miss Sarah Wright of Lancaster county, followed the shoe-making trade in the former county and dying in 1900, left four children: Frank, who married Margaret Glenn; Lydia, who married Bartley Pennock; Addie, who married a Mr. Roberts of West Chester; and Maggie, who married James Hannum, of Philadelphia; (5) Allen R., born in Lancaster county, married Miss Mary J. Pennington, lives on a farm in that county and has three children: Owen, Lewis and Mabel; (6) Addie, married Pusey Coats and has her home on his farm in Chester county. They have four children: Eva, William B., Alice R., and Anna; (7) Joshua P., born in Lancaster county, married Miss Leila Harrar and now resides on the old homestead. They have one daughter, Elsie May.

Jesse Brosius was educated in the home schools, and began life for himself as a farmer and fruit raiser. In 1854 he married Miss Elizabeth Taylor, and three years later bought his present home, which had at that time a log cabin and a log barn. In 1864 he put up a modern house, and in 1878 a fine barn. Mr. Brosius is very extensively engaged in the cultivation of small and standard fruits.

Mrs. Brosius died in 1888, leaving five children: (1) Miffin P., born in 1855, moved to Iowa when a young man, where he married a Miss Guss. They now reside in Nebraska; (2) Anna M., born in 1857, married George Senderling, of Philadelphia; (3) William A., born in June, 1859, married Miss Esther Keiser, of Lancaster county, and lives on a farm in Chester county; they have five children living, Clyde, Ada, Warren, Pauline and Earnest; (4) Jacob T., born in Oct., 1862, married Miss Belle Haines, and is a conductor on an electric road from Philadelphia to West Chester. They live in the latter city and have four living children: Ethel, Addie, Helen and Russell Taylor; Ross died in childhood. (5) Jessie Louetta, born in June, 1869, married Frank Taylor, a telegraph operator in Philadelphia, and is the mother of four children: Anna, Hazel, Marion and Florence.

Mr. Brosius was married to his present wife, Mary K. Harris, in Oct., 1889. She was an adopted daughter of Daniel and Sarah Kent. Mrs. Brosius was born in 1853 in Chester county, and is the mother of one son, Edgar J., who was born Jan. 30, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Brosius belong to the Friends' church. He voted the Republican ticket in former years, but lately he has taken up with the Prohibitionists, and now votes that ticket.

William Henry Brosius, member from this district in the Legislature, was the son of Abner Brosius. The Hon. Marriott Brosius (deceased),

whose sketch appears on another page, was a son of Clarkson Brosius and a cousin of Jesse Brosius. The family is widely known, and their ability, pacific principles, and unswerving justice and integrity have made them many friends.

HARVEY SEIPLE, a retired business man of Quarryville, was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, Feb. 19, 1841. He is the son of John and Susan (Anglenine) Seiple.

John Seiple, the father, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1813. Mrs. Seiple was born in Northampton county, Pa., in April, 1815. John was the son of Samuel Seiple, who was born in Germany, and his wife Magdalena Shipe was also of German origin. Samuel Seiple settled on a farm in Drumore township, and for many years taught school in the county. He reared a family of five sons: Joseph, David, Samuel, George and John, the father of our subject. They are all dead except David, who resides in Chester county. Of the brothers, Samuel and George never married. Joseph made his home in Drumore township and there died.

John Seiple married and settled on a farm in Drumore township, where he continued until 1896, when he bought a home in Quarryville, and lived a retired life until his death in 1898. His widow is still living in the home place, at the age of eighty-seven years. This couple reared a family of nine children. (1) William Seiple, who was born in Lancaster county, married Miss Tillie Hannah, of Maryland. When a young man he served in the Civil war in Co. G, Pa. Cav., and took part in a number of battles. After the war he was engaged, with his brother, our subject, in the oil fields, Venango county, for twenty years, and then went to New York State where he sunk artesian wells for some time. In 1888 he engaged himself with an English syndicate to drive oil wells in India, and with two of his sons, Gay and John, is in that country at the present time. His wife and the rest of the family, Maud, May and Bert, reside in Lancaster city. (2) Samuel Seiple was born in Lancaster county and married Miss Mary J. Potts, of Lancaster county, and they now reside at Princeton, Ill., where the husband is engaged in mercantile pursuits; they had five children: Edward, who died when young; William, Owen, Lee and Hattie, all being teachers in Illinois. (3) Harvey Seiple, our subject, was the next child. (4) Mary A. Seiple, deceased, was born in 1843, and married Jacob Rintz, of Lancaster county, and left a family of nine children: John, Harry, Charles, Laura, Emma, Mary, Ida, Lilli, and Minnie. (5) Catharine Seiple, deceased, was born in 1846, and married Simon Reese, of Providence, Lancaster county, and left a large family as follows: Dora, Harvey, Luticia, Lisle, May, Lottie, Maud, Lemuel, Melo and Sue. (6) Charles Seiple was born in 1852, and married Susan Gochman, of Lancaster county, and

they reside in Drumore township, where he is a merchant, also serving as postmaster of the place; they have the following children: Lulu, Carrie, Harry, Charles, Maisy, Edna and Arthur. (7) Thomas Seiple was born in 1848, and during the Civil war was a soldier in the 53rd Pa. Regiment and served until the close of the war, after which he returned home and engaged in the oil business in Venango county, Pa. He married Miss Alice C. Brooks, of Lancaster county. His family is in Lancaster county, while he is engaged in the oil enterprises of India with his brother. His children are as follows: Ada, Minnie (deceased), Jennie, Alice, Frank, Mamie, Mellie, Leon (deceased) and Chester. (8) James D. Seiple was born in 1854, and married Miss Carrie Jeffries, of Illinois, and they now reside in Carroll county, Ill., where he follows farming. Their children are: Roy, Mabel and Frank. (9) Susan Seiple was born in 1856 and is the wife of David Rineer, of Quarryville; they reside at Newark and have the following children: Percy, Celia, Abram and Clinton.

Harvey Seiple was reared in Lancaster county, and received a common school education. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in the 122nd P. V. I., Co. H, and was in the Army of the Potomac under Gen. McClellan. He took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and in May, 1863, re-enlisted in Co. G, 21st Pa. Cav. for six months. He was engaged in the Shenandoah valley under Gen. Sheridan, and took part in a number of engagements. At the expiration of his second enlistment, he re-enlisted in the same regiment until the close of the war. He remained on duty until Lee surrendered. Under Phil Sheridan he was engaged at Cold Harbor, Hatches Run, Weldon Railroad, Poplar Springs Church, and Petersburg. After the war he returned home, and was married, in 1869, to Miss Louisa E. Brooks, of Lancaster, daughter of Benjamin and Jane (Barnett) Brooks. Mrs. Seiple was born in Drumore township, in 1846, where she was reared and educated, and for several years before she was married, taught school. Three children were born to this union, all of whom died in infancy. Alice L. Seiple, a niece, was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Seiple. After his marriage Mr. Seiple entered the oil fields of Venango county, and was engaged in the oil business for eighteen years. He met with an accident while there, caused by a mill explosion, which for a time seriously injured him. In 1888 he returned to Lancaster county, and for a time engaged in the restaurant business. About six years later he undertook a livery business, which he managed successfully. In 1898 his wife died in Quarryville borough. She was a member of the M. E. church. On Oct. 9, 1901, Mr. Seiple married for his second wife Miss Louella Holmes, daughter of Dr. J. E. Holmes, of Virginia. They now reside in Quarryville. He is a member of the Republican party but seeks no office. He affiliates

with the Reformed church. Mr. Seiple is a member of the W. S. Bryerly Post, 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, and filled all the chairs in that order. Mr. Seiple's family is one of the most respected in the county, and deservedly so, as four sons of the family volunteered their services at the call of their country. They did their duty manfully, and no record for bravery stands higher than that of the "Seiple boys" as they were known in those times. They are men of honor to-day in the community, and respected and loved by all who know them.

HENRY BURGER, a thoroughly experienced and eminently successful builder and contractor in the city of Lancaster, where in almost any direction the eye notes some of his excellent work, was born Sept. 20, 1839, in Mansalt, Prussian-Germany, a son of John and Mary (Styer) Burger, of the same country, where they were most worthy members of the Reformed church, and where the father was an extensive farmer. John Burger died in 1851, aged forty-one years, his widow surviving until 1860, reaching the age of forty-six years. Their children were Margaret, born in Prussian-Germany, married to Philip Hump; William, an officer in the United States army, who died in California; Charlotte, who died in Germany, aged seventeen years; and Henry. The Burger family was well and favorably known in the neighborhood of Allendorf, Germany.

When but thirteen years of age, Mr. Burger was apprenticed and learned the carpenter trade very thoroughly, so that when, at the age of seventeen years, he came to America to work as a journeyman, he commanded the best salary paid to any one in that line of work, and soon was made foreman of the crew that built the railroad shops in Lancaster, retaining the position for four years. Since that time Mr. Burger has been continuously and actively employed in building and contracting, some of his work being Vegar's Brewery, in Philadelphia, and the buildings in Mammoth Park, at Long Branch. In 1869, Mr. Burger began contracting and building operations on his own responsibility and continued until 1873, when he embarked in a planing mill business with Amos Urban. For twelve years this enterprise was carried on with great success, but in 1885 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Urban retiring on account of ill health, Mr. Burger, however, continuing the plant. In 1887 the plant was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$46,000. After the destruction of the planing mill, Mr. Burger returned to Philadelphia, easily secured work with wages of five dollars a day, and there remained for three years, then returning to Lancaster to make this city his permanent home. Here he engaged in contracting and building and has erected many of the handsomest residences and most substantial business blocks in the city. The elegant John Kellar residence is a sample of his skill, as is also the elaborate Eshleman mansion and other homes of beauty and

utility, while a few of the business houses are: the old Eshleman Block, now used as the Western Union Telegraph office; the City Saving Fund and Trust Co.; the Long & Davison Building; and the great six-story brick factory occupied by the Moss Cigar Co., one of the largest buildings of its kind in the State, to which a handsome, up-to-date addition is being made. In 1862 Mr. Burger joined the engineer corps of the United States army and remained a member of it during the progress of the Civil war, this being one of the most useful and necessary departments in the service. Mr. Burger, as an expert workman, received \$125 per month, and earned it, travelling from one point to another, building bridges and looking after construction work of various kinds. He has made a reputation in his line that reaches all over the State. Although Mr. Burger has erected many more ornate buildings, he feels well satisfied with the great factory before noted, its perfect proportions, its massive appearance and substantial construction meeting with his approval.

In 1860, Mr. Burger was united in marriage, in Lancaster, with Katharina Arnold, who was a daughter of Michal Arnold and was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1838. The father was a farmer of wealth and influence in Germany, but never left his native land. The mother, however, crossed the Atlantic ocean four times and lived four years in Lancaster county, but died in Germany. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Burger are the following: John A., a mechanic and the foreman of a planing mill at Atlantic City, N. J., married to Amelia Shenberger; Anna, who is the wife of Henry N. Howell, an insurance agent, and is the mother of two children; Caroline, the widow of Samuel Haverstick, residing with her father; and Barbara, at home.

Mr. Burger has always taken much interest in politics, but has never consented to hold any office. He has long been a member of the Order of Odd Fellows. From youth he has belonged to the Reformed church. Few men in Lancaster are better known or more highly respected than Henry Burger, and he justly holds a position at the head of his profession.

MARTIN D. KENDIG, who has been secretary and treasurer of the Manor Mutual Fire Insurance Company since its organization in 1886, has in that and numerous other capacities earned the right to be classed among the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of his locality. As to his financial success, it has been gained independently, for he was early thrown on his own resources.

Mr. Kendig was born Feb. 5, 1833, on the farm which he still occupies, son of Martin and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Kendig, the former of whom was born May 1, 1799, near Creswell, and died March 30, 1846, in Manor township; the mother was born March 1, 1806, and died in her eighty-sixth year.

Martin Kendig was a farmer, owning about seventy acres, which he cultivated until his death. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and a Republican in politics. To him and his wife were born ten children: Mary, Elizabeth, Susan, Fannie, Martin D., John, Anna, Sarah, Isaiah and Elizabeth (2), five of whom are deceased.

Martin D. Kendig received his early education in the common schools, and also attended for a short time the State Normal School at Millersville, and the Strasburg Academy. After his father's death, however, he was obliged to leave school, and from that time continued his studies only in the intervals of work. That he has made the most of every opportunity in this direction is evident, for he is unusually well informed. At one time he took up the study of medicine, but abandoned his intention of becoming a practitioner on account of his poor health, as he found it was necessary for him to lead a more active life. His life occupation has been farming. From early youth he assisted in conducting the homestead place, part of which he now owns, having fifty acres. In addition to general farming Mr. Kendig makes a specialty of tobacco raising, and keeps fine stock, and he has prospered in every line, his progressive spirit making itself apparent in every feature of the management of his property. It has been brought to its present attractive condition by his labor, and the home with all its surroundings bespeaks intelligent and unceasing care. Mr. Kendig's fellow citizens have not been slow to note this characteristic, and he is a prominent member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, of which he has served eight years as secretary and ten years as treasurer. Such a record speaks for itself. For many years he was an active member of the Tobacco Growers Association, of which he was president, and he belongs to the Horticultural Society. Of late years, however, his attention has been largely directed toward the affairs of the Manor Fire Insurance Company, of which he was one of the promoters, and a charter member. On its organization, in 1886, he was elected secretary, in which office he has ever since continued to serve, and in 1888 he was elected treasurer, in which incumbency he has also been retained to the present day. He was acting treasurer from the start. Mr. Kendig has been an earnest and efficient worker in every movement for the advancement or benefit of his town and county, especially educational affairs, and has served as school director of Manor township. Politically he is a Republican.

On Nov. 19, 1885, Mr. Kendig married Miss Fannie Dambach, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Herr) Dambach, farming people near Columbia, who had a family of twelve children, all yet living, namely: Mary, Susan, John, Fannie, Martin, Henry, Joseph, Catherine, Amos, Adam, David and Lizzie. Mr. Dambach passed away Nov. 12, 1875, aged sixty-two years, one month, twenty-one days. The mother passed away July 19, 1901, in her eighty-fifth year and was buried in a private cemetery near



Letort. She was a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kendig joined the Mennonite Church in 1901.

CHRISTIAN S. B. HERR (deceased) was in his life time one of the leading men of Lancaster county. Born in West Lampeter township, Sept. 11, 1838, he was a son of Benjamin and Catherine (Barr) Herr. His boyhood days were passed on the old homestead, and his education was secured in the public schools. Early in life he associated himself with a manufacturing establishment in Lancaster, under the firm name of Backman, Stoner & Herr, engaging in the manufacture of farm implements. After a short time the business was suspended, and Mr. Herr returned to farming, locating at Big Springs, West Lampeter township, on a place containing forty-five acres. His attention was given to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Herr was at one time tax collector in the town, and was among the most highly esteemed citizens of the township. His death occurred Feb. 21, 1884. His religious affiliations were with the old Mennonite Church.

Mr. Herr was married Sept. 29, 1868, to Miss Elizabeth, a daughter of Daniel and Annie C. (Brenneman) Herr. Mrs. Herr was born in Strasburg, on the old homestead, where her son Jefferson is now established. To this union were born: Enos B., born Sept. 14, 1869, died July 21, 1870; Harry B., born June 21, 1871; Daniel Jefferson, born July 5, 1873; Anna Catherine, born March 31, 1876, is the wife of Frank Hauser, and they reside with the mother at her home in Big Springs, in West Lampeter township. Mrs. Herr and her children are all members of the Old Mennonite church, and move among the most respected people of the county.

JOHN K. LINEAWEAVER, M. D., is one of Columbia's best known and most successful practitioners. His birthplace was Lebanon, and his father, George P., was also a physician. His paternal grandparents were Peter and Susanna (Gilbert) Lineaweaver, also of Lebanon, his grandfather being a hotel keeper and for many years the proprietor of a stage line, running between Reading and Harrisburg. Dr. Lineaweaver was the third of a family of six sons. His two elder brothers, George P. and Simeon T., were also members of the same profession, and are both deceased. His younger brothers were named Samuel T., Washington K. and Albert. Samuel is the editor of *The Daily Season*, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. George P. Lineaweaver, the mother of the gentleman whose life is so imperfectly sketched in these paragraphs, was Sarah Toby. Her father, Simeon, was of English birth, and commanded his own vessel, which was engaged in the trans-Atlantic carrying trade. He enjoyed an enviable reputation, both as a mariner and a man. His wife, Dr. Lineaweaver's maternal grandmother, was born in Philadelphia.

On June 2, 1868, at Columbia, the Doctor was married to Miss Jane McClung Strickler Crane, a daughter of the distinguished Col. Robert Crane, a sketch of whose life and family may be found in the succeeding paragraphs. Of this union were born four children. Robert C., the eldest, died in infancy. Jeannette C., the only daughter, was the wife of H. B. Stauffer, of Columbia. John K. died before completing his third year, and Fred W. is a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. Mrs. Lineaweaver and Mrs. Stauffer are members of Chapter The Witness Tree, of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Col. Robert Crane, her father, was a man of pronounced public spirit, wide popularity and eminent distinction. He was born in the town of Liberty, then within the old limits of Lycoming county, but now within the confines of Clinton county. His parents were George Crane and Christiana Covenhoven. His mother's family was among the first to settle in the New Netherlands, in 1630, and her more immediate ancestors were among the distinguished pioneers of the Lycoming valley, and played a prominent part in protecting the white settlers from the midnight raids of the savages. Her father, Wolfert Covenhoven, was born in Monmouth Co., N. J., in 1755. He was a civil engineer by profession, and served as a scout in the army of Washington. He lived to the remarkable age of ninety-one years, dying Oct. 29, 1846. George Crane owned an extensive farm in Tippecanoe township, stretching along the river three miles from Jersey Shore, on which he settled in 1819. Robert was his second child and eldest son, and passed his boyhood and youth on the paternal acres. On reaching man's estate he married Elizabeth M. Strickler, of Columbia, and he and his young wife took up their home in Jersey Shore. Mrs. Strickler's parents were Jacob and Jane (McClung) Strickler, of Lancaster county. Jacob was a farmer, a large land owner and a miller.

Robert Crane was a man whose business ability was as pronounced as his moral character was unspotted. While yet a young man he evinced a remarkable aptitude for managing enterprises of magnitude. He erected the large brick block in Jersey Shore, near the approach of the bridge across the river, a structure which was long known as the Crane Arcade, and was prominently identified with milling and lumber interests. In 1860 he became interested in the building of the Columbia & Reading Railroad, and removed to Columbia. For several years after the completion of the line he was its superintendent. He was also an influential factor in the organization of the company which built the Bound Brook Railroad, and was largely interested in the road's construction. At the time of his death he was president of the Delaware & Lancaster Railroad Company, whose line extended from Lancaster to Phoenixville.

Politically Col. Crane followed his ancestral tra-

ditions. He was always a Democrat, yet while opposing the election of President Lincoln he gave the national administration loyal and hearty support in its efforts to suppress the rebellion. When the Confederate forces, led by Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson, approached Columbia, he was the first to apply the torch to the bridge, the rebel forces being within one hundred feet of the farther approach across the river. His prompt action saved Columbia and a large portion of Lancaster county from invasion, and for it he was thanked and commended in a general order promulgated by Gen. Crouch, commanding the Division of the Susquehanna.

In addition to the other responsible posts so ably filled by Col. Crane, he was for several years a director of the Susquehanna Iron Company, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Columbia. About 1885 he removed from Columbia to Philadelphia, where he engaged actively in real estate and insurance business. He received his title of colonel through being appointed on the staff of Gov. Bigler, with that rank. In 1858 he was elected to represent Lycoming county in the lower house of the legislature. He served his constituents so well that he was chosen to represent them for a second term, and his public record is without stain.

He was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, and a liberal supporter of the cause of religion. He was, nevertheless, tolerant of all faiths, and genuinely charitable toward the failings of his fellow mortals. His temperament was affectionate and genial; his instincts generous; and his urbane manner made him a welcome guest in social intercourse. In 1856 the late John F. Meginness dedicated to him the first edition of his "History of West Branch Valley," in recognition of the sympathy and encouragement extended to him by one who never turned a deaf ear to a worthy appeal for help, and who regarded God's poor as the continuing heritage of God's children.

To Col. Crane and wife five children were born, of whom Mrs. Dr. Lineaweaver is the eldest. The others were: George; Creacy, Mrs. H. O. Chapman, of Germantown; Robert, the husband of Alice Hershey, of Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, who is unmarried and resides in Columbia.

H. FRANK ESHLEMAN, attorney-at-law, with convenient and well appointed offices at No. 48 North Duke street, Lancaster, belongs to one of the oldest, most numerous and most influential families in the county, his first ancestor in this country, Jacob Eshleman, having arrived in America, from Rotterdam, in August, 1729.

David B. Eshleman, the father of H. Frank, was a son of David Eshleman, who was born in Hempfield township, this county, in 1805, and who spent a goodly portion of his life in his native place, but about 1830 removed to Martic township, where he became recognized as a prominent farmer and where he followed his agricultural pursuits to the time of

his death, which occurred in 1876. The others of the family were: Jacob; Harry; Barbara, who married Jacob Stauffer; and Hettie, who married a Mr. Bear; all of these have long since passed away. David Eshleman was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Harnish, who died about 1850, and his second wife was Mrs. Sensenig, a widow, who passed away several years ago.

David B. Eshleman, son of the above, was born at Marticville, in Lancaster county, on Aug. 28, 1841, and was, like his father, a progressive and prominent farmer. In early manhood he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Charles, who belonged to another prominent family of this county. His death took place on Nov. 16, 1898, but his widow still survives. From this union six children were born: Martin C., who married Bernarda Miller and has two children,—Edith and Anna; Charles R., who married Kate Buckwalter and has three children,—Elizabeth, Mary and Leigh; Martha; Anna; William G.; and H. Frank.

H. Frank Eshleman was educated in the schools of his district and remained on his father's farm until he reached the age of eighteen, at which time he entered as a student at the State Normal School at Millersville, and was graduated from that great institution of learning in 1890. For the following year he engaged in teaching in the public schools of Lancaster county and the two subsequent years he was a member of the faculty of his Alma Mater, devoting all the leisure time he found during the last two years to the study of law.

The next step was his entrance into the senior class of the law department of the University at Ann Arbor, Mich., from which he was graduated in 1894, with the degree of LL. B. During the spring of that year he was admitted to practice law in the lower courts of Michigan, as well as in the Supreme Court of that State, and in the U. S. District Court, but the following fall he returned to Lancaster and entered the office of Hon. Marriott Brosius, member of Congress from this district, where, after reading law for six weeks, in order to familiarize himself with the practice in this State, he passed a very creditable examination and was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county. This was in Oct., 1894; and from that day to this he has been pressing steadily to the front as a lawyer, being now associated in different cases with many of the oldest members of the bar, and enjoying a most lucrative practice.

Socially Mr. Eshleman is a member of Charles M. Howell Lodge, No. 496, F. & A. M., of Millersville; of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 374, I. O. O. F., of Rawlinsville, this county; Jay Council, No. 1003, Jr. O. U. A. M., of this county; White Cross Commandery, Knights of Malta, Lancaster; Emanuel Senate, No. 959, Ancient Essenic Order; to the Lancaster Bar Association, and to the Young Republicans, being a stanch and ardent Republican.

Up to the spring of 1901 Mr. Eshleman maintained his residence in the country, but in April of

that year he brought his mother and sisters, to whom he is greatly devoted, to Lancaster, and established the family home at No. 332 North Lime street. With a magnetic personality, the ability quickly to grasp a legal point, and studiously devoted to the honored profession which he has adopted, Mr. Eshleman's future is confidently anticipated by all who know him, as one of unusual promise.

GEORGE W. GILLESPIE, M. D. A prominent physician of Lancaster county is Dr. George W. Gillespie, of Fulton township. He was born in Lancaster county Jan. 22, 1852, and is a son of N. H. Gillespie, of Maryland, and Mary Y. (Davis) Gillespie, of Chester county, Pa. The family is of Scotch, Irish and English origin.

George Gillespie, the grandfather, was a native of Cecil county, Md. He married Miss Sallie Hall, of Maryland, and was the father of seven children, namely: Elisha; Samuel E.; Mary S.; Gertrude; G. Washington; Nicholas H., the father of Dr. George W. Gillespie; and John E.

Col. Elisha Hall, the Doctor's great-grandfather, was one of the "Mount Welcome" Halls, whose ancestry settled on a large tract of land in Cecil county, Md., in 1690. His great-great-grandfather, John Ewing, D. D., was an eminent Presbyterian minister of his day.

Nicholas H. Gillespie was married to Mary Y. Davis, of Chester Co., Pa., June 6, 1848. The lady was a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Young) Davis, of Chester Co., Pa. This union resulted in the birth of six children: S. Davis Gillespie, who is a superintendent of coal mines in West Virginia; Dr. George W.; John E., who is deceased; Sallie H.; Gertrude E., the wife of William P. Haines, of West Virginia; and Miss Mary, of Philadelphia. Nicholas H. Gillespie was born Jan. 6, 1820, and came to Lancaster county in 1850; he then removed to Virginia, returned again to Lancaster county in 1889, and died there May 12, 1895. He was a strong Democrat all through life. He followed the mercantile business for over forty years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He was also a member of the I. O. O. F. Mrs. Gillespie was born Jan. 20, 1825, in Chester Co., Pa., and died in Cecil Co., Md., in 1879.

Dr. George W. Gillespie was with his father in the store during his early life. On April 9, 1885, he married Miss Lizzie W. Nivin, of Newark, Del. She was a daughter of David E. Nivin, of Delaware, and comes of an English family. She was born March 9, 1850. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Gillespie, Nivin D. and J. E. H., both of whom are at home. Dr. Gillespie received his education in the district and high schools of Lancaster county, and graduated from the school of Medicine at the Maryland University in 1880. He first located at Conowingo, Md., followed his profession there for nine years, and then came to Pleasant Grove, where he has met with merited success

in the practice of his chosen profession. He is a self-made man, having received few advantages which were not gained by his own efforts. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., K. of P. and I. O. Heptasophs. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The Doctor is devoted to his practice and, being of a benevolent character, has given considerable time to the poor of his neighborhood. He comes of distinguished Pennsylvania and Maryland families and holds well to their traditions. Both sides of his house were prominent in Revolutionary times and took leading parts in that struggle for liberty. The Doctor is well posted on all topics of the day and keeps closely in touch with all scientific matters of interest to him.

GEORGE WEILER, a retired farmer of New Holland, was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Sept. 11, 1824, a son of Elder George and Anna (Gouchenauer) Weiler. George Weiler was born in Caernarvon township, and his wife in East Hempfield township.

Elder Weiler was a farmer, and held the position of school director for six years. He died in 1865, having lived retired for fifteen years, and attaining the advanced age of eighty-seven years, less five days. He was an elder in the Reformed Church, and with his wife, who died in 1871, at the age of seventy-one years, was buried in the Petersburg Mennonite cemetery. The family of Elder Weiler and his wife consisted of the following children: David, who died young; George; Fanny, who died in infancy; Henry, who was a farmer, and died at the age of sixty; and Joseph, who died at the age of fifty-nine.

The paternal grandparents of George Weiler were Andrew and Anna M. (Mark) Weiler, natives of Switzerland. Andrew Weiler was a child when he came to this country with his parents, and here he became a successful farmer. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Weiler were Joseph and Anna (Kauffman) Gouchenauer, of whom the former was a farmer and a weaver in Lancaster county.

George Weiler was married in 1877, in East Earl township, to Levenia Kendig, and to their union were born: Anna M., Ruth E. and Elizabeth L., all of whom are at home.

Mrs. Levenia (Kendig) Weiler was born in Iowa in 1843, a daughter of George and Mary (Sausman) Kendig, of Earl township, where they were married. Her father was a merchant and a farmer, and about 1840 removed to Ohio, going from there to Iowa, where he was engaged in farming many years. About 1874 he returned to Lancaster county and engaged in a mercantile business at first in Beartown, and then in Lancaster. In his younger days he operated a distillery, from which he went into a general store, and for a time was engaged in farming. His death occurred in 1882, at the age of seventy-one. His widow died in 1885, at the age of seven-

ty-two. Both were buried in Lancaster, where they died, and whither they had removed in 1874 from Kansas, living retired the last years of their lives. They were both members of the Methodist Church. They had the following children: Sarah, who married William Weidel, and is now deceased; John, deceased; Edwin, deceased; George, a farmer in Kansas; Levenia, noted above as the wife of Mr. Weiler; William, deceased; Mary, who lives unmarried in Lancaster; Ottomar; Evelyn; Ida; Edward, deceased, as are also the last three members of the family; and Isaac, a clerk in Oakland, California.

Mr. Weiler remained at home with his parents until their death, and in 1871 he came to New Holland, where he lived until his marriage, when he began farming in that township. In 1899 he retired. In religion he holds to the Reformed Church, of which he is a zealous and active member. In his politics he is a Republican. Mr. Weiler has sold his farm, and in the spring of 1902 located in Lancaster.

SAMUEL M. SELDOMRIDGE. As merchant, farmer, banker, tobacco dealer and representative public man, Samuel M. Seldomridge is well and favorably known to the people of West Earl township. He was born Dec. 17, 1831, on what is known as the Jacob Musser farm, near Stumptown, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Miller) Seldomridge.

Frederick Seldomridge, his grandfather, accompanied by his brother, Tobias, emigrated to America and located in Lancaster county, Pa., while Tobias established a family of the name in Virginia. Frederick Seldomridge was the father of John, Isaac, Samuel, George, William, Sarah and Mary.

Samuel Seldomridge, the father of Samuel M., was born March 30, 1793, and died April 13, 1856. On Sept. 28, 1820, he married (first) Christiana Glowser, who was born July 20, 1801, and died Sept. 28, 1828. The children of this union were: Sarah, born Aug. 8, 1821, who died in childhood; Jacob, born Feb. 28, 1825, who died in 1862; and George, born April 28, 1827, who died unmarried. The second marriage of Samuel Seldomridge, in 1829, was to Elizabeth Miller, and to this union came: Joanna, born Aug. 23, 1829, married George Bear, of Lancaster county; Samuel M. is the subject of this sketch; Isaac, born Jan. 8, 1835, died in young manhood; John, born Feb. 12, 1837, is a retired farmer and merchant of the borough of Ephrata; Amos, born May 9, 1840, died in childhood; Elizabeth, born March 5, 1843, married William Gross, a shoemaker, of Farmersville; Levi, born Aug. 20, 1846, is a farmer and painter, of Farmersville; and Christian, born Nov. 14, 1848, still unmarried, is the proprietor of a hotel in Dayton, Ohio.

Samuel M. Seldomridge was reared on the farm and was educated in the common schools of Leacock township, attending until twelve or thirteen years old. His youth was passed in industry, as his par-

ents had but limited means and a large family, and he was engaged in farm work until April 1, 1845, when he entered the store of J. L. & S. L. Robison, merchants at Intercourse, this county, as a "prentice boy." He drove team and did boy's work about the store and remained with them three years at a yearly salary of \$40. On April 1, 1848, Mr. Robison sold the store to Jacob Holl, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., and it was conducted by his son, B. F. Holl (now of Philadelphia). When he took charge Mr. Seldomridge was promoted to the position of head clerk, at a salary of \$80 per year, and he remained with Mr. Holl as clerk until January, 1856; at the end of his nine years' service he was receiving \$200. In January, 1857, shortly after his marriage, he bought out the store of Isaac Roland, at Earlville, with the help of friends, and conducted same until January, 1859, when he purchased the store of Christian F. Groff, at what is now Farmersville, and moved from Earlville. There he has continued to reside and carry on the mercantile business. Meantime, besides building up a profitable mercantile business, he has branched out, engaging in various lines, in all of which he met with the same measure of success which attended his first venture. Farming has received a goodly share of Mr. Seldomridge's attention, as he owns three fine farms, and he has also dealt heavily in tobacco, having his own warehouses. He has a commodious dwelling opposite his store, and in addition he owns five houses, which he rents. He became interested in the Farmers' National Bank, of Lancaster, and in January, 1877, was elected a director of that institution, and after serving about five years on the board became, in 1881, vice president, in which incumbency he has since been retained. Mr. Seldomridge is strictly a self-made man, having started in life with no capital but his native ability and habits of industry, and he stands as one of the solid, substantial and reliable citizens of his township, a fit representative of the best class of residents in Lancaster county. As an employe Mr. Seldomridge proved himself, from the very outset of his career, to be faithful and trustworthy, and after he had gained five years' experience his services were eagerly sought and well paid for. His courtesy made him popular, and the lessons he learned in those early years, not only of a strictly business character, but also in dealing with people, were of inestimable value to him when he entered upon his independent career. Mr. Seldomridge enjoys a fine patronage among the prosperous farmers of his section, as he has always had the reputation of paying the highest prices for farm products, which he ships to New York. Judicious buying has been one of the principal secrets of his continued prosperity, and his stock is unusually well selected and desirable. He has been obliged to enlarge his establishment three times to accommodate his increasing trade, and it is up-to-date in every appointment. Several successful merchants have been trained for their business career in this house. To him is due



S. M. Seldonridge

the greater part of the credit for the building up of Farmersville.

In political faith Mr. Seldomridge is a Republican, and he has been prominent in the councils of his party for many years, his advice on county, State and National affairs being sought and highly valued. He has served three or four times as delegate to the county conventions; on June 19, 1888, he was a delegate to the National Convention held at Chicago, where he supported Gen. Harrison throughout. On Aug. 25, same year, he was chief marshal at the large Harrison convention held at Lancaster—the largest since 1844. The interest he takes in local affairs is not less, and his name has always been associated with the progress and development of his township. Since 1858 he has been town clerk at Farmersville, West Earl township. In July, 1859, he was appointed postmaster, under James Buchanan, and has continued to hold that office through all the changes up to the present day. He has served as juror on road views, as juryman several times, as United States juryman three times, and has settled up a number of estates. Such marks of confidence and approval from a man's fellow citizens do not come undeserved, and in the case of Mr. Seldomridge they are the simple acknowledgment of duty well done.

Samuel M. Seldomridge was married March 20, 1856, to Miss Sarah Swope, of Upper Leacock township, who was born July 19, 1838, a daughter of Daniel and Leah (Hiller) Swope. This union has been blessed with children as follows: Harvey C., born in 1857, married Clara Graybill; he is a merchant at Rothsville, Pa. Charles E., born in 1859, married Annie Myers; he is a miller at Hinkletown, Pa. Daniel W., born in 1860, died in infancy. Morgan Rufus, born in 1862, married Susan Buch; he is a merchant in Farmersville. Nettie A., born in 1865, died in childhood. Lillie May, born in 1872, is the wife of Henry Oberholtzer, of Akron, Pa., who is a merchant of that place.

Mr. Seldomridge has been liberal of his means toward all deserving enterprises and charities, and has contributed generously toward the support of the Zeldenrich Church, in Leacock township, although he is not a member.

BRACKBILL. Among the early families of Paradise township, Lancaster county, the Brackbills deserve prominent mention. Honored representatives are identified with the interests of the county today, and stretching into three centuries, the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth, the family has been actively and influentially associated with the development of the region.

(I) Rev. Benedictus Brackbill was born in the seventeenth century, near Weiler, on the river Harre, in Germany, and sailed from there, with his wife Maria and three children, Ulrich, Barbara and Maudlin, landing in Philadelphia Aug. 24, 1717.

He located between Strasburg and Bunker Hill, in Lancaster county, and there died.

(II) Ulrich Brackbill, son of Rev. Benedictus, was born in Germany in 1708, married Fanny Herr and left four children, Fanny, John, Benedict and Anna.

(III) Benedict Brackbill, second son of Ulrich, was born in 1730, and married Mary Kendig. They had eight children, John, Elizabeth, Mary, Henry, Anna, Susanna, Benjamin and Christian.

(IV) Henry Brackbill, son of Benedict, was one of the successful agriculturists of Paradise township. He was born Aug. 25, 1771, and occupied and tilled a farm adjoining on the south what is now Leaman Place. He married Miss Susan Eshleman, by whom he had a family of five children, as follows: John, a lifelong farmer near Strasburg, Lancaster county; Maria, who died unmarried at the age of thirty-seven years; Benjamin, a sketch of whom appears below; Jacob, who died unmarried Dec. 20, 1882, in the seventy-seventh year of his age; and Henry, who died in Paradise township Jan. 25, 1879, in his seventieth year. The father of these children died July 6, 1837, aged sixty-five years.

(V) Benjamin Brackbill, son of Henry, was born in Paradise township Nov. 10, 1803, and throughout the many years of his life he remained a resident of that township, where he engaged successfully in farming. He married, Jan. 5, 1837, Miss Susan Howry, who was born March 14, 1813, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Funk) Howry. To Benjamin and Susan Brackbill was born a family of eight children, namely: Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 21, 1837, unmarried, a resident of Vintage; Elam H., born July 7, 1839, a farmer near Vintage; Elias E., who is named below; Susan, born Feb. 4, 1844, residing with her brother, Elias E., and her sister at Vintage; Lydia Ann, born March 23, 1846, who married Peter Hess, of Cumberland Co., Pa., and died Dec. 7, 1888; Benjamin O., born Sept. 19, 1848, a farmer of Salisbury township, who died Sept. 26, 1896; Jacob F., born May 19, 1850, a farmer of Paradise township, who died Oct. 22, 1887; and Henry P., a merchant of Vintage, a sketch of whom follows. The mother of these children died Feb. 16, 1865, in the fifty-second year of her age. The father survived until Sept. 11, 1891, passing away at the ripe old age of eighty-eight. Benjamin and Susan Brackbill were devout members of the Old Mennonite Church, with which faith all the children except Jacob and Henry P. are now connected.

(VI) HENRY P. BRACKBILL, a prosperous merchant of Vintage, the son of Benjamin and Susan (Howry) Brackbill, was born on the homestead farm in Paradise township May 11, 1853. He was reared on the farm, attending the neighboring public schools. At the age of sixteen years he entered the store of E. H. Esbenschade, at Leaman Place, as a clerk, in which capacity he remained for two years. He then accepted a similar position in the mercantile

establishment of David Houston, at Bethania, where he also remained two years. With the experience in commercial life thus gained he came at the age of twenty-one to the store at Williamstown, or Vintage, which he now occupies, succeeding to a business there conducted by Henry Rutter, and since then carrying on a general mercantile trade. It is one of the notable establishments of Lancaster county, outside of Lancaster, for he carries a full and attractive stock. Mr. Brackbill is one of the progressive and active business men of his part of the county, and it is largely to his energy and keen insight that he owes his marked success in the mercantile field. He has been postmaster at Vintage since the office was established there, during the administration of President Harrison. Mr. Brackbill is one of the directors of the Gap National Bank, and is connected with other interests.

On Jan. 1, 1870, Henry P. Brackbill was married to Miss Emma Diller, daughter of Lewis Diller. To this union have been born three children, Cora, Bessie and Harry D., all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Brackbill are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church at Leacock, of which he is now elder and trustee.

ELIAS E. BRACKBILL, son of Benjamin and Susan (Howry) Brackbill, was born Aug. 25, 1841. He has been an active and successful farmer of Paradise township, and now lives retired, with his two sisters at Vintage, highly respected and esteemed by his many friends and acquaintances.

GEORGE A. MAYLING (deceased), in his early life a cooper, and subsequently a prominent farmer of East Drumore township, was born in the city of Lancaster Sept. 20, 1827, a son of John Frederick and Rebecca (Deitrich) Mayling, residents of that city, where the father worked at the coopering trade some years. In 1838 the parents moved to Marietta, Lancaster county, where the mother died in 1858, and the father did not long survive, passing away in 1861. They were the parents of ten children, three of whom survived them: George A., Selina and Sarah A. Selina, born in Lancaster in 1834, married Edward Rusing, and they had one son, Harry. Mr. Rusing was for many years a prominent coachmaker at Marietta. After his death, which occurred in 1895, his son, who was a very fine coach painter, inherited the business, which he conducted very successfully; he was a talented artist and died in 1899. Sarah A., who was born in Lancaster in 1836, is unmarried, and lives at the old Marietta home.

George A. Mayling began his education in the parochial schools of the city of Lancaster, and subsequently attended Susquehanna Institute at Marietta. He very early applied himself to mastering the coopering trade, and under the instruction of his father became a very competent workman. After the death of his father he continued in the business successfully on his own responsibility, building a

handsome and comfortable home into which he moved, and where his family of four children were born. Mr. Mayling was a competent business man, and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Marietta, which was the first national bank in the county, and the twenty-fifth in the United States. He served as councilman in the borough of Marietta. In 1873 he purchased a farm in East Drumore township, which he improved by enlarging the house, and the following year moved thereon, living there until his death, which occurred March 8, 1901. Mr. Mayling was a great reader and student, and became thoroughly informed on current history and international affairs and politics. He devoted more time and study to ancient and current history than most ordinary citizens; was perfectly familiar with the great national questions and policies of all countries, and was quite as conversant with foreign politics as with our own. At his home, or wherever engaged in conversation, his talks afforded not only entertainment but instruction, and his fellow citizens regarded him as one of the best informed and best read men in the lower end of the county. In politics he was for many years a Republican, but left the party, as he was a free trader, and although he did not affiliate with the Democratic party he generally voted their ticket.

Mr. Mayling was married, Dec. 25, 1865, to Miss Rebecca M. McComsey, of Lancaster City, a daughter of Matthias and Mary M. (Vanderau) McComsey, residents of Lancaster county. Her paternal grandfather, Samuel McComsey, was a farmer and stonemason, and in 1790 helped construct the splendid stone bridge over the Conestoga creek at Potts Landing. Her father was born in Paradise township in 1789, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and her mother was born in Culpeper county, Va., in 1791. They were married in Lancaster county in 1811, settling at first in Manor township, but subsequently buying a farm and making their home in what was then Martic township (now Providence), where Mrs. Mayling was born July 4, 1832. Matthias McComsey died leaving a wife and nine children. The widow survived until 1874, dying in Lancaster. Mrs. McComsey was a woman of superior endowments of both mind and character, and as she herself had not enjoyed the advantages of a thorough education she was very anxious to give her children every opportunity. As there were no facilities in the neighborhood for good instruction, she fitted up a room in her own house and engaged a teacher, a Mr. Harlen. The neighbors' children were also allowed to avail themselves of the privileges, and thus one of the first schools (if not the very first) in Martic was established. Mrs. McComsey later gave the land for one of the first public schools in the township. Her children were as follows: (1) Elizabeth, born in 1812, married William Long, a Methodist minister, and died in Indiana, leaving her husband and five children. (2) Samuel, born in 1814, in Manor township, married

Rebecca Deitrick, of Lancaster, where he was engaged in the forwarding and commission business, when the State owned what is now the Pennsylvania Road, and continued in that line after the change. He owned the large stone warehouse which stood where Long & Davidson's new building now is on West Chestnut street. He died in 1899, and his wife died in 1890. They left one son, Samuel Slaymaker McComsey. (3) John, born in 1816, began life as a farm boy, and worked at farming until about sixteen years of age. He then went to learn the trade of blacksmith with George Hegan, who was a well known smith carrying on business at Martic Forge. He served a full apprenticeship, but did not work at the trade long afterward; about 1835 he went to Philadelphia, and for a time worked at machine blacksmithing, which was different from the trade he had first learned. He became a very expert mechanic, and later went to work for William Norris, of the Norris Locomotive Works, Philadelphia, under whom he took up the trade of boiler-making, which he soon mastered. He became such an excellent workman that he was made foreman of the same works, and remained there a number of years, when he and his brother, Samuel, started in the forwarding and commission business in the old stone warehouse on West Chestnut street, Lancaster, owning and operating a freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia. Later John purchased a farm in Martic township, where, with his mother and two sisters, he made his home. He died in February, 1891, unmarried. (4) Matthias, born in 1818, married Lizzie C. Rex, of Clearfield county. Prior to his marriage he was engaged in teaching in the public schools of Martic township, and was one of the most efficient instructors of his day. It was as his assistant that his sister, Rebecca M., commenced teaching. After being engaged in the commission business in Lancaster in company with his brothers, Samuel and John, Matthias became the partner of his brother, John, in agriculture in Martic township, where he died April 16, 1859, leaving a wife and one son, William, now of Boston, Mass. His widow took up the study of medicine after the death of her husband, graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and is now a distinguished physician of Boston. She married John Keller, of Philadelphia, who died some years ago. (5) William, born in 1820, remained at home on the farm until he was seventeen years of age, when he left for Philadelphia to seek employment. He called on Samuel D. Orrick, who at one time ran the Conowingo furnace, the only person in Philadelphia that he knew. Mr. Orrick was surprised to see him, and still more so when he told him that he had left home to make his own living. Mr. Orrick admired his pluck, gave him a few days' work unloading cars and then put him on the road as a conductor, he being engaged in the commission business. His employer was pleased with his work, and for a long time he remained with him. For a time he was

connected with his brothers, Samuel and John, in the transportation and commission business. Later Mr. McComsey became connected with the Seners in the coal and lumber business in Lancaster, being a member of the firm of Sener & Co. He ended his connection with the Seners as a member of the firm of William McComsey & Co., in 1877. After the dissolution of this last named partnership, by his withdrawal, he became connected with the coal business of the late James Stewart, and was also interested in stone contract work, and managed Mr. Stewart's numerous business enterprises when that gentleman was absent from the city. Mr. McComsey finally retired from active business. In 1881 he was elected city treasurer. It was in 1865 that he was elected to the council, afterward serving as select councilman. In 1866 he was elected to the Lancaster school board, on which he continued to the time of his death, which occurred in 1895, a period of twenty-nine years, for some years and at the time of his death being chairman of the important superintending committee. He enjoyed the sobriquet of "Father of the School Board." Mr. McComsey was an active member of the Board of Trade about 1870, and was chairman of the committee of general affairs of the city. In 1880 he assisted in taking the census, was city auditor until the office was abolished, and for three years was jury commissioner. He was an active member of the city Agricultural and Horticultural Society. As a staunch Democrat he had been a member of county committees for years, and was chairman of the city executive committee for a long time. In conclusion it may be said that there had not lived in the city of Lancaster a man who had given more time to the public service without compensation than William McComsey. Mr. McComsey was married in 1844 to Mary A., daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Dorwart, of Lancaster. She died in 1879. Their surviving children are Mary E. and William H., the latter a resident of Lancaster. The daughter, a former school teacher of Lancaster, married Prof. John M. Conroy, for many years principal of one of the Pittsburg high schools; he is now engaged in the manufacturing of mirrors, plate glass, etc., and is the head of the firm of Conroy, Prugh & Co., Allegheny, Pa. Another son, Benjamin A., died in the army during the Civil war; and two others, J. Frank and David D., died in the West. (6) Levi, born in 1822, married Miss Lizzie Amer, of Philadelphia, and they located in the city of Lancaster, where he was engaged with his brother in the commission business, and for many years was a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in November, 1884, leaving a widow and seven children, Anna (wife of Alfred Hubley, of Lancaster), William B. (who married Miss Martin and died in Pittsburg), John A., Rebecca, Horace, Harry and Kate. (7) Leah died in childhood. (8) Mary A., born in 1824, died in 1889, unmarried. (9) Francis, born in 1829, died in 1897, unmarried. (10) Rebecca M., born in 1832, is the widow of George A.

Mayling. Her education was secured in the common schools and the high school at Lancaster. She began teaching in May, 1848, when only fifteen years old, and was long known as one of the most successful teachers of Lancaster county, where she taught for a period of fourteen years, eight years of that time in the public schools of the city of Lancaster; she was the first female teacher employed in public schools of Martic township. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Mayling continues living on the farm homestead.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mayling: (1) Mary R. married Daniel R. Kiehl, and lives in the city of Lancaster. (2) Morris A. purchased the home farm, and is engaged in farming. (3) Minerva V. is at home on the farm. (4) Milford G. died in infancy. In religion Mr. Mayling was born a Lutheran; his widow and children belong to the Methodist Church.

EDWARD EDGERLEY, the prominent carriage-manufacturer, of Lancaster, erected his present carriage works more than a third of a century ago, and within a short time after he had returned from a long and honorable career as a soldier in his country's defense during the Civil war. The military spirit of Capt. Edgerley, may, in a way, be said to have been inherited, for his grandfather, Jacob Keller, was a Revolutionary soldier, and his great-grandfather, Capt. Edward Edgerley, who was a member of the 5th Maryland Regiment, fell mortally wounded in the fiercely contested and winning battle of Eutaw Springs, S. C., in September, 1781. His son, Edward Edgerley, the grandfather of Edward, was born in Cecil county, Md., and married Elizabeth Kirk, of Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., who lived to be ninety-five years old.

Gideon E. Edgerley, father of Edward, was born in 1794, and was fifteen years of age when he came to Lancaster City. He was a hatter, having acquired his knowledge of the trade with his uncle, Levi Knight. Later in life he was employed ten years in the comb factory at Lancaster. In 1818 he married Elizabeth Keller, a native of Lancaster, and to them were born eleven children, namely: Rebecca, who died in infancy; Maria, who died young; Jacob, who died when thirty-one years of age; Anna, deceased, who was the widow of William Kahl, of Lancaster; Harriet, widow of William P. Leonard, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Gideon, who died young; Mary, widow of Luke Suydam, of Lancaster; Levi, who died at the age of thirty years; Sarah, who married John Barnhard, now deceased; Charlotte, widow of Samuel Gross, of Lancaster; and Edward. The father died in 1849, aged fifty-five years, and the mother survived until 1882, passing away at the age of eighty-one.

Edward Edgerley, son of Gideon E. and Elizabeth (Keller) Edgerley, was born at Lancaster, Sept. 13, 1837. His attendance at school during boyhood

was irregular, for at the age of ten years he entered the comb factory, and remained one of its active and reliable employes for eight years. Believing that a trade offered him better opportunities in life, he began in 1855, at the age of eighteen, an apprenticeship to the trade of carriagemaker. Completing his trade, he began business for himself in 1858, and was progressing steadily when the clouds of Civil war darkened the land. He felt the call to duty, and on Sept. 16, 1861, enlisted in Company K, 79th P. V. I., known as the Lancaster County Regiment, and he followed the regiment through its long and brilliant career. He participated in all the engagements in which his gallant regiment was engaged, and there were many of them, as shown by the following official record: Perryville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862; Stone River, or Murfreesboro, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1862, Jan. 1, 2, 3, 1863; Hoover's Gap, Tenn., June, 1863; Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 19-20, 1863; Tunnel Hill, Ga., February, 1864. He veteranized at the close of his first term of service, and participated during 1864 in the battles of Buzzard's Roost, May 9th and 11th, and Snake Creek, May 12th; Resaca, May 13th and 15th; near Dallas, May 25th and June 4th; New Hope Church, near Dallas, Marietta road, June 18th; Kenesaw Mountain, June 20th, 23d and 27th; Chatahoochie River, July 6th and 10th; Peach Tree Creek, July 20th, in charging column on the 21st; siege of Atlanta, July to September; Utoy Creek, Aug. 5th and 6th; Jonesboro, Aug. 31st and Sept. 1st; Sherman's famous march to the sea, Nov. 16th to Dec. 21st; siege of Savannah, Dec. 13th, 21st; campaign of the Carolinas, Jan. 18 to April 25, 1865; Ivesboro, March 16th; was especially conspicuous in the battle of Bentonville, N. C., March 19th and 20th, where the regiment was in the charging column, and held the left under a murderous fire during flanking movement of the enemy; moved to Goldsboro, March 22d; Raleigh, N. C., to Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C.; was in the Grand Review of May 2d, and was mustered out of service July 12th, Capt. Edgerley was promoted from first sergeant to second lieutenant Nov. 1, 1862, and was commissioned captain Sept. 11, 1864. It is a notable fact, a matter of record, that during the three years and ten months of Capt. Edgerley's military service he was not absent from active duty a single day, from sickness or any other cause.

Returning to his old home, Capt. Edgerley resumed his trade. In 1867 he erected the carriage factory in which he still conducts a successful manufacturing business. He married at Lancaster, in 1859, Miss Rosanna Stehman, and to Capt. and Mrs. Edgerley were born eight children: Edward Everett; Bertha, wife of Herbert Eichholtz, of Lancaster; William Sherman; Anna, wife of Abraham Rohrer, a florist; Mary; Harry Emery; Mabel; and Catherine, deceased wife of Charles Clark.

In 1871 Capt. Edgerley was elected a member of the city council, and served five years. In 1878



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he was elected register of wills of Lancaster county, serving a term of three years in that office. In 1888 he was elected mayor of the city of Lancaster, for a term of four years, enjoying the distinction of having been the first and only man elected for that number of years; the courts deciding that the law extending the term from two to four years was unconstitutional, he served only two years. He was highly commended for his administration and eminent business ability. It was his genial nature and good citizenship that led the Republicans of his district to again elect him for a term to the common council, and two terms of two years each to the select council; he resigned his seat in the latter branch Dec. 30, 1902, in order to take his position as county treasurer of Lancaster county on Jan. 5, 1903, an office to which he was elected for a term of three years, by an overwhelming majority, in November, 1902. While in the city councils Capt. Edgerley succeeded in having the fences from the reservoir grounds removed, thus giving the city a beautiful park, and he was also the prime mover in creating the beautiful park around the Lancaster county prison. In brief, no man in the city has left his impress for good in more directions than has Capt. Edward Edgerley.

MARTIN K. MYLIN, a retired farmer, and at one time in his life a very successful hotel man, who is now residing at Gordonville, Pa., was born in Pequea township, Lancaster county, April 28, 1839, son of John and Elizabeth (Kendig) Mylin, of East Lampeter and Conestoga townships, respectively.

Five brothers, of the name of Mylin, came early from Switzerland, and settled in Lancaster county. With them begins the history of the Mylin family, of which the gentleman whose name introduces this article is an honorable representative.

John Mylin was a farmer, born in 1804, a son of Jacob Mylin, of Lancaster county, and he died April 28, 1857. His wife, Elizabeth, who was born in 1806, died at the age of seventy-two. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried in the cemetery connected with the Herr meeting house. Mr. and Mrs. John Mylin were parents of the following family: Isaac died in infancy; Amos died in 1890; Jacob died when six years old; Eliza died in infancy; Eli is on the home farm; Martin K.; John died in infancy.

Martin K. Mylin and Barbara K. Charles were married in Lancaster in January, 1860. To their union were born: John C., a ticket and freight agent at Leaman Place, married Anna Feinniger; Elizabeth C. died at the age of twenty-two years; Barbara C. died at the age of twenty-three years; Ida died at the age of nineteen years; Alice C. married Elam Kreider, a farmer and music teacher at Leaman Place, Pa.; Clara C. died at the age of eighteen years; Miss Emma C. is making her home with her sister at Leaman Place; Martin C. is a sergeant in the regular army of the United States, and in 1901 was stationed at Fort Princes, Cuba;

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Amos C. is attending the State College; and Anna died at the age of four years.

Mrs. Barbara Mylin, who died in January, 1901, at the age of fifty-three, was buried in the cemetery connected with Herr's Church in Pequea township, where also repose the bodies of her children who have passed away. She was a daughter of Henry and Susan (Kreider) Charles, of Lancaster county, where her father was a lifelong farmer in Pequea township.

Mr. Mylin remained at home until the death of his parents, when he moved to Ohio, where he was engaged in farming operations, and sold machinery for a year, in company with a brother. At the end of that time he returned to the old homestead and was employed by his brother a year, when he purchased a farm in West Lampeter, devoting the ensuing six years to its cultivation. Then he sold out, and was employed in the Wheatland Mill for a few years. In 1874 he came to Gordonville and purchased a hotel, which he operated until the spring of 1897. That spring he retired from the active management of the hotel, though he still retains the ownership of the property, and is enjoying that easy and comfortable existence that rightfully follows long and laborious years.

Mr. Mylin is prominent in fraternal circles. In Masonry he has taken the thirty-second degree; and for thirty years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., in which he has risen to the Encampment degree. In politics he is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading and influential citizens of the town.

JACOB SNEATH. The strong, forceful personality of Mr. Sneath has made him for more than a half century one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. Possessing an active temperament, he acquired the trade of a carpenter, from which he rose in a few years to contractor and builder. He has been eminently successful in business, and to movements for the general welfare he has contributed the same energy and enthusiasm that have been so happily applied in his vocation. In Sunday school work he has been especially interested and is perhaps the oldest superintendent in this county, having served continuously in that capacity for the past fifty-one years, with the exception of one year.

Mr. Sneath was born in Mountville, Lancaster county, Nov. 11, 1828, the son of Robert and Mary (Todd) Sneath. His paternal grandfather was William Sneath, of Scotch-Irish extraction, who married a Miss Lingerfelter, of German parentage, and who was accidentally killed on the railroad while on his way to Rohrerstown. Robert Sneath, the father, in his earlier life followed farming and fence building, and was later appointed sexton of the cemetery at Columbia, a position he filled for many years. He married Mary Todd, and to them were born six children, as follows: Jonathan, who died young, at Rohrerstown; Jacob, whose sketch ap-

pears herewith; Mary, wife of Isaac Conklin, a carpenter of Columbia; John, who served as a volunteer in the 49th P. V. I., and died at the age of thirty-seven years; Anna, wife of John M. Reed, retired, Philadelphia; and Benjamin, who was a soldier in the 79th P. V. I., and is now deceased.

Jacob Sneath was reared on a farm until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then began an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade at Mountville, and at its completion continued his trade until he was twenty-three years of age, when he began contracting and building. Possessing the essential executive and mental qualifications he has ever since been prominent in construction work in Lancaster county, and has met with financial as well as professional success.

In Oct., 1855, Mr. Sneath married Elizabeth Witmer, who was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, daughter of Hon. Daniel W. and Anna (Hershe) Witmer, granddaughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Witmer, of Manor township. Daniel W. Witmer was a prominent farmer of Lancaster county. He served for three terms in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and in his later years was a merchant and drover in Mountville. He married Anna Hershe, daughter of Abraham Hershe, an old resident of Lancaster county, and to them were born the following children: Benjamin A., deceased; Mary, who married David H. Wideler, of Mountville, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Sneath; Elias H., who was a soldier of the Civil war, wounded in battle and is now deceased; Abraham, who served as lieutenant in the Civil war and is now deceased; Jacob H., a bank clerk at Mountville, Pa.; Kate, wife of Levi Myers, a tobacco merchant of Lancaster; Harry C., a merchant at Lancaster City; and Sarah, who died young. Daniel W. Witmer, the father, died in 1896, aged eighty-eight years; his wife in 1870, aged sixty years. She was a member of the United Brethren Church, and both are buried in Mountville cemetery.

To Jacob and Elizabeth (Witmer) Sneath have been born three children, Isaiah W., Elias H. and Emma E. Isaiah W. was graduated from Yale College, married Ell I. Mark and is a Congregational minister at Franklin, Mass. Elias Hershe was also graduated from Yale College, married Anna Camp, of Middletown, Conn., and is a professor in Yale College. Emma E. married H. C. Bruner, a coal merchant of Columbia.

Mr. Sneath is one of the most prominent members of the United Brethren Church at Columbia. He is a trustee, leader and, superintendent of the Sunday School. He began his Sunday School work at Mountville more than half a century ago and was one of the pioneers in that locality. He had never attended a Sunday School, but, receiving a little instruction from a lady who had visited one, he entered zealously upon the work, which he has ever since continued with most gratifying results. In politics Mr. Sneath is a Democrat. He served in

the borough council for three years, was burgess four years, and for seven months acted as United States internal revenue inspector. He is identified among fraternal orders with the I. O. O. F. and the A. O. M. P., and is one of the best known residents of Columbia.

HENRY MILLER HERR, chief of Lancaster's police, has been a school teacher, was a member and secretary of a large manufacturing concern in Lancaster for ten years, and besides can fill prescriptions in a drug store.

Mr. Herr is a descendant of Hans Herr, the progenitor of the numerous Herr family in Lancaster county and Pennsylvania. His grandfather, David Herr, was a well known farmer of Manor township and his father, Dr. E. B. Herr, is a widely known East King street physician and druggist.

Dr. E. B. Herr married Miss Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Christian Miller, farmer of Manor township. Two sons were born, J. Edwin, a printer, who died in 1882, in his nineteenth year; and Henry Miller Herr, the chief of police.

Henry Miller Herr was born in Millersville April 14, 1856, and educated in the State Normal school there, from which he graduated in 1878. He taught for some time and then became a traveling salesman for the Columbia Manufacturing Co., and later on associated himself with the Lowell Harness and Collar Co., of Lancaster. He was a member and secretary of that company for ten years, up to the time of its dissolution as a stock concern. After this Mr. Herr was strongly urged to accept the Republican nomination for mayor, but declined in favor of another Republican and was appointed chief of police, an office which he fills very capably. Mr. Herr is a member of the St. Paul's M. E. Church. He belongs to the Blue Lodge, Masons, to the Odd Fellows and to the Elks. At spare times in the past Mr. Herr has assisted his father in the drug business, becoming in this manner proficient in pharmacy. Personally and politically Mr. Herr is one of Lancaster's most popular men.

JOHN McNEAL RUTTER, a farmer of Sadsbury township, was born in Salisbury township, this county, March 20, 1840, a son of Adam and Margaret (Skiles) Rutter and a descendant of Conrad Rutter, a native of Prussia.

Conrad Rutter was the first of his name in Pennsylvania. In 1683 he and his wife, Jane Douglas, of Scottish extraction, whom he wedded in England, came to America with Daniel Pastorius. They landed at Germantown, Pa., on Aug. 30th of that year. About 1720 Conrad Rutter purchased of William Penn 588 acres of land, in Leacock township, Lancaster county, where they located, and where he died in 1739. One of their family, Andrew, settled in Montgomery county, where he left a family.

Joseph Rutter, son of Conrad and Jane (Douglas) Rutter, was born in Leacock township, and there

married Barbara Glenn, also a native of that locality.

George Rutter, son of Joseph and Barbara (Glenn) Rutter, was born in Leacock township, but lived and died in Salisbury township. He married Margaret Lightner.

Adam Rutter, Sr., son of George and Margaret (Lightner) Rutter, was born in Leacock township in 1763, and was a farmer in Salisbury township, where he died Nov. 25, 1810. He married Margaret Skiles, who was born May 15, 1773, and who died July 19, 1859. Like the other members of the Rutter family, they were Episcopalians. Their children were: (1) James, born in Leacock township, in June, 1797, married Hannah Leaman, and settled in Leacock township. He was drowned in Witmer's dam, near Paradise, in 1828, leaving the following children: Nathan S.; Margaret, wife of George Geishard, of Asheville, N. C.; Mary, wife of John Capp, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Hannah, who married in the West. (2) Jane, born in May, 1799, married William Rhodes and settled in Mercersburg, Franklin county, where she died, leaving a family, all of whom are since deceased. (3) George, born in May, 1801, married Elizabeth Rutter and settled in Leacock township, where he worked at the blacksmith trade. Of his children only one is living, Rachel, the wife of Samuel Dague, of Philadelphia. (4) Anna, born July 16, 1804, married Henry McClellan and moved to Franklin county, where they died leaving three children: Hays, Harry and Hetty. (5) Nathaniel, born Nov. 14, 1806, went to Wilkesbarre, Pa., where he married his first wife, Ellen Seiss, who died in 1850, the mother of Augusta, deceased; Emily, who married E. P. Darling and is deceased; Margaret, who married Col. Eugene Beaumont, a hero of the Civil war; James, who married and lives in Wilkesbarre; and Hervey, born in Wilkesbarre, who died when a young man. Nathaniel Rutter married for his second wife Mary (Seiss) Dunlap, a sister of his first wife, who has borne him two children, Hervey (deceased) and Natalie. By her deceased husband, Rev. Mr. Dunlap, a Presbyterian minister, Mrs. Rutter has one daughter, Jennie. (6) Adam, Jr., is mentioned below. (7) Rachel Rutter, born March 15, 1810, married Christian Weldy and moved into Franklin county and has one child living in New Jersey.

Adam Rutter, Jr., the father of John M., was born Nov. 26, 1808 and in 1828 married Margaret Skiles, who was born Aug. 3, 1807. Mr. Rutter worked at his trade as a blacksmith in Salisbury township until 1850, when he purchased a farm near Cambridge, where he remained until 1855. That year he bought the "Green Tree Hotel" property in Bart township, and conducted that hostelry with success until April 1, 1859, when he bought a farm near Georgetown, Lancaster county, on which he spent a year. He then bought a hotel and farm property at Nine Points, where he lived until 1866, when he repurchased the "Green Tree Hotel" property, which he held for two years, and then bought

the McKee property, one of the fine farms of this section, which now belongs to John M. Rutter. It has a stone house of generous proportions and fine appearance, and large barns. The last years of the life of Adam Rutter were spent on an adjoining farm, which he bought in 1875, and where he died April 21, 1885. His widow survived until Oct. 5, 1893, when she passed away full of years and honor, in the eighty-seventh year of her age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rutter were devout members of St. John's Episcopal Church. In early life Mr. Rutter was a Whig, and in his later years became a Democrat. In fraternity matters he belonged to Lodge Number 43, F. & A. M., of Lancaster. To him and his wife were born five children: (1) Jane, born in November, 1829, married Jacob Stambaugh, and moved to Philadelphia, where he died in 1874, leaving a widow and the following children: Adam R., of Lancaster; Emma, of Philadelphia; Anna, the wife of Howard Brinton, of Colerain; Laura, unmarried; George, a mechanic in the Baldwin Locomotive Works, of Philadelphia; and James, of Philadelphia. (2) George, born Oct. 14, 1831, married Harriet Ray, of Sadsbury township, and engaged in a hotel business at the Gap, Lancaster county, where he died July 16, 1869, leaving two children: Ella, now the wife of Frank Taylor, of Philadelphia; and John M., who is married, and is also living in Philadelphia. (3) James. (4) John M. is next in the order of birth. (5) Rebecca E., born April 15, 1842, married Jacob Keylor, of Bart township, where they are now living on his farm, with a family of five children: Margaret, Ella, Howard, Adam R. and Henry.

John M. Rutter was educated in the public schools of Bart township and the select school of Thomas Baker (where he spent three terms), and for two years he was a student at the Unionville Academy in Chester county. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted in Co. E, 122d P. V. I., under Capt. Birely, with Judge Fell as one of the lieutenants. They were assigned to the Army of the Potomac, reporting at Arlington Heights, and participating in the battle of Chantilly. The regiment was engaged in the desperate three days' fighting at Fredericksburg, and was fighting four days at Chancellorsville. After these severe engagements the time of the regiment expired, and it was honorably discharged at Harrisburg.

John M. Rutter came home and engaged in the mercantile business at Nine Points, in partnership with Robert A. Ferguson. His health, however, did not stand the confinement, and he turned again to farming. After his marriage Mr. Rutter settled on his present place, which he purchased after the death of his father, in 1886; he has made extensive improvements, and has continuously engaged in general farming.

On Feb. 11, 1875, Mr. Rutter was married to Miss Emma C. Davis, who was born in Colerain township March 2, 1848, daughter of Joseph B. and

Elizabeth Davis. Mrs. Rutter acquired her education in the select school of Thomas Baker, and in the Union school under Prof. Andrews: for six years she was a successful teacher, and she is a lady of marked ability. To Mr. and Mrs. Rutter have come four children: (1) Howard was well educated in the high schools in Octoraro and Christiana, and learned the trade of blacksmith, which he still follows at Nine Points; he married Effie Brown and has one son, Eugene, born in 1900. (2) V. Davis, born April 26, 1876, received his education in the Octoraro high school, and is at home. (3) Emile D., born May 22, 1881, studied in the Gap and the Christiana high schools, and is at home. (4) Augusta E., born March 2, 1883, spent two terms in the Gap Academy, one term in Union high school, and is now a student in the Bart High school.

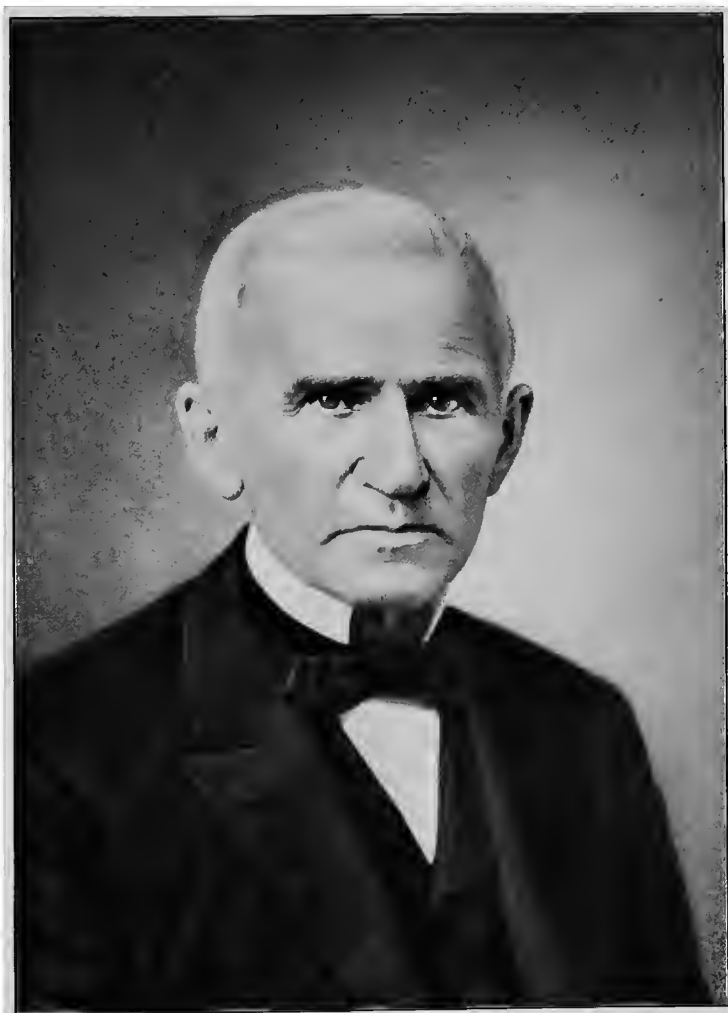
Politically Mr. Rutter is a Republican, and has been town auditor and school director. In 1870 he was enumerator of the census for Bart, Sadsbury and Christiana borough. He belongs to Post No. 358, G. A. R., Christiana, in which he has held the offices of commander and adjutant. Mr. and Mrs. Rutter and their daughters belong to the Episcopal Church, and are all people of high character and pronounced ability.

REV. JOHN G. FRITCHEY. On March 12, 1885, in the fullness of years and good works, there entered into rest Rev. John G. Fritchey, a faithful laborer in the Master's vineyard.

In the latter part of the eighteenth century there came from Germany to America one John Godfrey Fritchey, a young man of gentle birth and good education. In the beginning it had been his intention to return to the Fatherland, but the beauties of the Pennsylvania hills and the broad opportunities of the life in a new country proved so attractive that he decided to remain, and located near Harrisburg. Like so many of his countrymen, he was a musician of considerable merit. In his new home he met and married Dorothy Bucher, a faithful and sincere member of the Reformed Church, and an aunt of Rev. John Casper Bucher, D. D., a noted divine of that denomination. Mr. Fritchey had been reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church, but was too broad to object to his children following the teachings of the church of their mother. Thirteen children came to brighten their home.

John G. Fritchey, son of John Godfrey and Dorothy Fritchey, was born Feb. 6, 1802, and was reared amid the refining influences of a pure Christian home. He was baptized by Rev. Mr. Mueller, and in 1821 was confirmed by Rev. John Winebreuner, the popular pastor of Salem Reformed Church, five miles from Harrisburg, who had taught him the Heidelberg catechism. His home training and his natural inclinations alike turned him toward the ministry, and at the suggestion of his beloved teacher and pastor, he entered

a classical school at Sandy Hollow, taught by a Mr. Cummings, a graduate of Princeton College, where for two years he pursued a course in Latin and Greek, preparatory to a course in Theology. In the spring of 1825, at the invitation of Rev. Mr. Winebreuner, he accompanied that gentleman to Carlisle to attend the opening of the new theological seminary then and there established by authority of the Synod of Bedford. He witnessed the inauguration of the first Professor of Theology, Rev. Lewis Mayer, D. D., and became the first enrolled student of the institution. Having completed the course, he in 1828 was ordained to be a missionary, his intention being to labor in the destitute regions of the West. With this idea he left home, traveling on horseback, with his face toward the setting sun. At Chambersburg, however, he came under the influence of the pastor of the Reformed Church, Rev. Mr. Rahausser, who had an extensive knowledge of the home missionary field, and who persuaded him to change his course southward, to the mountains of North Carolina. Arrived in the vicinity of Lincolnton, in that State, he found a field ready for the harvest, and for twelve years thereafter engaged in arduous labor, establishing many churches in that time, and rejuvenating the work of the church generally. His field of labor extended over seventy miles down into South Carolina. In 1840, having secured a pastor for the South Carolina churches in the person of Rev. William C. Bennett, and being unwilling to rear his family amid the influences of the slave system, he returned North. He was successively pastor of churches at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., East Berlin, Adams county, and at Taneytown, Md., being at the latter place thirteen years. In each of these places Rev. Mr. Fritchey was a power for good, building up the churches and freeing them from financial burden. In 1865 he moved his family to the town of Lancaster, and from that time to the date of his death engaged in active service for his Master in the county. He preached in many places, but was particularly helpful in New Holland, Millersville, Elizabethtown, Maytown and at Shoop's Church. He was also very helpful to the Zwingli German Church in Harrisburg. His method of work was to go into a disorganized field, or in communities where the cause of religion was languishing for any reason, and by the magnetism of his energies fan the dying embers into flame again. When the fire burned brightly he would secure the establishment of a regular minister at the place, and move on to other less favored communities. In this manner he was instrumental in building up a number of churches in the county which are now lasting monuments to his efficient labor. At the Zwingli Church he was peculiarly effective in the raising of a large debt that sapped the vital forces of the church, undertaking this work and carrying it through under the weight of fourscore years. The missionary spirit, the carrying of the Gospel to those who had it not, was the all-consuming force in his



John E. Fritchey

character, and dominated his actions all through a long life of usefulness. No journey was too long, no day too unfavorable on account of the weather, to respond to a call in which he saw an opportunity to do good.

On Oct. 12, 1828, Rev. Mr. Fritchey was united in marriage with Mary Ann E. Hendel, who was born in Carlisle, Pa., May 13, 1809, and who died in Lancaster Feb. 17, 1875. She was a daughter of George Hendel, and a granddaughter of Rev. William Hendel, the latter of whom was pastor of the Race Street Church, Philadelphia; he fell a victim to the scourge of cholera which swept over that city in 1798. Mrs. Fritchey was also a niece of Rev. William Otterbein, a power in the early church, and of Dr. William Hendel, of Womelsdorf, Pa. Rev. Mr. Fritchey and his bride made for their wedding journey the trip to North Carolina, where he was to devote his labors, in which his good wife heartily sympathized and greatly assisted. In her girlhood she had publicly professed her faith and had been confirmed by Rev. John S. Ebaugh. Thirteen children blessed the home of Rev. Mr. Fritchey and his wife, as follows: (1) Sarah E., born Sept. 27, 1829; married Joseph Eberly. (2) William A., born May 4, 1831, died Nov. 18, 1861. (3) Ann Catharine, born Jan. 24, 1833, died Jan. 6, 1851. (4) Mary E., born Nov. 24, 1834, died June 12, 1851. (5) Martha A., born Sept. 14, 1836, died Dec. 31, 1880. (6) John H., born Dec. 7, 1838, died July 22, 1869. (7) Theodore L. Mayer, born Feb. 21, 1841, died April 15, 1880. (8) Alfred N., born May 25, 1843, died Feb. 6, 1895. He enlisted in the Union army when but seventeen years of age, being assigned to Company C, under Col. Cole, in the Maryland Cavalry. He was taken prisoner in 1862, and was confined several months in Libby prison, and on Belle Isle, and after his exchange rejoined his command. On Jan. 1, 1864, he was again taken prisoner, this time being confined in the prison pen of Georgia, known to the whole world as Andersonville stockade. His comrades in the same company said of him, after his death, that he was not only a born soldier, but a most intelligent and companionable comrade. (9) Frances A., born Feb. 19, 1845, died May 13, 1875. (10) Laura J., born Jan. 27, 1847, is the widow of Dr. Amos A. Roth, a prominent physician of Frederick, Md. (11) James G., born April 6, 1849, died Nov. 4, 1871. (12) Joseph U., the only survivor of the family, is mentioned elsewhere. (13) Addison H., born Nov. 9, 1853, was a graduate of Franklin College, a prominent member of the Bar of Lancaster county, and an accomplished musician; he died May 7, 1899.

HON. WILLIAM UHLER HENSEL was born in Quarryville, Lancaster county, Dec. 4, 1851.

George W. Hensel, his father, now deceased, came of German-Lutheran and English-Quaker

stock. He was a resident of Quarryville for over half a century, and was recognized as the representative citizen of the lower end of the county. Much of the substantial progress and improvement of Quarryville were due to his efforts and influence. He conducted a large general store, was president of the National Bank, a director of the Quarryville Railroad, head of a local insurance company, county auditor, a trustee of Franklin and Marshall College, a pillar of the Reformed Church, and prominent socially. He resided in a handsome home in Quarryville, long noted for its generous hospitality. Mr. Hensel married Anna M. Uhler, who belonged to the well-known Uhler and Light families, of Lebanon, pure Pennsylvania German.

William Uhler Hensel received his early education in the common schools of his home district, and afterward attended the academies at Chestnut Level, Parkesburg and Paradise. In the autumn of 1865, he entered the Preparatory Department of Franklin and Marshall College, and from that time he has been identified with Lancaster and its interests. He was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1870, holding the second place in scholarship throughout the whole course, and he closed his collegiate career with the honor of class valedictorian, delivering a thesis that attracted marked attention, and was an augury of his intellectual future. Mr. Hensel's devotion to his Alma Mater has been conspicuous, and he is always at the front of any movement looking to the promotion of its welfare. He is a member of the Diognothian Literary Society and Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and in the latter has held the highest office of the order in the United States. Three years after graduation he was elected to deliver the Master oration, and chose the subject "Robert Burns," for a masterly and elaborate address. While still at college he displayed great talent in journalism, for he was one of the founders of *College Days*, afterward known as the *College Student*, and his facile pen, ready wit and fine literary judgment, insured its success from the start, and gave it an impetus that made its growth an assured thing. It is today a deeply interesting periodical, reflecting the literary and social life of Franklin and Marshall College. Mr. Hensel was long foremost in the management of the annual alumni dinners at the College, and is almost invariably booked for a speech. At the Commencement in 1887, when the College Centennial was celebrated, he delivered a memorable address on "What the Community Owes to the College," which evoked unstinted encomiums from press and people. He has been for years a trustee of the College.

Mr. Hensel, turning his attention to the legal profession, studied law under the late Hon. Isaac E. Hiester, and after his death continued under David G. Eshleman, being the first law student that counselor had. Mr. Hensel was admitted to the Bar Jan. 23, 1873, and soon afterward entered journalism, in May, 1874, buying Henry G. Smith's

half interest in the Lancaster *Intelligencer*, of which paper he became an editor and one of the proprietors. He never abandoned the law while in journalism, but kept up a close relationship to the local Bar, and continued to practice law to some extent, despite his onerous duties and multifarious cares in politics and journalism. He has been one of the Censors of the Bar Association since its organization. For years he has been the solicitor of the First National Bank, of Strasburg, the Quarryville National Bank and the Trust Co., of Lancaster; of one of the national banks at Ephrata; of the bank at Christiana; and that at Gap; both banks at Mt. Joy and Elizabethtown; the Exchange Bank at Marietta; the Fulton National Bank, Lancaster; the Quarryville Bank and Water Cos.; the Edison Electric and Lancaster Gas Cos.; the Consolidated Street Railway and Traction interests; and many minor corporations; as well as the boroughs of Mt. Joy, Akron, Quarryville and Christiana.

Mr. Hensel's name gained a State reputation in his double capacity of lawyer and journalist in the famous disbarment case of Steinman & Hensel. In the report of the trial of a Quarter Sessions liquor case, in January, 1880, the *Intelligencer* declared the acquittal of the defendant on the plea of a previous acquittal was accomplished by an imposition upon the Court, and that the judges took no cognizance of it because all of the parties implicated, as well as the judges themselves, belonged to the Republican party. Judge Patterson, then associate judge of the Courts of Lancaster county, took a rule on Messrs. Steinman & Hensel (both lawyers), editors and proprietors of the *Intelligencer*, to disbar them for contempt of court. It was a famous case and attracted wide attention. The lawyers' names were stricken from the roll April 3, 1880, by ruling of the lower court, but the case was appealed to the Supreme court, and was argued in the May term, 1880. The arguments made by A. K. McClure and R. E. Shapley, the defendants' counsel, were of a high order, and were widely copied. In October, the ruling of the lower court was reversed, and Steinman and Hensel were re-instated, after having been six months debarred from practice. After the restoration the former amicable relations between the court and Mr. Hensel were renewed. Mr. Hensel's ability as a practitioner is so marked and so well-known, his forensic talents so brilliant, that we need scarcely make comment upon them here. Suffice it to say that his reputation as a lawyer is second to none in the State.

In the journalistic field Mr. Hensel found work eminently suited to his keen intellectual powers and high literary tastes, having been, even as a college student, a frequent contributor to the daily papers, and as a law student continuing to edit *College Days*, the paper he had helped to found. As an editor of the *Intelligencer* he brought that paper to the front, not only as a good local newspaper and influential as an exponent of Democracy, but notably

for its general literary excellence. In August, 1886, he disposed of his interest in the *Intelligencer* to Richard M. Reilly, Esq., and Robert Clark, A. J. Steinman continuing therewith, his interest in the paper ante-dating Mr. Hensel's by some years.

Mr. Hensel was also a contributor to many out of town newspapers notably the New York *Sun*, the Philadelphia *Times*, the New York *Independent* and others. In 1880 he wrote the biography of Judge Black for the *Times* "White House Gallery," and about the same time contributed a sketch of "Honest John" Strohm for Forney's *Progress*, both of which elicited high praise for their author. He also wrote, not long after, for the Philadelphia *Press*, some fresh reminiscences of Francis Scott Key that were intensely interesting. During the political campaign of 1884 Mr. Hensel edited and published the *Post*, a Democratic weekly which reached a circulation of 40,000, and which President Cleveland pronounced the best thing of its kind he ever saw. During the same year he wrote a campaign biography of Vice-President Hendricks, which was published in book form along with that of Dorsheimer's life of President Cleveland, and which was republished almost entire by the Democratic National committee as the authorized textbook of the campaign. In 1888 he was the campaign biographer of Cleveland and Thurman. He is also the author of the "Resources and Industries of Lancaster," published by the Board of Trade in 1886-87.

Mr. Hensel's acquaintance among the editorial fraternity naturally was, and is, most extensive. He was president of the Pennsylvania Editorial Association in 1882, and was re-elected in 1883. In 1878, when, as spokesman of the Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kentucky Editorial Association, he replied to the address of welcome delivered by Henry Watterson, of the Louisville *Courier-Journal*, he carried the people of Louisville by storm, and unlimited praise was showered upon him by the press. He was one of the founders of the *Crematist*, which has become the national organ of the cremation system, which he has espoused from the first. Mr. Hensel's retirement from journalism was universally regretted, and the press had many sincere and highly complimentary things to say of his career in the field. He was regarded as the most honest, able and indefatigable young editor of his day, and at the time of his withdrawal from newspaper work it was well known that a desirable and responsible position on a metropolitan paper, whose editor was one of the ablest in the country, was open for his acceptance. But Mr. Hensel had no desire to leave the scenes and associations of the place endeared to him by long residence, so the press elsewhere did not gain by Lancaster's loss.

With all the cares of journalistic work Mr. Hensel turned his attention closely to politics, in which he was long prominent. Although his father, George W. Hensel, was a Republican in political

faith, the son's convictions led him to identify himself with the party of Jefferson and Jackson. The first State convention Mr. Hensel attended was the Democratic gathering at Reading, in 1872, when he was strongly for Buckalew. Becoming impressed with the dominancy of the better element in the Democratic party, he cast his fortunes with the Democracy, opposed Grant, and took the stump for Greeley. Though not yet twenty-one he made thirty enthusiastic speeches in York, Lancaster and Chester counties, and from that time continued active in politics. He was first elected chairman of the Democratic county committee of Lancaster in 1875, and harmoniously every year thereafter (except during two years of his service as State chairman) until 1887, when he declined re-election. He attended all State Conventions, and participated in all their proceedings. In 1878 he was sent as Senatorial delegate to the Pittsburg convention, becoming secretary of the committee on Contested Seats, which marked the beginning of his prominence in the Democratic party. Thereafter he became a dominant force in the conventions and affairs of his party, making entire, or in part, every Democratic platform for years, serving as chairman of important committees, making nomination speeches, and in organizing and directing the party generally. At the convention of 1882 he was enthusiastically named for Congressman at large, and would have been unanimously elected had he assented. He declined the post, and turned the tide of favor to Mortimer F. Elliott, who was chosen and elected. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Conventions of 1880, 1884, 1888 and 1892, being chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation in the last, and making one of the Cleveland nomination speeches. He was largely instrumental in compassing the splendid victory that placed Robert E. Pattison in the Governor's chair in 1882, and after that brilliant campaign, in which he had rendered such signal service to his party, he caused it to be understood that he neither desired nor would accept any office in the gift of the governor. About one hundred leading Democrats of Philadelphia and the State showed their appreciation of his services by tendering him a handsome complimentary dinner at the Commonwealth Club, Philadelphia, where the successful candidates and others prominent in Democratic circles spoke in praise of his party management.

At this time, for private and personal reasons, it was Mr. Hensel's desire to quit the field of politics, but one consideration and another, and his services seeming indispensable, he kept at the party helm for four more State campaigns, a longer time than any other one man had ever held the Democratic chairmanship of Pennsylvania. He was re-elected practically without opposition in 1883 and 1884, and in 1885 and in 1886, but declined re-election in 1887, and formed a law partnership with J. Hay Brown, now justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In 1891 he was appointed attorney-

general of the State of Pennsylvania by Governor Pattison, and his appointment was unanimously confirmed by the Republican State Senate. He held this responsible office for four years, and during an unusually busy term collected nearly \$3,000,000 for the State, mainly from delinquent corporations. Among the notable cases arising from the Bardsley defalcations, he made the city of Philadelphia pay the State losses, and compelled the newspapers to refund the rebates paid by them to Bardsley. While attorney general he also prosecuted the auditor general and the State treasurer before the Senate. His career as attorney general was a brilliant and notable one, and marked by the same honesty, disinterestedness and sound judgment that distinguished him in all political affairs. It was said of him, as it is said of few aspirants in the political arena, that he had the party's good, and only and solely that, at heart. He sought office neither for himself nor friends; nor cared for personal advantage, power and patronage. Friends and foes alike have conceded his political career to have been in every sense manly and honorable.

From the year 1887 Mr. Hensel practiced law with Hon. J. Hay Brown, until that gentleman was honored with a seat on the Supreme Bench in 1899, since which time Mr. Hensel has practiced alone, maintaining the supremacy which had been attained by them jointly as practitioners of the law. This law firm was a rare combination of energy and brains, both gentlemen having been prominent and tireless in their services to their respective parties, but making politics subsidiary to the law when they formed the partnership that was to become so famous the State over. In 1898 Mr. Hensel was president of the State Bar Association, and is now vice-president of the American (or National) Bar Association.

Mr. Hensel's remarkable versatility displayed itself in *belles-lettres*, as a relaxation from the heavier, graver affairs of law and politics. Having a literary taste of the widest range, and being an omnivorous reader, Mr. Hensel's scholarly attainments found fruition in masterpieces of the pen. He wrote and delivered many brilliant addresses, among them being, "Some Wives of Famous Men," an able scholarly address full of wit and deep research; "The College in the Community," delivered on Founders' Day, at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., in which he pointed out some of the dangers of the mercantile—the utilitarian spirit of the age, and the inestimable value of its counteracting influence—the college; and, "The Town We Live In: What It Has, and What It Wants," a lecture delivered by invitation before the Board of Trade in 1886, and of absorbing interest to those who had the town's welfare at heart, a masterly presentation of the subject, able and exhaustive, which created wide and most favorable comment, and gave a new impetus to Lancaster's material progress. These are but a few of the addresses Mr. Hensel has delivered

in his remarkable career. Orations on anniversary occasions, at colleges throughout the State and elsewhere; speeches at the Clover Club's famous banquets; treatises on farming that displayed knowledge of husbandry; speeches to the Germans, Irish and Hebrews. Indeed, his literary scope seems to have no bounds or limits, and his trenchant pen and eloquent tongue to be ever ready to add their force to the furtherance of any cause making for the advancement of his fellow men. Few men have had wider acquaintance with the prominent men of their time than Mr. Hensel has enjoyed, or had closer intimacy with them. He has numbered among his personal friends, Cleveland, Randall, Thurman, Hill, Tilden, Hendricks and nearly every Democrat in high place in the last quarter of a century.

Mr. Hensel was married years ago to Miss Emily Flinn, daughter of A. C. Flinn, of Lancaster, and one daughter, Elizabeth, was born of the union. Mrs. Hensel passed away, deeply lamented for her lovely nature, in 1882. Mr. Hensel is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JOSEPH U. FRITCHEY, a leading contractor of Pennsylvania, having been connected with many large public enterprises, is the only surviving member of the family of children born to the late Rev. John G. Fritchey.

Mr. Fritchey was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., June 28, 1851, and grew to manhood amid surroundings that taught the value of integrity as a component part of character. He received a good education in the common schools of the different places where the family resided, and was destined for a collegiate course. This, however, was averse to his tastes, as he early developed a desire to enter upon the active duties of life in the business world. At seventeen years of age he entered the jewelry store of Charles Gillespie, in Lancaster, and after two years with him engaged with Zahm & Jackson, who were in the same business. After applying himself with this firm diligently for four years, Mr. Fritchey resolved to start a business of his own. Locating opposite the courthouse, he conducted a jewelry business until 1879, when he sold out and accepted a position with the Meriden Silver Plate Company. After a year he became associated with the Pierpont Manufacturing Company, at New Bedford, Mass., with whom he was connected for some eighteen months, when he took a similar position with Simpson, Hall, Miller & Company, of Wallingford, Conn., for whom he traveled seven years. Mr. Fritchey then left the road and coming to Lancaster established the first successful plant there for the manufacture of umbrella handles and fancy silverware, as a member of the firm of Osborn & Fritchey. After eighteen months he sold out his interest in this concern and began the business in which he is now engaged. From the first he was successful in his new role, showing a grasp of detail contract work which few can excel,

his strong point being that he carries through what he undertakes, regardless of obstacles.

Mr. Fritchey has succeeded well in life and is reputed to be wealthy. He is genial, frank and generous, which traits make him popular with his friends. From his father he inherits a strong dislike for the artificialities of life. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and delights to aid in the success of that party, but does not care for office. Fraternally Mr. Fritchey is a member of the I. O. R. M., the B. P. O. E., the Hamilton Club and the Young Men's Republican Club. He is a member and liberal supporter of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster.

On Jan. 16, 1879, in Lancaster, Mr. Fritchey was married to Alice Herr Marks, daughter of Jacob M. and Elizabeth C. (Herr) Marks, one of the city's accomplished young ladies, and who has been a large factor in the success which has attended her husband. Jacob M. Marks was for years a prominent dry-goods merchant of Lancaster, and died in April, 1882, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow, who still resides in the city, is well preserved at the age of seventy years. They were the parents of six children, three sons and three daughters, of whom the three daughters now survive: Mrs. Fritchey; Elizabeth C., widow of Addison Fritchey; and Catherine E., wife of Rev. William Dorwart, an Episcopal clergyman, of Newport, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritchey are the parents of three children, George Marx, Elizabeth Herr and Alice Hendel. The family reside in a handsome and commodious home on the outskirts of Lancaster.

ELIAS DILLER, a retired farmer of New Holland, Pa., was born in Earl township, two miles from his present home, Oct. 11, 1827, a son of Jacob and Mary (Besore) Diller, the former a native of Earl township, and the latter of Leacock.

Jacob Diller was a farmer, but for a while before his death was living retired, making his home with his daughter, Louisa Ranck, at the time of his death, Dec. 28, 1878, at the age of seventy-six. Mrs. Jacob Diller died March 1, 1861, at the age of sixty-eight. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, and with her husband was buried in the Lutheran cemetery at New Holland. To their union were born the following children: Catharine; Elias; Mary A., who married Robert J. Knox, a resident of Intercourse, and a subject of a sketch on another page; Elizabeth, who married Henry K. Graybill March 17, 1890, and died at the age of fifty-three; and Louisa, wife of John Ranck, of New Holland, whose sketch appears in another place.

The paternal grandparents of Elias Diller were George and Mary (Eckert) Diller, farming people of Lancaster county; his maternal grandparents were Balser Besore and wife, of Lancaster county.

Elias Diller was twice married. In 1857 he wedded Lucinda Seldomridge, and to them was born



one child, Harriet, who is unmarried and living at home. Mrs. Lucinda Diller was born in Leacock township, daughter of Benjamin and Harriet (Scott) Seldomridge, the former a farmer and a heavy cattle dealer (he owned two farms); she died in East Earl township in 1871, at the age of thirty-eight years. Her remains are resting in the Roland Church cemetery in Earl township. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Seldomridge were: Lucinda; Justin F., who died in Colorado Springs; Milton, deceased; Albert, deceased, of Philadelphia; Harriet Knox and Annie Tweed, who live in Philadelphia; and Savilla Atkinson, who is deceased. The second marriage of Mr. Diller was in 1875, when he married Mrs. Eliza A. (Graybill) Bare. Mrs. Diller was twice married, her first husband being Samuel Bare, who was a farmer of Lancaster county. She was born in Earl township Oct. 2, 1834, a daughter of Samuel and Maria (Miller) Graybill. Her father was a farmer, and in 1874 he located at New Holland, but was retired twenty years before his death, which occurred in October, 1879, at the age of eighty-one. He held various township offices and settled many estates. Her mother died in 1892, at the age of eighty-one. Both were buried in the cemetery connected with the United Brethren Church at New Holland, of which she was a member. Eliza Ann was their only child, and her paternal grandparents were Isaac and Nancy (Schrontz) Graybill; her maternal grandfather was Tobias Miller, whose wife's maiden name was Hurst. All were farming people of Lancaster county.

Elias Diller remained with his parents until his marriage, and then engaged in the cultivation of his father-in-law's farm until the death of that gentleman, in 1862, when he went to his father's old homestead, which he cultivated until March, 1881. That year he retired and came to New Holland, buying for \$5,000 from Mrs. Anna Eby, his present brick home. Mr. Diller is a Republican. He has a pleasant family, and is prominent and thoroughly up-to-date.

JOHN ERISMAN, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born on the same farm on which he now makes his home, Nov. 22, 1831. He is the son of Jacob and Mary (Metz) Erisman, who during their lives also resided on the present family homestead.

Jacob Erisman, the father, was born March 11, 1784, and died May 7, 1868, while Mary, his wife, was born Feb. 26, 1789, and died in 1857. Both are buried in the old Erisman cemetery adjoining part of the farm. Both parents were members of the Mennonite Church. There were born to Jacob Erisman and wife the following children: Maria, born Nov. 7, 1808, died in 1820; Elizabeth, born Feb. 4, 1811, died Sept. 1, 1893, unmarried; Anna, born March 7, 1813, died in 1898, the wife of Christian Hershey; Christian, born Feb. 2, 1816, is now retired and living in Rapho township; Jacob, born

March 28, 1818, died in 1889, was a lumber merchant in Marietta, Pa.; Abraham, born Nov. 20, 1820, died in 1899, a farmer in the State of New York; Fanny, born Nov. 2, 1822, is the widow of John Becker, living near Petersburg, Pa.; Henry, born Nov. 26, 1825, unmarried, is a retired cattle and tobacco dealer, and lives with his sister, Mrs. Becker; Mary, born Oct. 9, 1829, is unmarried, and lives at Salunga, Pa.; and John, born Nov. 22, 1831, is the subject of this sketch.

The first members of the Erisman family in America were three brothers who emigrated from Switzerland, one settling at Millersville, another in Lancaster county, and the third in Rapho township.

John Erisman was married in May, 1861, at the home of the bride, in Rapho township, to Miss Fanny Strickler. To this union have been born the following children: Anna S., unmarried, and at home with her parents; Tillie S., unmarried and living at home; Mary S., unmarried, residing in Boston, Mass., and a prominent teacher in that city of music and elocution; Jacob S., a clothing merchant of Leonard, Ill., married to Miss Wolf; Lizzie, wife of Israel Witmer, of Hanover; and Frances, a school teacher in Wyoming.

Mrs. Fanny (Strickler) Erisman was born in Rapho township Aug. 2, 1832, daughter of John and Mary C. (Haverstick) Strickler, of Rapho township and Lancaster City, respectively. The father died July 12, 1877, in Mt. Joy township, after living a retired life for ten years, at the age of eighty-two years. Mrs. Strickler died April 21, 1888, at the age of seventy-nine years. They are buried in Eberly's cemetery at Mt. Joy, Pa. In life they were members of the United Brethren Church. Mr. Strickler was a man of prominence and held the office of school director for a long period. There were born to them: Fanny is the wife of John Erisman; Henry H., a grain merchant of Mt. Joy, married Miss Adeline Wycoff; John, a merchant of Lancaster city, was twice married, first to Miss Anna Gable, and second to Miss Mary Harmon; Jacob, a furniture merchant and undertaker, in Illinois, married Miss Anna Kertz; Anna died at the age of eight years; Emily, unmarried, lives at Mt. Joy; William, a furniture and dry-goods merchant at Polo, Ill., married Miss Mary Weyman; Attila is the widow of Dr. William Brookhart; and Samuel, a ranchman in the Big Horn country, Wyoming, married Miss Margaret McKenzie. Mrs. Erisman's paternal grandparents were Henry and Attila (Erisman) Strickler, of Rapho township. The grandfather was a farmer all his life and is buried on his old home. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Erisman were George and Fanny (Stricker) Haverstick, of Lancaster county, and later of Philadelphia. He was a gold and silversmith and after leaving off work retired to Lancaster county, where he died. His wife died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Strickler.

Mr. John Erisman is a prominent man in his

district, and while an earnest Republican in politics has steadily refused many proffers of office at the hands of the party. In 1895 he retired from the active duties of life, and since then has occupied himself by keeping posted on current events and enjoying a well deserved rest. He is well thought of by all for his strict integrity and kindly disposition.

MILTON K. SHULTZ, of Manor township, residing one mile south of Washington borough, belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of Lancaster county, and was born on his present homestead Oct. 23, 1841.

Isaac and Mary Ann (Keasey) Shultz, parents of Milton K., were also natives of Manor township and reared a family of eight children, born in the following order: Milton K.; Stephen K., of Manor township; Israel and Sylvester, deceased; Joseph K., lumber dealer of Manor township, whose life sketch may be found on another page; Benjamin K., whose sketch appears elsewhere; Mary Ann, wife of Henry Wertz, of Washington borough, and William K., a farmer of Manor township. Isaac Shultz was born March 7, 1815, was a cooper by trade, and worked at that business in winter; but in the spring was employed as a pilot on the Susquehanna river for lumber rafts, running down the stream from Marietta, Lancaster county, to Peach Bottom, in York county; he followed this business until it became obsolete. For fifty years Isaac Shultz was a member of the Church of God, and a greater part of this period was an elder. His wife passed away about the year 1889, and his own death occurred August 16, 1893.

Milton K. Shultz was educated in the public schools, and his boyhood days, when not at school, were passed in his father's cooper shop in the winter season, and on the river rafting, during the summer, and in the practice of the latter he early became an expert pilot. After the method of transporting timber to market had been changed, Milton K. resorted to farming, purchasing his present farm of thirty-six acres in 1889, tobacco being the principal product, together with garden produce. This farm he has improved with every possible modern convenience, and has made of it the most desirable home of its dimensions in the township.

Dec. 6, 1864, Milton K. Shultz was united in matrimony with Emma, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Poist) Collins, natives of Washington borough, and the parents of three children, namely: Amanda, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Emma, now Mrs. Shultz, and Jacob, who died in June, 1890. The father of these children was a butcher by calling and died in 1842 at the comparatively early age of thirty-seven years; his widow survived until 1875, when she expired at the age of fifty-four years.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Milton K. Shultz has been favored with seven children, of whom, however, only three survive. The births of the

seven may nevertheless be recorded as having taken place in the following order: Mary E., who is the wife of Samuel Abel, a cigarmaker of Wrightsville, York county; Elmira, wife of Jacob Shultz, an employee at the rolling mill in Columbia, Lancaster county; Benjamin, still under the parental roof; and Calvin, Rosa, Ira and Warren, deceased. Milton K. Shultz and wife are likewise grandparents of eight children; of whom Jacob and Elmira Shultz are the parents of six—Theresa, Cora, Ruth, Floyd, Oneida and Beatrice; to Samuel and Mary E. Abel have been born two, Edgar S., and Milton L.

The Shultz family are consistent members of the Church of God, to the support of which they liberally contribute, and no one in the township or county is more highly respected than Milton K. Shultz and wife.

JOHN KLAUS (deceased), formerly a highly respected resident of Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 28, 1828, came to America in 1854, and died in Lancaster county May 30, 1886, his remains being interred in Mount Bethel cemetery, Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Ernest Klaus, father of the deceased gentleman whose name opens this article, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt in 1799, and to his marriage with Margaret Collenbaugh the following family were born: Wendell, Ernest, John, Philip, Jacob, Frederick, Henry and Katherine, the last named being the wife of John Hook, of Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Margaret (Collenbaugh) Klaus was called from earth in 1845, and in 1851 Ernest Klaus and seven of his children came to Pennsylvania, direct from Germany, settling at York Furnace, York county, where he was employed as a day laborer until his death. With the exception of Jacob, a farmer in Iowa, and Mrs. John Hook, these children have all passed away. Henry, the youngest son, after serving three years in the 9th P. V. C., died of disease in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1876 John Klaus was married, in Columbia, Pa., to Katherine Holder, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, July 2, 1849, a daughter of Adam and Christina (Muchler) Holder, the former of whom was a farmer and died in Germany in 1884, at the age of seventy-three years. The latter died in 1886, when seventy-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Holder were the parents of six children, viz: Rosie, married to Frederick Stoll, a farmer in Columbia, Pa.; Frederick, Mary, John and Agnes, all in Germany; and Mrs. Katherine Klaus, of Columbia. Mrs. Klaus came to America in 1873, lived three years in Marietta, Pa., and then came to her present place of residence. To the marriage of John Klaus, deceased, and Katherine Holder were born two children, Frederick and Rosa, both still residing with their mother, who is the proprietress of the very popular "Rising Sun Hotel" at Columbia.

When the late lamented John Klaus came to America, in 1854, he first located in Lancaster, where

he followed his trade of shoemaker until 1857, when he came to Columbia and continued to pursue his calling until 1864. At that time he engaged in the hotel business, which he continued to follow until he died, in the faith of the Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias, in politics was a Democrat, and socially was held in the highest esteem by his fellow citizens. Mrs. Klaus has rebuilt the "Rising Sun" and increased its capacity from eleven rooms to twenty-three, has introduced steam heat and and electric lights, modernized it in all other respects, and charges transient guests the modest sum of \$1.50 per day. She has made the house the favorite stopping place for the traveling public, as it is quite homelike and the table is supplied with the best the market affords, while she and her assistants are ever attentive to every need of the patrons.

GEORGE HIPPEY. It is perhaps a characteristic of the solid prosperity prevailing throughout Lancaster county, that industry, integrity and thrift were the usual foundation. Among the citizens of Columbia, George Hippey, one of the best known and most highly respected residents, represents those sterling traits to a notable degree and his success in life has been commensurate with his winning qualities.

Mr. Hippey is a native of Columbia, born Sept. 15, 1837, son of William and Elizabeth (Cross) Hippey, and grandson of John and Mary (Hoff) Hippey, natives of Breslau, Germany, who migrated to America and became industrious and worthy citizens of Lancaster county. Their children were: William; John, who died suddenly on a shoal in the Susquehanna river; and Mary K., who married John Kame and died in Lancaster county from the painful injuries resulting from her clothes being accidentally set on fire.

William Hippey, the father of George, was a sturdy and conscientious resident of Columbia. He was born April 13, 1803, and in his youth was injured to honest toil. With his parents he often walked barefooted to church, and carrying their shoes with them, from Columbia to Lancaster, and worshipping on their arrival at the old Trinity Church. He was a cooper, following his trade through his active years at Columbia. He was the census enumerator there in 1850. In politics he was a Whig, and himself and wife were members of the Lutheran Church. She died of cholera at Columbia, Sept. 9, 1854, aged forty-four years, the second victim of the terrible plague during its visitation that year. William Hippey lived to a good old age, passing away June 13, 1892, aged eighty-nine years and two months. To William and Elizabeth Hippey were born the following children: Justina, wife of George Hoyer, a retired tinsmith of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Solomon Duck, of Columbia; Louisa (deceased); John, who died at Columbia; George; Henry, a brickmason of Colum-

bia; Charles, deceased; Allen C., who died at Roanoke, Va.; Amanda (deceased), and Samuel, a brickmason of Columbia.

During his boyhood at Columbia, George Hippey worked in his father's cooper shop, remaining at home until he was twenty-two. He was employed two years in a rolling mill as a mule driver. For seven years following he was boss in an ore bank and in the Henry Clay furnace for John Q. Denney. At the expiration of that time Mr. Hippey began work for John Yeager, remaining with him seven years and thoroughly learning the butcher business. He then began the business for himself at Columbia, continuing a prosperous butcher until his retirement from active life in August, 1898.

Mr. Hippey married, April 14, 1861, at Wrightsville, Pa., Miss Rachel Hammond. Six children were born to them: James, Mary, Mary (2), Margaret, Ida and Rachel. Of these only one survives, Mary (2). She is the widow of William E. Blaine, who was born in Milton, Pa., son of George and Elizabeth Blaine, the former a retired farmer now living at Washington, D. C. For eight years William E. Blaine was employed as a nurse in a government hospital in Washington, D. C. He came to Columbia in 1891 and was, until his death (Jan. 20, 1900, at the age of thirty-eight years), employed by George Hippey, the subject of this sketch. To William E. and Mary (Hippey) Blaine were born five children, namely: George, Rachel, Eliza Lee (deceased), Margaret, and James G. (deceased).

In politics Mr. Hippey is a Republican. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, and in business and social circles is influential, and esteemed for his keen judgment and high character.

JOHN GERHART, a retired farmer of Providence township and one of its most respected residents, was born in Wallerstadten Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, Aug. 10, 1840, a son of Peter Gerhart, who died in his native land.

In 1865 John Gerhart landed in America as a poor man, with little capital except his strong arms and his industrious habits. He had received a good German education and had learned farm work, and to this he turned in the new country. Although he has labored very industriously and has been careful in the accumulation and expenditure of his means, he has no reason to regret his years of toil, as now, when he wishes to live at ease, he has the means to do so. His farm in Providence township is well improved and quite valuable, and his home in the village of Refton, to which he retired in 1901, is excellent property, while he is also the owner of other property.

Mr. Gerhart was married in Lancaster county to Miss Mary Kerner, who came to this county with her parents when but six years of age. This marriage has been blessed with one son and two daughters, namely: Emma, born Jan. 1, 1869, is the wife of Jacob L. Frank, a miller, of Refton, Pa.; Mary

N., born Feb. 26, 1871, is the wife of Simon Lynes, of Providence township; and John P., born Feb. 12, 1882. In politics Mr. Gerhart favors the Democratic party, although he is not an active politician and has never cared to accept any office. With his family he belongs to the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Gerhart and family are known in the community as honorable and upright people, and he is much respected. He is the only member of his father's family to come to America.

MARTIN Z. LINDEMUTH (deceased) was born in West Donegal township, April 9, 1819, and died in his native township, in 1883, on the old farm where he had resided thirty-seven years. He was a son of Jacob and Barbara (Ziegler) Lindemuth, farming people of East Donegal township. His father died in West Donegal township in 1876 at the age of seventy-nine years, having led a long and useful life as a farmer; his mother died in 1886 when eighty-six years old. They were members of the Lutheran and the Brinsler Dunkard Churches, respectively. The children of Jacob and Barbara Lindemuth were as follows: Martin Z.; Martha, who married John Engle; Fanny, wife of John Brenner; Barbara, wife of Christ S. Nissley; Elizabeth, wife of John Myers; Mary, wife of J. W. Nissley; Leander, who married Fannie Martin; Anna, wife of Christ Garber. Barbara and Elizabeth were twins, and all the family are dead excepting Mary.

The paternal grandparents of Martin Z. Lindemuth were Martin and Magdalene (Wolf) Lindemuth, both of Lancaster county, both belonging to old and honorable families.

Martin Z. Lindemuth was married in Lancaster, Nov. 26, 1839, to Miss Elizabeth Engle, by whom he became the father of the following family: Fanny, who married Eli Hoffman, a farmer in Kansas; Anna, unmarried and at home; Barbara, wife of Frank Bishop, of Harrisburg, Pa.; John, married to Kate Meckly, and engaged in farming in Mt. Joy township; Hiram E., who married Emma Grush, and lives in Steelton, Pa.; Mary, deceased; Susan, who married David Hoffer, a traveling salesman from Lebanon, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Bachman, of Lebanon; Martha, who married Christ Goss, a farmer and a school teacher, of Conoy township; Solomon, deceased; Samuel, who married Fanny Stoner, and is engaged in farming on the old Engle homestead near Wild Cat station, where that important Lancaster county family was first located in this country; Sarah, unmarried and living at home; Alice, deceased; Martin, who married Annie McLanachan, and is a farmer in Mt. Joy township.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Engle) Lindemuth was born in Conoy township, Dec. 15, 1821, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Myers) Engle, natives of Lancaster and Franklin counties, respectively. Her father was a farmer, and had a long and useful life, dying in Conoy township in 1861, at the age of eighty-one

years. Her mother died in 1840, at the age of fifty-three years. They were both buried in a private cemetery on their old homestead and were members of the River Brethren Church. They had the following family, all of whom are dead excepting Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Lindemuth: Jacob, Henry, Fanny, Daniel, John, Samuel, Susan (who became Mrs. John Longenecker), Elizabeth, Martha (who became Mrs. Jacob Hoffer) and Hannah (who married Peter Hoffer).

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elizabeth Lindemuth were Jacob and Frances (Shoch) Engle, farmer people of Lancaster county, where they lived and died. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Barbara (Brillhart) Myers, natives of Lancaster and Franklin counties, respectively.

Martin Z. Lindemuth was a life-long farmer, and made a most enviable record for himself as an honest and industrious man. When he attained his majority he left home to make his own way in the world, and by upright character, force of will, unwearied industry and strict integrity, attained a good position for himself. He was a Republican, and held the office of school director. In 1884 Mrs. Lindemuth with two daughters and a son moved into Elizabethtown, and here they have since resided. She is a member of the River Brethren Church, and her daughters of the Church of God. Mrs. Lindemuth is still living at an advanced age, and while she is delicate, she is bright and active for her years, notwithstanding the experiences through which she has passed. Her daughters are devoted to her comfort, and watch over her health and happiness with tender solicitude.

ABRAM L. SHENK. For four generations the family of Shenk has lived in the old homestead in which Abram L. Shenk was born Oct. 12, 1826. The farm was first settled by the great-grandfather of the present owner, who died at the age of ninety-seven years, and there his grandfather, Henry, and his father, Abram, were born.

Abram Shenk, Sr., was a farmer by occupation. He was a Republican in politics, and a Mennonite in religious faith. He died in 1841, at the age of forty-six. He married Anne Landis, daughter of John Landis, and she survived him for many years, dying in the spring of 1861, at the home of her son. They were the parents of six children, of whom Abram L. is the eldest. The others were: Lizzie (deceased), the wife of Jacob Lutz; Christian, a farmer of Manor township; Annie (deceased), who married Benjamin Neff; Daniel, a resident of Safe Harbor; and Mary, who died in early childhood.

Abram L. Shenk remained at home, assisting his mother in the care and management of the farm, until he reached the age of thirty, when he was married to Fannie, daughter of Peter Musser. She died in 1873, the mother of four children, namely: Lizzie, Fannie and Mary and Abram M., (twins).



Lizzie married David Dambach, and Fannie married Albert M. Stoner, both of Manor township. Mary became the wife of Samuel Rodkey, of Columbia. Abram M. lives in the old homestead, and conducts the old Shenk farm; he married Katie Rohrer, daughter of Christian Rohrer, a successful farmer.

After the death of his first wife Abram L. Shenk married Lizzie, daughter of Christian Rodkey, and to this marriage came one daughter, Martha, who is now the wife of Charles Myers, a machinist, of Columbia. Mr. Shenk continued to live in the old homestead until 1892, when he removed to his present farm, situated a half mile north of Central Manor. There he cultivates thirty-three acres, with marked success, and, despite his seventy-six years, is able to devote his entire time to farm work. He is held in high esteem by his neighbors for his many admirable qualities, and is one of the influential farmers of Lancaster county. His political and religious faiths are the same to which his father held; he upholds Republican policies, and is a member of the Mennonite Church. His old age is cheered by memories of a life well spent, and he looks forward to the future without fear.

ADAM JOHN EBERLY (deceased), late one of the most conspicuous and able members of the Bar of Lancaster, was descended from an old and well-known family of the county.

The first of the name in this section came from Switzerland, having been driven from his native land by religious persecution, the family being Mennonites. At the time they came here, Lancaster was known as Hickorytown, and consisted of but two houses. Jacob Eberly, great-grandfather of Adam J., was a farmer, and his son, Henry, grandfather of Adam J., was a miller, distiller and manufacturer of linseed oil.

Samuel Eberly was born Feb. 8, 1793, and died Jan. 29, 1876, in what was at that time a part of Elizabeth township, now Clay township, Lancaster county. He was a well known scrivener and conveyancer of Clay township, where he built a house for himself in 1832, which old homestead is still in the possession of the family. Samuel was the first recorder of Lancaster county elected under the constitution of 1837, prior to which date the office had been an appointive one, and his son Henry S. was the first treasurer of Lancaster county elected by the people under the new constitution of 1873. Samuel Eberly married Miss Catherine Wike, daughter of John Adam Wike, a farmer of Lebanon county, and four children were born of this union, two sons and two daughters, the latter of whom both died in infancy. Of the sons, Henry S., who was a merchant in Durlach, Lancaster county, served as county treasurer one term, and died in 1898.

* Adam J. Eberly, the other son, was born Jan.

9, 1840, on the old homestead at Durlach, and died Aug. 5, 1901, at his residence No. 314 West Chestnut street, Lancaster, after a brief illness of three days, the complications resulting in heart disease. His earlier education was received in the district schools, and later he took a one-year's course at Schaefferstown Academy, and then attended Franklin and Marshall College, graduating therefrom in the class of 1861. After his college graduation he spent one year at home, and commenced to read law. Taking up his residence in Lancaster, he entered the law office of the late Alexander H. Hood, and in 1864 he was admitted to practice in the county, only four persons being admitted that year, and of these Hon. Amos Mylin is the sole survivor. In 1866 Mr. Eberly was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court, and in 1867 to the District and Circuit Courts of the United States.

In 1864 Adam J. Eberly was married to Miss Mary E. Pearson, a native of Lancaster and a daughter of William and Salome (Shirk) Pearson, and five children blessed this union, four of whom are yet living: Emma E., wife of J. Harlan Landis, engaged in the U. S. postal service, and running between New York City and Pittsburg, Pa.; William J., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and now a member of the Lancaster Bar, practicing law in his late father's office at No. 49 E. Grand street; Elsie E., widow of Robert Reilly, formerly of Lancaster; and Robert P., who attended Franklin and Marshall Academy, Elizabethtown College, and is at present at home. In religious faith Mr. Eberly was a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and he was held in the highest esteem by the community at large.

In his political preferences Mr. Eberly was a stanch Republican, his time, influence and means being always given to the advancement of his party. The Republicans of the Fifth ward of Lancaster had elected him at various times to a seat in the common council, as well as to the select branch of the city councils; he was also a member of the Lancaster board of school directors. In 1883 he was elected by a handsome majority to the office of district attorney of Lancaster county, taking his seat on the first Monday in January, 1884, and discharging the duties of that responsible office with intelligence and fidelity. At the time of his death he was a director of and solicitor for the People's Trust Savings Deposit Co., and of the People's National Bank, and was president of the Union Building and Loan Association, all of Lancaster.

When the Confederate forces invaded Pennsylvania during the Civil war, Mr. Eberly was among those who enlisted for the purpose of repelling them, joining Co. I, 51st P. V. I., and doing duty along the Potomac river in the State of Maryland.

BENJAMIN SHERTZER (deceased), who was one of the representative men of Lancaster county, Pa., was born about 1818, and resided in

Manor township, where he died in 1889. There were four children in the family of which Benjamin was a member, the other three being: John, deceased; Lizzie, who was married to Martin Funk; and Mary, married to Christ Herr. The father, John Shertzer, married Mary Young and died when thirty years old.

Benjamin Shertzer was but eight years of age when his father died and the lad went to make his home with Benjamin Kauffman; he worked out by the day until after his marriage, but shortly after this event he purchased a tract of twenty-eight acres in West Hempfield township; a few years later he came to Manor township and for three years lived on the Samuel Kauffman farm, then purchased a tract of eight acres and later a farm of eighty-four acres adjoining the village limits, made some valuable improvements, and there passed the remainder of his life.

Benjamin Shertzer married Elizabeth Funk, who is still living, at upwards of seventy years of age, and is a devout member of the Mennonite Church, to which her husband also belonged. To their marriage were born seven children, four of whom grew to years of maturity, namely: Mary, wife of George Henry; Elizabeth, married to Harry Graver; Jonas F.; and Benjamin F., all of Manor township.

BENJAMIN F. SHERTZER was born April 7, 1859, in Manor township, received a public school education, and remained on the home farm until the death of his father. About 1894 Benjamin F. purchased the home place, made some needed improvements, has since conducted general farming with satisfactory results and is classed among the leading agriculturists of Manor township.

On Oct. 11, 1883, Benjamin F. Shertzer married Miss Susan B. Newcomer, daughter of Rev. Jacob Newcomer, of Manor township, and this marriage has been blessed with a family of eight children, born in the following order: Annie N., Lizzie N., Amos N., Mary N., Benjamin N., Aaron N., Amanda N. and Ada N.

HENRY POWNALL, who died Feb. 9, 1901, at the early age of forty-three, was born in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, and was a son of Henry and Deborah W. (Walker) Pownall.

Henry Pownall was married Oct. 21, 1880, to Louissa Smedley, at the home of the bride, in Fulton township. To this marriage were born: Norman J., who was killed by his horse running away, Nov. 21, 1899; Mary L., a teacher, who lives at home; Bertha A., J. Clifton, Alta D. and Chester H. are at home.

Mrs. Louissa (Smedley) Pownall was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, the daughter of James and Adeline (Ambler) Smedley, natives of Fulton township, and of Montgomery county, respectively. Both her parents are now dead. Her father was a farmer in Fulton township, where during his active days he held the position of school

director for many years, and where he passed away. He died in 1888 at the age of sixty-nine. His widow, who was born in 1818, died in 1899. Their remains rest in Penn Hill cemetery. They were members of the Society of Friends. Born to them were: Clarinda, who married Vincent S. Richards, of Little Britain township; Louissa, the wife of Mr. Pownall; Elizabeth P., who married Samuel P. Paxson, and lives on the old homestead.

Ellis and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Smedley, the grandparents of Mrs. Pownall, were farming people of Fulton township; her maternal grandparents were William and Elizabeth (Penrose) Ambler, both of Montgomery county, and settlers in Lancaster county in 1822, where they engaged in farming in Martic township.

Henry Pownall, who remained with his parents until his marriage, was born and reared a farmer, and followed that vocation all his life. For two years after his marriage, he remained on the old homestead, a portion of which he cultivated; at the end of that period he purchased his father's farm, and engaged in its tillage for the rest of his life. This farm comprised 135 acres, and still constitutes a part of the family estate.

Mrs. Pownall with her family removed to her present abode in April, 1901, locating on a farm of sixteen acres, and making a very attractive home for her family.

Henry Pownall was a farmer who made a success of his work, and stood high in the community. For some fifteen years he filled the office of school director. Both he and his wife belonged to the Society of Friends. He was politically a Republican.

SAMUEL R. MYER (deceased). For many years the Myer family has been a prominent one in the State of Pennsylvania. Though found among the humbler walks in life, a number of them have been noted as being kind neighbors, true friends, worthy Christians, and exemplary citizens. To this family the late Samuel R. Myer was an ornament, and when he died on May 6, 1876, in the forty-third year of his age, the whole community in which he lived expressed feelings of sorrow and regret. Samuel R. Myer was born in Upper Leacock township, Jan. 2, 1833. He was a son of Elder Joseph and Esther (Rohrer) Myer. Joseph Myer was a son of Jacob Myer. Jacob Myer was a son of Johan Myer, the pioneer settler of the family who came to America from Switzerland and founded the Myer family in Pennsylvania. Elder Joseph Myer died on the old homestead in Upper Leacock township in 1892, at the age of eighty-five years. His faithful wife preceded him to the eternal world two years before, in the eighty-first year of her age. Both of them were laid to rest in the old family burial ground.

For many years Joseph Myer was a leading farmer of the community, and at the time of his decease was elder of the Conestoga congregation of

the German Baptist Church in Lancaster county. Elder Joseph Myer was the father of fourteen children, and we have record of John, who is a retired farmer of Ephrata township and an elder in the West Conestoga Church; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of Benjamin Stauffer; Samuel R., deceased, the subject of this sketch; Daniel, a retired farmer and machinist, residing in Lancaster; Jacob, who is a retired farmer of Earl township; Moses, deceased; Maria, who married Michael Houck, living near Landis Valley; Sarah, wife of Jonathan Weaver, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Abram, who lives on the old homestead farm; Isaac, deceased; Hettie, who is married to Elam Bushong, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; and Joseph, deceased.

Samuel R. Myer was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the district schools. Until the age of nineteen years he assisted in the various labors on his father's estate. But his tastes ran in another direction; so in 1852 he was employed as clerk in Moses Eby's store at Intercourse, in Leacock township, Lancaster county. Several years later he moved to Bareville, and there engaged in the mercantile business until the time of his decease, May 6, 1876. He became a member of the German Baptist Church in 1864. At the age of thirty-two years, he was elected to the ministry, becoming one of the most esteemed and able ministers of the district. He was frequently asked to assist at funeral services in the neighborhood, being perhaps the only English minister among the German Baptist Brethren in that district.

On Oct. 2, 1856, he married Miss Amanda Evans, daughter of John and Eliza (Nagle) Evans. Mr. Evans was an auctioneer, and also carried on the butchering business near Neffsville, in Manheim township. Later he moved to Lancaster, where he died in 1863, at the age of sixty-four years, and was laid to rest with his wife in the Lancaster cemetery.

To John and Eliza (Nagle) Evans were born fourteen children, of whom Sarah died young; Henry also died young; Isaac (deceased) was married to Catharine Grube, and resided in Lancaster city at the time of his death; David was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and for a number of years superintendent of the public schools in Lancaster county; John, a retired drover in Warwick township, married Susan Grosh; Frederick (deceased) enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war; Benjamin (deceased), a prominent butcher of Manheim township, married Eliza Groff; William, a prominent retired farmer, married Elizabeth Kauffman, and now resides in Lititz, Pa.; Charlotte married John K. Stoner, a retired merchant living in Lancaster city; Anna E., unmarried, resides in Lancaster; Harrison died in infancy; Maria, deceased, was the wife of Hiram Campbell, of Neffsville.

The paternal grandparents of Amanda (Evans) Myer were residents of Lancaster county, all of Scotch-Irish extraction. Her maternal grandpar-

ents were Frederick and Charlotte Nagle, both of Lancaster county.

To Samuel R. and Amanda (Evans) Myer were born twelve children: Ella E., who married J. D. Buckwalter, and now resides in Los Angeles, Cal.; H. Alice, at home; Charlotte A., who married Martin R. Shaeffer, and now resides in Bareville, Pa.; Caleb L., who married Ida Hunchberger, and now resides in Los Angeles, Cal.; Elizabeth, a teacher in Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa.; Anna, who married Samuel L. Miller, and now resides in Philadelphia; Joseph, who died at the age of nine months; J. Evans, who died at the age of two years; Amanda, deceased, who married C. W. Guthrie, and resided in Los Angeles, Cal.; Eva, who married W. S. Groff, and resides in Philadelphia; Sadie, living at home; Samuel R., who married Carrie Saylor, and resides in Bareville, Pennsylvania.

Miss Elizabeth Myer, one of the above named daughters of Samuel R. Myer, taught for a number of years in the public schools of Lancaster county. She is now a teacher in the college at Elizabethtown, Pa., having held this position since the establishment of the college, Nov. 15, 1900. Elizabethtown College is located in Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad. The town is centrally located, being eighteen miles distant from each of four county seats, namely: Harrisburg, Lancaster, York and Lebanon, and is surrounded by one of the richest agricultural districts in the State. This college, though under the control and management of a Board of Trustees consisting of men who are members of the German Baptist Brethren Church, is open to all who desire to avail themselves of its educational advantages. In the third annual catalogue of the Elizabethtown College may be found outlines for the following courses of study: Literary Course, Teachers' Training Course, Commercial Course, and Bible Course.

The college building is a substantial brick structure, 45x90 feet, three stories above the basement. It is situated on elevated ground, commanding a magnificent view of the town, the valley and the adjacent hills, and is surrounded by a campus of about seventeen acres. The building is equipped with modern conveniences, such as electric lights, steam heat, toilet and bath rooms, and is a model in its plans and arrangements for school purposes.

JOHN B. HERR. Christian Herr, Jr., was born Oct. 2, 1808, the son of Bishop Christian Herr, of Pequea, and died Jan. 14, 1885. His entire life was spent in the vicinity of Lime Valley, and in his active years he was known as one of the leading men of the town. For some years he was engaged in the distillery business, though farming was his main occupation. Miss Susan Brockbill, who became his wife, was born in Strasburg township, Oct. 14, 1811, the daughter of John Brockbill. At the time of her death she lacked but twenty-five days of being seventy-six years old. Both she and her husband were

members of the Old Mennonite Church. They were the parents of five children: John B., born Nov. 10, 1834; an infant, born March 14, 1837; Levi B., born Jan. 14, 1838, a well driller in Strasburg township; Christian, Jr., born Sept. 22, 1840, who lives in Lancaster; Eliza Ann, the widow of Eby Hershey, lives in Strasburg township.

John B. Herr was born on a farm adjoining that he now owns and occupies, and was educated in the district school. His marriage occurred Oct. 21, 1856, after which he located on the farm where he is found at the present time. It comprises 120 acres, and lies a mile south of Lampeter. The original farm buildings, still standing, were greatly remodeled by Mr. Herr, and in 1879 he put up a thoroughly modern brick residence. For eighteen years Mr. Herr has sought to retire from active business life, but his energies have been too great to permit it. So he is constantly on the move, and, notwithstanding his advanced years, is ready to help wherever he can. Mr. Herr owns a second farm of forty-three acres in West Lampeter.

John B. Herr was married to Fannie, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Herr) Hess, of Pequea township, who was born Dec. 9, 1836. To this union have come seven children. (1) Christian H., born Sept. 18, 1857, resides on the homestead, and is married to Amanda, a daughter of Daniel Book, of West Lampeter township, by whom he has had the following family: Ada F., Henry B., Roy D., Christian, Amanda, Walter, Ira, Mary, Clarence and Maud. (2) Henry B., born July 21, 1859, married Barbara Harnish, by whom he had six children, John B., Anna M., Bertha, Mary, Cora and Victor. They live on part of the homestead, and Henry B. Herr has always taken a lively interest in Sunday-school from the time he attended the school conducted by his father; he was the founder of the Lampeter Bible and Music School, and through his efforts the church edifice at Lampeter was erected, where ministers of all creeds have a free pulpit. Henry B. is the superintendent of the Sunday-school and is also chorister. His work is regarded as of a high grade, and deserving of much consideration by the community. (3) Milton F., born March 24, 1861, died March 31, 1864. (4) Lizzie N., born Jan. 9, 1864, married Samuel E. Rauck, of Intercourse, by whom she has had three children, Carrie, David and Bertha. (5) Susan I., born May 19, 1866, died Jan. 11, 1873. (6) John L., born Jan. 23, 1869, died Feb. 12, 1873. (7) Anna M., born Aug. 26, 1872, is the wife of B. D. Groff, of West Lampeter township, and is the mother of Lizzie, John and Fannie.

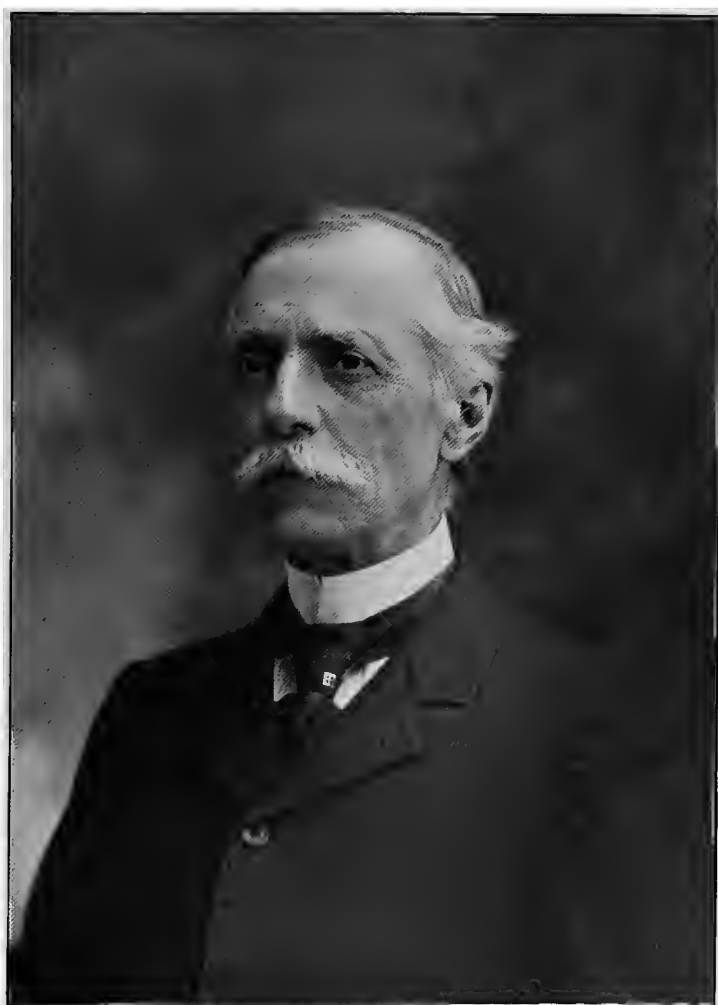
Mr. and Mrs. Herr are both members of the Mennonite Church, as are all the children and their families. He was the first Sunday-school superintendent of the Mennonite Church of Lancaster county, holding his position for twenty-three years under Bishop Benjamin Herr and the Rev. Amos Herr. Mr. Herr has assisted in the organization of many Sunday-schools, and has visited freely outside

schools that he might gain information to use in his own work. He is a man who has done much good in his day, and is much respected by a large circle of friends.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS HEITSHU, residing at No. 512 East King street, Lancaster, is a descendant in the fourth generation of Jacob Heidschuh (as the name was originally spelled), who was born in the Palatinate, and emigrated to this country in 1728 [Col. Rec., Vol. XVII, Second Series, p. 15], reaching Philadelphia after a voyage lasting from June 15th to August 19th. Jacob Heidschuh, together with others of his fellow immigrants, located in Loudoun county, Va., where he bought land and engaged in farming. He died at that place in 1775, leaving three sons, Jacob, Nicholas and Philip, and one daughter, Elizabeth. Philip, the youngest son, soon after his father's death, moved to Reading, Pa., to live with an uncle located there, with whom he learned the trade of hatter. In 1784 he was married to Catharine, daughter of Philip Rupert, who at that time lived in Reading, but who later moved to Sunbury, Pa. In 1798 Philip Heitshu removed to New Holland, Lancaster county, where he resided until 1806, when he came to Lancaster and opened a hat factory, which business he continued until, in 1827, he retired from trade, the business being continued by his sons William and Daniel. He died in 1846, at the age of eighty-two, his wife dying four years previously. His children were: William; Daniel; Elizabeth; Mary, wife of Daniel Keller; Catharine, wife of James Russel; Sarah, wife of Jacob Kurtz; Margaret; Sybilla; and Henrietta, wife of Samuel Dorwart.

Daniel Heitshu was born in 1798, at New Holland, Lancaster county, where his father, Philip, then resided. As already stated, he, in conjunction with his brother, William, succeeded his father in business, and after William's retirement he conducted the factory until 1856. In 1831 he married Elizabeth, daughter of George Weitzel, of Lancaster, and their children were William Augustus, whose name opens this sketch; John, a farmer at Dover, Del.; Samuel, a wholesale druggist at Portland, Oregon; and Harriet, residing at No. 30 North Lime street, Lancaster.

William Augustus Heitshu, son of Daniel, was born in Lancaster city Aug. 20, 1833. He was educated in the schools of that place, always noted for their excellence, and there learned the hatter's trade in his father's establishment. From 1856 to 1867 he carried on business at No. 21 North Queen street. He then went to Philadelphia, and engaged in the same business for a period of seven years. Later he removed to Brooklyn, continuing in trade in that city, and in 1883 returning to Lancaster, where he has since resided. Although not actively engaged in business in recent years, Mr. Heitshu continues to be what he always has been, a very busy man. The management of his estate, and the exactions of the



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various charitable, educational and other organizations with which he has long been connected, have made large demands upon his time, and have afforded him a broad field for the display of his well-known executive abilities. He has contributed not a little to the advancement and improvement of his native city by the erection of superior dwelling-houses for its rapidly growing population. His wide experience in that direction led to his being chosen the treasurer of the building fund for the erection of the just completed palatial Young Men's Christian Association building, the burden of which work largely devolved upon him, and was most efficiently discharged. He is, at the present time, an active member of the building committee engaged in the erection of the new Reformed Church at the corner of North Duke and Orange streets. He is also connected with the management of the Lancaster General Hospital, and has been untiring in his efforts in behalf of that excellent institution. Mr. Heitshu has for some years been president of the Mechanics' Library Association of Lancaster city, and has served at various times as treasurer of numerous associations and organizations, and is at the present time a member of the board of directors of the West End Building & Loan Association.

So generally is Mr. Heitshu's faithful and unselfish work in every worthy public cause recognized, that he is always among the first to be placed in management. Yet, his natural disposition is to keep in the background, rather than to make himself prominent so that only those associated with him are aware of the extent and value of his good work in every cause that has for its purpose the benefit and uplifting of the community. In his quiet and unostentatious way, he has done much more than many whose deeds sound louder in the trumpet of fame. In his religious affiliations he adheres to the Reformed Church, the church of his fathers, and has for many years held the office of elder in St. Paul's Reformed congregation.

Mr. Heitshu responded to his country's call during the war of the Rebellion, going to the front as a member of the 122d Regiment, Pa. Vols., and taking part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chantilly and Chancellorsville.

In 1863 Mr. Heitshu was married to Mary, daughter of Christopher Geiger, a well-known ironmaster in this county. She is descended from one of three brothers named Geiger who came to America from Germany and settled at Gibraltar, Berks county. Of these, Anthony Geiger bought a tract of land from John, Richard and Thomas Penn. That he reached Berks county at least as early as 1735 is shown by a land warrant issued to him in that year.

Christopher Geiger, son of Anthony, was born in 1720, married Mary Robeson, and died in 1805.

Elisha Geiger, son of Christopher, was born in 1776. He married Mary Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, Jr., and died in 1821, leaving two sons, Christopher and Elisha, and several daughters.

Mrs. Heitshu's father, Christopher Geiger, together with Philip and Samuel Small, of York county, Pa., in 1840 built Manor furnace, in York county, Pa. Later, in 1846, he, in partnership with the Small brothers and Edward and Joseph Patterson, of Baltimore, the brothers of Jerome Bonaparte's wife, built the Ashland furnace in Baltimore county, Md. Still later, in 1884, Mr. Geiger built the Sarah furnace, in Harford county, Md., which he operated.

The union of Mr. and Mrs. Heitshu has been blessed with the following offspring: Samuel Parke, who is connected with the engineering corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad; William Augustus, Jr., at present a student at Cornell University; and three others, now deceased.

Mrs. Heitshu, like her husband, has for many years been prominent in the community for her many good works. She was for years president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Lancaster, and a member of the board of managers of the Young Women's Christian Association, and, also, a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association. For the past six years she has been one of the lady managers of the Home for Friendless Children. She is active and aggressive in all the duties that fall to her lot in the various schemes of benevolence that enlist her sympathies and assistance. Although reared in the Presbyterian faith, she has united herself with St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which she is known as a strong and active worker in all the various organizations connected with the church. A woman of vigorous intellect, and an able debater, she is frequently heard in Reformed Church and other assemblies.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heitshu are descended from sturdy Revolutionary ancestry. John Paul Weitzel, the great-grandfather of Elizabeth Weitzel, Mr. Heitshu's mother, was a native of Switzerland, and came to America in 1742, his son Paul, a lad of seventeen years, accompanying him. John Paul was a baker, and young Paul learned the trade with his father, carrying on the business after the latter's death. He was an active business man, and took much interest in the affairs of his adopted city. He was one of the founders of the Julianna Library, and built the first three-story house in Lancaster. At the breaking out of the Revolution, he became an active supporter of the cause of the Colonies. Six of his sons were at one time in the patriot army; John, as a colonel; Paul and Casper, as captains; Jacob, as a lieutenant; while John Paul, a private, was killed in the battle at Hackensack, N. J., and Philip went with the patriot forces to the Carolinas and was reported missing after one of the engagements there. Lieut. Jacob Weitzel was a member of the Order of the Cincinnati, and Mr. Heitshu has his original certificate of membership, dated Oct. 31, 1785, bearing the signatures of George Washington as president, and John Knox, as secretary, hanging in his library. Paul Weitzel also had one daughter, Charlotte, who was married to Jacob Johns.

Philip Rupert, the father of Catharine, wife of Philip Heitshu, grandfather of William A., was also a German immigrant, coming to this country in 1754, and locating in Reading Pa. He enlisted in the British army during the French and Indian war, and saw four years' active service against the French in Canada. When the trouble between the Mother Country and the Colonies broke out he gave his adherence to the cause of the latter. As a lieutenant he was present with the patriot forces at the capture of the Hessians at Trenton, and also at the battle of Princeton. He was wounded at the battle of Brandywine, and closed his long and patriotic career at Catawissa, Pa., in 1827, in his ninety-second year.

Along maternal lines, the ancestors of Mrs. Mary (Geiger) Heitshu, the Smiths and Parkes, were of sturdy Revolutionary stock. James and John Smith, brothers, came to America from Scotland, bringing with them their sister Mary, who was the grandmother of Robert Fulton. Col. Robert Smith, her direct ancestor, was born on the voyage across the Atlantic. For a period of nine years he was the chief executive of Chester county. In 1775 the Executive Committee, a Colonial body, gave him a vote of thanks for his efficient services. Rev. Thomas Jones, ancestor of Mary Jones Geiger, mentioned above, was a native of South Wales. He came to America with two sons, Rev. Samuel and Thomas, Jr., in 1727. The latter settled down to a farmer's life near Sinking Springs, Berks county, and the lands then purchased by him are still in the family name. During the Revolutionary struggle he served as a major in the Pennsylvania Line, and also in various civil capacities. In those days Pennsylvania was a slave-holding State, and slaves were kept on the Jones estate. Some thirty years ago Mrs. Heitshu saw one of these ex-slaves, the last survivor of her great-grandfather's lot, who had lived to reach a great age.

Mrs. Heitshu's ancestors in the Parke line came from Ireland, in 1720, and settled at what is now Parkesburg, Chester county, that town being named for them. Arthur Parke, the founder of the family in this country, came from County Donegal, bringing with him his wife, Mary, and their four children: Joseph, John, Samuel and a daughter, the wife of William Noblett. They were well-to-do, and took up several large tracts of land. Joseph Parke, the direct ancestor, acquired a large portion of that property. He died July 28, 1787, aged eighty-one years; his wife, Elizabeth, survived him thirty-seven years, dying May 21, 1824. Their children were Arthur, Joseph, John William, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, Daniel and Samuel. The family were Presbyterians, and gave that church five ruling elders in as many successive generations, and four clergymen, one of whom was Rev. Samuel Parke, Mrs. Heitshu's grandfather. As an example of the persistency of family characteristics along the line of ancestral occupations, faiths and professions, it

may be stated that Samuel Parke, just mentioned, married Martha Grier, daughter of Rev. Nathan Grier, one of the early Presbyterian preachers of Brandywine Manor, and whose two sons, John N. C., of Brandywine, and Robert, of Gettysburg, and two sons-in-law were clergymen. The old Octoraro Presbyterian Church, near Parkesburg, was organized in 1720, and the first Arthur Parke was an elder there; another Arthur Parke, a direct descendant, is an elder there today. For 175 years there has never been wanting a Parke on the board of elders of that church. Mrs. Heitshu has in her possession two of the "tokens," as they were called, which were distributed at communion in those early days in Presbyterian Churches to those thought worthy to partake of this sacrament. They are made of lead, and somewhat resemble worn coin. One of these has stamped on it the letters U. O., meaning the Upper Octoraro Church; the other S. R., meaning Slate Ridge, the church where her grandfather preached for more than forty years.

A direct descendant from two lines of Revolutionary sires, Mr. Heitshu has naturally gravitated into the patriotic order of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution, as has also his son, Samuel Parke Heitshu. Mrs. Heitshu's claim to membership in the order of Daughters of the American Revolution comes through three distinct lines of ancestry, a somewhat unusual occurrence. She is a member of the Donegal Chapter, and has been prominent in its general affairs and management for a number of years, and her voice is frequently heard when the good of the order calls for active participation in the deliberations.

HENRY KURTZ BAUMGARDNER, one of Lancaster's most prominent citizens, and a leading coal and lumber dealer, comes of an old settled family of the State.

Leonard Baumgardner, his great-grandfather, was a Hessian soldier in the pay of Great Britain during the Revolutionary war in this country, but deserted his colors and fought under Washington. The war ended, he settled in York, Pa., and there passed the rest of his days, dying at the age of seventy-nine years.

Thomas Baumgardner, son of Leonard, was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer and hatter of York, who died in 1872. He married a Miss Raymond and became the father of nine children.

Henry Baumgardner, youngest in the above mentioned family of children, was born in York in 1821. He acquired his education in the public schools and in a college at Gettysburg, Pa. Having inherited a commercial instinct from his father, he chose a business life, and came to Lancaster, where, associated with his brother Thomas, he engaged in the dry goods business. Their store was on the site at present occupied by Hirsh & Bro., and they met with great success. In 1852 Thomas retired, but Henry

continued in the dry goods business, and was soon one of the leaders in that line in the city. He was connected with various other enterprises in the city, and his name is still associated with the coal trade, so great a success did he make in that line. For years he was president of the Reading Gas Co., which he helped to organize. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank, in which he was a stockholder and a director, and he was also a director in the Lancaster Trust Co. He was connected with the Hubley Manufacturing Co. and the Lancaster Construction Co. These concerns were all in Lancaster, but his interests were not bounded by his home county, and he was interested in the concrete paving company, Filbert & Co., of Philadelphia, and for ten years he operated large cordage works in Beverly, New Jersey.

Politically, Henry Baumgardner was a Republican, and served on the school board and in the city council. In his religious belief he was a Lutheran, and belonged to St. John's congregation. He was a liberal contributor to the charitable enterprises of all denominations, and a firm believer in the work of the Y. M. C. A. Fraternally, he was a Mason, uniting with the order in 1852, and becoming Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 43, A. Y. M., in 1858 and 1864. He helped to organize Lamberton Lodge, and for ten years was its treasurer. From 1875 to 1880 he was district deputy grand master.

In 1846 Henry Baumgardner was united in marriage with Anna Louisa Kurtz, by whom he had children as follows: One that died in infancy; Thomas, who died in infancy; Clara, wife of Rev. Rufus W. Hufford, D. D., of Reading; Henry Kurtz; Anna Mary, who married J. F. Cross, of East Orange, N. J. The mother died Nov. 22, 1875. For his second wife Mr. Baumgardner married Mary Salina Prosser, widow of Jay Caldwell. Mourned not alone by his family but by a wide circle of acquaintances, who esteemed him for his many virtues, Henry Baumgardner entered into rest May 30, 1898.

Henry Kurtz Baumgardner, the subject proper of these lines, was born Jan. 29, 1851, in Lancaster, Pa., and received his education in part at the public schools of the city, in part at Franklin and Marshall Academy. On concluding his studies he removed to Beverly, N. J., where he became associated with Baumgardner, Woodward & Co., in an extensive rope and cordage factory, his connection with that firm extending to the long period of twenty-one years, at the end of which time, the plant having been sold to the National Cordage Co., of New York, Mr. Baumgardner returned to Lancaster. Here, in the fall of 1888, he entered into partnership with his father-in-law, B. B. Martin, in the coal and lumber trade, under the firm name of B. B. Martin & Co. On Jan. 1, 1902, the firm of B. B. Martin & Co. was incorporated into a stock company, called the B. B. Martin Co., and Mr. Baumgardner became its president and treasurer, he owning the controlling interest. In August, 1891, Mr.

Martin died, leaving Mr. Baumgardner sole proprietor of the business, which is one of the most extensive of its kind in the city. In the latter part of 1900 he erected a new office building on North Charlotte street, one of the finest and most commodious coal and lumber offices in the city. Our subject in politics is a Republican.

In 1877 Mr. Baumgardner was married to Miss Lilly Elizabeth Martin, daughter of the late B. B. Martin, in his day one of the best known and most influential men in Lancaster, one of whom it may be said was the pioneer in the erecting of elegant suburban homes in the West End of the city, a section he helped in a marked degree to develop. Mr. Baumgardner is identified with St. John's Lutheran Church, being a member of the church council, and for some years served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Fraternally he is affiliated with Lamberton Lodge, No. 407 F. & A. M. He is treasurer of and stockholder in the Hubley Manufacturing Co., and an active member of the Lancaster Board of Trade. He is justly regarded as one of Lancaster's influential citizens, and is popular alike in business, church and social circles.

CHRISTIAN G. SHERK. Among the prominent and successful agriculturists of Mt. Joy township is Christian G. Sherk, a well-known citizen, and also an old soldier of the Civil war.

Mr. Sherk was born in West Hempfield township, Oct. 25, 1841, a son of John R. and Catherine (Gochenauer) Sherk, the former of West Hempfield township, and the latter a native of Lancaster county. The father died in West Hempfield, where he was a farmer and a school director for a number of years, his death occurring in 1868, at the age of fifty-three; the mother only lived to be thirty-five, her death occurring in 1852. They were buried in the Sherk burying ground, a private family cemetery. They were members of the Old Mennonite Church and lived up to the belief of that organization, in peace and charity with all men. Their children were: Martha, who died when young; Sarah A., deceased; Christian G.; Mary A., who married M. L. Greider, of Mt. Joy; Emanuel S., who died in 1878, at the age of thirty-three; Elizabeth, who married Dr. G. W. Bernheisel, of Columbia, Pa.; Elias, who died in infancy; and Elias (2), who also died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Sherk, were Christian and Magdelina (Rohrer) Sherk, who were married in 1807, in West Hempfield township, where he was a man of wealth and owned large tracts of land. The great-grandfather was Joseph Sherk, born in 1734, who married in 1755, Susan Strickler. The maternal grandparents were Henry and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Gochenauer, of Lancaster county, the former of whom married Elizabeth Reigle for his second wife.

Christian G. Sherk was reared on the farm and early became well instructed in the practical man-

agement of a large estate; when he was about sixteen years old, however, he accompanied his parents to Mt. Joy, where they remained from 1856 to 1865. He enlisted, Sept. 20, 1861, in Co. C, 77th P. V. I., under Col. S. C. Stumbaugh, and was discharged Oct. 11, 1864.

After the return of his father to the farm, Christian remained with him for several years, but then moved to a farm of his own, in West Hempfield township, engaging there in general farming for five years; in 1872 he returned to Mt. Joy. There he again resumed farming and for a few months conducted a butchering business, but later confined himself exclusively to looking after his agricultural interests.

Mr. Sherk was united in marriage in Lancaster county, on Nov. 2, 1865, to Elmira E. Detwiler, who was born on her old family homestead, a daughter of Joseph Detwiler, of Mt. Joy. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherk: Anna, who married Dr. Samuel S. P. Lytle, a dentist of Mt. Joy, Pa.; and Lucy, who died young. Mr. Sherk votes independently, as his judgment directs, is a consistent member of the U. B. Church; for twelve years has been an efficient school director in Mt. Joy borough, and is a man who enjoys the respect and esteem of the community.

MAJOR BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BRENE-MAN, of the well-known firm of Flinn & Breneman, leading house furnishers, Lancaster, is, by virtue of his exalted business position and his social qualities and functions, well entitled to prominent mention in this work.

Melchoir Breneman, the first of the family in this country, came from Switzerland, landing Sept. 17, 1717, in Pennsylvania. Here he took up a grant of 700 acres of land from the Penns, this land lying just south of Lancaster, on both sides of Mill creek. Subsequently he took up two other grants of land of 90 and 125 acres, respectively. Major Breneman's descent from Melchoir is through Adam, Henry, Henry (2) (who was a Mennonite preacher as well as a farmer), and Benjamin, the last named being the Major's father.

Benjamin Breneman, who was a prosperous merchant of Camargo, this county, married Susan, daughter of Christian Herr, one of the largest landowners and most prominent citizens of the southwestern part of Pennsylvania, whose landed estates were located in East Lampeter township, this county. Some of these ancestral acres near Strasburg are still in the possession of Major Breneman, being a legacy from his mother. Christian Herr married a daughter of Capt. John Withers, of Revolutionary fame, the latter having been one of the three sons born to Augustine Wither (as the name was then spelled). These three sons, Michael, John and George, were prominent in the Revolution. Michael Withers was a manufacturer of firearms in Lampeter town-

ship. His muskets and rifles were celebrated, and were used by the soldiers of the Revolutionary war. He was elected a member of the Committee of Correspondence from Strasburg township Nov. 22, 1774. Capt. John Withers was born Dec. 24, 1729, and died Dec. 24, 1813. In the business world the three brothers were also prominent as men of wealth and enterprise, owning a large body of land. They built the Sadsbury forges in 1800; Mt. Eden furnace, which went into blast in 1809; and Conowingo furnace, in Drumore township, in 1810.

To Benjamin and Susan (Herr) Breneman were born three sons and one daughter, the latter of whom died in childhood. The sons were: Christian H., at one time a member of the firm of F. Shroder & Co., proprietors of the Conestoga Cotton Mills; Henry H., who was in the wall-paper business in Cincinnati; and Benjamin Franklin.

Major Benjamin F. Breneman was born in Camargo, Lancaster Co., Pa., and received his education in the district schools of the locality of his birth, and at the Strasburg Academy. His first employment was as a clerk in the dry-goods establishment of the late R. E. Fahnestock, of Lancaster, after which he became associated with his brother in the Camargo Mfg. Co., whose paper-mill was located at Camargo. Associated with one of his brothers, he then established a branch business in Cincinnati. Thence, after conducting that concern some four or five years, the Major removed to St. Louis, and for a time engaged in the cotton business in that city. Returning, however, to Cincinnati, he concluded, after a brief sojourn there, to engage in business in New York, and accordingly betook himself thither, and spent a year on Wall street. From New York he came to Lancaster and in 1868 entered into partnership with the late A. C. Flinn, in the stove and heating business, under the firm name of Flinn & Breneman. In 1880 Major Breneman sold his interest in the business to George B. Willson, and spent a year or more in foreign travel; then returning to Lancaster, he bought back his interest from Mr. Willson, and the firm has since continued as Flinn & Breneman. In 1895 the Major took another trip to Europe, and brought back many souvenirs of his visit, besides delightful and entertaining experiences.

At all times an ardent and active Republican, Major Breneman has, nevertheless, neither sought nor accepted public office. At one time he was president of the Lancaster Board of Trade, and assisted in the organization of two such boards in that city. In religious faith he is a member of St. James Episcopal Church, at Lancaster, and was a vestryman in same for a number of years. Socially he has been president of the Hamilton Club since its organization, twelve years ago, having been one of its incorporators. He was the seventh president



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of the famous Five O'clock Club, of Philadelphia, and is still a member of same; an interesting sketch of his life, together with a portrait of him, appears in the history of that club, published some years ago. The Major has been a member of the Union League Club of Philadelphia for twenty-five years; was one of the original members of the Manufacturers' Club of Philadelphia; and one of the original members of the old Masonic Club of that city, which club has passed out of existence. For years he was a director of the Lancaster Fire Insurance Company; was one of the organizers of the Lancaster Mfg. Co.; was a director of the Lancaster & Quarryville Railroad; was a promoter of and stockholder in the "Stevens House" Company of Lancaster; was a director and president of the Lancaster Watch Company; a director of the Pennsylvania Traction Company; interested in the New Holland Railway, and a director of the New Holland & Lancaster Traction Company; is interested in the traction companies of Lancaster generally; and, in fact, for the past twenty years, has been identified with every movement tending to the advancement and improvement of the city and its people.

If, however, the Major is more prominent in one direction than in another, it is in Masonry, and from *The Keystone*, a Masonic publication, we glean the following:

Eminent Sir B. Frank Breneman was made a Mason on May 12, 1869, in Lodge No. 43, in Lancaster, Pa., and elected W. M. of the lodge on Dec. 10, 1873. On April 27, 1870, he received the capitular degrees in R. A. Chapter, No. 43, and was elected M. E. High Priest, Dec. 22, 1875. He received the Cryptic degrees in Goodwin Council, No. 10, June 1, 1870, and the degrees of Order of the Red Cross and of the Temple in Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, stationed at Lancaster, April 28, 1874. Sir Breneman was elected Eminent Commander of Lancaster Commandery on April 29, 1875. After having served as Grand Sword Bearer from 1878 to 1882, Major Breneman, on June 12, 1882, was elected R. E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, of Pennsylvania, which distinguished station he held with honor to himself. During his administration occurred, on Oct. 26, 1882, the grand Templar display in connection with the Bi-Centennial celebration of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On this occasion R. E. Sir Breneman displayed great energy and ability in the conduct of the Templar pageant, and has just cause to feel proud of the eminent success of the Templar day, which was universally acknowledged to have been the day of the Bi-Centennial Celebration.

Major Breneman was also District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from 1880 to 1882. The eminent service that Major Breneman has rendered Freemasonry in its

Ancient Craft, Capitular and Templar branches entitles him to the praise of a devoted and earnest craftsman.

Major Breneman earns his title through having been an ordnance officer on the staff of Gen. Frank Reed, of the National Guard. His home, a delightful and commodious residence, stands at the corner of East Orange and Lime streets, Lancaster, and there also reside his brother's widow, Mrs. Louisa A. Breneman, and her only daughter, the wife of Leon Von Ossko, an artist of considerable repute, whose work has attracted marked attention in New York and other art centers.

JACOB WISE, a general farmer of Salisbury township, was born Oct. 11, 1839, in Leacock township, son of Michael and Maria (Miller) Wise, the former of Upper Leacock and the latter of West Earl township.

Michael Wise was a blacksmith by trade and worked at this during his early life, but later became a farmer; prior to his death, he removed into the village of Gap, where he died in 1887, at the age of eighty years. His widow lived until 1892, dying at the age of seventy-seven years. Both parents were interred in the cemetery at Gap, and both had been consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Mary A., deceased wife of Amos Townsend; George, a resident of Braddock, Pa.; Jacob; Henry, Isaac and Reuben, deceased; Sarah, who married Edmond McCachren, of Philadelphia; Harriet, who married Elias McCachren, of Columbia; Levi, a farmer and blacksmith at Gap, Pa.; Susannah, deceased wife of Christian Shank; Michael, of Cochranville; John, deceased; Adam, a farmer of Salisbury township; and Clara, married to August Henness, of Atglen, Pa. The paternal grandfather was Jacob Wise, a carpenter of Leacock township; and the maternal grandfather was George Miller, also a carpenter in Lancaster county.

Jacob Wise remained assisting his father on the farm until he reached his legal majority. He became interested in the threshing business and followed it for three years in partnership with his brother George. His first farm was that known as the Frantz place, in Salisbury township, where he worked for one year very successfully. The following year he alternated according to the season, between the fish and the threshing business, and then purchased an adjoining farm and operated that for eighteen years. After buying the present fine farm, he moved his residence to it and now carries on the work of both. Few men are better posted as to agricultural matters than Mr. Wise. The best years of his life have been devoted to this work and he is generally regarded as a very excellent farmer. In politics he has been a lifelong Democrat. With his family he belongs to the Presbyterian Church, to which he is a liberal contributor.

In September, 1862, in Lancaster, Mr. Wise was

united in marriage with Miss Margaret Ann McNeal, who was born in Sunflower, Bart township, in 1843, a sister of Samuel McNeal, of Salisbury township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wise were the following: Thomas M., a farmer in Chester county, who married Lucinda Futer, and has eight children; Mary R., who married George H. Stern, in the creamery business in Chester county, and who has two children; Catherine M., who married Rev. H. F. McNelly, a minister in the United Brethren Church at Pottstown, and has two children; William W., in the creamery business in Chester county; Charles H., a farmer in Salisbury township, who married Mary Rissel, and has two children; Edmund McC., a farmer in Salisbury township, who married Hannah Henry and has one child; John M., at home; Cora J., who married Leonard Pickel, a farmer in Chester county, and has one child; Jacob P., a moulder at Pottstown; and George P., Ida M. and Samuel P., at home.

The family is one that is most highly respected in Salisbury township, where it is prominent in social life. Mr. Wise is one of the reliable citizens who are representative men.

JAMES MITCHELL JENKS, the senior member of the well-known firm of J. M. Jenks & Co., manufacturing jewelers, located at the corner of Queen street and Centre Square, is one of the leading men in the commercial life of Lancaster, as well as one of the most popular in social circles.

The founder of the Jenks family in America was Lady Jenks, who came to Pennsylvania from England in company with the Penns, locating in Philadelphia. Of the same religious belief as were the Penns, she wished to have religious liberty and resolved to make her home in the goodly land to which they had come. All of the tract now occupied by Kensington, Philadelphia, was ceded to the son of Lady Jenks, by the Penns. Other illustrious names appear in the ancestry of James Mitchell Jenks, as his maternal grandmother, was a Miss Stockton, a cousin of Commodore Stockton, and his grandfather was Daniel Trimble Jenks, who settled in Bucks county and established, at Newtown, a woolen mill. This property passed out of the possession of the family as late as 1897, at the death of the grandmother of Mr. Jenks, she having lived to the unusual age of ninety-three.

Abraham Stockton Jenks, the father of James Mitchell Jenks, was for many years a member of the prominent Philadelphia wholesale dry-goods firm of Harper & Jenks, and for twenty-nine years was connected with the board of education from the First district of Philadelphia. His death occurred several years ago, and he was a man universally respected and beloved. His wife, who had been Miss Rosanna Montgomery, a daughter of Hillman Montgomery, a linen worker, from the north of Ireland, who settled in New Jersey, survived him for a time. Three children were born to this union: Daniel

Trimble and Mary Stockton, both of whom have passed away; and James Mitchell, of Lancaster.

James M. Jenks was born in Philadelphia, March 25, 1849, and was educated in the public schools of that city until he reached the age of thirteen, when an adventurous spirit took him to Colorado, and there he was engaged by Wells, Fargo & Co., as a stage driver, freighting on the Plains for four years, during which time the lad developed both physically and mentally. He returned to the East in the fall of 1869, and soon after he connected himself with the firm of Warn Bros., at No. 712 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, in the jewelry trade, and remained with that firm for nine years, as buyer and as traveling salesman. His next business connection was with a New York City jewelry commission house, with which he remained six years, coming then to Lancaster. Here he was engaged as traveling salesman for the great manufacturing jewelry house of Zahm, and for the past nineteen years has been connected with it, buying the business in March, 1899, and changing its name to the present firm title of J. M. Jenks & Co.

For thirty-five years, Mr. Jenks has made periodical trips through the country from New York to San Francisco, supplying jewelry to an immense trade. The Zahm plant was offered for sale by Mrs. Clara Zahm, and when, on March 18, 1899, Mr. Jenks became its owner, he associated with him in the business, Louis Sondheimer as partner, and since that time the business has increased and become known all over the world. The specialty of this house is Masonic and other fraternity marks, but it also does a general jewelry making business, there being absolutely nothing that can be manufactured out of gold that it does not make. To be the head of a great business like this requires great good judgment and an intimate knowledge in many connecting lines, and that Mr. Jenks is thoroughly qualified is proved by his prosperity.

In 1876 Mr. Jenks was married to Miss Rosa Hughes, daughter of Arthur Hughes, of Southwark, Philadelphia, and one daughter, Mary Stockton, has been born to this union. Mr. Jenks is a thirty-second degree Mason, and in politics is a stalwart Republican. As an agreeable member of social circles, he is highly valued, his constant travel having given him a fund of anecdote, and a broad and liberal tone that make of him one of the most desirable companions and delightful hosts.

JACOB C. FORREY, an extensive farmer and well-known citizen of Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa., who lives on his homestead of 132 acres one mile and a half south of Mountville, was born in West Hempfield township, June 15, 1842, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Copenhaffer) Forrey, both from highly respected families of Lancaster county.

Jacob C. Forrey was reared to agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, was educated in the pub-

lic schools, and at twenty-one years of age began farming on his own account on his present farm in Manor township. This place has subsequently been improved in every respect and is acknowledged by all to be one of the best homesteads in the county. General farming is carried on, and the well-cultivated fields are the pride of the neighborhood.

In 1862 Jacob C. Forrey married Miss Elizabeth Eshleman, daughter of Benjamin Eshleman, of West Hempfield township, and this marriage has been fruitful in the birth of ten children, viz.: Mary, Emma, Alice, Annie, Jacob, Benjamin and John, all still under the shelter of the parental home; Harry, a conductor on an electric railway at Columbia and married to Mary Walker; Lillie, wife of Abraham Crider, of West Hempfield; and Fannie, deceased.

The Forrey family are among the most respected of the residents of Manor township and worship at the Mennonite Church; while Jacob C. Forrey is an active Republican in politics, he has been contented to pursue the even tenor of his way as a farmer, regardless of public office.

REV. JAMES YOUNG MITCHELL, D. D., is the popular pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, at Lancaster, the impress of his strong personality having been felt in the city for more than twenty-five years.

His parents came to this country from County Derry, Ireland, in 1828, landing in New York, but going on to Philadelphia, where the husband and father engaged in the manufacture of cotton and woolen goods. His business in Ireland had been that of a linen manufacturer. He was very successful and was able to retire in 1857. Twenty-four years later he died, and his widow, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Young, followed him to a blessed reward in 1884. Five children were born to them, all of whom lived to mature years, but only two of whom are now living: Mrs. Martha Graham, the widow of the late Robert Graham, of Philadelphia; and Dr. James Young, of Lancaster.

Rev. James Young Mitchell, D. D., the eloquent Presbyterian clergyman, was educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, and when within six months of finishing the course in the High school, left that institution to enter the Newark (Del.) Academy to prepare for Delaware College. This was in 1850, and after passing through the Freshman and Sophomore years of that school, he in 1852 repaired to Union College, at Schenectady, N. Y., then under the presidency of Eliphalet Nott, widely known as a leading educator in a former generation. From this school Mr. Mitchell was graduated in 1854, with valedictory honors. For three years he studied in the Princeton Theological Seminary, and was then licensed by the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and, locating at Phillipsburg, N. J., was ordained July 14, 1857.

The church at Phillipsburg was unfinished, and the congregation much in debt. Mr. Mitchell com-

pleted the erection of the building, and secured the removal of the debt, working there very effectively until 1862. That year he accepted a call to what was then known as the Central Presbyterian Church of the Northern Liberties in Philadelphia. Here, too, he secured the payment of a heavy debt, and selling the church to the Reformed Congregation, Mr. Mitchell and his congregation secured a building site at the corner of Franklin and Thompson streets, where they erected a large structure, which was known as the Temple Church. This location was within two squares of where Dr. Mitchell was born, and his father, mother and family were members of his church, his trustees and elders being from among those with whom he had gone to school and played in boyhood. He continued a very pleasant and harmonious pastorate with this people for about fifteen years.

Dr. Mitchell accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, in July, 1876, and since that time has worked in the pastorate in this city. His church building has been twice remodeled, an elegant chapel erected, one mission church established, and one organized. One of these, the Memorial Presbyterian Church, is now an independent church society, though it was a mission from 1869 to 1885. The other mission is that of the Bethany chapel, a beautiful structure on West End avenue, where an interesting Sunday-school is now conducted. The mother church, under the pastoral care of Dr. Mitchell, has with all this extension more than doubled its active membership.

In 1858 Dr. Mitchell was married to Miss Henrietta Michler, a daughter of Peter S. and Mary (Howell) Michler, of Easton, Pa. Her father was largely interested in coal and iron in the Lehigh Valley. From this union were born seven children, all of whom but two reached maturity. These children were: James, a sketch of whom appears below; Mary Howell, who married H. H. Hoyt, of Milwaukee, Wis., and has six children, (Lansing W., J. Mitchell, Henrietta M., Howard H., Gerald and Olive); Elizabeth and A. Lincoln, who both died in childhood; Martha Graham, who became the wife of Col. Crane, of the U. S. army, and died in Cuba, Feb. 4, 1890, universally regretted, leaving two children, William Cary and James Mitchell, who live with their grandparents; Warren, a civil engineer, now in the service of the Penn Coal Gas Co.; and Henrietta, married to J. A. Maxwell, and now living in Lancaster.

Dr. Mitchell, who was a student of elocution under the great James E. Murdock, is recognized as in the first ranks of pulpit orators. His pulpit presence is fine, his oratory brilliant, and his grasp of religious themes thorough and comprehensive. The sermons which he delivers draw large congregations, and secure the earnest attention of the most thoughtful and cultivated people of the community, often being spread before the public in the daily press. His mind is distinctively literary, and among his earliest ef-

forts was the writing of a history of his church in Philadelphia. He was a strong advocate of the Union cause during the Civil war, and his voice was often heard in earnest defense of the Nation.

Dr. Mitchell has repeatedly been moderator of the Presbyteries to which he belongs, and was the last moderator of the old historic Synod of Philadelphia. Seven times he was a commissioner to the general assembly, and has been president of the Lancaster Ministerial Association, serving the Lancaster City Bible Society in the same capacity. With all these labors he has found time to be a good citizen, and to take a deep interest in the public questions of the day, making the influence of his faith felt in his relation to the life around him.

JAMES MITCHELL, M. D., eldest son of Rev. James Y. Mitchell, D. D., whose history as well as that of his ancestry, is given above, has had a remarkable career.

James Mitchell was born Oct. 10, 1859, at Philipsburg, N. J., where his father was then stationed, and when only two or three years old removed with his parents to Philadelphia. There he attended the public schools and was graduated from the Rugby Academy, after which his parents removed to Lancaster, and he entered the class of 1880 in Franklin and Marshall College. After graduating from the latter institution Mr. Mitchell entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1883, receiving distinguished mention for his thesis. Immediately after his graduation from the University Dr. Mitchell was elected, after competitive examination, to the position of physician of the Philadelphia (formerly Blockley) Hospital, the first competitive examination held by that institution; and he also passed the examination for the Presbyterian Hospital. The Doctor thus became resident physician of the Philadelphia Hospital from 1883 to 1884; and of the Presbyterian Hospital from 1884 to 1885, at the expiration of which time he opened an office in Philadelphia for the general practice of medicine and surgery. During this time he was elected visiting physician of the Presbyterian Hospital, and assistant surgeon to the Wills Eye Hospital, and to the Ear, Nose and Throat Dispensary of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

When the Spanish-American war broke out in 1898, Dr. Mitchell was commissioned as first lieutenant assistant surgeon to the 9th U. S. Vol. Inf., and after a few months was commissioned major surgeon. At the end of ten months he was mustered out with his regiment, at Camp Meade, and was then made assistant surgeon in the United States Army, being ordered to the Philippines. There he was with Gen. Lawton, and directly attached to Gen. Young's division, 8th Army Corps, serving in the field with the 4th U. S. Cav., and participating in nineteen engagements, after which he was stationed with the 32nd and 35th U. S. Inf., and also with the

13th and 17th, and he served eighteen months in northern Luzon and other islands. During his last year in the Philippines Dr. Mitchell had charge of the United States government hospitals at Orion and Bautista, the latter the base of hospital operations; there were thirteen posts connected therewith, and six other surgeons. Going to the Philippines Dr. Mitchell visited Japan on the "City of Sydney," and returned on the United States steamship "Indiana," having 520 sick and 250 disabled and discharged soldiers on board. Two days were spent at Honolulu on the way to San Francisco. The Doctor resigned from the government service in April, 1901, and in September, of that year, opened a suite of most elegantly furnished and completely equipped offices at No. 164 King street, Lancaster, where he is now located in the general practice of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Philadelphia Pathological Society, and the Lancaster Pathological Society. He is also a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, B. P. O. E. Having a most pleasing personality, coupled with his remarkable experiences in various hospitals and in the field, his location in Lancaster will be hailed as a blessing to the community.

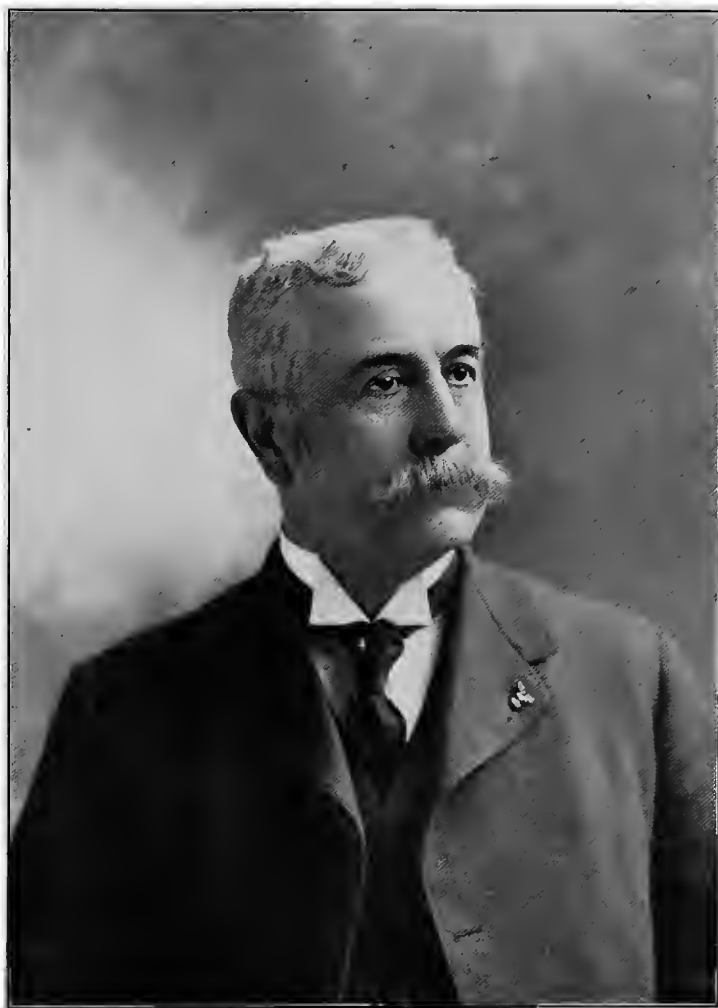
EDWIN LESHER REINHOLD, president of the Pennsylvania Construction Company and general contractor, at Marietta, Pa., was born in the city of Lancaster April 1, 1847, and is a son of Rev. Jacob and Mary (Leshner) Reinhold, natives of Lancaster county.

Jacob Reinhold died at the age of seventy-two years, and was one of the substantial and most highly respected business men of the city, where his widow, who was born in 1824, still resides. The children born to Jacob and Mary Reinhold numbered five, and were born in the following order: Elizabeth, wife of George Brindle; Mary, married to J. W. Byrne; Edwin L., whose name opens this article; Anna, wife of Prof. C. H. Nagle; and Susan, wife of W. C. Eichler.

The paternal grandparents of Edwin L. Reinhold were Henry and Mary Reinhold, the former of whom was a justice of the peace for many years. His ancestor, Christopher Reinhold, was born near the city of Heilbronn, Wurtemberg, Germany, April 10, 1728, and was a scrivener by profession. He sailed for America in 1753, and settled in Lancaster county. He served in the 2d Regiment, Continental Line, in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Reinhold's maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Miller) Leshner, natives of East Cocalico township, the former a descendant of Nicholas Leshner, who was naturalized in January, 1729.

Edwin L. Reinhold was educated in the city of Lancaster, and at an early age was engaged in the hardware business with his father. In 1871 he be-



E. L. Reinhold

came a member of the firm of Becker & Reinhold, and operated a rolling mill at Chickies, and for six years managed the Marietta Hollow Ware & Enameling Company, of which he was one of the principal organizers. He was also active in the organization of the Northern Market House, in Lancaster, the Pennsylvania Electric Company, the Pennsylvania Monument Association, and the Pennsylvania Construction Company (a very successful business enterprise).

In June, 1870, in Marietta, Mr. Reinhold married Miss Isabella H. Becker, who has borne him seven children, viz.: Edwin B. (a member of the Pennsylvania Construction Company), Anna B., Ethel B., John Jay, Jessie M., Albert C., and Paul, all with the exception of the eldest still under the parental roof. Mrs. Isabella H. (Becker) Reinhold was born four miles from Lititz, Pa., and is a daughter of John and Anna (Hoover) Becker, of Donegal township, Lancaster county. John Becker settled in Chickies in 1852, and conducted a rolling mill until his death, Aug. 3, 1893, at the age of seventy-six years; his remains were interred in the Marietta cemetery; his widow, who was born in 1824, is still a resident of Chickies. Their family consisted of six children, viz.: Catherine, wife of Harry Stauffer, of Mt. Joy; Nathan, who died in infancy; Isabella H., now Mrs. Reinhold; Norman, who died at the age of three years; Emma, wife of Owen Bricker, an attorney at Lancaster, and Fremont, a clerk in Marietta. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Reinhold were Henry and Mary Becker, who were agricultural people of Lancaster county, and the original homestead in Warwick township, purchased from William Penn, is still in the possession of the Becker family. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Reinhold were Michael and Sarah Hoover, of Donegal township, and the family homestead, also purchased from William Penn, is still in the possession of the descendants.

Politically Edwin L. Reinhold is one of the most popular Republicans in Lancaster county. In 1884 he was elected a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, and in 1888 was elected recorder of deeds of Lancaster county, having received 22,000 votes. He is very active in promoting his party's interest on all occasions.

Fraternally Mr. Reinhold is a Master Mason, a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Order of the Golden Eagle and of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks. Religiously, all the Reinhold family are members of the Episcopal Church, and are highly respected in the community. As a business man Mr. Reinhold bears a name that has never been impeached.

EDWIN BECKER REINHOLD, member of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, general contractors, at Marietta, Pa., was born at Chickies, East Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., July 27, 1872, and is a son of Edwin L. and Isabella H. (Becker) Reinhold.

Mr. Reinhold was educated in the public schools of Marietta and at the Millersville State Normal School, after leaving which he entered the office and laboratory of the Chickies Iron Company, where he remained four years. As designing was to him a natural gift, he entered the draughting department of the Fenton Art Metallic Company. On his return to Marietta he joined his father and Hon. H. Burd Cassel in the organization of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, which became an extensive and lucrative business. He is also a director in the Exchange Bank, Pennsylvania Electric Company, Pennsylvania Monument Association, and Electric Light Company.

In October, 1898, at Springfield, Ohio, Mr. Reinhold married Miss Delle Downey, a native of that city, and daughter of William C. and Frances (Snyder) Downey. Mr. Downey was at the head of a Steel Wire Manufacturing Company, and is now living in retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold are members of the Episcopal Church, and are held in high esteem.

In politics Mr. Reinhold is an ardent Republican, but has never aspired for any office. During Gov. Hastings' Administration, he was appointed designer of the art metal work in the Capitol buildings.

AMOS H. HERR, one of the most prominent citizens of Neffsville, Manheim township, is a direct descendant of Hans Herr, the founder of the family in Lancaster county, is the son of Henry and Catherine (Herr) Herr and the grandson of Frederick Herr, who was born in Manor township. The father of Catherine Herr was a son of John Herr.

Frederick Herr, the paternal grandfather, died when his son Henry was only about two years old, thus throwing him at a very early age among strangers. Henry grew to manhood and worked for farmers. When a young man he was employed by his uncle at six dollars a month. After his marriage he began farming, renting a place of his father-in-law, Abraham Herr, in Manor township, which he later bought. It comprised 162 acres, two miles west of Millersville, and there he spent his life. Success attended his operations, and he bought other farms, until he owned at one time 417 acres of very desirable land. Beginning life with \$700, from this small capital he accumulated a very considerable fortune. When he died, in 1884, he was eighty-three years old, and was a member of the German Baptist Church. Catherine (Herr) Herr, was born in 1805, and died at the age of fifty-nine years. She was the mother of the following family: Mary, the wife of Martin Bear, who is living near Sterling, Ill.; Tobias, who died in January, 1901, for many years a farmer and a minister in the German Baptist Church; Henry, a resident of Manor township, on the old home place; Martha, the wife of N. C. Baker, of Freeport, Ill.; Amos H.;

Fannie, the widow of Isaac H. Kauffman, of West Hempfield township; Abraham, a resident of Penn township; Catherine, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, the widow of Jacob B. Good, of Lancaster; Christian, of Lancaster.

Amos H. Herr was born Nov. 28, 1834, and received his education in the public schools and in the State Normal at Millersville, being among the first pupils of that old and famous institution. After graduating he taught three terms of school, one each in 1855, 1856 and 1858, in Manheim, Manor and Penn townships.

In 1858 Mr. Herr began farming in Manor township, where he remained five years; then he came to Manheim township, making a location on the farm adjoining the one he now owns, which came into his possession in 1868. It was owned prior to him by his father, and contained seventy-five acres; to this he has added four more acres, and here he has lived, retired since 1898. Mr. Herr has been one of the successful men of the township, and for fifteen years was a member of the school board.

Mr. Herr was married in 1858 to Mary, a daughter of David and Fannie (Forrey) Harnish, and to this union were born: David, a farmer in Manheim township; Josiah; Jonas, a machinist in Ephrata; Henry, a butcher in Neffsville; Amos, a farmer on the homestead; Elam, a farmer in Manheim township; Enos, now dead; Susan, the wife of Martin Funk, of Manor township; Zenas, at home; Emma, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Herr and their oldest son belong to the Baptist Church, and hold a creditable position in this community.

CHRISTIAN SEITZ, a venerable and well-known general farmer of Rapho township, was born in Strasburg, Pa., Feb. 8, 1824, a son of David and Mary (Wade) Seitz.

Mr. Seitz's parents, who were married May 29, 1817, were both born near Lancaster. David Seitz was born Jan. 19, 1797, son of George Seitz, a farmer of Lancaster county, and he, too, became a farmer, and also operated a mill near Lancaster, but for some time prior to his death he lived retired. He passed away March 10, 1858. The mother, Marv Wade, was born Jan. 8, 1795, and died Nov. 9, 1871. Their ashes now repose in the Mennonite cemetery below Landisville, although the body of the father was first buried where he died, and then removed to its present location at the request of the widowed mother. She belonged to the Mennonite Church, and he was a man of fine moral character, upright standing, and possessed of many friends in the community where his peaceful and useful life was passed. These were their children: Martha, who married Christian Shirk, and is now deceased; Mary, who married Adam Brenner, and went West; George, a farmer and Dunkard preacher in Manor township; and Christian.

When he was twenty-four years old, Christian

Seitz was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Susannah Hershey, who was born in West Hempfield township in 1826, is a daughter of Andrew Hershey. They had one child, Frances, who married Harry C. Horner, cashier of the First National Bank of Lancaster, and is the mother of five children.

Christian Seitz remained with his parents until a year after his marriage, when he rented a small farm on shares for a year, and then operated the home farm two years. After this he carried on the farm of his father-in-law on shares for nine years. In 1860 he established himself on his present farm, where he still remains. His wife is making her home with the daughter in Lancaster. Mr. Seitz has been very prosperous in his business enterprises, and owns two fine farms in Rapho township. From 1860 to 1897 he was engaged in cattle driving in addition to his farming, and made considerable money in that line of labor. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and in politics is a Republican. His career has been a creditable one, and he is now enjoying its results. Notwithstanding his advanced age he keeps his health to a remarkable degree, and is still spry and active.

JOHN K. JACKSON, of Columbia, Lancaster county, is one of the most reliable engineers on the Pennsylvania railroad. He was born in Pequea, this county, Oct. 25, 1839, a son of David and Catherine (Petrie) Jackson, both natives of the same county. The mother was called away in January, 1860, at the age of forty-six years, expiring in Strasburg, and in 1881 the father came to Columbia to reside with his son John K., and there died in 1883, at the age of seventy-three. In early life he was a cooper but in his latter years lived retired on a well-earned competency. To Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson were born thirteen children, viz.: Lavinia, wife of Hiram Skeene; Sarah, who married William Stigleman, of Lancaster county; Ann, married to William McEntire, who is living in retirement in Columbia; William, who served three years in the army, and is now deceased; Amanda, of Christiana, Pa., married to George Helem; John K.; Julia, wife of John Rowe, a boiler inspector in Columbia; Susan, widow of Theodore Eyde, who was shot in the eye in the Civil war, from the effects of which wound he died; Newton, boilermaker foreman at the roundhouse at Columbia; Elizabeth, wife of John Zell, a boilermaker; Isaac, a railroad conductor, Diller, who died in infancy; and Henry, who was a farmer in Illinois, but is now deceased.

John K. Jackson lived on the home farm until twenty-one years old, when the tocsin of war called him to arms, and he enlisted June 4, 1861, at Lancaster, in Co. E, 1st Pa. Reserves, under Capt. Neff, for three years; he was mustered into the State service at West Chester, and into the United States service at Baltimore, Md. He participated in many important engagements, among them being: Gaines Mills, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads,

Malvern Hill, Manassas, Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Mine Run, North Anna River, Spottsylvania Court House and Bethsaida Church. He was never wounded, and was mustered out at Philadelphia, June 13, 1864. Returning home he remained until January, 1865, when he came to Columbia, and began working in the boiler shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., where he remained one year, then worked as fireman four years, and was next promoted to engineer, the position he now holds.

On March 24, 1867, Mr. Jackson married Miss Joanna Sourbeer, and to this union have been born the following named children: M. Catherine, who is married to Whitehill Hunter, a railroad passenger conductor, residing in Columbia; Harry G., a boiler-maker in the same borough, who married Marguerite South; Ella R., wife of Harry Myers, floor-walker in a store at Brooklyn, N. Y., John E., a silk-weaver, residing with his father; Sarah M., Charles N. (a printer), Minerva S., William D., Elmer E., and L. Ethel, all with their parents.

Mrs. John K. Jackson was born in Columbia, Sept. 3, 1844, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Stock) Sourbeer, of Martic Forge, Lancaster county, who came to Columbia in 1821, when the father became a pilot on the river; he was honored with several local offices, including membership in the borough council. He lost his wife, Feb. 24, 1857, at the age of forty-seven years, and his death occurred Dec. 30, 1887, when eighty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Sourbeer had a family of five children, viz.: Uriah, a stationary engineer in Columbia, now retired; Harry, a dry-goods merchant in Harrisburg; Jacob, who served four years in the army, and was severely wounded by a grape shot at the battle of Cold Harbor, but is now deceased; Joanna; and Charles, with the railroad company in Columbia.

Mr. Jackson is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican, and he is very highly respected in the community in which he lives.

PETER B. NISSLEY, who died on his farm in his native township, Jan. 19, 1869, was born in West Donegal township, Aug. 31, 1823, a son of Martin and Anna (Bachman) Nissley, natives of Lancaster and Lebanon counties, respectively, both of whom died in West Donegal township. The father was a farmer, and died in 1832, at the age of thirty-three years. The mother died Nov. 4, 1888, at the age of eighty-nine years, and both were buried in a private cemetery on the old home farm. Their children were: Daniel, who lived in East Donegal township; Jacob, who died at the age of eighteen years; Anna, who died in infancy; Christian, who died in Ohio; and Peter B., whose name introduces this article.

Peter B. Nissley was twice married, the first time in Harrisburg, Nov. 15, 1853, by the Rev. Charles A. Hay, to Miss Elizabeth Hoffman, by whom he

had the following children: Martha, who married David Heisey, a farmer in East Donegal township; Anna, who married Abraham Heisey, now retired and living in Elizabethtown; and Amanda, who married Levi Risser, a farmer in Mt. Joy township, and is deceased. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nissley was the daughter of Michael Hoffman, and died Sept. 11, 1859, at the early age of twenty-five years. Mr. Nissley was married second, in Harrisburg, Feb. 26, 1863, the same minister officiating, to Miss Elizabeth Hoffer, and there were born to this marriage the following children: Simon H., a well-known character in the political circles of this county, is living at home; Martin H., a contractor and builder, married Sarah E. Sheetz; Hiram H., of Elizabethtown, is mentioned elsewhere; Peter H., Jr., a farmer, married Anna Gish, and lives in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hoffer) Nissley, was born in Dauphin county, near the Lancaster county line, March 25, 1838, and is a sister of Tobias Hoffer, one of the leading citizens of Elizabethtown.

Peter B. Nissley was reared a farmer, and followed that occupation all his days. After the death of his father, young Peter was taken into the home of his uncle, Joseph Nissley, where he remained until he reached the age of twenty-one years, being given a good district-school education and thoroughly instructed in the principles of an honorable and manly life. When he left the hospitable home of his uncle he began farming on the place where his entire life was spent, and where he died. His remains rest in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Mr. Nissley took a deep interest in the welfare of the community, and served as school director in his district. In his politics he was a Republican. In his life work he was successful and attained a prominent place among the well-to-do men of his township.

JOHN W. FERGUSON, a successful farmer and honorable citizen of Providence township, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township, in this county, Nov. 11, 1838, son of William and Mary (Hogg) Ferguson, both of Colerain township and both deceased. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin.

John Ferguson, the grandfather of John W., came from Ireland to America, and settled in Lancaster county, where he reared a family of nine children, viz.: Abraham, Robert, William, Thomas, John, Benjamin, Nathaniel, Margaret and Eliza, all of whom have passed away.

William Ferguson, the father of John W., was born June 9, 1802, in Colerain township. On Feb. 11, 1838, he was married to Mary Hogg, and died March 25, 1889. Mrs. Ferguson was born Dec. 27, 1815, and died Nov. 15, 1879. They had eight children, as follows: William H.; Benjamin F.; Alexander M.; John W.; Mary A., the wife of John Woodward, of Chester county; Abraham M., of Chester county; Nathaniel, of Philadelphia; and Margaret, deceased.

The early life of John W. Ferguson was passed

on the farm, his time being occupied in various agricultural duties, and in attendance upon the district schools. It was necessary for him to be energetic and industrious, and he met with the success that comes to those who are thrifty and frugal. Mr. Ferguson has the satisfaction of now owning the best fifty-two-acre farm in Providence township, which he has made very valuable with first-class improvements. In his political belief he is a Democrat. In religion he belongs to and supports the German Reformed Church, in which he is highly esteemed.

On March 9, 1865, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Cecelia Clendennen, born Dec. 4, 1844, who died Sept. 26, 1893. A family of eight children were left to mourn the loss of a devoted and beloved mother: Anna L., who married William Rank, of Ocean City, N. J.; William A., who is a resident of Oak Bottom, Pa.; Ellis, who lives in Quarryville; Miss Mary, who is a successful teacher in the Lancaster county schools; John W., who resides in Pueblo, Colo.; Edgar and Clarence, both residents of Ocean City, N. J.; and Carrie E., who is her father's very capable housekeeper. The family is one which is held in high esteem in Providence township, and Mr. Ferguson is regarded as one of the most honorable and reliable men in his community.

JOSEPH MILLER, of the firm of Musser & Miller, the leading lumber manufacturers in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, is a native of the township, and was born Jan. 10, 1840. His father, John Miller, was a retired farmer and lumberman who married Mrs. Musser, the widow of Jacob Musser, and who bore the maiden name of Stauffer. Of the parents more information may be gleaned from the biography of John S. Miller and that of H. S. Musser, on other pages of this work.

Joseph Miller assisted on the home farm until he had attained his majority and then made an effort to supplement his early education by an attendance at Millersville Academy, but had been there a few months only when the war of the Rebellion broke out. Mr. Miller then enlisted for nine months in the 122d Pa. V. I., under Capt. Barley, professor of languages in the Millersville Academy, and was mustered into service at Harrisburg. He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, but happily passed through both without receiving a wound, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg in 1863. He then worked in the present lumber business for his father until 1868, when he bought or succeeded to his father's interest.

On Dec. 16, 1885, Mr. Miller married in Marietta, Miss Anna R. Libhart, daughter of Hon. John J. and Anna L. (Reinhart) Libhart, natives of Helm township, York county, and Coventry in Chester county. Hon. John J. Libhart came to Lancaster with his parents in 1812; they settled on Front street, where they built the first brick house in the neighborhood. John J. Libhart was a portrait painter in

his young manhood, but in 1846 engaged in the drug business and continued therein until his sons became competent druggists, and in 1870 he turned the business over to them. In 1835 he married, for his first wife, Harriet Goodman, of Lancaster, who bore him one child—Pauline H., now the wife of Warren R. Grosh, a farmer of Elkton, Md. To the marriage of John J. Libhart with Anna L. Reinhart were born five children, viz.: A. Canova, a druggist in Marietta; S. S. Haldeman, deceased; Kate, wife of John A. Breneman, of Marietta; Anna R., now Mrs. Joseph Miller; and John P., late a dentist in Marietta, but who died in 1892. John J. Libhart, who was appointed lay associate judge by Gov. Geary to fill out an unexpired term, retained the office eleven consecutive years, and he died in Marietta Nov. 6, 1883, at the age of seventy-eight. He had also held all the borough offices. His wife had passed away April 14, 1852, when thirty-four years old.

Joseph Miller in politics is a Republican, and one of whom it is never asked which side he is on. He is an earnest, active worker, and has always had the success of his party deeply at heart. Election day finds him at his post and always ready to work until the last vote has been polled. And thus far his labor and his means have been spent in the interest of his party and his friends, as he has never held office, although solicited at different times to accept the office of county commissioner, county treasurer and a seat in the State Legislature. He was a delegate to the State convention which nominated Gov. Beaver, and was elected a county committeeman three successive terms, and then declined to serve any longer. He has been very active as a business man, and besides giving his lumber business close attention, he has helped to organize and invest his money in the various manufacturing industries of Marietta, chief among them being the Marietta Castings Company, the Hollow Ware & Enameling Company, and the Silk Mill. He is a part owner of the second story of Central Hall, and is a director in the Marietta & Maytown Pike Company. He served as a director of the Exchange Bank, of Marietta, from its organization until 1896, since when he has served as its vice president. He and his wife are held in high regard by their friends and acquaintances, and although they have no children, their home is always cheerful and a favorite resort for their many social associates.

GEORGE J. SMITH (deceased). With his brothers, his sisters and his father, a widower, George J. Smith when a boy emigrated from Germany to America. The family settled at Columbia, Pa., where its members have since been actively and prominently engaged in business, worthy representatives of that thrifty, intelligent, energetic element of German emigration, which has contributed so materially to the advancement of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Smith was born in Germany, Aug. 1, 1824.



Joseph Miller

All of the seven children, of which George J. was one, are now deceased. They were as follows: John G., who lived in Philadelphia; Henry, who resided at Covington, Ky.; John, a resident of Lancaster, Ohio; George, who migrated to California; Martin, of Columbia; Julia, who married George Seibert, a cabinet maker and undertaker; and George J.

George J. Smith engaged in a bakery and confectionery business at Columbia, which his family has ever since conducted. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith a prominent member of the First Lutheran Church. Among the fraternal orders he was prominently connected with the I. O. O. F. For his first wife he married Maria C. Hageman, by whom he had one son, Luther F., who became a Methodist Episcopal minister and died at Hollidaysburg, Pa. For his second wife he married, March 3, 1856, Christiana C. Kleinsmith, a native of Columbia, daughter of Diedrich C. and Sabilla (Swartz) Kleinsmith, of Wurtemberg, Germany. Diedrich C. Kleinsmith was a carpenter and bridge builder, who settled in Columbia in 1831, and there died in 1858, aged sixty-five years. His wife, Sabilla, who came to Columbia in 1831 with her parents, survived him ten years. They were married at Columbia, and their children were: Christiana C.; Anna M., wife of Frank Triebel, a confectioner of Columbia; and John F., a bricklayer of Columbia.

The children of George J. Smith by his marriage to Christiana Kleinsmith were, as follows: Lillie S., a school teacher; Capt. Martin H., who died in the Spanish-American war; Laura J., who married Samuel P. Graver, a painter of Columbia; Winfield D., who moved West; George D., deceased; and Anna G., manager of the bakery and confectionery business.

Capt. Martin H. Smith was a prominent citizen of Columbia. In 1887 he succeeded his father in the bakery business. Becoming imbued with the gold fever the Captain in 1897 started for the Klondike, and had reached Alaska when he heard that hostilities had been commenced between his country and Spain. He hastened back to Columbia in order to participate in the struggle. Eighteen years before he had enlisted in the Pennsylvania National Guard, and by his soldierly qualities had won promotion in that organization. For three years prior to his trip to Alaska he had been the captain of Co. C, 4th Regiment. When he reached Columbia on his return from Alaska, the Fourth had already entered service fully officered. Not deterred from his purpose, however, he recruited a new company, which was mustered in as Co. K. of the 4th Regiment, of which he was commissioned captain. He went South with his company July 1, remaining at Camp Thomas and Newport News till ordered to Porto Rico, where he contracted the disease of which he died Sept. 5, 1898. The remains were brought back to Columbia amidst the profound sorrow of the community, and were accorded impressive funeral services. Capt. Smith

had an excellent record in the National Guard, and from 1892 to 1897 was inspector of rifle practice of the 4th Regiment. He was one of the best rifle shots in the Guard, and a member of the Third Brigade rifle team. In physique he was an athlete, large and powerful. He was active in the Columbia fire department, a member of the Vigilant Fire Co., and prominent in local Democratic politics. He had married Miss Mary E. Moore, of Columbia, and was the father of two children, Mildred M. and Gertrude C.

George J. Smith died Aug. 1, 1886. After an active and influential life, the latter years of his life had been spent in partial retirement. The bakery business some years prior to his death had been transferred to his wife, who conducted it successfully for ten years, then transferred it to their son, Capt. Martin H. Smith, who was succeeded by his sister Anna, now in charge of the business for the M. H. Smith estate. The family is prominent in the local affairs of Columbia, and is most highly respected.

TOBIAS HOFFER, who is a retired farmer of Elizabethtown, was born in Dauphin county just across the Lancaster and Dauphin county line, Feb. 20, 1837, a son of Jacob and Mary (Horst) Hoffer, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, respectively, now deceased.

In 1858 Jacob Hoffer and his wife settled in Mt. Joy township, where the latter died Oct. 12, 1877, at the age of sixty-five years. The father returned to Dauphin county a few years after the death of his wife, where he resided for a time, and then made his home with his son, Tobias, until his death Oct. 13, 1881, at the age of sixty-nine years. Both were buried in the Green Tree Church cemetery, in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. They were both members of the German Baptist church, and were farmer people. The father was school director at the time the free school system went into effect. The children of Jacob and Mary Hoffer were as follows: Tobias, whose name introduces this article; Elizabeth, the widow of Peter Nissley, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Abraham and Henry, who both died in infancy; John, who died in 1882; Levi, who died in infancy; Mary, who died in infancy; Catherine, the wife of Harry Nissley, a retired farmer of Florin, Pa., and David and Martin, both of whom died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Tobias Hoffer were Joseph and Elizabeth (Fisher) Hoffer, who were both born and reared in Dauphin county, and who spent their lives in farming. Tobias Hoffer's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Longenecker) Horst, both born and reared in Lancaster county.

Tobias Hoffer and Elizabeth Nissley were united in marriage at Lancaster, in October, 1860, and they became the parents of the following children: (1) Franklin, who was a hardware

merchant in Christiana, married Elizabeth Miller; (2) Allen N. married Virginia Sidle, and is a clerk in a jewelry store in Lebanon, Pa.; (3) Jacob, in the jewelry business at Homestead, Pa., married Jenette Lawson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffer was born in Dauphin county April 17, 1842, a daughter of Jacob C. and Barbara (Bossler) Nissley. Her father, who was born in Dauphin county, a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Crider) Nissley, natives of Lancaster county, was a farmer and miller all his days. He died in 1895 at the age of eighty-one years. Her mother, who was born in Lancaster county in 1814, died in 1891, and both were buried in Dauphin county. They were both members of the River Brethren church. Their children were: Anna, deceased, wife of Christ Peck; Elizabeth, whose name appears above; Martin, who died young; Fanny, who married D. W. Engle, and is now deceased; Mary, Solomon, Samuel and Jacob, who all died young; and Barbara, wife of John L. Ulrich, a farmer in Dauphin county.

Tobias Hoffer remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he went into Elizabethtown, where he worked three years, and then located on the old home of his father-in-law in Dauphin county, where he remained twenty-six years. At the end of that time he gave up active farm life, and made his home in Elizabethtown, where he is enjoying that well-earned rest and leisure that should properly follow laborious and useful years. Mr. Hoffer was a school director in Dauphin county, and with his wife belongs to the German Baptist church. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the prominent and leading men of the community. Both he and his wife are universally respected, and for their kind hearts, clean and wholesome lives and genial dispositions are widely known and much esteemed.

CHARLES R. KLINE, a member of the Lancaster Bar, is a son of the late Edmund M. and Anna M. Kline.

Edmund M. Kline, the father of Charles R., was for many years an editor and one of the proprietors of the Lancaster *Examiner*, and he is well remembered as one of the most graceful and forcible writers who has ever been connected with the local press. Mr. Kline married Miss Anna M., daughter of the late Jonathan Foltz, and a sister of the late Dr. J. M. Foltz, Surgeon-General of the United States Navy. Mr. and Mrs. Kline had three children: Emma M., unmarried; Laura L., the wife of Rev. B. B. Ferrer, pastor of the Reformed church at Riegelsville, Bucks county; and Charles R., of Lancaster.

Charles R. Kline was born in Lancaster in 1856, and received his education at Yeates Institute, Franklin and Marshall Academy, Nazareth Hall and Lafayette College. From this last institution he was called home before his graduation by the

serious illness of his father, and never returned. He then took up the study of law under the guidance of his uncle, the late George M. Kline, who in his lifetime was known as one of the very ablest members of the Bar of Lancaster county, and he was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county in 1879, and in due time was admitted to the Bar of the Superior and Supreme courts. He filled the office of city solicitor for the years 1900 and 1901.

Charles R. Kline married Miss Caroline A. Keffer, a daughter of the late Prof. W. H. Keffer, well remembered as having been for many years the leading orchestral musician of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have one son, Edmund K., who was eight years old in 1902.

Mr. Kline is affiliated with Lamberton Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 43, R. A. M.; Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T.; Herschel Lodge of Odd Fellows; and the Lancaster Lodge of Elks.

THOMAS JEFFERSON MARSH, now deputy controller of Lancaster county, is one of the most prominent citizens of the eastern part of the county.

Reuben Marsh, his grandfather, was a prominent farmer, and his father, Jehu Marsh, who died a few years ago, was a contracting mason of Salisbury township, and for many years foreman on the Pennsylvania Railroad. His mother, whose maiden name was Rosanna Diven, belonged to a well known Cumberland county family. Six children were born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Jehu Marsh, four of whom are living, as follows: William, a clerk of Gap, this county; James, a merchant of Gap; Thomas J., our subject; and Miss Elizabeth.

Thomas Jefferson Marsh was born in Salisbury township Feb. 4, 1840, and was educated in the schools of that district. Leaving school he found employment as clerk in a store at Gap, and, after a time, entered into the general merchandise business at Christiana, with James Coates as a partner, trading as Coates & Marsh. This partnership lasted for several years, when Mr. Marsh sold his interest in the business, and next represented his father's interest in a store at the Gap, the firm being J. Marsh & Son. He continued in this connection about twelve years, at the end of which time he was elected, by the Republicans of Lancaster county, to be one of the county auditors. He served one term, and was re-elected for a second term, after serving over a year of which he resigned, on May 17, 1901, to accept the position of deputy controller, to which he had been appointed by Controller A. B. Hassler.

Mr. Marsh has been twice married. His first wife was Rebecca Brooke, daughter of Kinzey Brooke, a wagon manufacturer and farmer of Sadsbury township. Three children were born to this union, two of whom are living: Carrie, wife of Rev.

David S. Sherry, of Baumgardner, this county; and Mary, wife of Ira C. Linville, a book-keeper in Philadelphia. Years after the death of his first wife Mr. Marsh married Elizabeth Davis, daughter of John P. Davis, of Christiana, and six children have been born of this union, five of whom are living: Della, Florence, Elsie, Edith and Charles P. Mr. Marsh has been prominent in Republican politics from early manhood, and several years before being elected to a county position, was assessor of Sadsbury township for one term. He belongs to Christiana Lodge No. 417, F. & A. M.; and is a member of the Presbyterian church at Gap, where he resides, although spending all the week days at Lancaster, in the discharge of his responsible duties for which he is eminently fitted, and to the performance of which he carries a most pleasing personality.

SILAS HOWARD PURPLE (deceased), was for a third of a century, and until his decease in 1891, at the age of sixty-four years, one of the forceful men of Columbia. He inherited from his parents great strength of character, and was always a man of restless energy, which he invariably employed in constructive work. Reared on a farm, operated by his father, he applied himself to farming and the lumber business, and after his young manhood, and while thus engaged, came to Columbia and engaged in nursery work and brick-making, pursuing a successful and increasing business career that ended only with his death.

Mr. Purple was born in Potter county, Pa., April 5, 1827, son of Ansel L. and Maria (Howard) Purple. The former, a native of Middle Haddam, Conn., of English extraction, migrated to Potter county, became prominent in political affairs, and was the first sheriff of that county. The mother had been a resident of Ohio. To Ansel L. and Maria Purple were born five children: Elisha; Silas Howard; Mary, wife of Luther Barker, of New York State; Martin V., and Isabella, who married Joseph Ingham.

Silas H. Purple was reared in Tioga county, Pa., where he engaged in farming and lumbering until 1859. In that year he moved to Columbia, Pa., where he started a nursery, conducting it successfully for a period of fifteen years. In the meantime he began the manufacture of brick, having purchased a yard in 1860 from a Mr. Cowden. This was enlarged from time to time until it developed into a steam plant covering seven acres of ground. Mr. Purple remained in its active management until his death, Dec. 26, 1891, and since that time the business has been conducted by the heirs. In 1894 they organized the Columbia Brick Co., which now owns and operates the plant. The marriage of Silas Howard Purple and Margaret Ann Lowrey was solemnized June 21, 1855, at Columbia, Pa. She was born in Columbia, Pa., Jan. 6, 1831, daughter of John and Ann (Wilson) Lowrey, of

Chester county and Columbia, respectively, and granddaughter of Andrew and Margaret (Hood) Lowrey, and of John and Mary (Todd) Wilson, who migrated from the north of Ireland and were married at Lancaster, Pa. To Silas Howard and Margaret Ann Purple were born six children, all of whom survive, namely: Annie Bell, who resides at home; John Lowrey, who married Susan Taft, of Knoxville, Tioga Co., Pa., and now resides in the old homestead; Ansel, who married Emma Lieberknecht, of Geneseo, Ill., and resides in Columbia; Mary Elizabeth, widow of Joseph F. McMakin, who was a civil engineer; Margaret Howard, a school teacher, at home; and Silas Howard, who acquired in the Reading Railroad shops the trade of machinist, which he followed a number of years, and who is now residing at his mother's home, and is engaged in brick manufacturing. Silas Howard Purple, the father of these children, and the subject of this sketch, died Dec. 26, 1891, and was buried at Mount Bethel cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and a ruling elder therein for twenty-five years, and in politics was a Republican. He was highly respected for his many estimable qualities, and his widow and children are among the prominent and influential residents of Columbia.

The Lowrey family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry. The old homestead was granted to William Lowrey in 1740. Lieut. Andrew Lowrey, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Purple, was a son of William Lowrey, and was born in this homestead farm near Oxford, Lower Oxford township, Chester county. He was first ensign, and afterward promoted to be lieutenant of his company, serving in the war of the Revolution. In this same company were his brother William, and brothers-in-law, Walter and Samuel Hood. Lieut. Lowrey was a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence. He died in September, 1796. His wife, Margaret Hood, was a daughter of Walter Hood, of Oxford township, Chester county, who left a portion of land in what is now Oxford borough, for a Presbyterian church and cemetery; this tract is now a commons in the heart of Oxford. To Lieut. Lowrey and his wife Margaret were born six sons, whose progeny are now scattered over the United States.

John Lowrey, one of the six sons of Lieut. Andrew, and the father of Mrs. Purple, moved from Chester county, to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1820, settling at Columbia, where he married Ann Wilson, daughter of John and Mary (Todd) Wilson. In his younger days he was a pilot on the river, and rapidly accumulated a competence, which enabled him to spend his last years in retirement. He engaged, also, in the buying and selling of real estate. He lived a strictly temperate life. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, in which faith he died in 1857, and she passed away in 1874, aged sixty-seven. Both are buried in Mount Bethel cemetery. To John and

Ann Lowrey were born eight children, of whom Margaret Ann, widow of Mr. Purple, is the eldest and the only survivor. The others were: Mary Elizabeth, wife of John Fendrich; Jane, who died aged eighteen years; John Andrew, who died at the age of fifteen; William F., who died at the age of twenty-seven; Sarah R. and Emily (twins), both of whom died young; and another child who died in infancy.

JOHN S. MILLER, a prominent farmer of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born on his present homestead Aug 6, 1837, son of John and Martha Stauffer (Musser) Miller, of Strasburg and East Donegal townships, respectively.

John Miller, born April 27, 1806, was a farmer and lumberman. He retired from active work in 1865, and removed to another house on the same farm, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 20, 1867. The mother, who was the widow of Jacob Musser when she married Mr. Miller, was born Aug. 13, 1802, and died in 1885. They were Dunkards in religion, and their remains lie interred in Marietta cemetery. They were the parents of four children, namely: (1) John S. is mentioned below. (2) Joseph is a lumber merchant in East Donegal township. (3) Isaiah married Miss Fanny Hoerner, who bore him three sons, John H., born Jan. 23, 1875; Ethelbert, born Jan. 6, 1877; and Harry T., born July 5, 1880. All three of the sons are engaged with their uncle in the hardware business in Marietta. Isaiah Miller died Dec. 14, 1892, and his wife Jan. 31, 1898. (4) Sally is the wife of John Connelly, a retired bank cashier in Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of John S. Miller were John and Betsey (Cramer) Miller, of Strasburg. The former died in September, 1874, aged ninety-eight years, eight months, and the latter died in 1876, at the age of ninety-seven. They lived at what is known as the Lancaster Junction, where the grandfather worked at his trade of carpenter and builder until he had acquired sufficient means to purchase a farm. In farming he was also very successful, and at the marriage of his children presented each with \$1,000. John and Betsey Miller were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of seven children, viz.: John, born April 27, 1806, was the father of John S.; Joseph died in Manheim, Pa.; Sally was married to Ulrich Strickler, and died in Salunga, Pa.; Mary is the widow of Henry Wittmer, late of New Market, York county; Hattie is the widow of Joseph Sowder; Jacob is a retired farmer of Manheim; Elizabeth, born May 27, 1825, is the widow of Daniel M. Grove. The great-grandfather of John S. Miller, also named John, was a native of Germany, was a carpenter by trade, and early settled in Strasburg. He was shot by Indians concealed in his barn.

John S. Miller has always resided on his present farm, and in conjunction with agriculture has carried on a coalyard for several years. His place com-

prises 103 acres, on twelve of which he grows tobacco, and part of which he has laid out in town lots. He also has an orchard of 1,000 peach trees, and his dwelling is one of the handsomest country homes in the county. Mr. Miller is one of the most respected citizens of East Donegal township, has been a director in the Exchange Bank of Marietta for the past six years, and has always been recognized as one of the most public-spirited residents of the township of his nativity. In politics he is a Republican. He worships at the Church of God.

On Dec. 26, 1865, in East Donegal township, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Herr, and of the five children born to this union Elizabeth died young; Martha A. is still at home; John A. is the next in order of birth; Emma A. is deceased; Mary Amanda is the wife of Dr. George Reich, of Marietta. Mrs. Mary A. (Herr) Miller is a native of East Donegal township, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stehman) Herr, natives of Manor and East Donegal townships, respectively, and the parents of six children, viz.: Hiram, a farmer in West Donegal township; Benjamin, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Christ Rohrer, at the time of his death a retired farmer of Canton, Ill.; Mary A., wife of John S. Miller; Amanda, widow of Harry Geish, late of Elizabethtown, this county, and Cyrus S., deceased. Benjamin Herr, who was born Dec. 2, 1808, died in East Donegal township in 1879, and his widow, who was born Nov. 10, 1810, died there Aug. 3, 1889. Benjamin Herr, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller, and Jacob and Elizabeth (Linemuth) Stehman, her maternal grandparents, were also natives of Lancaster county.

CYRUS STEHMAN HERR (deceased) was born March 29, 1846, four and a half miles above Maytown, Conoy township, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Stehman) Herr, farming people, who were most highly respected. They died in 1879 and 1889, respectively, in the faith of the Church of God.

Cyrus S. Herr was reared to farming, which he followed until March, 1881, when he retired from that vocation, and located in Marietta, where he engaged in the sand trade, in connection therewith carrying on a grain and produce business until 1896, when he retired. He was a director in the Donegal Fire Insurance Company. He was an officer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the faith of which he died, March 24, 1900, and in politics was a Republican.

Cyrus S. Herr was married Nov. 3, 1869, to Miss Emma Sultzbach, and to this union were born two children, Anna H. (who is married) and Bayard S. Mrs. Emma (Sultzbach) Herr was born in Marietta, daughter of Henry and Helena (Obedar) Sultzbach, who came from York county to Marietta, where Mr. Sultzbach engaged in farming and tanning for many years. He died in 1863, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother passed away Nov.



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23, 1894, aged eighty-one, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church; they were buried in Marietta. Their children were ten in number, viz.: George W., who died in 1898; John F., a tobacco grower of Marietta; Calvin A., deceased; Samuel A., who was a dentist, and is now deceased; Joseph G., ticket and freight agent at Marietta; Anthony H., deceased; William, who died in Philadelphia; Emma H.; Bayard, deceased; and Howard A., deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Herr were Henry and Susan Sultzbach, of York county, Pa., the former of whom was a farmer and miller, and was three times married. To the third marriage were born five children: Henry E., who is still on the old homestead; Mary, wife of Barr Spangler; Susan, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

BENJAMIN G. MUSSER, an extensive and highly esteemed farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in that township, one mile west of Silver Spring, Sept. 1, 1838, and descends from one of the oldest families in the county.

Michael and Elizabeth (Garber) Musser, parents of Benjamin G., were born in West Hempfield and East Donegal townships, respectively; by vocation the former was a farmer, but he held several town offices, among them that of school director for several years.

Benjamin G. Musser remained on the home farm with his parents until he had attained his majority, when he settled on his present farm of 268 acres. On Dec. 18, 1857, Benjamin G. Musser married Barbara C. Newcomer, who bore him three children, viz.: Isaiah N.; Myra, widow of Clayton Bushong, feed merchant at Columbia, Pa.; and Nora, deceased. Mrs. Barbara C. (Newcomer) Musser was born in Manor township, was a daughter of John S. and Frances (Charles) Newcomer, and died Jan. 16, 1898, at the age of sixty-five years, her remains being interred at Mountville. Mrs. Frances Newcomer died in West Hempfield township at the age of seventy-two years. Benjamin G. Musser is a member of the German Baptist church and in politics is a Republican.

ISAIAH N. MUSSER was born in West Hempfield township, Nov. 8, 1866, and is now a farmer and manufacturer of cider at Locust Grove, in his native township, where he has a farm of eighty-four acres. On Oct. 31, 1890, he was married in Manheim township to Miss Leah B. Keller, who has borne him two children: Norman K. and Alvin K. Mrs. Leah (Keller) Musser was born at Lime Rock, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1871, and is a daughter of Samuel G. and Fanny (Brubaker) Keller. Samuel G. Keller was born in 1828, is a retired farmer and drover, who owned two good farms, resides in Penn township near Manheim, was a director in the First National Bank of Manheim, and relinquished active business in 1887. Mr. Keller and his wife, who was born in 1837, are

members of the German Baptist Church, and are the parents of the following children: Lizzie B., wife of Ezra S. Kline, a farmer of Lancaster county; Katie B., married to David Hershey, of Manheim; Fanny, married to William Evans, a butcher; Naton B., a miller at Lime Rock; Mary, who died young; Leah B., now Mrs. Isaiah N. Musser; Anna, Maggie B., and Ella, who all died young; Minnie, still at home; Samuel, deceased; Sadie, at home; and Emma, the youngest, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Musser were Frederick and Catherine (Groos) Keller, who both died on their old homestead in Penn township; the maternal grandparents were Christian and Barbara (Longenecker) Brubaker, the former of whom is still living in Manheim township, at eighty-five years of age.

Benjamin G. Musser is a Republican in his political proclivities, but has never been a very aggressive politician; in religion he clings to the faith of his forefathers, the German Baptist.

SAMUEL M. MYLIN, one of the leading agriculturists and prominent citizens of Pequea township, who for a quarter of a century has been a conspicuous trial justice of the peace of this county, is a member of one of the prominent and pioneer families of Lancaster county.

Squire Mylin was born Nov. 30, 1841, in what is now Pequea township, a son of Abram B. and Elizabeth (Myer) Mylin. He was reared on his father's farm, receiving only limited educational advantages in the district schools of the neighborhood. But by home reading and study he early became possessed of a fund of good information and attained creditable scholarship and culture. He acquired a knowledge of civil engineering and gave some attention to that line of work; however, his chief occupation has been tilling the soil, and in that vocation he has met with success and is the owner of a well improved farm in Pequea township. He is a man of excellent judgment, broad and liberal in his views and progressive, making a good neighbor and valuable citizen. In his political views he is a Republican. In 1874 he was chosen a justice of the peace for his township and has held that office by re-election from that time to this, and it is but just to the Squire to add that he has been a most conscientious and discreet officer, making justice to all concerned the ruling principle in his settlements. Probably no docket in the community will show fewer appeals and reversals where appeals have been made than the records of Squire Mylin. The Squire is a member of the Pennsylvania German Society and also is a director in the First National Bank at Lancaster.

On Nov. 5, 1870, Squire Mylin was married to Mary Ann, daughter of Jacob Brenneman, and to this union have been born children as follows: Christian, who married Mary Fullerton, and has one child, Aaron; Samuel; Martin; Annie, who mar-

ried Amos M. Shenk, a farmer in Conestoga township; Martha; Frances, and Alice. The parents and children are members of the Old Mennonite church.

FRANKLIN. Henry Franklin, the progenitor of the family in America, a member of the Society of Friends, was a merchant who came from England during the latter part of the seventeenth century and settled on Long Island. His son Thomas Franklin, born at Flushing, L. I., was a merchant in New York, and the latter's son Thomas, born in New York in 1734, removed to Philadelphia in 1775. During the Revolutionary war he was appointed commissary of prisoners at Philadelphia, and while acting in that capacity objection was made by the Society of Friends, of which he was a leading member, but he maintained his position. It was his son Walter Franklin, who was the first of the family to settle in Lancaster county.

WALTER FRANKLIN was born in New York on May 5, 1773. He was admitted to the Bar in Philadelphia in 1792, and rapidly rose to the front rank in his profession. In January, 1809, he was appointed by Governor Snyder to the office of Attorney General of Pennsylvania, which position he held until Jan. 26, 1811, when, upon the death of Judge Joseph Henry, he was appointed President Judge of the Second Judicial District, comprising the counties of Lancaster, York and Dauphin, to which were subsequently added Cumberland and Lebanon, and he thereupon removed to Lancaster, where he resided during the incumbency of his office and until his death, Feb. 7, 1836, having been upon the Bench a period of twenty-five years.

Judge Franklin was a man of rare talent and broad culture. He was distinguished for clearness of conception, vigor of mind, refined sensibility, and the most rigid integrity. As a jurist he ranked among the ablest in the State. An extract from one of his charges will show the clearness and force of his mind. On the breaking out of the war of 1812, the public mind became instantly crazed, and insults and contumely were heaped upon those who had the courage to raise their voices against the war. The civil authorities were in many places prostrated, and mob law ruled supreme. The most respectable citizens were insulted and the offices of the press opposed to the war were in many places destroyed. In the midst of this state of excitement and feeling, Judge Franklin delivered a charge to the grand jury of York, of which the following is an extract:

The existing state of our foreign relations and the sensibility of the public mind on all questions connected with it, call for peculiar care in those who are concerned in the administration of justice, to guard against every occurrence which may have a tendency to promote a spirit of popular tumult, or of lawless violence. A disposition to riot and commotion may in general be easily suppressed, in its first stages, by proper firmness and decision on the part of the magistrate; but if neglected and suf-

fered to gain ground and extend itself, it soon grows too powerful for the ordinary exertions of civil authority and bears down everything before it in a resistless torrent of rage and desolation. Fear is said to be the basis of arbitrary government, and virtue the ruling principle of republics. Law, and not faction, should have the sway in every free country. No condition is more deplorable than that produced by anarchy; and experience has abundantly proved, that of all governments, a mob is the most despotic and sanguinary.

Judge Walter Franklin married, on June 13, 1802, Ann Emlen, daughter of James Emlen, "a highly esteemed and accepted preacher of the Society of Friends." They had twelve children, among whom, attaining majority, were Hon. Thomas E., Col. Emlen, Rev. Walter, Sarah, wife of the eminent surgeon, Dr. John L. Atlee; and Mary, wife of Washington Hopkins, the distinguished lawyer and orator, who was stricken while addressing a jury and expired.

THOMAS E. FRANKLIN, LL. D., was born in Philadelphia April 20, 1810, and came to Lancaster the following year, when his father was appointed to the Bench. He graduated from Yale College with honors in 1828. After graduation he read law with his brother-in-law, Washington Hopkins, and was admitted to the Bar in 1831, and at once began the practice of law in Lancaster, where he spent his entire life, and a period of over fifty years in his profession. He enjoyed a large and lucrative practice and adorned many positions of public trust and confidence. He was twice Attorney General of Pennsylvania. His first appointment was under Governor Johnson in 1851, and his second under Governor Pollock in 1855. He was appointed by Governor Curtin a member of the Peace convention that met in Washington immediately prior to the War of the Rebellion. He was a member of the Protestant Episcopal church, was for many years prominent in church councils, and at the time of his death was Chancellor of the Diocese. His death occurred Nov. 28, 1884. Few men have left a deeper impression on the community. He was possessed of a well-endowed mind, which was thoroughly trained, and his character was molded upon the highest type of Christian manhood. He was a learned and able lawyer, a public spirited citizen, and a refined cultured gentleman.

Thomas E. Franklin married, Nov. 7, 1837, Serena A. Mayer, daughter of Col. George Mayer, hardware merchant of Lancaster, and Colonel of the 69th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia, in the war of 1812. They had twelve children, of whom the eldest was Capt. George M., and there survive the following: Serena M., wife of Hon. H. M. North, of Columbia, Pa.; Frances O., wife of S. P. Galt, of St. Louis, Mo.; Thomas W.; Henry S.; Walter M.; Dr. Charles M.; Blanche, wife of J. W. B. Bausman, Esq.; Robert L.

GEORGE M. FRANKLIN, eldest of the children of Thomas E. Franklin, was born in Lancaster

June 19, 1839. He entered Yale College in 1854, and graduated with distinction in 1858. He read law with his father, and was admitted to the Bar Sept. 16, 1861. He had not been long engaged in the practice of his profession when he responded to the call for volunteers in the War of the Rebellion, and enlisted in the 122nd Regiment. He was elected first lieutenant and was afterwards promoted to captain and took command of Co. A. After his regiment was mustered out of service he accepted an appointment on the staff of Gen. William B. Franklin, as captain and assistant adjutant general, proceeding at once to the Department of the Gulf, where he experienced hard service. At the close of the war he resumed the practice of law, but in 1869 he became a member of the firm of G. M. Steinman & Co., and turned his attention to mercantile affairs. He became prominently identified with many of the business interests of the community, and at the time of his death, which occurred on May 15, 1899, he was president of the Hamilton Watch Co. Capt. Franklin was one of the most widely known and highly esteemed men in the community. He had a busy career, and came in contact with great numbers of people, and was of such a sympathetic nature, constantly helpful to others, that he enjoyed extraordinary popularity. He was married in 1856 to Sarah M., daughter of Gen. George M. Steinman. They had four children, George S., William B., Frederick S. and Thomas E.

MARTIN R. BITZER. Lancaster county, Pa., has not only become noted for its fine productive farms, but also for the class of citizens who have grown up and been nourished by the land, presenting to the State some of the best types of honest, upright and respected men and women to be found anywhere within its borders.

Among those who have been reared in Ephrata township is Martin R. Bitzer, who is spending a comfortable old age, his fine farm of eighty-five acres in Ephrata township being managed in his interest. The Bitzer family is of German origin, and the founder, John Bitzer, came to Lancaster county about 1720, his son, Michael Bitzer, being a prominent and successful farmer of the county. John Bitzer, the father of Martin R., was born in 1795, and married Elizabeth Royer, in 1819, rearing a family of twelve children: Michael, born Sept. 28, 1819, who lives in New Berlin, O.; Martin R., born Sept. 29, 1821; Daniel, a resident of Illinois; Urias, a resident of California; Mary, deceased; Magdalena, who married Levi Mohler; Henry, who died in childhood; John, deceased; Susanna, who married Christian Johns; Louisa, who married Peter Johns; Fianna, deceased; Catherine, who married James Bryson.

Reared on the farm in Ephrata township, Martin R. Bitzer followed agricultural pursuits all his life until his retirement from active duties, some

eight years ago. Always industrious, his labors yielded him ample returns and he is now enabled to enjoy the fruits of his former toil.

Martin R. Bitzer was married on Nov. 15, 1849, to Annie, daughter of John and Esther (Mohler) Royer, who was born Oct. 24, 1825, and died Nov. 15, 1897. To this marriage were born these children: Adam, born in Sept., 1850, who married Mary Landis; Mary, born in April, 1852; Susannah, who died in childhood; Maranda, born in 1854, who married D. H. Yeartz; John C., born in 1856, who married Sue Graybill, and lives in Lancaster; Urias, born in 1858, who resides in Canton, O., and married Lillie Landes; Fianna, in Philadelphia; and Lizzie A., at home, caring for her beloved father.

Although a Republican in politics and always interested in public affairs, Mr. Bitzer has not cast a vote for the past twenty years. Much of his time is pleasantly spent in reading the newspapers and the scriptures. His life has been one of honesty and uprightness and he has the satisfaction of knowing that he possesses the confidence and esteem of the neighborhood in which he has spent his long and most worthy life.

JOSEPH D. HASTINGS, a wealthy and prosperous farmer, who is now living retired in Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born on the farm where he is still making his home, in November, 1826, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Andrews) Hastings. They were both born in Colerain township, the father in 1778, and the mother in 1785. She was a daughter of Joseph Andrews, and her forefathers had much to do with the early history of Lancaster.

Peter Hastings was the son of Peter and Rachel (Sloan) Hastings, and the grandson of the Peter Hastings who came from England to this country as early as 1734. Peter Hastings, the first of the family, purchased land of William Penn, in Colerain township, a property that has passed down through five generations of his descendants, built a log house and settled down there for the remainder of his life. In a will dated Dec. 8, 1768, he left the estate to his son, Peter (2), and the latter sold it to his son, Peter (3), on Jan. 4, 1808; the son, in turn, about 1860, willed it to Joseph D. Hastings.

Peter and Rachel (Sloan) Hastings had two sons, John and Peter. John Hastings married a Miss Cameron and made his home on a part of the original family property. He died leaving three sons.

Peter Hastings, the father of Joseph D., married for his first wife, Elizabeth Hess, Aug. 22, 1799. They settled on the family homestead where their lives were spent, and where Mrs. Elizabeth Hastings died, leaving a family: Christopher, born in January, 1800, who died in Wilmington, Del.; Rachel, deceased wife of Samuel Hess; Peter, born

in 1805, who died a young man; James S., born in 1808, a farmer in Colerain township, deceased; Ann Eliza, born in 1812, who married Daniel Howett, and moved West, where both died.

Peter Hastings later married Sarah Andrews by whom he had three children: Robert, who died in childhood; Mary J., born in 1823, who died unmarried Dec. 17, 1870; and Joseph D., the only surviving member of this family. The father died Oct. 2, 1867, in the ninetyeth year of his age; the mother died Oct. 5, 1861. They were active members of the Presbyterian church and were among the founders of the Union church in Colerain township. Peter Hastings was a Whig, and became a Republican in his last days. During his active years he filled various local offices.

Joseph D. Hastings was educated in the district schools. After the death of his parents he remained as manager of the home farm. He married in September, 1855, Louisa E., a daughter of Benjamin and Mary E. (Stauffer) Esshelman. Her father was born in Paradise township, and with his wife settled in Providence, where they lived some years, and then moved to Barts' Mills, where he carried on the double occupation of farming and milling. He was the son of Jacob Esshelman, at one time a wealthy and prominent citizen of Lancaster. Mr. Esshelman retired to Strasburg, some time before his death in 1853. His widow lived with her children in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hastings was born Jan. 31, 1828, and had her education in the West Chester High School, and in the Lewisburg Seminary. After their marriage they settled on the old Hastings homestead, where they have lived forty-six years. In 1869 Mr. Hastings built a large modern house, remodelled the barn, and made other valuable and extensive improvements. To him and his wife have come four children: (1) Celesta B., was educated in the Union High School, and was given a classical education. She is a lady of culture and natural refinement, and lives at home. (2) Edgar E. had a business education, went to Omaha, where he held a responsible position as a superintendent of a department in the Cudahy Packing House, and has proved himself a capable business man. He married Miss Harriet Short, of Kansas City, Mo. They have one daughter, Winnefred. (3) J. Albert was educated under Prof. Andrews at the Colerain Union High School, taking up farming as his occupation, and for fourteen years has been manager of the old homestead. In 1900 he made a trip to the Pacific Coast, travelling very extensively through the West and South, and spending some time in Florida. His standing in Colerain is beyond question. (4) Emma married Dr. Kauffman, of Lancaster, and they have one daughter, Louise.

Joseph D. Hastings has always been identified with the Whig and Republican parties, though he has never sought office. He and his family are

connected with the Presbyterian church, where they have taken a prominent part.

Mr. Hastings has kept a record of interesting events in his neighborhood for more than twenty years, and is a man of more than ordinary intelligence. His education was limited, but he became a deep reader, and is widely informed as to the history and progress of the world. For a time, from 1856 to 1865, he kept a general store at his house, but he has given this up. To-day he is one of the best bookkeepers and finest penmen of the neighborhood. His books are models of neatness and correctness.

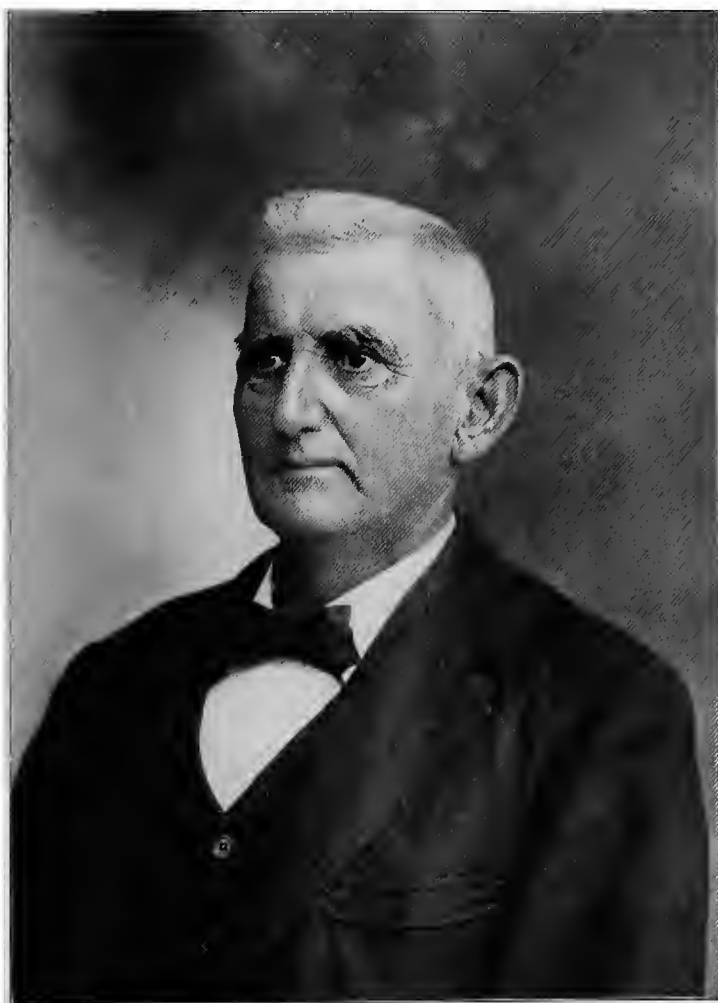
JOHN M. FROELICH, president of the Mountville National Bank, president of the Mountville Manufacturing Company, and a leading contractor and builder at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Mountville, Sept. 4, 1834, son of John and Fanny (Meyers) Froelich, who were born in Lancaster county, near Strasburg.

John Froelich, father of John M., was a weaver by trade, and died in Mountville in 1858, at the age of fifty-one years. His widow survived until 1888, dying at the age of seventy-four years. Both were members of the United Brethren Church, and are buried in the Mountville cemetery. To their marriage were born nine children, viz.: Elizabeth, widow of Henry S. Colm, of Mountville; Henry, deceased; John M., of whom more will be said; Annie, wife of William Seitz, a leaf tobacco merchant of Mountville; Jacob, Elmina and Susan, deceased; Rebecca, married to John S. Carter, a blacksmith, at Liberty Square; and Fanny, deceased.

Jacob Froelich, paternal grandfather of John M., was a farmer in West Hempfield township, where he died. His death was caused by a fall from an apple tree. Henry Meyers, the maternal grandfather, lived and died in the southern end of Lancaster county.

John M. Froelich earned his livelihood on a farm until eighteen years old, and then apprenticed himself to learn the carpenter trade with Sneath & Conklin, of Mountville, Pa., and after acquiring his trade, he became actively engaged in the contracting and building business. Many evidences of his skill and handiwork may be seen in the spacious houses and barns built in the townships of West Hempfield, East Hempfield and Manor, and some of the beautiful homes built in the city of Lancaster.

His business interests, however, have not been wholly confined to this calling, but have been varied and extended, and his success gives great evidence of Mr. Froelich's broad capacity as a financier and executive officer. He was one of the originators and organizers of the Mountville National Bank, and has served as one of its directors, and for the past five years as president. He likewise was one of the originators and organizers of the Mountville Manufacturing Co., served as one of its first directors



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and is now its president. He has also been engaged in the leaf tobacco business, buying from the farmer or raiser, and packing the same. He is likewise engaged in the lumber business, having yards at Mountville, at which an extensive business is done. He is also the owner of considerable land.

John M. Froelich was married to Susan Fridy, of Mountville, Pa., in the year 1857, and to this union there have been born the following named children: Joseph, who is now associated with his father in business, and also a dealer in fertilizers; John, who is with his father and works at the carpenter trade; Sherman is likewise engaged with his father in the carpenter business; Harry, now deceased, was married to Elida Musser; she is still living; Callie, his daughter, is intermarried with Elias Solms, who assists his father-in-law at the carpenter trade; Milton and Cecilia died in their infancy.

Mrs. Susan (Fridy) Froelich was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Oct. 25, 1837, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hougen-doubler) Fridy. Her father, Joseph Fridy, who was in the butchering business, died in 1871, at the age of sixty-three years; her mother died in 1895, at the home of John M. Froelich, at the age of eighty-three years, both passing away in the faith of the United Brethren Church. They were the parents of the following family: Mary A., who died young, as also did Elias; Joseph H., a carpenter at Mountville; Susan, Mrs. Froelich; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Sneath, who is likewise deceased; Catherine, married to Frank Gerfin, a blacksmith of Mountville; Barbara, wife of Henry Rhodes, also a blacksmith, of Mountville; Mesiah, who died young; and Jacob, a carpenter in the city of Lancaster.

John M. Froelich has always been prominent as a Republican and has been active in promoting his party's interests on every possible occasion. He served on the school board three years. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., of Lancaster. Socially the family stand very high and Mr. Froelich is recognized as one of the most progressive as well as substantial citizens of Mountville.

MARTIN H. GRUBE, proprietor of the "Union Stock Yards Hotel" at Lancaster, is a natural born hotel keeper, and his success in his present hostelry attests the truth of this statement. To entertain from ninety to one hundred and fifty people at dinner is considered very ordinary, and the menu and service are noted for their excellence.

Mr. Grube was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, Nov. 23, 1847, and was reared and educated in that section, remaining in school until he was sixteen years of age, when he ran away Dec. 16, 1863, to enlist in Co. M, 19th Conn. V. I., and the following spring the regiment

became the 2nd Conn. Heavy Artillery. He served until June 11, 1865, when he was mustered out at New Haven, Conn., after a faithful and creditable record as a private. After doing garrison duty at Forts William, Ellsworth and Albany, he was ordered to the front April 27, 1864, with his regiment, which joined the 6th Army Corps at Bell Plain, and was marched to the Wilderness, where they participated in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, and then marched to North Anna River, where Mr. Grube was detailed to picket duty with two comrades, James Kegan and James Graham, all on the same post. Kegan was killed and Graham wounded, but Mr. Grube escaped, and remained on duty until morning, when he was relieved. The regiment then marched to the Peninsula, where the enemy was checked, and in eleven hours they made a march of thirty-three miles to Cold Harbor, where the command was also heavily engaged. For two weeks this regiment had been under fire, and had lost over 700 men, among them Mr. Grube's last close comrade of five, Amaziah Livingston, from Harrisburg. The regiment was under fire a week at Petersburg, and assisted in the destruction of the Weldon Railroad, with the enemy pouring in hot shot at close quarters. At Washington they assisted in the repulse of the Rebels who had endeavored to rush the National Capital. It would fill a volume to give the story of all the thrilling experiences through which Mr. Grube passed. It is enough to say, that at the beginning of September, 1864, his company had been reduced to eight men, Mr. Grube and seven others. Eight recruits were received, and at the battle of Winchester, all but three of these fell, Mr. Grube being wounded in the right arm by a minie ball. He kept on fighting until he was struck a second time, a ball entering his abdomen and coming out between the hip and the backbone. He was removed to the field hospital with thirty-three comrades, where he remained for six weeks, when three of the thirty-three were sent to the hospital at Philadelphia, the rest having died. At this point he was cared for until in April, 1865, when he was sent to New Haven, Conn., where he was mustered out, June 11, 1865, having passed through all these terrible experiences before he was seventeen years old. After his discharge Mr. Grube returned to the home of his parents in Lancaster county. After leaving the hospital he had already been home on a furlough, but was so emaciated, that even his brother failed to recognize him.

When Mr. Grube had attained his majority he rented the "Blue Ball Hotel," in East Earl, which he operated for a few years as a rented property and then buying it, conducted the place fourteen years. For ten years he was in the cattle business, in agricultural pursuits and also in the leaf tobacco trade, and is still dealing in leaf tobacco. It was in 1895 that Mr. Grube leased the "Union Stock Yards Hotel," which he has since most successfully

conducted. His tobacco warehouse is at Blue Ball, where he owns several other properties—one of the buildings, which is a handsome one, having been erected by himself.

A staunch Republican Mr. Grube was honored with the position of director of the poor, which he held for six years. He was a member of the building committee on the erection of the new and handsome Lancaster County Insane Asylum. He has also served as assessor and collector of East Earl township for two terms. Mr. Grube takes much interest in fraternal matters, and belongs to several societies, among them being Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, G. A. R. He is a past master of Howell Lodge, No. 405, F. & A. M., and is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

In 1869 Mr. Grube was married to Miss Maggie Cox, a daughter of William Cox. To this union have come seven children: Harry F., associated with his father in business, married Rachel Seldomridge and has two children, Sarah and Harry; John C., proprietor of a hotel at New Holland, married Katie Stauffer, and has three children, Margaret, Anna and Jay; Nora is at home; William C., secretary of the board of directors of the poor, married Clara Kurtz, and has two children, Helen and Franklin; Winfield Scott, representing the Beaver Manufacturing Co., of Beaver, Pa., married Belle Morrow, and has two children, Catherine and Esther; Martin L. is at home; and Annie died in infancy.

The parents of Mr. Grube were born in Lancaster county. His father was a farmer in Caernarvon township where he owned a good farm and died at the age of seventy-eight, his wife also dying at about the same age. Of their children we have the following record: Elizabeth married Philip Furman, and both are now deceased; Martha married George Spotts, and is deceased; David is deceased; John H. is a resident of Caernarvon township; Mary Ann is the widow of John Myers, of Caernarvon, Berks county; Rachel is the wife of William Shuler, of Kansas; Daniel H. was at one time proprietor of the "Imperial Hotel," in Lancaster; Martin H. is mentioned above; and three others died in infancy.

ADAM R. GROFF (deceased), was for many years one of the most respected farmer-citizens of Pequea township, and passed his entire life on the farm now occupied by his family. He was born there April 20, 1838, son of Jacob Groff, who was also a native of Lancaster county, and followed farming all his life on the farm which afterward became the property of his son Adam. Jacob Groff died in 1872. He married Miss Mary Rush, of Lancaster county, and they were the parents of nine children, namely: Henry and Jacob, both of whom died in childhood; John, deceased; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Christian Good; Adam R., our subject; Susan, (deceased), wife of Benjamin

Rissel; Nancy, widow of Jacob Breneman; Hettie, wife of Simon Good; and Amos, of Quarryville, who died July 3, 1902. The father was a member of the Old Mennonite church.

Adam R. Groff was educated in the local public schools, and farmed with his father until he was about twenty-five years of age. He married for his first wife, Miss Elizabeth Sterneman, who became the mother of six children: Aldess, of Philadelphia; Annie, deceased; Cyrus, foreman of the car shops of the Wilmington trolley line, who died Jan. 14, 1902; Jacob, of Wilmington, Del.; Enos, deceased; and Mary, who is living at home. Mrs. Elizabeth Groff died Jan. 18, 1874, and on Nov. 3, 1875, Mr. Groff wedded Miss Mary Herschok, daughter of John Herschok, of Lancaster county. To this union were also born six children: Martha, wife of Edward McMichael, of Pequea Valley; Ella N., who is at home; Harry, who lives at home and has charge of the farm; Tillie, at home; Katie, who died when twelve years of age; and Charles, at home.

Mr. Groff was a member of the Old Mennonite church, as are also his widow and eldest daughter. He was a Republican in politics, and held the office of county committeeman for some time. Mr. Groff died Feb. 21, 1901, and was sincerely mourned in the community where his long and useful life had been spent. He was a man of high character, and occupied an enviable position among his neighbors and fellow-citizens.

WILLIAM YOHN, a resident of Caernarvon township, descends from a good German parentage, and the family has long been known in Lancaster county, whither the grandfather of William Yohn came from Germany; he established himself in Caernarvon township, where he died at an advanced age. He married and cultivated a small farm.

His son, the father of William Yohn, was born in Caernarvon township, where he was reared. The most of his active years were spent in Brecknock township, where he was known as one of the most extensive farmers and public-spirited citizens of the community. In politics he was a Democrat, and filled several of the local offices. When he died he was about seventy-seven. His wife, Catherine Styer, was a daughter of Frederick Styer, a native of Caernarvon township. She was a member of the Lutheran church, and lived to be ninety-eight; Mr. Yohn belonged to the Reformed church. They had a family of thirteen children: John deceased, a farmer in West Hempfield township, who for many years kept the hotel at Mountville; Jacob, who was a farmer and stock dealer in Caernarvon township, now dead; Elizabeth, late wife of Christ Snader, of East Earl township; Sarah, who married E. Moser, and went to Minnesota; Catherine and Peter, both dead; William; Adam, who died young; Caroline, deceased wife of Jacob

Hudson, who settled in Wayne county, O.; Rachel, deceased wife of Anthony Good; Mary, who married Samuel Faltz, of Terre Hill; Ellen, who married Peter Faltz, both deceased; David, deceased, a retired farmer of Mountville.

William Yohn was born April 8, 1818, on the farm adjoining his present location, about a half mile north of Churchtown. His education was secured in the subscription schools, and when he was twenty-one years of age he began working for wages. When he was thirty years old he was married, and rented the farm where he was born. For nine years he farmed there, and then purchased the place, which he has since made his home; it comprises 167 acres of fine farm land and is known as one of the best farms in Lancaster county. He is both a general farmer and stock raiser, and has proved himself one of the most successful agriculturists of the county. He is a lover of out-of-door recreations, and an enthusiastic devotee of the fox hunt, and the baying of the hounds was always music in his ears.

Mr. Yohn was married in 1848, to Miss Mary Bechard, a daughter of Philip Bechard, of Caernarvon township. She died in February, 1890, at the age of sixty-one. To their union came the following children: Theodore, who died in childhood; Edward, Barton, Martin and Thomas, who all died in infancy; Clement, a tobacco farmer on the old homestead; Linford, who lives in Lancaster, in the employ of Peter Ammon, and married to Annie Shank; Emma, who married Barton Gable, and lives in Springfield, Pa.; Margaret, who married William Shirk, and lives in Philadelphia; William, who married Annie Curley, and farms on the old homestead, also dealing in fat horses.

Mr. Yohn is a member of the Reformed church, and has been one of its most active and valuable members.

GEORGE KREIDER, a well known and enterprising farmer of East Lampeter township, is a native of Lancaster county, born Sept. 5, 1841, in Pequea township, son of Michael Kreider.

George Kreider, his grandfather, was also born in Pequea township, and followed farming all his life. He was one of the Old Mennonites in religious faith. He married Miss Sabina Benedict, and they reared a family of six children: Michael; George and Christian, both deceased; John, of East Lampeter township; Barbara, wife of Christian Harnish; and Mary, wife of George Kridig.

Michael Kreider was born in Pequea township in 1818. He followed butchering during the early part of his life, and later engaged in farming in Strasburg township. In politics he was a Republican, and held the office of supervisor in Pequea township for some years. For his first wife he married Miss Nancy Byers, and they became the parents of seven children, one of whom died in infancy; Benjamin is a resident of Eden;

Annie is the wife of Elias Hershey; George is our subject; Barbara is the wife of John Huber; Elizabeth is the wife of Ed. Miller, of Strasburg; Mary is the wife of Elwood Kreider. The mother dying in 1853, Mr. Kreider married for his second wife Mary Leckey. To this union came seven children: Sarah, wife of Harry Rohrer; David, of East Lampeter; Tabitha, wife of John Eby; Susan, widow of Abram Rank; Frances, wife of Jacob Rank; Kattie, unmarried; and Martin, of West Lampeter.

George Kreider lived at home until he was twenty-eight years of age, and was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county. He married Miss Annie Melinger, of Soudersburg, and lived on the farm of his father-in-law over twelve years, after which he purchased the farm where he now resides, and where he has continued farming until the present time. He is actively interested in the affairs of his locality, and was school director for six years. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are both members of the Old Mennonite church. They are the parents of thirteen children, five of whom died in infancy: John is a Mennonite preacher in Missouri; Sarah is the wife of Ira Hershey; Benjamin is a resident of Soudersburg; Jesse lives on his father's farm; Jacob clerks in Esbenshade's store, at Leaman Place; Margie married Parke Book, a farmer living about a half mile from Strasburg; Susan and Esther are unmarried, and at home.

JOHN M. GROFF, of Strasburg township, who resides upon his valuable farm about one and one-half miles south-east of Strasburg, belongs to one of the old and substantial families of Lancaster county.

John M. Groff was born in Eden township, near Quarryville, Dec. 11, 1839, a son of Martin and Mary (Eshleman) Groff. Grandfather Jacob Groff owned a large farm and the mill which is now known as Bassler mill, near Camargo, in this county, and there he probably passed his whole life. His family consisted of seven children: David; Benjamin; Martin; Jacob; Susan, who married Christian Lefever, of Quarryville; Catherine, who married John Welch, of Quarryville, who later moved to Drumore township; and Elizabeth, who married John Brown, of Little Britain township.

Martin Groff was reared on the farm and around the old mill, near Quarryville, where he attended school, and while yet a young man, he went to Lampeter for a time, where he was employed in a store; later he went to Harrisburg, where he was employed for some time in a hotel, about a year later returning to Lancaster county and following clerking. After his marriage, at the age of twenty-eight, he opened up a mercantile business of his own, in Hawkesville, and also became interested in lime burning, continuing in those lines until about 1840, when he purchased a farm of sixty acres in Strasburg township, where he

finally died, after some years of retirement, and where his son now resides. Mr. Groff was known through the community as a man of high moral character, generous and charitable, and always in favor of measures which promised benefit to the community. For a long term he served on the board of education and was much regretted at the time of his death, which occurred March 17, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years and three months. His widow survived him until 1895, her years reaching eighty-seven. A family of six children had been born to them: Alice A., who died in January, 1899; Susan K., who resides with John M., on the old homestead; Mary N., who married A. K. Warful, of Lancaster City; Joanna, who died in 1877; John M.; and Saloam, who died in childhood.

John M. Groff was reared on the farm and was educated in the public schools, going from there into the Strasburg Academy, and later to the Millersville State Normal School, thus obtaining a thorough education which has fitted him to cultivate his land more intelligently and scientifically, and also to take prominence in the public affairs of this part of the county. Like his father, he is progressive and public-spirited and interested in educational matters. Although an ardent Republican, he has never been willing to assume the cares of office. For a number of years he has been a consistent member of the M. E. church, and is one of the most respected citizens of his neighborhood.

BENJAMIN HOFFMAN, whose prominence in the agricultural world has brought him to the front rank among Lancaster county's progressive citizens, was born in East Donegal township Nov. 2, 1827, son of Michael and Magdalena (Musser) Hoffman.

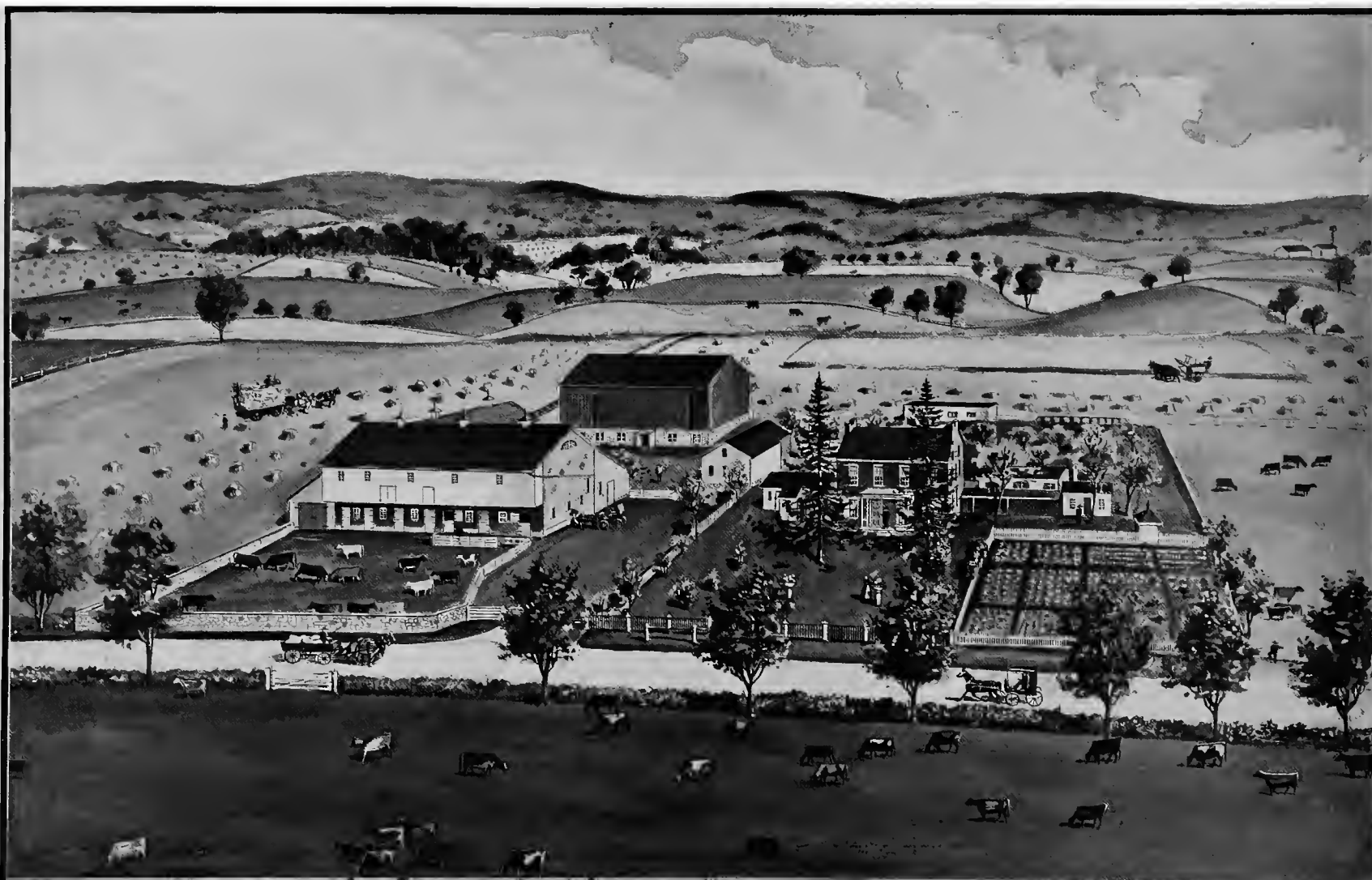
Michael Hoffman was born in Hanover township, York Co., Pa., son of Michael and Anna (Long) Hoffman, prominent farming people of that county, who later removed to East Donegal township, Lancaster county, where the former died. They had two children, Elizabeth and Michael. Michael, father of Benjamin, was an industrious farmer, and by his thrift and enterprise became one of the large land owners in his section, owning four fine farms. He married Magdalena Musser, daughter of Jacob Musser, a farmer of East Donegal, and to their union came children as follows: Anna, deceased wife of John B. Engle, now of Cumberland county, Pa.; Benjamin, mentioned below; Michael M., of East Donegal township; Mary, widow of Daniel M. Engle, now of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Peter B. Nissley; Jacob, deceased; Henry, deceased; and John, now of Snyder county, Pa., who wedded Martha Engle. The mother died in 1840, at the early age of thirty-two years. Mr. Hoffman then married Nancy Hershey, who bore him two children: Susan, wife of Cyrus L. Engle, of Conoy township; and Abraham, a

farmer, who married Sarah Shank. The father died in 1862, aged fifty-eight years, and sleeps his last sleep in the cemetery in East Donegal.

Benjamin Hoffman worked on the home farm during his boyhood and early manhood, remaining with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, when he married and moved to his present farm of 100 acres. He has been very successful, and though he has continued to make his home on his present farm he is the owner of four other fine farms, all of which are under a high state of cultivation, and are very productive. In connection with farming he has engaged in the leaf tobacco business since 1864. He is a hard worker, and has found that in order to succeed he must give his personal attention to all his workmen, and he keeps in constant touch with all the various labors performed on his estate.

In spite of the time necessarily devoted to his own affairs Mr. Hoffman has found ample opportunity to keep well informed on public events, and is very progressive, and thoroughly up-to-date in everything he does. He is greatly interested in the advancement of education and the improvement of the district schools, and for six years has served very capably as school director. In politics he is a Republican. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are identified with the River Brethren Church and Church of God, respectively.

On Dec. 6, 1853, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Rhoads, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. Strine. Mrs. Hoffman was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Oct. 23, 1829, one of the seven children of George and Elizabeth (Sweigart) Rhoads, farming people of Lancaster county. Mr. Rhoads died in East Donegal township in July, 1854, aged fifty-four years, and his wife, who was born in 1802, died in 1887. The other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads, and carefully reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, were as follows: Abraham S., of Maytown, Pa., died in 1901; Fannie S., deceased, was the wife of George Lutz; Levi S. is a retired farmer of Eden township; Mary S., deceased, was the wife of Henry K. Shenk, of West Hempfield township; Susannah S. is the widow of Christian L. Brandt, of Maytown, Pa.; George S. is residing in Maytown. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman was blessed with the following named children: Paris R., born Sept. 11, 1855, died at the age of nineteen. Michael R., born Jan. 31, 1857, is a leaf tobacco merchant of Maytown, Pa.; he married Ida Risser, and has six children, Paris R., Michael R., Jr., Amos R., Guy S., Mary and Esther. Emma M., born Nov. 3, 1858, married W. B. Detwiler, of Mt. Joy. Anna Martha, born July 27, 1860, married John S. White, a farmer of Maytown, and has three children, Norman H., Hoffman and Susannah H. Mary H., born July 24, 1862, married Jonas E. Geyer, a miller of Marietta, and has three children, Viola H., Clayton E. and Hoffman. Benja-



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M. Hoffman



Paris R. Hoffman



B. F. Hoffman



B. Hoffman



A. L. Hoffman



N. R. Hoffman



E. W. Hoffman

min F., born Oct. 21, 1863, is a resident of Conoy township. Abraham L., born Nov. 29, 1865, is in the tobacco business, and resides at home. Norman R., born Nov. 28, 1867, married Iva Hackenberger. Elizabeth R., born Aug. 17, 1869, married Christiana N. Mumma, of Mt. Joy. Clayton R., born Sept. 10, 1871, a farmer of Elizabethtown, Pa., married Mary Gish, and has had four children, Paul (died in infancy), Mary G., Clayton G., and Elizabeth G.

MICHAEL M. HOFFMAN. The farming interests of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, are in the hands of capable and progressive men, who have done much to place that part of the county in the favorable position it now occupies. Among those who for many years have been prominently identified with its growth and progress is Michael M. Hoffman, a farmer of means, who conducted a flourishing leaf tobacco business in Maytown for a period of eighteen years.

Mr. Hoffman was born on his present farm Oct. 4, 1829, son of Michael and Magdalena (Musser) Hoffman. When eleven years of age Michael Hoffman came to this farm, and remained upon it until 1854, when he removed up the road into Conoy township, there passing the remainder of his life. He retired from active labor some nine years prior to his death; he and his wife were buried in East Donegal cemetery. Both had been good and pious members of the River Brethren Church. Their children were: Anna (deceased), who married John B. Engle; Benjamin, a resident of the old farm on which his father died; Michael M.; Mary, widow of Daniel Engle, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth (deceased), who married Peter B. Nissley; Jacob, deceased; Henry, deceased; and John, a farmer of Snyder county. The second marriage of Michael Hoffman, the father, was to Anna Hershey, and their children were: Abraham, a farmer of Conoy township (his wife is the postmistress at Lobata); and Susannah, who married Cyrus Engle, of Conoy township.

Michael M. Hoffman, whose name opens this biography, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools of his district, remaining with his father, on his farm, until he had attained his majority, at which time he moved to an adjoining tract. He remained there three years, thence moving, in 1876, to the farm he now occupies. Later Mr. Hoffman saw a fine opening in the leaf tobacco business, and moved into Maytown, where he succeeded so well that he remained one of the prominent merchants, for eighteen years, but finally returned to the comforts and pleasures of farm life again. During the whole progress of the Civil war he was enrolling officer, and he has been a leading Republican in his part of the county for many years.

Mr. Hoffman was married Dec. 10, 1850, in Harrisburg, Pa., to Anna L. Zeigler, who was born

on an adjoining farm in East Donegal township, May 22, 1831. To this marriage have been born: Helen; Sabilla and Horace, who died in infancy; Walter; Ephraim; Jacob, who married Maud Pratt, and is a practicing physician in Wichita, Kan.; Eli, a tobacco buyer, in Maytown, who married Eiva Jacobs; William G., assistant manager of the South American Trust Company, residing in Havana, Cuba; and Bertha, a trained nurse of Philadelphia—all intelligent and most highly respected in their several localities.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are consistent members of the Church of God, are known throughout the neighborhood as most estimable people, and are among the best representatives of the fine old township of East Donegal and that part of Lancaster county.

MICHAEL R. HOFFMAN has been identified with the leaf tobacco business in Lancaster county throughout the period of his independent business career, and his connection with the Hoffman Leaf Tobacco Company, of which he is now a member, has gained added prestige for that concern of high standing. Mr. Hoffman is a strong man in every sense of the term, and his influence in the county in which he has passed his life has been felt in various directions. He is likewise a representative of some of the best of the old stock of Lancaster county, being descended both paternally and maternally from pioneers of this part of the State. He was born Jan. 31, 1857, on the farm in Conoy township, where his parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Hoffman, still reside.

(I) John Hoffman, his first ancestor in America in the paternal line, emigrated to this country from the Swiss Palatinate in about 1717, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., near Chiques creek, in the neighborhood of Newtown, Rapho township. Michael R. Hoffman traces his descent from this pioneer through his son,

(II) Christian Hoffman, born in 1730, who served under Washington at Braddock's defeat, in 1755. Christian Hoffman had six sons, Christian, David, Jacob, Joseph, John (born about 1775), and Michael (born in 1766, the next in line to Michael R.). Of this family, Christian settled in Bedford county, at Morrison's Cove, and was the progenitor of a large and prosperous family. Jacob was located for a time in Richmond, Va., and was at one time a prosperous slave dealer, but he returned to Pennsylvania and spent his latter days in East Donegal township, Lancaster county. John and David settled near Newtown, Rapho township, this county.

(III) Michael Hoffman, son of (II) Christian, born in 1766, settled in what is now East Donegal township. He had two children, Michael and a daughter.

(IV) Michael Hoffman, born Oct. 5, 1803, son of Michael, died Feb. 25, 1862. He married Magda-

lena Musser, who was born Jan. 18, 1809, and died Nov. 30, 1840.

(V) Benjamin Hoffman, son of Michael, and father of Michael R., is mentioned elsewhere.

On the maternal side, the first of Mr. Hoffman's ancestors in this country of whom we have record, was Ludwig Rhoads (now written Rhoads), who was of German descent, and who served as a soldier in the Revolution. His family consisted of four daughters and six sons: Henry, David, Peter, John, Jacob and George, all of whom but George, the youngest, moved to Canada and Erie, Pa., early in the nineteenth century; they left numerous descendants. George Rhoads, just mentioned, was the grandfather of Michael R. Hoffman. He was born in 1800, and died in 1854, in East Donegal township, near Marietta, highly respected in the community where his useful and successful life had been passed. He married Elizabeth Sweigart, and they had a family of seven children—three sons and four daughters—namely: Abraham, Levi, George, Fannie, Elizabeth (mother of Michael R. Hoffman), Mary and Susanna.

(VI) Michael R. Hoffman attended the Millersville school until he was sixteen years old, after which he taught for a few years. But the profession did not open to Mr. Hoffman the prospects for success which a man of his energy and ability would naturally seek, and before long he had embarked, in 1878, in the tobacco business in Maytown, Pa., in partnership with a Mr. Grove, and his uncle, Michael M. Hoffman, the firm being known as Grove, Hoffman & Co. They continued in business together until 1880, when the partnership was dissolved. Mr. Hoffman's next location was in Bainbridge, this county, where he remained about seven years, continuing in the same line on his own account, and meeting with flattering success. In 1888 he moved his office and tobacco interests to Marietta, Pa., which offered a wider field for his operations, and where he has remained up to the present time. His business has shown a steady increase from year to year. It was gradually merged into the Hoffman Brothers, and later into that of the Hoffman Leaf Tobacco Company, a concern now well and favorably known all over the country. The business has so expanded that they now have packing houses in Marietta, Columbia, Emigsville and Maytown, Pa., and in the States of Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin, and employ, in the busy season, about two hundred people. It is the largest establishment of its kind in Lancaster county, the company controlling at the present writing, fifteen thousand cases of tobacco. Mr. Hoffman has, in his long connection with this particular branch of business, acquired an intimate knowledge of its details which makes him an authority in his line.

Mr. Hoffman's success is due as much to his courteous personal treatment of patrons as to his honorable business methods, and he is the same in

his intercourse with all, having a kind word for everyone. He has worked hard all his life, augmenting his fine business talents with an untiring energy and industry made possible by a strong physique. Mr. Hoffman also devotes considerable time to the advancement of agricultural pursuits in the county. He is a power for good throughout his community, aiding and promoting many good works. In political belief Mr. Hoffman is and always has been an ardent Republican. He is now serving his fourth term as school director in Maytown, where he resides, in a home provided with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He is one of the directors of the Exchange Bank of Marietta, was promoter of the Marietta Castings Company, and is a director in the Columbia Flint Company, of Columbia borough.

On Nov. 27, 1884, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Miss Ida Risser, daughter of Jacob and Anna Risser, of Rapho township, a union which has been blessed with six children, born and named as follows: Paris R., Dec. 24, 1885; Michael R., Jr., July 27, 1887; Amos R., April 6, 1889; Guy S., Nov. 3, 1893; Mary, March 25, 1897; and Esther, April 2, 1901.

BENJAMIN F. HOFFMAN, proprietor of the Locust Grove Grist Mill, and extensive dealer in leaf tobacco, was born in Conoy township Oct. 21, 1863, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhoads) Hoffman, whose sketch may be found elsewhere.

The Locust Grove Mill is one of the historic buildings in its section of Lancaster county. It was built by John Haldeman and wife in 1790, and is located on the river road, seven miles from Marietta, and a half mile from the Bainbridge water power grist-mill. It was operated by Mr. Haldeman for some years, and was then in the hands of H. H. Wiley for many years. Mr. Hoffman became proprietor in April, 1899. At one time, long ago, a distillery was operated on this farm, near the present site of the mill.

Benjamin F. Hoffman and Miss Grace Stauffer were united in marriage Nov. 27, 1888, and to their union have been born the following named children: Olivia S., Ruth M., Pauline S. and Jean D.

Mr. Hoffman remained with his parents until he became of age, and was then engaged in farming in Dauphin county for three years. Coming back to Lancaster county, he spent a year with his brother in the leaf tobacco business at Maytown, at the end of that time opening up the tobacco business in Conoy township which he carried on for a time, when he went back to Maytown to farm and deal in tobacco for four years. In 1899 he bought his present business, as noted before, and has already achieved a decided success as a miller. In connection therewith he still buys and sells leaf tobacco. Mr. Hoffman is a genial and polished gentleman, thrifty and well-to-do, and is one of the

prominent men of the township, and his character and standing are in every way beyond question. In politics he is a Republican.

NORMAN R. HOFFMAN, a dealer in leaf tobacco and one of the intellectual and enterprising young business men of the thriving little village of Bainbridge, whose name is synonymous with honesty and fair dealing, was born in Conoy township Nov. 28, 1867, son of Benjamin Hoffman.

The Hoffmans are an old family in Lancaster county, and the various representatives have always been characterized by industry and integrity to a marked degree. The young man whose name appears at the beginning of this article well sustains the family reputation, and is an energetic and pushing character, attending to business with an eye single to success, and yet scorning a mean or underhanded action and despising trickery or deception.

On Christmas Day, 1892, Mr. Hoffman went to Janesville, Wis., where he spent some six months engaged in packing tobacco. At the expiration of that period he came back to Bainbridge, where he has since found his time and interests fully occupied, though he is absent much of the time on important business deals. Mr. Hoffman has been engaged in the tobacco business since 1888, and in that time he has achieved a marked success. Personally he is a fine character, and has a host of friends. He is "well fixed," as the saying is, owns a fine farm, though he does not work it, and gives himself to his business for the sake of doing something more than because he needs to earn money. He assisted in the organization of the Union Trust Co., of Lancaster. In the summer of 1902 he bought four properties in Bainbridge, including the fine "Central Hotel" at that place. Politically Mr. Hoffman is a Republican, and fraternally he belongs to the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M.

Mr. Hoffman was married, Jan. 1, 1902, to Iva N. Hackenberger, daughter of G. W. Hackenberger, druggist of Bainbridge. The young couple occupy the finest residence in Bainbridge, which Mr. Hoffman bought.

CLAYTON R. HOFFMAN, a young and thrifty general farmer of Elizabethtown, was born on the old Hoffman homestead in Conoy township, Sept. 10, 1871, son of Benjamin Hoffman, a well-known resident of Conoy township.

Clayton R. Hoffman was reared on the home farm, where he remained until his marriage, when he removed to Maytown, to enter the employ of his brother in the leaf tobacco business, working in his warehouse three years. At the end of this period Mr. Hoffman removed to Rowenna, where he was engaged in farming until February, 1901, when he removed to Elizabethtown to follow the same vocation. He now lives two and one-half miles west of Elizabethtown, on the Harrisburg pike.

Mrs. Hoffman in her maidenhood was Miss Mary

Gish. She is the daughter of Mrs. Amanda Gish, and comes of a prominent family of West Donegal township, mentioned elsewhere. Mr. Hoffman is a Republican. He is not a member of any church, but stands high in the estimation of the community as an intelligent and industrious young man, with a high character, and an integrity that is beyond question. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are greatly esteemed in the community for their many good qualities, and a host of friends bear witness to their genuine worth.

JACOB BAKER LONG, son of the late John F. Long and brother of Charles E. Long, is, and has been for many years, a leading broker of Lancaster.

Jacob B. Long was born in the old family home on East Orange street, opposite the First Presbyterian Church, Oct. 25, 1849, and was partially educated in the public schools of Lancaster city. He attended Yeates Institute for a time, and was then sent to Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in due time. After completing his schooling he entered the dry goods business in this city, his first engagement being with Hager & Bro. A short time was spent there, and he then found employment with Howes & Macey, private bankers on Wall street, N. Y., where he remained two and a half years. We next find him a clerk in the bank of Reed, McGrann & Co., at Lancaster, with whom he spent a year, and then began the banking business on his own account, on the corner of Center Square and North Queen street, continuing there for two years. After the expiration of this period he was the local representative of a well-known Philadelphia banking house. Mr. Long was then made paying teller in the Farmers' National Bank, with which he continued for three years, from 1876. Mr. Long became a dealer in local stocks, bonds and other securities in 1879, on the second floor of the Long building, No. 10 North Queen street, and for many years he has been recognized as an authority on investments. From 1895 to 1900 Jacob B. Long was connected with the extensive house of H. F. Bachman & Co., bankers and brokers of Philadelphia. He returned to Lancaster in the spring of 1900 and opened a branch of the business of this company at No. 147 North Queen street. Here fine rooms were fitted up, and the business assumed large proportions. In Nov., 1901, he became manager for E. C. Miller & Co., bankers of Philadelphia, in their branch office, No. 313 Woolworth Building, Lancaster. J. B. Long & Co., No. 315 Woolworth Building, continue the leading brokers in local securities.

On June 30, 1881, Mr. Long was married to Ellen (Hayes) Hagar, the daughter of the late Judge Hayes, for many years an occupant of the judicial office in Lancaster county, and justly regarded as one of the most learned and intelligent gentlemen who ever wore the legal ermine in this county. Mr.

Long, on his return to Lancaster, made the beautiful colonial cottage on Wheatland avenue his home until the winter of 1900, when he moved into the large and commodious Calder home on East Orange street, which he had bought and thoroughly remodelled the previous summer.

JOHN F. LONG, junior member of the firm of J. B. Long & Co., brokers, at No. 10 North Queen street, Lancaster, enjoys a social standing second to that of no other young man in the city, is the youngest son of Charles E. Long, the druggist, and is a nephew of his partner, J. B. Long. Our subject has had a very active and successful business career for a man of his years. He was born in Lancaster June 29, 1875, and, after attending the public schools, left the Boys' High School of Lancaster to take a special business course in Weidler's Business College. On leaving the latter institution he was employed by Christopher Hager, in the fire insurance business, continuing thus from 1893 to March, 1895, when he entered the office of his uncle, J. B. Long, as manager, the uncle at that time being connected with a large banking house in Philadelphia, necessitating his residence in the latter city. From 1898 on Mr. Long was an acting partner with his uncle, and on April 1, 1900, became a full partner, under the firm title of J. B. Long & Co. This firm is the leader in local securities, of which they make a feature, and no establishment in the community is better known.

John F. Long was married, June 5, 1900, to Miss C. May Stauffer, daughter of J. Newton Stauffer, owner of the extensive hat house of Stauffer & Co., and member of the firm of Shreiner & Stauffer, dealers in hardware and house furnishings. Mr. Long is a member of the Young Republicans, and of the Elks, and is a Lutheran in religion, uniting with the church of the Holy Trinity.

HUGH RAMSEY FULTON, Esq., a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, is a descendant of John Fulton, who was born in Scotland in 1713, emigrated to America, and settled in Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., in 1762.

The historian Macaulay says: "They who take no pride in the deeds of a remote ancestry will hardly be likely to accomplish anything worthy to be remembered by a remote posterity." The Fulton family has a crest, reproduced from Fairbairn's "Book of Crests of Great Britain and Ireland," with the legend, "Things which we ourselves have done," and the motto, "Rest is attained by labor." This crest may be seen in the State Library at Harrisburg, but the Fultons have not attempted to gather any lustre from it, though every one of them has been a "doer of noble deeds." Their men have been industrious and intelligent, and many of them have won rank and standing as tried and valiant soldiers in the American armies; and their women have been earnest and noble workers in the home circle,

in the church, and in the doing of blessed charity, chief of all the virtues.

Hugh Ramsey Fulton, of the fourth generation in this country, was born in East Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., Nov. 16, 1843. His primary education was received in the subscription and public schools of his district, and at the Chestnut Level Academy. While employed at the chrome banks near his home the war of the Rebellion broke out, which, putting a stop to the chrome industry, threw him out of work. For a time he worked at hod carrying, and then the spirited lad joined the Union army, on June 27, 1863, as a member of Co. G, 1st Battalion, six-months volunteers, which afterward became the 187th P. V. I. At that time the four brothers, Dr. James Fulton, Major William T. Fulton, Joseph M. and Hugh R., were all in the army, and their father was doing what he could at home for the cause in which they were fighting. Soon after the expiration of his first term of enlistment Hugh R. re-enlisted, in the regular army, and was assigned to Battery E, 5th Regiment, United States Artillery, then located at Chambersburg, soon joining the Army of the Potomac in Virginia. The young artilleryman served with his command in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, the first attack on Petersburg, and through the entire siege of that city. At the time of the springing of the mines in front of the Rebel stronghold he was stationed at Fort Hell, regarded as the hottest place on the fighting line. Young Fulton nobly bore his part amid these trying scenes, and was in the last battle of the Army of the Potomac, which was fought at Sailor's Creek, April 6, 1865; he was also one of the brave thousands who participated in the exciting events of the close of the war, and the Grand Review at Washington. Remaining in the army until the close of his term, he served in Florida and the Carolinas, and was honorably discharged, his discharge papers bearing this endorsement, signed by Truman Seymour, Brevet Major General, and Captain of the 5th Artillery. "One of the most faithful and intelligent soldiers I have ever known." He also gave this endorsement: "Sergeant Hugh R. Fulton, now discharged from the United States army, has served three years in the field with a steadiness and fidelity that might be equalled, but could not be surpassed."

On returning from the army Mr. Fulton entered Taylor's Select School, at Oxford. In August of the same year he became teacher of the Union school in Elk township, where he taught three terms. He registered with his brother, William T. Fulton, Esq., at Oxford, as a student of law, in the spring of 1868. In October of that year he matriculated at the Law Department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws in March, 1870. Coming at once to Lancaster, where he had determined to follow his professional career, he was admitted to



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practice April 19, 1870. He entered the office of the late Hon. William A. Atlee.

Mr. Fulton has received many evidences of the public confidence and trust which his upright and manly life have commanded, in his election to important and responsible public positions where are demanded ability, public spirit and character of a high type. In 1872 he was elected solicitor for the Home for Friendless Children in Lancaster, and held that position four years; he was afterward chosen as a trustee of that institution, and in 1876 its treasurer; as such he served the high and noble interests this institution conserves until 1902, a period of twenty-six years. In January, 1879, he was elected on the Republican ticket as County Solicitor, and received unstinted praise from all interested in the proper administration of the duties of that responsible position for his faithful and intelligent discharge of its functions. His term was marked by a large number of land damage cases, arising from opening numerous streets in the city of Lancaster, and by his recovery from the State of Pennsylvania of a claim of \$23,000 for excess taxes in previous years. In 1883 he was chosen City Solicitor, and won more than a local reputation by his collection of claims long unsettled, and his vigorous action in compelling certain influential corporations to comply with the city ordinances.

An organizer of the Lancaster General Hospital, one of the most worthy charities of the city, Mr. Fulton has served it as a director and secretary. He was also one of the organizers and superintendent of the Bethany Presbyterian Sunday-school, and served on the building committee of the church in the erection of the beautiful chapel which that body now occupies, on West End avenue. He was a member and an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, for several years, and took an active part in organizing the new Bethany Presbyterian Church, and was elected a member of the Session.

Mr. Fulton united with Oxford Lodge, F. & A. M., in 1867, and with Lancaster Chapter in 1873; he is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. For five years he was president of the Y. M. C. A. of Lancaster, and for many years has acted as one of its directors. Twice commander of Post No. 84, G. A. R., he has frequently been a delegate to the department encampments; has been assistant inspector-at-large of the Grand Army posts of the county, and was aide-de-camp on the staff of the commander-in-chief, Gen. Saxton.

In addition to his work previously mentioned Hugh R. Fulton has compiled and published an interesting work, the "Genealogy of the Fulton Family, Being Descendants of John Fulton," which was issued from the press of the New Era Printing Company in 1900, and contains 238 pages. Here is shown clearness of thought and expression, combined with a manly attitude towards all questions of right and conscience, ever characteristic of Mr. Fulton's actions.

In 1871 Mr. Fulton married Sallie T. Kerr, daughter of John A. Kerr, of East Nottingham, Chester county, and to their marriage were born the following children: Hugh Kerr, Eleanor Jane and John. Eleanor Jane Fulton was graduated from the Lancaster High School in the class of 1899, and from the State Normal School at Millersville in 1901. John Fulton graduated from the Lancaster High School, and is in the class of 1904 at Franklin and Marshall College.

Hugh Kerr Fulton, born in Lancaster, was graduated from the city high school in 1891, and four years later from Franklin and Marshall College. Organizing and teaching the Octoraro Academy in 1895 and 1896, he attended during this period the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster, was graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1899, and is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Perrineville, Monmouth Co., New Jersey.

AMOS WEAVER, now living retired in East Lampeter township, is spending the balance of a long life of usefulness in well-earned ease and comfort. He was for many years prominently identified with agricultural interests in his section of Lancaster county, being a successful farmer in West Lampeter township. The family has long been well known in this county.

Jacob Weaver, the grandfather of Amos, was born in West Lampeter township, and lived there during his entire life, following farming exclusively. He married a Miss Neff, and they were the parents of nine children: Jacob; Samuel; David; John; Joseph; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Bowman; Martha, wife of Martin Harnish; Annie, who died unmarried; and Esther, wife of Jacob Lantz.

John Weaver, the father of Amos, was born in West Lampeter township. He also followed farming all his life. He married Miss Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of Christian Kreider, of West Lampeter township, and they had a family of nine children: Martin, of Strasburg; Christian, of Virginia; Amos; Elizabeth; Annie, who died unmarried; Cyrus, of Chester county, Pa.; Frank, of West Lampeter; Jacob, a physician of Strasburg; and John, who resides on the old homestead in West Lampeter. The parents were members of the New Mennonite Church.

Amos Weaver was born in West Lampeter township, near the old place, May 22, 1825, received a common school education, and lived at home until he was about twenty-five years of age. He then began life for himself, farming in West Lampeter, on the farm where his son, Frank M., now lives, and remaining there until about 1886. In that year he moved to East Lampeter, where he now lives retired, making his home with his son, Martin H. In religion he is a member of the New Mennonite Church.

Amos Weaver wedded Miss Mary Harnish, and

to this union were born eight children: Emma, who died unmarried; Frank M., who lives on the old homestead, married Annie Metzger and has one daughter, Minnie; Susan, deceased wife of S. John Curtis, of Jersey City; Aldis J., who married Rebecca Miller and has one son, Ross; Amos K., who married Susan Gochenaur; Martin H., at home, who married Katie N. Howery; Ella F., deceased wife of Frank Miller; Phares B., deceased, a druggist in Lancaster. The mother of these children died in April, 1895.

DAVID BRANDT, in his life time one of the prominent and respected citizens of Lancaster county, was born in the vicinity of Mt. Joy, Dec. 6, 1820, and died March 2, 1863. His earlier life was passed on the home farm and his education obtained in the common schools. Mary Ann Stoner, his wife, was born Sept. 28, 1827, and died in August, 1898. They settled after their marriage some four miles from Mt. Joy, and there they passed their active lives. She was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and became the mother of two children, Harriet, who was born March 5, 1852; and Christian, who was born July 5, 1853, and died Aug. 6, 1854.

The parents of David Brandt were Christian and Fannie (Zeamer) Brandt. The family has long been established in the vicinity of Mt. Joy, and it is supposed that Mr. Brandt was born near that village. He was a farmer and lived to be over eighty years of age. Christian and Fannie Brandt were members of the Dunkard church, and had the following children: Isaac; Christian; David; Fannie; Katie, Anna and Mary. The surviving members of the family are members of the Lutheran church at Manheim.

Harriet Brandt, daughter of David Brandt, represents the family in Landisville. She married Henry Sherer, Oct. 26, 1874, by whom she had one child, Lizzie, born Aug. 12, 1875, now the wife of Amos Cooper, a retired merchant of Landisville. As Mrs. Sherer's property is quite extensive, her son-in-law, Amos Cooper, looks after it for her. She owns three good farms, two in East Hempfield township and one in Dauphin county, besides a three-story, buff brick mansion in Landisville, with all modern improvements. She is a woman of manifest culture and refinement, and her home gives every indication of culture and good taste.

CHRISTIAN DUTT, once one of the most prominent business men of Lancaster county, Pa., and for years a worthy and highly respected citizen, was born in the county Feb. 14, 1818, and died April 8, 1891. He was a son of George and Elizabeth (Erb) Dutt, the former of whom was born and reared in Penn township, this county, was a blacksmith by trade, and passed his entire life in the township of his nativity.

Christian Dutt learned blacksmithing under his

father and worked at the trade many years, until he was disabled by a kick from a horse. He then located in Lititz and became a drover, handling live stock in large numbers, and especially a high grade of cows.

Mr. Dutt was twice married; his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah Fulmer, died in 1850, the mother of one child, Mary, wife of Martin Bolinger, a resident of Lititz; by his second wife, Catherine Bolinger, he also became the father of one child, Lizzie, born Feb. 19, 1865, wife of Samuel G. Bare, likewise a resident of Lititz. Mrs. Catherine (Bolinger) Dutt was called from earth in 1879. Miss Lizzie Dutt was married to Mr. Bare Feb. 23, 1892, and to this union have been born three children: Gilmore, born Aug. 4, 1893, and died Sept. 7, 1893; Theodore, born Jan. 17, 1895, and died Feb. 22, 1902; and Le Roy, born Sept. 5, 1901.

SAMUEL G. BARE was born Nov. 18, 1867, in Brownstown, Lancaster county, and by vocation is a farmer, but has retired from active labor. He is a member of Lodge No. 253, Knights of Pythias, and of Golden Eagle Lodge, No. 67. Mr. and Mrs. Bare have the handsome and comfortable home on Broad street near the Square, and are among the most worthy and respected residents of the borough of Lititz.

JOHN G. BOOK. One of the thrifty and prosperous farmers of Drumore township is John G. Book, who was born in Strasburg township June 9, 1836, a son of John and Annie (Gist) Book, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

Grandfather David Book was a German by birth and one of the early settlers of Lancaster county. The family there born to him was as follows: Daniel, George, David, John, Michael, Elizabeth, Catherine and Martha. The father, John Book, married Annie Gist and they had nine children: Catherine, Levi and David, all deceased; Rebecca, wife of Benjamin Weaver, of Illinois; John G.; Mary Ann and Daniel, deceased; Elam, a farmer of Strasburg township; Amos, a farmer of Strasburg.

John G. Book was reared upon the farm and attended the common schools of his district. Although he started out in life a poor man, he is now one of the most substantial farmers in Lancaster county and owns a fine farm of 140 acres, on which is a fine residence, good barn and other buildings. With money in the bank and excellent crops each year he may well feel satisfied with the result of his labors.

On Nov. 19, 1863, Mr. Book was married to Miss Martha Miller, of Providence township, a daughter of George H. and Elizabeth (Lee) Miller, farmers, of German birth. The Miller family also comes of German extraction. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had ten children, eight of whom grew to maturity: Joseph, deceased; Mrs. Book; Benjamin; George; Martin; Elizabeth, widow of Abraham Mylin; Mary, deceased; Rachel; Samuel, the youngest. The re-

mainder of the children died young. Mrs. Book is a cousin of Amos Hollinger, a farmer of Lancaster City, and her family is known as one of the oldest in this county. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Book: Mary, wife of Daniel Le Fefer, of East Drumore township, a farmer; Aldus, a baker of Quarryville, Pa.; Miller, married and living in Philadelphia; Enos, Elmer and Wesley, at home. The birth of Mrs. Book occurred on August 6, 1842.

In politics Mr. Book is a Republican and takes an active part in party matters. Honorable in all his dealings, Mr. Book commands the highest respect of his fellow-citizens and is in every way worthy of their esteem. Both he and his estimable wife are very kind-hearted, one evidence of this being the adoption of a child, Celia, to whom they have given their own name. This pleasant girl was born in 1886 and is an agreeable addition to the home circle.

EDWARD KRECKEL. It is not due to luck or chance that Mr. Kreckel, after an active business career in Lancaster, is enabled, in the twilight of existence, to partially retire from the labors incident to earlier years and to enjoy the comforts which his own industry has provided. Inheriting forcible traits of character from his German ancestry, he developed these through constant exercise, and has always led a useful, industrious life. Practically his earliest recollections are of Lancaster, although he is a native of Nassau, Germany, born Oct. 9, 1839. His paternal grandfather, James Kreckel, spent his entire life in that country, following the occupation of farmer and grain merchant.

John Kreckel, father of Edward Kreckel, was born in Nassau, where he conducted farm pursuits for some time. During the struggles that threatened the disruption of Europe in the early years of the nineteenth century, he bore a part as a soldier in the regular army, and was present at the battle of Waterloo. After seven years of service he was honorably discharged and resumed the life of a farmer. In 1842 he brought his family to the United States and settled in Lancaster, where he made his home until his death, July 1, 1867, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife, Catherine (Hilbert) Kreckel, was born in Germany in 1802 and died in Lancaster in 1895. The bodies of both were buried in the cemetery connected with St. Joseph's Catholic Church, of which they were faithful members. Of the children of John Kreckel one son, who bore the father's name, became a priest in the Roman Catholic Church and died in June, 1899, while filling the position of rector of the parish at Ottumwa, Iowa. A daughter, Catherine, married Philip Finger; George is living retired, in Lancaster; and the youngest child, Rosa, who was born after the family came to the United States, is the widow of Stephen Myers, a farmer of Lancaster.

As soon as old enough to enter school Edward

Kreckel was sent to the Lancaster schools, remaining there until he was twelve, when he entered upon life's struggles and took upon himself the responsibility of self-support. One of his first employments was in the Conestoga cotton factory; another was as errand boy in a hat store, after which he returned to the cotton mill. At fourteen years of age he began to serve an apprenticeship to the trade of saddler and harness maker with a Frenchman, F. X. Motton, in a small shop in Lancaster. Two years were spent in that place, after which he finished learning his trade under Henry Pinkerton. Having thus acquired a practical knowledge of the trade, he felt justified in starting out for himself, and during 1858 opened a small shop in Fairfield, Lancaster county. A year later he went to Louisville, Ky., where he was employed as a journeyman several months. Returning to Lancaster, he married and worked a short time, thence went to Cincinnati, O., but soon came back to Lancaster. At first he worked in the employ of others, but in 1881 opened a shop for himself, and from a small beginning worked up an important trade. The increasing business justified him in making a move to better quarters, and accordingly, in February, 1891, he opened a shop on the public square, where he has since continued, conducting the largest saddlery business in the entire county.

Though a believer in Democratic principles and stanch in his allegiance to party, Mr. Kreckel has always been averse to office-holding, and the only position his fellow-citizens have prevailed upon him to accept was that of councilman, and this he resigned after filling it a year. Reared in the Roman Catholic faith, he is a firm believer in its doctrines, and an active member of St. Anthony's Church. In August, 1859, in Lancaster, occurred his marriage to Catharine Rice, who was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1837, being a daughter of Charles and Mary (McTammey) Rice, also natives of that country. During 1842 the family immigrated to the United States and settled in New York City, but after a short time removed to Jersey City, from there went to Philadelphia and thence in 1854 to Lancaster, where they subsequently made their home. By trade Mr. Rice was a weaver, and was considered an expert in the manipulation of the old-fashioned hand looms. The children of Edward and Catharine Kreckel are Mary, Edward and John (twins), Catherine S. and Lucy. The oldest daughter is the wife of Fred Ruof, a saddler who is engaged in business with Mr. Kreckel; they are the parents of seven children. The two sons are connected with their father in business, and John is also an alderman. Edward married Anna McElvoy, by whom he had eight children, but only two of these are now living. Catherine S. died at thirty-seven years of age. Lucy is the wife of Henry Dentz, of Baltimore, Md., and they have four children. In the society of his children and grandchildren Mr. Kreckel is happily passing his declining years, his sons relieving him to a

large extent of business cares and thus permitting him to enjoy the rest which his long and active career justly merits.

CHARLES C. SEITZ, a retired educator of Mountville, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 13, 1838, in Manor township, one mile from his present home, son of Jacob and Barbara (Charles) Seitz, natives of the same township.

Jacob Seitz was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed all his life, but was also a popular leader and a man of influence among his fellow citizens. He was a school director for many years; prison inspector of Lancaster county for a long time; for years was a director of the First National Bank of Columbia, Pa.; was one of the incorporators of the Mountville Manufacturing Company; and a promoter in general of the interests of his town and county. His death occurred in June, 1892, when he was in his eightieth year, and he was interred in Habecker's cemetery, in Manor township, by the side of his first wife, who passed away in December, 1848, at the age of forty. To Jacob and Barbara Seitz was born a family of nine children, namely: Anna, who is the wife of Henry Mann, a farmer; John, a retired farmer at Mountville; Jacob, a retired farmer of Manor township; Charles C., whose name appears at the opening of this sketch; Barbara, who died in Mountville, July 4, 1901, in her sixty-second year; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob R. Myers, a retired farmer of Manor township; Christian, who died young; Amos, a retired farmer living in Mountville; and Henry, who died young. By his second marriage, to Anna Charles, a sister of his first wife, Jacob Seitz had no children.

John and Anna (Garber) Seitz, the paternal grandparents of Charles C., resided on the old homestead in Manor township until they died, John Seitz passing away in 1847, at the age of seventy-five years, and Anna, his wife, in 1862, in her ninetieth year. He was a son of Jacob Seitz, who was born in Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, came to America in 1764, and soon afterward settled in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He married Elizabeth Witmer, a native of Lancaster county, and a member of the old family of that name here, her father being Michael Witmer, who came from Germany in 1732, and settled in Manor township. Jacob Seitz died in 1822, at an advanced age, his wife passing away some years before. Eleven children were born to Jacob and Elizabeth Seitz, five sons and six daughters, namely: John, grandfather of Charles C.; Jacob, a farmer and minister, who removed to Cumberland county, Pa., where he died at an advanced age; Michael, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Abraham; Henry, who removed to Springfield, Ohio, where some of his descendants still live; Veronica, who became the wife of John Forrey, of West Hempfield township; Barbara, who married Christian Newcomer, of Manor township;

Anna, wife of Jacob Forrey, of West Hempfield township; Catherine, who married Michael Kauffman, of Manor township; Magdalena, wife of Abraham Lantz, of Strasburg township; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Musser, of near Marietta, Donegal township.

The maternal grandparents of Charles C. Seitz were Jacob and Barbara (Herr) Charles. The ancestors of Jacob Charles came from Switzerland in 1734, and were pioneers of Manor township, Lancaster county, where they followed farming. To Jacob and Barbara (Herr) Charles were born eight children, in the following order, all now deceased: Elizabeth, who married John Hertzler, of Rapho township; Fanny, deceased wife of Rev. John S. Newcomer, a pastor of the German Baptist Church, at Mountville; Barbara, the mother of Charles C.; Catherine, deceased wife of John E. Newcomer, a retired farmer of Manor township, now residing in Mountville; Jacob; Mary, deceased wife of Jacob Froelich; Christian; and Anna.

Charles C. Seitz was reared on the home farm in Manor township, where he remained until he had attained his majority, acquiring in the meantime a solid common-school education. After becoming of age he attended the Millersville State Normal School, for three terms, after which he taught school for twenty-five years, with but few interruptions, in Lancaster county, principally in Manor township, and the last six years in Mountville, whither he had come in 1874. In 1889 Mr. Seitz abandoned the teacher's profession, and soon afterward entered the Internal Revenue office at Lancaster, as cashier for Collector Sam Matt. Fridy, serving four years under Harrison's administration. He also served in 1882 and 1883 as assistant paymaster for Major J. C. Muhlenburg, paymaster in the United States Army, being in the Department of Texas, with headquarters at San Antonio, Texas; but he did not like the position and resigned.

Mr. Seitz has been a director in the Mountville National Bank since 1892, and in January, 1901, was elected vice-president of that institution. He was also a director of the Mountville Manufacturing Company for three years, but resigned Aug. 4, 1900. Fraternally Mr. Seitz is a member of Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F., of Lancaster, and is an honorary member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Republican.

JOSEPH CHARLES, one of the most worthy and respected citizens of Lancaster county, Pa., was a son of John and Anna (Witmer) Charles, was born Feb. 25, 1825, on the old homestead, two miles southeast of Mountville, and died Dec. 2, 1899.

Joseph Charles was educated at the old log school house at the Habecker Church, remained on the homestead until twenty-five years of age, and then located on a farm about three-quarters of a mile from his birth-place, where he passed the remainder of his life. This tract, containing 111 acres, was



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improved by Mr. Charles principally, later by his sons, and was converted into one of the best farms in the county. Since then it has been divided into three distinct farms, each containing a good dwelling and all requisite out-buildings; still more recently one of these farms has been subdivided, and a subdivision containing thirty-eight acres sold to C. H. Charles and now occupied by David B. Charles. The other subdivisions, two in number, contain, respectively, forty-three and thirty acres, the larger one being the homestead, on which the widow and her son, David F., reside.

Joseph Charles married Miss Fannie Forrey, a daughter of John Forrey; she was born March 12, 1833, in West Hempfield township, about one mile east of Columbia. To this marriage there were born twelve children, in the following order: Benjamin F., a farmer near Petersburg, East Hempfield township; Anna and Ephraim, who both died in childhood; Christianna F., deceased wife of C. H. Hess, of West Lampeter township; John F.; David F., on the old homestead; Sue, wife of C. K. Rutt, of Manor township; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Joseph F., a farmer in Manor township; Jacob F., a farmer in West Lampeter township; Frances F., wife of C. K. Herr, of Manor township; and Hettie, married to H. D. Charles, also of Manor township. The father of this family was quiet, unobtrusive and decidedly domestic in his habits, was a farmer all his life, was for nearly fifty years a member of the Mennonite Church, of which his wife was also a member, and was one of the most highly respected residents of the township and county.

JOHN F. CHARLES was born on the old homestead in Manor township Dec. 16, 1857, was reared a farmer, was educated in the public schools, remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and still resides on a part of the old homestead. On March 20, 1880, John F. Charles married Miss Sue H. Kreider, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Herr) Kreider, and after marriage he settled down to farming on his present thirty acres. To this marriage have been born two children, Walter K. and John K. The family attend the Mennonite Church, of which Mr. Charles served on the building committee when the Habecker edifice was rebuilt. In politics John F. Charles is a Democrat, has officiated as supervisor of the township four years and is the second Democrat that has ever held an office in Manor township—a clear indication of more than ordinary popularity.

FREDERICK STIVELY. Among the leading citizens of Lancaster county, a native son and esteemed resident is Frederick Stively, son of Frederick and Anna (Barr) Stively, born Nov. 25, 1839, in Drumore township.

Frederick Stively, the father of Frederick, Jr., was born in Germany in 1803, and died in June, 1891. His wife, Anna (Barr) Stively, was a daughter of

Jacob Barr, who was one of the highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster county. She was born in 1805, in Eden township, and her death was in October, 1897.

The parents of Frederick Stively, the elder, came to America from their German home and settled in Paradise township, when their son was a babe, and both of them and their only daughter died before he had reached manhood. The only survivor of his family, the lad grew up in Paradise township, where he found friends and resided there a short time after his marriage, moving then to Drumore township, where for a number of years he engaged in farming. Later he made a purchase of a large tract of wild land in Colerain township, cleared and cultivated it, erected convenient and commodious buildings and made that place his home for many years. In 1874 he disposed of it and purchased extensive tracts of farming land near Camargo, in Strasburg township, erected a fine home and there he and his wife lived in comfortable retirement for the balance of their lives. There Frederick Stively, the younger, lived until he removed to his present home, in 1893.

Mr. Stively became prominent and wealthy and he was a leader in the Mennonite Church, being widely known in that connection; his name is associated with the founding of this religious body in that locality. The children born to Frederick Stively and his wife numbered nine, and they were as follows: (1) Frances, the eldest, born in this county, is the widow of John M. Shank, of Providence township, and has a family. (2) Jacob, born in Lancaster county, married Miss Sarah Stafford, of the same county, and they settled in New Providence, where he became one of the leading business men. His widow resides in Quarryville, and his one son, Jacob E., is a successful merchant of White Rock, Lancaster county. (3) Christianna and (4) Martha A. died in childhood. (5) Mary, born in Lancaster county, is the wife of David Miller, of Harrisburg, and they have one daughter, Lillie M. (6) Abraham L., born in this county, is a prosperous merchant of Colerain township, married Miss Emma Herr, of Quarryville, and has one daughter, Mary. (7) Lizzie, deceased, was the wife of Martin Mowry, of Camargo, in this township; she left one son, Frederick, who resides in Philadelphia. (8) John M., born in Lancaster county, married Miss Anna Brown, deceased, and they had one daughter, Anna, now the wife of George Bracken, of this county. His second marriage was to Miss Ella Wells, and his five children are Frances, Mary, Edna, John and Charles. They reside on a beautiful farm near West Grove, in Chester county. (9) Frederick was the youngest.

Frederick Stively was reared on his father's farm and was given a good common school education. In January, 1865, he was united in marriage to Miss Martha Brison, the worthy and estimable daughter of William and Martha (Harsh) Brison, a family

well known throughout Lancaster county. Mrs. Stively was born in Paradise township Sept. 19, 1845, and grew up at Quarryville, where she was well educated. She lost her mother when she was very young and she remained her father's companion and housekeeper.

After marriage Frederick Stively took his bride to the old family home, in Strasburg, and there they resided for some twenty-seven years. Then Mr. Stively purchased the old Benjamin Fritz homestead, in 1893, where they have made many improvements, until now they own one of the very best farms in the township, fertile, productive and well situated. Mr. Stively also is the owner of two other farms in Eden township, these adjoining the old homestead.

Mr. Stively and his devoted wife have become the happy parents of ten children, their names and homes being: William F., a farmer, born in February, 1867, who married Miss Emma Lefever, of Quarryville, and has two children, Anna and Ada; Annie E., born in June, 1869, the wife of William Eckman, engaged in the grocery business in Lancaster City, where they reside with their two children, John and Martha; Ella M., born in September, 1871, the wife of John Dull, a farmer in Eden township, who has one daughter, Sarah E.; Emma M., born in August, 1873, who married William Dull and resides on a farm in Lime Valley, in this county, with one daughter, Mary; Laura A., born in October, 1875, who is the wife of Abraham Hostetter, of Strasburg township, and has one daughter, Helen; Abram L., born in March, 1877; John H., born in December, 1880; F. Laberta, born in November, 1882; Mable M., born in July, 1885; and Elsie B., born in September, 1889.

Although through life Mr. Stively has been an active and useful member of the Republican party, he has not aspired to public office and has never consented to serve. Religiously both he and wife have the pious, simple faith of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Stively is one of this county's leading agriculturists and his farm testifies to his excellent care and management. In Mrs. Stively he has had a cheerful, capable help-mate, and both have been blessed in their children and in each other.

GEORGE STAMBAUGH GEYER, or "Col." Geyer, as he is familiarly called by his friends, has one of the oldest Pennsylvania ancestries of any man in Lancaster county, the Geyers having settled in this county several generations ago.

One of the first party of Geyers to land in America settled in Lancaster county, while two of them went to Montgomery county, and one settled in New Orleans. Col. Geyer's great-grandfather, George Geyer, was a farmer of Warwick township, and the grandfather, John Geyer, who was a weaver by trade, also kept a store in Warwick township, and there was born the father, George Geyer, who was made a colonel of militia, his commission being given him by Gov. Porter, this same commission being

among the valued possessions of the present Col. Geyer.

On the maternal side of the family the great-grandfather was Jacob Lindy, who served in the Revolutionary war, and when it had ended started for his home in Lancaster, his residence being the one now occupied by Jacob S. Frey, on West King street. As he passed through Philadelphia he purchased a rare piece of china, which is also one of the much prized relics of the genial colonel.

Col. George Geyer married Ann Mary Stambaugh, who was born on West King street, in this city, and who was a daughter of Anthony Stambaugh, and from this union seven children were born: two who died in early childhood; John A., a retired veteran of the war of the Rebellion, lives in Manheim; Jacob A., a retired farmer of Rothsville; Col. George Stambaugh, of this biography; Susan, the wife of Jacob R. Landis, of Rothsville; and Ann Mary, the wife of Zachery Keller, who is the agent for several counties for a large agricultural implement house, and resides in Manheim.

George Stambaugh Geyer was born in Rothsville, this county, March 7, 1839, and was educated in the public schools of the district, and in the State Normal school at Millersville. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school, and continued in this profession until he was twenty-four, having successfully taught for six terms, and then went to auctioneering and trading in cattle. In 1885 he came to Lancaster and took charge of the "Franklin House," on North Queen street, where he became celebrated as a host and built up an immense trade. Much to the regret of the traveling public, at the end of five years he gave up hotel-keeping, having been elected by a handsome majority of the Republicans of Lancaster county to the office of register of wills, and his term in that very important office won him approbation, on account of the intelligent and conscientious manner in which he conducted its affairs. At the close of his term as register he retired to private life, and has ever since lived in his elegant home on Prince street, near the Fulton Opera House.

Col. Geyer was married in 1860 to Miss Susan R. Royer, daughter of Daniel Royer, a farmer of Manheim township, and to this union six children were born, of whom Grant died in his eighth year, and the survivors are: Elmira, the wife of Clayton S. Carpenter, a farmer of Elizabeth township; Agnes, the wife of Harry W. Tetchmeyer, a sewing machine dealer, of Harrisburg; Elmer G., a graduate of the Lancaster high school, who now is clerking for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, at Philadelphia; Susan R., a graduate of the Millersville State Normal school, who is now a successful teacher; and Hayden R., a graduate of Mercersburg Academy, who enlisted in the navy Feb. 2, 1902, and is serving on the "Columbia."

Col. Geyer was honored by the people of Warwick township, by being their choice for five suc-

cessive terms for the assessorship of the township, and he has ever been held in the highest esteem in the community in which he has lived. Prominently identified with the Masonic order, he has been very active in relation to it, and is a valued member of Commandery No. 13. When the Confederates invaded Pennsylvania Col. Geyer was among the first to enlist to repel them, and he has an honorable discharge from this service. A Republican of the most earnest type, he has served a number of times on the Republican county committee, and is everywhere regarded as a man who can be depended upon in every campaign.

At one time Col. Geyer was a director of the Lincoln National Bank and is among the most influential citizens of Lancaster. Perhaps, though, it is as a host that Col. Geyer is at his best, and his hospitality knows no limit. In his beautiful and elegant home, where he is surrounded by every comfort, Col. Geyer treasures a number of very interesting relics, and one among these is a most comfortable antique arm-chair, which was fashioned by one of his ancestors in 1711.

PETER JACOBY (deceased) was throughout life a thoroughly respected citizen of Ephrata township, where he established a family whose members now rank among the leading citizens of their locality. His business was that of a stonemason, and while he left no large fortune to his heirs he left them an example of honesty and industry, and an unblemished name.

Peter Jacoby was a son of John Christian Jacoby, a native of Germany, who came to the United States while still a young man. John Christian married Miss Elizabeth Ridenbach, in Earl township, Lancaster county, and reared a family of six boys and three girls: Samuel; Jesse; Martin; Peter, born Dec. 31, 1819; Henry; William; Leah, who married Henry Snyder; Harriet, who died single; and Rachel, who married John C. Martin.

The marriage of Peter Jacoby was to Miss Anna Strohl, of Ephrata township, in 1846, and to this marriage eight children were born. William, the eldest, was married to Sarah Renninger, of East Calico township, in the fall of 1870. She was a daughter of John Renninger, a wealthy and esteemed farmer in that locality. This marriage was blessed with five children: Harvey, who died at the age of two years and nine months; Anna May, who married Wilson Stauffer and has one daughter, Grace; S. Grace; W. Howard; and Warren E. The other children were: (2) Lizzie, who married Christian Messner, of this township, and has five children, Emma, John, Jacob, Clara and Eva. (3) Emma, who married George S. Kemper, of Akron, and has three children, David, Maggie and Anna; (4) Annie, who married A. G. Killian, of Lititz, a retired merchant, and has three children, Peter, William and Florence; (5) Isaac, who married Susan Zorn, of Earl township, and has one child, Doris;

(6) Reuben E., who married Emma Reinhold, their living children being Margie, Robert and Wilson; (7) Leah, who married George Rutt, of Terre Hill, Pa., and has four children, Clayton, Walter, Henry E. and Anna; (8) Harry S.

REUBEN E. JACOBY was born Oct. 16, 1865, and was reared on a farm, although he has not pursued agricultural labor for some time. After finishing the common school course, and spending a season in study at the Normal School at Millersville, he learned the trade of a cigar-maker and then went upon the road as a traveling salesman; but for the past eleven years he has been engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and is now regarded as one of the leading business men of this locality, his residence and place of business being in Rothsville, this county.

Reuben Jacoby married Miss Emma Reinhold, of Warwick township. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F. and the K. of P., in both organizations being a valued member.

HARRY S. JACOBY, another worthy member of the Jacoby family, is a farmer, is also a teacher in the public schools in the county and has held the office of justice of the peace. His educational advantages were those of the common schools and the Normal School. He deserves the high esteem in which he is held in the community, being a man of character and stability and a most worthy representative of the founder of the family.

MICHAEL WIMER, a wheelwright of Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born in Providence township Feb. 15, 1838. He is the son of Joseph S. and Elizabeth (Everly) Wimer.

Joseph Wimer, the father, was born on the ocean in 1818, while his parents, Michael and Elizabeth Wimer, were on their way to America. They were born in Germany and settled in Eden township, Lancaster county, in 1818, where Mr. Wimer engaged in farming until his death, in 1830. He left a wife and seven children, as follows: Sallie, the eldest, born in Germany, who married George Stenmiller, of Germany, and settled in Lancaster county, where she died, leaving a family; Joseph, father of Michael; Susan and Michael, both deceased; Henry, at present living in Providence township with his family; John, deceased, who lived in Providence township, where his family still resides; Barbara, the deceased wife of Adam Rowe, of Strasburg.

Joseph Wimer grew to manhood in Lancaster county, and learned the trade of wagon-maker, which he has followed ever since, with the exception of five or six years, during which he lived on a rented farm. His first wife, Elizabeth (Everly) Wimer, died in 1852, leaving three children, who are still living.

Mr. Wimer married for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Keen, who died in 1896, leaving no children. The children of Mr. Wimer were: (1) Michael. (2) Anos was born in Eden township, Lancaster Co., in 1839; he enlisted during the Civil

war, in 1862, in Co. G, 122d Pa. Regiment, and took part in several engagements; after his term of service he married Miss Maggie Miller, of Lancaster county, and they now reside in Harrisburg, Pa., where Mr. Wimer worked at his trade of wheelwright until the last few years, when he has lived retired. He has a family of four children: Harry and William, both in Harrisburg; Charles, unmarried; and Maud, at home. (3) Marinda J. was born in Eden township, Lancaster county, and is the wife of William Gaul, of Eden township; they have six children: George, of Quarryville; Fred, of Eden; Joseph; Ira; Lena, wife of Charles Waltham, of Quarryville borough; and William, living at Quarryville.

Michael Wimer grew to manhood in Lancaster county, where he received a district school education. While a young man he learned the trade of wagon-maker, and he has followed it practically all the time since then. In 1860 he married Sarah L., daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Graham) Rineer, of Lancaster county. Mrs. Wimer was born in the town of Quarryville in May, 1842, and was reared in that village. After his marriage Mr. Wimer settled in Quarryville borough, and has since resided there, except during his absence at the time of the Civil war, in which he enlisted as an artillery man, 152d Regiment, Army of the James. His first service was at Fortress Monroe, and then at Fort Harrison, where he did duty until the march on Richmond, during which campaign he took part in every action. At Signal Hill his company was detailed to guard the barracks at Deep Bottom, until Richmond was evacuated by the enemy in the spring of 1865. Mr. Wimer again joined his regiment at Richmond, and was soon transferred back to Fortress Monroe. While at Richmond Mr. Wimer helped to build the bridge across the James river, burned by the Rebels at the time they evacuated the place. Mr. Wimer was discharged at Fortress Monroe June 12, 1865, and then returned to his wife and two children in Pennsylvania. He purchased a home in Quarryville, and has continued a citizen since its incorporation.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wimer a family of thirteen children have been born, two dying in childhood. (1) Elizabeth, born in 1862, is the wife of Jacob Baughman, of Bart township, a carpenter by trade; this couple have four children, Bertha, Anna, Charles and Stella. (2) Emma, born Aug. 2, 1863, is the wife of George M. Eckman, of Wilmington, Del., and they have four children, Clyde, Effie, Elsie and Lottie. (3) Martha A. was born Nov. 18, 1864, is the wife of J. O. Myers, of Quarryville borough, and they have one son, Frederick. (4) Joseph, born June 25, 1866, married Miss Lydia Rineer, of Quarryville; they reside on their grandfather's place in Eden township, where he has a saw-mill and other business interests; they have nine children, Charles, Elizabeth, Elsie, Bennie, Ethel, Joseph, Willis, Mary and Amos. (5) Amos F. was born Feb.

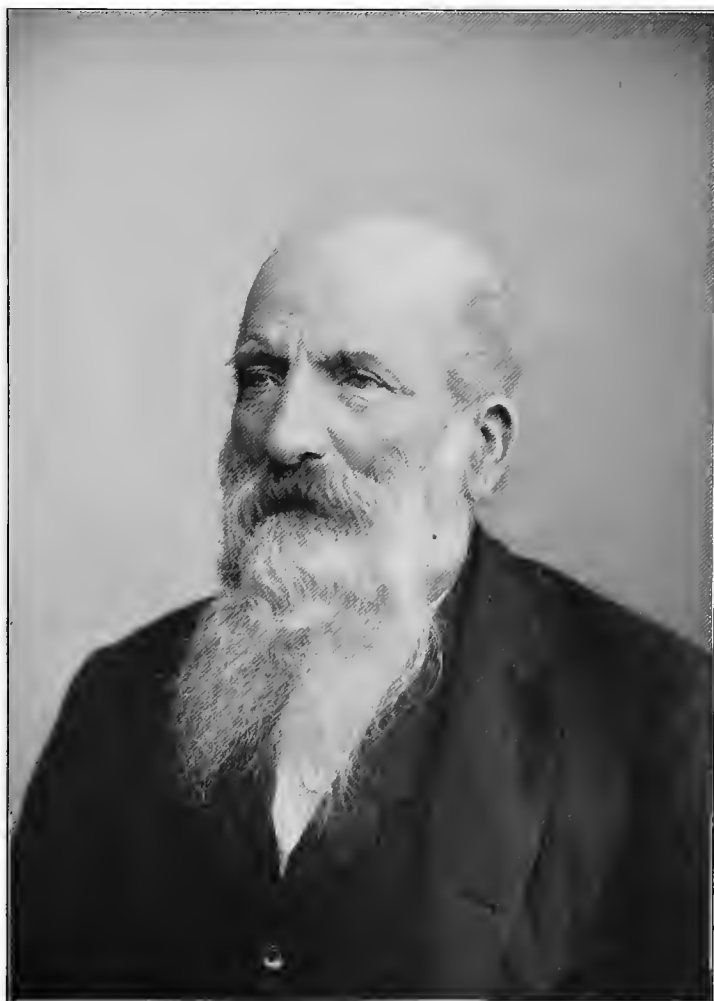
23, 1868, and married Miss Lizzie Myers, of Eden township; they reside there and have six children, Elsie, Ray, Stella, Ira, Minnie and Myrtle. (6) Ida M. was born Dec. 9, 1869, and is the wife of Fred Beck, of Steelton, Pa., who is engaged in the Iron Works of Columbia, Pa.; they have no children. (7) Minnie L. was born Feb. 9, 1871, and is the wife of Howard Wimer, of Strasburg township; they have one son, Luiley. (8) Laura M. was born May 24, 1872, and is the wife of Monroe Landis, of Lancaster City; they have no children. (9) Michael W. was born April 6, 1875, and is a representative of the Metropolitan Insurance Company at Lancaster City: he is unmarried. (10) Edie Sue was born March 11, 1878, and is unmarried, making her home at present at the "Quarryville House." (11) John R., who was born Dec. 27, 1883, is unmarried, and is living at home with his parents.

Michael Wimer is a Republican in politics, was the first assessor of the borough and always takes an active part in the affairs of his party. He is a member of the W. S. Birely Post, No. 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, and has been quartermaster of the post. He is at present assessor of his borough. His father, Joseph Wimer, was a leading Whig in his day. Mr. Wimer and his family are members of the German Reformed Church. Respected by all who know him, Michael Wimer has certainly filled an honorable position in the history of his county, and his character ranks among those of the best citizens of the borough.

JOHN BEST (deceased). Few men in the city of Lancaster were so highly considered or so generally esteemed as was John Best, and few had retained so high a standard of business integrity through a long and active life.

John Best was born at Soudersburg, Lancaster county, Aug. 22, 1822, a son of John Best, who was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Mr. Best's grandparents, with their children, once made an ineffectual effort to emigrate to America, the vessel they were on being wrecked on the northern coast of their native country. They then settled down in that part of Ireland. John Best, Sr., married there and about 1808 he and his wife emigrated to this country, settling in Philadelphia. He was one of thirteen sons, all men over six feet in height except the emigrant himself. In 1812 he enlisted in the American army, and fought against the British in our second war against that country. He then settled in Soudersburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., and worked around on farms in the neighborhood. He reared a family of seven children, of whom the last survivor, Thompson Best, of Farmington, Minn., died July 18, 1902, at Farmington. In 1823 the family removed to Lancaster, but the death of the mother, in 1829, broke up the home.

When John Best, whose name opens this sketch, heard the uncertainty of his fortunes and his future discussed, he packed up his small effects and started



John Best

out to begin a career for himself, although he was a child of less than eight years. When he reached what he thought a long distance from home, the Malone farm, on the New Holland turnpike, he asked the family for work, and was there sheltered for the night. The next day he was returned to Lancaster, as it was supposed he was but a runaway boy. When the kind-hearted Mr. White, of the farm, learned that his story was true, he was taken back to the place, which was his home for the succeeding nine years. However, they were years of toil, and he had no school advantages whatever. Before he was seventeen years of age Mr. Best came to Lancaster, and in three years' time learned the blacksmith's trade with John R. Russel, whose shop was on East King street, later the site of Mrs. David Bair's residence. About 1843 Mr. Best went into business for himself as a blacksmith at Molasses Hill, a mile east of Bird-in-Hand, where he scored his only failure. In less than six months he went to Philadelphia after work, but getting none proceeded to Wilmington, Del., where he became an apprentice at boilermaking in Betz, Harlan & Hollingsworth's shipyard, now the great works of the Harlan-Hollingsworth Company. The young man not only learned boilermaking, but ship-building as well. He had a remarkable eye for form and measurements, a faculty which served him well. He soon became a department foreman, and did work that had formerly to be done by men brought from Philadelphia and Baltimore. One day he was in an accident in which he came near being killed, and was about giving up such dangerous work when increased salary induced him to stay. He remained with the firm long enough to help build twenty-seven vessels. Later he worked at his trade of boilermaker in Baltimore, Cincinnati, Gosport, Va., St. Louis, Louisville, Pittsburg, Philadelphia and New York. Meantime he had married, and his family accompanied him on his removals.

In the winter of 1852-53 Mr. Best was engaged by the Philadelphia firm of Merrick & Sons to superintend the fitting up of the Government vessel "Mississippi," for Commodore Perry's famous expedition to Japan, which work he performed so satisfactorily that he received a gift of \$100 from the firm, above his wages. He had under him workmen who belonged to some of the worst gangs of toughs Philadelphia then had, Moyamensing hose-men and Schuylkill rangers, men who shirked work whenever possible, but his tact and management soon had these men all under control and doing their full duty.

Mr. Best returned to Lancaster in 1859, renting an old stable back of the Pennsylvania railroad depot for a shop, for which he paid five cents a day rental. For a few months it was uphill work to get along, even on these terms, and then Jacob Auxer, whose boiler shop had been burned out, formed a partnership with Mr. Best. Finally the latter insisted on taking a \$7,500 contract for Man-

ager S. S. Spencer, of the John Farnum & Co. cotton mills, and the magnitude of the risk was such in Mr. Auxer's eyes that he first protested against accepting it and then left the firm. Mr. Best finished the contract successfully. Business then enabled him to move his plant to Chestnut street, near Duke, where he occupied a frame structure originally erected for a union church and then recently abandoned. This was about the period of the outbreak of the Civil war, and there was plenty of work to be done in his line. After a few years contracts came in for boilers seventy feet long and it became necessary to enlarge his quarters. He then, in 1865, purchased from the late William Miller a tract of ground at Plum and Fulton streets, and the first buildings of the present large plant were erected by Swartzwelder & Morrow, contractors and builders. Since then the works have been enlarged until this is now one of the important industrial establishments of Lancaster, and the product is known and bought all over the world. The works occupy a square of 245 feet, fronting on Plum, Fulton and Tobacco avenue, and employment is given to 110 men.

Mr. Best's interests did not entirely concentrate on his Lancaster boiler works, as he was also proprietor of the Eureka Bark Mill Company, and was interested at different times in the watch factory, the Lancaster Bolt Company, the Lancaster Chemical Works and The Miller Soap Company. In political life he was a Democrat, and he spared one term out of his busy life to serve in the city council from the old Northeast ward. Fraternally he was a member of Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lodge of Perfection, Goodwin Council, Chapter No. 43, Lancaster Commandery No. 13, K. T., and Lancaster Lodge, No. 68, K. of P. The last named lodge was organized at his home, and he was elected past chancellor. Mr. Best was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Best married (first) Miss Anna Maria Albright, daughter of Jacob Albright, and of the children born to this union the following survive: Emily L., widow of George F. Pritchard, of Asbury Park, N. J.; James B., who for many years has been connected with his father's business; Elizabeth B., the wife of T. Park Guthrie; and Mary K., now deceased, who was the wife of Dr. F. F. Frantz. Two children died in infancy. Mrs. Best died in July, 1855. On Sept. 17, 1856, Mr. Best was married (second) to Miss Esther A. Eagles, and the surviving children of this marriage are as follows: Esther A., who married Charles Johnson, a machinist, in Lancaster; George U., who is a clerk in the office of the boiler works; E. Bertha, who married Edward G. Eby, of Lancaster; Anna N., who married J. Paul Snyder, a druggist, in Philadelphia; Lillian M., married to Amos H. Landis, the receiving teller of the Conestoga National Bank; John H., who is a machinist and electrician at the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.; and

Misses Aimee and Adele, at home. Mr. Best passed away Nov. 25, 1901, at his residence in Lancaster, aged seventy-nine years, and was buried in a beautiful plot in the Lancaster cemetery, where, nine months previously, he had placed a substantial, plain, granite headstone.

Mrs. Esther A. (Eagles) Best, the widow of John Best, was born on the site of the present home, No. 227 East Chestnut street, a daughter of George and Catherine (Wisner) Eagles, who came to Lancaster in 1830, the former being a native of Newark, N. J., and the latter of Chester county, Pa. Mr. Eagles was a railroad engineer by trade. He belonged to the old State militia. His death occurred on Sept. 30, 1838, at the age of thirty-six years, while his widow survived until 1882, dying at the age of eighty. Both were members of Trinity Lutheran Church, and were interred in the Lancaster cemetery. Their children were as follows: Mary, who married Washington Rhoades, is deceased; George, deceased, married Mary L. Pennock; Esther A. married Mr. Best.

JAMES B. BEST, general manager of his father's estate and of the large boiler works in Lancaster, was born in January, 1852. In January, 1879, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Kautz, born in Willowstreet, Lancaster county, daughter of Jacob and Rachel Kautz, the former of whom was a large brick manufacturer. His death occurred in 1894. His wife resides in Paterson, New Jersey.

Mr. Best was educated in the common schools of Lancaster, and at the age of sixteen years, in preparation for his future work, took up the business of plumbing and gasfitting, serving an apprenticeship for three years. He spent the following two years at the trade in Chicago, Ill., but returned to Lancaster in January, 1874, and entered his father's employ. In January, 1883, he became manager, and has been such for the past nineteen years, having been connected with the business for twenty-eight years. He is one of the reliable business men of the city, substantial, well educated and prominent. In politics he is independent.

It would not be just to close this sketch of a distinguished citizen of Lancaster without adding a few words as to the personal character of John Best. As a father, husband and friend, he met the highest ideals. His pleasant, genial manner and frank good feeling for everyone made him friends on all sides, and he was beloved by both old and young. Although always overwhelmed with business interests, and planning new lines of enterprise, he found time to enjoy the society of his family, taking delight in providing for their pleasure and welfare, and he will long be remembered as one of the representative men of the city of Lancaster.

ABRAHAM S. GROFF. The founder of the Groff family in Pennsylvania is believed to have been Abraham Groff, who came from Europe many

years ago, settling in Lancaster county. He built a mill at Groffdale, which he operated in connection with farming. His family consisted of four sons and four daughters: Daniel, a prosperous farmer and miller at Groff's P. O.; Martin, mentioned below; Abraham, a successful miller and farmer, who lived to the advanced age of eighty-four; Samuel, an enterprising business man and merchant, who later in life engaged in farming; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Eby; one that married Martin Shaeffer; Mary, who married David Landis; and Nancy, who married Samuel Hershey.

Martin Groff, the father of Abraham S., was born Feb. 11, 1803, and died in November, 1877. He became a farmer in Manheim township, where he was also prominently identified with the Republican party. He married Sarah Shively, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Shively, and they became the parents of ten children: Maria, the widow of George Shriner, of Manheim township; Samuel, deceased, who was a well-known horse, cattle and sheep dealer of Lancaster; Elizabeth, the widow of Benjamin Evans, of Manheim township; Henry, a teacher in the public schools, who died at the age of twenty-five; Martin, first a farmer and then a store and tavern keeper at Kissel Hill, who died Dec. 25, 1899; Abraham S.; Sallie, widow of Abner McLaughlin, a merchant of Philadelphia; Nathan (deceased), a drover; Nathaniel, a farmer and drover of Manheim township; and Alpheus, who was a farmer and drover, and who died at the age of thirty-five.

Abraham S. Groff was born on March 6, 1833, was educated in the public schools of his district, later took a course at the Lititz Academy, and still later at the State Normal School, at Millersville, so well acquainting himself that at the age of nineteen he was engaged as a teacher in Lancaster county, acceptably filling the position for five sessions.

Desiring a more active life, Mr. Groff then engaged in the droving business, following this until 1885, having been very successful in the enterprise. Sometimes long journeys were made, and several times he drove large herds of cattle and sheep from Ohio across the mountains and disposed of these to the farmers in Lancaster county. Since giving up this business he has dealt in tobacco, in the line of packing, and has also given much time to the raising of the plant. The home farm consists of eighty-one acres, and he also owns a half interest in the old homestead, his time being principally occupied in general farming and the raising of tobacco, as above stated. Mr. Groff has also served as a director in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster.

Since 1876 he has been an active member of the Lutheran Church, is superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and one of the efficient officers of the church, for twenty years having been one of the trustees, and treasurer for nineteen years. In politics he is a Republican, and has cast his vote regularly, believing that to be the duty of a good citizen.

On March 30, 1869, Mr. Groff was married to Susannah Bard, a daughter of George Bard, of Upper Leacock township, and they had six children, five of whom died in infancy. The other, Albert B., was born in 1873 and educated at the State Normal School at Millersville, and later spent two years in the study of medicine, with Dr. Ege, of Reading, Pa.; but he now resides with his father, assisting him in the tobacco business, in which he is quite an expert. Albert B. Groff married Bertha Forney, a daughter of Joseph Forney, and they have two children, Nelson and Susan Elizabeth. The young people are also connected with the Lutheran Church.

ROBERT KELSO WRIGHT was born in Coatesville, Pa., Nov. 30, 1834, and died in New Holland Aug. 23, 1897. His remains were buried in Honeybrook, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Wright was a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Frew) Wright. The parents were married by the Rev. John L. Grant Oct. 31, 1833. Joseph Wright was born in Chester county, and his mother in Lancaster county. The father was killed while on his way to church on Sunday morning. All his life he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church, and in his last years officiated as an elder in that body. He came of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His remains rest in Paradise township.

Mr. Wright and his worthy wife were the parents of the following family: Capt. Joseph S., who served as a Union soldier in the Civil war and was killed in the service; Robert K.; Thomas S., who died young; James, a molder of Coatesville; Andrew, a corporal in the Civil war, where he lost his life; David, a molder, who died in Coatesville.

Robert K. Wright was married Feb. 9, 1862, in Honeybrook, Pa., to Harriet M. Wright, by whom he had the following children: Anna died at the age of three years; Howard, the proprietor of a bakery at New Holland, Pa., where he married Flora Rutter, by whom he has had the following children, Earl, Anna, Florence and Robert; Lacy, unmarried, and a partner with his brother, Howard.

Mrs. Harriet M. Wright was born in Honeybrook, Pa., and is a daughter of John and Anna (Boyer) Wright. Her father came from England, settling in Pennsylvania, at Honeybrook, in 1821. He was well-known as a maker of boots and shoes, took an active part in political affairs and showed a general interest in the welfare of the community. The mother was born in Honeybrook, Chester county, passed her entire life there and there, with her husband, was buried. Her death occurred in 1892, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. They were both members of the Methodist Church. To this worthy and estimable couple were born the following children: Lewis, a retired banker at Grand Ridge, Ill.; Mary, who married George Griffith, a confectioner at Honeybrook; Elizabeth, who married James Boanes and is now dead; Sarah, who was born in Honeybrook and married George Lawrence,

a farmer; Enos, a contractor at Honeybrook; Harriet M., wife of Robert K. Wright.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Wright were Benjamin and Mary (Wellington) Wright, natives of England. They came to this country in 1821, and settled in Honeybrook, where their peaceful and useful lives were passed. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wright were Andrew and Elizabeth (Culp) Boyer, of Lancaster county. The grandfather owned and laid out the present site of Honeybrook, giving the sites of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the school houses and union burying grounds, and in his lifetime played a prominent part in the activities of the community in which he lived.

In early life Robert K. Wright followed the trade of a machinist, and was considered an expert in the foundry at Parkesburg, Pa., where he had charge of the rolling mill. He retired from that business in 1873 and, locating in Philadelphia, engaged in making sewing machines on contract, his business including the making of surgical instruments. In the spring of 1882 he came to New Holland and engaged in the bakery and confectionery business, in which he spent the last years of an active and useful life. For many years he had been overborne by ill health, but he worked hard, and long resisted the encroachments of disease.

Personally he was of a genial and obliging spirit, and of the utmost integrity. The esteem and confidence of all who knew him was freely given him. Socially he belonged to the I. O. O. F., of Cochranville, and in religion was a member of the Methodist Church. In his politics he was a Democrat. In his lifetime he filled a large place in the community in which he lived, and his loss was felt deeply throughout the township.

CHRISTIAN SHUEMAKER, a retired farmer of Florin, Pa., was born in Rapho township Jan. 12, 1828, and is a son of Christ and Anna (Brubaker) Shuemaker, natives of the same township. The father was a farmer and the proprietor of a saw mill. He led an industrious and highly successful life and died in 1860, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother died Jan. 15, 1828, while still very young, and was buried on the old homestead. They were members of the United Brethren Church. Christian was their only child. The father married Mrs. Anna Renert for his second wife, by whom he became the father of Jacob, a sawmill man in Lebanon county, and Anna, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Christian Shuemaker were Jacob and Esther (Hershey) Shuemaker, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, where they spent their lives, and where he was engaged in farming and in the operation of a distillery.

Christian Shuemaker and Elizabeth Hershey were united in marriage in the city of Lancaster, Pa., in November, 1852, and to this union, which

has proved a very happy one, were born: Christian, who married Mary Foltz and is a farmer in Milton Grove, Lancaster county; Elizabeth, who married Monroe Shaffer and lives on a farm in the township of Mt. Joy; Anna, wife of Jacob Freye, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Mary, wife of David B. Myers, of East Donegal; Hettie, at home, unmarried; John, who married Mae Raymond, of Florin; Harry, who married Bertha Morton; Sarah, who died young.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Hershey) Shuemaker was born in Lancaster county, died Jan. 4, 1892, at the age of fifty-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery at Florin. Her parents were Jacob and Magdalena Hershey, of Lancaster county, who were born and bred to a farming life. Her father spent his last days in retirement in Hummelstown, Pa., and there both he and his wife died and were buried. They had these children: Mary, deceased wife of Benjamin Brubaker; Elizabeth; Leah, who is living in Hummelstown; Martin, deceased; Anna, unmarried and residing in Hummelstown; John, a merchant in Manheim; Harry, a merchant in Steelton, Pa.; Reuben and Jacob, both deceased.

Christian Shuemaker remained with his father until he reached the age of twenty-five years, when he purchased a farm in Rapho township, on which he resided one year. For ten years following he was engaged in the cultivation of the home farm. At the expiration of that period he came to his present location, and there he is still actively engaged in the operation of his farm, though to a very large extent he contents himself with overseeing the work.

Mr. Shuemaker is a Republican, and he and all his family are members of the United Brethren Church. In the community he is regarded as a good man, one whose religion is genuine, and whose heart is full of kindness and good will.

EDWIN C. DILLER, the senior member of the firm of E. C. Diller & Son, was born in Union county, Pa., Nov. 26, 1839, and is a son of Amos and Mary Ann (Carpenter) Diller. His parents were natives of Lancaster county, but removed to Union county, where the father was engaged in a store in New Columbia. In 1841 he located at Vogansville, Lancaster county, where he kept a store two years, and then came to New Holland, where he was engaged in the mercantile business for more than twenty years. In 1865 he retired from the store in favor of his son, Edwin C. His death occurred in 1895, at the age of eighty-two years; his wife passed to her rest in 1873, at the age of fifty-four. Both were buried in the cemetery at New Holland.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Diller had the following children: Emma, who died at the age of thirteen years; William, who died at the age of thirty-five; Edwin C. The parents of Amos Diller were Isaac and Maria (Graybill) Diller.

Edwin C. Diller was twice married, the first time in 1864, when Miss Cora Mason of White Horse,

Pa., became his wife. To this marriage were born the following children: Charles M., in partnership with his father, and married to Gertrude Brubaker, by whom he has two children, Dorothy and Margaret; Alta, at home unmarried; Emma, married to Charles Meredith, an insurance agent at Chester, Pa., where they have two children, James and Edwin; Amos, in partnership with his father. Mrs. Cora Diller, who was born in Salisbury township, died in 1874, at the age of thirty years, and is buried in New Holland. She was a daughter of John and Jestina (Brimmer) Mason. The second marriage of E. C. Diller occurred in 1876, when Anna Roland, daughter of Jonathan H. and Elizabeth G. Roland, became his wife in New Holland; by her he has had one child, Roland.

Mr. Diller remained with his father until his retirement in 1865, when he took up his business. Mr. Diller has filled the position of county jury commissioner for five years, and was councilman two years. In his religion he has held to the faith of his fathers, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. In fraternity matters he is a member of the Knights Templars and I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Democrat. A man of prominence and prosperous circumstances, he holds a high position in the esteem of his community.

JACOB KONIGMACHER, a retired capitalist and farmer, who occupies the important position of vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Ephrata, is among the prominent men of Ephrata township, residing three-quarters of a mile north of the borough of Ephrata.

The founder of the family in America was Adam Konigmacher, who was born in Germany July 30, 1738, and died in Ephrata June 30, 1793. With his mother and stepfather he came to this country, but before landing the mother died, and her remains were consigned to the sea. The stepfather brought the orphaned boy to Ephrata, where he remained until he was twenty-one, when he went back to his own land, and there married Christiana Eicher, who was born Nov. 9, 1745, and who died Jan. 19, 1816. As soon as married Adam and his bride sailed for the United States, and they permanently located at Ephrata, founding a family which has become respected and honored through the locality. To Adam Konigmacher and his wife were born: Adam, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham and Hannah.

Jacob Konigmacher, son of Adam, was the next in this branch of the family, and was born Jan. 4, 1771; he died April 8, 1839. For many years he was a successful physician in Ephrata. He married Rebecca Fahnestock, who was born July 7, 1775, and died Dec. 5, 1832. Their children were Adam, William and Hannah.

William Konigmacher, son of Jacob, was the grandfather of Jacob, whose name opens this biography. He was born Jan. 5, 1797, and died Feb.



Jac. Tonigmacher.

10, 1881, at the age of eighty-four years. His wife, Susan Bowman, was born May 20, 1798, and died June 15, 1833. They reared the following named children: Adam, Edwin, Mary (who married A. Seltzer, and now lives in Ephrata), and Susan (who died in childhood). The second marriage of William Konigmacher was to Lydia Miller, born Feb. 27, 1805, who died July 26, 1901, aged ninety-six years, four months, twenty-nine days. One child was born of this marriage, Rebecca, Mrs. Connell.

Adam Konigmacher, father of Jacob, was born Dec. 21, 1821, and died Nov. 11, 1889. He was a prominent and leading man in the county, a farmer, tanner and manufacturer of the Cocalico millstones. On Jan. 30, 1849, he married Miss Eliza Royer, of Ephrata, who died Sept. 15, 1857. The children of this union were: Jacob, born June 4, 1850, is mentioned below; Susan, born Dec. 9, 1852, married John P. Hess, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Lizzie, born July 20, 1854, married Dr. Nagle, a prominent physician of Centralia, Ill.; and William, born in 1857, died in infancy. Adam Konigmacher married for his second wife Miss Eliza Bowman, of Ephrata, who was born Aug. 23, 1823, and who died May 14, 1896. Two children came to this union: Mary, born Feb. 3, 1860, married Martin B. Musser, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; and Charles, born Oct. 28, 1866, resided for a time in the borough of Ephrata, but now lives in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

It is interesting in considering the "big" men of any locality, to find that for the most part they have been reared on the farm, and such was the case with Jacob Konigmacher, who represents the solid and substantial class of citizens in Ephrata township. His educational advantages were those of the common schools of his township, and after finishing the course he entered upon agricultural life, engaging therein extensively for many years, in the meantime becoming one of the influential factors in his community on account of the exercise of those virtues which cause men to respect and esteem good and estimable citizens.

On Oct. 21, 1872, Jacob Konigmacher was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Kraatz, who was born July 18, 1851, daughter of David B. and Mary Ann (Bear) Kraatz. To this marriage one son was born, William, who married Anna Steinmetz, by whom he has two children, Celestia and Helen, and they reside with his father on the home farm.

The old family homestead of the Konigmacher family was erected in the historic days of 1777, and there Jacob Konigmacher resides, living retired from all agricultural pursuits. His position in the community is one of prominence, especially in its banking interests. He is a director and vice-president of the Farmers' National Bank of Ephrata, of which he was one of the organizers. As a staunch Republican he has exerted much influence for his chosen party, and for many years he has been one of the pillars of the Lutheran Church, and is widely

known for his charities and good citizenship. He is a trustee in the Ephrata Monument Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M., Lancaster, and he is also a member of the Pennsylvania German Society.

LEWIS AUGUSTUS RAUCH, alderman from the First ward of Lancaster, is descended from Revolutionary stock, and also has a war record of his own.

Christian H. Rauch, his grandfather, was justice of the peace in Warwick, Lancaster county, for forty-five years. Francis M. Rauch, father of Lewis A., was once owner of the Lititz Brewery, served several terms as a prison inspector for Lancaster county, and for twelve or more years was superintendent of Linden Hall Seminary at Lititz; he died March 16, 1886, aged seventy-two years. Francis M. Rauch married Miss Louisa F. Recksecker, sister of the late Major James F. Recksecker, one time city treasurer of Lancaster. Four children were born of this marriage, of whom Ellen died in infancy. The survivors are: Agnes, widow of the late J. B. Stauffer, farmer; Mary S., wife of M. J. Schmidt, of the United States Gas Improvement Co., Bethlehem; and Lewis A.

Lewis Augustus Rauch was born at Warwick Jan. 28, 1843, and was educated in John Beck's celebrated school for boys, at Lititz. At sixteen he left school and became an apprentice in A. B. Landis' coach works at Mt. Joy. He enlisted in April, 1861, in Co. B (Union Guards of Lancaster), 1st Regiment, Pa. Reserves, and served four years and two months, taking part in the actions of the Army of the Potomac, which comprised in all forty-two engagements. He was twice wounded, once at Charles City Cross Roads and at Spottsylvania Court House. He returned home a sergeant, and after the war went to the oil regions, whence he was sent to West Virginia as an oil superintendent, remaining there two years.

Mr. Rauch then went to Wilkesbarre and Scranton, where for about eight years he engaged in the coal business. From there he removed to Philadelphia, where he lived twenty years, engaging in the paint and papering trade. Afterward, removing to Chalfont, Bucks county, he conducted a wall paper store, and was elected secretary of the Republican county committee before he had been in the county a year. A protracted illness from la grippe caused him to leave Chalfont and come to Lancaster, his old home, and he has since resided here, engaging in the livery business. His establishment was at Nos. 17-25 West Lemon street. As a recognition of his services Gov. Stone appointed him alderman from the First ward Sept. 20, 1899, to fill an unexpired term. He was re-elected for five years in February, 1900, his term beginning May, 1900.

Alderman Rauch is a member of the G. A. R.; of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; and a member

and exclusive organizer of the Lancaster Military Association, numbering nine hundred members, and its president since its organization, in 1896. Miss Lulu K. Rauch, his daughter, won the \$50 gold prize and the offer of a \$2,500 a year position at Detroit for her original design for *The Illustrated Milliner*. She declined the position because she had a successful business of her own at No. 1230 South Eighth street, Philadelphia. In view of the fact of a great competition for the prize the honor conferred upon Miss Rauch was a great one. Mr. Rauch is a nephew of Major E. H. Rauch, of Mauch Chunk, author of the "Pit Schafflebrenner" papers, and hand writing expert.

The Alderman is a leading spirit in the Lancaster Road Drivers' Association, and it is largely due to his efforts that so much has been accomplished by the organization, and he is also secretary of the Lancaster Turf Club, an organization devoted to giving strictly honest horse races.

JOHN M. FURNISS, a representative farmer of Little Britain township, was born Dec. 29, 1857, on a farm located within one mile of Tayloria, Pa. His parents were Benjamin and Catherine S. (Morris) Furniss, also of Little Britain township.

The Furniss family were originally from Scotland, near Furniss Castle. Thomas Furniss, the progenitor of the Furniss family in America, came to this country from the northern part of England about 1660, settling in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was married in 1682. His descendants settled in Delaware, Chester and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Furniss, the great-grandson of Thomas Furniss, settled at Chadds' Ford, Chester county, Pa., on a plantation comprising part of the territory on which the battle of the Brandywine was fought. Here were born Oliver Furniss, his brother Gardner and his sisters, Ann (Furniss) Twaddle, wife of John Twaddle, Phebe (Furniss) Pearce, wife of Ellis Pearce, and Hanna Furniss.

Oliver, the grandfather of John M. Furniss, was born Jan. 11, 1794. Thomas Furniss, together with his family, moved from Chadds' Ford to Little Britain township, Lancaster county, about the year 1800, settling on a farm near Oak Hill. He died there in January, 1831. Gardner Furniss, Sr., a brother of Thomas Furniss, settled in Drumore township, and died there in the year 1811. Furniss post office was named in his honor.

Gardner Furniss, son of Thomas Furniss, and nephew of Gardner Furniss, also settled in Drumore township, on a plantation bordering on the Susquehanna river, and died there some years after. His brother, Oliver Furniss, died in Little Britain township Nov. 19, 1858. The children born to Oliver Furniss were: Benjamin, Joseph, Esther, Gardner and Thomas. The last named died April 29, 1902, aged seventy-two years; Joseph is a physician in Lancaster; Gardner, a resident of Chester county;

Benjamin, a retired farmer; and Esther, the wife of E. Henry Haines, of Pleasant Grove, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Furniss, the father of John M., was born Feb. 22, 1827, and Dec. 25, 1855, was united in marriage to Miss Catherine S. Morris, two children resulting from this union: John M.; and Mary, the wife of Frank Harkness, engaged in the grocery business in Philadelphia. Benjamin Furniss for many years was one of the leading citizens of his township, and also one of the largest land-owners. For some years he has been retired from active life, making his home in Philadelphia.

John M. Furniss was liberally educated, receiving every advantage possible from early boyhood. After completing the common school course he passed with honors through the Union High School of Colerain township, later became a student in the Millersville Normal School, and took a year's course in the Unionville Academy, in Chester county. For one year he engaged in teaching and then became interested in agricultural work, following the same line until the present time, and becoming one of the well-known and successful farmers of Little Britain.

John M. Furniss was married on Nov. 24, 1881, to Miss Laura M. King, of King's Bridge, Lancaster county, who was a daughter of Vincent and Annie Eliza (Morrison) King, and this marriage has been blessed with nine children, six of whom still survive: Mary A., born Oct. 14, 1882; Benjamin, Dec. 21, 1883; Carl, Sept. 7, 1885; Vincent K., Feb. 19, 1888; Ruth, Sept. 3, 1893; and Catherine S., Nov. 30, 1894.

The date of Mrs. Furniss's birth was July 25, 1859, and she was a member of a family of nine children: James, deceased; Elizabeth M., the wife of Emmerson Walton, of Colerain township; Albert, deceased; Vincent, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Laura M., wife of Mr. Furniss; Horace, of Christiana, Pa.; Anna, deceased; Joseph M., of California; and Thorwald, of Philadelphia.

In politics John M. Furniss has always been an active Republican; he is socially connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Lodge 353, of Oxford, Pa. He was reared in the Society of Friends, and he has never departed from the peaceful teachings of that body. In Little Britain township he is most highly esteemed, and is classed with the best and most representative citizens.

WILLIAM WITMAN. One of the self-made, representative and substantial farmers of Little Britain township, in Lancaster county, is William Witman, who was born in that county, in Caernarvon township, Jan. 22, 1837. His parents were William and Catherine (Zell) Witman. The father was born in Berks county and the mother in Lancaster, but both were of German origin, the great-grandfather having come from that country. Grandfather Philip Witman was a native of Berks county, Pa., and was the father of these nine children, Betsey,

Sarah, Kate, Isaac, Thomas, Amos, Cyrus, Philip and William.

William Witman, the son of Philip and the father of William (2), was born in 1799, and died in 1871. About 1823 he was married to Catherine Zell, who was born in 1801 and died in 1867. Their children were: Barton, now deceased, a farmer of Caernarvon township; William; Edgar, a farmer of Little Britain township; Ann, Harriet, Margaret, Catherine, Susannah and Ellen, all deceased. During a long and active life Mr. Witman became prominent in the Democratic party and was one of the leading business citizens, being for twenty-one years the manager and bookkeeper of the Pool Forge Iron Works, in Caernarvon township.

William Witman, the son, was reared on the home farm and received his education in the common schools, with two terms in Churchtown Academy during the winters of 1856 and 1857. When he started out for himself it was with very limited means, but he possessed what the world is learning to recognize as the elements that bring success, good habits, an inclination to be industrious, and an honesty that has never failed. When he views his well cultivated acres, his comfortable home and happy family, it must be with a feeling of justifiable pride. Mr. Witman came to Little Britain township in 1879 and bought the fine farm he now occupies, consisting of 127 acres, which he has put under a good state of cultivation and has improved with a comfortable residence and other buildings. Here Mr. Witman has engaged in general farming, raising the natural products of the locality in great abundance. In addition to this land, which is very valuable, Mr. Witman also owns another large estate in Chester county.

On Nov. 25, 1878, Mr. Witman was married to Mary E. Steffy, who was a daughter of Samuel Steffy, of Caernarvon township; the other children in the family were Sarah, Minnie, Carrie, Lily and Samuel. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Witman are Sue, William, Sarah, Hattie, Helen and Lillian, Edna and Lulu having died in childhood. Although Mrs. Witman was born in 1857, she is still youthful in looks and actions and a suitable mate for Mr. Witman, who in no way shows his sixty-six years. Both of these good people are highly esteemed in their locality and Mr. Witman is known as one of the most honorable and reliable as well as prosperous farmers in southern Lancaster county. Like his respected father, he has always upheld the principles of the Democratic party.

AARON HESS DIFFENBAUGH, register of wills in Lancaster county, and the owner of one of the handsomest homes in the county belongs to an old and much respected family. His grandfather, Abraham Diffenbaugh, was a well-known farmer of Fertility, East Lampeter township, this county.

Abram K. Diffenbaugh, the father of Aaron H., was a prominent farmer of Greenland, East Lam-

peter township. He married Miss Fanny Hess, a member of one of the old and respected families of Pequea, and this marriage was blessed with the following children: Mary, the wife of Aaron Denlinger, a farmer of Paradise township; Benjamin H., a farmer of Greenland; Elizabeth, the widow of Benjamin B. Denlinger, now living on South Ann street, Lancaster; Aaron Hess; Frances H., wife of A. E. Hartman, a farmer of Greenland; Amos M., in the life insurance business, of Lancaster; A. L., a cigar manufacturer, living on North Lime street, Lancaster; and M. H., in the real estate business in Lancaster.

Aaron Hess Diffenbaugh was born in East Lampeter township, March 2, 1855, and had his education in the common schools, spending his time out of school hours at work on the farm. His practical experience in this line early made him an efficient and careful tiller of the soil, and for years he worked on the home farm. For four years after his marriage he continued to manage the farm, and he then purchased six acres of it. Upon this he erected a home and out buildings and for sixteen years engaged in truck farming, meeting with abundant success, and in 1900 he began packing tobacco. In 1901, he sold this place, and, purchasing ten acres on the east bank of the Conestoga, near the city limits, erected his present beautiful residence. This home is strictly modern in all its appointments, and is thoroughly fitted with water and electricity. Mr. Diffenbaugh's success is wholly the result of his own labors. His first start was on borrowed capital, and his energy and perseverance have gained him his present high position.

On Nov. 27, 1879, Mr. Diffenbaugh was married to Lydia E. Leaman, daughter of Jacob K. Leaman, a farmer living near Intercourse. Five children blessed this union: L. May, born June 9, 1888, who is attending the State Normal School at Millersville; Guy L., born Sept. 15, 1892; Fay, born Aug. 11, 1898; and Roy L. and one not named, who both died in infancy.

For fifteen years Mr. Diffenbaugh was assessor of East Lampeter township, and during that time proved himself an enlightened and progressive citizen. He worked in the local literary society, seeking the improvement and the elevation of the schools, and generally looking toward the good of the community. In November, 1899, he was elected on the Republican ticket, as register of wills in Lancaster county, by a very flattering majority. Entering upon the duties of that responsible position with the opening of the year 1900, he has proved himself an efficient and capable official. He is a director in the Lampeter Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and also a director in the Fulton National Bank, of Lancaster.

Mr. Diffenbaugh is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Paradise, Lancaster county. Socially he is a Royal Arch Mason and an Odd Fellow. He is a splendid example of young manhood, intelligent, thoughtful, and full of kindly feeling and genuine

friendliness, and is highly esteemed by the people of his community, holding the confidence and respect of all who know anything about him.

LEVI L. ENGLE, a retired farmer, whose home is in Elizabethtown, was born in Conoy township, July 18, 1836, and is a son of Jacob L. and Martha (Long) Engle, natives of Conoy and East Donegal townships, respectively. Both died on their old farm in Conoy township, where their long and useful career was passed, and both were members of the River Brethren Church. They had the following children: Levi L.; David, of Stacktown; Jeremiah, a farmer in Kansas; Elizabeth, who died at the age of fifteen years; Abraham, of Chester county; Martha, who is dead; Israel, of Stacktown; Mary, who is dead; Jacob and Isaac, farmers in Elizabethtown; John, who died young.

Levi L. Engle was twice married, the first time on Dec. 11, 1860, to Mary A. Horst, in Lancaster, and to this union were born the following children: Albert, Levi L. and Eli, who all died young; Clara A., who died at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Mary A. Engle, who was born in Conoy township, died in 1886, at the age of forty-seven years. She was a daughter of Henry and Leah (Kuhns) Horst, of Lancaster county.

The second marriage of Levi L. Engle occurred in 1889, when he was united to Miss Martha Z. Gorner, of Maytown. Mrs. Martha Z. Engle is the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bowman) Gorner, of Lancaster county, her father having been in his active years a locksmith and millwright. In 1864 he died at the age of seventy-four years, and his widow, the mother of Mrs. Engle, in 1865 at the age of sixty-eight; both died in Maytown. They were members of the Reformed Church. Their other children were: Maria L., who is dead; Barbara A., late wife of William Buller; Sarah, the widow of Samuel Pence, who has her home in Philadelphia; Philip, who died young; Catherine, wife of George Kendig, a wagon maker in Maytown; Elizabeth, Jacob, a blacksmith in Missouri; Henry B., a druggist in Kentucky, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Engle were Philip and Catherine (Gailbaugh) Gorner, both natives of East Donegal township, where he followed the calling of a locksmith and millwright.

Mr. Engle lived on the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he set himself up as a truck farmer and tobacco grower in Conoy township until 1875. That year he removed to Elizabethtown to take a position with a New York firm as manager of their local tobacco warehouse, remaining with them until 1886. Mr. Engle was engaged in tobacco farming for the ensuing ten years, and in 1892 retired from active life.

Mr. Engle served as school director for a time in Conoy township, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the German Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and is re-

garded as one of the most reliable citizens of the day.

Mr. Engle had a somewhat brief army experience during the Civil war, enlisting March 3, 1865, at Lancaster, in Co. H, 195th P. V. I., under Capt. William Stauffer. Mr. Engle had six months' service in Virginia, and five in Washington, D. C., being mustered out in the opening of 1866. When he entered the service he weighed 187 pounds, and lost sixty pounds in Virginia. He had been drafted prior to his enlistment, but was excused for the somewhat remarkable lack of a rib on one side. Hence his friends feel that his enlistment was all the more creditable to him. Mr. Engle is well supplied with this world's goods, has a fine home and is much-esteemed in the community where his last days are passing.

ROBERT E. LOCHER, of Lancaster, enjoys an enviable standing in the business circles of that city as president and chief owner of the Park Run Tanning Company, and president and manager of the Lancaster Hotel Company, conducting the "Stevens House." In the management of this modern hostelry he takes the deepest interest, having reared up an institution of which he may well be proud. The house was built in 1872 by a stock company, and cost some \$150,000, but has been greatly improved since, especially under the management of Mr. Locher. It is centrally located, and employs some fifty-four people to serve its guests, who are always sufficiently numerous to test its full capacity, and often so much more so that many of them have to be turned away, though this is always done with the greatest reluctance. The house is eagerly sought by its numerous patrons because of its thorough modern equipment and the genial disposition of its host.

Robert E. Locher has passed all his life in Lancaster. He was born there July 21, 1857, son of David P. and Clementine M. Locher, and brother of Charles H. Locher, of whom there is mention elsewhere in this work. He was early associated with his father, and has remained with his mother since the latter's death. Up to the age of fifteen years he attended the Lancaster schools, at sixteen he attended Franklin and Marshall College for a term, and then entered his father's tannery, where he remained associated with his father until the latter's death. He then bought his father's interest, and took up the management of the concern, the establishment being conducted as Locher Sons Conestoga Oak Tannery. This continued until fire destroyed the old tannery, in 1894. Previous to this disaster Mr. Locher had bought the A. A. Myers tannery, changing the name to the Park Run Tannery, which had previously been built and operated by his father also. Mr. Locher has enlarged this to about four times its original size, so that it now covers three acres of ground, with a two and one-half story, modern brick building, containing



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all of the latest improvements, operated and lighted by its own electric plant, and employing from sixty-five to seventy men. The business is manufacturing oak harness leather.

Mr. Locher is a man of affairs through and through. In addition to his large interests as director and president of the hotel company and the tanning company, he is a director as well as chairman of the finance committee in the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, and has been one of the directors of the City Savings Fund Trust Company, and chairman of the finance committee, since its organization. He also manages the large estate of his mother, with whom he still lives. Besides being a clever financier Mr. Locher is a lover of good sport. Though a Republican politician of some note, he will not accept political office.

ENOS CARRIGAN, one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of Drumore township, was born July 22, 1849, a son of Jacob and Ann (McLaughlin) Carrigan, of the same township. Jacob Carrigan was a son of Michael Carrigan, who came from Ireland to America in early days and settled in Lancaster county, rearing two sons, Jacob, the father of Enos Carrigan, and Amos, who died while serving his country in 1862.

Jacob Carrigan married Ann McLaughlin in 1848, and two sons were born to them, Enos, of this sketch, and Joseph, who is a retired farmer of Fairfield.

Jacob Carrigan was reared a farmer boy and as his father died when he was still young he was obliged to work for his widowed mother. Industrious and frugal, he was able to save a sum of \$300 in three years, being paid \$10 per month while he was learning the blacksmith trade. That Mr. Carrigan was a man of great energy and ability was proven by the fact that at the time of his death he was the owner of a valuable farm of 150 acres. In political belief Mr. Carrigan belonged to the Democratic party, and he was universally respected as an honest, hard-working, honorable man.

Enos Carrigan was reared on his father's farm and was taught the blacksmith trade, although after he finished his schooldays he chose farming as his occupation. He was possessed of only limited means, but he applied himself as his father had done, and as time has passed he has accumulated much property, has become one of the leading men of the community and is esteemed by his neighbors and friends. Mr. Carrigan owns the family homestead, which consists of one hundred and fifty acres, and also the family homestead of his wife. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan is a large, handsome, comfortable dwelling and the farm is one of the richest and most productive in the township.

Enos Carrigan was united in marriage to Miss Roberta Penrose, of Drumore township, on Dec. 13, 1877; she was a daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Lukens) Penrose, of the same township, the

former of whom was one of the wealthy and leading farmers of that part of Lancaster county.

The Penrose family was founded in America by Robert Penrose, who came here from Wales with three brothers, all of whom settled at Quakertown, Pa., in the year 1700. Joseph Penrose, son of Robert, the settler, was born on Jan. 10, 1737, and married Elmer Dehaven, and they settled in Bucks county, Pa., where they reared three children, viz.: Israel, who married Susannah Faulk, a daughter of Thomas Faulk, on Nov. 11, 1790, and who had five children, Elizabeth, Enos, Thomas, Jane and Benjamin; Eidith; and Joseph.

Benjamin Penrose, son of Israel, married Hannah Lukens, of Montgomery county, Pa. Joseph, another son, married Margaret Lukens, also of Montgomery county, on Nov. 28, 1839. She was a daughter of Enos Lukens, and they had three children: Sarah Jane, a maiden lady who resides with her sister, Mrs. Enos Carrigan; Elizabeth, who died young; and Roberta A., born July 7, 1854. The father of Mrs. Carrigan was born Sept. 6, 1808, and died Oct. 25, 1896; his wife, born Nov. 20, 1813, died in 1878. All of these excellent people belong to the simple faith of the Quakers.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Carrigan are: Rena M., born Sept. 20, 1878, who was a student in the Millersville Normal School, and resides at home; Leora A., who was born April 1, 1882, at present a student in the Millersville Normal School, although holding a certificate as a teacher; Harry Penrose, born Feb. 24, 1886; Lester Joseph, who was born Aug. 9, 1888, and died July 22, 1901; Grace, born Oct. 7, 1891.

Enos Carrigan is a man who stands high in the esteem of the community, and is noted for his sincere convictions of right and the courage with which he carries them out. Although he does not profess any particular creed, he believes in all moral influences and follows the Golden Rule in every relation of life, living up to a high standard. His interest in all educational movements has been constant and for a long period he has served as school director. The family and its connections are among the wealthiest and most prominent in the county.

ABRAHAM ROYER (deceased) was one of the residents of the northeastern part of the county of Lancaster, where he owned a large farm and was long engaged in its cultivation. In later life he moved to Lancaster, where he lived to an advanced age. He was twice married, and had several children, among them, Samuel, who resided near Strasburg, Lancaster county; and Jacob, the father of Abraham Royer.

Jacob Royer was a farmer of West Cocalico township, and died when almost seventy-seven years old. In his religious views he was a thorough and devoted Lutheran. Elizabeth Stober, his wife, died at the age of fifty years. They had six children: William, a resident of West Cocalico town-

ship, where he was engaged in farming; Jacob, who died young; John, a tailor at Reamstown, deceased; Henry S., whose name appears below; Samuel, a resident of Mt. Joy; Abraham, deceased.

Henry S. Royer was born Sept. 25, 1829, and was reared on the farm in Cocalico township. In 1849 he began to learn the cabinet maker's trade with Elias Rhodes, of Reamstown. In 1854, he began business on his own account in Terre Hill, where he has since been engaged as undertaker and cabinet maker, also carrying a line of furniture. Mr. Royer and his son George have also conducted a cigar business, in which they were engaged many years.

Mr. Royer was married in 1855 to Miss Margaret Weaver, a daughter of George Weaver. She was born in East Earl township. They have three children: Lizzie, who is the wife of Menno Good, of Bowmansville; George, deceased; and Jacob, a physician in Terre Hill. They affiliate with the Evangelical church.

JAMES BUCHANAN, of Soutter, Buchanan & Young, owners of the North Queen street dry-goods house, derives his origin from an ancient Scotch family. Buchanan Castle, on Ben Lomond, now the seat of Lord Roseberry, was the home of the family for many generations.

On the paternal side Mr. Buchanan's great-grandfather was Andrew Buchanan, who was born at Glasgow, and who married Marion Hardie, a native of Linlithgow; on his mother's side George Andrews, born at Linlithgow, married to Margaret Beattie, born at Lingholm. All these ancestors died at the age of sixty-four years.

James Buchanan, son of Andrew and Marion, was born at Linlithgow April 20, 1814, died at Dunfermline Dec. 5, 1887. He married Jane Andrews, born at Linlithgow, March 1, 1819. The following children were born to them: Margaret, Jan. 19, 1840; Andrew, Oct. 20, 1841; Marion, Nov. 23, 1844; Jane, Nov. 14, 1850; James, June 24, 1852; George, May 31, 1855; and Thomas, March 15, 1858. James, the father of these children, was a shoe manufacturer, and moved first to Glasgow, and later to Linlithgow, the place Mary, Queen of Scots, was born.

Andrew Buchanan, son of James and Jane, was born at Linlithgow, and after finishing school worked for his father for a time, and then moved to Dunfermline, where he married Eliza, daughter of John Grindley, owner of a weaving establishment. Of this union six children were born, four of whom are living: John, a theatrical manager of Dunfermline, now traveling in Scotland; Eliza, wife of Andrew Veitch, a linen merchant of Dunfermline; Jane, wife of Alexander Learmouth, a newspaper man of Stirling; and James, of Lancaster.

James Buchanan was born at Dunfermline Oct. 10, 1864, and educated in the public schools, after which he sought employment in a dry goods store

in his native town. After four years' service he went to Glasgow, remaining there two years, when he left Scotland for America, landing in New York March 16, 1883. He soon after moved to Wilkes-barre, where he clerked in a dry goods store for six years. Moving to Binghamton, N. Y., he lived there seven years, part of the time being superintendent of an extensive business. Here he met his future partners, John C. Soutter, representative of a leading house, and George A. Young, employed in the same store with himself. These gentlemen opened their present business house April 11, 1896, and from that time to the present prosperity has attended their efforts. Though classed as a dry goods store, the establishment is really a department store, having a frontage of 32½ feet on North Queen street, running through a distance of 245 feet to Christian street. Departments for notions, gloves, laces, trimmings, children's wear, linings, dress goods, silks, muslins, wash-goods, hosiery, underwear, gents' furnishings, ribbons, handkerchiefs, embroidery, upholstery, etc., besides many others are maintained. Starting with thirty-two employes, the force now numbers sixty-eight regularly, and a larger number in busy seasons.

In November, 1897, Mr. Buchanan married Miss Mary L. Evans, daughter of the late David G. Evans, for years superintendent of Lancaster county public schools, and known during his life as a prominent educator of the district. Mr. Buchanan bought and resides in a fine home at No. 836 Marietta Ave. Mr. Buchanan is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of Masons, is a Knight Templar, a member of the Elks, and of the Lucquan Piscatorial Association. He attends the Presbyterian Church. Both his parents are yet living in Dunfermline, Scotland, his father still carrying on his business. His grandmother, though eighty-four years of age, is in excellent health and bids fair to live many years. Although but thirty-eight Mr. Buchanan is likely to emulate this example of longevity, and should he do so he will certainly round out a very successful career in life.

DAVID F. BESORE, the clerk at New Holland, Lancaster county, was born in Waynesboro, Franklin county, Aug. 5, 1842, and is a son of D. S. and Eliza (Rhoads) Besore, the father of Franklin county, the mother of Lancaster county. They settled in New Holland, where for a time the father taught vocal music and had a day school. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five; the mother died in 1884, at the age of sixty-nine; they were buried at New Holland. They were members of the Reformed Church. Born to them were the following children: John M., a painter at Reading; Lucetta M., who married A. A. Williard, and lives at Coatesville, Pa.; David F., clerk in New Holland, Pa.; Henry J., a saddler in New Holland; Roxalena, who died young; Eliza, who married William Styer, of Lancaster; Levi, who lives in Lancaster.

The paternal great-grandfather of David F. Besore was named David, and in company with two brothers, one named Balser, he came to America at an early day, and made a home for himself and family in Franklin county; his brother, Balser, located in Lancaster county, and the other brother found a home in Lebanon county. David Besore, the grandfather of David F., lived in Franklin county, where his life was spent.

David F. Besore was married Oct. 17, 1871, in New Holland, to Susanna E. Townsley, by whom he had the following family: Anna E., who married the Rev. F. A. Rupley, a minister of the Reformed Church, and has her home in Fort Washington; Ella M., at home, unmarried; George F., a clerk in a bank in New Holland.

Mrs. Susanna E. (Townsley) Besore was born in New Holland in September, 1848, a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Bowers) Townsley. Her father was born in Chester county and her mother in Lancaster county. They came to New Holland when young, and there they spent their lives, the father working as a carpenter. He died in 1892, at the age of seventy-five years, and her mother died in 1879, at the age of fifty-six; both were buried in New Holland. They were members of the Methodist Church. Born to them were the following children: John and Mary, deceased; Jacob, a carpenter at New Holland; Margaret, who married S. J. Wiler, and lives at Reading, Pa.; Susanna E.; Amos, who died young; George, deceased; Emma, late wife of Lenuel Kizer; Eugene and Ellsworth, both dead; Ecadora, who married George Kissinger and lives in Philadelphia.

David F. Besore remained with his parents until the death of his father, when he cared for his mother for several years. When he was fifteen he entered a hardware store, working for Jacob Mentzer, and remained there until 1862. That year he enlisted in the Union army, joining a company in the 28th P. V. I., commanded by Capt. J. G. Moore. He was at the front a short time, when he returned home and re-entered the store. In the following year he again enlisted, in the 47th P. V. I. This time he enlisted for three months, and in 1864 he enlisted a third time as a sharp-shooter. At Petersburg his company captain died, and he was transferred to the 203d P. V. I. With this command he remained until the close of the war, receiving his discharge at Raleigh, N. C. He participated in several battles and skirmishes, and made a most creditable record as a loyal soldier.

Mr. Besore resumed his connection with the hardware store noted above, and there he remained until 1868, when he became a partner in the establishment. This arrangement continued until 1872, when he traded his part of the store to a brother of his partner, for a dry goods store in New Holland. There he remained two and a half years, after which he was employed in a notion house in Reading, Pa., for eight months. He returned to New Holland and

worked for Jacob Mentzer for two years, having the management of a dry goods store. For six years he was in the grocery business in New Holland, and from 1886 until 1889 had charge of the post office. Then he went into the store of E. C. Diller & Son, with whom he remained until 1893, that year being again appointed postmaster, a position he held until 1897.

Mr. Besore belongs to the Encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and stands well in the community, both personally and as a business man of fine ability and high character.

JOSEPH HINKLE, deceased. The life of this well-known citizen of Columbia was typical of that success in agriculture which comes from well-directed effort, intelligently and persistently applied. Mr. Hinkle was a prosperous farmer, one whose later years were spent in the comparative ease and retirement which are the fitting sequel to well spent years of toil.

Joseph Hinkle was born in West Hempfield township Nov. 12, 1833, the son of Henry and Sarah (McGee) Hinkle. The parents were lifelong residents of Lancaster county, farmers by occupation, industrious and highly respected. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: Isaac, of Wrightsville, Pa.; Joseph, a farmer; David, proprietor of a hotel at Columbia; Catherine, wife of William Hardy, a machinist; John, William and Charles, all deceased; and Rebecca, late wife of Christian Hershey.

Joseph Hinkle adopted the vocation of his father. He received in his youth a good common school education, then assumed the arduous duties of farm life and was soon recognized as one of the bright, prosperous farmers of the township. He married at the age of twenty-one, May 31, 1855, in Hempfield township, Anna Melinger, who was born in Manor township, daughter of Martin and Anna (Kauffman) Melinger, who for many years engaged successfully in farming in West Hempfield township, and to whom were born the following children: John, deceased; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Frye, retired, of Hanover, Pa.; Martin, deceased; David, a farmer of Lancaster county; Christian, deceased; Anna, wife of Joseph Hinkle; Abraham, a baggage master on the railroad; Elizabeth, who married Christian Musser, a farmer of West Hempfield; Benjamin, deceased; Henry; Jacob, deceased; and Fanny, wife of Abraham Hershey, of Silver Spring. To Joseph and Anna (Melinger) Hinkle were born seven children, namely: Sarah J., wife of John Yeager, a butcher of Columbia; Isaac, who died in infancy; Martin M., a railroad engineer of Columbia; Anna, wife of Henry Wisler, a farmer of Columbia; Harry M., a railroad engineer of Columbia; David G., a railroad flagman at Columbia; and Calvin G., a railroad fireman at Columbia.

Mr. Hinkle continued farming actively in West Hempfield township from the time of his marriage, in 1855, to the spring of 1880, the last ten years of this period being spent on the old homestead. He retired from active life in 1880 and removed to Columbia, where he resided until his death, which occurred March 2, 1900. In politics he was a Republican. He possessed keen business sagacity and was well informed upon the general affairs of the world. His lamented death deprived the borough of a prominent citizen, whose counsel was discriminating and just, and whose life had been one of praiseworthy endeavor and achievement.

ABRAHAM R. FORNEY, a retired farmer residing in West Donegal township, near the borough limits of Elizabethtown, was born in West Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Jan. 23, 1827, a son of Levi and Mary (Roop) Forney. Both his father and mother died in Penn township. The father was a farmer, and lived retired for the last twenty years of his life. In 1884 he died, at the age of eighty-four years, his wife having died in 1854, at the age of forty-nine years; both are interred in Erb's cemetery, in Penn township. They were the parents of the following children: Abraham R.; Leah; Aaron, who died young; John, who died at the age of fifty years; David, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Joseph, a farmer in East Hempfield township; Elizabeth, who married Abraham Longenecker, a farmer near Lititz; Martin, a retired farmer in Lititz; Maria, the wife of Israel Kraybill, a farmer of Penn township, and a minister in the German Baptist Brethren Church; Levi, a farmer on the old Penn township homestead.

John and Elizabeth (Lemon) Forney, the grandparents of Abraham R. Forney, were natives of West Earl and Pequea townships, respectively. Mr. Forney had a tavern on the Reading road during the Revolution, and after the termination of that struggle devoted himself to farming.

Abraham Forney, the father of John Forney, and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came from Switzerland in company with two of his brothers, one of whom settled in York county, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of Abraham R. Forney were Abraham and Elizabeth (Kertz) Roop, natives of West Earl township, where they followed a farming life, and were buried in Groffdale, on a part of their old farm, which is now owned and operated by the gentleman whose name introduces this article.

Abraham R. Forney was married May 14, 1846, in Lancaster, to Anna Keller, who died Sept. 12, 1901, and to this union were born the following children: Salinda, the wife of John H. Hertzler, a farmer of Rapho township; John K., of Abilene, Kans., who is vice-president, and his son secretary, of the Belle Springs Creameries, a large institution; Martin, of Elizabethtown, a farmer, and

married to Anna Hemperly; Anna K., who died at the age of eighteen years, while on a visit to her brother, John K., in Kansas; Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph H. Eshleman, the cashier of the Exchange Bank at Elizabethtown.

Abraham R. Forney remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, at which time he was married and rented a farm of 140 acres in West Donegal township, on which he spent thirty-nine years as a renter. About fifteen years ago he retired from active labor, and purchased the farm from the estate to which it belonged. When he gave up active farming he moved to his present location.

Mr. Forney was school director in West Donegal township, one of the organizers of the Exchange Bank, and its vice-president since the organization, in 1887. Mr. Forney is a member of the Mennonite Church.

MICHAEL HERTZLER MOORE, now living a retired life at No. 134 North Prince street, Lancaster, is one of the most conspicuous figures in that city. He is the third Michael Moore in the family, his father and grandfather having borne that name, and his (Michael H. Moore's) grandson is also named Michael, thus making four generations of Michael Moores. The great-grandfather, Adam Moore, lived and died on the farm near Junction, in Penn township, which still remains in the possession of the family, as it is owned by Michael H. Moore, who says he bought it because the remains of his great-grandfather, grandfather and father are buried in the private cemetery on the place, and because he was born and reared there.

Michael Moore, the grandfather, was born in November, 1766, in Penn township, Lancaster county, where the early years of his life were spent. He married Margaretta Gross, who was born in Penn township March 22, 1766. They had five children, three of whom lived to maturity, Magdalena (Mrs. Hoffman), Michael and Rebecca (Mrs. Stehman). Mr. Moore died in August, 1843, aged seventy-six, and his wife died Oct 25, 1857, in her ninety-second year.

Michael Moore, father of Michael H., was born March 18, 1794, in Penn township, and married Elizabeth Hertzler, of Rapho township. Their children were George, Michael H., Rebecca, Elizabeth, Susan, John H., Martin, Harriet, and three who died in infancy. Five survive, three sons and two daughters. Mr. Moore was an Old-line Whig in politics, and later in life became a Republican. He devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, and passed away Feb. 14, 1866, aged seventy-one years.

Michael Hertzler Moore was born on the old homestead, in Penn township, "Jan. 19, 1819, at 7 o'clock in the morning," to use his own language. He distinctly remembers hearing his father say that



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he (the father) used to visit Lancaster when there were only four stores in the city. He helped along on his father's farm until he had reached manhood, "picking up" his education, as he puts it, and remained at home until the age of twenty-two, when he bought the splendid mill property on the Marietta turnpike, known as "The Brick Mill," which he owned and operated for over fifty years. He has sold it, however, as he desires to withdraw as far as possible from business cares. Mr. Moore was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of Lancaster, of which he is still a director. He is also a manager of the Columbia & Chestnut Hill Turnpike Company, and a stockholder in the Old Columbia Bank, the Wrightsville National Bank, and in several other banks of the county. Besides these interests, Mr. Moore is—in addition to the family home at Junction—owner of two farms on Chestnut Hill and of many houses and lands in Kansas, but he is anxious to dispose of these properties and to rid himself of all the business cares that he can lay down. It is for this reason that he came to Lancaster over two years ago, and took up his residence here, with his wife, the estimable partner who has been his great help these many years.

Mr. Moore was married, Nov. 15, 1860, to Barbara S., daughter of Joseph Stoner, of York county, and to this union three children were born. Of these, Ella is the wife of Dr. J. F. Trexler, whose sketch will be found elsewhere in these annals. Phares, the son, is living near Hambrights, and his eldest son is Michael, this making the fourth Michael Moore in descent from Adam Moore, who settled in Lancaster county before the Revolution.

Mr. Moore is a delightful conversationalist, full of interesting reminiscences. He is an Old Mennonite in religion, and a Republican in politics, although he takes no active part in partisan affairs. Quiet and unassuming, with a heart filled with kindness for his fellowmen, Mr. Moore is enjoying the fruits of an industrious and well-spent life.

JOHN E. GOOD. In the death of John E. Good, Feb. 16, 1901, Lancaster county lost one of her most estimable and exemplary citizens. He was born Jan. 13, 1827, son of John B. Good, a farmer of this locality, of German origin; during a long and useful life he not only accumulated ample means for the comfort of his family, but built up a reputation for integrity and uprightness which will ever be connected with his name.

John B. Good was born Aug. 5, 1787, and his wife, Margaret Good, on June 23, 1795. They had twelve children, who all lived to a good age, though six have now passed away. The dates of birth were as follows: Christian, May 1, 1819; Cady, Dec. 20, 1820; Valentine, Aug. 29, 1822; Elizabeth, Aug. 1, 1824; John E., Jan. 13, 1827; Margaret, Nov. 5, 1828; Leah, Jan. 10, 1830; Adam, Nov. 27, 1831; Mary, Feb. 2, 1834; Fannie, March 2, 1836; Susan, June 18, 1838; Jacob, Jan. 26, 1842. They all re-

sided in Lancaster county except Fannie, who married a Mr. Warfel and lived in Indiana.

In 1854 John E. Good was united in marriage to Annie Eshleman, daughter of David Eshleman, who was born Sept. 23, 1836, and died Nov. 29, 1897; they became the parents of twelve children, as follows: Susan, born in 1854; Barbara, 1856; Aaron, 1858; David, 1861; John E., 1862; Emma L., 1865; Mary, 1867; Hattie, 1870; Abraham, 1872; Christian, 1874; Valentine, 1877; and Leah, 1880.

John E. Good followed a farming life all his days with great success. His farm comprised 150 well cultivated acres, which was especially valuable on account of its excellent and substantial improvements. He was a life-long member of the Republican party. Mr. Good came from a family long known as worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church, and he was likewise devoted to its doctrines and interests. In every relation of life John E. Good deserved the esteem in which his memory is preserved, for he was a good, law-abiding citizen, a charitable giver to those who deserved his bounty, a kind husband and a most careful and affectionate father. He was sincerely mourned both by his family and the community.

CHARLES BUCKIUS, the venerable superintendent of the shoe department of the Lancaster county prison, is a remarkable man, both physically and mentally. Although in his eightieth year, he is as erect and quick as most men of fifty. He comes from a long-lived race, his maternal grandfather, George Wise, having lived to a great age, and his mother, Augusta Wise, having lived to be over ninety years old, and an uncle, Valentine Buckius, died at the age of ninety-six.

The paternal grandfather of Charles Buckius was one of the founders of Germantown. William Buckius, the father of Charles, was born in Frederick City, Md., and came to Lancaster over a hundred years ago, being then a lad of nineteen years of age. Here he married Augusta Wise, and to their union were born nine children, only three of whom are now living: Kate, who is the widow of the late George Auxer; Eliza, the widow of the late John F. Huber, at one time one of the owners and publishers of *The Examiner*; and Charles, whose name appears at the opening of this article.

Charles Buckius was born in Lancaster Jan. 15, 1824, and was educated at a subscription school, the common schools not being in existence at that time. He became an apprentice at the trade of a tinsmith, with the late Jacob Gable, and worked as a journeyman tinsmith for John and Daniel Gemperling, both well remembered citizens of Lancaster. At eighteen years of age he turned to shoemaking, and this has been his life business. Mr. Buckius kept a shoe store for many years, having long been located in a building on the site of John Baer's Sons' bookstore, on North Queen street. During the greater part of the last twenty-five years he has been

superintendent of the shoe department at the Lancaster county prison, being repeatedly called back to that position by different factions of the Republican party, on account of his rare efficiency and integrity. For two terms Mr. Buckius was street commissioner of the city of Lancaster, and in that position his work was just as thorough. He has served several terms in the common branch of the city council. It is said that there has been no work ever committed to his hands which was not done with the very highest degree of fidelity and thoroughness.

In April, 1846, Mr. Buckius was married to Miss Margaret Beatty, daughter of the late Alexander Beatty, and to this union were born seven children, those who survive being: William, who is engaged in a wholesale shoe store in Pittsburg; Kate, a prominent teacher in Lancaster; Augusta, the wife of Ferdinand Demuth, of the widely known Demuth tobacco and snuff house, on East King street, said to be the oldest house of the kind in the United States; and Elizabeth, at home. Mr. Buckius is next to the oldest Odd Fellow in this city, having joined that order in 1847. He belongs to the Trinity Lutheran Church. Wherever he is found, in church, lodge, business or in society, he is recognized as a true man.

JOSEPH E. BRUBAKER, an industrious and upright citizen of Rapho township, has followed farming for many years, carrying on carpenter work in connection with his tillage of the soil. His integrity and public spirit have been recognized by his election to the board of supervisors, and he holds in a high degree the confidence and respect of his own community, being often called upon to settle estates.

Mr. Brubaker was born in Washington township, York county, Pa., Dec. 10, 1842, a son of the Rev. David F. and Elizabeth (Erb) Brubaker, of Lebanon, Lancaster county. They were married near Erb's Meeting House, in Cumberland county, Pa., and, coming into Lancaster county, settled on the Hershey farm in East Donegal township in 1851, where they spent their lives. The father was a farmer, and was for many years an active, much respected and able Mennonite clergyman. His death occurred Oct. 13, 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years, three months and twenty-one days. His wife died May 23, 1860, at the age of forty-two years, seven months and twenty-one days, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Kraybill Church. Mr. Brubaker was a preacher from 1848 until the time of his death.

Rev. David F. and Elizabeth (Erb) Brubaker were the parents of the following family of children: Joseph E.; Daniel, who was killed by the running away of a horse when he was thirteen years old; Frances, who married Jacob E. Shank, a farmer in East Donegal township; David, who lives in Rheems, Pa.; John, who died in 1900; Catherine, deceased wife of William Hoffheins, of East Donegal township. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker were mar-

ried Oct. 7, 1841. After her death he was again married, to Mrs. Anna (Hostetter) Nissley, who died in 1893, without issue.

The paternal grandparents, Daniel and Anna Brubaker, who was a Forrey, were married on horseback, and after their romantic wedding settled in York county. Later in life they returned to Lancaster county, and engaged in farming in Landis valley. The maternal grandparents, Rev. John and Fanny (Berger) Erb, lived in Lancaster county. They came of Swiss stock. He was a minister in the Mennonite Church. He died in Cumberland county, leaving a family of two sons and five daughters. The youngest son, John, is still living, a Mennonite preacher located at present in Dauphin county, Pa. One sister also survives, Mrs. Susan Garber, of Bossler's Corner, in Donegal township, Lancaster county.

Joseph E. Brubaker was married, in Lancaster, Pa., in 1868, to Susan E. Stauffer, by whom he had the following children: Ammond S., engaged in business as a maker of wire fences, who married Hettie Metzler and resides at East Petersburg, Pa.; Clayton S., a farmer with his father, married to Maria Witmeyer, by whom he has had one daughter, May; Ella, who married Ephraim Longenecker, a farmer in Mt. Joy township, and has three children, Ada, Eva and Victor; J. Henry S., a farmer, married to Anna B. Groff, of Whitmer, Nov. 4, 1901; and Susie, at home.

Mrs. Susan E. (Stauffer) Brubaker was born in Rapho township, in 1845, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Eby) Stauffer, both of Lancaster county. Mr. Stauffer spent his last eight years in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Brubaker. His life was devoted to farming. During the last two years he lived he was deprived of his sight. A man of fine character and marked ability, he was well thought of by all who knew him, being called to fill various township offices and to settle several estates. When he died, in 1890, he was eighty-eight years old. His wife died in 1882, at the age of seventy-five years. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains rest in a private cemetery on part of their old homestead. These were their children: Joseph, deceased; Samuel, a retired farmer in Rapho township; Henry, a machinist, and living on the old homestead; Jacob, justice of the peace in Rapho township; Catherine, late wife of Jacob G. Nissley; Christian, a carpenter in Warwick, and twin to Susan, who married Mr. Brubaker. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brubaker were Joseph and Catherine (Ocker) Stauffer, farming people of Lancaster county, as were her maternal grandparents, Christian and Frances (Hershey) Eby.

Joseph E. Brubaker remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years old, and then, going West, spent three years at the carpenter trade in Monmouth, Ill. At the expiration of this period he returned to Lancaster county, and resumed his residence in Rapho township, where he did carpenter

work for two years before beginning the cultivation of his father-in-law's farm. For nineteen years he was engaged in this labor, and in 1889 removed to his present place of seventy acres. Success has crowned his thrift and industry, and he owns a beautiful farm, which is now managed by a son. In the community his standing is good, and he is regarded as one of the leading Republicans of this part of the county. In religion he and his whole family are connected with the Mennonite Church, and their integrity and character are unquestioned.

SIM EBY (deceased) was a miller, and followed his trade in the northern part of Lancaster county for many years. Born at Hammer Creek, he was reared on the farm, and was a son of Christian Eby. Learning the milling trade early in life, after his marriage he bought what was known as the Cedar Run Mill, now termed the Martin Mill, located in Earl township. Five years after his marriage he sold this property and bought a farm in Leacock township, consisting of 132 acres, located near Gordonville. This was his home for thirteen years, when he sold out and removed to the old Frantz farm in Leacock township, comprising 132 acres, and there he lived until his death, in 1881, at the age of seventy-two years. He owned four farms and bore a reputation as a progressive and successful farmer. In the Mennonite Church, to which he belonged, he served as a deacon.

Sim Eby and Anna Frantz, a daughter of Jacob Frantz, of Leacock township, were married early in life, and lived together many years. She died at the age of eighty, the mother of eleven children: Jacob F., of Intercourse; Elias, a resident of Strasburg; Benjamin, a miller of Paradise; Christian and Samuel, who are dead; Amos, a resident of Paradise; Ezra, Henry and Joseph, who are all dead; John H., living on the old homestead in Leacock township; Lizzie, unmarried.

Amos Eby was born Aug. 29, 1843, and was reared on the old homestead. His education was secured in the public schools, and he remained at home working for his father until he was twenty-nine years of age. On Oct. 31, 1872, he married Miss Anna McKillips, a daughter of Daniel and Christiann (Denlinger) McKillips. Mrs. Eby was born in Upper Leacock township March 24, 1848, and is the mother of one daughter, Laura M., born Sept. 2, 1880. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church.

After Amos Eby was married he located on the north end of the old homestead in Leacock township, where he remained engaged in farming twenty-four years. He gave considerable attention to dairying, and long had a milk route in Paradise. During these years he handled farm implements and fertilizers quite extensively. Some years ago he purchased a lot in Paradise, where he built a fine residence and made his home. Mr. Eby is extensively engaged in the manufacture of farm fer-

tilizers, some of his make being widely known, such as the Pequea "Phosphate," "Economy," the "Ammoniated," and the "Farmers' Mixture." His goods are sold in Lancaster county, and the business is a very prosperous one.

Mrs. Eby has been an invalid for twenty years, and has suffered greatly, though her suffering has not proved sufficient to break down the sweetness of her disposition and the unselfishness of her heart.

AMAZIAH B. EBY is a practical machinist, ranking among the foremost of the trade in the State, and a man of high character. He is alert and keen-eyed, intelligent and awake to all the demands his calling makes upon him.

Benjamin Eby, his father, was the third son of Sim Eby, and was born May 7, 1838. He was reared as a farm boy, and his education was such as was afforded by the local day and public schools. He began operations for himself when he was twenty-four years of age, renting property and engaging in farming for twenty years on the land of others. At the end of that period he bought a farm of fifty-four acres in Leacock township, near Ellsworth post-office, where he has been engaged in general farming for many years. In 1897 he purchased the George Beiler property at Paradise, and made it his home. The place consists of eleven acres of land, with a chopping mill and machine shop, where general machine repairing is done. The milling department is under the management of Mr. Eby, while his son, Amaziah, has charge of the machine work.

Mr. Eby was married in November, 1862, to Miss Hattie Buckwalter, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Buckwalter. Mrs. Eby died in 1867, at the age of twenty-six years, leaving two children, Amaziah B. and Ada E. In 1869 Mr. Eby was married to Miss Elizabeth Hoover, a daughter of Benjamin and Barbara (Brockbill) Hoover. To this marriage were born the following children: Annie, Lena, Amanda, Amos, Naomi and Silas. Annie is the wife of John R. Frantz, a miller at Millersville; Lena is the wife of C. H. Hersh, a farmer of Byers-town. Mr. and Mrs. Eby belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and stand high in the community.

Amaziah B. Eby, who has charge of the machine shop connected with his father's property at Paradise, has made himself quite a reputation as a master at his calling, and has worked in some of the leading shops of the section, notably at Hagerstown. He is regarded as a young man of far more than the ordinary promise, and much is expected of him.

PETER STYER, of Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, is the grandson of John Adam Styer, a native of Germany.

The grandfather came to this country when he was only nineteen years of age, locating in Lancaster county, where he was married to a Miss Miller. A miller by trade, he followed that occupation some years, and was engaged in the milling business dur-

ing the war of the Revolution. He was also a farmer, and was a man of magnificent physique. It is a matter of tradition that on one occasion, single and alone, at one time, he carried twelve bushels of wheat up two flights of stairs. Lacking only two months of eighty-seven years when he died, he had lived a long and earnest life. In the northeast part of Caernarvon township he owned a farm of 210 acres, and the stone residence and other buildings which were erected by him on this place are still standing, and are now occupied by Peter Styer. A large walnut tree stands in the yard at the old homestead, which was planted by Peter Styer's grandmother. It measures over sixteen feet in circumference, and for this tree alone the owner was offered \$75.00 several years since. A numerous family was born to him, of which we have the following record: Barbara, wife of Abraham Kern; Russina, who married Joseph Weiler; Catherine, who married Peter Yohn; Magdalina, wife of Peter Widensaul; Elizabeth, who married Peter Foreman; Frederick; John Jacob; John Adam.

John Adam Styer, the father of Peter, was born in 1772 and lived to be eighty-two years old. His life was spent in Caernarvon township, where he engaged in farming all his days. In his religion he was a regular attendant at the Robeson Lutheran Church, and took much interest in it, being deeply versed in the Scriptures, which he had regularly and systematically read through seven times. For years he was an elder in the church. Susan Yohn, his wife, was a daughter of Frederick Yohn, and was born in Caernarvon township; when she died, in 1870, she was eighty-one years old. To this worthy couple were born ten children, as follows: Jacob, Frederick and Catherine, who married Samuel Rigg, all deceased; Sarah, the widow of Levi Weyler; Adam, who lives in Reading; Peter, deceased; Peter (2), whose name appears above; John, deceased, as is Mary, who married George Spotts; Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Foreman, who has her home in Chester county.

Peter Styer was born March 1, 1827, was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. For the greater portion of his life he has had his home in Caernarvon township. The old homestead is owned by him, and his attention is given to its cultivation. He is a man of character and standing in the community in which he lives, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any one of its important enterprises.

Mr. Styer has been twice married, Elbina Sweitzer being his first wife. She was a daughter of Peter Sweitzer, and was born at the "Plow Tavern," in Berks county. She died in 1888, at the age of fifty-two years, and was the mother of ten children, of whom Sarah Ellen is the wife of Levi B. Moore, of Martindale, Lancaster county; Wilson is a lime burner of Berks county; John Adam is a farmer of Caernarvon township; Clara married Henry Miller, of Reading; Bentley and Heber were

twins; Heber is dead and Bentley is a farmer in Caernarvon township; Daniel W. is a physician in Churchtown; George is pastor of the Lutheran Church at Millersburg, Ohio; James is in the agency business in Caernarvon township; Charles is at home.

Mr. Styer was married March 10, 1892, to his present wife, Harriet Ann, a daughter of John Foreman; they are members of the Lutheran Church, and are among the most respected citizens of the community.

During the Civil war Mr. Styer served as recruiting officer for Caernarvon township, and did some very good work in that position. For some ten years or more he had a butcher business in Reading, and has handled much stock, cattle and horses, in his time. At the closing of the war he bought up many government horses and, bringing them to Lancaster county, disposed of them at very good profits. Mr. Styer is a skilled veterinarian, though not a graduate, and has practiced the science with much success.

DAVID H. MELLINGER, one of the enterprising young farmers of Manor township, was born Sept. 9, 1865, in the old Mellinger homestead at Creswell, where he still resides. He comes from one of the old families of this region, and is of German origin, being a descendant of Ludwig Mellinger, the first of the name to locate in this section.

John Mellinger, great-grandfather of David H., was born in Manor township, and there passed his entire life, engaged in farming and distilling. His judgment in business matters brought him prosperity, and he was a man of considerable influence in his community. In politics he was an Old-line Whig, and he took an active part in the affairs of his day and locality, holding various positions, among them that of school director of his township. He died in Creswell.

David Mellinger, grandfather of David H., was born in February, 1795, in Manor township, and had a long career, surviving until April 9, 1878. His early literary training was received in the public schools of the home neighborhood, and he took up the study of medicine with Dr. Musser, of Manor township. His professional studies completed, he opened an office in Creswell, and practiced continuously for the long period of sixty years, meeting with success from the start. He owned 100 acres of land, which under his management was in an excellent state of cultivation, and, having inherited his father's business ability, his affairs prospered. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Shopf, also of Manor township, who was born March 21, 1794, and died Sept. 23, 1856. Five sons were born to this union, namely: (1) John S., father of David H.; (2) Henry S., M. D., the last survivor, who died Feb. 6, 1901; (3) Jacob, who was a business man of Columbia; (4) David;



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and (5) Benjamin S., who died at the age of twelve years. The father was an active member of the M. E. Church, in which he held office. Politically he was a Republican. John S. Mellinger married Miss Elizabeth Wissler, who survives him. His death occurred in October, 1897.

David H. Mellinger attended the common schools and the State Normal at Millersville, acquiring a good practical education, thus fitting him to assist his father in his agricultural work and other business affairs until the latter's retirement, when he assumed full charge. The home farm, which contains over eighty acres, is devoted to general crops, and in addition to the cultivation of that place Mr. Mellinger looks after several other farm properties of his own, and attends to the business interests of his uncle, Dr. Henry S. Mellinger. Naturally he is kept constantly busy, but his disposition is an energetic one, and he attends personally to all the details of his work, taking justifiable satisfaction in the results which have attended his affairs. Mr. Mellinger is as much interested in the fine appearance of his place as in its more material welfare, and his home and surroundings testify strongly to his love for the beautiful. The house, a modern brick structure of pleasing design, was built after his own plans in 1893-94. Like the public-spirited citizen he is, Mr. Mellinger is always ready to give his influence and substantial encouragement to every measure involving the welfare of his town and county. He is a Republican politically, but not an office seeker.

On May 25, 1892, Mr. Mellinger was united in marriage with Miss Agnes C. Mann, daughter of Levi H. Mann, who resides near Creswell.

B. D. ECKMAN, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 4, 1821, a son of John and Elizabeth (Draucker) Eckman, both natives of this county. John Eckman was born in 1781; and his wife in October, 1786.

John Eckman was the son of Henry Eckman, who was born in Germany and came to this country in colonial times, settling near Puseyville, in East Drumore township. In time he became quite prosperous, owning six or more good farms, leaving one to each of his children at the time of his death. These children were: Daniel; Henry, Jacob; John; Martin; Betsy, who became the wife of Mr. Kirkwood; and Jane, who married and lived near the Juniata river.

John Eckman after his marriage settled on one of his father's farms, where he devoted his life to farming, and died at the home near Puseyville Nov. 20, 1859. His wife died March 2, 1827, having been the mother of two sons and three daughters. (1) Sarah A., born June 26, 1812, married James Bryson and settled on her father's old homestead, where they lived many years, and then moved to Oxford, where Mr. Bryson died; she is still living, at the venerable age of ninety years; her only

child living, Jeanette, is Mrs. William Smith, of Philadelphia. Mary, the wife of John Gregg, is dead. (2) Catherine Eckman, born in May, 1814, died in the bloom of her young womanhood. (3) Elizabeth, born April 4, 1816, married John Donnelly, of Lancaster county. She died in Adams county, Ill., where they had moved. Mr. Donnelly is also dead. To this marriage were born Hugh, James, Henry and Sallie, who is the wife of the Rev. W. Eckman, now of Decatur, Ill. (4) John A. Eckman, born in 1819, died young.

(5) B. D. Eckman, who was the youngest member of his father's family, lost his mother when he was only five years old, and was reared in the household of his uncle, Henry Eckman.

B. D. Eckman was married Nov. 4, 1841, to Susanna E. Westcott, a daughter of William and Mary Westcott, an old family of Lancaster county. Mrs. Eckman was born in East Drumore township Jan. 4, 1826. Of the family of William and Mary Westcott four are living: George W., of Oxford, Chester county; James, of Wilmington, Del.; Margaret, the deceased wife of Benjamin Winters, of Oxford, Pa.; Susanna, the wife of Mr. Eckman.

B. D. Eckman began his married life as a farm hand, earning the munificent salary of forty cents a day. Industrious and economical, he was able to buy a farm in 1855, which is the present residence of the family. It was then only partly cleared, and had but a shell of a house for a home; since that time he has erected large and handsome farm buildings, and now has one of the best appointed farms in the county. In his politics Mr. Eckman is a Democrat. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Eckman have been born thirteen children, ten of whom are living. (1) John, born in March, 1842, married Miss Sallie Donnelly, and is now a resident of Decatur, Ill., where they have the following family: Edward, William, Mamie, Anna, Mearl, John, Walter and Beulah. (2) William W., born in March, 1844, married Miss Lina Simcock, of Paxton, Ill., and lives in Memphis, Mo., where he owns a lumber yard. They have one daughter, Lillie. (3) Sarah E., born in July, 1846, married George Witencamp, of Payson, Ill., and is the mother of two children, Mary E. and Nettie. (4) Mary, born Aug. 4, 1848, died in childhood. (5) James B., born in June, 1850, married Miss Lida Keenan, of Lancaster county, who died in Illinois, leaving a family,—Harry, Josie, Johnnie and Lida. (6) George W., born in July, 1852, married Mary Starr, and lives in Greene county, Ill.; he is the father of seven children, Aldis, Baltzer, Francis, Mary, Mable, Enos and Della. (7) Jeanette M., born in June, 1854, is unmarried, at home. (8) Adam, born in May, 1856, married in Illinois and now resides in Adams county; his children are Daniel, George, Henry, Bernice and May. (9) Anna, born in September, 1858, married Frank Keen, of Quarryville, and is dead, leaving one daughter, Jeanette. (10) Sander M., born in June, 1861,

married Miss Jennie Reineer, of Drumore township, and is a farmer on his place in East Drumore township. They have the following children, Bertha, Ira, Leah, Mary, Perry, Anna and George. (11) B. D., Jr., born May 6, 1864. (12) Ellen R., born in January, 1866, married Richard Kearner, of Payson, Ill., and is the mother of one child, George. (13) Susanna, died in childhood.

B. D. Eckman, Jr., married Miss Emma M. Myers, a daughter of Anthony and Martina Myers. Her mother is dead, but her father is still living in Lancaster. Mrs. Eckman was born Feb. 24, 1868. They are residing with his father on the old home-stand, and have one son, Harry A.

JOHN SPRECHER, a retired farmer whose home is in New Holland, Pa., was born in Earl township Nov. 25, 1835, a son of Isaac and Mary (Dieffenderffer) Sprecher, long residents of Earl township.

Isaac Sprecher came to the farm where his son is now living in 1864, and there he spent his remaining days. He passed away in 1866, at the age of sixty-six years; his widow survived many years, entering into rest in 1892. The ashes of both rest in the Lutheran Church cemetery at New Holland. The husband and father was a farmer all his life. Isaac Sprecher and his wife had the following children: Benjamin, a farmer in Earl township; Anna, wife of Samuel Brubaker, a retired farmer in New Holland; Susannah, who died at the age of sixteen years; John; Isaac, a farmer in New Holland; Mary, who married Jacob Shaeffer, a retired farmer in West Earl township; Rachel, unmarried and living in New Holland.

George Sprecher, the paternal grandfather of John Sprecher, who married a Miss Shaffer, was a farmer of much more than the usual prominence in Lancaster county. His maternal grandfather, Benjamin Dieffenderffer, and his wife, a Miss Hull, were both natives of Lancaster county.

John Sprecher was married in Lancaster, Pa., in December, 1863, to Catherine Grabill, by whom he has had the following children: Ida, who married John Shreiner, of Manheim township, and is the mother of three children; Grabill, a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Mattie Bair, and is the father of two children; Leamon, a farmer of Strasburg, who married Cora Hartman, and is the father of one child; John, a teacher for some years, a graduate of the Millersville State Normal, class of 1899 and now a member of the junior class at Franklin and Marshall College, residing meanwhile at home, only twelve miles from the college; Bertha, at home, unmarried; Mary, who married Samuel Holt, a farmer at Merrill, Pa., and is the mother of one child.

Mrs. Catherine (Grabill) Sprecher was born in West Earl township Aug. 9, 1840, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Rupp) Grabill, both of West Earl township. Her father was a farmer, and died in West Earl township in 1876, at the age of sixty-

eight. Her mother entered into rest in 1873, at the age of sixty-one. Their remains are resting in Carpenter's Church cemetery in West Earl township. Their children are as follows: Sarah, deceased wife of John Myers; Elizabeth, late wife of John Lafevre; Abraham, deceased; Catherine, Mrs. Sprecher; Henry, deceased; Susannah, the widow of Martin Gahman, and living in Lancaster; Samuel, a grocery merchant of Lancaster; Isaac and John, who both died young.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Catherine Sprecher were John and Catherine (Weidler) Grabill, farming people of Lancaster county; her maternal grandparents Abraham and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Rupp, also Lancaster county farmers.

John Sprecher remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming for himself, an occupation he continued until 1895, when he retired and removed to his present home. He and his family are members of the German Baptist Church, and are counted among the most honorable and upright people of the community. In his politics he is a Republican.

JACOB WITMER. The continent of Europe has contributed many good and substantial citizens to America, and no country has been represented by a more excellent class than has Switzerland, many natives of that beautiful land finding a new home in the United States, a great portion of them locating in the rich farming lands of Pennsylvania. Prominent among these was a representative of the Witmer family, although but a lad of fourteen at the time; it is easy to believe that both courage and independence were his, to enable him to leave kindred and friends for a strange land. That he possessed attributes of merit is certain, for he became the honored founder of one of the largest and most esteemed families in Lancaster county. His habits were frugal and he was of an industrious bent, resulting in the accumulation of means, and at his death he left a fine farm which is still in the possession of his descendants. In the Mennonite Church he was prominent, and that religious denomination has absorbed almost all of the succeeding family.

John Witmer, the grandfather of Jacob Witmer, inherited the farm of ninety broad acres, located one-half mile south of Lampeter, and there he filled out his days, engaged in agricultural pursuits, marrying Esther Bowman, the estimable daughter of a neighboring farmer, and dying at the age of seventy-six. The children of this union were: Jacob, the father of Jacob (2); Anna, who married Christian Shaub, of West Lampeter; and Barbara, who married Jacob Barge, of Strasburg.

Jacob Witmer (1) was born Sept. 7, 1791, and died June 21, 1864. His home was on the old home-stand, as he purchased it from his father's estate and lived a quiet, pastoral life among his fields and herds, one of the most estimable of men, who performed his full duty in every relation of life. His

marriage was to Sarah Lefever, a daughter of George and Susan (Hartman) Lefever, of Strasburg, her birth being on Feb. 15, 1799, her death on Sept. 9, 1890. A family of ten children were born to this union: Esther, born in February, 1818, residing in Lancaster City, the widow of Jacob Fritz; George, born in January, 1820, a retired farmer of Providence township; Susan, born Dec. 4, 1823, the deceased wife of Jacob F. Herr; Sarah, born in December, 1825, twice widowed, having first married Abraham Graft, and second, Rev. Amos Herr, and now living with her brother, Jacob; Anna, born in November, 1827, died in 1829; John, born in August, 1830, died in 1833; Aaron, born in April, 1832, a retired farmer of West Lampeter; Jacob, born Nov. 11, 1834; Martin, born in July, 1836, a farmer of Strasburg township; and Naomi, born in October, 1838, died in 1842.

Jacob Witmer (2) was born and reared on the farm he now occupies, received his education in the public schools, and upon the death of his father, in 1864, purchased forty-five acres of the homestead land; this was the west half, upon which the most improvements had been made, and where the father had died. This land is especially well placed for general farming, and such Mr. Witmer carried on until 1895, when he retired from active life. His standing in the county is second to none in integrity, and he is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, where he takes a deservedly prominent place.

C. M. RESSLER, one of the successful farmers and prominent citizens of Lancaster county, was born in Providence township May 10, 1841; he was a son of Daniel and Mary (Metzler) Ressler, the former a man of wonderful longevity, dying in his one hundredth year, on Dec. 18, 1901. Daniel was born March 24, 1802, and was of sturdy German stock, his father having been a native of Germany who was one of the first settlers of this county.

Daniel Ressler was the father of ten children: Hettie, deceased; Amos, deceased; Barbara; Harry, a retired farmer; C. M., of this sketch; Maria, at home; Martin, deceased; Susan, a resident of Lancaster; John, on the old home farm; and Emma, deceased.

C. M. Ressler was reared as a farmer boy and received his education in the public schools of Providence township. Although he started out in life with very limited means, by his activity and energy he has accumulated a large and well-improved estate, consisting of two valuable farms, with excellent dwellings, barns and all the necessities of advanced agricultural work. For a number of years Mr. Ressler has been a very successful dealer in cattle and stock. He has now retired from his well improved farm, near Chestnut Level, and has bought a home in Strasburg borough, where he now resides. His son, Aaron D., has possession of the farm.

The first marriage of Mr. Ressler was to Miss Elizabeth Miller, of Martic township, their union taking place on Sept. 26, 1869; she was a daughter of David and Maria Miller. The children born to this marriage numbered eight. Mrs. Ressler died Jan. 31, 1888, and Mr. Ressler was married a second time, on July 23, 1891, to Sarah J. Parker, who died April 30, 1900, one daughter being of this second marriage.

Mr. Ressler is a leading member of the Mennonite Church, is a Republican in his political views, is a fine farmer and one of the most valued citizens of the township. In his home he is respected and beloved, and among his neighbors he is regarded as a friend worthy of high esteem.

DAVID G. ESHLEMAN (deceased) was at one time ranked as a leading member of the Lancaster bar. He was born near Strasburg, Lancaster county, July 3, 1816, son of Benjamin Eshleman, a native of Lancaster county. He was educated in Philadelphia first, and afterward at Dickinson College, from which institution he was graduated with the class of 1840. He then read law in the office of the late John R. Montgomery, of Lancaster, and was admitted to practice in 1842. He followed his profession successfully to the time of his death. He married Caroline Carpenter, daughter of Dr. Abraham Carpenter, and to this union were born the following children: Anna, who married John H. McMurdy (both deceased), leaving one son, John H., Jr.; Eliza, wife of Frank M. Taylor, residing at Denver, Colo., who has one living son, David Paul; Harriet, wife of E. C. Stimson, residing at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mary, who died in childhood; and George Ross. In politics David G. Eshleman was formerly a Whig, but later became an active worker in the Democratic party. He served in the Legislature and was also county solicitor. He died April 30, 1895. Mrs. David G. Eshleman was, through her mother, a granddaughter of George Ross, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. She died April 11, 1900.

GEORGE ROSS ESHLEMAN was born in Lancaster Sept. 30, 1864, descended on both sides from families of German origin and among the early settlers of Lancaster county. He received his primary education in the Yeates Institute of Lancaster. He then went to Princeton College, where he was graduated in 1884. He read law in his father's office and was admitted to practice in 1886, and since that time has successfully followed his chosen profession in his native town. He was in politics a Democrat until 1896, when he joined the Republican party. He was married to Elizabeth Spencer June 1, 1892, and they have no children. He is editor of the *Law Review*; a member of Herschel Lodge, I. O. O. F., Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, B. P. O. E., the Young Republican Club, the Hamilton Club, the Lancaster Country Club and the Y. M. C. A.; he belongs to the Lancaster County Bar Association,

and is a member of St. James Protestant Episcopal Church.

The earliest record of the Eshleman family in America is that of the great-great-grandfather, John Jacob Eshleman, who was born in Germany in 1707 and came to this country in 1729. He settled in Strasburg, where he bought a tract of land. He was a millwright. John Jacob married Barbara Barr, of Lancaster, and they had but one son, Jacob, born in 1742. The father, John Jacob, was a Mennonite, and died in Strasburg. His son, Jacob, married Barbara Groff, and they had children as follows: Jacob; John, who resided at Strasburg and married first, Mary Weaver, and second, Alice Groff; Susan, Mrs. Henry Breckbill; Fannie, Mrs. Joseph Patts, who died at Strasburg; Benjamin, who married Fannie Herr, both dying at Greenland, Pa.; David, married to Mary Groff, and Barbara, married to Jacob Bachman, all of whom died at Strasburg; Mary, who married David Miller, of Carlisle, Pa. The eldest son of this family, Jacob Eshleman, born in 1768, had a milling business at Leaman Place, Lancaster county. He married Mary Breckbill, and resided in Paradise township, Lancaster county. Their children were as follows: Susan, Mrs. Michael Barr, of Quincy, Ill.; Benjamin, married to Eliza Stauffer; Maria, Mrs. John Worfel, of Lancaster; Barbara, Mrs. Jacob Frantz, of Leaman Place; Jacob; Ann, Mrs. George Groff, of Strasburg; Fannie, who died unmarried; Dr. John, of Downingtown, unmarried; Martha, Mrs. Christian L. Lefever, of Lancaster.

Jacob Eshleman, Jr., fifth child of the above family, was born in 1802. He went to work in his father's mill when a boy, learned the business thoroughly and after marriage took charge of it. He continued to run it until 1866, when his youngest son, Silas, assumed charge of it. Jacob Eshleman (3) married Juliette Witmer. Their children are: Milton B.; Farris, who married Clara Musselman; Amos L., of Paradise, married to Esther Hoover; Elam W., of Leaman Place, who married Bell Light; Eliza, now deceased; Silas K., of Leaman Place, married to Emma Haymaker.

ROBERT KOCH BUEHRLE, born at Ueberlingen, a small village in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, Sept. 24, 1840, was the second son of Joseph Buehrle and his wife, Joanna (Koch), of Kappel am Rhein, which was the native village of the father. The mother's birthplace was Rust, a neighboring market village.

In obedience to the law, Joseph Buehrle served for six years as a soldier in the army of the Grand Duke, at the expiration of which time he was appointed a guardsman on the frontier, an office in the Customs department. In this service he so distinguished himself in his encounters with smugglers (from the conflicts with whom he carried scars to his grave), and for his zeal and honesty in the discharge of his responsible duties, that after

six years, he was promoted for meritorious conduct to the position of Internal Revenue assessor and collector in his native village. Being a man of universally admitted probity of character, a free-thinker, though a great admirer of Martin Luther, and an intense hater of slavery and despotism, how could he do otherwise than co-operate with the earliest of those patriots (joined later by Carl Schurz, Frederick Hecker and Franz Sigel), who unsuccessfully attempted to bring about the freedom and unity of Germany through the Revolution of 1848 (he lived to see the unity, though not the freedom, brought about as a result of the Franco-Prussian war, in 1870), and as a consequence was deprived of his government office in 1844, and came to America, "The Land of the Free." Not finding his trade of linen-weaver congenial nor remunerative, he, in 1848, became a boatman on the Lehigh canal (running from Mauch Chunk and points above to Philadelphia and New York), and thenceforth resided in Tinicum township, Bucks county, Pa. He owned his boat, of which he was captain, and was assisted by his two sons, the subject of this sketch and his elder brother. He retired in 1858 to a little homestead, and died in 1877, followed nine years later by his widow, in her eightieth year.

In politics Joseph Buehrle voted with the Democratic party, because the Whig seemed to him to favor wealth, nativism and prohibition, but when the Democratic party became distinctly pro-slavery he left it, as he had always been anti-slavery, and thenceforth continued to be a consistent Republican, in which respect his descendants and relatives followed him.

As shown above, Supt. Buehrle had his boyhood home in Bucks county, and at the age of seven started on the tow-path of the Lehigh canal, which he followed every season until the fall of 1858, when he literally stepped from the canal boat to the teacher's platform, although he averaged but two months a year at school up to that time. He now zealously devoted himself to study at the Bucks County Normal and Classical School, at Quakertown, where he was a classmate of Dr. J. S. Stahr, president of Franklin and Marshall College, and of Dr. George U. Wenner, a prominent Lutheran divine of New York. He was soon appointed as assistant, but after two years he again took charge of a country school, this time near Allentown, Pa. There he married Anna M. Lazarus, a daughter of Jacob Lazarus, a prosperous farmer. In the spring of 1863 he assumed charge of Weaversville Academy, in Northampton county, but soon resigned to enter the motive power department of the Pennsylvania Railroad as clerk, at Pittsburg, then under the superintendency of Andrew Carnegie.

At the expiration of two years Dr. Buehrle returned to the profession of teaching, as principal of the Allentown boys' high school, and three



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years later he was unanimously appointed first city superintendent of Allentown, and also ex-officio principal of the high school, to which position he was successively re-elected until 1878, when he declined to accept the office. Under his supervision the schools became widely known for their complete and effective organization and the excellence of the buildings erected. His advice was sought by boards of directors in distant parts of the state, and even after his departure from this field officers of the board were eager to consult him; so successful had been his administration there that the chief direction given his successor by the board was to follow in his footsteps and to attempt no reforms. In 1878, when Reading was casting about for a suitable person to serve that city as superintendent of schools, State Superintendent Wickersham wrote to them recommending Supt. Buehrle, of Allentown, and he was accordingly elected, and accepted the position, but remained only two years, when he resigned to become the first city superintendent of Lancaster. While at Reading, Franklin and Marshall College conferred on him the honorary degree of M. A. Though remaining there but a short time, he exerted so marked an influence that when he departed, to enter upon his work at Lancaster, his journey thither resembled an ovation, accompanied as he was by the mayor and other public officials of the city, besides a large number of school controllers, especially the officers and chairmen of the chief committees. He was probably the first school officer in the country to whom a complimentary dinner was given by the school authorities in token of their high esteem.

As superintendent at Lancaster Dr. Buehrle has labored diligently in the cause of public education; his thorough organization of the schools, and his judicious, well-directed and progressive administration of them, are universally recognized. A zealous champion of what he believes to be their best interests, he nevertheless inclines to the conservative rather than to the destructive. Striving for the establishment of what is fundamental, he has devoted himself most earnestly to the education—the instruction—of teachers—of those who are the chief factors in the work under his supervision. In doing this he has been continuously engaged in instructing classes of teachers, and it was largely to promote this end that he had become the author of "Grammatical Praxis" and "Arithmetical Exercises." In recognition of his devotion to the study of literature—especially the languages—he being acquainted with Latin, Greek, German and French, besides being a contributor to Egle's History of Pennsylvania, to Webster's and to Murray's English dictionaries—Franklin and Marshall College, in 1886, conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Dr. Buehrle is also a close student of the literature of his profession, a contributor to educational journals, and is noted for wide and thorough scholarship, as well as for

his advocacy of the classics and collegiate training.

In the Pennsylvania State Teachers' Association he has taken an active and influential part, and he is also an active member of the National Educational Association. He has been especially prominent in the formation of the City and Borough Superintendents' Association of Pennsylvania, which originated in a preliminary meeting, of which he was president, held at Lancaster in 1888. In 1893 he was elected its president a second time. He is a charter member of the Penn-German Society, in the organization of which he was very active; a Royal Arch Mason, being a past master of Barger Lodge, No. 333, at Allentown; and a member of Chapter No. 13, R. A. M., of Lancaster. He has widely identified himself with whatever makes for the improvement of his adopted city; is a member of the Mechanics Library Society, of the Lancaster County Historical Society, an associate member of the Linnean Society, a director of the Lancaster General Hospital, and of the West End Building Association. In religion he is a Lutheran, a prominent member of Christ Church, and has been identified with Sunday-school work since 1859, the greater part of the time as superintendent. It was on his motion, at the meeting of the General Council held at Chicago in 1886, that a committee on a Sunday-school Course of Instruction was appointed, of which he is still a member, and which has created the council's excellent graded course. Politically a Republican, he believes in civil service reform, in the initiative, the referendum, the municipalization of monopolistic public utilities, postal savings banks and the parcels post. The home of Supt. Buehrle and his estimable wife is at No. 408 Manor street, in a double-front house owned and built by himself, besides which he has built ten others in the city.

JAMES MONTGOMERY. A leading agriculturist of Lancaster county for many years, as well as one of its most highly esteemed citizens, James Montgomery is one of the truly representative men of this section. His birth was in Colerain township, Nov. 16, 1823, and his parents were James and Betsy (Tweed) Montgomery, the former of whom was born in County Derry, Ireland, coming to Colerain township, in this county, while still a young man. His wife was born in that township, where they lived after marriage until 1836, when they removed to Eden township, settling on the farm now occupied by his son James. This land he cleared and placed under cultivation, erecting in 1857 the commodious brick residence which is still the comfortable family home. Later in life he purchased different tracts of land surrounding him, which he divided into three large farms, giving one to each son. James received the farm containing the residence, while Isaac and Robert were given large adjoining tracts.

In this comfortable home, which Mr. Mont-

gomery provided for his children by his own energy and industry, both he and his wife passed out of life, he in 1862, and his widow in 1874. Their children were three sons and two daughters: Elizabeth and Sarah, born in Colerain township, died in Lancaster City, where they moved after the death of their parents. Neither ever married. James is the eldest son. Robert, born in Colerain, was given a common school education and for a time taught school in his district and in later years was one of the county commissioners of Lancaster county. He married Margaret Kerr, of Butler county, a very estimable lady, and they reside in great comfort on one of the farms adjoining the old homestead; their two children were: Ollie, the deceased wife of William Harrar, of Atglen, Chester county, who left one daughter, Dorothy; and Robert Montgomery, Jr., who is a resident of the far West, being mayor of Sumner City, Washington. Isaac Montgomery, brother to James, was the youngest son and was born in 1828 and married Miss Sarah Moore, of Lancaster county, their residence being on one of the farms adjoining the homestead. Their seven children are: Emma, who is the wife of Thomas Williams, of Sadsbury, in this county; Bessie, who is the wife of William Chamberlain, of Philadelphia; Ruth, who is the wife of Alfred Connor, of Kirkwood, in Lancaster county; Hettie, who became the wife of Jesse Weiler, now deceased, of this county; Marion, who is the wife of Albert Fritz, of Quarryville; Isaac, who married Miss Sadie Baughman, of Georgetown, and resides on a farm adjoining that of his father; and James, single, living at home.

James Montgomery was the eldest of his parents' family and received his education in the district schools. Reared on the farm, from choice he became an agriculturist and like his ancestors, soon gained the reputation of being one of the best farmers in the county. Mr. Montgomery also raised much stock, making this branch very profitable, although he was obliged to drive his cattle as far as Philadelphia, to find a market. Until the death of his parents he remained in charge of the home farm, after which the above named division was made, according to the wish of the father, James retaining the homestead as his, by order of birth.

James Montgomery married in March, 1877, to Miss Margaret J. Phillips, who belonged to one of the old and prominent families. Her parents were William and Mary (Lovett) Phillips, of Drumore township, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, Pa. William Phillips was a son of William Phillips, whose native land was Ireland, and who became well known through Drumore township, as a genial hotel keeper, one who looked well after the wants of the traveling public in the days of stage coaches. His son William settled later in Colerain township, where he farmed until his death in 1886. His widow still survives and finds a comfortable home and loving attention in the home of

her daughter, Mrs. Montgomery. Three daughters and one son of the Phillips' family still survive, three having passed away.

Mrs. Montgomery was the eldest child of her parents, was born in Colerain in 1841 and was liberally educated, passing through the Union High School, and becoming a valued teacher both in Lancaster and Chester counties. For several years she taught in the schools of these counties, winning affection and esteem. The others of her family were: Anna, born in Colerain, the wife of W. L. Bunting; Elizabeth, the wife of Hugh J. Penny, a merchant of Russellville, Chester county; Joseph C., born in Colerain, a resident of Deloit, Ia., where he married Miss Della Ainsworth, and resides on a large farm; and John W., Wendell C. and Alfred C., who all grew to maturity, and then passed out of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery have lived in the old home surrounded by peace and prosperity and there four children have been born and nurtured: Mary M., James Clyde, Elizabeth and Oscar I. Mary received an education at the Millersville State Normal School; Clyde at the Lancaster Business College; and Oscar at the Norristown Business College.

Politically Mr. Montgomery has always been in sympathy with the principles advanced by the founders of the old Democratic party, and he has faithfully upheld the men and measures of that political organization. He was reared in the Presbyterian church, while his wife is an attached member of the Methodist church, and has been connected with the Wesleyan branch for forty-three years, her beloved mother having been a member for sixty years. Mr. Montgomery has long been a school director, his interest in the progress of educational matters being continued.

This family bears an honorable record in Lancaster county for both public and domestic virtues. Like their honored father, the sons grew to maturity displaying the same honest traits of character which made him the respected and esteemed citizen he was. In all progressive measures for the public good, in charitable and benevolent enterprises through this section, this family bears a leading part.

JOHN H. KAUFFMAN, one of the oldest and most respected farmers of Manor township, was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., Dec. 13, 1828, and is next to the eldest of a family of twelve children.

Isaac Kauffman, deceased father of John H. Kauffman, was born April 25, 1802, in Lancaster county, and died Nov. 15, 1888. He began farming in Conestoga township, but early came to Manor township, and rented a farm at Creswell from Jacob Buckwalter, on which he lived sixteen years; then he removed to East Hempfield township, lived there three years, next returned to Manor township,

where he rented a farm from Mrs. Hershey, and shortly afterward purchased 109 acres south of Creswell. He farmed there for fifteen years and then bought a tract of four acres nearer Creswell, where he passed the remainder of his life in retirement, emphatically a self-made man. He died in the faith of the Mennonite church.

The marriage of Isaac Kauffman to Miss Annie Hess took place in Conestoga township. She was born Sept. 9, 1808, daughter of John and Catherine (Keagy) Hess, and died Nov. 12, 1889, the mother of twelve children, viz: Elizabeth, deceased wife of David Eshleman, of Creswell; John H.; Abraham, a deceased hotel-keeper; Rudolph, of Manor township; Isaac, a former dealer in tobacco at Mountville, but now deceased; Catherine, wife of Benjamin Witmer, of Millersville; Edward, of East Hempfield township; Michael, of Lancaster City; Amos, a farmer in Lancaster county; Jacob, a deceased farmer; Annie, widow of Abraham Taylor, of Millersville; and David, deceased.

John H. Kauffman was reared on the home farm and educated in the public schools of Creswell, then at the age of twenty years took to himself a wife, and for four years worked out as a day laborer at farming, next purchasing a farm of four acres, which has since been his home and to which he has added until the farm now comprises twenty acres.

Although known most generally as a farmer, John H. Kauffman had much experience on the Susquehanna river, running rafts from Marietta, Lancaster county, to Peach Bottom. He was but seventeen years of age when he entered on this line of work, beginning simply as one of the hands. His first trip almost proved to be his last, as the raft was dashed to pieces and he saved his life only by luckily catching hold of a floating piece of timber. He commenced piloting at the time of the Rebellion and continued it for fifteen years, his experiences being many and varied. After relinquishing his river life, which had been intermingled with general farming, Mr. Kauffman gave his attention chiefly to the raising of tobacco until his retirement in 1896.

In November, 1848, John H. Kauffman married Miss Susannah Moyer, born in Manheim, West Hempfield township, Dec. 1, 1830, a daughter of Christ H. Moyer, a school teacher. This lady bore her husband six children and died March 3, 1890, leaving Mr. Kauffman and his children to mourn their sad loss. These children were born and named in the following order: Adaline, the wife of Leonard S. Fleckenstine, of Easton, Md., and the mother of six children; Elizabeth, married to T. C. Kackel, a merchant of Creswell, Pa., and mother of two sons; Isaiah, a tobacco dealer of Rawlinsville, Pa., who married Clara Hiller, and is the father of two children; Aaron, an employee of a tobacco merchant in Lancaster City and married to Ida Jones; Edward, a farmer of Manor township, who married Rhoda Seachrist and has ten

children; and Delilah, who is the wife of Jacob Strickler, also of Manor township, and has two children.

John H. Kauffman has reared his children in the faith of the United Evangelical church, of which he is a trustee, steward, and class-leader at Creswell; he has been a member of the society for fifty-two years, and for most of this time has been honored with official positions, so great is the confidence of his fellow-members in his trustworthiness. In politics Mr. Kauffman is a Republican. He has lived these many years a useful life, and has won for himself the sincere esteem of a host of warm-hearted friends.

HENRY KENDIG, who passed away in 1878, will be remembered by the older residents of East Lampeter township as one of the prosperous and industrious farmers of his day in that section of Lancaster county.

Mr. Kendig was born Aug. 28, 1813, in Strasburg township, this county, son of Henry Kendig, who lived and died in Lancaster county. The latter was a farmer and followed that occupation all his life. He married Miss Mary Groff, and they became the parents of twelve children: Emanuel; Martin; Joseph; Isaac; Benjamin; Simon (or Reuben); Samuel; Abraham; John; Henry; Mary, Mrs. Andrew; and Leah, wife of John Groff.

Henry Kendig followed farming all his life. In 1833 he married Miss Annie Eby, daughter of Abram and Esther Eby, and to this union were born two children: Isaac, who is in the life insurance business in Philadelphia; and Fannie, who was born in East Lampeter, Oct. 7, 1834, and remained at home with her parents as long as they lived. In September, 1884, six years after the death of her husband, Mrs. Annie (Eby) Kendig sold the farm to B. K. Landis, receiving \$200.25 an acre. On March 26, 1885, she moved to Smoketown, where her death occurred Dec. 19, of the same year. The daughter, Fannie, still resides there.

CHRISTIAN KREIDER, one of the successful and progressive farmers of West Lampeter township, was born on the old family homestead, three miles south of Lancaster City, May 4, 1830, a son of a pious father and estimable mother whose wise counsels have remained with him to the present time.

While a lad, he assisted his father, John Kreider, in the fulling mill which was on the farm. He received his education in the common schools of the district. He chose farming for his occupation, and in the spring of 1853 he began the operation of one of his father's farms, the old homestead. This he operated for eleven years.

In 1863 he lost his wife and after this bereavement he returned to his father's house, where he remained for several years; in 1866, he located on his present farm, where he engaged in farming

until 1878, at which time he removed to Strasburg and lived there until 1899, then returning to the old home, where he now resides with his son and daughter.

Christian Kreider was thrice married and has been thrice bereaved. His first marriage was to Esther Bowman, a daughter of Rev. Henry Bowman, her death occurring in Oct., 1863, at the age of thirty-four. In 1866 he married Mary Huber, a daughter of Daniel Huber, of Willowstreet, her death occurring in 1873, at the age of thirty-nine. To this union were born four children: Susan H., of West Lampeter; Annie, the wife of Frank Cope, of East Petersburg, who has one child, Lizzie; Francis H., who died in 1893, at the age of twenty-two; and John H., a farmer, who operates his father's farm. In 1884 Mr. Kreider married Esther Eckman, a daughter of Jacob Eckman, of Colerain township, later of Lancaster City; her death occurring May 20, 1899, when she was aged sixty-eight.

Christian Kreider has been one of the leading men of his township; early in life, when but seventeen, he became a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, being received into the church by its devout and saintly founder, Rev. Bishop John Herr. He has ever been an upright man, and a worthy citizen in every relation of life.

ELIAS EBY. The Eby family has given to Lancaster county some of its most worthy and respected citizens. During life the late Sem Eby was one of the leading men of the county, in the northwestern part of which he was born, in 1808, and he passed out of life in 1881. The major part of his life was employed in agriculture in Leacock township, where he accumulated much property and was regarded as not only an excellent man of business and a fine farmer, but also as an upright and liberal citizen, and worthy member of the Old Mennonite church. His interest was displayed in many ways in county and township affairs, and for a long period he served on the school board. Sem Eby married Annie Frantz, the daughter of a neighbor, Jacob Frantz; she was two years his junior, and survived him nine years, dying in 1890. In all good works in the Old Mennonite church, she was a leader, and a fit help-mate for her husband, who for many years was one of the elders.

A family of eleven children were born to Sem and Annie Eby: Jacob F., a resident of Intercourse; Lizzie, a resident of Leaman Place; Elias, of this biography; Benjamin, a resident of Paradise township; Christian, who died in childhood; Samuel, a former resident of Leaman Place, who died in 1900, at the age of fifty-nine, and left two children; Amos, a resident of Paradise township; Ezra, who died at the age of thirteen; Joseph and Henry, who both died in infancy; and John, who resides in Leacock township, on the old homestead.

Elias Eby was born Oct. 5, 1836, was reared

to farm life and grew up a self-reliant, well-informed young man, who at the age of twenty-seven was thoroughly prepared to take charge of large farming operations for himself. Renting a farm in Strasburg township he paid close attention to it and was rewarded by large harvests, and as the years passed by, his means increased, so that in the spring of 1896 he was able to retire from activity. Purchasing a pleasant home in Strasburg, he removed thither and now enjoys life in that pleasant borough.

On Dec. 1, 1863, he married Mary Ann Buckwalter, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Jontz) Buckwalter, who was born in Leacock township, Nov. 7, 1841. Four children have come to bless this union: Enos B., a farmer and implement dealer, whose sad death occurred May 19, 1900, at the age of thirty-five years, six months and twelve days, leaving his widow, Lettie (Herr) Eby, with five children: Morris, Ruth, Ralph, Elias and Emma; Anna V., born Aug. 23, 1866, who married Ambrose Erbenshode, resides in Philadelphia and has one daughter, Marion; B. Milton, born Sept. 15, 1867, a resident of Lancaster, who married Bertha Ingram, and has one daughter, Arline; and Harry S., born March 21, 1874, who is in the employ of the Strasburg Railroad Company.

For many years both Mr. and Mrs. Eby have been devout, generous, efficient and valued members of the Old Mennonite Church and are among the most respected citizens of the township and borough of Strasburg.

PETER G. AMMON, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Franklin House," on North Queen street, Lancaster, one of the finest hotels in the city, comes of good old sturdy Holland-Dutch ancestry.

Johannes Ammon, the first of the family in this country, came from Holland in 1730, settling in Geigertown, Berks Co., Pa., close to Valley Forge. He "sold himself" to the Colony for \$96 to take up a section of land. One of the early Ammons was the groom at the first marriage consummated in the old Swedish Church at Philadelphia, May 21, 1798. Another party of Ammons settled in the Pequea Valley, in Lancaster county, and the Ammons, the Styers, the Swishers and the Yohns have all intermarried, making a numerically strong and very influential relationship. On his grandmother's side Peter G. Ammon's ancestry came from Wittenberg, Germany, while the ancestry of his mother came from England.

George Ammon, father of Peter G., was a son of John Ammon, and was a farmer, miller and stock dealer. He died March 2, 1865. He married Mary Elizabeth Gable, daughter of Peter Gable, a farmer of Pequea Valley, Lancaster county, and fifteen children were born to them, seven of whom are yet living: William, a farmer of York county, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Samuel Styer, of Lancaster; Peter G., who



Peter G. Ammon

comes next in the order of birth; Catherine, wife of Levi Beck, of Ephrata, Lancaster county; Ellen, wife of Samuel Rigg, general manager of the traction lines of Reading; Cyrus, a traveling salesman for and dealer in Ephrata spring water and in lumber; and George Martin, of the "American Hotel," Reading, Pa.; Susan was the wife of Robert E. Eberher, a farmer of Chester county. The mother of these died April 18, 1857.

Peter G. Ammon was born Feb. 13, 1847, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools of his district, laying aside his books at the age of sixteen years. He then learned the milling business, and continued at same three years, after which he went to Illinois, where he operated a farm and also handled agricultural machinery, enjoying the distinction of being one of the first to run a self-feeding corn sheller on the prairies of Illinois. In that State he remained three and a half years, then, returning East, he superintended the "Grand Central Hotel" in Reading, Pa., but after a time left the hostelry to take the management of the old "Plow and Harrow Hotel," in the same city, the name of the house being changed to the "Merchants Hotel" while under his management. From Reading he removed a few years later to Lititz, this county, where he successfully conducted the "Springs Hotel" five years, from there coming to the city of Lancaster. Here he became proprietor of the "Keystone House," on North Queen street, remaining there thirteen years, during which period he built up a prosperous business. In 1893 he bought the old "Franklin House" property and proceeded to build a new hotel, and the magnificent building, which is one of the finest in Lancaster, was completed and fully equipped within four months and ten days—a record breaker in the line of building in Lancaster.

On Oct. 26, 1876, Peter G. Ammon was married to Frances Louisa Breneman, daughter of John M. Breneman, a contracting mason of Lititz, and of this union two children were born, one dying in infancy. The other, John M., is at this writing attending the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, having first graduated from the Lancaster high school, and, later, passed a very creditable preliminary examination at the hands of the Examining committee of the Lancaster Bar.

A Democrat in politics Mr. Ammon has represented the First ward in the common branch of the city council, being sent there by his party, but at the same time receiving many Republican votes. Socially he is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M., Goodwin Council, No. 19, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, and Lancaster Commandery, No. 13; also of the I. O. O. F., the American Mechanics, the Knights of Pythias and Conestoga Assembly, No. 23, Artisans Order of Mutual Protection; he has been cashier of the latter for nearly fifteen years. He was for twelve years a director of

the Northern Market House; was one of the promoters of the Northern National Bank; a director of the Peoples Building & Loan Association; a director of the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, of Lancaster; and one of the promoters and a director of the Union Trust Company. The integrity of no man is rated higher in the city or council than that of Peter G. Ammon, and he is held in the same regard in business, social, and all other relations.

CHRISTIAN L. SHENK, one of the oldtime and highly respected farmers of Millersville, Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Feb. 13, 1830, on the old Shenk homestead at Central Manor, where he passed his boyhood and young manhood until he was twenty-seven years old, aiding in the cultivation of the place and preparing himself for future usefulness in the line of agricultural industry on his own account.

In 1860 Christian L. Shenk settled on his present homestead of twenty-five acres, which now forms a part of the village of Millersville, carries on general farming and has become one of the leading citizens of the township.

The marriage of Christian L. Shenk took place in 1857, to Miss Elizabeth Frey, daughter of Adam Frey of Manor township, and to this marriage have been born two children: Annie, wife of Haldy Harnish, who resides on the farm with Mr. Shenk and has a family of four children: Minnie, Lizzie, Barbara and Ella; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob M. Hostetter, who resides in Millersville, near the old homestead. The family attend the Dunkard church and are among the most worthy and respected residents of Manor township.

WILLIAM WALKER. One of the hardy pioneers of West Hempfield township, of that sterling sturdy character which is at once the strength and honor of any community, is William Walker, who has passed his four score years and now dwells in a well-earned retirement amidst the scenes of his earlier life.

William Walker was born in West Hempfield township, Dec. 2, 1816, the son of Isaac and Rosannah (Conklin) Walker. The father was a blacksmith and William, the only child, worked in his boyhood days at the anvil and forge beside his father. The latter was a native of Chester county and died comparatively early in life. Rosannah, wife of Isaac Walker, was a native of Lancaster county. For her second husband she married John Lockard, by whom she had five children, namely: John, a retired engineer of West Hempfield township; Hiram, of West Hempfield township; Washington, of York, Pa.; Margaret, who was twice married and is now deceased; and Mary, deceased wife of Aaron Dwyer.

William remained at home with his parents until he was sixteen years of age. He then began life for himself by engaging in work on neighboring

farms and by following the blacksmith trade. He married in 1838 Miss Martha Fridy, daughter of Jacob and Ellen (Clemmons) Fridy, of Lancaster county. Martha was one of five children, as follows: Jacob; Christian; Ellen, who married Henry Albright; Catherine, who married Jacob Shirk; and Martha. To William and Martha (Fridy) Walker were born the following children: Cyrus, who died at the age of nineteen years; Washington, a contractor and builder, who married Susan Hart and resides near Columbia, Pa.; Christian, a contractor and builder who was killed in the collapse of a church scaffolding; Elizabeth, widow of John C. Niskey; Sarah, wife of John Farmer, a farmer of East Donegal township; Levina, who married Warren Farmer, a farmer, and now resides on the old homestead in West Hempfield township; Anna, late wife of George Storms; Kate, at home; and Martha, wife of Isaac F. Rohrer, a farmer of Manor township. Martha Walker, the mother of these children and the wife of William Walker, died in 1887, aged seventy years. She is buried at Ironsville, Pennsylvania.

After his marriage William Walker engaged for a time in railroading. He was fireman for about eighteen months on the Pennsylvania railroad. He then became a tenant on the farm of his father-in-law, where he remained actively and successfully engaged in farming until 1893. In that year he erected his present neat and commodious brick residence which he has since made his home. In politics he has been a stanch Democrat. Though well advanced in years he retains the vigor and brightness of mind of a man many years his junior. He has wielded a potent and beneficent influence in the community in which he has lived for so many years, and holds the esteem and respect of all his numerous friends and acquaintances.

HENRY SHNAVELY. Joseph Shnavely (deceased) was a farmer of Lancaster county for many years, though he was born, reared and married before his settlement there.

His marriage occurred in Lebanon county, where he married a Lancaster county woman. Some years after their marriage they came into Lancaster county, and settling near Intercourse, they passed their lives there. When he died he was seventy-one, and his wife was fifty-four at the time of her death. She was Mattie Hershey, of Leacock township. Mr. Shnavely owned a 100-acre farm, and devoted his life to agriculture. Both husband and wife belonged to the Old Mennonite church. To them were born eleven children who reached maturity: Elizabeth, unmarried, at Intercourse; John, deceased, a farmer in Leacock township; Mattie, late wife of Solomon Warner; Joseph, who is living a retired life in Wayne county, Ohio; Samuel, a farmer in Wayne county, Ohio, now dead; Henry; Annie, the wife of Israel Eberly, of Stevens, Lancaster county; Benjamin, retired, and living in

Intercourse; Moses, a retired miller in Intercourse; Jacob, a resident of Wayne county, Ohio, retired; Amos, a resident of Wayne county, Ohio, where he is engaged in farming.

Henry Shnavely was born on the farm at Intercourse in 1834, and received his education in the public schools. In 1859 he located on his own farm, a place of eighty-seven acres, in Leacock township. He passed eleven years on this place, and then bought a farm of fifty-seven acres in Earl township, adjoining the property where he is now found, one mile east of New Holland. This farm he cultivated until 1877, when he erected the buildings on the place where he has since lived. This latter farm comprises twenty-nine acres, and he has sold the other place. His home is well kept, and the broad acres show the care of a master hand.

Mr. Shnavely was married in 1859 to Miss Elizabeth Hershey, a daughter of Jacob and Maria (Black) Hershey. She was born Dec. 8, 1835, and died Oct. 6, 1863, leaving behind her two children: Anna Mary, who is the wife of Jonas Grover, a resident of Ephrata township; and Lizzie, the wife of Joseph Wenger, of Earl township. In 1864 Mr. Shnavely was married a second time, Miss Fannie Martin becoming his wife. She was a native of East Earl township, born in 1832, and died in 1889, leaving one child, Henry, a resident of Ephrata borough, where he holds the position of cashier of the Farmers' Bank.

Mr. Shnavely has long been a member of the Mennonite church, and has won many friends by his fidelity to the better life and his many upright and manly qualities.

GOTTLEIB GRILBORTZER, who was born in Wittenberg, Germany, died on the farm where his family is still established, Dec. 7, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty years, and was laid to rest in the Resh cemetery in Leacock township. With his wife he belonged to the New Mennonite church, and was a man of fine character and honest heart.

Mr. Grilbortzer was a son of Jacob Grilbortzer, and lived in his native land until he was twenty-five years of age. When he came to the United States he made his home on a farm in Leacock township, Lancaster county, and was actively engaged in its cultivation until about ten years before his death, when he gave up the management and care of the farm to live retired the rest of his life. His was an honorable and industrious career, and, beginning with his labors in a vineyard in Germany, was always concerned with the cultivation of the soil. In his earlier life he was in very poor circumstances but by industry and economy became quite well-to-do, and left a considerable property in his estate.

Mr. Grilbortzer was married in Lancaster to Miss Rachel Miller, Oct. 12, 1842, and there were born to this union the following children: Esther A.; E. A.; Margaret M., who married Jacob

Resch and is now dead, as are her three daughters; Elizabeth R.; Rebecca S.; Frances S., who died unmarried. The three sisters who are still living, have their home on the old place where they were born. Their mother died in 1846, at the age of forty-six years.

Mr. Grilbortzer was a staunch Democrat, and a good citizen. Of a quiet and modest disposition, he had many friends and his manly character was generally known and appreciated.

DAVID W. RANCK, one of the leading and substantial agriculturists of his section of Lancaster county, lives upon his well improved farm in West Earl township, located about two miles south-east of Farmersville.

The first ancestor of the Ranck family in America was Philip Ranck, who was of German and Swiss parentage, and who came to the United States in 1740; he was naturalized in 1760, taking the oath of allegiance to King George III of England. The family records tell of many distinguished members of this family, in all the walks of life, and they are scattered over almost every State, as they are very numerous, and noted for longevity.

The great-grandfather of David W. Ranck, was Andrew Ranck, a direct descendant of the founder of the family, Philip Ranck, and his son, John Ranck, was well known in his time as one of the leading farmers of the township. The children of John Ranck were: Jacob; Nancy, who married John Rhoades; Barbara, who married Michael Ranck; Margaretta, who married Joseph Ranck; Samuel, who married Susan Ranck; Catherine, who married Charles Swiebert; Elizabeth, who died single; and John.

John Ranck was born in 1811, and became a prosperous farmer. In 1840 he married Elizabeth Weidman, and they reared the following named children: David W.; Margaret, who married John G. Reser, and resides near Honey Brook, in Chester county; Lucetta, who married John M. Hoover, a farmer of Earl township; Ezra, a farmer of Earl township; Mary, wife of I. M. Groff, of New Holland; Susanna, who married Obed Wenger, of Los Angeles, Cal; and John M., also a farmer of Earl. John Ranck was a Republican in politics. He was a consistent member of the U. B. church, and he and his brother-in-law, Joseph, were the founders of the Ranck's U. B. church, located two miles south-east of New Holland, which is the "mother church" in that part of the county, six other churches having sprung from it. Mr. Ranck passed away in 1886.

David W. Ranck was born June 26, 1842, was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of Earl township with the other lads of his age. When the time came for him to choose an occupation he selected farming, and as he has succeeded so well, from a poor boy attaining a position among

the most substantial residents of his township, there is no doubt that his choice was a wise one. The fine farm owned by Mr. Ranck consists of ninety well improved acres, which he has under a fine state of cultivation. For the past fifteen years Mr. Ranck has served the town as school director, and his interest in educational matters has never failed.

In 1864 Mr. Ranck married Elizabeth Groff, of Paradise township, daughter of Jacob and Mary Groff, and to this marriage came four children: Mary, born in 1867, who died in childhood; Howard A., born in 1869, residing in Los Angeles, Cal.; Emma E., born in 1871, who became the wife of Henry Ressler, of East Lampeter township, and died in 1898; Bertha, born in 1873, the wife of Howard Johns, of Leacock township. Mrs. Ranck died in 1873, and in 1875 Mr. Ranck married Julianna Groff, a great-great-great-granddaughter of Hans Graf, the first of the Groffs to settle in this country. He came from Switzerland in 1696, located in the vicinity of Germantown, where Philadelphia now stands, and died in 1746. Three sons have been born of this union: Levi G., born June 4, 1877, remaining at home upon the farm, unmarried; John H., born Sept. 4, 1878, at home on the farm, unmarried; and David Garfield, born Jan. 10, 1881, a teacher in the public schools of his home township, a very bright young man, educated in the common schools and at the Millersville State Normal.

In politics Mr. Ranck upholds the principles of the Republican party. In religious connection he is a most consistent member of the U. B. church, at New Holland. As an excellent citizen, kind neighbor, helpful friend, and devoted husband and father, Mr. Ranck stands well in the community, and fitly represents the fine old family from which he springs.

CHRISTIAN H. OBERHOLTZER. Lancaster county is justly noted for its fine farms and its excellent class of citizens, many of the latter representing old and honored names which appear in all of the records of progress and improvement in this locality for almost a century. Such is the case with the family to which belongs Christian H. Oberholtzer, one of the prominent and wealthy residents of West Earl township.

Christian H. Oberholtzer is a son of Christian and Annie (Hess) Oberholtzer, of that township, and was born May 11, 1837. Grandfather Samuel Oberholtzer had four children: Christian, Samuel, Jacob and Hettie; was a prominent farmer, and a leading member of the Mennonite church. His son, Christian married Annie Hess and they reared these children: Samuel and John, twins, born about 1821; Henry, born in 1825, and residing in Iowa; Hettie, born in 1827, living in Farmersville; Martin, born in 1831, deceased; Annie, born in 1834, the wife of Henry Myers, of West Earl township; and Christian H.

Christian H. Oberholtzer was reared on the farm, and after completing his education in the common schools of the township of West Earl, and in the Millersville Normal School, he decided to make a life business of farming and raising fine stock. At one time he was the owner of three of the fine farms of this county, consisting of seventy-five acres apiece; later he gave to each one of his sons one of these valuable properties, residing himself upon a well cultivated and most desirable estate near Farmersville. Mr. Oberholtzer also owns a valuable three-story brick residence in Akron, Pa., and for a number of years has been one of the directors in the Ephrata National Bank, at Ephrata. His political affiliations have always been with the Republican party, and he has faithfully served the township as assessor.

In 1863, Mr. Oberholtzer was married to Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, and to this union were born: Jacob, born in 1864, a thrifty farmer located about one-half mile from his father; Christian, born in 1869, a farmer near Millport. The mother of these sons died in 1871. In 1872 Mr. Oberholtzer married the widow of Benjamin Hoover, and two children were born of this marriage: Henry, born in 1873, a merchant at Akron; and Anna, born in 1876, married to John Landis, of Manheim township.

In every relation of life, Christian H. Oberholtzer wins the esteem of the community, for he is generous to those in need, kind and helpful in the neighborhood, interested in public progress and a most exemplary and devoted member of the domestic circle. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the Mennonite church.

ABRAHAM B. HERR, a prominent general farmer of Upper Leacock township, was born in Leacock township July 10, 1850, son of Henry and Anna (Herr) Herr. The father was born in Manor township July 25, 1812, and died on his farm in Leacock township June 7, 1868. He was a leading and most worthy member of the Mennonite Church; and was buried in Stumptown Church cemetery. Henry Herr was a son of John and Barbara (Good) Herr, of Manor township, where they were substantial farming people. Their children, all now deceased, were: Mary, who married John Funk; Elizabeth, who (first) married Henry Musser, and (second) Daniel Benner; Barbara; Catherine, who married Solomon Herr; and Henry.

Henry Herr was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, principally in Manor township, to which he came in 1839, and was regarded as one of the most substantial farmers of his locality. In politics he always voted with the Republican party. He married Nov. 17, 1835, in Lancaster, Anna Herr, and the children born to this union were: Barbara (deceased), who married Henry S. Eby; Elizabeth, who married Simon Ressler, of Providence township; Mary, who married Charles Foreman, of Providence township; Anna, unmarried who resides

in Upper Leacock township; Susannah, who married Elias Sanders, of Salisbury township; Henry, deceased; Hettie, unmarried, residing in Upper Leacock township; Abraham B., subject proper of this sketch; Lydia, who married Henry Good, of Upper Leacock township; Amos, deceased; Ezra, who married and resides in Chicago; and Magdelina, who resides with her sister Hettie.

The mother of Abraham B. Herr was born in East Lampeter township Nov. 22, 1817, and died Dec. 3, 1886. She was a daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Breneman) Herr, of East Lampeter and Manor townships, respectively, to whom were born: Christian, Peter, Solomon, Abraham and Anna, all now deceased.

On Sept. 24, 1872, in Lancaster, Abraham B. Herr was married to Susannah Rohrer, and to this union have been born the following family: Henry R., of Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob, deceased; and Norah, deceased. Mrs. Herr was born in East Lampeter township June 11, 1851, daughter of Jacob and Mariah (Shaffer) Rohrer, of Lancaster county. Mr. Rohrer is a retired farmer of East Lampeter township, and has attained an advanced age. His wife died at the age of sixty-eight. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were as follows: Adam H., deceased; Abraham, of East Lampeter township, a farmer; Jacob, of Salisbury township; Aaron, of East Lampeter township; Milton, of East Lampeter township; Anna (deceased) who married Benjamin Kreider; Elizabeth, of East Lampeter township, widow of John L. Kreider; Susannah, wife of Mr. Herr; Amanda, who married Jacob Burkert, of Upper Leacock township; and Emma, who married John Buckwalder, of Upper Leacock township.

Mr. Herr has had a long experience in farming, having worked upon his father's farm until he commenced business for himself in Leacock township, where he remained until 1876, at which time he removed to his present farm, which he conducts upon the latest scientific principles. Two of his unmarried sisters reside upon the farm adjoining, in the conduct of which his advice and help have often greatly aided them. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are earnest members of the Mennonite Church, and in politics he is a staunch Republican. Throughout the community in which he resides Mr. Herr has firmly established himself in the esteem of his neighbors, and he is one of the representative citizens of this county.

JOHN HORNING. Representing as traveling salesman in a rich and extensive territory, one of the two largest implement makers in the world, and moreover conducting for many years a successful mercantile establishment, John Horning is one of the enterprising and prominent business men of Lancaster county. He is a dealer in hardware at Kinzers, Paradise township, and in addition travels through twelve counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia for the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company.

The paternal great-grandfather was Paul Horning, an emigrant from Germany, who settled in Berks county, Pa., where he purchased a farm, made extensive improvements and lived for the remainder of his life, passing away at the advanced age of nearly eighty years. He was a wheelwright by trade and a member of the Mennonite church. There is record of four children: Samuel, Joseph, Wendel and Katie.

Of these, Joseph was the grandfather of John Horning. He too was a wheelwright, and followed that trade through life in Berks county. He was a member of the Mennonite church. He married Miss Fannie Musser, by whom he had five children, namely: Benjamin, the father of John; Esther, who married Joseph Shirk, of Conestoga valley, near Spring Grove, Lancaster county; Nancy, widow of Peter Lichtey, residing near Spring Grove; Moses, a resident of Bowmansville, Lancaster county; and Fannie, wife of Henry Gehman, of Adamstown, Lancaster county. The father of these children lived to the age of about seventy-six, and the mother to the age of eighty years.

Rev. Benjamin Horning, the father of John, was born in Berks county, Feb. 22, 1824. He was reared in the community where he has spent almost his entire life. Acquiring from his father the trade of wheelwright, he followed it continuously until 1890, when he gave up the business to devote his time to ministerial work, having been ordained in the ministry of the Mennonite church in 1862. His labors have been confined largely to the churches of Alleghenyville, Berks county; Adamstown, or Gehman's church; and Bowmansville, the latter two being in Lancaster county. In his younger years he was often called to other churches, especially for officiating at funeral and other services. He married Miss Lucretia Zeamer, a native of Berks county, and to them was born a family of thirteen children, namely: Augustus, a farmer near Bowmansville; John; Joseph, who was a farmer near Bowmansville and is now deceased; Jeremiah, merchant, postmaster and farmer at Alleghenyville and the founder of that village; Susannah, wife of Martin Newsuinger, of Goodville, Lancaster county; Mary, who died unmarried; Benjamin, who died in infancy; Fannie, who died in childhood; Sarah, wife of John Shirk, of Philadelphia; Isaac, a butcher, of Alleghenyville, Pa.; Katie, wife of Isaac Martin; Lizzie, wife of Monroe Good, of Bowmansville; and Aaron, a farmer of Alleghenyville. The mother of these children died in 1900, aged seventy-three years.

John Horning was born in Allegheny, Berks county, Nov. 3, 1849. He was reared at his father's home, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty he started out upon his own career. Coming to Lancaster county he worked for two years on a farm. After his marriage in 1872, he worked for a time as a day laborer, then became a farmer. For nine years he occupied and tilled

a rented place and at the expiration of that period he purchased a farm of forty acres in Paradise township which he operated during the next six years.

Mr. Horning then began his business career by engaging in the hardware and implement trade at Kinzers, in partnership with H. E. Musser, under the firm name of Musser & Horning. This firm continued in business successfully for eleven years, when the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Horning taking complete control. A year later he sold the implement branch of the business to his old partner, retaining the hardware department. This he has fully stocked up and he now has a thriving trade, not only because of his good judgment in selecting goods but because of his courteous and affable manners to his patrons. While associated in business with Mr. Musser he did most of the traveling, covering a wide territory. For the past three years he has been employed as traveling salesman by the McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, his territory including twelve counties in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland. Mr. Horning is a thorough practical and successful business man and through his own efforts laid the foundations of a commercial success which has grown rapidly in the succeeding years.

He married, Jan. 30, 1872, Miss Hettie A. Good, who was born in Leacock township, Nov. 24, 1848, daughter of Isaac H., and Hettie (Hurst) Good. Mr. and Mrs. Horning are active members of the Mennonite church and are among the highly esteemed families of Lancaster county.

N. N. HENSEL. There is no more honorable or highly esteemed old settler-citizen of Drumore township, Lancaster county, than N. N. Hensel, whose ancestry has been connected with the military as well as the agricultural history of this country. Great-grandfather Frederick Hensel came to America from his German home and was one of the earliest settlers in Northampton county.

William Hensel, the son of Frederick, was a carpenter by trade, in Lancaster, was a brave and gallant soldier through the Revolutionary war, taking part in the battles of the Brandywine, Monmouth and Princeton and was also at Valley Forge with Gen. Washington through the terrible winter of 1777. His seven children were George, John, Jacob, William, Catherine, Elizabeth and Maria, and his death occurred at the age of ninety years.

William Hensel, the father of N. N. Hensel, was born in 1791 and died in 1856. He also was prominent in loyal service to his country, being a brave soldier of the war of 1812. About 1818 he married Mary Norton, of English origin, born in the State of Maryland, and eleven children were born unto them, eight of whom grew to maturity: George W., Maria C., N. N., Eliza A., W. W., John H., Edwin F., and Mary, all of whom have since

passed out of life except our subject and one brother, W. W. Hensel.

N. N. Hensel was born in Harford county, Md., Oct. 14, 1826, a son of William and Mary (Norton) Hensel. Early in life he learned the trade of wheelwright, near Quarryville, and in 1849, he moved to Fairfield, Drumore township, and started a wheelwright shop; there he has remained all these years, one of the worthy and industrious citizens of the village. Mr. Hensel followed his trade continuously from 1844 to 1890, since which time he has been engaged in the coal and grain business. His fellow-citizens have asked many services of him of a public character, and he has efficiently filled the office of county auditor, and has been justice of the peace for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Hensel was married in 1847, to Miss Susan Hawk, of this township, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Hawk, natives of Lancaster county; she was born Dec. 12, 1826, and she died in 1894. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Anna M., who married A. M. Watson; Adda M., who married Joseph Watson; Sarah E., who married Maurice Pyle; Amanda J., who married Charles Chambers; George W., cashier of the Strasburg Bank, who married Ella Waidley; Fred H., who married Elizabeth Stanford, is a wheelwright by trade in Lancaster; Herbert; Alice V.; Edwin F.; Lewis; Elmer; Susan; and Horace. Of these six died young, Horace, Susan, Alice, Lewis, Herbert and Edwin.

In politics, Mr. Hensel has always supported the Republican party. Although not connected with any particular religious body, he has been a liberal contributor and supporter of the Methodist church and has ever upheld laws relating to good enterprises and movements promising to be of benefit to his community. Although he began life with limited means, his thrift and industry have enabled him to accumulate property so that he is now considered not only one of the most respected but also one of the substantial citizens of the locality.

HENRY K. LEFEVER. Among the records of Lancaster county, Pa., the name of Lefever will be found as one representing for many years the best interests of the county, publicly, privately, educationally and religiously. It is one of the oldest and most honorable. Grandfather Henry Lefever married into another old family, his wife being Elizabeth Hess, and they reared two sons, Christ and Adam, the father of Henry K.

Adam Lefever was born in West Lampeter township, May 11, 1825, and was one of the solid and substantial men of that locality, operating his farm of 154 acres with ability, accumulating large means and becoming prominent in public affairs. As director of the county almshouse, he was wise and careful; as a member of the board of education, he served the county's best interests, and his name added strength to the board of directors of the Lan-

caster County Bank. Adam Lefever married Catherine F. Kendig, a daughter of Martin and Mary (Feree) Kendig, who was born in West Lampeter township, as was her mother, also, the Feree family being one of the old established ones of that township. A family of thirteen children was born to Adam Lefever and his wife, the greater number of whom grew to maturity and made homes of their own, becoming respected members of their communities. This family bore the names: Henry K.; Martin, who is a farmer of West Lampeter township; Frank K., also a farmer of West Lampeter; Mary Ann, who died at the age of eleven; Elizabeth, who married Christian Huber, and resides in West Lampeter; Katie, the widow of Frank Millinger, of Lancaster; Aaron, who died at the age of thirty-three; Enos K., a graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1894, and a well known physician at Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa., who married Frances Brenneman, of Rawlinsville, and has three children: Gladys, Kathleen and La Verne; Adam K., who is a resident of West Lampeter and owns a farm there; Emma, who married John Houser, also a farmer of West Lampeter; Daniel, Alpheus and Amos, who all died in childhood.

Henry K. Lefever was born in West Lampeter township, in the vicinity of Big Springs, Feb. 17, 1852, the eldest son of Adam and Catherine (Kendig) Lefever, and was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the public schools. Until he had reached his thirtieth year, he remained at home, but after his marriage moved to the farm which he still occupies, situated one mile east of Strasburg, where he owns and cultivates 140 acres of fertile land, devoting it to general farming, the prosperous condition of his surroundings proving that he has been a very successful farmer and a good manager.

Henry K. Lefever was united in marriage Nov. 3, 1881, with Elizabeth Hess, a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (McCrabb) Hess, the parents being natives of Little Britain and Drumore townships. John B. Hess died in 1892, at the age of seventy-three years; he was born in Little Britain township where he was reared and spent the greater portion of his life, although for ten years he was a resident of Conestoga township. His occupation was that of a farmer and he owned a valuable estate comprising some seventy-five acres. His family consisted of eight children: Mary Margaret, who died unmarried; Frank A., who made a home for himself in Philadelphia; Philip, who remains a farmer on the old homestead; Ella B., who died unmarried; Abbie, who married Harry S. Herr, of West Willow; Elizabeth, who married Henry K. Lefever; Harry, who died at the age of twenty-one; and Walter, who resides in Philadelphia, where he is a publisher and conducts an advertising business. The aged mother is still surviving. Both she and her husband were connected for many years

with the Presbyterian church, in which she is still a valued member. For a number of years Mr. Hess was the chorister and treasurer for the church at Little Britain.

In politics, Mr. Lefever is a Republican. The family is one which stands high in the community and possesses the esteem of all, well representing the citizens of Strasburg township.

MATTHIAS S. HURST, an old and venerable character in Leacock township, where he won an enviable standing both as a farmer and a citizen, and where he is now leading a retired life, was born Dec. 4, 1823, and is a son of Christ. and Elizabeth (Shaner) Hurst. The father was born on the present Hurst farm, and the mother in Chester county.

Christ. Hurst was married in Lancaster county, and settled on his farm in Leacock township, where he died in 1831, at the age of forty-four years. His widow passed to her reward in November, 1888, at the age of eighty-nine years. She belonged to the Lutheran church, and was buried in the New Holland Lutheran cemetery, while he was buried on the homestead. To them were born: Matthias S.; John, who died in Churchtown, Pa., in 1881; Christian, who died in Chester county in 1893. Mrs. Hurst, after losing Mr. Hurst, was married a second time, becoming the wife of Amos S. Kenzer, a farmer and hotel man well known in Lancaster county. He died in 1880. To this union were born the following: William Henry Harrison, at one time president of the Fair Association at Lancaster; Anna, who married Albert P. McIlvaine, a grocer in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandfather of Matthias S. Hurst was John Hurst, of Lancaster county, who married a Miss Strickler; they were farming people and owned at one time 450 acres, including the present farm, bought from a Mr. Huston, and divided between four of the sons. His maternal grandparents were Matthias and Christie Ann (Vomback) Shaner, both of Chester county, where they were engaged in farming.

Mr. Hurst was twice married, his first wife being Lucetta A. Kinzer. They were married Oct. 26, 1848, at the home of the bride in Earl township. To this union were born: William K., of Caernarvon township, who married Ella De Haven; Isaac N., a farmer of Salisbury township, who married Kate Mentzer, and had eight children, of whom two sons and the only daughter are dead; M. Milton, of Intercourse, Pa., a traveling salesman, and married to Kate Diller; Lillie E., wife of William J. Caldwell, a farmer and school director of Leacock township, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Mrs. Lucetta A. Hurst was born Nov. 20, 1827, and died June 14, 1867. Her remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at New Holland. She was the daughter of William and Catherine (Weidler) Kinzer. Her father, who was a farmer

in Lancaster county, was born Dec. 7, 1794, and died in 1861. His children were as follows: Franklin, who lives retired in New Holland; Louisa, the widow of Amos Leaman, of Reading, Pa.; W. Weidler, deceased; Maggie, the widow of John Wallace, of East Earl township; Lucetta; Caroline; Lydia and Maria, wife of Abraham Smoker, are dead; Lizzie, living unmarried in New Holland.

The second wedding of Matthias S. Hurst occurred in the Oxford Presbyterian church, in Chester county, June 6, 1873, when Mrs. Mary (Smith) Leach became his bride. Mrs. Hurst died Nov. 16, 1900, at the age of seventy-one. She was buried in the New Holland Lutheran cemetery.

Mr. Hurst was born on his present farm, and at the age of twelve years, he moved to Earl township, with his mother and step-father, and there he remained until he was twenty. At that age he came back to his present farm, which he operated two years. When the estate was settled Mr. Hurst secured the farm, and was actively engaged in its cultivation until 1891, that year retiring to take life henceforth on an easier plane. The home in which he is found to-day was built by him on the Hurst homestead, and is one of the cozy and pleasant homes of this part of the county.

Mr. Hurst has met with a generous success in all his business undertakings, and owns three farms, one in Churchtown, another which is his home, and a third adjoining it. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, and is highly regarded in the community where his quiet but industrious life is passing. In his politics he affiliates with the Republican party.

SAMUEL WIGGINS, one of the retired farmers of Martic township, who is now an esteemed resident of Martic township, was born April 11, 1835, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Bowman) Wiggins, of Providence township, now deceased.

Stephen Wiggins, the father, was a son of Robert Wiggins, who came to America from England about 100 years ago, and had these children: Stephen, David, Sarah, Mercy, Mary and Eliza, all deceased. Stephen Wiggins was born in 1812 and died in 1895. He married Elizabeth Bowman in 1832, and they had a family of thirteen children, twelve of whom grew to maturity: David, a resident of Indiana; Benjamin, of Providence township; Clayton, of Providence township; Elias and Harry, of Providence township; Hattie, the wife of Martin Shawb, of Lancaster; Hannah, the wife of John Keener, of Atlantic City; Mary, the wife of Henry Rouden, of York county; Ellen, the wife of Rudolph Shaub, of Providence township; Martha, the wife of George Miller, of Providence township; Anna, deceased; and Samuel.

Samuel Wiggins was reared on a farm and received a good, common-school education in the public schools of his locality and then became a farmer, following agricultural pursuits all his life

with great success. In connection with farming he learned the blacksmith business and followed it for fourteen years, beginning life as a poor boy. He never lacked either industry or energy and each year found him better off than the previous one. Mr. Wiggins now owns a fine, well improved farm, with attractive surroundings and he is able to take life easily. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has filled many of the local offices with credit and efficiency. He is the present township auditor, has faithfully served as school director and is one of the trustees of the Methodist church in Rawlinsville.

On Oct. 13, 1859, Mr. Wiggins was united in matrimony with Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, of Providence township, daughter of Tobias and Esther (Miller) Brubaker, of Lancaster county, and to this marriage eight children were born, namely: Tobias; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Hart of Providence township; Martha, wife of W. S. Null, of Martic township; Ezra, of Martic township; Ida, wife of John Konkle, of Martic township; Emma, deceased; Lottie, wife of Benjamin Corrigan, of Pequea township; and Franklin, of Drumore township. Mrs. Wiggins died in 1876.

Mr. Wiggins is highly esteemed in his community and is regarded as a reliable and upright citizen, and a valuable member of society.

HENRY L. GROFF. Among the progressive farmer-citizens of Lancaster county, is Henry L. Groff, a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent families of this part of Pennsylvania, and the owner and operator of one of the best properties in Strasburg township.

Henry L. Groff was born on the old homestead, in Strasburg township, Jan. 31, 1843, a son of Emanuel and Mary Groff, and was reared to manhood in this place. His education was pursued in the public schools, where he displayed perseverance and aptness. He remained under the parental roof until the age of twenty-three, when he began farming operations for himself, locating on the desirable farm he still occupies, which is situated one mile south-west of Strasburg borough, and consists of eighty-six acres of as fine land as can be found in Lancaster county.

Mr. Groff has engaged in a general line of farming, and thoroughly understanding his business, he has been very successful. Soon after settling here, he began improving the house and barn, and in 1892, he erected a fine, modern brick residence, close to the old homestead, the latter being occupied by his tenant. Intelligent and progressive, he has adopted those methods which have been found beneficial for the land, and has the satisfaction of knowing that few farms in the locality can surpass his in productiveness or appearance. Always interested in all enterprises for the good of the public, Mr. Groff eight years ago was placed by his fellow-citizens upon the board of

education and his duties there have been most satisfactorily performed, showing that he is the right man in the right place.

Henry L. Groff was married on Dec. 12, 1866, to Anna Landis, born in 1847, a daughter of David Landis, locally known to his friends as "Miller Dave Landis," of West Lampeter township. To Mr. and Mrs. Groff were born: Luzetta, who married Noah Nault, a farmer of West Earl township; Minnie, who married Harry B. Herr, a farmer of West Lampeter; Cora, who married Jefferson Herr, a farmer of Strasburg township; and Landis D., who remains at home. Their religious connections are with the Old Mennonite church, and the family is one which possesses the esteem and respect of Strasburg township in the highest degree.

LANDIS FAMILY of Lancaster county. In the latter part of the sixteenth century the Landises, among others in Switzerland, were noted for their piety, and were appropriately called Pietists. The first historical mention of individual members of the Landis family is made of Hans Landis, a "pious witness of the Divine truth," who lived at that time, and who was a Pietus or Mennonite preacher. He moved to the Rhine, in Switzerland, and labored there to feed and refresh others who were seeking after righteousness. The Council of Zurich, who, be it known, were not Catholics, but of the Reformed¹ Church, ordered Hans' arrest, thus thinking to stop his teachings. But that good man could not be turned from his sincere convictions, and "he was taken prisoner by his enemies and sent in irons from Zurich to the papists at Zolothurn." In Sept., 1614, he was beheaded² with a sword, as a true fol-

1 After the fearful persecutions of Protestants by Catholics during the sixteenth century some of the "Reformed" placed themselves on record at Zurich and Berne as continuators of the cruel practices known to the martyrs' era. Various edicts were issued from 1601 to 1660 by the Reformed against the Anabaptists (derisive of Baptists or Mennonites), creating fines, confiscation of property and other stringent penalties, including banishment. Others, however, of the Reformed belief, especially the regents of the United Netherlands, exerted their influence for the protection of the innocent Mennonites.

2 The following extract of a letter dated July 19-29, 1659, written by a preacher at Zurich, gives an accurate description of the execution: "Hans Landis was tall of stature, had a long black beard, a little gray, and a masculine voice. Being led out cheerfully with a rope to Wolfsstaatt, the place of decollation, the executioner, Mr. Paul Volmar, let the rope fall [not, however, before Hans' wife and child came to him with tears in their eyes to bid him a last farewell, after which he entreated them to depart so as not to shake his resolution to meet his fate], raised both hands to heaven and said, 'O God of mercy, to thee be it complained, that you, Hans, have fallen into my hands; for God's sake forgive me for what I must do to you.' Hans consoled the executioner, saying, 'I have already forgiven you; may God forgive you also; I am aware that you must execute the sentence of the magistracy; be undismayed, and see that nothing hinders you in this matter,' whereupon he was beheaded."

lower of Christ. Thus he suffered death for religion's sake. He was the last person to be beheaded for religious convictions in that locality, but persecution did not cease with his death. About 1660, and afterward, the Landises were driven to the Palatinate country, to Zweiburg and Alsace, in the neighborhood of Strasburg and Manheim, on the Rhine. Their properties were generally confiscated, and they became farmers for the German nobility. All the Mennonites received fair usage from the Hollanders and people of the United Netherlands.

MIGRATING TO AMERICA. For about two generations history fails to reveal individual members of the Landis family, i. e., from 1643 to 1717. Believers of the Mennonite faith early took advantage of William Penn's liberal policy to settle in America. About 1683, and later in 1709 and 1712, numbers of them emigrated to Chester county (including what is now the county of Lancaster). In 1717 three brothers, Rev. Benjamin, Felix and John Landis, all Swiss Mennonites, came to America from the vicinity of Manheim, on the Rhine, where they had been driven from Zurich, Switzerland, and purchased land from Penn and the Conestogoe Indians. Like most of the pioneer settlers in the American wilds, these good people were comparatively poor in worldly possessions, and had their hands so full of work that they failed, it seems, to keep their family records. They became, however, instinctively American in their progress, and proceeded at once to skillfully till the soil, which has since made Lancaster county known the world over as a "garden spot." Here, also, these pioneer members of the family worshiped their God according to their desire, and in perfect peace.

(I) Benjamin Landis, of Lancaster county (the first Rev. Benjamin Landis), one of the three brothers who emigrated to America, in company with his only son, Benjamin, Jr. (aged eighteen), took up a tract of 240 acres of land from the London Company, for which he received a patent in 1718. This land was in the possession of the Conestogoe Indians, from whom it was obtained by purchase. Benjamin, was a Mennonite preacher. With his son he began farming on his tract, situated in what is now East Lampeter township, near Mellinger's meeting-house, about four miles east of Lancaster city, at the intersection of the Horseshoe and old Philadelphia roads. No records tell to whom this pious man was married, and, unfortunately, for several succeeding generations such information is very meagre.

(II) Benjamin Landis (2), Jr., the younger emigrant, had four sons, whose names, in the order of their births and respective ages, were: Benjamin, Abraham, Jacob and Henry. From these four sons, the first born upon this soil, have sprung the numerous descendants of Benjamin (1). Little mention is made in any records obtainable of daughters, although such were born, without doubt, to some of

the first generations. Benjamin, Jr., tilled the soil of his father's farm and lived there.

(III) Benjamin Landis (3), eldest son of the younger emigrant, moved to Manheim township, in 1751-53, after buying out his wife's only brother, which left him 800 or 1,000 acres of land about three miles from Lancaster, near the Reading road, and close to where the Landis Valley meeting-house now stands. Benjamin was married, in 1749, to Anna Snaveley, only daughter of John Snaveley, and they had three sons: Hansle (John), born March 15, 1755; Bernie (Benjamin), born in the winter of 1756; and Henry (blind) born Dec. 5, 1760. The place of Benjamin Landis (3) "was the refuge of many Swiss emigrants, who enjoyed his hospitality until they were able to secure homes for themselves," amongst whom were the Bombergers of Warwick township.

Descendants of (IV) "Blind" Henry, son of Benjamin Landis (3):

(V) Henry Landis, a son of "Blind" Henry (born Dec. 5, 1760), was born and raised in Manheim township. He married Anna Long, also of that township, and they lived on the Reading road (now Oregon turnpike). They had ten children who grew to maturity, and all of whom married except Mary, the youngest, who died single, viz.: Benjamin, John, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, Susan, Elizabeth, Nancy, Barbara and Mary. Henry Landis, the father, was a farmer, and also carried on distilling; and he had a team on the road constantly, hauling his own whiskey and flour to Philadelphia.

(VI) "Rich" Benjamin Landis, as he was called the eldest son of Henry Landis and Anna Long, was married to Nancy Long, of Manheim township, and lived near Oregon. They had eleven children (the seventh generation) as follows: Fianna, Elizabeth, Isaac L., Henry L., Benjamin L., Israel L., Fanny, Maria, Nancy, Amelia and Daniel L. All were married and had children except Israel L., who is a bachelor.

(VII) Henry L. Landis, second son of "Rich" Benjamin, was born Jan. 13, 1826, and died Jan. 17, 1896, aged seventy years, four days. On Jan. 19, 1847, he was married to Catharine S. Reist, second daughter of the late Jacob Reist, of Warwick township, and sister to Levi S. and Peter S. Reist. She was born May 5, 1828. They resided on the Long farm, which originally comprised 500 acres, the place where the United Brethren Church, commonly called the U. B. Church, was organized, and where they held their first services. The house was once burnt down by a Roman Catholic because of his faith, and undoubtedly with the idea of destroying the church. The east side of the house is still covered with old style earthen tiles instead of shingles, and every rafter, joist and beam was a tree cut on the farm and hewn by hand, no sawed timber or lumber being used. In 1866 a storm blew down the straw roof from the barn, which was the last of its

kind in Manheim township, and was built in 1754. The farm is now owned by (VIII) Jacob, the sixth son of Henry L. Landis. The union of Henry L. and Catharine S. (Reist) Landis was blessed with fifteen children, of whom Mary, Emma and Alice died in infancy or childhood. The names of the others, with the dates of their births, were as follows, these being of the eighth generation: Andrew R., May 1, 1848; Benjamin R., May 1, 1850; Henry R., June 14, 1851; Peter R., Oct. 24, 1852; Annie R., Sept. 3, 1854; Lizzie R., Sept. 14, 1855; Isaac R., Sept. 13, 1857; Jacob R., Aug. 14, 1859; Katie R., Jan. 3, 1861; Ella R., Aug. 21, 1864; Clara R., Dec. 20, 1866; Israel R., July 30, 1868. Of these

(VIII) Andrew R. Landis (single) is now living with his aged and widowed mother at home, near Landis Valley post office and Mennonite meeting-house, as a retired country gentleman.

(VIII) Benjamin R. Landis was married to Lizzie Wolf Rupp, second daughter of the late Jacob Rupp, of Earl township. Their union was blessed with four children, two of whom are still living, viz.: (IX) Clayton, who was twenty-one years old July 20, 1902, and (IX) Mazie, eight years old, both at home with their widowed mother at Oregon, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Landis was killed on the "cut-off" on the Pennsylvania railroad, at the Novelty Works, near Lancaster, June 6, 1900. The accident happened while he was on his way homeward after delivering a four-horse load of wheat at Levan's mill, south of Lancaster; "also two of his horses" were killed. The railroad company never showed any sympathy or respect to the family, not even paying for the loss of the horses to the bereft family. Mr. Landis owned and lived on the farm of his grandfather, "Rich" Benjamin Landis, near Oregon, when he was so suddenly stricken down and called from time to eternity. This farm was part of the original Long farm.

(VIII) HENRY R. LANDIS, or H. Reist Landis, as he calls himself, the third son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, was married Nov. 17, 1874, to Maria Hess Bamberger, second daughter of the late Jacob Bamberger, of Warwick township. This family of the Bambergers harbored with the Landises at Landis Valley on the old Landis homestead at the Stone Bridge during the winter when they first came into this country, and afterward settled in Warwick township, on a farm still owned by a descendant, Jacob H. Bamberger, of Lititz, a brother-in-law of H. Reist Landis. The union of H. Reist and Maria H. Landis was blessed with seven children, viz.: (IX) Mary, born Oct. 14, 1881, died on the 17th of the same month, when only three days old. (IX) Barbara B. and Kathryn B., twins, were born Nov. 23, 1882. Barbara took pneumonia when but a year old, and later a complication of diseases set in, dropsy, scrofula and consumption. She lingered on until July 5, 1898, when she died, aged fifteen years; seven months, and twelve days. She was buried at Erb's Mennonite meeting-house, Bishop Jacob R.

Brubaker, and Rev. Jonas H. Hess officiating at the funeral services. Text: Matt. xxiv, 44. It may truly be said, none knew her but to love her. Katie (Kathryn) graduated from the Lititz high school with her brother Jacob in the spring of 1901. (IX) Jacob B. was born Dec. 20, 1885. After graduating at the Lititz high school he entered the Millersville State Normal School, taking the highest position on entering; he took the examination for teacher under County Supt. M. J. Brecht in 1902, his certificate adding thirteen, and was appointed to teach the Sunhill school by the board of directors of Penn township, to open Sept. 1, 1902. (IX) Emma B. was born Feb. 14, 1887. (IX) Ella B. was born Sept. 9, 1890, and (IX) Lizzie B. was born Feb. 1, 1895. All are at home.

H. Reist Landis, whose name opens this sketch, was raised on his father's farm till sixteen years old, when he entered the State Normal School at Millersville. He afterward taught school in his native township of Manheim for a period of four successive years. After marriage he returned to farming, in Penn township, about two miles northwest of Lititz, on the Warwick and Manheim road, near Erb's Mennonite meeting-house, on Henry Bamberger's farm, formerly a Martin farm. He subsequently bought this place, and has lived thereon ever since and up to the present time. He carried on farming very successfully, raising some fine crops in the line of general agriculture, and also raised large crops of tobacco. While thus engaged in farming he was also a leaf tobacco packer and dealer, and continued thus until 1901, when he retired from farming in order to give the latter more of his attention. He has proved himself a business man of much accumen, and has won success by the exercise of native ability. Mr. Landis served as a member of the Penn township school board for a number of years; was one of the instigators of the Northern National Bank at Lancaster, and of the Lititz National Bank, at Lititz, and has served as a member of the board of directors of the latter institution since 1892; served as a grand juror in the United States courts at Philadelphia for one term; was one of the originators of the Independent Telephone Company of Lancaster county, and was secretary of the board in said company until the board sold out to the Keystone Telegraph & Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Landis and his wife Maria are faithful members of the Old Mennonite Church, to which their parents belonged.

(VIII) Peter R. Landis, fourth son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is now living on a Christian Landis farm adjoining the Landis Valley Mennonite meeting-house, where he built a large, commodious dwelling, and retired from farming in the spring of 1902.

In 1874 he married Priscilla Royer Brubaker, only daughter of the late Martin M. Brubaker, of Elizabeth township, who of late, however, had made his home with his daughter, at Landis Valley where



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he died, his widow remaining with the same daughter. The union of Peter R. and Priscilla R. Landis was blessed with five children (ninth generation), viz.: Walter B., Emeline B., Pierce B., and Bessie B., all at home, and one that died. Peter R. Landis was a successful farmer. He is a director on the board of the Manheim Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company and a director in the Union Trust Company of Lancaster, which was opened for business in the spring of 1902.

(VIII) Isaac R. Landis, fifth son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is now living on the farm where the Landises first settled in Manheim township, on the Reading road, near the Stone Bridge and the Landis Valley Old Mennonite meeting-house. This farm was first settled by a Snively and afterward bought by Benjamin Landis, his brother-in-law, and is now in the possession of the Landises for the sixth generation, since 1751. Revolutionary soldiers used to camp in the meadows of this farm. Isaac R. Landis married Mary Landis Brubaker, eldest daughter of the late Peter Brubaker, of Leacock township, and their union was blessed with three children (ninth generation), viz.: Charley B., Lillie B. and Elmer B., all at home. Mr. Landis has repeatedly been offered the office of school director, which he declined. He has been one of the auditors of Manheim township for quite a while, and is a director in the Lancaster & Ephrata Turnpike Company. In general, he has been a very successful farmer.

(VIII) Jacob R. Landis, sixth son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis is now living on and owns the farm where Henry L., his father, resided and reared his family. He married Annie Buckwalter Hess, only daughter of Henry Hess of Manheim township, near Lancaster, and they have been blessed with children as follows (ninth generation): Henry H., John H., Warren H., Katie H., and Simon H., all at home, attending school.

(VIII) Israel R. Landis, seventh son of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is now residing on the Andrew Hauck farm, near Landis Valley. He is married to Susan Rohrer Sechrist, eldest daughter of Michael Sechrist, of Columbia, Pa., and to their union have come two children: Irvin, who met an accidental death, by burning; and Mamie, at home.

(VIII) Annie R. Landis, eldest daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, was married to Benjamin Hershey Brubaker, eldest son of the late Jacob Brubaker, of Elizabeth township, and lived near Petersburg, in East Hempfield township. They were blessed with seven children: Emma, the eldest child, married Roy Kendig, of West Willow; Elenora married John Meyers of York county, and has two children; Landis L., Frances L., Benjamin L., Annie L., and Clara L. are all at home and attending school.

(VIII) Lizzie R. Landis, second daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Henry Stoner Miller, elder son of Elias Miller.

They live near Lititz, on a very fine farm in Warwick township, and have four sons: Benjamin L. married Bertha Erb Brackbill, eldest daughter of Daniel Brackbill, of Brownstown, and lives on the old Miller homestead; Harvey L. is a clerk in a grocery store in Philadelphia; Charley L. is clerk in a Philadelphia drug store; and Monroe L. is living at home near Lititz.

(VII) Katie R. Landis, third daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Jonas Harnish Shenk, only son of Andrew Shenk, of near Levan's Mill, in Lancaster township. They reside on the old Shenk homestead, and have three children: Landis L., Emma L. and Walter L., all at home.

(VIII) Ella R. Landis, fourth daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to Eli Brubaker Mumma, eldest son of Jonas Mumma, of Landisville, where they reside. They have three children: Harry, Eli and Ella, all at home.

(VIII) Clara R. Landis, youngest daughter of Henry L. and Catharine S. Landis, is married to William Weidman, of Elizabeth township, son of Eli Weidman. They live near Lexington, Lancaster county, and have one child, Catharine, who is at home.

All the farms originally owned by a Landis in Lancaster county, are still in the possession of that family—a very singular thing for so large a family to hold their own and acquire more—except one now in the possession of Lemon Shirk, near Oregon, Lancaster county. Among them there were six ordained ministers of the Gospel of the Old Mennonite faith; one associate judge; lawyers, doctors, statesmen; men of wealth and high standing in business and social life. Most of them still adhere to their mother Church, the Old Mennonite faith. Lancaster county owes much to this family in the matter of agricultural progress, as nearly all, with few exceptions, were farmers.

SAMUEL TENNIS. Among the prosperous and enterprising old settlers of Drumore township is Samuel Tennis, a farmer who resides one mile north of Furniss, Pa. He was born May 7, 1835, a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Lukins) Tennis, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

In 1830 the parents came to Lancaster county and settled on the farm now owned by Samuel Tennis. The following children were born to the parents: Emiline; Sarah; Enos, who died young; Mary Jane; Lukins; Samuel; Hannah M.; Anna M.; William; Benjamin F., of Drumore township; and Enos (2), of Kansas.

Israel Tennis was a son of Samuel Tennis and the grandfather had a family as follows: Israel, Samuel, Rachel, Mary, Lavina, Jane and Eliza, all of whom are deceased except Jane. The maternal grandfather, Enos Lukins, was a native of Montgomery county and the father of the following children: William, Abraham, Enos, Elizabeth, Mariah,

Sarah, Hannah and Margaret, all deceased. Israel Tennis, the father of Samuel, was born in 1800 and died about 1882, while his wife was born in 1805 and died in 1896, aged ninety-one.

Samuel Tennis, of whom we write, was married in 1859 to Miss Mary Rutter of Bucks county, Pa., daughter of John Rutter. Six children were born of this marriage: James, deceased; Charles, who married Mary Alice Ritchie, of York county; William, deceased; Bromley, who died young; Benjamin, of New York State; and Clinton E., of York, Pa., a machinist by trade. After the death of his first wife Mr. Tennis married Susan Gumpf, of Lancaster City, and she died in 1898, leaving no issue.

The early life of Mr. Tennis was spent upon the farm, attending the district school. Starting out in life a poor man, by hard work he has earned an excellent farm of 200 acres, which is well improved and in a good state of cultivation. In religious matters he is a Quaker, and in politics a Republican, serving as supervisor and township auditor. After a long life of industry, he is now living retired and is cared for by his sister, Anna M. Tennis, a maiden lady. No one is more highly respected in the community than this good man and his estimable sister and they are recognized as kind neighbors and plain, honest people.

SAMUEL BACHMAN, in his lifetime an honored and industrious farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born near Georgetown, Aug. 19, 1791, his parents being Jacob and Ann (Heidelberg) Bachman.

Jacob Bachman, who was born in 1762, was the son of Felix Bachman. Felix Bachman came from Switzerland when a young man and settled in Bart township, where he owned 800 acres of land, which was divided among his children. Jacob and George were his two sons; Margaret Ann, the oldest daughter, married Simeon Geise, and died in Bart township; Barbara and Ann Margaret married two brothers by the name of Pickle, and spent their lives in Bart township.

Jacob Bachman was the father of a family of five children: George, the oldest; Elizabeth Bachman, the wife of Solomon Hamer, of Bart township; Mary Bachman, married to Adam Fogle, of Bart township; Jacob Bachman, who lived and died on the old homestead; Samuel.

Samuel Bachman was reared in Bart township, where he married for his first wife Rebecca Baird, born in Bart township in 1794. They settled at the Green Tree for a time and then moved to White Hall, where the wife died in 1830, leaving four children, two of whom are now living: John Baird Bachman, a resident of Columbia; Hiram F. Bachman, killed by lightning in 1850; Samuel H. Bachman, who died when a young man; Ann Amanda Bachman, unmarried and an invalid, living on the old homestead.

Mr. Bachman married for his second wife, in

September, 1834, Miss Isabella Bower, born in Virginia in 1798. She died in Bart township in October, 1841, leaving two daughters and one son: Harriet E., born and reared in Bart township, living at the old home from which she buried her parents, and much respected and loved for her many kindly qualities; Rebecca, who was educated in the home schools and in the State Normal at Millersville, taught private school in Lancaster county for several years, and lives at the old home; William B., who died in childhood.

Mr. Bachman married for his third wife, in 1844, Miss Hannah Pickle, a lady born and reared in Bart township, by whom he had one daughter, Hannah M., born in 1846, and for a number of years a very successful teacher in Lancaster county. She is now the wife of James Irwin and has three children, H. Mabel, Sarah B. and Mary G.

In 1849 Mr. Bachman bought the farm where his daughters are now living. It adjoins Georgetown, and there he erected good buildings and made many permanent and valuable improvements. He also owned a valuable farm near White Hall. He died in 1882.

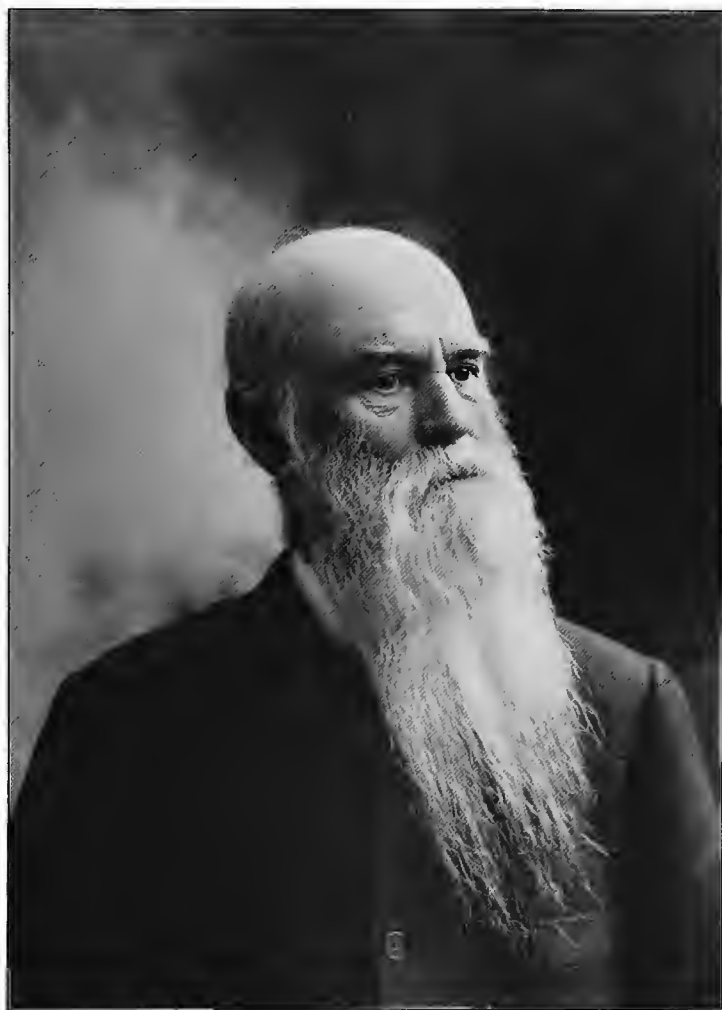
Religiously Mr. Bachman was connected with the Presbyterian Church, as were all his daughters excepting Rebecca, who is a Methodist. In politics he was a Whig, and later a Republican. He was one of the first school directors in the town. His four daughters, noted above, are all that is left of this historic family. They are ladies whose deeds of kindness and thoughtfulness have endeared them to the community.

JOHN KEAGY STONER, for twenty-nine years the head of the well-known hardware and house furnishing firm of Stoner, Shreiner & Co., of Lancaster, and now living retired in his home at No. 543 North Duke street, is one of the most conspicuous and well known figures in Lancaster. No man in the city is better known or more highly respected.

Jacob Stoner, the grandfather of John K., was born in this country, and engaged in farming on Long lane, below New Danville.

Christian Stoner, son of Jacob, was born on the old Stoner homestead, and became a miller and farmer. He married Miss Anna Resh, daughter of Henry Resh, who was a justice of the peace, and one of the most prominent citizens of Pequea township. Thirteen children were born to them, of whom four are living: Christian, a retired merchant of Freeport, Ill.; Eli, a veterinary surgeon of Salunga; Amos, a farmer of Dauphin county; and John K., of Lancaster.

John Keagy Stoner was born near Petersburg March 25, 1833, and was educated in the schools of West Hempfield township. Leaving school, he began work on his father's farm, and when he was quite a young man went to Freeport, Ill., to take a position as clerk in a grocery store. At the end of three years he threw up his position and returned



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to his native State. Settling on his father's farm near Salunga, in Lancaster county, he continued on the farm for three years after his marriage. After spending three years in the cultivation of the old homestead, and three years at Neffsville, Mr. Stoner came to Lancaster and engaged in business as a butcher for six years. At the end of that time he quit the shop and bought the building at the southwest corner of North Queen and Walnut streets, which soon became widely known throughout the county as Stoner, Shreiner & Co.'s Corner. There for twenty-nine years Mr. Stoner was steadily at his business, being absent only three weeks in all that period. The firm, which consisted of J. K. Stoner, Isaac I. Shreiner and J. Newton Stauffer, carried on a most successful business. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Stoner retired from active business, and the firm became Shreiner & Stauffer. Mr. Stoner was one of the chief promoters of the Northern Market House, of which he was also a director for some eighteen years. It was Mr. Stoner, associated with his partners, who started the movement that resulted in the building of the Northern National Bank, in which he was for many years a director. These two projects have had much to do with the development of the substantial business interests of that section of the city.

Mr. Stoner was united in marriage with Charlotte Evans, daughter of John Evans, and sister of David Evans, for many years superintendent of public schools for Lancaster county, and justly regarded as one of the foremost educators of the State. The Evans family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in this section of the county. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stoner, of whom only two are living: (1) Elmer E., now connected with the establishment of Shreiner & Stauffer, married Sarah, daughter of the late Samuel Groff, a well-remembered citizen of Lancaster, and they have had four children, Kathryn and John K., Jr., living; Helen, who died at the age of four years; and one that died in infancy. (2) Harry E. is now in Europe in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, having been sent there by that corporation with a view to his establishing his permanent residence abroad to attend to the many and complicated interests of that great corporation; his selection for this delicate and responsible position by this great institution is an expression of remarkable confidence in so young a man.

It is impossible in so brief a sketch as this to fully portray the life of one who has been so prominent in business affairs as has Mr. Stoner. It gives but a glimpse at his career and those from whom he is descended, as well as his descendants. Religiously he is descended from that sturdy set known as the Dunkards. In politics he is a Republican. Keen in his observation of men and events, intelligent in his conversation, and social in his nature, Mr. Stoner seems as vigorous, mentally and physically, as though in the very prime of manhood, although he

has long since passed the age at which men are thought to be turning to driftwood. By careful living and regular habits, he has so preserved himself that he gives promise of many years in the enjoyment of his well-earned retirement.

JACOB E. STAUFFER, a general farmer of very high reputation, and a justice of the peace at Sporting Hill, Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born two miles south of Sporting Hill, in that township, Feb. 20, 1837, a son of Henry and Susanna (Eby) Stauffer.

The father was born in White Oak, Lancaster county, and the mother in Warwick township. Both died in Rapho township. The father was a farmer, and served as one of the first school directors when the free school system was first established in Lancaster county. In 1855 he retired from active labors, and died in 1888. He was born in 1802. His wife, who was born March 4, 1805, died in 1885. Their remains now rest in the private burying ground in Rapho township which is owned by Eli B. Mumma. They held to the old Mennonite Church, and were among the good people of their day. In politics he was a Republican, being counted among the reliable men of the community. Born to them were the following children: Catherine E., who married Jacob G. Nissley, and is now dead; Benjamin and Veronica, who died young; Christian, a carpenter at Kissel Hill, a twin with Susan, who married Joseph E. Brubaker, of Rapho township, whose history appears on another page; Jacob E.

Joseph and Catherine (Acker) Stauffer, the grandparents of Jacob E., were born and reared in Lancaster county, where their lives were spent.

Jacob E. Stauffer was married May 5, 1867, in Warwick township, to Barbara Mohn, by whom he had the following children: Stella M., the wife of Aaron Hurst, of East Petersburg, Pa., where he engaged in business as a tobacco farmer; Bara M., married to Amos Sumpman, of Mt. Joy, Pa., where he is engaged in broom manufacturing; Henry C., at Reading, Pa., where he married Laura Hefelfinger; Wayne M., single, and at home.

Mrs. Barbara Stauffer was born in Warwick township, March 4, 1843, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Herchelrode) Mohn. Her father was born in Lancaster, and her mother in Clay township. For years he operated a distillery at Pine Hill, near Lititz. He died in 1865, fifty-nine years of age; the mother died Dec. 9, 1877, at the age of fifty-nine years. Both were buried in the Middle Creek Dunkard Meeting House burying ground. They were members of the Lutheran Church. To them were born the following children: John, in the hotel business at Denver, Pa.; Christian, a cigar maker at Lititz; Barbara, whose name is given above; Henry, a horse dealer at Manheim; Susan, the wife of Christ. Stauffer; a carpenter at Warwick; Charles, operating a bakery at Akron, Pa.;

Edmond, a cigar maker at Akron, Pa.; Franklin, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stauffer was Lewis Mohn, of Lancaster county, a cigar maker in his younger days. Her maternal grandparents were Henry and Barbara (Young) Herchelrode, farmer folk of Lancaster county.

Jacob E. Stauffer remained with his parents until his marriage. When he was eighteen he began teaching school, and continued in the school room for nine years. After the expiration of his career as a teacher he worked on the farm a year and a half. He spent some time as a photographer in Mt. Joy, and then returned home and was married. In 1868 he began farming in Rapho township, in which he was engaged for ten years. In 1878 he moved to his present home place, a compact garden spot of eleven acres. In 1875 he was elected justice of the peace, a position he has continued to fill to the present time, with the exception of a year and a half when he resigned, but he was again elected. For twelve years he has been town clerk, and is now discharging the duties of his judicial office with marked ability. In politics he is a strong Republican, and is regarded as one of the leaders of the party in this section of Lancaster county.

JOHN HASTINGS (deceased) was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, Dec. 4, 1804, a son of John and Mary (Mahoney) Hastings, of English and Irish ancestry, the Mahoneys belonging to the Scotch-Irish. Both families were represented in the war of the Revolution.

John Hastings, Sr., was the son of Peter and Rachel Hastings, who were born in England. John and Mary (Mahoney) Hastings were married in 1796, and settled on a place in the woods in Colerain township. This his axe converted into a farm, and there both he and his wife died. Their family consisted of the following members: (1) Stephen, born in 1799, married a Miss Potts, and settled in Lancaster township, where he and his wife died in 1832, leaving two daughters: Frances, the widow of Clement Dunlap, of Lancaster; Mary, late wife of Samuel Curtis, of Lancaster. (2) Rachel, born in Colerain township in 1800, married Hays Kuch, who settled in Little Britain, where she died in 1880. (3) Peter, born in 1802, died in 1812. (4) John is the subject of this biography. (5) Jeremiah, born in 1807, married a Miss Smith, of Chester county for his first wife, and settled on the Hastings homestead in Colerain township, where his wife died, leaving four children: Rachel, who married B. Whiteside, of Chester county; Marshall, a resident of Colerain township; Esther, who married W. H. Hogg, of Colerain township, and is dead; William S., of Drumore township. Mr. Hastings married for his second wife Hannah McVeigh, who bore him three children: Rebecca, of Philadelphia; Hannah, the wife of Nathaniel Ferguson, of Philadelphia; Jerry, of Philadelphia. (6) William

Hastings, born in December, 1809, married Miss Fannie Miller, of Lebanon county, and settled in the Cumberland valley, where he died at Newville, leaving one son, William M., who also died, unmarried. (7) B. Frank, born in 1812, married Anna C. Baker, of Vicksburg, a native of England; a few years after his marriage he went to California, where he was among the first prospectors of that region in 1849; he remained in California, where he died in 1881, leaving a wife and two sons: B. F., of Idaho; and J. Uhler, of San Francisco. (8) Margaret, born in 1815, married John Cope, of Little Britain, and moved with him to Illinois, where they died, leaving a family. (9) Nancy M., born in 1818, married Thomas Haines, of Little Britain, settling for a time in Lancaster county, and then moving to Havre de Grace, where he died; his widow died at the residence of a daughter in Chester, leaving four children: John, of Maryland; Sidney, the wife of James Keener, of Wilmington, Del.; Joseph and Frank, both of Chester, the last being the wife of William Roop.

John Hastings was reared a farmer and educated in the public schools of Colerain township. As a young man he was associated in a tanning enterprise with John Whiteside, under the firm name of Whiteside & Hastings. In 1836, however, Mr. Hastings parted company with Mr. Whiteside and bought for himself the Dan Lefever farm and family property, which he cultivated in connection with his tannery, becoming a very successful man. He bought several farms adjoining his own, and gave his entire attention to farming during the later years of his life.

Mr. Hastings was married in June, 1833, to Rebecca, the daughter of Francis and Margaret (Whiteside) Russel, both of Lancaster county. Mrs. Hastings was born in Russellville, Chester county, March 31, 1812, but was reared to womanhood in Lancaster county. Francis Russel, the father of Mrs. Hastings, was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1783, and was the son of Alexander Russel, born in the same house in 1756, his father, Hugh Russel, being born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1726. The latter escaped from the battlefield of Culloden to make his way to America, and became a resident of Chester county, where he died. Francis Russel served in the war of 1812, and in his neighborhood was known as Col. Russel. George B., his son, is a retired physician of Detroit, where he settled many years ago.

After his marriage John Hastings settled in East Drumore township, where he built the present stone house in 1841, and the large barn at the home of his daughter, Emma, was built in 1840. Mr. Hastings died at his home in August, 1892. Always taking an active interest in local affairs, he was an intelligent citizen, and was connected with the Presbyterian Church. From his boyhood to his death he was one of its active workers, and is remembered as a strong and manly character. His widow died in

1900, eighty-nine years of age. For over sixty years she was his constant companion, a devoted wife, a loving mother and a true Christian woman. They were the parents of seven children. (1) Mary, born in June, 1834, died unmarried in November, 1889. (2) George Russel, born in 1836, was educated in the Academy at Chestnut Level, in Lancaster county, married Jane P. Dickey, of Colerain township, in 1864, and now resides on his farm in Colerain township. (3) Howard F., born in 1839, went, in 1858, with his uncle, B. Frank Hastings, to California, where he married Miss Emma Cunningham; he now holds a position in the Government custom house at Los Angeles, Cal.; they have two sons, John R. and Howard F. (4) William S., born in February, 1841, married Miss Ella Harrar, of Christiana, and now resides at Atglen, Chester county, where he is engaged in the lumber and warehouse business; his son, John D., married Miss Helen Phillips, and resides at Atglen, where he is a partner with his father; they have one daughter, Roberta. (5) Margaret died in childhood. (6) Emma R., born in 1846, was educated in the local school and in the State Normal at Millersville; during the sickness of her father, as she was the only one left at home, she became manager of his extensive interests; and after his death she superintended the farm, while devoting herself to the care of her aged mother. Her management has been very successful. In 1898 she remodeled the large barn built by her father, and has made many other changes and improvements. (7) L. Rutter Hastings, born in 1849, married Miss Sarah A. Ewing, and they now reside on their farm in East Drumore township. They have six children: Rebecca L., the wife of Harry Hamill, of Chester county; Jessie I.; Louisa L.; Harry E.; Isabelle R.; and George R.

George, William and Howard Hastings are all members of the Masonic fraternity.

John Hastings was a Democrat, and was often a delegate to the county conventions of his party. He was a school director many years. All the family were identified with the Presbyterian Church, of which he was a faithful and devoted member, as was his wife.

GEORGE W. EABY. One of the best-known figures in business, political and social circles in Lancaster, is George W. Eaby, who is engaged in the real-estate and insurance business, located at No. 51 East Grant street.

The ancestors of Mr. Eaby came to America from Switzerland, generations ago, and his grandfather, Jacob Eaby, was a well-known farmer in Leacock township, where he owned and farmed a very large tract of land, which, at his death was divided among his sons and daughters, forming a number of smaller farms. Daniel M. Eaby, the father of George W., owned and farmed a part of the original tract. Daniel M. married Miss Caroline Bair, a daughter of the late Joel Bair, a prosperous

farmer of Leacock, and by a singular coincidence, there were five sons and daughters in each of these families.

The union of Daniel M. Eaby and Caroline Bair, resulted in the birth of seven children: Joel S., who is in the real estate and insurance business, in Lancaster; Harry B., who is in the service of the Government, in Wooster, O.; Daniel E., a grocer of Lancaster; Jacob M., a merchant at Paradise, in this county; Mary, the wife of William Rice, of Wooster, O.; and George W., but one of the family having passed out of life.

George W. Eaby was born on the old homestead, in Leacock township, Feb. 5, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of the district and at the Millersville Normal School, leaving the latter institution when twenty to become a school teacher. For the following eight years he taught in the public schools, with the exception of nine months of service as a member of the 122nd Regiment, P. V. I., during the Civil war, when he took part with his regiment in all its battles and skirmishes, which included Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. Mr. Eaby also served with the "Emergency" men, when the Confederates invaded the State.

Soon after the close of the war, Mr. Eaby became clerk of the Lancaster county prison, serving two years, and then became a clerk in the Steinman hardware store, where he remained for four years. Later he engaged in the grocery business for a time, disposing of this to enter upon the duties of a position in the office of the clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Lancaster county, acting three years as deputy, under Dr. B. F. W. Urban, and three years as clerk in chief of the office, and the following three years as deputy under Capt. Abram Settley, who had been elected to the office at the expiration of Mr. Eaby's term. This completed nine years of service in one of the most important offices in the county, and his record was such, and his fidelity to the cause of the Republican party so well known and appreciated, that he was strongly urged by his friends for the office of alderman of the 2d ward, of Lancaster. In 1891, Mr. Eaby entered the real estate and insurance business and since that time has rendered signal service to the various companies he represents and has enjoyed a large patronage.

Mr. Eaby married Miss Rachel A. Reese, a daughter of the late James M. Reese, of Bethania, Salisbury township. Previous to marriage, Mrs. Eaby was a teacher and she and her husband possess what is unusual, in one family, namely, two permanent teachers' certificates. Mrs. Eaby, who was one of the brightest of Lancaster county's teachers, is descended from two very old families; her mother was a Bentley, and her grandfather was a Baker, and it was from the papers testifying to the fame of Aaron Baker, in the Revolutionary war, that Mrs. Eaby became a Daughter of the Revolu-

tion, in which exclusive and admirable society, she has taken an active interest. She is five generations removed from her Revolutionary ancestors.

From the union of George W. Eaby and his wife two children have been born: C. Reese Eaby, Esq., a prominent member of the Lancaster bar; and Flora, the wife of Harry Cessna, Esq., a member of the Bedford county bar, a son of the late Hon John Cessna, who was, for so many years, president of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College.

Mr. Eaby is a member of the Blue Lodge of Masons, and is also fraternally connected with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Elks. The religious connection of the family is with Trinity Lutheran Church, where Mr. Eaby is recognized as in other relations, as an earnest, intelligent, generous and conscientious citizen.

HENRY ALBERT SCHROYER, the florist at No. 151 North Queen street, Lancaster, is a son of George W. Schroyer, the veteran florist, whose many hothouses are located on the Harrisburg turnpike.

George W. Schroyer was born in Lewisburg, Union Co., this State, Sept. 9, 1818, and is still seemingly as active, mentally and physically, as most men of fifty years. He came of a family long established in this country, being a descendant of one of three brothers of the name who came to America in 1670, and settled in Pennsylvania—one in Lancaster county, one in Berks county, and one in a western county. Conrad Schroyer, his grandfather, was born Dec. 10, 1761, in Lancaster county.

Col. Christian Schroyer, father of George W., was born Aug. 5, 1793, in Cornwall, Lancaster (now Lebanon) county, and died in 1855. He was a noted and popular hotel-keeper in his day, his hotelry being located near Lewisburg, on the road between that place and Northumberland. In those days of primitive traveling facilities there was a hotel in about every twenty-five miles, where the stages put up and accommodations were afforded the public, and no host was better known in that section than Col. Schroyer. He gained his title by service in the militia, having been colonel of the 8th Regiment. Under Jackson's administration he was appointed postmaster at Chillisquaque. In addition to carrying on his hotel business he engaged in general farming. He first married Susan Spangler, by whom he had eight children, Elizabeth, Anna, Rachel, Sarah, Susan, William, George W., and one that died in infancy. The mother of these died in 1835, and the Colonel subsequently married a Mrs. Myer. Two children were born to that union, Michael and Lewis. William, Michael and Lewis served in the Civil war.

George W. Schroyer was given his primary training in the "corner" district school near his early home, when a little older attended an evening writing school, and rounded out his somewhat limited

literary training with a short term at a grammar school. At the age of eighteen he left home, walking to Harrisburg, where he obtained a position which presented an opportunity for him to learn the printer's trade, in the office of a paper called *The Keystone*. He continued there until he had risen to the dignity of foreman. Mr. Schroyer was married, in 1845, to Anna E., daughter of J. B. Thompson, of Harrisburg, and in the fall of that year he bought the *Columbia Spy*, in Columbia, Lancaster county, which he sold, however, in about two years, returning to Harrisburg. There he remained until 1854, in which year he took charge of the *Inland Daily*, at Lancaster. In 1856 he took charge of the composing room of the *Daily Express*, a position he held until 1893, in which year his failing health drove him out of the printing business into the open air. He bought the place he now occupies that year, from Dr. H. E. Muhlenberg, and there he still lives, much beloved and respected by all who know him. Mr. Schroyer has not only the honor of having conducted the first daily paper of Lancaster, in 1854, but he is also the pioneer florist of that place. His home place consists of seven acres, one and a half acres under glass. He commenced with vegetables and small fruits, but soon changed to his present line. In politics Mr. Schroyer was originally a Democrat (like his father), supporting that party until 1856, when, as he says, "all good Democrats turned Republicans." He and his wife hold membership in the Lutheran Church.

Henry Albert Schroyer was born in Harrisburg Jan. 29, 1850, and spent his boyhood days in Lancaster, where, after attending St. James' Parish school, he became a student in the high school. At the age of seventeen years he began his work as a florist with his father, and in 1888 opened a store on North Queen street, a few doors from his present location. When a year had elapsed he moved into his present quarters, where his business has steadily grown, and he now enjoys one of the most flattering patronages in the city.

Henry A. Schroyer inherits his grandfather's interest in politics and is a staunch Republican. In 1878 he was elected to the common council from the Ninth ward, which was strongly Democratic, by a majority of three votes, a narrow margin, but enough. For the Young Republican Club he served as chief marshal in every campaign from the organization of that body to 1900, when he declined farther work in that line. He has twice been a delegate to the Republican State Convention. Since 1888 he has been a member of the board of school directors, and was re-elected for another term of three years in February, 1900. In November, 1900, he was elected treasurer of the Lancaster city school board, and was honored with re-election in 1901 and 1902. For eight years out of the nine in which he was a member of the committee on night schools, he served as its chairman. His work on this committee did much to make these night schools efficient



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and useful. His best achievement in school work was the building of the splendid eight-room structure on North Mary street and Harrisburg avenue, a result which required many years to effect; it is pronounced one of the finest eight-room school buildings in the State.

Mr. Schroyer is a member and past grand of Herschel Lodge, I. O. O. F., the Elks in Lancaster, the Hamilton Club, the Young Republicans, and the Lancaster Maennerchor; and is also very active in the Masonic fraternity, in which he has risen to the thirty-second degree, holding membership in Lamberton Lodge, No. 479, of which he was elected worshipful master for the year 1903; Chapter No. 43; Goodwin Council; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Lancaster Lodge of Perfection, fourteenth degree, Harrisburg, of which he is a past officer; Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, sixteenth degree, Harrisburg; Rose Croix Chapter, eighteenth degree; and Harrisburg Consistory, thirty-second degree. In fraternity work, as in politics, he is earnest and enthusiastic, anything he undertakes being done with all his heart and soul.

Henry Albert Schroyer was married, Oct. 27, 1875, to Miss Anna V., a daughter of the late Samuel M. Myers, well known in planing-mill interests in Chambersburg. Both are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in which they take a deep and substantial interest.

SAMUEL AMMON (deceased) was for many years a leading citizen of Salisbury township. He was born Oct. 6, 1818, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, and his death took place at Gap, Pa., Oct. 23, 1901. His parents were Henry and Mary (Signer) Ammon.

Henry Ammon, the father of Samuel, was a farmer in Lancaster county all his life. He died in 1836, at the age of forty-five years, his widow surviving until 1860, dying at the age of sixty-two. They were buried at Morgantown and Pequea, respectively. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to this union were: Samuel; John, deceased, who married Maria Speece; Sarah, who died young; Mary, deceased wife of David Ranck; William and Henry, twins, the former a retired farmer in Chester county, the latter operating a bakery in Gap and married to Jane Patten, born in Salisbury township, Sept. 19, 1835; George and Davis, twins, the former of whom is a carpenter in Salisbury township and the latter died young.

On March 31, 1875, Samuel Ammon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Arnold, born in East Earl township, daughter of Abraham and Lydia (Reel) Arnold, the former of whom was a blacksmith in East Earl township. He died in 1844, his widow surviving until 1877, when she died at the age of seventy-four years; both parents of Mrs. Ammon were buried in Cedar Grove Church cemetery, in East Earl township. The children born to

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold were: Sarah, the widow of George Ranck, of East Earl township; Isaac, of East Earl township; Mary, also of East Earl; Gabriel, who died young; and Elizabeth, who is the widow of Samuel Ammon.

For many years Mr. Ammon was employed by the great Pennsylvania Railroad as one of its contractors. He then resided in Lancaster, but in 1877 removed to Gap and for ten years operated the "Gap Hotel," which during his administration was one of the most comfortable hostleries in the place. In politics he was a staunch Republican. In his liberal way he contributed to the support of both Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, being a man of moral life, although not connected by membership with either religious body. Mrs. Ammon approved of his methods and is valued in both churches also. She is a very highly esteemed lady in this community and has a wide circle of warm friends.

J. COMLY MAULE (deceased) was born in Chester county, Pa., but spent his active life in Cole-rain township, Lancaster county. He was the third son in a family of seven children born to Ebenezer and Sarah (Lee) Maule, four of whom are now living in Chester county; Nathan, near Lenover; Benjamin, near Doe Run; and Ebenezer and Abigail, who are on the old homestead. Mary J., who married E. Phips, is now deceased; Zillah died in young womanhood.

J. Comly Maule was reared in Chester county, where he attended the district school and boarding school for boys. In December, 1857, he was married to Miss S. Emma Clark, a daughter of George and Anna (Taylor) Clark. Mr. Clark lived for a number of years on his farm in Doe Run, Chester county, and then moved into Westchester, where he lived retired until his death in 1860. His first wife died a few years after their marriage, while Mrs. Maule was still a child, leaving one son and one daughter. The son, William, went to Denver, Colo., when a young man, and won for himself a good standing in the business circles of that city, where he died in 1900, leaving a widow and two children, Howard Taylor and Myrtle, both of Denver. George Clark married for his second wife, Hannah Bailey, who bore him two children: Edward, who is in Leadville, Colo.; and Mary, who married William Glenn, of Chester county, and is now dead. Mrs. Maule was born in September, 1835, at the old Clark homestead in Chester county, and received her education in the Kennett Square schools.

Throughout his active life, Mr. Maule was engaged in farming, dairying and stock-raising. After marriage, he and his wife settled near Avondale, Chester county, where he was engaged in farming for four years. For two years they lived in Little Britain, and then in 1864 he bought the property where his family are now living. He added to it some very substantial improvements, and it was at the time of his death one of the most desirable

places in that region. The Society of Friends found a warm place in his heart, as it was his ancestral faith, and he rigidly adhered to its teachings in all his associations with the world, taking always a deep interest in the advancement of the community in general and those of his own faith in particular. For many years his pacific principles and sense of justice made him an arbitrator for the combative in his neighborhood.

To Mr. Maule and his wife were born the following children: (1) George C., born in 1858, was reared at the home, and educated in the Union Academy, of Lancaster county. He married Clara Brinton, and resides on a farm in Chester county, where he is known as a prosperous and successful farmer. They have four children, Willard Norman, Mary Anna, Walter W. and Charles E. (2) Anna H., born in 1859, married Allison Baker, of Smyrna, where Mr. Baker is engaged in farming. Mrs. Baker was a student in the State Normal at Millersville. (3) Walter born in 1861, married Miss Lizzie R. Lamborn, of Lancaster county, and for some years was engaged in the milling business at Puseyville. Later in life, he purchased a mill in Colerain township, which he carried on until his death in 1892, leaving a widow and no family. (4) Emma Z., born in Lancaster county, in 1864 (the first three members of this family having been born in Chester county) married John Chamberlain. They reside near the Chester county line. (5) Charles E., born in 1866, married Miss Hannah Jackson, of Christiana, and has his home in Sadsbury township, where they have four children, James W., Comly, William L. and Alice. (6) Norman Comly, born in 1873, was educated at Octoraro Academy and in the Westchester State Normal. Since the death of his father, he has taken the management of his mother's affairs upon himself and stands very high in the estimation of the people of the neighborhood. (7) William M., born in 1876, was a student at the Westchester Normal where he prepared for college, and then entered Swarthmore College. The following year he took a special course in biology in the Pennsylvania University. He is a graduate of Cornell University class of 1902, and has made a reputation for himself as a scholar and a thinker wherever he has attended, being at the front in all the branches at the college. After graduating from Cornell he was appointed by the U. S. Government to study the forests of the North West, and later was appointed Forestry Inspector of the Philippine Islands, a position which he is eminently fitted to fill.

Mr. Maule for a long time was closely identified with the Republican party, but in his later life was a strong Prohibitionist. For many years he held the position of school director.

Mrs. Maule and her family belong to the Society of Friends. Her children are a source of comfort to her, as they were to her departed husband in his declining years. He passed away May 28, 1901, at the age of almost seventy years.

ADAM REESE STAMY, principal of the Lemon street school, Lancaster, is related to two of Pennsylvania's oldest and best known families, both remarkable for their longevity.

Henry Stamy, grandfather of Adam R., was a farmer in Franklin county, Pa., and having removed to Leesburg, Cumberland county, died there at the age of eighty-six years. His son, John F., in early life was a teacher in Franklin county, but moving to Cumberland county, Pa., he became a minister in the Baptist Church, and is now elder of that district. He married Emily Reese, daughter of Adam Reese, one of the early farmer settlers of Cumberland county, and who passed from earth at the patriarchal age of ninety-four years. To Rev. John F. and Emily (Reese) Stamy were born eight children, of whom we have record of seven: Catherine, at one time a teacher, now wife of Frank McCleery, a farmer of Altenwald, Franklin county; Adam R., of whom full mention will be made farther on; Harry C., a farmer near Chambersburg, Franklin county; Miss Alice C., living at the old Grandfather Reese home at Leesburg, Cumberland county; John F., Jr., who died March 5, 1900; D. K., principal of a public school in New York City; and Emma, a teacher at Ridley Park, Delaware Co., Pa. Of these, D. K., after graduating in the scientific course at the State Normal School at Millersville, and from Neff's School of Oratory, Philadelphia, became a lecturer at teachers' institutes, lecturing before he was twenty-two years old; he is now only thirty-three. Emily (Reese) Stamy, mother of the above named children, died May 5, 1901.

Adam Reese Stamy was born Aug. 24, 1856, at Leesburg, Cumberland county, and after receiving a partial education in the public schools of his district attended the State Normal School at Millersville for a time, and then took a course at the Cumberland Valley State Normal, finishing his course in the graduating class of 1874, although leaving the institute before graduation to accept a very desirable position in the Mt. Holly Spring schools. There he remained until 1878, coming thence to Lancaster, and after teaching the Rohrerstown graded school for three years he was elected principal of the Lemon street school, a position he has ever since held with honor to himself and profit to his pupils. Hundreds of boys have been prepared by him for the high school of Lancaster, and the building, which was originally two-storied, with eight rooms, when he took charge of it, has now three stories, with twelve rooms.

In 1878 Mr. Stamy was married to Miss Florence C. Munson, daughter of Ralph Munson, a farmer of Litchfield county, Conn., and granddaughter of Capt. Norman Munson, whose ancestors came over in the "Mayflower." To this union were born children as follows: Maude M., a graduate of the Girls' High School, Lancaster, now Mrs. Walter Edward Fraim; J. Ralph, a graduate of the Boys' High School, Lancaster, also of the Pennsyl-

vania Business College, and now occupying a position in the Lancaster County National Bank; and Mary, attending school.

In religious faith Mr. Stamy is a Moravian, for three years serving as trustee of the Moravian Church at Lancaster, and as superintendent of the Sunday school four years. For fourteen years he was secretary of the Lancaster County Teachers' Institute, and when the City Teachers' Institute was organized, several years ago, he was elected secretary of that body, a position he yet holds. As a member of the County Institute he served on the committee on Permanent Certificates. In addition to his principalship of the Lemon street school he has been a teacher in the Boys' Chestnut Street Night school for sixteen years, during some twelve years of which he was principal. He was one of the organizers of the now famous Pennsylvania Chautauqua, and was a member of its board of managers, and for three years was statistical secretary of same. In politics Mr. Stamy is an ardent Republican, and while teaching in Rohrerstown was president of the Republican Club there, which same club took an active part in the Garfield campaign.

ELIAS BEAR, who is now living retired, is one of the leading citizens of Manheim township, and his pleasant and hospitable home at Oregon is one of the most inviting and hospitable residences in that country of open doors and generous welcome.

Mr. Bear was born in Warwick township, Jan. 3, 1839, a son of Samuel and Fredricka (Sheidley) Bear, and a grandson of Samuel Bear, who was born in England, Feb. 5, 1762, and died Oct. 23, 1823. The grandfather located at what is now Oregon, and became one of the leading citizens of that part of the county. The village of Oregon was founded by him, where he erected the hotel which later passed into the management of his son, John. The original Samuel Bear was three times married, and by his first wife he had one son, Jacob, who became a gun smith. By his second marriage he was the father of three children: Peter, a gunsmith; John a hotel keeper at Oregon; Elizabeth, who never married, and who lived at Frederick City, Md. By his third marriage he became the father of five children: Samuel, the father of Elias Bear; Isaac, a gunsmith, who died at Reading, Pa.; Anthony, a shoe maker, who spent his later years in Maryland and in Virginia, where he died; Rial, who married Samuel Buchen, of West Earl township; Barbara, wife of William Kahr.

Samuel Bear, the father of Elias, was born Jan. 15, 1804, at Oregon, and died April 4, 1875. When young he learned the trade of a gunsmith, at which he worked until he was some fifty years of age, when he turned to farming, and passed his last years in Manheim and Warwick. His religious associations were with the Lutheran Church. His wife was born in Germany, Jan. 19, 1810, and came to this country when a child. Her death occurred Jan. 1, 1885. To

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bear came Adam, born Nov. 17, 1828, deceased; Sarah, born Sept. 1, 1832, the wife of John Grube, of Bloomfield, Pa., Frank, who lives at Canal Fulton, Ohio, a carpenter by trade; Frederick, born Oct. 22, 1835, a carpenter in Oregon; Samuel, born Oct. 19, 1837, living in Stark county, Ohio; Elias, born Jan. 3, 1839; Salinda, born in 1841, the widow of Martin Kellingberger, and living at the corner of James and Lewis streets, Lancaster; Henrietta, born Dec. 10, 1844, late wife of Edward Cannon, of Canal Fulton, Ohio; Eliza, born Oct. 7, 1846, who died in childhood; Fannie, born Feb. 11, 1848, unmarried and living in Manheim township; Isaac, born Aug. 9, 1850, residing in Lancaster, where he is a carpenter; Catherine Amelia, born Jan. 7, 1852, the widow of Jeremiah S. Reed, who makes her home with her brother, Elias. Mr. Reed died June 16, 1890, in the fortieth year of his age; he was a carpenter by trade, but in his later years was a bridge inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mrs. Reed has the following children: Phoebe Ann, of Lancaster; Samuel N., a cigar maker in Oregon, who married Miss Bertha Buchen, and is the father of one child, Olive; Oliver, who resides in Lancaster City; Clayton, a farmer in Manheim township; Amelia, of Lancaster.

Elias Bear was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. When a lad fifteen years of age, he began caring for himself, working on a farm for wages. When the Civil war broke out, he was twenty-one, and in August, 1862, he enlisted in Co. C, 122d P. V. I., being mustered out in 1863, after the expiration of his term of nine months' enlistment; he was at the front all the time, participating in the battles of Fairfax Court House, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, escaping without a scratch, though he was a gallant fighter and never shunned danger. After his return from the war, he rented a farm of seventy acres in Manheim township. For twenty-three years he rented this place of one man, Mr. Rudy, and when that gentleman died, he purchased it. Until 1897 he was continuously engaged in its cultivation. That year he retired to Oregon to a pleasant home he had already bought, and where he is now taking a well earned rest.

Mr. Bear was married Dec. 26, 1869, to Lucy, a daughter of Isaac Sowers, born in West Earl township, at Groffdale, June 28, 1842, and died Dec. 9, 1899. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, as is also her husband.

Mr. Bear has taken his place among the leading men of the township, and his long and useful life shows the quality of genuine manhood.

CHRISTIAN H. KAUFFMAN (deceased) was born Aug. 26, 1839, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Kauffman, of West Hempfield township, where he was reared and educated in the common schools. When he was twenty-seven he began operations for himself, locating about a mile east of Landisville, on the farm where his life was

spent, and where his widow still lives. This at first was a farm of 104 acres; it now contains only eighty acres, but is regarded as one of the pleasantest places in that part of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman made many valuable improvements on this farm, putting up a fine residence and other farm buildings, and the farm received the close attention of Mr. Kauffman. He was a man who was very domestic in his habits, and preferred the comforts of home to all the pleasures of the outside world. In his religious associations he was a member of the River Brethren in Christ.

Mr. Kauffman was married Oct. 23, 1866, to Barbara, a daughter of John and Maria (Kauffman) Kendig, who was born in East Hempfield township, near the "Black Horse Hotel," July 20, 1846. His death occurred Jan. 2, 1893, and during the period of their married life they were more than usually faithful and devoted to each other. To this union came the following children: Morris, now living on the homestead, married to Miss Emma Baker, and the father of the following, D. Baker, May B., C. Raymond and J. Harold; Mary K., the wife of Amos H. Herr, of Neffsville, and the mother of C. Kauffman, Paul and Grace; Lizzie, the wife of Enos Heissey, making their home with Mrs. Kauffman; Emma, who died at the age of eight years.

Mrs. Kauffman and her daughters are members of the River Brethren in Christ, and are very highly esteemed in the community in which they live.

JOHN ABRAHAM SPRENGER, one of the prominent retired citizens of Lancaster, was born Jan. 26, 1829, in an old log cabin which still stands, on Fourth street, near Penn street, in Reading, Pa.

John A. Sprenger, his father, was born in the Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, July 5, 1770, and emigrated to America in May, 1821, locating in Reading, Pa., where he carried on a butchering business until March, 1829, when he embarked in the brewing business, in Maytown, this county. Two years later he removed to Elizabethtown, where he remained until 1836, going then to Lancaster, in which city he rented a brewery from his brother-in-law, John Borell, and continued in the brewing business until obliged by the infirmities of old age to cease work. His very capable wife managed the business from 1843 to 1867. Mr. Sprenger died Aug. 28, 1854. He married Elizabeth Lauer, who was born in Gleisweiler, Rheinpfalz, March 22, 1800, and died in Oct. 1875. Both were buried in the Lancaster cemetery, and both were members of the Reformed Church. The children born to them were as follows: Susan (deceased) married Henry Weber; Elizabeth married Jacob Yeisley, of Baltimore; Jacob, who resided in Atlanta, Ga., was born in Reading in 1825, and died Dec. 2, 1902; Christiana married Edward Wiley, of Lancaster; John A. is mentioned below; Catherine married (first) Charles Whidmayer, and is now the widow of Lawrence Knapp; Barbara married Ernst Krause, a retired brewer of Car-

lisle; Martha is the widow of Charles Connell, of Philadelphia; Anna married F. R. Dieffenderfer, of Lancaster; Louise died unmarried, at the age of sixty-two years; George F. Sprenger, born Jan. 6, 1842, died April 17, 1888 (he married Emma Zigor, of Carlisle); Amelia married William Roehm, of Lancaster.

From the age of ten years until his retirement John Abraham Sprenger was associated with the brewing business. Fifty consecutive years is a long period to devote to one business, but for a half century Mr. Sprenger gave his time, attention and energy to his large brewing interests. To improve the quality of his products, to decrease the cost of their production, to extend the territory of their distribution, required a man of great physical strength and mental activity.

Although he assisted his father in the business in his youth, it was in 1852 that he entered upon the business with his brother, Hon. Jacob J. Sprenger, this partnership lasting for eighteen months. John A. then started out on his individual career. He began by leasing a brewery, and two and one-half years later built a similar establishment for himself, on East King street (on the site of the present Excelsior Hall building), which he carried on from 1857 to 1873. Then he leased a brewery from Philip Frank, of Mt. Joy, making an agreement to purchase the same if desirable. This he did in 1883, and expended in refitting and building the sum of \$100,000. This brewery plant was operated by Mr. Sprenger with increasing prosperity until November, 1896, when he retired from active work, selling out to a stock company, which now carries on the business under the name of the Sprenger Brewing Company.

Although Mr. Sprenger was immersed in the cares of private business, when the call of his country for defenders was heard, in April, 1861, he was one of the first to volunteer in the Lancaster Fencibles, the first regiment of State defenders, mustered in at Camp Curtin. Although he entered the service as a private, he was commissioned sergeant on the field, and served as such in Company F, under Capt. Emlin Franklin, until he was discharged at Harrisburg. He was with the regiment at Winchester, Va. While Mr. Sprenger was away from home the business was carried on by Tobias Miller. At the age of fifty-two Mr. Sprenger found himself, through endeavoring to assist a friend, \$17,000 worse off than nothing, but instead of sitting down to bemoan his loss he put his shoulder to the wheel, and now has a comfortable competence for his old age. In 1867, with his wife and mother, he visited the family home in the old country, and also made a tour through France and Switzerland, in all spending three months abroad.

On Oct. 28, 1852, Mr. Sprenger was married (first) to Miss Adeline Erisman, born in Lancaster county, daughter of John and Maria Erisman, of Lancaster, where the former was a carpenter. She



John A. Sprenger

died without children, June 5, 1892, and was interred in the cemetery at Lancaster. Mr. Sprenger was married (second), Feb. 12, 1896, to Mrs. Catherine (Ritner) Lamborn (widow of Israel Lamborn, of Chester county), who was born in Cumberland county, a grandniece of ex-Governor Ritner, of Pennsylvania, who is remembered as the introducer of the free-school system in the State. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprenger. They occupy one of the handsomest and best equipped residences in the city.

In political sentiment Mr. Sprenger is a staunch Republican. Since 1843 he has been a member of the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is connected with a number of organizations, notably the Masonic, in which he is a Knight Templar; the Order of Red Men; the G. A. R.; and the I. O. O. F. His business interests in this part of the State have been very important, and as an honorable and upright man he won the approval and confidence of the public in commercial operations, while in private life he holds the esteem of a large circle of warm friends.

HIRAM L. ERB (deceased), for many years a leading merchant of Clay township, Lancaster county, and one of the public-spirited and progressive citizens of the town, was a member of a family long prominent in the annals of Lancaster county.

Jacob Erb, the great-great-grandfather of Hiram L., was brought from Switzerland to America by his parents in 1728. He was but four years of age at that time, so that practically his entire life was passed in the New World. They located near Hammer Creek, in Warwick township. About 1782 Jacob removed to Clay township, where he purchased several hundred acres of land, with mill privileges, and he made his home there for the remainder of his life. Besides a mill at Clay village, he operated another farther up Middle Creek, and he also cleared and improved large portions of his extensive estate. Until the outbreak of the war of the Revolution he was a believer in the Mennonite faith, but the principle of non-resistance taught by that society was in too great opposition to his patriotic spirit, and he withdrew his membership to support the provisional government. He became a man of prominence in public affairs, and represented his district in the State Legislature. He died in 1810, when he was past eighty years of age. His wife was a Miss Johns, and their family consisted of two sons and several daughters. Of the sons, John is mentioned below; and Christian lived on the old homestead in Warwick, where some of his descendants are still to be found.

John Erb, son of Jacob, was for three years in the service of his country during the Revolution, acting as teamster. He was but sixteen at the time he entered the service, and after the close of the war he resided at Clay, where he operated both the mills belonging to his father, and also looked after the

cultivation of the home farm. He was prominent in all public affairs, was the founder of the school at Clay, and took an active interest in religious affairs. John Erb married Judith Hull, and their children were: Jacob; John; David; Isaac; Samuel; Joseph; Molly, who married Abraham Erb and moved to Canada; Elizabeth, who married Michael Shepler; Nancy, who married Abraham Bear; and Catharine, who married Joseph Weidman.

John Erb, son of John, was born Nov. 3, 1786, and passed his life in Clay, engaged in farming and milling, and in keeping a public house. He belonged to the Old Line Whig party, and at one time served as county commissioner. He married Barbara Bergelbach, and his children were: Hiram; John B.; Henry B.; and Priscilla Cecilia, who married George W. Steinmetz. John Erb died in 1862, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

Hiram Erb, son of John and father of Hiram L., was born at the upper mill in Clay township April 11, 1810. The common schools afforded him his educational advantages, and at the age of nineteen he succeeded to the milling business established by his great-grandfather, for forty years successfully following that line. Some 150 acres of the old home tract belonged to him, and he met with abundant success in farming it. In 1869, in partnership with his son, Hiram L., he established a general store at Richland, Lebanon county, but in 1875 the business was removed to Clay, where prosperity awaited the enterprising proprietors. President Taylor appointed Mr. Erb postmaster, and he efficiently discharged the duties of that office for four years. He was originally a Republican, and an intimate acquaintance of Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, one of the party's founders, but in 1872 his admiration for Horace Greeley carried him into the Democratic ranks, after which he voted independent of party affiliations. Mr. Erb served as school director for three years, and always supported educational and religious movements. On May 16, 1839, he married Catharine Lane, widow of John S. Bear. One child, Hiram L., blessed this union. Catharine Lane Erb died in 1886, at the age of seventy-six years. Hiram Erb died in 1892, aged eighty-two years.

Hiram L. Erb was born Nov. 24, 1840, and he entered into rest Jan. 27, 1900. Like his father before him, he was trained to farming and milling, but on account of ill health entered the mercantile world, in partnership with his father, in 1869, under the firm name of Hiram Erb & Son. His political faith was like that of his father, and he served the Democratic party as a member of the county committee. He also served on the school board. In his religious connection he was a member of the United Brethren Church. Kind hearted and liberal, his charity was often the means of helping a weary fellow traveler to rest and comfort. He was a man of many friends, and his genial social nature made his home a favorite meeting place.

On Nov. 24, 1863, Hiram L. Erb was married to

Celinda Becker, a daughter of William and Lucy (Spayd) Becker, of Mill Creek township. Three children blessed this union, two of whom reached maturity: Laura, widow of Rev. C. J. F. Miller, a prominent minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1860, and who died Nov. 7, 1899, leaving eight children, Edgar L., Clio D., Lois E., Victor H., Earl Raymond, Guy Ralph, Erickson Colon and Vivian E.; Linnie, widow of Rev. A. L. Shannon, a well known minister of the United Brethren Church, who was born in 1864, died Dec. 13, 1900, leaving six children, Helen E., Florence L., Carl E., Paul E., Mary A. and Minerva E.

The Becker and Spayd families, from which Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is descended, were among the early settlers of Lebanon county. John Becker came from Germany to Lebanon county, Pa., about 1735 or 1740, and his son, George, was one of the pioneers of Kleinfeltersville, Lebanon county. William Becker, son of George and father of Mrs. Hiram L. Erb, was born in 1816, became one of the leading farmers of his township and died Oct. 29, 1879. William Becker married Lucy Spayd, and of the three children born of their union Mrs. Erb alone lived to mature years.

Mrs. Hiram L. Erb is now making her home in Richland, Lebanon county. She is a kind and Christian woman, whose gentle spirit has endeared her to all who come within the circle of her acquaintance.

JOHN H. KAYLOR, a retired farmer, and an old and much respected resident of Mt. Joy township, was born in West Donegal township Jan. 19, 1836, a son of Joseph and Mary Annie (Hoffer) Kaylor, both native to Lancaster county.

The father was a carpenter, and in his later days a farmer, though he lived retired for some years. He was born April 9, 1803, and died in 1878. The mother, who was born March 10, 1807, died in 1863. They were married in 1823, and were devoted members of the Lutheran Church. The following children were born to them: Tobias, born in East Donegal township March 28, 1826, a retired farmer in Elizabethtown; Jacob, born Nov. 6, 1827, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Henry B., born Feb. 26, 1829, deceased; Mary Ann, born Sept. 4, 1830, the widow of George Hess, and living in Illinois; Isaac, born Feb. 11, 1832, a farmer in Dauphin county; Joseph, born Sept. 21, 1833, a retired farmer in Illinois; John H., born Jan. 19, 1836; Elizabeth, born Feb. 26, 1839, wife of Samuel Caley, now a retired soldier in Dauphin county; Benjamin, born Jan. 10, 1838, a carpenter in West Donegal township; Anna, born Nov. 2, 1840, married to Isaac Winters, a farmer in Dauphin county; Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1842, the wife of Aaron Manning, and living in Illinois; Samuel, born April 3, 1843, who died young; Magdalena, born June 25, 1845, deceased; Catherine, born Sept. 1, 1846, married to George Rutherford, the proprietor of a bakery in Bainbridge; Lovina, born July 5, 1848, wife of Simon Steffy, of

East Donegal township; Abraham, born Oct. 18, 1850, a farmer of Dauphin county. The paternal grandfather Kaylor kept a tavern in West Donegal township; Joseph Hoffer, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Kaylor, was a farmer in Dauphin county, where he died.

John H. Kaylor and Mary Wolgemuth were married in Mt. Joy township Sept. 12, 1861, and their first four children died young. Their names were Anna, Lizzie, Christian and Amanda. The next child, Katie, married Martin Heistand, an engineer at Mt. Joy. John and Mamie are unmarried and at home.

Mrs. Mary Kaylor was born in Mt. Joy township Oct. 6, 1843, and is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Metzler) Wolgemuth, of Lancaster county, both of whom died in Mt. Joy township; he in 1888, at the age of eighty-nine years, lacking one day, and she in November, 1896, at the age of ninety years. Their remains were laid to rest in what is known as the Cross Roads cemetery, in East Donegal township. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, the widow of John Hoffman, of Elizabethtown; Jane, the widow of Henry Nissley, of Rapho township; John, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; David, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Christian, who is dead; Anna, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Mary. Christian Wolgemuth, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kaylor, was a farmer in Lancaster county.

John H. Kaylor spent the first twenty-one years of his life at home with his parents, and then carried on a farm on shares in Mt. Joy township, an arrangement which continued until the spring of 1899. That spring he removed to his present comfortable and attractive home, about a hundred yards from the borough line of Elizabethtown. He has done well in life, and his present comfortable circumstances are entirely the result of his economy, careful management and unwearied industry. Mr. Kaylor and his wife are members of the River Brethren Church, while his good standing in his neighbors' opinions is attested by his election three times as school director. Mr. Kaylor has made a small fortune off a rented farm, and well deserves a prominent place among the leading men of Lancaster county.

REV. CHARLES NAGEL is pastor of the Moravian Church in Lancaster, Pa. He was born in Cannstadt, Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 28, 1844, and was but a year old when his father, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, entered into rest. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native land, and in his ninth year the widowed mother brought him and his sister to the New World. They located in Brooklyn, N. Y., where they continued to reside for some time. When young Charles was fifteen years old he went to Bethlehem, Pa., and there entered the Moravian College and Theological Seminary, having determined upon the ministry as

his life work. His devotion to his work, his careful study and his consistent practice of the principles he professed won for him the high esteem of his instructors, and when he was graduated, in his twentieth year, he was called upon to fill the position of teacher in the Moravian Boarding School for Boys at Nazareth, Pa., which position he held for three years. In pursuance of the next call, this time into the ministry of the congregation at Newfoundland, Wayne Co., Pa., he was, in 1868, ordained a deacon of the Moravian Church by the Right Rev. John C. Jacobson. His labors in the Newfoundland field were crowned with success, and he continued in charge there until January, 1874. In 1870, at York, Pa., he had been ordained a presbyter by the Rt. Rev. Henry Shultz. When he resigned his pastorate at Newfoundland it was to accept a call to the Church at Elizabeth, N. J., where he continued until 1876, when he returned to Pennsylvania, and took charge of the parish at Lititz, Lancaster county, where he remained until 1885. During all these years he had not confined his attention to the duties of his own charge, but had taken a keen intelligent interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the church. By close study and a wide contemplation of the problems that confront the clergy of whatever denomination, he became keenly alive to the needs and the dangers assailing the higher morality of the people. In 1876 he was delegated, with others, to represent the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America at the General Synod, which convened in Hornbuit, Saxony, from May to July, of that year. From 1885 to 1901 Rev. Nagel was the incumbent of the First Moravian Church in Philadelphia, and on Sept. 19, 1901, he entered the Gospel ministry of the Moravian Church at Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

In 1868 Rev. Nagel was united in marriage with Miss Ellen M. Luchenbach, daughter of William Luchenbach, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH S. RISSER, one of the old and successful farmers of Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, was born in Londonderry, Lebanon Co., Pa., Dec. 28, 1836, a son of John and Mary (Shenk) Risser, both natives of Lebanon county, where they died full of years and honor. The father, a farmer, who died in 1869, at the age of sixty years, ten months and twelve days, had lived retired many years. His widow passed away in 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, seven months and twenty-eight days. They were interred in the Risser Church burying ground in Lancaster county. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following family: Fannie, born Aug. 5, 1835, now an invalid and the widow of John H. Risser, of Mt. Joy township, who was born Feb. 21, 1834, and died Nov. 5, 1901; Joseph S.; Abraham, who died aged thirty-eight years; John, a prominent man in Lebanon county, and a director of a National bank in Elizabethtown; Samuel, a farmer in Lebanon county.

Several of the Risser family came to America

during the eighteenth century. Ulrich and Jacob Risser came from Rotterdam in the ship "Adventurer." John Davis, master, qualified Oct. 2, 1727. John Risser came at the age of twenty-three, in the ship "Queen Elizabeth," Alexander Hope, master, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 16, 1738. Philip Risser came in the "Loyal Judith," Edward Painter, commander, from Rotterdam, qualified Sept. 3, 1739. Peter Risser and his wife, Anna Snyder, sailed from Rotterdam in the "Robert and Alice," Walter Goodman, commander, qualified Sept. 3, 1739. The last couple were the great-grandparents of Joseph S. Risser.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph S. Risser were Peter and Fanny (Witmer) Risser, farming people of Lebanon county, where their lives were spent. The grandfather died in 1856, at the age of seventy-six. The Risseres are of Swiss descent, and have always been sturdy and industrious people of good character and fine standing. The same thing may justly be said of Mr. Risser's maternal grandparents, Joseph and Fanny (Ober) Shenk, of Lebanon county, where their peaceful and upright lives were passed. The Shenks also came originally from Switzerland.

Joseph S. Risser was married Nov. 8, 1864, in Lancaster county, to Miss Annie L. Gerber, who was born in Rapho township and died Sept. 24, 1888, at the age of forty-two years. Her remains were laid to rest in the Kraybill cemetery. She was a sister of David L. Gerber, of East Donegal township.

Mr. Risser remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he rented a farm in East Donegal township. There he remained until 1873, when he came to the farm on which he is found to-day, and where he has made a signal success in its cultivation. In his religion he has united himself with the Mennonite Church, and his clean and wholesome life has cast no discredit upon his profession of faith. In politics he is a Republican, and is known as an upright and conscientious citizen. He has worked hard, been prudent and careful, and has amassed a very comfortable competence.

EMANUEL NEFF. Among the old and respected citizens of Strasburg township is Emanuel Neff, who conducts a mill and operates a farm two miles west of the borough of Strasburg, in Lancaster county, and well represents the two prominent families from which he came.

Emanuel Neff was born in Lancaster county Oct. 25, 1840, a son of Henry and Anna (Gross) Neff, both of whom have passed away. Henry Neff was a native of East Lampeter township, a son of Christian and Annie Neff, and was born March 19, 1819, dying Feb. 16, 1881. His first marriage was to Anna Gross, who died in 1851, leaving three children: Emanuel; Amos, a farmer of Cass county, Mo.; and Susan, deceased, who married Amos Hershey, of Gordonville. The second marriage of

Henry Neff was to Elizabeth Groff, and his third to Barbara Wade, both of whom died without issue.

Henry Neff was a farmer and also a miller, spending his whole life in East Lampeter and Strasburg townships, owning at one time two fine farms in Strasburg township, selling one prior to the purchase of the mill property now owned and operated by his son, Emanuel. In connection with the mill, he purchased forty-three acres of land, and there passed his last years, spending a useful, busy life, and dying as he lived, a conscientious and worthy member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Emanuel Neff was reared on the farm and early learned habits of thrift and economy which have assisted him in becoming the substantial member of the community he now is. His education was gained in the public schools and when he had reached the age of twenty-one he began farming operations for himself, locating on a farm of ninety-five acres, in East Strasburg township, where he remained twenty years. In March, 1882, he succeeded to his present property, and since that time he has carried on the mill and farmed the estate surrounding it. Emanuel Neff is well and favorably known through the locality and is ever interested in all improvements that promise good to the community, in the way of temperance, religion or education.

Emanuel Neff was married in 1861 to Catherine Eby, a daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Warner) Eby, who was born in this county, near Gap, Oct. 3, 1841, and seven children have been born of this union: Rebecca, who married John B. Lefever, of East Lampeter township; Enos, deceased; Harry, a farmer of West Lampeter, who married Fannie Myers; Christian, a farmer of Paradise township, who married Lavina Shaub; Mary, married to George W. Rohrer, of East Lampeter; John, a farmer of Strasburg, who married Barbara Keener; and Katie, who remains in the home.

Both Emanuel Neff and his wife are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, where their kindness and generosity are well known, and they are among the most respected residents of this part of Lancaster county.

PAUL HEINE, of the Sprenger Brewing Company, is well known in Lancaster, where with his father-in-law, Ferdinand Grebe, he owns the Sprenger brewery—one of the widest known and oldest institutions of its kind in the city. He was born in Wolfshagen, Brunswick, Germany, Nov. 25, 1864, a son of Heinrich and Elizabeth (Necker) Heine.

Heinrich Heine, who died in Berlin in 1879, was a noted author, poet and playwright, and a number of published works testify to his ability. His wife, Elizabeth Necker, daughter of a distinguished physician of Laage, Mecklenburg, is still living in Berlin, hale and hardy at the age of eighty-two years. Three children were born to them: Richard, a leather goods manufacturer of New York;

Emma, wife of Ferdinand Krause, an Imperial Opera singer of Berlin; and Paul.

After receiving an excellent education at various German schools Mr. Heine connected himself with a leading Berlin exporting house, remaining with same four years, after which he went to the celebrated Franz Spielhagen Chemical Works, the largest of their kind in Berlin. He was then twenty-one years old, and in three years he had ascended the commercial ladder to the position of manager and cashier in the concern. Holding this place three years, in 1891 he became anxious to visit America with a view of establishing himself here. Two weeks after reaching New York he secured a position in the big linen goods importing house of Lamb & Griesbach, in order to make himself better acquainted with the business methods and the language of this country. He then bought out a stationery business in that city, and in two years and a half after landing in America he was part owner of a large brewery—the one at Lancaster. Mr. Heine is certainly a progressive and wide-awake business man, and his life affords a good lesson for young men to emulate. Continual additions, and improvements prompted by a constantly growing demand for its products, have brought the concern to fully three times its capacity over that when purchased, in 1894. Progressive in everything, the Sprenger Brewing Company built the fine "Hotel Lincoln," on South Queen street, besides rebuilding and remodeling several other of their hotels in the city, thus contributing materially to the development of Lancaster. Modern appliances in the brewery have made its product greatly sought, not only in Lancaster and the county, but from all over the State. Mr. Heine is a member of the Lancaster Board of Trade.

In April, 1894, Mr. Heine married Emma, only daughter and child of Ferdinand Grebe. One child has been born to them, Ferdinand, named in honor of his maternal grandfather. Mr. Heine is a member of Blue Lodge, Chapter, Knights Templar, Council, Lodge of Perfection and Mystic Shrine, in Masonry; of the Benevolent Order of Elks, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Knights of Fidelity, Hamilton Club, Road Drivers Association, Lancaster Country Club, and the leading German societies of the place. He is a public-spirited citizen, always having the interest of the place he made his home at heart. He is well thought of by everybody, is liberal and kind-hearted to the less fortunate ones, and may well be congratulated on his popularity and business standing, for it is of the best.

GEORGE RUTT SENSENIG, of No. 11 North Duke street, is one of fifteen children born to parents who came from old and prominent families. Christian Sensenig, his great-grandfather, was a miller, and came from Switzerland to America early in the century to escape the religious persecution



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then fiercely raging against the Mennonite Church in his native land. He settled in Earl township, and his descendants have been land owners there for generations.

John Sensenig, the grandfather of George R., was a lifelong miller, and was born in Lancaster county. His son, Christian, was also a miller, was born near Terre Hill, in East Earl township, in 1773, and died in 1864. His wife was Susan, a daughter of Christian Rutt, a farmer in East Earl township, and to this union fifteen children were born, of whom four are living: Levi, a cattle dealer of Lancaster; Harry R., a farmer of Co-calico township; Mattie, the widow of Martin M. Sensenig, late of Goodville, Lancaster county, and head of the Sensenig hardware company, one of the most extensive concerns of its kind outside of the big cities; George Rutt.

George Rutt Sensenig was born in East Earl township in 1846, and was educated in the local district school, which he left when thirteen years old to go into his father's mill, where he remained until his eighteenth year, when his father died. At that time he left the mill and entered the butcher trade, which he fully learned, and then engaged in the cattle business, soon being recognized as a most reliable dealer. On Aug. 21, 1900, Mr. Sensenig purchased the extensive business of George J. Rutt, on North Duke street. Here he is engaged in a most successful meat business, with his abattoirs at No. 465 Holland avenue, and his patrons include many of the best families of the city.

Mr. Sensenig married Sarah, daughter of David Fry, a noted tanner of Ephrata. Mr. Sensenig is a member of the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a Master Mason. In his politics he is an ardent Republican, and has attended as a delegate the county and other conventions, and had the honor of being a delegate to the national convention that nominated General Harrison for a second term. Mr. Sensenig is an honorable and upright man of lofty impulses, and has a host of friends.

SAMUEL L. KAUFFMAN, a resident of Kinzers, Lancaster county, was born near Allensville, Mifflin Co., Pa., in 1830, and there he lived until he was nine years of age, receiving the most of his education in that period of his life.

Jacob Kauffman, the great-grandfather of Samuel L., was born in 1737, the exact date and location not being known. His son, Christian Kauffman, was born June 25, 1764, at what is known as Chester Valley, Chester Co., Pa. The father of Samuel L. was born Sept. 15, 1797. The grandfather lived at this point during the Revolutionary war, and on one occasion the opposing armies drew very close to this place. The Kauffmans were notified by Gen. Washington that a battle was likely to take place on that very farm. This kind act was repeated by the great American, and other families in the neighborhood were notified to remain in the cellar during

the battle, as they were between the contending armies. The next morning the valley was swept by a severe storm, and the expected battle did not take place. Christian Kauffman moved to Mifflin county, Pa., in 1802, where he made his home. The father of Samuel L. Kauffman was married in 1819 or 1820 to Sarah Lapp, and to this union were born six boys and three girls: John Kauffman, born Sept. 19, 1821; Gideon, March 28, 1824; Jonathan, Dec. 10, 1826; Samuel L., Jan. 24, 1830; Elizabeth, Sept. 11, 1832, married to Jonathan F. Stoltzfus; Michael L., Dec. 7, 1834; Christian L., Feb. 5, 1838; Nancy, Nov. 29, 1840, who married Jacob Stoltzfus and was killed by a train at a railway street-crossing near Bird-in-Hand; Sarah, Dec. 24, 1843, wife of Amos Mast.

From Mifflin county the family moved to Union county, Pa., in 1839, and nine years later made their home near Paradise, Lancaster Co., Pa., where the father died Sept. 15, 1879; he was eighty-two years old; his wife, who was born Jan. 15, 1801, died Nov. 22, 1879.

Samuel L. Kauffman grew to manhood under the parental roof, was married Feb. 3, 1857, near Gap P. O., Lancaster county, to Barbara Stoltzfus, and at first was engaged in farming. In 1864 he went into a business of selling agricultural implements, and was later engaged in the hardware business under the name of Kauffman & Livingston. This partner was Benjamin B. Livingston, a brother of Judge John B. Livingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Kauffman had no children, and in the fall of 1857 they took into their home two orphan children, a brother and sister, William D. and Mary Jane Skiles. The boy died when ten years old, and the sister married John Kessler, a coach maker at Kinzers. The Kauffman home next became an asylum for Harry McNelley, a boy of nine years of age, without education or moral training. He was of a roving disposition, but under the kindly atmosphere of this beautiful home and the motherly spirit of Mrs. Kauffman his better nature bloomed and became marked. He was sent to day and Sunday-school, became a student of the Bible, was ordained a clergyman and is in charge of the United Brethren Church at Pottstown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman also took charge of a nephew, who was a deaf mute. They enfolded him in an atmosphere of love and eventually sent him to the Mute School at Philadelphia, where he remained ten years. He has become a man of culture, has married a mute, a school-mate, and is engaged in the seed business near Lancaster City. Another child taken into this hospitable home was Hallie M. Campbell, who was taken from the county home in 1895, when she was ten years of age. She has become a bright and charming young girl, and is the great delight of her foster parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are both members of the Amish Mennonite Church, and took an active part in the establishment of the Sunday-school at

the Amish Millwood Church. The organization of the Sunday-school was opposed by many, but the persistence of Mr. Kauffman and others overcame the opposition, and brought the churches into line. Mr. Kauffman was one of the building committee at the construction of the church in 1882, of which he has been one of the Trustees to the present time.

Mr. Kauffman has been associated with the Penn Mutual Fire Association since its formation, being successively agent, director and president of the Association, being elected to this last position at the annual meeting in the fall of 1901.

JACOB ROHRER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in East Hempfield township Nov. 8, 1829, son of Daniel and Mary (Kreider) Rohrer, of Leacock and East Lampeter townships.

Daniel Rohrer, the father, was also a farmer until thirteen years prior to his death, which occurred in January, 1897, at the advanced age of ninety-four years. His wife died in January, 1894, at the age of eighty-six years. The couple are buried in the East Petersburg cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were members of the Mennonite Church; for years he was a member of the school directory of this district. He was a man of prominence and large means.

There were born to them the following children: John, a retired farmer residing at Landisville, Pa.; Jacob; Daniel, a farmer, living in Crawford county, Mo.; Benjamin, who died in youth; Abraham, deceased, a farmer; Anna, wife of Abraham B. Miller, a retired farmer of Rohrerstown, Pa.; Israel, who died in youth; Hettie, who died at the age of thirty-one years, unmarried; Isaac, a farmer of Marion county, Mo.; Henry, who died in youth; and Mary, wife of Isaac K. Stoner, a farmer of Petersburg, Pa. Jacob Rohrer's grandparents on his father's side were John and Hettie (Wenger) Rohrer, of Leacock township.

John Rohrer, a farmer and carpenter, was born in 1779 and died at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was born in 1779 and died at the age of sixty-eight years. Both are buried in Leacock township. There were born to them the following children: Benjamin; Maria, wife of John Musser; Daniel; Isaac; Hettie, wife of Joseph Moyer; Martin; Jacob; Michael; Betsey, wife of Samuel Buckwalter; Israel; and Nancy, wife of Christian Stauffer. On his mother's side Mr. Rohrer's grandparents were John and Anna (Hoover) Kreider, of Lampeter and Warwick townships. Mr. Kreider was a farmer and died in Lampeter township, and his wife died in East Hempfield township.

On Nov. 17, 1857, Jacob Rohrer was married to Miss Mary S. Kreider, of Lancaster, Pa. There have been born to this union the following children: Jacob K., a farmer of East Hempfield township, married to Amanda Stauffer, by whom he has had four children; Mary K., wife of Martin Nissley, a machinist of Landisville, Pa., with eight children;

Daniel K., who died in youth; John S., living on the old farm in Rapho township, and married to Miss Lizzie Nissley, by whom he has had three children; and Hettie K., who married Benjamin D. Peters, a farmer and machinist of Rapho township, and has had six children.

Mrs. Mary S. (Kreider) Rohrer was born in East Hempfield township, died Dec. 20, 1898, at the age of sixty-two years, and is buried in Erissman's cemetery; she was the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sechrist) Kreider, of Lampeter township. Both her parents died in East Hempfield township.

Jacob Rohrer lived with his parents until the time of his marriage, receiving in the meantime a good education in the schools of the district. Soon after the wedding he moved to the farm now owned by John S. Rohrer and remained there until 1894, when he removed to his present farm, a very fine place. Mr. Rohrer is a prominent man in the township, for eight years was school director and was township auditor for a period of three years. He is a Republican in politics and is greatly interested in the welfare of that party. Mr. Rohrer and his family are members of the Mennonite Church. The whole neighborhood rightfully regards Mr. Rohrer as a splendid specimen of the old-time Pennsylvania gentleman, and finds it a pleasure to meet and visit with him.

ABRAHAM HERSHOUR, a resident of Fulton township, was born in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, April 6, 1825. He is a son of James and Hanna (Stoman) Hershaur, natives of Bucks county and of German origin.

James Hershaur, the father, was a farmer by occupation and came to Lancaster county while yet a young man. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought office. He was of the Lutheran religious belief and a devout member of that church. He was the father of nine children, all of whom are now dead, with the exception of Abraham and Susan, the wife of Joseph Camra. Their names were Isaac, John, Henry, Joseph, Abraham, Elizabeth, Lydia, Susan and Samuel.

Abraham Hershaur was married to Miss Leah Able Oct. 21, 1852. She was the daughter of George and Catherine Able, of York county, Pa. This family also was of German origin. Mr. and Mrs. Hershaur have been blessed with the following children: Jacob, born April 28, 1854, a farmer of Little Britain township; Henry, born July 8, 1856, who died in youth; Catherine, born Sept. 24, 1858, deceased; Matilda, born Dec. 8, 1859, the wife of Bar Caruth; Abraham, born May 13, 1863, residing in Lancaster; John, deceased; Franklin, born Jan. 24, 1864, residing in Chester county, Pa.; Christian, born Aug. 19, 1869, residing on the home farm; Leah E., born Dec. 28, 1871, the wife of Caleb McFann; and Mary A., born April 6, 1875, who married Charles Bradley and lives on the homestead with her parents. Mrs. Hershaur was born Sept. 24, 1833.

Mr. Hershour started in life a very poor boy, but by industry and frugality he is now the owner of a fine farm of 167 acres, well stocked and improved. He is a strong Republican in politics. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Respected by all his friends and neighbors, Mr. Hershour stands in his community a citizen with whom it is both a pleasure and a benefit to be acquainted.

PETER E. HERSHEY, a retired farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born in Salisbury township Feb. 5, 1826, and is a son of Abraham and Anna (Eby) Hershey, both of Salisbury township.

Abraham Hershey was a farmer, and spent his entire life in Salisbury township, where he died in January, 1843, at the age of fifty-six years, eleven months and two days. His widow, who long survived him, went to her rest in February, 1896, at the age of ninety-five years, two months and fourteen days. Both were buried in Hershey's burying ground in Salisbury township. They were the parents of two children: Margaret, who is the widow of Daniel Denlinger, and lives in Leacock township; Peter E., whose name appears above. Abraham Hershey was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Sechrist, who was the mother of Jacob S., who died in August, 1889, at the age of seventy-six years.

Andrew Hershey, the pioneer representative of the family in this country, was born in Switzerland and came to America in 1719, with his two sons, Andrew and Benjamin, making their home near the present site of Lancaster. A third son, Christian, remained in Switzerland until 1739, when he also immigrated to Pennsylvania, where with his two brothers he became a preacher of the Mennonite Church. Andrew Hershey, who died in 1792, was the father of twelve children, Christian, John, Andrew, Benjamin, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Henry, Peter, Maria, Catherine and Adli.

The paternal grandparents of Peter E. Hershey were Jacob and Anna (Newcomer) Hershey. They were both natives of Dauphin county, but moved into Lancaster county and spent their lives in Salisbury township. They had the following family: John; Jacob; Christian; Elizabeth; Abraham and Andrew, twins; Joseph, a Mennonite bishop.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Hershey were Peter and Maragret (Hess) Newcomer, both natives of Lancaster county.

Peter E. Hershey was married Dec. 5, 1848, in Lancaster, Pa., to Anna Landis. Born to this union were: Christian L., who died in his eighteenth year; Anna, who married Amos Leaman, of Leacock township, and died at the age of twenty-five; Henry; Mary, who married Esaias Denlinger, a farmer of Paradise township, and is the mother of four children; Landis, a farmer on the old homestead in Salisbury township, married, first, to Elizabeth Buckwalter, by whom he had one child, Harry, and,

second, to Lizzie Leaman, by whom he had three children, Anna, Willis and Ruth.

Mrs. Anna (Landis) Hershey was born in East Lampeter township in 1829, a daughter of Christian S. and Mary (Landis) Landis, of East Lampeter township. Her father, who was a farmer, died in East Lampeter township at the age of sixty-seven years, six months and nine days. His wife died June 8, 1865, at the age of fifty-seven years, three months and twenty-five days. Both were buried in the cemetery connected with the Mellinger Church. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. and Mrs. Christian S. Landis were the parents of the following family: Levi, who was a retired farmer, now deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of Peter B. Brubaker, living in Manheim township; Anna; Catherine, late wife of Christian S. Risser; Rev. John L., a clergyman of the Mennonite Church, of East Lampeter township; Hettie, the widow of Martin R. Herr, residing in Leacock township.

The maternal grandparents of Anna (Landis) Hershey were Henry and Mary (Rohrer) Landis, both natives of Lancaster county. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hershey were John and Barbara (Snavely) Landis, both of Lancaster county. John Landis was twice married.

Peter E. Hershey lived with his mother until his marriage, when he moved to another farm, in Salisbury township, where he remained until 1855, that year coming to his present farm. In the spring of 1878 he retired. For five times he was appointed assistant assessor, and was school director seven years, when he refused to serve longer in that position. Both husband and wife are members of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican, and holds an enviable position in the community, where he has many friends, won by his industry and honesty, and retained by his kindly character.

SAMUEL WEAVER LANTZ, for many years a farmer in Lancaster county, was descended from a Swiss family of French extraction, one of whom settled in Connecticut. This latter day bearer of the name was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 27, 1837, and died in Lancaster City April 1, 1899. His parents, Jacob and Hettie (Weaver) Lantz, were also natives of this county, and they were married, lived for sixty-three years and died in the same house, during the same year, and at the same age. Jacob Lantz died in September of 1883, his wife having passed away in July. They were eighty-three years old. They were members of the New Mennonite Church, and were the parents of seven children: Isaac, a farmer in Chester county, Pa.; Benjamin, deceased; John, deceased; Samuel Weaver; Hettie, the widow of Martin Meyers, of Landisville, Pa.; Anna, wife of John Trout, a farmer of Strasburg; and Leah, living in Landisville.

From earliest youth Samuel Weaver Lantz was

reared to an appreciation of the dignity and usefulness of an agricultural life, and his inclinations never wandered from this peaceful means of livelihood. On Dec. 19, 1865, he married Maria Kleinhans, born in Strasburg, daughter of John Frederick and Amelia (Leistner) Kleinhans, natives, respectively, of Hanover and Brunswick, Germany. The father was born Oct. 3, 1808, and died at Lancaster in 1893; and the mother was born Jan. 13, 1825, and still lives in this city. John Fredrick Kleinhans was a blacksmith in his native land, but upon coming to Lancaster in 1840 worked for the Baldwin Locomotive Works for a few years, and then started in business for himself. Besides Maria, he had one son, Elias, a farmer in the York furnaces. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lantz are: Amelia, the wife of Martin Shreiner, of Neffsville, Pa.; Harry, a molder at Mount Vernon; Anna, married to Henry Fritze, an electrician of Jersey City; Charles, married to Sadie Dubble and living in Philadelphia; Bertha, who married Dr. Benjamin F. Good, of Conestoga, Pa.; Bessie, unmarried and living at home; Mary, also at home; and Alice, deceased at the age of seventeen years.

During the Civil war Mr. Lantz served in Co. E, 79th Regiment, P. V., enlisting Sept. 21, 1861, and receiving his discharge Oct. 1, 1864. He participated in thirteen battles, and was wounded in the hand, besides contracting rheumatism, from which he suffered all his life, and for which he received a pension. He was a member of the New Mennonite Church. He belonged to the Republican party and served as supervisor of Strasburg for three years. Mr. Lantz bore an enviable reputation in his neighborhood, his honesty of purpose and public spirit being unquestioned.

AARON WEAVER, one of the most successful farmers of Lancaster county, is a son of the late Isaac Weaver, who was born in East Lampeter township, and died at the city of Lancaster.

Isaac Weaver was a son of Rev. Joseph Weaver, a Mennonite minister of Lampeter, and himself entered that communion early in life, remaining a devout and consistent member of the church until his death, which occurred in his sixty-ninth year. He was a man of intellect, good judgment and almost phenomenal energy. He was a large land owner, being the proprietor of three farms, all of which his progressive spirit and wide-awake ideas led him to keep well improved. That on which he resided, where his children were born, and which is spoken of in the family as "the homestead," comprised 128 acres located in East Lampeter. Another of 185 acres situated some six miles west of Lancaster, was known as the Sener farm. The third, known as the Beam farm, was at Willowstreet; there he erected a complete set of buildings. Besides making such extensive improvements on his own property he assisted two sisters in improving their property. When he had reached the age of sixty he

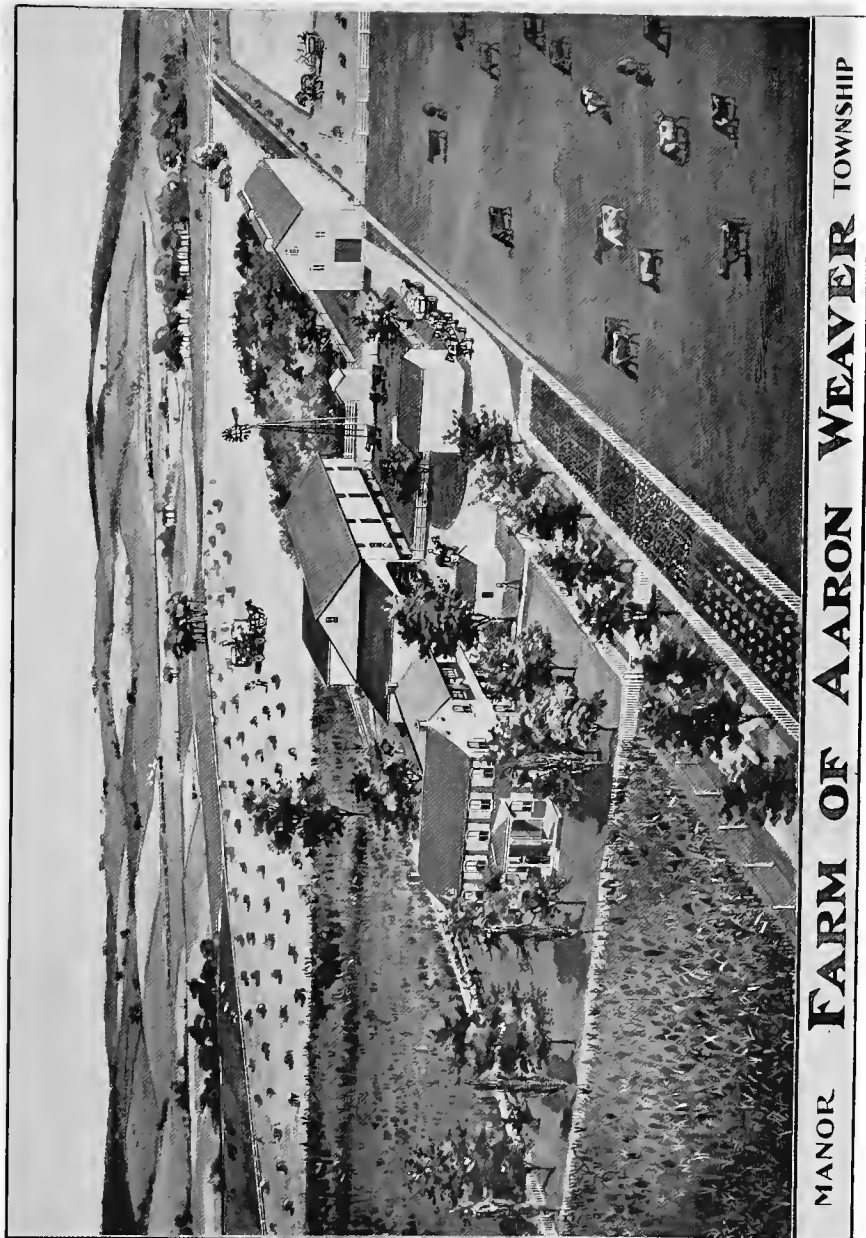
retired to pass his declining years in rest. He erected a residence at No. 529 East King street, Lancaster, and there entered into rest Oct. 27, 1887. He married Catherine Barr, who survives him, and is now living, at an advanced age, with her daughter Mrs. John Girven, of Mechanicsburg. They were the parents of seven children: Mary, the eldest, is the wife of John Girven, of Mechanicsburg, this county; Joseph B. lives at the old homestead in East Lampeter; Aaron is the subject of the present biographical sketch; Benjamin F. is a farmer of Manor township; Milton L. is a miller and coal dealer in West Hempfield; Elizabeth is deceased; and Ephraim E., the youngest of the family, is a farmer in Manor.

Aaron Weaver was born in East Lampeter March 11, 1856. He grew up on the old home farm, and after his father's retirement and removal to Lancaster was employed for some two years by his brother-in-law, Mr. Girven. In 1882 he and his brother, Benjamin F., went to Manor township, and settled on the Sener farm, to which reference has been already made, renting the same from their father, who had purchased it from Jacob Landis. For three years the brothers occupied it jointly, and during this time they made some costly improvements, erecting a fine residence, with good, substantial barns and tobacco houses. It was conceded to be one of the finest, best improved and most efficiently managed farms in that part of the county. In 1885 their father divided the property equally between them, Aaron Weaver receiving the southern half. He has still further improved his portion, and everything about his place tells of thrift, good sense, industry and prosperity. While chiefly engaged in general farming, Mr. Weaver, since 1892, has engaged extensively in tobacco growing and packing, in which his quick perceptive power and excellent business judgment have insured his success.

Mr. Weaver was married, in November, 1889, to Miss Emma K. Landis, a daughter of Jacob S. Landis, of East Lampeter. She died in February, 1890. Mr. Weaver is a Republican in politics.

AMOS WALTON (deceased) occupied a leading position among the representative farmers of Fulton township, Lancaster county, not only on account of his financial success, but also, and more especially, because of his genial personality and excellence of judgment and character. His birth occurred Jan. 6, 1840, and he was a son of Amos and Martha (Young) Walton. His grandfather was born in England, and came to this country at an early date. His family consisted of Amos (1), father of Amos (2), John, Jesse, Okum, Isaac, Elijah, Eliza and Emily.

Amos Walton, Sr., was married Sept. 15, 1827, to Martha, daughter of John Young. To them came children as follows: Mahlon, born July 17, 1828, a farmer who resided in Martic township and died in 1897; Levi, born Dec. 7, 1830, who died young; Mary Ann, born Dec. 27, 1833,



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who married George Patten, of Martic township, and died in 1896; Isaac, born Aug. 19, 1835, a resident of Mount Nebo, Martic township; Amos, our subject.

Amos Walton was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the public schools of the district. Starting out in life without a dollar, he began working at a salary of forty cents per day, yet before his death owned a fine farm of 190 acres, all in a good state of cultivation. Upon the place is a pleasant, three-story brick residence, commodious barn, ample tobacco sheds and all necessary out-buildings, and Mr. Walton was justly regarded as one of the best farmers in his part of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 15, 1864, Mr. Walton married Miss Martha Alexander, who was born Dec. 2, 1841, daughter of John and Susan Alexander, of Martic township, of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. Walton was one of a family of eight children: Marris, who died while serving in the Civil war; Martha, the widow of Amos Walton; Mary Ann, married to Lewis Jenkins; Jason, deceased; Samuel, a merchant of Mount Nebo; Rebecca Jane, wife of Harry Marsh, a merchant of Lancaster City, Pa.; John, a farmer of Martic township; Calvin, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton had two children: Isaac Jason, who was born March 4, 1866; and Lewis E., who was born April 15, 1868, and died May 24, 1870. Amos Walton was a Democrat in politics. Kind to his family, honorable in all his dealings, a good neighbor and a public-spirited citizen, he was a man who enjoyed the highest respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen, and was an excellent example to the rising generation, a typical representative of selfmade men. His death, which occurred Feb. 27, 1902, was deeply lamented.

Isaac Jason Walton married Anna Martha Wilson, of Fulton township, on Aug. 25, 1887. She was born Oct. 24, 1864, daughter of Hiram and Martha (Phillips) Wilson. Four children came to them: Edgar Earl, born March 19, 1888; Amos Lester, born March 8, 1889; Edna Martha, born Nov. 2, 1891; and Mary Elma, born Feb. 9, 1902. Isaac Jason Walton now owns the farm where he resides with his family.

JESSE HARNER, a highly esteemed retired farmer of Drumore township, now a resident of Liberty Square, in Lancaster county, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Jan. 20, 1835, a son of Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, he being of German, and she of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Grandfather John Harner was an old settler of Montgomery county and there reared this family: Daniel, Joseph, Henry, John, Samuel, Sarah, Susan, Anna and Elizabeth. Of this family Joseph became the father of Jesse Harner and was born in 1783, and died in 1870. In 1822 he was united in marriage to Mary Slingluff, who was born in 1794

and died in 1849, the seven children of this union being: John S., whose sketch appears elsewhere; George, deceased; Samuel A., whose sketch is given in another place; Mary Ann, who married Thomas Cully (See sketch); Elizabeth, who married J. Harrison Long and has passed away; Joseph, whose sketch is given elsewhere; and Jesse, the youngest of the family.

Jesse Harner was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of his locality; he became more interested in agricultural pursuits than in any other line of activity, and this resulted in a life spent in operating his farm. One of the best farms in Martic township is owned by him, and he also possesses a nice farm and store property at Liberty Square, where he resides.

Jesse Harner was married Jan. 3, 1860, to Miss Mary E. Sides, of Martic township, whose death on Oct. 1, 1885, brought grief to a large circle of friends. Her life was one of Christian excellence. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Harner were: Joseph G., born Dec. 14, 1860, residing in Philadelphia; Benjamin F., who died in youth; Harry, deceased; Annie A., born April 25, 1867, the wife of Harry Rutter, of Philadelphia; and Clara E., born Oct. 1, 1870, the wife of H. C. Ambler, of Liberty Square.

In political circles Mr. Harner has always been a very active member of the Democratic party, and has efficiently served his township as school director. As one of the leading members of the Bethesda M. E. Church he has exerted a wide influence as trustee, steward, class leader and superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mr. Harner is a man who is well known in this locality, and his upright life and character are an excellent example. His voice and vote are always to be counted upon when questions arise concerning temperance, as he has been through life opposed to the use of either tobacco or strong drink. Mr. Harner enjoys the esteem of the township where his life has been passed.

JAMES SWISHER, SR., late a retired farmer of Colerain township, whose years and industry commanded the respect and esteem his character so well deserved, was born Feb. 22, 1820, his parents being Henry W. and Margaret (Meginness) Swisher.

Henry W. Swisher was born in Colerain township in 1794, and his wife, Margaret Meginness in 1788. She was an aunt of John F. Meginness, the originator of this work, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Fordham) Meginness. The Meginness family came from Ireland, and the Fordhams from England.

Henry W. Swisher was the son of John and Rachel (Woodrow) Swisher, both natives of Baltimore county, Md., their ancestors finding a home in this country as early as 1701. They were of German origin; John Swisher was the son of Henry, was born in Germany, and came to this country long

previous to the Revolutionary war. He settled in Colerain township as early as 1732, the title to his property running from William Penn. It is still in the hands of the Swisher family. It belonged first to Henry, then to John, and later to his son, Henry (2), the father of James, Senior.

Henry W. Swisher was married in 1816 and made his home on part of the original purchase. He learned the trade of a weaver and followed it for many years. In his later life he bought a farm south of the home where James, Sr., afterwards resided, and lived there until his wife died, in 1862. He then made his home with his son, James, until his own death in 1873. Mr. Swisher was a Lutheran but his wife, Margaret, always adhered to her ancestral faith, that of the Friends Society. In politics he was what he loved to style himself, a Jacksonian Democrat, and was called to office in the town at different times during his life. To him and his good wife were born one son, and three daughters: (1) Elizabeth, born in 1817, married William Hollis, and settled in Bart township, where both died on his farm home; two of their children are living: William, of Bart township, and Margaret E., who is now Mrs. Nelson Boyd, of Little Britain township. (2) Rachel, born in 1824, married Washington Swisher, and located in Colerain township, where she died in 1864, her husband surviving until 1899; they had four children: James; Mrs. Elizabeth McCauley, of Quarryville; Henry, of Colerain township; and George W., also of Colerain township. (3) Anna Ellen, born in May, 1830, married John Groff, and settled on one of the old homesteads, where she died in 1885 leaving eight children. (4) James.

James Swisher was reared on the farm, where he received the benefits of a country school education, and remained on the home farm until thirty years of age. In 1842 he married Miss Margaret Everly, of Colerain township, who was born in Bart township, July 20, 1815. Her parents both died when she was a child, and she was reared in the home of Martha and Hannah McFarland. Mr. Swisher bought the home of Benjamin McGinnis, where he lived some eight years, and then sold it. In 1860 he purchased what was then known as the Samuel Smith home. It was a small place with a small frame house. He erected a large bank barn at once and a few years later built the present house. By purchasing adjoining tracts of land he secured a large farm, where he had a fine set of buildings. During his life time Mr. Swisher built three large barns on property owned by him.

James Swisher and his wife had no children of their own but they adopted and reared Margaret L., a daughter of Adam and Angeline (Lovett) Walker. She was born near Conowingo, in Lancaster county, in 1858. Her father died when she was a mere child, and she was taken to James Swisher's where she was reared and educated as a child of the family. In 1883 she married James Swisher, Jr., a nephew of her foster parents. They resided in the home of Mr.

Swisher, where the younger man had charge of the farm, and took on his own sturdy shoulders much of the burden of the operation of the farm. To them have come two children, Rachel A., born in 1883, and Viella L., born in 1886.

Mr. Swisher was always a Democrat. Mrs. Swisher is a Baptist and he was reared in the Lutheran faith. Mr. Swisher was a man of more than ordinary ability, and, though given but a limited education, he read much, and expanded his mind with a knowledge of practical business affairs. While past eighty when he died, on May 27, 1902, his mind remained as bright and clear as ever.

ISAAC H. KAUFMAN (deceased) was born in Petersburg, Lancaster county, Feb. 23, 1834, and died in Mountville Dec. 27, 1893, in the faith of the Mennonite Church.

His parents, Isaac and Anna (Hess) Kaufman, of Lancaster county, were agricultural people, and both died on Turkey Hill, in Manor township—the father in 1886, at the age of eighty-four years, and the mother in 1889, when eighty-two years old. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains were buried in Masonville, Lancaster county. To Isaac and Anna (Hess) Kaufman was born a family of ten children, viz.: John, a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, deceased wife of David Eshleman; Rudolph, of Manor township; Isaac H., whose name heads this sketch; Edward, of Lancaster township; Catherine, wife of Benjamin Witmer, of Millersville; Amos, a farmer of Marticville; Jacob and Daniel, deceased; and Anna, widow of Abraham Taylor, late of Millersville.

Isaac H. Kaufman lived on the home farm until 1870, when he moved to Mountville and engaged in tobacco trade. He was the owner of three large farms, which he had cultivated by hired help, and he built, in 1868, the first tobacco warehouse in his neighborhood. On locating in Mountville he erected the brick mansion now occupied by his family. He was one of the leading business men of the county, was progressive in all things and retrograde in nothing; was a director in the Columbia National Bank for many years, or until the Mountville Bank was organized, when he became president of the latter, and held that position until within a few years of his death, when he resigned to become a director.

Isaac H. Kaufman was joined in matrimony in 1858, in Lancaster City, with Fanny Herr, and to this union was born the following family: Uriah H., a merchant of Mountville; Anna M., wife of Christ Garber, a farmer of Mountville; Adeline, wife of Joseph Charles, farmer of Manor township; Catherine, who died young; Henry, a railroad conductor in Philadelphia; and Frances, wife of John Musser, a retired farmer of Mountville.

Mrs. Fanny (Herr) Kaufman is a native of Manor township and a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Herr) Herr, of Manor township, where the

father was a farmer and died in 1885, at eighty-four years of age, and where the mother died in 1868; when fifty-nine years old. Both belonged to the German Baptist Brethren. To Henry and Catherine Herr was born the following family: Tobias, a retired farmer of Manor township, and a minister of the German Baptist Brethren; Mary, widow of Martin Bair, of Illinois; Henry, a farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa.; Martha, wife of Nicholas Baker, of Sterling, Ill.; Amos, of Neffsville, Pa., and a farmer; Fanny, now Mrs. Kaufman; Abraham E., a farmer of Petersburg; Catherine, who died young; and Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Good, a retired farmer of Lancaster, and Christian, a tobacco merchant of the same city. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kaufman were Christian and Mary Herr, and her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Catherine (Brandt) Herr—both families farming people of Manor township, and none better known or more highly respected in the county.

FRANK W. HELM, a merchant of New Providence, is one of the leading citizens of Providence township and one of its most successful business men. He was born in Strasburg township Dec. 9, 1842, son of Daniel and Anna (Hoak) Helm, of New Providence, where the latter died in 1848.

Daniel Helm, the father of Frank W., is a retired farmer of Providence, and a son of John Helm, also a farmer, who was a son of John; this great-grandfather came of German parentage and followed the trade of shoemaker in this locality for many years. Daniel Helm married (first), in 1838, Anna Hoak, and the children of this union were as follows: John H., a resident of Iowa; Frank W.; Amos H., a physician of New Providence; and Mary, who resides with her aged father. After the death of his first wife, in 1848, Daniel Helm married Miss Susan Eckman, of Strasburg township, and to this union were born the following children: Daniel E., a merchant of East Drumore township; Enos M., of New Cumberland, Pa.; J. Calvin, of Steelton, Pa.; Charles E., a physician of Bart township; Elmer E., in Lancaster; Thaddeus G., A. M., principal in Franklin-Marshall Academy, in Lancaster; and Rufus D., of Seattle, Washington.

Frank W. Helm was reared on the farm and attended the public schools. At the age of seventeen, in 1860, he became a clerk in the employ of J. Hilderbrand, in New Providence, and later he was connected in the same capacity with John Tweed and Dr. Raub, entering into a partnership with the latter. Upon the death of Dr. Raub the firm name became Helm & Peoples, continuing thus for a period of five years, changing then to Helm & Raub, and again, five years after, to Helm & Bro., this partnership lasting until Frank W. Helm bought his brother's interest and took his son into the business. The firm now stands F. W. Helm & Son, and is a leader in its line in this locality, trusted in the trade and enjoying the patronage of the general pub-

lic. The foundation stone of the success of this firm has been business integrity, and the same methods regulate its conduct now that have been in operation ever since Mr. Helm assumed charge. In 1863 Mr. Helm was made postmaster of New Providence, and has been the incumbent ever since, with the exception of the years of the administration of President Cleveland. He has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and has for twenty-six years served his township as auditor, a post he is at present filling. Under the organization of the Quarryville National Bank, in 1883, Mr. Helm was one of the directors; after the death of President Hensel he was elected to that responsible position, and since that time the financial condition of this institution has commanded commendation and its position as a safe repository is well known.

In politics Mr. Helm is a staunch Republican, and wields considerable influence in his part of the county. He belongs to the Reformed Church, is its efficient Sunday-school superintendent and one of its honored elders.

On Sept. 18, 1867, Mr. Helm was married to Miss Emma Lefever, of Quarryville, daughter of Christian and Susan Lefever, and to this union four children were born, namely: Justus C., who married Miss Minnie Peters, of Quarryville, and is associated with his father in the mercantile business in New Providence; Susan Catherine, the wife of Dr. B. F. Wentz, of Philadelphia; E. Blanche, the wife of William Fisher, of Quarryville, a saddler; and Pauline, a young lady at home. Although Mr. Helm is now one of the substantial men of his township, he began his business career with limited means, but having always closely applied himself to his business, saved his money and won his friends by honesty, industry and courtesy, he is now reaping the reward and enjoying the esteem of his fellow citizens and the comforts assured by ample means. His charities have been large and his kind treatment of others well-known, while his example has been of value, showing the power of an exemplary life.

HENRY S. BRUBAKER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born there July 2, 1836, son of Peter and Mary (Strickler) Brubaker, of the same township.

Peter Brubaker, the father, died Feb. 9, 1851, aged fifty years, and the mother died in 1874 at the age of sixty-six years. They are buried in the Erissmans Church cemetery, to which place their remains were removed from the old Brubaker homestead in Rapho township. The mother was a member of the Mennonite Church. There were born to this union: Abraham, who married Susan Miller of Rapho township and died in 1889; and Henry S. Mr. Brubaker's grandparents were Abraham and Maria (Erissman) Brubaker, of Rapho, Lancaster county, both of whom died on the old homestead. Abraham Brubaker, son of Jacob, was of Swiss stock. On his

mother's side Mr. Brubaker's grandparents were Abraham and Maria (Hostetter) Strickler, of Lancaster county, the family being of Swiss origin. Abraham Strickler was the son of Ulrich Strickler.

On May 6, 1860, Henry S. Brubaker married Anna Brubaker of Lancaster. There were born to this marriage: Benjamin F., who resides with his father, is married to Miss Macie Noll and has four children; Peter S., a farmer of Rapho township, married to Miss Katie Keener, and a preacher in the Zion's Children (Brinser) denomination; Elmer E., of Petersburg, Pa., married to Miss Louisa Breneman; Henry A., farmer of Rapho township, who married Miss Fanny Ginder and has three children; and Abraham G., single, at home. Mrs. Brubaker was born in Rapho township and died in 1895 at the age of fifty-five years. She is buried in Erissman Meeting House cemetery. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Maria Brubaker of Rapho township. The family are members of the Mennonite church.

Mr. Brubaker owns three farms, all of which are valuable and highly improved. He is a shrewd, wide-awake man, thoroughly up with the times and a close student of events. He is highly respected as a citizen and is always ready to lend a helping hand to any improvement for the advancement of the community in which he resides.

REV. EMIL MEISTER, the honored and beloved pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, is one of the foremost clergymen of the city, and is as prominent in social and educational work as he is in the church.

Mr. Meister was born in Freiburg, Baden, Germany, May 18, 1850, a son of Samuel E. and Barbara Meister, natives of the same grand duchy, where the father was a silk merchant in Freiburg until 1854, when he emigrated to Switzerland. Both Samuel E. Meister and his wife entered into rest years ago, faithful to the faith of Luther. Rev. Emil Meister spent his boyhood days in Switzerland, and his literary and classical education was pursued in the Polytechnical College of Zurich, and the University of Heidelberg, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1868. For some two years after graduating he was engaged in business with his father, and came to this country to settle at Reading, where for a time he was connected with the Pilger Publishing House, and was engaged as editor of the *Kutztown Journal*. In 1872 Mr. Meister removed to Baltimore, as one of the publishers of the *Baltimore Daily Wecker*, the only Republican daily paper in the State of Maryland. In 1875 he again took up the study of theology, gratifying a long cherished ambition to devote himself to the ministry. He was ordained by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland in May, 1880, and his first pastoral charge was the First Evangelical Church of Baltimore. In August, 1880, he received a call to St. Stephen's Church,

in Lancaster, which he accepted, and at once began a work which has been creditable and successful.

St. Stephen's Church was organized in 1874, and the erection of a building was begun, which, however, was not completed for some time, the services being held in the lecture room. This was the condition of affairs that greeted the young pastor on his arrival in 1880. His inspiring services put heart into the congregation, and the church was pushed to completion and dedicated the following spring. Later on a fine pipe organ was placed in the church. The building is 49x75 feet in dimensions, and 172 feet to the top of the steeple. From a mere handful of people that received Mr. Meister, the congregation has grown to four hundred members, and is to-day one of the most influential in the city, the Sunday-school also being correspondingly increased. The parsonage of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, at No. 445 West Orange street, which is used as family residence only, is one of the finest in the city.

In January of this year (1903) Rev. Mr. Meister gave out a contract for a new church and parsonage at the corner of Ross and Ann streets, a new section of the growing city of Lancaster. This new church will be St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and when finished will be a mission of St. Stephen's Church, and also under the auspices of Rev. Mr. Meister.

In 1871 Rev. Emil Meister was married in Reading to Miss Amelia Kleinschmidt, a native of Prussia. Of this union four children were born: (1) Wilhelmina died in Lancaster in 1886, at the age of eleven years, and was buried in the family burying-ground in Reading. (2) Catherine is second in the order of birth. (3) Samuel E., after graduating in pharmacy, purchased goods and opened a drug store on West King and Mulberry streets, Lancaster, in 1888, and two years later bought a second drug store at the corner of West Chestnut and Mary streets, conducting both with marked success. He was married July 15, 1900, to Miss Gertrude Witmer, who belongs to a prominent family in Paradise township. (4) Mary, who graduated from the Lancaster high school in 1895, and later from the State Normal at Millersville, is a popular teacher of one of the Lancaster city schools.

In 1894 Rev. Mr. Meister was elected a member of the board of school directors of Lancaster, and soon made his influence felt as he did in the church, having served on the Visiting, Night School and School Laws committees. Rev. Meister is a prominent Mason, and is a member of the Linnean Society, of Lancaster.

With all his labors of debt raising and church expansion in his parish Rev. Mr. Meister has found time to do a large amount of literary work. He is the publisher of *St. Stephen's Church Messenger*, and of a monthly magazine called the *Family Friend*. Clear and concise in his utterances, graceful in diction, and endowed with fine powers of oratory, Mr. Meister is exceedingly popular as a min-



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ister, lecturer and pulpit orator. His illustrated lectures on "Ben Hur" and on "The Great National Tragedy and Death of President William McKinley" won popular favor to a marked degree. No church in Lancaster holds more closely the affections of the community. Mr. Meister is an indefatigable worker, and his work is far-reaching. Great indeed have been his labors in the city, and hosts of friends and admirers express ardent hope that he may long be spared to enjoy the fruits of his efforts.

GEORGE LEFEVER. Prominently identified with the farming and dairy interests of Lancaster county, and more particularly with those of Eden township, is George Lefever.

Mr. Lefever was born in this county, in West Lampeter township, Sept. 15, 1839, and his parents were George and Christianna (Forry) Lefever, both of whom were born in this county, the former in January, 1803, and the latter in 1805. George Lefever, the father, was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Meck) Lefever, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, although their ancestry was French Huguenot. Grandfather Jacob Lefever was a son of Isaac Lefever, the founder of the American branch of the family and a Revolutionary hero. A family of seven children was left by Jacob Lefever, and George was the eldest of the children; the others were as follows: (2) Jacob, who moved in his youth to Wayne county, Ohio, and there reared a family; (3) Elizabeth, married to Daniel Lefever, who settled in Quarryville and died there, leaving a family of four children; Catherine, who married Daniel D. Hess, of Quarryville; Lydia, deceased wife of Benjamin Witmer; Samuel, deceased; and Anna, wife of Henry Lefever, of West Drumore; (4) Philip, who was born in Lampeter township, married, and at death left these children,—Adam, who is a resident of Sterling, Ill.; Emma, the widow of Jacob Mowrer, deceased; John, who lives in West Lampeter township; Edmund, also a resident of West Lampeter; and Elizabeth, who married Samuel Shultz, of Nebraska; (5) Katie, who died unmarried; (6) Samuel, who is one of the esteemed residents of this county, having reached the age of eighty-four years; (7) Lydia, deceased, who married John Houser, of West Lampeter township.

George Lefever (1) after his father's death settled on the original family homestead, this property being left him by his father. His life was a quiet, uneventful one, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and he lived there until his death, in 1886, his wife having died two years previously. Both were worthy and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, were upright, Christian people, and practiced in their daily walk and conversation the principles they professed.

Mr. Lefever in his early days was a pronounced Whig, but later embraced the principles of the Republican party, and was always interested in its suc-

cess. Nine of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lefever grew to maturity, of whom George was the fifth. Jacob, who was the eldest, was born in the old home in Lampeter in 1825, is unmarried, and resides in the old homestead. Katie, born in 1828, was the wife of Martin Cassel, of Lampeter; she left no family at her death. Susan, born at the old home, in 1830, was the wife of Henry Hess, of St. Louis, Missouri, and left at her decease three daughters: Susanna, who is now Mrs. Smith, of St. Louis; Mary; and Christiana. Mary A., born in 1833, is unmarried and resides on the old homestead. Lydia, born in 1840, is the widow of George Fralick, of Strasburg, and she now resides at the old homestead, her one son, Jacob, being a resident of Dixon, Ill. Samuel, born in 1843, married Miss Sarah Rhinehart for his first wife, who left at her death these children: Mary, who is the wife of Jacob Dagen; Emma, who resides at home; and Lydia, who is the wife of Mr. Goss, of Conestoga township. The second marriage of Samuel Lefever was to Emma Lefever; their home is in Pequea township, and the two children born of this union are Jacob and Samuel. The eighth survivor was Christian, who was born in 1847 and who married Miss Mattie Rhinehart; they reside on his farm near Strasburg, and their children are: John; Jacob; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Mr. Stauffer, of this county; and Christian, Jr. Henry, who was born in 1850, married Miss Salinda Charles and they settled near the old homestead, in Lampeter township; their four children are George, Katie, Harry and Lottie.

George Lefever, of this biography, was the fifth in order of birth in his parents' family; he was reared on the old farm and obtained his education in the district schools of the township. While still a youth he demonstrated his loyalty to his country by offering his life in her defense, enlisting in Co. G, 122nd P. V. I., under Capt. Neff, of Lancaster county, and being sent to the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Lefever participated in many of the hardest fought battles of the war, took part in the struggle at Fredericksburg, was with Gen. Burnside when misfortune overtook that division of the army, later was at Chancellorsville, and was one of the escort which accompanied the brave Major-General Whipple to his last resting place after his soldier's death at Chancellorsville.

After the close of the war Mr. Lefever returned to his home, engaged in farming, literally turning his sword into a pruning hook, and became just as good a farmer as he had been soldier. In 1863 he was united in marriage to Miss Susanna Weaver, the estimable and amiable daughter of Isaac and Mary Weaver, this family being one of the old and leading ones of the county. Mrs. Lefever was born in Strasburg township, in 1840, and was educated in the common schools in her district.

After marriage Mr. Lefever purchased the David Eckman farm, near Quarryville, and on this valu-

able property he has continued ever since. His improvements are all modern and substantial, consisting of a fine residence, commodious barns and out-buildings, the whole presenting a most attractive and inviting appearance, and in this pleasant home hospitality reigns supreme. To Mr. Lefever and his wife eleven children have been born, and all of these testify to fine constitutions given them by their parents, together with gifts of mind and character. Phares Sherman, born in 1864, moved to Sterling, Ill., when a young man and there married Miss Lizzie Fry, formerly of this county; they reside on a farm near that city, their children being Noah and Ruth. Elmer E., born in July, 1865, also located in Sterling, where he married Miss Ida Andrews, and is there conducting a grocery and bakery business; their three daughters are Anna, May and Hazel. Leander L., born in 1868, married Miss Fannie Ebersole, of Franklin county, Pa., and they reside in Prairieville, Ill., on his fine farm, with their five children, Minnie, George, Mary E., Leroy and a baby. Thaddeus S., born in November, 1870, married Miss Maggie Detweiler, of Bucks county, and they reside on his farm near Sterling, Ill., their two children being Ella and a baby. Mary E., born in August, 1869, is the wife of Howard S. Knox, and they now reside in Paradise township; their five children are Minnie F., Elizabeth, Herbert, George and Reba. Minnie L., born in January, 1872, married Harry Bair, a merchant of New Providence township, and their one son is John M. George M., born in May, 1873, married Miss Barbara Groff, of Quarryville, and they reside in Sterling, Ill., they have three children,—Bertha, Martha and a baby. Jacob G., born in January, 1875, during his early manhood spent four years in the State of Illinois and the Dakotas, but in 1899 returned to Lancaster county and assists his father in the management of the home farm. Annie L., born in August, 1876, married Frank Beane, of Lancaster county, a telegraph operator on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and has had two children,—George and Paul. Harry M., born in January, 1878, is single and resides in Sterling, Ill.; and Samuel B., born in September, 1879, is also a resident of Illinois.

Politically Mr. Lefever, of this sketch, has always been identified with the Republican party, but has refused every official position except that connected with the board of Education, for five years being a very efficient member. The religious connection of the family is with the Baptist Church, in which he and his wife are held in the highest esteem, attending and supporting the church in Cole-rain township.

Mr. Lefever is a very prominent member of the Bireley Post, No. 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, and he was a delegate to the Gettysburg Encampment of June, 1901. It is most interesting and edifying to trace the successful career of such a man, and to note the sure rewards that come to repay honesty, industry and close and unremitting attention to

duty. Mr. Lefever started out in life with limited means and left his early opportunities in order to serve his country, but he has reared a large family in comfort, educating them so that they in turn have become worthy and respected citizens; and he still stands before his old friends of a life-time as one of the straightforward, honest and upright members of the community, whose life has been estimable in every particular. His charities have been many, and there are few of his neighbors who have not received some mark of kindness at his hands. Duty has been with him a watchword, whether on the field of battle or in the quieter walks of life.

CHARLES HAYS, one of the leading and influential citizens of White Rock, Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Jan. 16, 1830, a son of John and Margaret (Clendenin) Hays, of Little Britain township.

John Hays was born in Ireland, and was brought to America when six years of age, by his parents, John and Catherine Hays, and the family settled in Little Britain township one hundred years ago. John Hays, Jr., father of Charles Hays, had two brothers, William and Charles. The marriage of John Hays Jr., occurred in 1814, and nine children were the result of this union Catherine, born June 10 1815; Mary, Sept. 21, 1817; William, Jan. 2, 1820; John, Feb. 28, 1822; Wallace, June 2, 1824; Jemima, June 12, 1827; Charles, Jan. 16, 1830; James, July 27, 1832; Margaret, Feb. 22, 1836, all of whom are now deceased, except Charles, and Margaret, now of Britain township. John Hays Jr., the father of this family, was one of the leaders in the Democratic party, and an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church.

The early life of Mr. Hays was spent upon his father's farm and he received his education in the district schools, with one year at Lebanon Academy. Starting out as a poor boy, he gradually worked his way up the ladder of fortune and is now the owner of a fine farm of 135 acres, upon which is a comfortable frame residence and all necessary buildings. After an active life, Mr. Hays is now retired and is enjoying a well earned rest.

On Dec. 3, 1874, Mr. Hays married Miss Lavinia Pennell, of Britain township, a daughter of John and Rebecca (Brown) Pennell, of Britain township, who are numbered among the leading settlers of this locality (see sketch of John J. Pennell elsewhere). Mrs. Hays was one in a family of nine children: Elizabeth, now the widow of John P. Hays, of Oxford, Pa.; Mary Ann, widow of James Patterson, of Illinois; William, a retired farmer of Little Britain township; Rebecca, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Lavinia; John J., a thrifty farmer of Little Britain township (see his sketch elsewhere); Amanda and James, deceased. The grandparents of Mrs. Hays, William and Elizabeth Pennell, came from Delaware county, Pa., to this township about 1775.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs.

Hays; Katharine Elizabeth, Mary C. and John C. Katharine Elizabeth and Mary C. were graduated from the Westchester Normal and are successful teachers in Lancaster county. John C., the youngest in the family, in charge of the home farm, received his education in the West Nottingham Academy of Maryland.

In politics, Mr. Hays is a staunch Democrat, and faithfully served his constituents as school director for many years. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Lodge No. 353 of Oxford, Pa., and he and his family are members of the Union Presbyterian Church of Colerain township. The unqualified success which has attended his efforts is due to his ability, thrift and untiring industry, for he never neglected an opportunity to advance his own interests, when such an opportunity was an honorable one; while his upright manner of doing business, has gained for him the respect of his neighbors, as well as of all with whom he had dealings.

JOSEPH WACKER, a retired citizen of Lancaster, has been a resident of that city for half a century, and no man stands higher in the estimation of his fellow men, either for personal character or for business integrity. He is a native of Germany, born Dec. 23, 1830, in Wurtemberg, where his parents, Michael and Mary Wacker, were also born, and where they passed their entire lives. The father and mother both died in 1874. Michael Wacker was a farmer, and followed that occupation throughout life. Besides Joseph but one of the family survives, Joanna, Mrs. Ountrup, of Philadelphia.

Joseph Wacker received a good education in his native land, attending the public schools until he was fourteen years old, after which he served an apprenticeship to the baker's trade, which he learned thoroughly. He followed his trade as a journeyman in Germany until 1849, on Aug. 14th of that year embarking for the United States. On the day after his arrival in New York he obtained work at his trade, but about six months afterward he was taken sick, and was advised by his physician to give up the baking business. He proceeded to Philadelphia, but not finding suitable employment, determined to journey to Lancaster, and he walked all the way, covering the entire distance, sixty-eight miles, in one day. Though a perfect stranger in the city, he immediately commenced the search for employment, and was fortunate enough to find work within a few days, engaging with Jacob Bossler, who conducted a farm about four miles from town. After two years in this employ he changed to the Flinn farm, where he remained one year, and the next summer he worked in a brickyard. In the winter of 1852 he was employed in Whitlinger's brewery, in Lancaster, where he remained two years, and the following year he was in the Springer bottling works. He and a Mr. Kiehl then purchased this business, which they conducted in partnership for

ten years, under the firm name of Kiehl & Wacker. At the expiration of this period Mr. Wacker disposed of his interest to his partner and bought the Whitlinger brewery, situated on West King street, which he sold, however, a year later. After living retired for a year, Mr. Wacker began the brewery business on West King street again, and continued there for two years, when he exchanged his house and brewery on West King street for the "County Hotel," which he conducted two years. He then purchased the Eagle brewery from Jacob Sprenger, and carried on the business until 1880, in which year he turned it over to his sons Charles and Joseph, who are still running it. Mr. Wacker has since lived retired, enjoying the rest he so well deserves and the competence he won by persistent and well-directed energy during his active years.

On April 22, 1855, in Lancaster, Mr. Wacker was married to Mary Dettlinger, also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and six children have blessed their union, viz.: Charles V., Joseph, Frank, Anthony, William and Mary. The family are Catholics, and Mr. Wacker and his wife attend St. Joseph's Church.

DAVID E. MAYER. The Mayer family in Lancaster county, Pa., to which David E. Mayer belonged, was established many years ago, by grandfather Christian Mayer, an honest, industrious blacksmith, who followed his trade through life, and amassed a competency for old age. He married one of the modest young maidens of the Reformed Mennonite faith, Mary Miller, by name, belonging to a family of substance in the neighborhood, and they reared a family of seven children: Isaac, the father of David E.; Jacob; John; David; Nathaniel; Leah, who married Abraham Herr; Hettie, who married John Hildebrand.

Isaac Mayer was born in West Lampeter township and learned the tanning business, but this vocation seemed injurious to his health and he later began farming, becoming a prominent man in the neighborhood, and serving many years on the school board. He married Mary Hoover, a daughter of David Hoover, of Strasburg township, and three children were born to them: David E.; Isaac H., a physician of Willowstreet; and Christian, the eldest, who died in infancy. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church.

David E. Mayer was born in West Lampeter township, Aug. 4, 1838, a son of Isaac and Mary (Hoover) Mayer, was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools, in which he ever after took a deep interest. David remained at home with his parents until the death of his father, in 1871, when it became more than ever necessary for him to stay and he took charge at this time of the homestead and his mother's affairs, engaging extensively in farming, and also in trucking, the proximity to large cities making this a very remunerative line of agriculture.

Intelligent from his youth, and fond of reading and of mingling with his fellow-citizens, David E. Mayer early became recognized as somewhat of a leader in the public affairs of his locality. A pronounced Republican, he also became the representative of the party in many ways. After serving efficiently on the election board, he was made supervisor and faithfully performed the duties of that office for seven years and was then made a member of the school board, which he conscientiously served for the long term of eighteen years. In March, 1894, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board of county commissioners, this honor coming to him unsolicited; at the expiration of the term he was elected to the position, being subsequently re-elected, and in this position he continued to manage the affairs of Lancaster county with economy and good judgment until his death.

David E. Mayer married April 29, 1897, Mary A. Shaub, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Wade) Shaub, a most estimable lady, and a member of the M. E. Church. In 1900 their comfortable residence was refitted and is one of the most desirable modern homes in Strasburg. David E. Mayer was one of the representative citizens and possessed in a marked degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-citizens. He died Sept. 12, 1901, and was laid to rest with his people in the Old Mennonite cemetery at the church west of Strasburg.

ELI B. POWL, one of the prosperous citizens of Lancaster, where he is engaged in the livery business, was born near Neffsville, April 2, 1854, a son of Isaac and Barbara (Buckwalter) Powl, both natives of Lancaster county.

Isaac Powl was a farmer by occupation in early life, but in 1864 he moved to Lancaster, and there at first operated a hotel. While he was successful in his new work, it did not prove congenial to his tastes and he sold out, and engaged in the livery business, beginning on a small scale and gradually increasing until he was the proprietor of one of the best stables in the county. In 1866 he built the stable and located where his son is now engaged. He continued to take an active part in business until October, 1884, when he sold out to his son, and retired. His death occurred in April, 1885. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a Mennonite. His wife, Barbara (Buckwalter) was the daughter of a farmer, and previous to her marriage with Mr. Powl, had been married to Mr. Leman. By her last marriage she became the mother of two children, of whom Eli B. is the elder.

Eli B. Powl was reared and educated in Lancaster. Always a companion and associate of his father, he gradually grew into the business, and when his father began to step aside he assumed full control, practically being manager for the last ten years of the latter's life. His livery stable is 60x96 feet in size and three stories high, and is provided

with an electric elevator. It is located at No. 14 East Walnut street, and his residence is next door. Everything about his establishment is first-class, and he is able to supply at least thirty handsome rigs, fifteen hacks and three hearses—a most creditable showing.

In August, 1878, Mr. Powl was united in marriage with Miss Alice C. Henry, who was born in Lancaster, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Henry. Two children have come to brighten their home, Isaac Benjamin and Theodore Franklin. Socially Mr. Powl belongs to the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Herschel Lodge, and he also belongs to the Knights of Malta. He and his family belong to the M. E. church. In his political views he follows in the footsteps of his father, and is an earnest worker in the ranks of the Republican party.

JOHN N. EBY, a retired farmer of Leacock township, was born Oct. 7, 1841, on the old Eby homestead, which was acquired from Jeremiah Job in 1767.

The Eby family has a history in Lancaster county that begins with the coming of Theodorus Eby from Switzerland, in 1715, and his settlement in Earl township, Lancaster county, where he built a mill on Mill Creek, and engaged in the milling and farming business the rest of his life. Theodorus Eby was the great-great-great-grandfather of John N., whose name appears above. Jacob Eby was his son, and Abraham Eby, his son, was the great-grandfather of John N. Eby. Abraham Eby was born in 1735 and died Jan. 8, 1815. John Eby, the grandfather of John N., was born Sept. 7, 1758, and died Nov. 2, 1842. He married Fannie Bare, who was born in Upper Leacock township, and died in April, 1842, at the age of eighty years, lacking nine days. They were the parents of Abraham, Catherine, Barbara, Elizabeth, Mary and John, the father of John N. All the progenitors of John N. were buried in the private cemetery on the Eby homestead, with the exception of Theodorus and Jacob. John N. Eby is planning to erect a monument in the Eby cemetery, a memorial stone weighing about eight tons, and having cut on it the Eby descent from Theodorus down to the present day.

John Eby, the father of John N., was born Dec. 20, 1800, in Upper Leacock township; he married Elizabeth Neff, who was born in East Lampeter township, Dec. 24, 1815, and died Feb. 15, 1894. His death occurred Jan. 27, 1864. Born to this union were the following: Reuben N., who married Louisa Wenger, had a family of six children and died in 1881; John N.; Aaron N., a retired farmer of Bareville, now residing in Lancaster, and married to Elmina Graybill, by whom he has had three children.

The maternal grandparents of John N. Eby were Martin and Leah (Eby) Neff, farming people of Soudersburg, Pennsylvania.



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John N. Eby was married in Leacock township, June 2, 1898, to Miss Clara F. Sanders, and one child, Jay Victor, has come to bless their union.

Mrs. Clara F. (Sanders) Eby was born in Slackwater, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Julius and Catherine (Smith) Sanders. Her father was born in Saxony, Germany, and her mother in Lancaster county. He came to this country at the age of eighteen years, and served three years in the Union Army during the war of the Rebellion. His trade was that of a cabinet maker, and he became very expert in the making of organs and in other labors requiring mechanical skill of a high order. When he died, May 1, 1897, he was sixty-two years old. His widow, who is living in Lancaster, Pa., has had the following children: William, who is a resident of Lancaster, Pa.; Morris, who lives in Cochranville, Pa.; Elizabeth, who lives at Kissel Hill, Pa., married to Samuel Dubbs; Clara, Mrs. Eby; Lula, living in Philadelphia; Bertha, living at Kissel Hill; Walter, deceased.

John N. Eby remained with his parents as long as they lived, and then moved to the farm which he occupied until recently. In March, 1902, he removed to the city of Lancaster, where he now resides. In political matters he is a Republican, and is known as a very intelligent and widely informed citizen.

BORDLEY S. PATTERSON. Among the honorable and well-esteemed citizens of Little Britain township is Bordley S. Patterson, who was born on the farm he now occupies, near White Rock, in Lancaster county, Sept. 24, 1834.

The Patterson family is one of the oldest and most respected of Lancaster county. The founder of the family in this State was James Patterson, who was born in County Antrim, Ireland, in 1708, and immigrated to America in 1728. Coming to the State of Pennsylvania, he bought large tracts of land from the Government, and settled down in Little Britain township; later he went to New York to meet his affianced bride from Ireland, Mary Montgomery, whom he brought back with him to Pennsylvania. He reared a family of ten children, William, John, Hannah, Mary, Samuel, Jane, Isabella, James, Elizabeth and Thomas.

James Patterson (2), son of James, and the grandfather of Bordley S. Patterson, was born in Little Britain township, Nov. 4, 1745. He married Letitia Gardner, and they had these children, Isabella, Francina, Robert, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, James, Letitia and Rachel, all of whom have passed to another life.

Robert Patterson, son of James (2), and the father of Bordley S., was born March 21, 1787, and died March 31, 1861. He was first married to a Miss Ewing, and the four children born to this marriage were James, Gardner, Mary and Eliza. The second wife of Robert Patterson was Sarah Shippen, and three children were born to this union:

Bordley S.; Francis, deceased; and Edward B., a prosperous merchant in Oxford, Pa., lately removed to Philadelphia. During life Robert Patterson was not only a large landowner and prosperous farmer but he was also a prominent citizen and a leader in the Democratic party. Since early days the family has been connected with the Presbyterian Church.

Bordley S. Patterson was born on the farm he now occupies, Sept. 24, 1834, a son of the late Robert and Sarah (Shippen) Patterson. This old farm has been his home through life, and he still occupies the old stone mansion which was erected by his grandfather in 1806. So few of these old homes remain, in these days of change and mutation, that the old Patterson homestead has become an object of historic interest, and it is highly valued by its owners and occupants.

In the public schools of his locality Mr. Patterson obtained his early education, going later to the Lititz and Mt. Joy academies. He began an agricultural life, which he has carried on with success. His farm of 135 acres in Little Britain township, near White Rock, is one of the best cultivated and improved in this locality, his elegant and commodious residence, great barns and attractive surroundings making it an ideal country home. Mr. Patterson is also the owner of a one-half interest in a fine estate, comprising 140 acres in Colerain township, which is as well managed and as productive as the home farm.

On Oct. 9, 1862, was celebrated the marriage of Bordley S. Patterson and Miss Emma M. Worth, of Chester county, Pa. She was born in 1841, a daughter of Samuel A. and Hester (Hoops) Worth, both of whom were of English origin. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patterson: Robert L., who was born in 1864, married Elizabeth Colter, and is in business in Oxford, Pa.; Fred W., born in 1867, who married Miss Cora Welch, of St. Paul, Minn., and is engaged in the tea and coffee business in the above named city; and Eliza Shippen, born in 1874, the wife of Hugh A. Foresman, a publisher in Chicago, Illinois. In public, religious and social life Mr. Patterson is a leading citizen of Little Britain township. His devotion to the Jeffersonian principles of the Democratic party has been life-long and he has been active in its councils. For seven years Mr. Patterson was the efficient township auditor, and he has served with satisfaction to all as judge and inspector of elections, and has not only been selected to serve several times on the grand jury of Lancaster county, of which he has been foreman, but also on the United States jury, his reputation as a most honorable and high-minded man making him desirable in responsible positions. In 1884 Mr. Patterson was elected a director of the Northern Mutual Insurance Company, and since 1893 has been treasurer of the company.

Mr. Patterson is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Colerain township, serving faithfully as trustee of that institution. A man with the high-

est standards of integrity, charitable, generous and public-spirited, Bordley S. Patterson is a representative man of this part of Lancaster county.

DANIEL DENLINGER was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, May 21, 1817, and died July 19, 1886. His remains are resting in the cemetery connected with Hershey's Meeting House in Salisbury township. He was a son of Elder Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Denlinger. The father was a miller, and was an elder in the Strasburg Mennonite Church.

To Elder and Mrs. Denlinger were born the following children: John; Jacob; Barbara, who was twice married, first to Michael Sensenig, and then to David Eshleman; Henry K.; Daniel; Abram,—all of the foregoing being dead; Isaac, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township.

Daniel Denlinger was married Nov. 5, 1840, in Lancaster, Pa., to Margaret Hershey, by whom he had the following family: Abram H., who married Mary C. Keneagy and is a retired farmer in Paradise township, with a family of eight children; Anna, the widow of John Ranck, having her home in Paradise township, where she has one son; Jacob, who died in infancy; Mary, married to Jonas Eby, in the creamery and tobacco business at Gap, Pa., and the mother of eleven children; Esther, married to John Eshleman, a retired farmer of Salisbury township, and the mother of ten children; Elizabeth, of Paradise township, wife of Amaziah Brackbill, and mother of seven children; Daniel, married first to Anna Mary Kreider, by whom he had two children, and second to Fannie Landis, by whom he had five; Margaret, wife of Adam Kreider, a farmer of Leacock township, to whom she bore eleven children, six of whom are now living.

Mrs. Margaret Denlinger was born in Salisbury township, Jan. 17, 1824, and was a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Eby) Hershey. Her father, who was a farmer, died Jan. 9, 1844, lacking but fifteen days of being fifty-seven years old; his widow survived many years, passing away Feb. 29, 1896, at the age of ninety-five years, two months and fourteen days. They were both buried in Hershey's burying ground in Salisbury township. They were members of the Mennonite Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Hershey were the parents of Margaret and Peter, a retired farmer of Leacock township. By a previous marriage with Maria Secrist, Mr. Hershey had the following children: Jacob S., deceased; Fronica, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Denlinger were Jacob and Anna Hershey. Jacob Hershey, who was the son of Andrew Hershey, was born in Lancaster county. Andrew Hershey was the son of Andrew Hershey, who came from Switzerland in 1709.

Daniel Denlinger remained at home with his brother Henry until his marriage, when he began farming in Salisbury township, where he was en-

gaged in the cultivation of the soil until 1869, when he removed to the farm on which the remaining years of his active life were passed. Four years before his death he removed to the home in which his family are living at the present time.

Mr. Denlinger was a man of character and standing in the community in which he spent his honorable and useful life. His widow, who is still living, bears up wonderfully well under the pressure of years, and is still alert and active.

SAMUEL HARNER. There are few residents of Martic township more highly esteemed throughout its extent than Samuel Harner, a member of one of the old and well-known families of Lancaster county. Samuel Harner is now a citizen of Bethesda, Pa., but he was born in Montgomery county, Sept. 7, 1826. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, his grandfather being John Harner, who for many years conducted a blacksmith business in Montgomery county, and was the father of nine children, all of these having passed out of life, John, Joseph, Jacob, Daniel, Henry, Samuel, Elizabeth, Ann and Susan.

Joseph Harner, the son of John and the father of Samuel, was born in 1790 in Montgomery county, and in early life he was a merchant there. After removing to Lancaster county he was engaged in farming and lime burning. His death was at the age of eighty-eight years. In 1820 he was united in marriage to Mary Slingluff, and their seven children were: John S., of Martic township; George, deceased; Samuel; Mary, the wife of Thomas Cully, of Martic township; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of J. Harrison Long, of Drumore township; Joseph, of Martic township; and Jesse, a retired farmer of Drumore, more extended mention of these prominent citizens of Lancaster county being found elsewhere.

Like many another young man, Samuel Harner began life with limited means, but the application of energy and industry has brought a sure result. In advanced years he finds himself surrounded by all of the comforts of life, and capable of enjoying the same, surrounded by affectionate relatives and sincere friends. He was married on Jan. 7, 1868, to Miss Amanda McLaughlin, who was born Dec. 30, 1849, a daughter of Joseph and Martha (Marron) McLaughlin; to this union, on Jan. 17, 1869, was born one son,—George E., who on Oct. 1, 1895, married Miss Emma Harner, the adopted daughter of Joseph Harner, of Martic township. Three children have been born to this marriage, Florence, Virgil and Samuel J. Harner, Jr. Mrs. Amanda Harner died April 5, 1902.

The valuable farm in this township owned by Mr. Harner comprises 112 acres of well cultivated land, upon which he has placed most excellent improvements. In his political belief Mr. Harner has been a life-long Democrat, actively supporting the candidates and measures of Democracy. Although

not a member of any religious denomination, Mr. Harner is reverent in his feelings and liberally contributes to the Presbyterian Church, to which his wife belonged. The family is one which is held in high regard in this township as representing the best class of honest and honorable citizens.

SAMUEL J. BEARD, one of the prominent farmers of Penn township, belongs to a family which has been settled in Pennsylvania for several generations. Grandfather Robert Beard came to America from Ireland, and resided for a short time in Chester county, in this State, moving then into Lancaster county, where he resided until his death. By trade he was a charcoal burner and this was his occupation during life. Five children were born to him and his wife: Joseph, who moved to York county and died there; Robert, who became a farmer in Dauphin county; James, the father of Samuel J.; John, who is a farmer in Lebanon county; and Margaret, who married John Crawford.

James Beard, the father of Samuel J., was born in Lancaster county, about 1795. In early life he followed the business of charcoal burning, but later purchased the farm where Samuel J. now resides, and turned his attention to agriculture until his death, in 1847. James Beard married Miss Ellen Jones, and they had nine children born to them: Martha, deceased wife of Henry Meixell; Mary, the widow of Jacob Krall; Robert, a farmer of Penn township; James, deceased, who lived in Reading; Margaret, unmarried; Catherine, the wife of David Brosey; Eliza, the widow of Isaac Weachter; Ellen, the widow of Abram Kauffman; Samuel J., the youngest of the family.

Samuel J. Beard was born in Penn township April 11, 1835, and was left fatherless at the age of twelve years. Until he was twenty-seven years of age he remained with his mother, a kind and dutiful son. Mr. Beard received an excellent public school education, which was supplemented by one term in the Normal school, in Millersville. Possessing a quick intelligence and a love of study, he soon was qualified for teaching, and took charge of his first school before he was twenty-one years old. For twelve years he acceptably followed this profession. In 1866, at the death of his beloved mother, to whom he had shown every care, he purchased the old homestead and since that time has given his attention to farming, demonstrating that he is as good a farmer as teacher.

In politics Mr. Beard is a stanch Democrat, and has taken a very active interest in the party councils in this locality. For fifteen years he served as justice of the peace, for five years he was assessor, for the same time tax collector, and he served one term as school director.

The marriage of Mr. Beard was to Miss Margaret Keath, and to this union was born a family of seven children: Mary, the widow of Harry Diehm; Lizzie, the wife of Jacob Moyer; Maggie, the wife

of Horace Biemesderfer; Frank, a farmer of Mechanicsville; John, a farmer at Erbsdale; Charles, a miller, near Mount Hope; and Howard, a teacher of West Park, in Penn township.

Mr. Beard has spent a long and useful life in this locality, is well known and most highly esteemed. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church, one of the elders and one of its most liberal supporters. Mr. Beard may be justly called a representative man of Penn township.

JACOB CHARLES, one of the more prominent farmers of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, in the same county, Dec. 15, 1841, and is a son of Christ. and Nancy (Funk) Charles, both natives of Manor township, where the father, who was born June 2, 1812, is still living. The mother, who died in June, 1860, and was laid to rest in the Charles family burying ground in Manor township, was, with her husband, a member of the Mennonite Church. The following children were born to them: Nancy, deceased wife of Abraham Bankholder; Jacob; John, a farmer and one of the directors of the Mountville National Bank; Joseph, a farmer in East Donegal township; Christian, a farmer in Rapho township; Abraham, at home with his parents; Hettie, married to Martin Breneman, a farmer of Manor township; Anna, unmarried and living at home; Mary, who married Christ. Frank, and is dead. After the death of Mrs. Nancy Charles, at Forrey, in 1860, Mr. Charles was married a second time, Miss Elizabeth Witmer becoming his wife. She died in 1893. John Charles, the paternal grandfather of Jacob, married a Miss Habacker and spent his entire life in his native township, Manor.

Jacob Charles has been twice married, the first time Sept. 8, 1867, in Lancaster, when Miss Elvina S. Harnish became his wife. She was the mother of two children: Fanny H., who died young; and Christ. H., who married Mary Lip, and is a farmer in Conoy township. Mrs. Elvina S. Charles was born in Manor township in 1849, and died Jan. 21, 1872. She was a daughter of Michael and Anna (Schenck) Harnish, both natives of Lancaster county.

Mr. Charles was married, for the second time, on Nov. 11, 1875, in Lancaster, to Miss Lizzie F. Mease, by whom he has had the following children, all of whom are at home: Amos M., Jacob M. and Lizzie E. Mrs. Lizzie F. Charles was born in Manheim township Aug. 16, 1842, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Frankford) Mease, farmer people of Lancaster county, where they died, and were buried in Neff's Church cemetery.

Mr. Charles remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he engaged in the tillage of a small farm in Manor township. In March, 1878, he located on his present home, a fine farm of one hundred and nineteen acres, a magnificent property, with fine river frontage. He also owns an island farm across from his home,

where he has forty acres of rich tillable land, and a farm of sixty-one acres in another part of Conoy township.

Mr. Charles is an honorable and upright man, whose long and useful life is a story of unwearied industry and straightforward and manly dealings. In politics he is a Democrat, and in his religion a member of the Mennonite Church. His peaceful and industrious life, his kindly heart and generous spirit have in no way put to shame his religious faith and profession.

GEORGE DILLER SPRECHER, whose commodious dwelling at No. 213 East King street is one of the finest and most substantial in all Lancaster, is a lineal descendant of two of the oldest families in Lancaster county.

On his mother's side—the Dillers—the family is traced to Casper Diller (Deelor, as he wrote it), who fled from Alsace to Holland, going from there to England, where he married a lady of English birth and then came to America, landing in this country in the early days of the Penns, from whom he secured a grant for 500 acres of land. He lived to be 100 years old. Isaac Diller, descended from Casper Diller, was the grandfather of George D. Sprecher, and the latter's grandmother, Susanna Roland, was a daughter of Jonathan Roland, who served in the Revolutionary war. Through the Diller connection Mr. Sprecher was related to George Washington, and the family tree is as distinguished as it is large.

On the paternal side Mr. Sprecher can claim a lineage as ancient as that of the Dillers. On Oct. 17, 1732, Christopher Sprecher and Hans George Sprecher (brothers, and the latter the great-great-grandfather of our subject) came to America on board the ship "Pink." On Oct. 17, 1751, Jacob Sprecher, of Rotterdam, came to America on the ship "Jeanette," with him came another Hans George Sprecher. On Oct. 11, 1752, Johann Peter Sprecher came to America, and on Oct. 18, 1752, Jacob Adam Sprecher arrived in the United States on the ship "Peggy." The Hans Sprecher who came to this country in 1751 settled in New York, and the first two Sprechers who came to America settled in Lehigh county. Hans George Sprecher, the first to come, had a son Philip, who settled in East Earl township, and was the ancestor of George D. Sprecher. One of Philip's sons went to Virginia, where he settled and reared a family, one of his sons being Prof. Sprecher, of California, who has three sons who are clergymen. George D. Sprecher's father was an extensive cattle dealer and hotel-keeper, and for a time was a farmer. Mr. Sprecher's (George D.'s) mother was a great-granddaughter of Col. John Huber, a veteran of the Revolution, her father having been Isaac Diller, a prominent farmer of eastern Lancaster county. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher, only three of whom are living: George D., Will-

iam D. and Catherine, the latter the widow of the late John Reigart, all of Lancaster.

George D. Sprecher was born Feb. 12, 1821, in Earl township, where his father was engaged at farming. Receiving a partial education in the public schools, young Sprecher came to Lancaster at the age of eleven years, and entered the hardware store of Gen. Diller, a relative of Mr. Sprecher's mother, and who was the founder of Dillerville, this county. This was in 1832. From Gen. Diller's store young Sprecher entered the employ of Henry W. Gundaker, and eight years later went to the late A. W. Russel. In 1844 he became part owner, and later sole owner, of a store. In 1854 Mr. Sprecher tore down the old A. W. Russel hardware building, on North Queen street, and erected the large and elegant building now occupied by Reilly Brothers & Raub. He was continuously in the hardware trade from 1832 to 1860, engaged in the slating business in 1854, keeping it up—with the hardware business—until 1860, and from the latter date continuing exclusively at slating until 1888, when he retired from active business.

Mr. Sprecher has been the builder and owner of scores of houses in Lancaster, having built the handsome home he now lives in, in 1847, and building an addition to it in 1850. He is the owner of four large tobacco warehouses, two extensive mercantile properties on East King street, and other properties. Great, indeed, have been the material improvements he has made to Lancaster, and these, with the record of his long life of integrity, will prove enduring monuments.

Mr. Sprecher married Miss Caroline Beates, daughter of the now sainted Rev. William Beates, who was for so many years pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, this city, and who, emulating the Divine Master, refused to accept the slightest compensation for his labors. He had a nominal salary of \$300 per annum, and, after receiving it, annually, from his parishioners, turned it over for the payment of the church debt. This remarkable man died May 16, 1867, at the age of ninety-one years, while administering the Holy Communion to his family.

Eight children were born of the union of George D. Sprecher and Caroline Beates, and all save three of these children, as well as the mother, have entered into rest. The survivors are Laura, wife of Henry S. Franklin, of the Steinman Hardware Company; and Misses Emily B. and Anna M., at home. Mr. Sprecher is wonderfully preserved, mentally and physically, for one of his years, and he is as active as most men of fifty, although within a few days of eighty-one years at the time this sketch was written, January, 1902. He is a trustee of Trinity Lutheran Church, and has been for fifty-two years; and he is president of the board of trustees of the Home for Friendless Children, and president of the board of trustees of the Woodward Hill Cemetery Board; and no man gives these positions



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of honor and trust more intelligent or more painstaking attention than does Mr. Sprecher. His has indeed been a remarkable career, and his life is one that may well be emulated by the rising generation.

JACOB MUSSELMAN. A prominent and highly esteemed farmer of Lancaster county is found in Jacob Musselman, now living somewhat retired on a farm which has been his home since 1898. The birth of Mr. Musselman was in Earl township July 5, 1831, and he was a son of Samuel and Magdalina (Nolt) Musselman, a leading farming family of Earl township. Samuel Musselman was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life and died on his old homestead, after five years of retirement, in 1862, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a son of Christian Musselman, who was also a farmer of Earl township, and the family in its sixth generation now occupies the old farm, it being the property of Jacob Musselman and operated by his two capable sons. The old family home was erected in 1792 and has been the scene of the births, marriages and deaths of the family for over a century, still remaining in a good state of preservation, while those who fashioned it have long since crumbled into dust.

Magdalina (Nolt) Musselman, the beloved mother of our subject, passed out of life in 1842, at the early age of thirty-eight years. She was a daughter of Jonas Nolt, of West Earl township. She was buried in Groffdale cemetery, both she and her husband having been most worthy members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to them were: Anna, who died young; Christian, who was killed on the railroad in 1898, at the age of seventy-two years; Jonas, who died in 1863; Jacob; Henry, who died in 1888; and Mattie, of West Earl township, who married Michael E. Wenger.

The education of Jacob Musselman was acquired in the district schools of his neighborhood and he grew up on his father's farm, remaining at home until the death of both parents, when he took charge of the old place and continued to cultivate and improve it until 1898, when he retired from activity, in favor of his two sons, whom he had taught to be excellent farmers and good managers, like himself.

Mr. Musselman was united in marriage on Jan. 12, 1858, in West Earl township, to Miss Mary Stoner. This estimable lady was born in West Earl township Sept. 15, 1831, and she was a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Huber) Stoner, the former of whom was a native of Colerain and the latter of Warwick township. The father died in West Earl in 1869, at the age of seventy-three years, the mother having preceded him, in 1853, at the age of sixty years. They were buried in Metzler's meeting house cemetery, in West Earl township, and both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church. The grandparents of Mrs. Musselman were among the leading citizens of the county, Henry and Margaret Stoner and Abraham Huber. The

brothers and sisters of Mrs. Musselman were: Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Musselman; Jacob, who died young; Catherine, deceased, who first married Joseph Nolt, and second, Martin Rohrer; Henry, deceased; Samuel, a farmer of Ephrata township; Barbara, deceased, who married Elias Miller; Susannah, deceased, who married Daniel Burkholder; Abraham, a retired farmer of Ephrata township; and Isaac, also a retired farmer of the same township.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Musselman made up a family of nine, as follows: Magdelina, who married Samuel O. Martin, a farmer of Earl township, and has ten children; Anna, who married John C. Nolt, a farmer of Earl township, and has a family of nine children; Jacob, of Lancaster, an invalid; Mary and Henry, who died young; Amanda, who is a talented lady and a teacher in the Mennonite Mission school, in Philadelphia; Eli, who resides on the old homestead, married Anna Berghart and has three children; Amos, who married Laura Good, resides on a part of the old homestead and has two children; and Katie, who married Elmer E. Meyers, of Earl township, and is the mother of three children.

For many years Mr. Musselman has been a resident of West Earl township and is well known to almost every citizen; among these old acquaintances he is ranked as a man of strict integrity, a man whose word is as good as his bond, and as one who well represents the good citizen. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church.

SAMUEL WARFEL was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., Feb. 7, 1822. He was educated in the common schools of the county, and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He then branched out in life for himself and followed the canal between Lancaster and Philadelphia for a number of years. Since leaving the canal he has been engaged in various lines of occupation.

Adam Warfel, father of Samuel, born in Conestoga township in 1800, was drowned there in 1869. He married Miss Sarah Graver, of Ephrata. This couple were the parents of ten children, one of whom died in infancy: Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Crossman; Samuel; Polly, wife of Reuben Brady, of Conestoga; Delila, wife of John Fry, of Manor township; Levi, of Conestoga township; Eurias, of Conestoga township; Catherine, never married; Annie, who died in childhood; and Annie, deceased. The father of Adam Warfel was also named Adam and was born and reared in Conestoga township.

Samuel Warfel married Barbara, daughter of Martin Good, of Conestoga township. They have had seven children, as follows: Sarah, who died in infancy; Lizzie, who died in childhood; Delila, wife of Fred. Shoff, of Colemanville; Lidia A., wife of Aaron Elmire; Leah, wife of Christian Shooft; An-

nie, who is the widow of John Stauffer; and William, who died in childhood. Mr. Warfel is a member of the Old Mennonite Church and takes a great interest in church work. He is still active and vigorous and doubtless has many days yet to live. He is universally respected by his friends and neighbors.

JEREMIAH SELDOMRIDGE, a retired farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he is spending the closing years of a long and useful life, was born in Salisbury township, this county, Jan. 4, 1827, son of Isaac and Rachel (Glauser) Seldomridge. His parents were born in Leacock and East Earl townships, respectively, and both died in Earl township.

Isaac Seldomridge was a farmer and an industrious man, but for fifteen years prior to his death he lived retired. He passed away in 1884, at the age of eighty-four, and his wife died in 1878, when seventy-six years old. Both were buried in Roland's cemetery, in Earl township. They were members of the Lutheran Church. The following named children were born to them: George, who died when about sixty-six years old; Jeremiah, mentioned below; Elizabeth, the widow of Amos Skiles, of Springville, Lancaster county; Isaac, who died at the age of fifty-eight; Catherine, the wife of Peter Dague, of Earl township; Jacob, a farmer of Earl township; Benjamin, a saddler living in Upper Leacock township; Rachel, deceased wife of Isaac Brubaker; Mary Ann, the wife of Jonathan Hilderbrand, of Manheim township; Andrew, deceased; Amos, a retired farmer of Earl township.

George Seldomridge, the grandfather of Jeremiah, was born in Lancaster county, married there and there reared his family. His father was also George. He was a son of George and a grandson of Andrew, who, with his wife, came from Switzerland. The name was originally spelled Zeltenreich. This Andrew owned the tract of one and a quarter acres in Earl township now known as Rolands cemetery, which he gave to the church for the nominal sum of five shillings. He was also one of the founders of the church there.

Jeremiah Seldomridge was married in Lancaster Sept. 2, 1852, to Susanna C. Eckert, by whom he has had the following children: Jemimah, deceased wife of John Fenninger, a farmer of Leacock township, by whom she had six children; Eckert G., deceased; Mary Ann, who married George Knobb, of Leacock township, and who has two children.

Mrs. Susanna C. (Eckert) Seldomridge was born in Leacock township Feb. 14, 1828, daughter of Jacob K. and Hannah (Varnes) Eckert, farming people of Leacock township, who are now numbered with the "great majority," he having died in 1864, at the age of sixty-four years, and Mrs. Eckert in 1871, at the age of sixty-eight years. Their ashes rest in Roland's cemetery. During his last years Mr. Eckert lived retired. To them were born the

following children: Evaline, late wife of Josiah Zook; John V., deceased; George, a retired farmer in Lancaster; Susanna C., Mrs. Seldomridge; Mary Ann, deceased wife of Robert Hoar; Rebecca, married to Moses Hess, and now living retired in Perry county, Pa.; Elizabeth, married to Henry Rutter, and now living retired in Intercourse; Henry, deceased; C. Ludwig, in Philadelphia; Jemima, the widow of Henry Horst, living in Lancaster. George and Susan Eckert, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Seldomridge, were farming people of Lancaster county.

Jeremiah Seldomridge remained with his parents on the farm until about the time of his marriage, when he set up for himself on a neighboring farm, in 1851 commencing farming in Upper Leacock township. There he remained until 1864, when he established himself and family on a place in Leacock township, in the cultivation of which he was engaged until 1893. That year he removed to his present home, and he has since lived retired. For nine years he has been school director, and he takes the side of the Republican party in all political questions. For the past thirty-nine years Mr. Seldomridge has been an elder in the Reformed Church, and still holds the office, and his clean and wholesome life, his industrious habits and his kindly disposition have given much strength and force to his religious labors. The family of seven sons, of which he is one, has the remarkable distinction that all are absolutely temperate in all things, not one of them having ever used tobacco, in any form, and all abstaining from intoxicants.

JOHN S. HARNER, one of the leading and successful farmer-citizens of Martic township, is a native of Montgomery county, and was born in December, 1823. His parents were Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, of Montgomery county, Pa., who came to Martic township in 1838, when their son, John, was about fifteen years of age. Joseph Harner had a family of seven children, five sons and two daughters: John S.; George, deceased; Samuel, of Martic township; Joseph, of Martic township; Mary Ann, the wife of Thomas Cully; Elizabeth, deceased wife of J. Harrison Long, of Drumore; Jesse, a retired farmer of Drumore, all of these having extended mention made in another place.

John S. Harner grew through childhood and until he was fifteen years of age, in the old home in Montgomery county, accompanying his parents to Lancaster county when they removed to this part of the state, in 1838. His education was obtained in the public schools and he early began the agricultural life he has successfully followed ever since. His beginnings were small and he has worked hard, but he has now one of the finest and most valuable farms in this part of the county, well improved and most desirable. It contains 200 acres and shows that Mr. Harner has thoroughly understood his business.

Not only has John S. Harner been a good farmer, but he has faithfully served his township in various official positions, and is widely known as an honest and upright citizen. His political views make him a Democrat, and for many years he has been a leader in the ranks of the Democratic party. In the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church Mr. Harner has for many years been not only a constant attendant, but a liberal supporter and active and useful member, serving a number of years as trustee.

The marriage of John S. Harner was on Feb. 3, 1859, to Miss Lucinda L. Long, of Drumore township, a daughter of James B. and Catherine (Jefferson) Long, one of the old and honorable families of southern Lancaster county. Mrs. Harner was born Jan. 26, 1839, and she was one in a family of nine children, five of these growing to maturity: Margaret, who married Robert Rutter, of Ohio; J. Harrison, a retired farmer of Drumore township; Lucinda; George, deceased; and Robert L., a prominent citizen of Phoenix, Arizona.

A family of three children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harner: Mary C., born in 1860, wife of James Kilgore, of York county, Pa.; J. Wilmer, born in 1865 and married to Belle Wivel, of Drumore township; Charles L., born on April 20, 1872, married to Elizabeth Bayd, of Drumore township, and serving as the competent manager of his father's farm, in Martic township. The family is one well known and most highly esteemed in this locality, being especially noted for those sterling qualities which belong to a community's best citizens.

JOHN GEIST. Among the retired farmers of Lancaster county John Geist takes a leading position, being a man of large means and much public spirit. Mr. Geist was born in West Lampeter township Sept. 4, 1829, and he was a son of John and Eliza (Powell) Geist, natives, respectively, of Strasburg and East Lampeter townships. By trade the elder John Geist was a wagon maker, which business he carried on in connection with his farming operations. Some time prior to his death he gave up active work. Father Geist was born July 29, 1804, and died May 21, 1866. His first wife was born March 19, 1809, and died March 9, 1844, both being buried in Mellinger's cemetery. These worthy people had been devoted members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

The children of these parents were: Anna, who died young; Daniel, who died in Ohio and was twice married, the first time to Mary Kreider; John; Marv J., Amos, Barbara, Elizabeth and Emma, who all died young; and Susanna R., who married Henry Rudy. The second marriage of Mr. Geist was to Susanna Burkholder, and to this union one daughter was born, Martha, who married Rev. Abraham Kurtz and died in 1898. The paternal grandparents of John Geist were Philip and Barbara Geist, natives of Baden, Germany, the former of whom came to America at the age of eighteen in order to avoid

service in the German army. Philip Geist was a son of George Geist, a native of Wittenberg, Germany, who came to America in 1763, locating in Strasburg, Lancaster county, where his two brothers, Simon and Leonard, already resided.

John Geist received a good common school education and made his home with his parents until he was about twenty-five years old, although at the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter trade, which kept him from home a part of the time. Later he engaged in farming in East Lampeter township, moving to his present farm in Upper Leacock township, six miles east of Lancaster, in 1875, where he remained actively engaged in general farming until July 14, 1896; then he removed to his present residence on the same farm, while his son took the old home and relieved his father of the work. This is one of the fine farms in this part of Lancaster county, comprising 100 acres of well improved, finely cultivated and productive land.

John Geist was married Nov. 9, 1854, in Lancaster, to Miss Charlotte Harnish, and the children born to this union were: Martin, who died at the age of fourteen years; Lizzie Ann, who married Kinder Bender, of Leacock township, and has a family of eight children; Mary J., who married O. S. Eckert, a farmer of West Earl township, and has four children; Ida A., a young lady, at home; Willis, the farmer on the old homestead, who married Laura Stoner, has two children, and is one of the school directors; Lotta, a young girl at home; Morten, Emma and John, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Charlotte Harnish Geist was born in East Lampeter township Oct. 4, 1832, and was a daughter of Martin and Anna (Weidler) Harnish, the former a farmer of West Lampeter township, where he died in 1840, at the age of thirty-eight years, and the latter a native of Leacock township. The mother survived until she was eighty-two years old, dying in 1876, and she was buried in the private burying grounds on the old farm. Both parents of Mrs. Geist were worthy Christian people, devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Their children were: Benjamin W., who operated a foundry and died in 1890; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Edwin Betzer and died in 1860; Charlotte, the wife of Mr. Geist; and Samuel, a moulder of Lancaster. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Geist was Martin Harnish, a farmer and distiller who became a resident of Ohio, but died while visiting in Lancaster county.

Mr. Geist has been identified with a number of leading business interests of Lancaster county and for ten years has been a director in the Farmer's National Bank of Lancaster. In politics he is a Republican, and socially he is respected and esteemed by all who know him.

CHRIST S. HOFFMAN, of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, was born April 22, 1824, in Caernarvon township, that county, son of Christ and

Magdalina (Schneider) Hoffman, both natives of Lancaster county. The father was a general merchant, and died at Vogansville, Lancaster county, in 1868, when seventy-two years old. His widow passed away the following year, at the age of seventy-five. In his earlier years he was a tailor, then became a farmer, and later followed a mercantile career for many years. Both parents were members of the Reformed Church. They had the following family: Amos, who died in infancy; Christ S.; Sarah, who married Daniel Bushong and (second) Cyrus McQuaid, and is now deceased; Magdalena A., late wife of Ezra Burkholder; Catherine, living in Erie county, Pa., the widow of Graybill Myers; and Herman, an auctioneer at Vogansville.

Christ S. Hoffman was married in Vogansville, in 1852, to Frances Groff, and they became the parents of two children, Mary and Emma. Mary is the wife of A. E. Jacoby, a school teacher, and is living in Elizabethtown; they have two children, Christ H. and Ella F. Emma is unmarried, and is at home. Mrs. Frances (Groff) Hoffman was born in Earl township Feb. 6, 1833, daughter of Mark S. and Nancy (Good) Groff, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father began life as a farmer, but spent the latter part of his active years in the lumber business in Vogansville.

Mr. Hoffman worked on the tailor's bench until he was thirteen years old, under his father. When he was thirteen he began working on a farm, where he remained until seventeen years of age, and then entered a mercantile establishment where he spent ten years. From 1852 to 1872 he followed surveying and conveyancing, at Vogansville, and then moved to Lancaster, continuing the same business. Eleven years later he removed to Elizabethtown, where he continues as conveyancer at this writing. At Vogansville he was justice of the peace for five years. He is a Democrat in his political views. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are members of the Reformed Church and are prominent and much respected members of the community.

JACOB H. BOMBERGER, who has been in the leaf tobacco business in Warwick for a number of years, comes of an old and always respected family of Lancaster county, his ancestors having settled here early in the eighteenth century.

Mr. Bomberger is a grandson of John Bomberger, who is mentioned elsewhere, and a son of Jacob Bomberger, who was born on the old homestead farm, near Lititz, Oct. 1, 1824. He was a farmer, and followed farming on an extensive scale until his death, which occurred May 14, 1885. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Jacob Bomberger married Miss Barbara, daughter of Christian Hess, and they became the parents of three children, viz.: Anna, wife of Henry G. Snyder; Maria, wife of H. Reist Landis; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Bomberger was born on the old homestead Oct. 10, 1860, and lived at home with his fa-

ther until he was twenty-three years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county and attended through one term at the Lititz Academy, after which he began life for himself, farming on the old homestead for five years. He then moved to Warwick, where he has been engaged in the leaf tobacco business. In politics Mr. Bomberger has always affiliated with the Republican party, but he never sought office.

On Oct. 16, 1883, Mr. Bomberger wedded Miss Anna B. Bollinger, daughter of Hiram Bollinger, of Lincoln, Pa., and to this union have been born four children, namely: Hiram B., Barbara B., Jacob B. and Clayton B., all of whom are at home.

Mr. Bomberger is one of the best-known residents of this section of Lancaster county, and he has attained high standing among the substantial citizens as an honorable, public spirited and reliable business man. He is fully alive to the best interests of his section, and is a worthy representative of Warwick township.

SAMUEL HARTMAN belongs to a family which has taken a prominent and honorable part in the history of East Lampeter township and Lancaster county for two centuries. He is a great-grandson of Jacob Hartman, a Mennonite preacher, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1714 and followed farming all his life. In 1755 he built the house yet standing on the family farm still in good repair. He was the father of three sons and three daughters. The daughters were: Ester, who married David Huber; Fannie, wife of Henry Hess; and Annie, who died at home, unmarried.

Henry Hartman, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the same old farm and spent his entire life there, engaged at farming. In religion he was one of the Old Mennonites. He married Miss Catherine Hildebrand, and they were the parents of six children: Henry, the father of Samuel; Catherine, wife of Daniel Stauffer; Nancy, wife of Jacob Buckwalter; Elizabeth, wife of John Stauffer; Fannie, wife of Joseph Hershey; and Hettie, wife of Jacob Rife.

Henry Hartman was also born on the old farm, Nov. 27, 1808, inherited the place from his father and continued to farm until his death, which occurred Feb. 28, 1879. Mr. Hartman was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. On Nov. 5, 1833, he married Miss Elizabeth Eby, daughter of Samuel Eby, and they had a family of six children: Samuel; Anna, born March 21, 1836, the widow of Samuel Landis; Elizabeth, born March 12, 1837, deceased wife of John Esbenshade; Catherine, born June 14, 1849; Henry, born Feb. 6, 1853, who married Nettie Hostetter and lives at Ephrata; Aaron, born Oct. 20, 1856, who married Frances Diefenbaugh and is a resident of East Lampeter.

Samuel Hartman was born Aug. 22, 1834, on the old Hartman farm, being of the fourth or fifth generation who have been born and lived all their



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lives there. Samuel Hartman, however, moved to Chester county for twelve years, after which he returned to the old place, and there he has remained ever since. He was educated in the common schools of the county. The farm which Mr. Hartman so successfully cultivates, comprising about eighty-three acres, is one of the oldest in Lancaster county and is the original farm owned by his ancestors several generations back, and which has always remained in the family. He is deeply interested in the moral and material welfare of Lancaster county, and is ranked among its substantial, highly respected citizens. Politically he is a Republican. Like his ancestors, he is a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 1, 1860, Mr. Hartman wedded Miss Catherine Price, daughter of Andrew Price, of West Lampeter township, and this union has been blessed with eight children: Andrew P., born Aug. 3, 1861, now of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, born Sept. 5, 1862, wife of John Huber; Henry, born Nov. 13, 1863, still at home; Ellanora, born Sept. 12, 1866, who died in childhood; Milton, born Sept. 1, 1868, who died in infancy; Susan, born Jan. 30, 1871, wife of John Shurtz, of Lancaster; Amanda, born Aug. 27, 1873, still at home; and Samuel, born July 3, 1878, who died in infancy. Mrs. Hartman died Feb. 23, 1898, aged sixty-four years, nine months and thirteen days.

ISAAC MECKLEY. Among the prominent, substantial and representative citizens of Mt. Joy township who have done much for the advancement and perfection of agriculture in Lancaster county is Isaac Meckley, a retired farmer, residing near Elizabethtown.

Mr. Meckley was born in Mt. Joy township on a farm adjoining his present property March 21, 1819, a son of Melchor and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Meckley, both of whom were natives of Germany. They came to America in their young married life, settling first in Dauphin, but later removing to Lancaster county and locating in Mt. Joy township. The first marriage of Melchor Meckley was to a Miss Grubb, and their children, John, Christian, Jacob and Elizabeth, are all dead. He then married a Miss Newcomer, the children of this union being: Joseph and Susan. Then he married the mother of our subject, who died Dec. 1, 1875, at the age of eighty-three years, and their children were: Samuel, deceased, who married Mary Bristol; Benjamin, deceased, who married Barbara Halderman; Henry, deceased, who married Eliza Henry; and Isaac.

Although Mr. Meckley of this record began life as a poor boy, dependent entirely upon his own resources from an early age, through energy and perseverance he in time became possessed of more means than were the farmers for whom he so faithfully worked in his boyhood. He learned the carpenter trade and was kept busy and made money for a number of years, but in 1861 he decided to

engage in farming. At first this was no very easy matter, for at that time much of the labor-saving machinery now in use was not even invented, all that the horses could not do being necessarily performed by hand, the few machines then on the market being far beyond his reach. However, Mr. Meckley was regarded as an excellent farmer and by hard work obtained good crops and accumulated money. In 1880 he retired from active labor, owning two fine farms, one in Dauphin county and another in Lancaster county. In politics he is a Republican.

In January, 1859, Mr. Meckley was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Barbara Coble, and the family born to this union consisted of two children, David C. and Anna. David C., who is a farmer in Mt. Joy township, married, in 1883, Miss Emma Garber, born in Dauphin county, daughter of John and Sarah (Peck) Garber, of that county. Mr. and Mrs. David Meckley have three children, Walter, Ralph E. and John. Anna, deceased, married Solomon Espenshade and had two children, Harvey and Estella. Mrs. Meckley was born in Dauphin county Sept. 7, 1825, and died Dec. 1, 1869, aged forty-four years. She was buried in Dauphin county. Her parents were Christian and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Coble, of Dauphin county.

Both Isaac Meckley and his son are held in high esteem in Mt. Joy township as reliable, upright and honorable men. In every public matter that comes up in the community they give an influence in the direction that will prove of benefit to the township, while in private life they are known as excellent neighbors and kind and helpful friends, men of character and standing.

SIDWELL T. WILSON. For many years the late Sidwell T. Wilson was a prominent and successful farmer, as well as a highly esteemed citizen of Little Britain township, identified with its best agricultural and religious progress. He was born in this township on Oct. 25, 1828, on the same farm where his useful and valued life ended on April 16, 1892. His parents were Needham and Jane (Patterson) Wilson, the ancestors of the family having originated in Scotland and Ireland.

The Wilson family settled in early days in Lancaster county and were members of the Society of Friends. Grandfather Benjamin Wilson married Anna Sidwell, the former being English and the latter bringing in the Scotch-Irish strain. Needham Wilson, the son of Benjamin, and the father of the late Sidwell, was born May 15, 1797, and died Sept. 22, 1872. His widow survived until Sept. 7, 1890, dying at the age of ninety-four years. Their children were: Dorestus, a coal dealer in Chester county; Sidwell T.; Silvia A., who married George Bockius, deceased; Dr. Needham, a physician in Philadelphia; and J. M., of Fairmount.

Through a long and industrious life Sidwell Wilson so lived that when he was called from earth he left the world better for his having lived in it, and

was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends. He was a liberal contributor to the Presbyterian Church, generously forwarding all of its enterprises in the direction of missions and charity. His political adherence was given to the Democratic party, and he consistently voted to support its measures and to elect its candidates.

The marriage of Sidwell T. Wilson was to Miss Margaret A. Hill, who was born in Britain township Jan. 13, 1834, a daughter of Thomas and Eleanor (Killough) Hill; the father was born in the State of New York, about 1803, and died June 12, 1866, in Britain township, in this county. The mother of Mrs. Wilson was born in 1804 and died in 1875, having borne two children: Sarah, of Little Britain township, and Margaret A., who is the widow of the late Sidwell T. Wilson.

Mrs. Wilson still resides on the old home farm, esteemed and beloved by relatives and friends. She has long been a valued member of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, and is widely known for her neighborly kindness and Christian virtues. Her family is one of the old and highly respected ones of Lancaster county.

WALTER F. BICKNELL, a retired farmer of Fulton township, Lancaster county, is a substantial citizen of the community. He comes from an English family, but was born in this country, having first seen the light of day on Dec. 24, 1832, in Fulton township. John Bicknell, his father, was born in England in 1785 and came to this country in early manhood. In 1810 he married Miss May Porritt, and they reared a family of eleven children, eight of whom grew to mature years, Samuel, Mary, John, Sarah, Isaac, Anna, William and Walter F., the youngest of the family.

Walter F. Bicknell married Rebecca, daughter of Caleb Thomas, of Fulton township, Oct. 18, 1866. Mrs. Bicknell's family is also of English origin. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell has been blessed with three children: Howard W., born in 1868, is on a part of the original home farm; Frederick C. manages the home place; and George H. is in Little Britain township. Mrs. Bicknell was born in 1837 and still enjoys most excellent health. Mr. Bicknell recently sold his farm of 180 acres to his sons, Howard and Frederick, who are operating it.

Mr. Bicknell was a volunteer of Co. B, 99th P. V., during the Civil war, enlisting in July, 1861. He served in the army of the Potomac under Gen. George B. McClellan, and took part in all of the Virginia, Potomac and James River campaigns, during which occurred some of the hardest fought battles of the Civil war. He was at the battle of the Wilderness, Gettysburg, Petersburg and the siege of Richmond, and was a faithful, hard-fighting soldier through it all, till July 31, 1864, when his term of service expired. Mr. Bicknell is a professor of the Quaker religious faith and is a strong Republican in

politics. He still enjoys excellent health, notwithstanding his arduous experience in the army. He is well known and respected by all his neighbors for his many fine traits of character.

JOHN KREIDER, in his life-time one of the leading men of Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township April 27, 1838, a son of Jacob and Anna (Buckwalter) Kreider, and died March 1, 1897. His youth was passed in Leacock township, and after his marriage he removed to Leaman Place, in Paradise township.

Mr. Kreider was married Jan. 10, 1865, to Catherine Ann, a daughter of Jacob and Lydia Ann (Buckwalter) Leaman, who was born in East Lampeter township Dec. 16, 1842. After their marriage they located on the farm where Mrs. Kreider is still living. This farm originally contained 104 acres, but several lots have been sold from it; and it now contains ninety-five acres. It is highly improved, and is classed among the best of the county. Here Mr. Kreider spent his active life in farming. He never sought or held public station, and was closely devoted to his domestic interests, preferring the comforts and delights of home to any possible pleasure found elsewhere. Both husband and wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreider were the parents of five children, only two of whom survive. An infant daughter, born Aug. 6, 1866, died the same day; Charles B., born April 2, 1871, died Feb. 15, 1873; Jacob H., born Dec. 16, 1874, died May 4, 1875. Elam L., a music teacher of Leaman Place, was born Oct. 2, 1868; he married Miss Alice Mylin, and is the father of two children, Katherine Barbara and Marian Mylin; Lydia Ann, born Aug. 16, 1877, is at home. All the family are musical, and as noted above the son is a professional teacher, and has achieved a substantial success in his calling. He, with his wife and sister, belongs, to the Presbyterian Church. The home bears the name of "Willow Burn Farm."

Jacob K. and Lydia Ann Leaman were among the honored people of the county. He was born in Lancaster township Nov. 28, 1819, and died May 28, 1889. He was the son of Benjamin and Catherine (Kreider) Leaman. Mr. Leaman was reared and spent the most of his life in East Lampeter and Leacock townships, and became one of the leading farmers of his time. His homestead he divided into four farm for his sons. For nine years he was school director. He was married Nov. 26, 1840, to Lydia Ann Buckwalter, a daughter of Abraham and Ann (Witmer) Buckwalter. She was born July 11, 1823, and is still living in the full enjoyment of health and mind. A lady of culture and refinement, her age only serves to accent her grace and dignity. Reared in East Lampeter township, the most of her life was spent in her native community. Since the death of her husband she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. John Kreider. The father and

mother were both members of the Mennonite Church. To this worthy couple were born: Catherine Ann, the widow of John Kreider; Susan E., the wife of Ephraim Hershey, of Salisbury township; Elam W., of Leacock township; Anna Mary, who married Simon Denlinger, of Paradise township, and is dead; Jacob B., a farmer of Leacock township; Lydia E., the wife of Aaron H. Duffenbach, of Greenland; Franklin K., a retired farmer of Gordonville; Ezra H., a manufacturer of cigar boxes in Paradise township.

JOSEPH PENNY, a farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Drumore township Nov. 23, 1840, and is a son of Hugh and Sarah (Wentz) Penny, both natives of Drumore township. Hugh Penny was born June 12, 1812, and his wife Sept. 25, 1817.

Hugh Penny was a son of Joseph and Mary (Long) Penny, both of whom were born in this county, and were descended from Scotch-Irish parentage. Joseph Penny, the grandfather, first settled near the Buck, where he established the present family. He had a family of two sons and four daughters: James; Hugh; Sarah A., widow of John Wentz, who had five sons and four daughters; Mary J., wife of Thomas Wentz, of Martic township; Hannah M., who married William Wentz, of Martic township, both of whom are dead; Harriet, married to John S. Morrison, both deceased.

James Penny married Mariah Wentz, and made a home near the old family estate, near Buck. His widow and one son are still living on the old homestead in Drumore township.

Hugh Penny was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and given a common school education. He and his wife lived and died on the family homestead. His death occurred in 1881, and his widow passed away in 1885. In early life they were associated with the Friends, but in their later years united with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Penny was a staunch Democrat, and held local offices in Drumore township. He was the father of seven children. (1) Mary M., born in August, 1836, married Henry Pegan, of Martic township. They settled in Drumore township, where she died in October, 1876; leaving three daughters: Ida married Samuel Grove; Eva married Wilkie Grove, and is now dead; Lena married Robert Wickersham, of Chester county. (2) Joseph Penny. (3) Sarah A., born in Drumore township in January, 1843, married Thomas Wilson, of Stewartstown, York county, where they live retired. (4) Mariah J., born Oct. 16, 1844, married Aldus Aument, of East Drumore township, whose sketch may be seen elsewhere. (5) William C., born Jan. 29, 1848, married Mary Buckius, of Lancaster county, and has his home on the old place in Drumore township. (6) Hugh J., born in June, 1852, married Miss Lizzie Phillips, of Colerain township, and is engaged as a merchant in Russellville, Chester county. They have one

daughter, Etta. (7) Laura, born March 8, 1856, was educated in the Academy at Chestnut Level, and married Prof. William Overholt, of Little Britain township. He is now a retired druggist in Baltimore. They have a son and a daughter living, Mirton and Hallie, both of whom live in Baltimore, the daughter being at home.

Joseph Penny was reared on the home farm and given a common school education in Drumore township. He was married Jan. 5, 1871, to Hannah M., a daughter of Mahlon and Anna M. (Dare) Pusey. Mrs. Penny was born April 18, 1848, and was reared to womanhood in the old home at Puseyville, where she attended the Union High School. Mahlon Pusey was twice married, Mrs. Penny being a daughter of the second marriage, to which were born seven children: George, of Oxford; Rebecca, the wife of Hugh Long, of East Drumore township; Emma; Sarah, the wife of Lindly Hutton, of Belmar, N. J.; Ada; Rose, the wife of Frank Herr, of Little Britain township; and Hannah M.

Mr. and Mrs. Penny settled on a farm in West Drumore township, where they lived about four years, when they moved to Puseyville, where Mr. Penny was engaged in the milling business for some ten years. In 1885 he bought the farm where he is found to-day. It was then known as the Bunting farm and was two miles south of the Union. Since coming there they have rebuilt the dwelling house and made many substantial and elegant improvements. To them have come a daughter and a son. Anna M., born in Drumore township, received her education in the Union High School of Colerain, and is an accomplished young lady. Cheyney was a student of the Union High School. In November, 1900, he was married to Belle, a daughter of Abram and Matilda McConnell, and now lives on his farm in Little Britain township.

The Penny family are all associated with the Union Presbyterian Church. Mr. Penny has always been a Democrat, has been school director in Colerain township, and since 1888 has been a director of the Union High School, being also school treasurer.

Mrs. Penny's grandfather, Rev. Elkanah Dare, was the first Presbyterian minister who preached in the Union Presbyterian Church in Colerain township.

SILAS E. GROFF, one of the leading and progressive farmers of Paradise township, Lancaster county, owner of a well improved farm, located three miles northeast of Strasburg borough, is the representative of one of the old and honored families of the county.

John Groff, his paternal grandfather, familiarly known as "Swamp John," was one of the substantial citizens of Paradise township, and there reared a large family of children. Of the latter, Sarah married a Mr. Dripps; Louisa married Henry Girvin, and they resided first in Paradise township and later in Bart township; Alice married a school teacher,

Mr. Clark, and removed from Lancaster county; Lizzie died unmarried; Isaac emigrated to Columbiana county, Ohio, and there married and engaged in farming; John removed to Maryland, where he became a farmer; George, the father of Silas E., was a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob studied medicine and became one of the prominent practitioners of Strasburg, acquiring considerable wealth.

George Groff, the father of Silas E., was reared in Paradise township and educated in the public schools. He married Miss Ann Eshleman, who was born May 22, 1804, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Brackbill) Eshleman. George Groff was a lifelong farmer, operating a property of 140 acres and becoming one of the influential, substantial citizens of Lancaster county. He and his wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. To George and Ann (Eshleman) Groff were born five children, as follows: Aldus John, born June 13, 1837, a retired farmer of Lancaster City; Mary V., born Oct. 23, 1839, a resident of Strasburg borough; Silas E.; Emma E., born June 10, 1844, who married Martin B. Rohrer, formerly of Paradise, now of Strasburg, and died in July, 1891; and an infant son, deceased. George, the father, died March 20, 1880, and his wife passed away Jan. 31, 1875.

Silas E. Groff was born March 6, 1842, on a farm in Paradise township adjoining that where he now lives. He was reared in his native township. He received a fair education in the common schools and supplemented the instruction there obtained by an attendance at Paradise Academy and at the Millersville State Normal School. At this time he joined a militia regiment under Col. Franklin, and served the Union about ten weeks. Soon after completing his education he entered upon his life work as a farmer, locating in 1867 upon the farm which he still occupies. Improvements upon the property were then very poor, but with his father he has since erected good substantial buildings, and the place is now one of the well improved and highly cultivated farms in this part of Lancaster county. In connection with his own farm of seventy-nine acres, Mr. Groff operates another of 100 acres, and is also engaged in handling stock. He is recognized as one of the progressive and foremost agriculturists of Paradise township, and he aims to keep constantly in touch with the best interests of the community, being ever ready to assist in any enterprise for the public good. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, but he has never sought nor accepted public office.

On Feb. 27, 1878, Mr. Groff married Miss S. Elizabeth Keneagy, daughter of Henry and Sarah Ann (Rowe) Keneagy, a granddaughter of Henry and Sarah (Sherts) Keneagy. The grandfather was in his day a distiller in Paradise township, conducting a large and extensive business. He died comparatively early in life, leaving six children, namely: Susan, who remained single; John S., a farmer and distiller of Paradise township; Jacob, who removed

to Chicago, Ill.; Henry, the father of Mrs. Groff; Christian, a farmer and distiller; and Samuel, a physician of Strasburg. Henry Keneagy was born Dec. 26, 1817, and for two years of his life was the successful keeper of a hotel in Strasburg and East Lampeter township, but he devoted most of his life to the pursuit of farming. He died Aug. 27, 1872, and his wife, who was born Oct. 6, 1827, died April 21, 1864. Three children were born to Henry and Sarah Ann Keneagy, namely: Charles R., a resident of Strasburg; S. Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Groff; and William A., a resident of Strasburg.

The family of Silas E. and S. Elizabeth Groff consists of two children: Mary R., born Sept. 26, 1888; and John E., born May 22, 1890. Mrs. Groff is a member of the Presbyterian Church. The family are held in high esteem throughout the community.

WILLIAM B. GIVEN. The Given family is of Scotch-Irish descent. James Given, the grandfather of William B., was born in Ireland, and emigrated to America in early life, settling in Chester county, Pa. Later he moved to Columbia, Lancaster county, where he engaged in lumbering when the lumber was brought down the river in rafts. He became quite prosperous, and at the time of his death was the possessor of considerable wealth. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was a man of prominence in the community wherein he dwelt. A very active worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, he bore a high reputation for personal integrity and worth. He married a Miss Mercer, and they had eight children, among whom was William F., the father of William B.

William F. Given was born near Downingtown, in Chester county, Jan. 20, 1813, and in 1816 came to Columbia, where he grew to man's estate, and succeeded to the business of his father, from which he retired quite early in life, with a competency. He was a director in the Columbia National Bank and in the Columbia Bridge Company. In religion he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Columbia, and in politics he was a Democrat. On his retirement from active business, in 1859, he purchased a farm near the city of Baltimore, Md., and settled thereon, and there his death occurred in 1862. Mr. Given was, Oct. 26, 1853, married to Miss Susan A., daughter of Rev. William Barns, of Philadelphia, and they had children: Laura, William B., Mercer, Frank S. and Martha W.

William B. Given was born Sept. 25, 1855, in Columbia, though Maryland, to which he early removed, was the scene of his boyhood experiences. He pursued his studies when a lad at the public schools of Maryland, later at the Saunders Institute, Philadelphia, and then at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, from which he graduated in his twentieth year. Having chosen the law as his profession, he began his studies in the office



William B. Given



Francis S. Given

of Hon. Vincent L. Bradford and E. Ray, Esq., Philadelphia, and completed them under the direction of H. M. North, Esq., in Columbia. Upon his admission to the Bar, in 1876, he became established as a practitioner in Columbia, where he has since resided, and has an office. Mr. Given has, by his thorough knowledge of law, his studious habits, and the zeal and ability exhibited in the interest of his clients, won an enviable position at the Lancaster Bar. He has also been admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the State of Pennsylvania, and in the Supreme court of the United States. He has always manifested a deep interest in public affairs, especially in measures tending to the advancement of education, and for nine years was an active member of the school board and president of the same for two years.

Until 1896 Mr. Given was a Democrat, and was an active and prominent member of that party. He was a member of the State Committee several years, and his services on the stump in every campaign were eagerly sought. In 1877 he was the candidate of his party for the office of district attorney, and was nominated for Congressional honors in 1882, but was defeated for both offices, as his party was largely in the minority. In 1892 he was sent as a delegate to the National Convention which nominated Grover Cleveland for the Presidency. Again, in 1896, he was chairman of the Democratic State Convention, which convened in Allentown, Pa., and on taking the chair sounded the keynote in Pennsylvania for sound money. His position on the financial question made Mr. Given a delegate to the National Democratic Convention of 1896, where he was an ardent advocate of sound money. Upon the nomination of William J. Bryan, Mr. Given left the convention, denouncing the platform and its candidate. He returned to Pennsylvania and assisted in reorganizing the sound Democratic movement, and was a delegate-at-large to the convention of sound Democrats held at Indianapolis, and was subsequently elected and served as State chairman of that party in Pennsylvania. Since 1896 he has taken no active part in politics, but in 1900 he cast his vote for William McKinley.

Mr. Given is prominently identified with many business enterprises in Lancaster county and elsewhere. He is president of the Columbia Trust Company, the Conestoga Traction Company (owning all the electric railway lines in Lancaster county), the Lancaster County Railway & Light Company, the Wilson Laundry Machinery Company, the Gas Light & Fuel Company, of Lancaster, and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, of Lancaster, and is a director in no less than twenty-two different corporations and railway companies in Lancaster county. Recently the laundry machinery companies of the United States were formed into a trust, having a capitalization of \$16,000,000, and Mr. Given has been elected a director in this giant corporation.

In 1878 Mr. Given was married to Mary E., the only daughter of Abraham Bruner, and this union has been blessed with four children: Erna B., Jane Bruner, William Barns and Susan Emily.

FRANK SCOTT GIVEN. That ability aided by perseverance and industry leads to a success in whatever line of business a man may adopt, is shown in the career of Frank Scott Given, of Columbia, who was born there Aug. 4, 1859, son of William F. and Susan A. (Barns) Given. Failing health led his father to remove to a farm in Worthington Valley, Baltimore Co., Md., when Frank S. was but six weeks old. Change of residence did not bring the hoped for relief, and the father passed away a few months after settling on the farm. Being anxious to provide additional advantages for her children, Mr. Given's mother, after her husband's death, removed to Westminster, Md. Learning that the farm was not receiving proper attention, and believing that better schools might be found in Reisterstown, she took up her residence there, and remained five years, when she removed to Columbia, where she now resides. Her father, William Barns, was a noted Methodist Episcopal preacher, known throughout the Eastern States for his eloquence. He was born in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Ireland, and died in Philadelphia in November, 1865. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Given had five children: Laura, who died in infancy; William B.; Mercer, who died in infancy; Frank S.; and Martha Washington, wife of Howard B. Rhodes, of Columbia.

At the age of fourteen Frank Scott Given entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, as a messenger boy in the office of the general agent, at Philadelphia. He remained with that corporation fourteen years, demonstrating, by his mental capacity, integrity and rare executive ability, his right to rapid promotion. For three years he occupied the desk of a way bill clerk, and was then made general foreman of all the Willow-street wharfs, which responsible position he filled for five years. Under the first administration of President Cleveland, Mr. Given was appointed assistant superintendent of the stamp division in the Philadelphia post office, which office he held three years, when he was promoted to the position of night superintendent of mails, from which he resigned in 1891. Feeling the need of rest, he returned to his native town, but was not long idle, as he received the dual office of secretary and superintendent of the Columbia & Ironville Passenger Railway Co., whose line was then in the process of construction. After its completion he was made superintendent of construction between Columbia and Marietta, and was later made superintendent of both branches. In 1894 all the trolley lines in Lancaster county were consolidated under the name of the Pennsylvania Traction Company, and Mr. Given was made superintendent of the Columbia division.

The Company became financially involved and passed into the hands of a receiver, William B. Given, a brother of Frank S., being placed in control. The company's affairs were successfully adjusted and a reorganization was effected under the style of the Conestoga Traction Company, with Frank S. Given as general manager. The company at this time (December, 1901) operates a trackage of 104 miles, giving to the people of Lancaster county rapid transit to nearly all of the towns, villages and boroughs in the county, as well as handsome dividends to the stockholders. Mr. Given is also connected with other important and prosperous business enterprises, the building up of which have materially added to the prosperity of Lancaster county. He is president, treasurer and director of the Triumph Embroidery Company; also a director in the following enterprises: The Columbia Brewing Company, the Wilson Laundry Machinery Company, and the Conestoga Traction Company, and the underlying companies leased and operated by it. As above stated, he is general manager of the Conestoga Traction Company, and in addition thereto is general manager of the Lancaster Gas Light & Fuel Company, the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Columbia Electric Light & Power Company, and of the seventy miles of pikes controlled and leased by the Conestoga Traction Company. When the Columbia Real Estate Exchange was organized, in 1895, he was chosen its president, and is still in its directory. He has never cared for public office, but in 1896 consented to assume the duties of chief of the Columbia Fire Department, and was chairman of the committee that raised \$3,250 for the entertaining of the visiting firemen on the occasion of the Centennial of Fire Company No. 1, of Columbia. Of this celebrated company of firemen Mr. Given has been marshal for six years, and during that time, until 1901, it took first prize for parading the largest number and appearing as the finest body of men at the annual gathering of Pennsylvania firemen.

Mr. Given is a Democrat in politics, but too much absorbed in business to seek political office or to take a working interest in political matters. He attends the services of the Episcopal Church, in which his wife is a communicant. As a manager of men Mr. Given is a complete success. While liberal and kind of heart, he is strict with his employes where the welfare and safety of the patrons of the road he manages are concerned, and demands of every employe a strict attention to duty. While his men know that neglect of duty will be followed by reprimand or worse, they also know that they will have justice, and because of this he is respected by every man in his employ.

On May 25, 1897, at Columbia, Mr. Given was married to Mrs. Mary Gordon Schram, widow of the late William M. Schram, a well known jeweler of Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa. Mrs. Given is one of thirteen children born to William and Margaret

(Blaykes) Gordon, twelve of whom died in childhood. Her parents originally lived near Dublin, Ireland, whence they emigrated to America. Her father was a man of large means, and prominently identified with various transportation interests. Mr. Gordon died Aug. 20, 1881, aged sixty-two, and his widow passed away Aug. 4, 1884, in her fifty-ninth year, both in the religious faith of the Established Church. Mrs. Given's first husband, Mr. Schram, died in September, 1889, within five months after their marriage, at the early age of twenty-two years. A posthumous child was born, a daughter, Hilpa S., who lives with her mother and stepfather. Mr. and Mrs. Given are endowed with native refinement and culture, are unassuming in manner, affable and courteous to all, in every station of life. Their home is one of the handsomest in Columbia, and in it they delight to dispense a generous hospitality. Mr. Given's genial disposition has won and kept hosts of friends, while his sagacity and probity command universal respect.

PETER E. WITMER, a very well known and successful farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in East Donegal township Aug. 26, 1838, a son of Peter F. and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Witmer.

Peter E. Witmer was married Dec. 28, 1865, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth M. Strickler, by whom he had the following children: Noah S., a farmer in Penn township, married to Anna B. Snively, by whom he has had one son, Jacob, now deceased; Sarah S., unmarried, and living in Landisville, Pa.; Anna S., living with her brother, Jacob; Jacob S., a farmer of East Donegal township, who was married Sept. 6, 1900, to Mary Brubaker; Elizabeth S., Ellen S., Peter S. and Fanny S. are all at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth M. (Strickler) Witmer was born on the farm where they are now living Sept. 26, 1841, a daughter of Ulric and Sarah (Miller) Strickler, natives of Rapho and Strasburg townships, respectively. Her father died on what is now the Witmer home farm Nov. 17, 1864, at the age of sixty-three years; her mother survived until March 31, 1890, when she passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. Her father was buried in a private cemetery on an adjoining farm. This was the old Strickler farm, and is closely associated with the early history of the Strickler family. The mother was buried in Salunga, Pa. These were their children: Mary, the wife of Benjamin Herr, who has a home near Quarryville; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Witmer; Peter, who died young; Fanny, who died young; David, a farmer in Rapho township; Anna, who married a Mr. Horst, and is dead; John, a farmer in Manheim township; Sarah, unmarried, and residing in Salunga, Pa., as does her brother, Henry M., who married, in 1902, Martha Hover, from Lancaster City.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Peter E. Witmer were John and Anna (Lehman) Strickler, both

of Lancaster county, as were her maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Kramer) Miller.

Peter E. Witmer remained with his parents until three years after his marriage, when he rented a farm in Rapho township, on which he lived a year, and then for eleven years cultivated rented farms. At the end of that time he bought his present homestead, and has made himself a very creditable standing among the farming citizens of this end of the county. He and his wife belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and exert a wholesome moral and religious influence on those with whom they come in contact. In politics he is a Republican, and his opinions command respect because they are based on observation, and are the result of sound reflection.

CHRISTIAN ROHRER, deceased. There passed away from the scenes of life on June 18, 1897, in his seventy-ninth year, a citizen of Lancaster county whose life had been most usefully spent in his native county, and whose career was more than ordinarily successful. Christian Rohrer possessed those sterling traits of earnestness, industry and integrity which lie at the base of all true success, and in addition was a man of unusual intelligence and business sagacity, which contributed not a little in establishing his status as one of the influential citizens of Paradise township, where he spent most of his active adult life.

Christian Rohrer was born in Strasburg township Aug. 3, 1818, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Stoner) Rohrer, among the old and prominent residents of that section. He was reared in his native township, and soon after his marriage, when twenty-six years of age, he settled on a farm of 111 acres, located in Paradise township, three miles east of Strasburg borough, and there began a career which was continued most happily and successfully through a long course of years. Upon the farm was located an old saw and grist mill which had been operated by water power. Mr. Rohrer soon tore down this old mill and erected on its site the substantial milling plant which is still operated by his son, Henry S. This mill Christian Rohrer conducted in connection with farming, until he retired in favor of his son, Henry S., in 1877. He was eminently qualified for that industrial occupation, for he was one of those men, valuable products of American civilization, who possess mechanical genius of a high order. He took deep interest in public matters and for twenty years or longer was a member of the local school board. He was one of the early stockholders of the Strasburg National Bank and for years was one of its directors. His interest in the general welfare of the community and county was keen and his active aid contributed to the advancement of many worthy enterprises. About 1885 he took a trip to Missouri and there made large investments, which resulted satisfactorily. His keen insight into business affairs and his business judgment continued bright and unerring in his after years.

Christian Rohrer married, Dec. 28, 1843, Miss Maria Buckwalter, born Nov. 18, 1820, daughter of Martin Buckwalter, and to them were born the following children: Elizabeth, widow of John Bachman, of Strasburg township; Martin B., a resident of Strasburg borough; Henry S., whose sketch appears below; Emma, wife of William Homan, a resident of Chariton Co., Mo.; Elmira, at home; Ezra, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Mary, who died in September, 1899, the wife of John Stoner, of Chariton county, Mo.; Ada Susan, who died aged two and a half years; Ella, who resides at the old homestead; Ida, wife of Elias Mellinger, of Strasburg township. The parents of these children have been devoted and consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Christian Rohrer died June 18, 1897. His widow still survives.

HENRY S. ROHRER, son of Christian and Maria (Buckwalter) Rohrer, was born Jan. 12, 1848, in Paradise township, on the farm which he now occupies. He was educated in the public schools and also attended the academy at Strasburg for two summers. In 1877 he took charge of the home farm and mill, which his father had managed so successfully for many years, and he has since carried the business to greater proportions. The mills are fitted with the most approved machinery. They are equipped with both steam and water power, and the products include flour and grist, lumber, shingles, lath, etc. A large amount of work is turned out each year. In 1895 Mr. Rohrer built a large reservoir adjacent to the mill, which supplies it with power and is also used for ice making. He recognizes the importance of possessing the best and latest industrial appliances and his plant is a model in that respect.

Mr. Rohrer married, Jan. 8, 1877, Miss Annie M. Haverstick, who was born in Lancaster township in 1853, daughter of John N. Haverstick. A family of seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer, namely, Ross H., Mary Alice, John C., Frank H., Ezra (deceased), Anna M. and Henry G. Mr. Rohrer is one of the prosperous and successful business men of the county. His political convictions are deep and his courage and fidelity in their advocacy have won him influence and wide respect. He believes in the Prohibition principles and affiliates with the party advocating the same. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

ABRAHAM R. DENLINGER (deceased) was born Nov. 13, 1846, on the farm adjoining that on which the most of his active life was passed. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1898, in the home where his family still resides. His ashes were interred in the Resh burying ground, a well-known cemetery in Leacock township.

Mr. Denlinger was a son of Henry and Lydia (Resh) Denlinger, both natives of Lancaster county, and farming people. They were parents of the fol-

lowing family: John and Henry, both of whom are dead; Mary, the widow of George Funderburg, of Dayton, Ohio; Anna is the widow of Isaac Bright, also living in Dayton; Abraham R. The paternal grandparents of Abraham R. Denlinger were John and Elizabeth Denlinger, farming people, who were born in Lancaster county.

Mr. Denlinger was married in New Holland, Pa., Sept. 12, 1872, by the Rev. M. J. Mumma, to Susanna Groff, by whom he had one child, Fannie F. E., who is now a school teacher.

Mrs. Susanna Denlinger was born in Leacock township in 1850, and was a daughter of David and Fannie (Miles) Groff, of East Lampeter township, who lived at the time of her birth near Providence township. Her father was a justice of the peace for many years, and was a school teacher for a long period. Among his many useful labors was surveying for the community. He died in 1857, at the age of fifty-four years; his widow died in 1878, at the age of seventy-eight. Both were buried in Resh cemetery, in Leacock township. To them were born: Lydia, wife of Edwin Brenizer, a cigar manufacturer of Leacock township; Reuben, a resident of Leacock township; Isaiah, Amos and Solomon, all deceased; Susanna; Elias, a coach maker of Paradise township.

Abraham R. Denlinger followed farming until 1872, when he sold his place and gave up farming on an extensive scale. He located at Gordonville, Pa., where he had a small estate of six acres. He traveled for several years quite extensively. In 1890 he entered into business relations with the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, and became one of their agents.

In his politics he was a Republican, and held a creditable position in the community.

THOMAS BAKER, a retired farmer and surveyor of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born at Chatham, Chester Co., Pa., July 13, 1822, son of Lewis and Diana (Jackson) Baker, both of whom were born in Chester county, he in 1790, she a few years later.

Mr. Baker traces his ancestry back definitely to Sir Richard Baker, who was born in the county of Kent, England, in 1568, and died in February, 1644. He was the author of the "Chronicles of the Kings of England." His son, John Baker, born in 1598, died about 1672. They are first found in the North of England, where they were property owners in the fifteenth century, and in the seventeenth century were strong supporters of George Fox, and suffered imprisonment under Cromwell. About 1650 representatives of the family were at or near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. The first of the family to come to this country was

(I) Joseph Baker, born in 1630, son of John, before mentioned. He was of Shropshire, England. With his wife, Mary, he settled in Edgemont township, Delaware Co., Pa., in 1685, upon a large

tract of land. He was a representative from Chester county in the Provincial Assembly in the years, 1701, 1703, 1706, 1710, 1711 and 1713. He was a member of the Society of Friends. He died in 1716, and his will, dated Dec. 19, 1714, is in the register's office at Westchester, Pa. His children, all born in England, were: John, Sarah, wife of Thomas Smedley; Robert, and Joseph.

(II) Joseph Baker (2) son of Joseph, born in 1667, died in 1735. He married Martha Woodward, and they had children as follows: Richard, Aaron, Ann, Susanna, Jane, Jesse, Sarah, Joseph, Rachel, Nehemiah and John.

(III) Aaron Baker, son of Joseph (2), was born in 1701, and died in 1783. He married Mary Edwards, and they had six children: John married Hannah Pennock in 1747. Mary married Thomas Carrington in 1752. Martha married John Clayton in 1753. Esther married William Chalfant. Aaron is mentioned below. Samuel lived in West Marlboro township, Chester Co., Pa., where he founded a branch of the family.

(IV) Aaron Baker (2), the great-grandfather of Thomas, was born in 1729, in Chester county, where, in 1759, he married Sarah Hayes. They reared the following family: James (who settled near Coatesville, Chester county, where his descendants still live), Nathan, Elisha, Levi, Joshua, Aaron, John, Hannah, Mary, Rachel and Sarah.

(V) Aaron Baker (3), grandfather of Thomas, was born in Chester county in 1767, and died there in 1853. He married Hannah Harland, also a native of Chester county, and their children were as follows: Lewis, the father of Thomas; Reuben, who married Mary Davis; Susanna, wife of William M. Davis; George, who never married; Jacob, who married Lydia Lamborn; Thomas, who married Ann Rakestraw; Samuel, who married Mary Rakestraw; Aaron, who married M. Ottey; Harland, who married Hannah Eastburn; and Hannah, unmarried.

(VI) Lewis Baker, father of Thomas, was born in 1790, in Chester county, and in 1820 married Diana Jackson. They settled near Chatham, Chester county, and were farming people all their lives, becoming quite prosperous, and adhering strictly to the Quaker faith. Mr. Baker died in 1835, leaving his widow and three sons. The sons bought a tract of land in Colerain township, on which Thomas Baker was located, the mother remaining in Chester county, where she died in 1853. Thomas was the eldest child; Lewis, the second son, married Mary Greenfield, and located on a farm near the old homestead in Chester county, where he died in 1846, leaving a widow, who still lives on the old home; Robert A. died when a young man.

Thomas Baker was well educated in the public schools of Chester county, and for twenty years was a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster and Chester counties, pursuing that profession long



Thomas Baker

after his marriage. In 1840 he commenced to study surveying, preparing for that work under Jonathan Goss, at Unionville Academy, Chester county, and it has been his main occupation during most of his active life. He has surveyed over 650 farms in Lancaster and Chester counties, as well as land in Virginia, and made his best survey in 1902, when almost eighty years of age.

Thomas Baker was married in June, 1855, to Miss Eliza, daughter of James and Abigail Jackson, prominent residents of Lancaster county. Mrs. Baker was born in Chester county, in May, 1834, and was for a number of years a teacher in Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Baker began married life on a farm in Colerain township, where he erected a brick house and a frame barn. There they remained until 1879, when the present handsome brick house on one quarter of the farm was built, in which they have since resided. He is leading a quiet and retired life, doing, however, some little tasks in surveying. His son Lewis has charge of the farm. Mrs. Baker, while on a visit to her son in Philadelphia, in 1893, took cold, and died in that city, her husband and four children, out of a family of seven born to them, surviving: (1) Abbie, born in 1856, married Howard Brinton, a farmer of Colerain township, and died leaving two sons, Thomas B. and Lewis B. (2) Allison, born in 1858, married Miss Anna Maule, of Colerain township, a daughter of J. Comly and S. Emma Maule, and is living on his farm in Sadsbury township. (3) James E., born in 1859, was graduated from the State Normal School at Millersville, and is now principal of the Friends Central School, Philadelphia; for some twelve years he has followed teaching very successfully. He married Miss Emma MacIntyre, of Philadelphia, and they have had six children: Walter, born in 1886; Ralph, 1888; Jeanetta, 1889 (deceased); Marian, 1891; Edna, 1895; and Eugene, Jr., 1897. (4) Xanthus, born in 1863, married Della Girvin, of Colerain township, and resides on his farm near Union, in that township; they have three children: Arthur, born in 1893; Eliza, 1894; and Victoria, 1896. (5) Lewis, born in 1864, died in childhood. (6) Lydia, born in 1872, died in childhood. (7) Lewis, born in 1870, was a student at the Millersville State Normal, married Miss Kate Girvin, of this county, and they reside at the family homestead, he being manager of his father's farm. He has one son, Richard Veryl, who was born in April, 1897.

Thomas Baker has always been a Republican. He has never aspired to political station, though he was once elected school director in Colerain township, when it was strongly Democratic. He and his family are devout adherents to the Quaker faith, to which their ancestors have been committed. Mr. Baker and his wife took a trip to Europe, visiting England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and all of the German states, spending much time in many places of interest. Thomas Baker is a man esteemed

by his neighbors for his many good qualities and excellent character, and in disposition he is a man of warm heart and kindly feeling. He is a man of considerable learning, and is a Latin and French scholar. While in England he purchased a book published in 1548, a commentary on the wars of Europe (in Latin), which he prizes very highly.

HARRIS A. GLATFELTER, one of the prominent and leading agriculturists of East Donegal township, was born in Codoras township, n York county, Nov. 17, 1833, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Aerman) Glatfelter, who came to Lancaster county in 1857, settling in East Donegal township; there the former died in 1875, at the age of seventy-six and the latter in 1878, at the same age, both of them having been consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Glatfelter were: Margaret, wife of John Walters, deceased; Zacharias, deceased; Isabella, who married John Smyser, and lives in Marietta; Maria, residing in Harrisburg; Matilda, the widow of Michael Lehart, residing in Lancaster; Harris A.; Martin, a resident of Mt. Union, Pa.; Elizabeth E. married James L. Jacobs, of Abilene, Kan.; Malinda, married to Ed. Bowen, of Philadelphia; Kate, unmarried, in Philadelphia; and Samuel, who is a retired hotel manager of Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Glatfelter remained with his parents during childhood and young manhood, and from early youth showed a willing and ambitious spirit, endeavoring by work for the neighboring farmers to assist his poor parents. As early as 1851 he worked in the York mill factory, going from thence to the Strickler mill, also in York county, where he remained for a year; then he went back to the town of York and entered the steam mill, remaining four years, going next to a mill near Berlin, in York county, where he remained another year; for six months he worked at Highspire, Pa., going from there to Columbia, where his brother-in-law gave him employment in hauling for a few months; but finally he went into the Stauffer mills at East Donegal, where he remained for the following two years, and then operated the Summy & Heaston mill, in Rapho township for two years more.

By this time Mr. Glatfelter was tired of mill life, although a most efficient and capable workman, so he came to his present farm and for four years operated it on shares for his father-in-law, at the end of which period he returned to milling, taking charge of Musselman's mill, on Big Chickies, remaining for four years. In 1870 he returned to the farm and has since given his time to an agricultural life. For five years he was the township supervisor, filling the office most acceptably.

In Elizabethtown, in 1860, Mr. Glatfelter was married to Elizabeth Hollinger, and to this union was born Horace H., who married Emma Baustick, and is a farmer of this township, with one child,

Irvin B. Mrs. Glatfelter was born on the farm where she died in 1886, at the age of fifty-two. Her parents were John and Elizabeth (Brandt) Hollinger. In 1889 Mr. Glatfelter was married, in Columbia, to Barbara Weaver, and one child was born of this marriage, Ella G. Mrs. Glatfelter was born in East Donegal township, a daughter of Godfrey Weaver, and died Dec. 4, 1897, at the age of thirty-seven.

Mr. Glatfelter is well and favorably known through the county, is a prominent Republican, socially is connected with the O. U. A. M. and the K. of P., and is considered a representative and substantial citizen.

JACOB DENLINGER was one of those men of quiet force and character who help to mold and elevate the communities in which they live. He was a life-long resident of Paradise township, Lancaster county, and for thirty-four years was a deacon in the Mennonite Church, of which from boyhood he had been an earnest and consistent member. He was a man of excellent business abilities and was one of the substantial and influential citizens of the township, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was, however, decidedly domestic in his tastes and through life cultivated his well-improved farm of 103 acres. He married Miss Annie Brubaker, and to them came a family of fourteen children. We have record of: Mary, who died in childhood; Annie, wife of John L. Kreider, of Chariton county, Mo.; John B., a farmer of Paradise township, whose sketch appears below; Abraham B., a retired farmer of Strasburg borough; Lizzie, wife of Tobias Leaman, of Leacock township; Tobias, a farmer of Drumore township; Benjamin, deceased, who was a farmer of Leacock township; Hattie, wife of Christ Mamery, of Paradise township; Mattie, wife of Esaias Kling, of Leacock township; Amos, a farmer of Paradise township; Henry, retired, of Lancaster; and Aaron, a farmer of Soudersburg. Jacob, the father, died in 1884, aged seventy-three years. His wife died at the age of sixty-two years.

JOHN B. DENLINGER was born in Paradise township, July 17, 1838. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the neighboring public schools. In the spring of 1861 he located on the farm which he still occupies, a well cultivated property of 141 acres, situated three miles east of Strasburg. Here he followed farming successfully until the spring of 1893, when he retired from active life, though since continuing to reside on the farm. He has made many improvements on the place and has been one of the most progressive farmers.

Mr. Denlinger was twice married. His first wife was Miss Lizzie Shaub, of West Lampeter township, daughter of Henry Shaub. By this marriage there were four children, Jacob, Henry, Mary and the latter's twin sister, who died in infancy. Jacob married Ella Eby, and they have one child, Elsie. He occupies and cultivates the home farm in

Paradise township. Henry is also a farmer of Paradise township. He married Elizabeth Eby, and has three children, Lloyd, Annie and Lottie. Mary is unmarried and is now matron of the Philadelphia Mennonite Home Mission. She has spent four years as one of the workers of the Chicago Home Mission. The mother of these children died in 1875. For his second wife John B. Denlinger married Jan. 1, 1878, Susan Buckwalter, widow of Israel R. Buckwalter. She was born in East Lampeter township, Sept. 15, 1837. By this second marriage there were two children, Sue B., at home, and an infant, deceased. Mrs. Denlinger had two children by her former marriage: Luetta, wife of John K. Lefever, of East Lampeter township; and Phares Buckwalter, a resident of Leacock township, who married Miss Anna Leaman and has four children, Mary, Earl, and Leon and Lila, twins. Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger are worthy and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church and the family are among the influential and highly respected residents of Lancaster county. Mr. Denlinger has served for many years as auditor of Paradise township and has also been supervisor. He has been prominent in the administration of local affairs, has kept in close touch and sympathy with the best interests of the community and been ever ready to assist any cause or enterprise for the general good.

JAMES K. DRENNEN, a substantial citizen of Fulton township, Lancaster county, is classed among the justly esteemed men of his neighborhood.

Mr. Drennen was born in Chester county, Pa., July 23, 1830, and is of Irish and Scottish origin. He is a son of William and Mary (Boyd) Drennen, who were married in 1820, and had children as follows: Mary Jane, born Nov. 20, 1821; Ebenezer, Aug. 30, 1823; John M., Oct. 20, 1825, residing in Wrightsville, York county, as a retired farmer; William C., Jan. 26, 1828, living in York county; James K., July 23, 1830; Helena, Sept. 23, 1835, residing in York county; David D., Jan. 1, 1838, deceased; Margarette E., July 25, 1839, deceased; and Walker, twin of Margarette, residing in York county. The father of this family was born in Chester county in 1796, and his wife was born in 1798.

James K. Drennen married Miss Martha Isabella Reed, of Fulton township, Jan. 5, 1858. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McKillough) Reed. Mr. and Mrs. Drennen have had the following children: Elizabeth K., born Oct. 23, 1858, the wife of William J. Ankrum, of Drumore; Winfield Scott, born Sept. 23, 1861, who married Miss Belle Ankrum, and lives at home; William Lincoln, born Aug. 15, 1864, at home, unmarried; Clement R., born Aug. 29, 1868, deceased; Harry J., born April 10, 1873, a merchant in Fairmount, Lancaster county, who married Miss Winona Shoemaker, of Fulton township; Ada M., the youngest, born April 5, 1877, and died in 1890. Mrs. Drennen died April

14, 1890. She was a good Christian woman and a kind mother.

Mr. Drennen was reared on the farm and started out in life for himself when but fifteen years of age. In 1847 he came to Lancaster county with his parents, who settled on the place he now owns. Mr. Drennen owns two good farms, the home place, comprising 190 acres with good improvements, and a fifty acre place in Drumore township. Politically Mr. Drennen is a strong Abraham Lincoln Republican, and believes in the party as it was under the guidance of the martyred President; he is a leading citizen in his community, having served in almost all the local offices in Fulton township—judge of elections, school director, supervisor of roads and township auditor. Mr. Drennen is a member of the Presbyterian Church and was one of the pioneer organizers of Sabbath-schools in the township. In 1847 his brother, John M. Drennen, organized the first Sunday-school of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, and James K. Drennen served as superintendent. He organized and superintended afternoon Sabbath-schools at Eldora Station, Fairview Shops, Cherry Hill School House and at his own home, and all these exerted a strong moral influence. Mr. Drennen's life is an illustration of the proverb, "A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children."

SAMUEL E. LANE, the genial landlord and proprietor of the "Millway Hotel," belongs to one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county. His grandfather, Abraham Lane, was commissioner of the county and lived and died there. He was a farmer and followed that occupation all his life. He married Miss Anna Long, by whom he had four children, viz.: Andrew L., a farmer of Oregon, Pa.; Abram L., of Lititz, a retired farmer; Matilda, the wife of John B. Earl, a retired citizen of Lititz; and Amelia, who married Samuel Bare, both being now deceased.

Andrew L. Lane, father of Samuel E., was born in Manheim township about 1840, and has followed farming all his life, with the exception of a short time when he lived retired. He has been very active in politics, and is a stanch Republican. He held the office of school director for some years. Mr. Lane married Miss Barbara B. Erb, of Warwick township, and they became the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. The others are: Abram E., a merchant in Clay township; Samuel E.; Elmer E., a farmer of Millway; Cameron E., a dentist; Harry E. and Clyde E., at home.

Samuel E. Lane was born in Manheim township, Nov. 9, 1866, and remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education in the common schools, at the Millersville Normal, where he spent one term, and at Weidler's Business College, of Lancaster, from which latter he graduated. He then began life for himself, farming one year in Neffsville, whence he moved, and six years

on his father's farm in Millway. After this he purchased the hotel at Millway, of which he is now the proprietor. He has won a substantial place among the men of Millway by his honorable methods and hearty spirit, and he has proved his loyalty to local interests on many occasions. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the office of school director for nine years.

Mr. Lane wedded Miss Ann Mary Landis, daughter of Jacob R. and Susan Landis, and to this union have been born two children, Samuel L. and Anna B., both at home.

ROBERT GIRVIN. At the little settlement of Iva, located in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Robert Girvin has been for many years a merchant. He was reared in that vicinity and possessing decided business talents and tastes, he has there developed and exercised them, becoming one of the prominent citizens of the township and one of its benefactors.

Mr. Girvin is named from his grandfather, Robert Girvin, the emigrant, who founded the family in Lancaster county. Some time between the years 1776 and 1780 the latter left his native heath in County Derry, Ireland, and settled in Lancaster county, locating later in Paradise township, about one-half mile west of what is now Iva post-office. Here he purchased a tract of fifty acres, upon which he devoted himself to farming during the balance of his active career and where he lived to the ripe old age of ninety-three years. He married Miss Mary Smith, a native of Lancaster county, by whom he had a family of nine children, as follows: James, the father of Robert; William, a farmer of Lancaster county; John, a farmer of Lancaster county; Samuel, a farmer of Lancaster county; Daniel, a speculator of Lancaster county; Isaac, a farmer, merchant and justice of the peace; Annie, who married Samuel Rissler; Margaret, who married Peter Niedick; and Sarah, who married Samuel Bowers. Robert and Mary Girvin, the parents, were members of the Presbyterian Church, as were also their children.

James, the eldest, was born in Paradise township in 1797. He was there reared to manhood and there engaged for life in agricultural pursuits, owning and operating a farm of about 100 acres, and was one of the substantial citizens of the county. He married Miss Nancy Keene, of Eden township, and to them were born the following children: Mary, widow of Benjamin Winters, of Iva; Isaac, a farmer of Paradise township, now deceased; John, a resident of Paradise township; Henry, a farmer of Bart township, now deceased; Samuel, a resident of Paradise township, a lime burner near the Gap; Anna, a resident of Iva; Robert; and Elias, a resident of Lancaster. James, the father of Robert, lived to the age of seventy-one years, and his widow survived him six months only.

Robert Girvin was born on the farm in Paradise

township, June 2, 1837. He was reared on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools. Deciding upon a mercantile career, he spent three years as a clerk and then at the age of twenty-five years he began business on his own account. He was engaged in a general store in Georgetown and later in Strasburg, and in 1868 he started in business as a general merchant at Iva, where he has ever since continued successfully, starting out in business with a general line of goods and so continuing ever since, building up a steady and an increasing trade and becoming one of the representative and public spirited men in that part of Lancaster county, ever ready to lend his aid and influence in the furtherance of enterprises for the public good. In 1884 he secured the location of the post-office, made the name of Iva, and has ever since remained the postmaster. In politics Mr. Girvin affiliates with the Democratic party, and he has served as justice of the peace in Paradise township.

He married, in 1865, Miss Abbie Hamsher, daughter of Anthony Hamsher and a native of Strasburg township. To Robert and Abbie Girvin have been born a family of nine children, namely: Sally; Charles, who married Miss Hattie Hart and is a merchant of Williamsport; Jesse, who married Helen Daly and is a clerk for H. K. Mulford & Co., of Philadelphia; Mary, wife of Albert Althouse, of Quarryville, and mother of one child, Joe; Joe, who is the assistant in his father's store; and four who died in infancy. Mr. Girvin is a member of the Reformed Church of New Providence, and Mrs. Girvin is a member of the Lutheran Church of Strasburg.

MILTON L. WEAVER, one of the enterprising and successful farmers and business men of West Hempfield township, was born in East Lampeter township, this county, Feb. 29, 1860, son of Isaac and Catherine (Barr) Weaver. The father, a prosperous farmer, retired from the old homestead in Lampeter township in 1883, and resided in Lancaster city until his death, Oct. 27, 1887, at the age of sixty-eight years. He is buried at Longenecker's meeting-house, in West Lampeter township. His widow, who was born in 1822, is now a resident of Leola. They were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. To Isaac and Catherine Weaver were born the following children: Mary, wife of John F. Girvin, a farmer of Leola; Joseph, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Aaron, a farmer of Manor township; Benjamin, a farmer of Manor township; Milton L., of West Hempfield township, of whom we are particularly writing; Lillie, who died young and Ephraim E., a farmer of Manor township.

Milton L. Weaver was reared on his father's farm, receiving his education in the neighboring schools. At the age of seventeen years he engaged in farm work with his brother Joseph, with whom he remained ten years. He then began farming for himself in Pequea township, and there conducted the

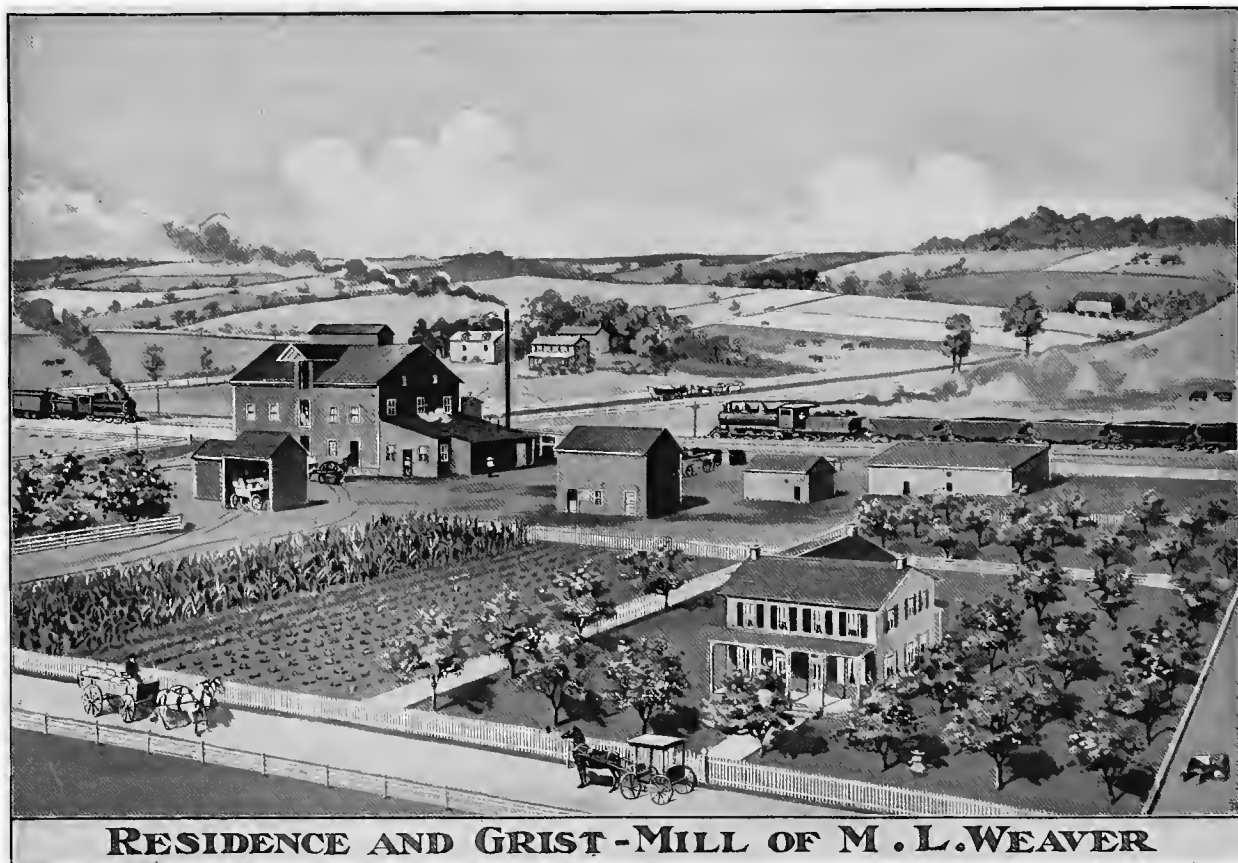
farm successfully until 1898, when he purchased his present place in West Hempfield township, the property known as Swarr's siding, where he conducts a general line of business in coal, flour, grain, feed, straw, salt, fertilizers, etc. The mill was erected by Harry Swarr in 1886. It is of fifty-horsepower capacity, and its product includes all kinds of feed. Mr. Weaver ranks among the leading young citizens of West Hempfield township.

Mr. Weaver was married, in 1889, at West Willow, Pequea township, to Miss Cecilia Christ, and to them have come four children, three sons and one daughter, namely: Isaac, Frank, John and Mary. In politics Mr. Weaver is a Republican. Though comparatively young in years he has prospered notably in a business way, combining ripe judgment with industry and progressiveness of action. He is awake to modern improvements in method, while he clings to the sterling principles of the past, and he has thus exemplified in his career the best type of success. He is highly esteemed by his wide circle of acquaintances for his many most estimable qualities.

HENRY STAUFFER MUSSER, late of the firm of Musser & Miller, lumbermen and manufacturers in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in his present home July 16, 1820, a son of Jacob and Martha (Stauffer) Musser, natives of the same township. Jacob Musser was a farmer by calling; he died in December, 1831, at thirty-two years of age, the father of six children, viz.: Henry S.; Anna, deceased wife of Rev. H. N. Graybill, a Dunkard preacher and a farmer; Elizabeth, who died young; Martha, widow of Lewis Lindermouth, of Marietta; Jacob, who also died young; and Abraham, who is living in retirement in Marietta.

Mrs. Martha Musser, who was born August 13, 1802, was next married to John Miller, a farmer, and to this union were born four children, viz.: John, of whom a biography is printed on another page; Joseph, the junior member of the firm of Musser & Miller, whose biography will also be found elsewhere; Isaiah, deceased; and Sarah, wife of John Conley, a retired banker of Lancaster. John Miller, the stepfather of Henry S. Musser, did quite an extensive business as a lumber manufacturer in addition to farming, and operated the mill, afterward owned by Musser & Miller, until his death in 1867, at the age of sixty-one years. Mrs. Martha (Musser) Miller survived until 1885.

Henry Stauffer Musser lived on the home farm until the death of his father, when he went to West Hempfield township and for five years lived on the farm of an uncle, Rev. Hostetter, a Dunkard minister; he then returned to his mother, who by this time had re-married, and lived in the old homestead again until he had reached his majority (1841), when he was awarded his share of his father's estate, which he invested in connection with his stepfather in the lumber business. In 1863 he was



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joined by Mr. Miller in the business which he conducted so successfully up to his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1901, when he was aged eighty years, six months and one day.

Mr. Musser was married in July, 1847, in East Donegal township, to Miss Anna M. Greisinger, and six children crowned this union, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Johnson, of Philadelphia; Stephen, who married Mary Sellers, but is now deceased; Frank, who was killed in December, 1867, when he was thirteen years of age, by a pile of lumber falling upon him in his father's yard; Ada, married to Dr. John J. Steiner, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Stanton, of Columbia, married to May Grier; and Lincoln, member of the firm of Johnson & Musser Seed Co., who married Emma Pomeroy. Mrs. Anna M. (Greisinger) Musser was born Oct. 3, 1828, in Rapho township near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Jacob and Anna M. (Lindersmith) Greisinger, of East Hempfield township and Mt. Joy respectively. Jacob Greisinger was a coachmaker by trade and also followed farming, but lived retired for several years prior to his death, in 1868, at the age of seventy-five years. His widow survived until 1873, when she died at the age of eighty. They were members of River Brethren Church and their remains were buried in the Florin cemetery. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Barbara, widow of Christopher Sherrick, of Mt. Joy; Stephen, a farmer of Rapho township; Anna M., Mrs. Musser; and Sarah M., deceased wife of Henry Gish. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Musser were Stephen and Mary (Brubaker) Greisinger, the former of whom was a farmer near Landisville.

Henry S. Musser, in addition to his lumber business, owns considerable land, which he laid out in town lots, besides other valuable property in close proximity to Marietta borough. He was a director in the First National Bank of Marietta, and also in the Marietta Turnpike Company. He was very well preserved for his years, and seldom had occasion to use spectacles. In politics he was a Republican, and for six years served as county prison inspector. In religion he was a Dunkard, and bore an unblemished reputation for integrity, both in private and business life.

DAVIS A. BROWN, of Fulton township, may be well classed among the prominent and substantial men of Lancaster county. He was born in East Earl township, this county, near Terre Hill, Aug. 28, 1830.

Nathan B. Brown, his father, was born in Susquehanna county, Pa., in 1796, and came to Lancaster county when a young man. He died in East Earl township in 1864. In 1818 he married Miss Susannah Gabel, of Berks county, Pa., and they had eight children: Mary A., who is the wife of Isaac Foltz, of Terre Hill, Pa.; W. W. (deceased), an attorney in Lancaster for many years; George W.,

a resident of Philadelphia; Isaiah (deceased), who was a doctor for many years; Davis A.; Levi B., a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Phianna, the wife of Oliver Stephens, of Michigan; and Samuel H., deceased.

Garrett Brown, the grandfather of Davis A., was a native of Susquehanna county. He had the following family: Nathan B., Thomas, John, Robert, Garrett, Margaret and Johnson, of whom the last named still lives in Davenport, Iowa. The old Garrett Brown family founded the town of Brownsville, in Canada, and some of its members became very wealthy. The family is of Irish stock.

Davis A. Brown married Miss Rachel Patton, of Fayette county, Pa., Nov. 24, 1857. She is a daughter of Thomas Patton, who was of English origin, and who married Emma Harris. They had eight children, namely: four boys—J. Harris, of New York City, an author and historian of note, numbering among his works a history of the United States; R. Johnson, deceased; J. Finley, who lives in the family homestead in Fayette county, Pa.; and Thomas, a real-estate man of Greensburg, Pa.; four daughters—Rebecca Finley, deceased; Sarah, wife of S. W. Boyd, ex-sheriff of Fayette county; Harriet, widow of E. F. Houseman, editor of the *Greensburg Herald*, living at Greensburg; and Rachel. To Mr. and Mrs. Brown have been born the following named children: W. T., the present able district attorney of Lancaster county; Anna R., wife of I. Haines Dickinson, a general merchant, of Quarryville, Pa.; Mary, wife of Ira H. Herr, a real estate dealer at Lancaster; Dr. B. L., a druggist and practicing physician at Philadelphia; Clara L., wife of Davis Gillespie, superintendent of mining in West Virginia; Ada, a teacher in the public schools; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Westerhoff, of Ephrata, proprietor of silk mills; and Hampton H., the youngest, a druggist in Philadelphia.

Davis A. Brown was educated in the public schools, for a time taught in the schools of the county, and has been director of schools for his township. In 1866 he received the appointment, under President Johnson, of revenue assessor for the 9th district, Lancaster county, Pa., which office he administered with ability and justice. He is a strong Republican in politics, and religiously is associated with the Presbyterian Church. He is the present justice of the peace of Fulton township, having been once appointed by the Governor and twice elected to that incumbency. Mr. Brown bought his present 200-acre farm in the above named township in 1862. The Brown family is one of the most prominent in the county. The Squire has a family of which he may well be proud, while he himself is one of the most popular and beloved men in his community.

JACOB B. WISSLER, now living retired in the village of Lititz, descends from one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.

The first member of this branch of the Wissler family in America sailed with his wife from Germany to Philadelphia in 1720. On the voyage, together with other able-bodied men on the vessel, he was impressed into the naval service by a man-of-war. His wife continued the journey to Philadelphia, where he joined her on the expiration of his term of service. She was employed by a farmer of Germantown and he also took service with a farmer in the same locality, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Andrew Wissler, their son, removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he entered the employ of Jacob Groff, an extensive farmer in what is now Clay township. In 1767 he married the only daughter of his employer, and in this way became the owner of the old Groff homestead, which was taken up in 1724 by John Jacob Groff, father of Jacob. It was divided into four farms by Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, but has ever since remained in the Wissler family. Andrew had two sons, John and Jacob, the former of whom died unmarried.

Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, was born in Clay township in 1778, and was one of the successful farmers of that section, giving his entire attention to agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1850. He had accumulated a fine property at the time of his death, owning four farms. He was one of the old Mennonites of the county. Jacob Wissler in 1800 married Miss Anna Ely, and they were the parents of ten children: Andrew, a farmer and merchant, who died in Michigan; Jacob, the father of Jacob B.; Christian, a miller and farmer; Ezra, a farmer of Clay township; Magdelina, wife of Jacob Landis of Ephrata township; Levi, a farmer and tanner; Samuel, a miller of Canada; Mary, wife of Levi Erb; Catherine, deceased; and John, a tanner, who died in Virginia.

Jacob Wissler was born in Clay township in 1803. He, too, followed farming extensively until one year before his death, when he retired. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Barbara Bomberger, and to them were born five children: Anna, wife of Christian Hess; Jacob B.; Martha, wife of Samuel R. Hess; Mary, wife of Peter B. Rohrer; and Levi, who died when eight years of age.

Jacob B. Wissler was born in Clay township, Sept. 4, 1828. He lived at home until he was twenty-six years of age, during his boyhood attending the common schools. He began life for himself at farming, in Clay township, on one of his father's farms, where he remained twenty-two years, after which he purchased the place where he now resides, and on which he has made extensive improvements; his home is in the village. Mr. Wissler is engaged to some extent in raising tobacco, though he is practically retired. In politics he is a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some years. Mr. Wissler was married Sept. 5, 1854, to Miss Anna R. Brubaker, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Brubaker, and to this union have been born five

children, two of whom died in infancy, and one in childhood. Joseph is a farmer of Clay township. Lizzie is the wife of Christian B. Resser. Mr. and Mrs. Wissler are both members of the Old Mennonite Church. They enjoy the good-will and esteem of all who know them, and Mr. Wissler has always been regarded as one of the representative substantial citizens of the community.

EMANUEL F. HOSTETTER, one of Manheim's most active and enterprising business men, as well as one of its representative citizens, is a native of Lancaster county, born on the Hostetter homestead in Penn township, May 24, 1835, and a son of John and Elizabeth (Forney) Hostetter, now deceased, the former having died in 1865, the latter in 1867.

John Hostetter was a son of Jacob Hostetter, a Mennonite minister, was born and reared on a farm in Penn township and throughout life followed farming. He was also one of the heaviest cattle dealers of his day, and for twenty years was engaged in that business, buying his stock in the West and shipping it to Lancaster county for distribution. He was also one of the most progressive men of his time, was instrumental in securing the building of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad through this section, and became a heavy stockholder in it. For years he was a director in the Lancaster County National Bank, and was one of the organizers of the Manheim National Bank, of which he was also a director. During the '50s he divided his farm between his two sons, John and Ephraim, and purchased the Manheim mill from John Bosler, which he conducted for some ten years, at the same time owning and operating a mill and distillery near Liverpool, Perry Co., Pa. About 1860 he retired from active life and lived quietly in Manheim until his death. Politically he was at first a strong Whig and later a Republican. He was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Stauffer, by whom he had three children: Henry S., a resident of Penn township, Lancaster county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of J. L. Stehman, of Lititz; and Sarah, widow of Daniel Grosh, of the same place. The father's second wife was Miss Elizabeth Forney, a daughter of John Forney, who lived near Brownstown, and to them were born five children, namely: Emanuel F.; Benjamin, who died in childhood; John F., a farmer, now deceased; Ephraim, who has been proprietor of "Hotel Superior" in Chicago, Ill., since 1890; and Maria, deceased wife of John Kurtz.

Emanuel F. Hostetter was reared on the home farm until fourteen years of age, and attended the public schools of the neighborhood, completing his education, however, by one term at Lititz Academy. Coming to Manheim at the age of fifteen, he entered the store of John Schaeffer as clerk, and remained in his employ two years, at the end of which time he went to Lancaster and worked eighteen months for David Bear, a merchant of that place.

Having a desire to see something of the country, he then went west to Illinois, and located in Freeport, where he spent eight years, clerking in a dry goods store two years. For one year he was engaged in the grain business with Joseph S. Brubaker and John Slott, as a member of the firm of Slott, Hostetter & Brubaker; for two years he conducted a grocery establishment, and then engaged in the real estate business for the remainder of his stay in Freeport. In 1860 Mr. Hostetter returned to Manheim, Pa., but for one year operated his father's mill in Perry county, this State. Since then he has made his home permanently in Manheim and has been prominently identified with its business interests. He established the first coal yard here, but after conducting it one year he sold out to a Mr. Kline; the yard is now owned by B. H. Hershey. He was next engaged for two years in mercantile business at Lancaster, under the firm name of Hostetter & Bruner, selling out at the end of that time in order that he might settle up the estates left by his father and father-in-law. After two years devoted to that, he embarked in the manufacture of brick at Manheim, opening in 1865 the second yard established here, and he has since engaged in that business. From 1867 until 1899 he also conducted a store in Manheim, carrying a line of clothing, hats, caps and gents' furnishing goods, but in May of the latter year he disposed of his stock. Since 1885 he has been interested in the livery business in Manheim, and for the past quarter of a century has engaged in the cultivation of tobacco. He is a good type of the energetic, wide-awake and progressive man.

In 1858 Mr. Hostetter was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth A. Ensminger, a daughter of Samuel Ensminger, who at that time was treasurer of Lancaster county. Three children were born of this union, but two died in infancy. Venetta, the only one now living, is the wife of H. C. Stauffer, teller in the Manheim National Bank.

Religiously Mr. Hostetter is a member of the Reformed Church; socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is a stanch Republican. He keeps abreast of the times and is thoroughly up-to-date in all respects. As a citizen he ever stands ready to discharge any duty that devolves upon him, and gives his support to every enterprise for the public good.

JOSEPH K. NEWCOMER, a progressive farmer of Manor township, with his home on his neat farm of thirty-six acres three miles southeast of Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on the homestead of which he now owns a part, Nov. 18, 1834, and until twenty-six years of age he devoted his services to his parents and then began operations on his own account on his present property.

On Nov. 18, 1860, Joseph K. Newcomer married Miss Elizabeth Rohrer, daughter of Rev. Ephraim Rohrer, of Manor township. This lady died

in 1867, leaving two children, Ephraim, a miller, now in West Hempfield township, and Emma, wife of Amos Doerstler, of Manor township. Joseph K. Newcomer next married, in 1872, Miss Elizabeth Seitz, daughter of Rev. George Seitz, of Manor township, and this union has also been blessed with two children: D. Vernon, a prominent school teacher of Elizabethtown; and Harry S., married to Miss Ella M. Warfel, a school teacher of Conestoga township and a daughter of Aldus C. Warfel, of Millersville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Newcomer is a devoted and consistent member of the Mennonite Church, to which he has always given freely and cheerfully of his means, and he has ever been one of the leading and progressive farmers of his township, his surroundings giving ample evidence of his thrift and excellent management. No man in the township is more highly respected, and no one is more justly entitled to the esteem derived from a long and useful life in the community.

JAMES WOOD. Among the representative families of Lancaster county none have stood in higher public estimation through generations than that of Wood. Far back in the time of William Penn the emigrant ancestor of the family started from his home, in Lancashire, England, with his wife and sons, William and Joseph, to find a home with other Quaker families in Pennsylvania. On the passage another son was born, who was named Richmond.

Joseph Wood was a son of Thomas and his children were Thomas, Joseph, Jesse, Lydia, Elizabeth, David, John and Day, and of this family, Jesse became the grandfather of James, of this sketch. By a first marriage Jesse Wood had two sons, John and Day; and by a second marriage, one son, James.

James Wood was born July 17, 1821, and died Aug. 9, 1894. In 1845 he was married to Mercy M. Carter, who was born Nov. 29, 1822, and who still resides in Little Britain township. This union resulted in the birth of eight children: Alfred, a farmer in Fulton township; Susan, the wife of Elwood H. Townsend, a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; Jesse, a farmer in Little Britain township; Mary, deceased wife of Davis E. Allen, a farmer of Avondale, Chester county; Lucretia, who is the wife of John W. Smedley of Chester county; Lewis, a farmer of Little Britain township; Ida, who died unmarried; and James, of this biography. Sketches are also given of Alfred, Jesse and Lewis. James Wood was one of the leading men in his part of Lancaster county, most highly esteemed both in public and private life. For many years he was the president of the Farmers National Bank of Oxford, was county commissioner, and one of the most public-spirited citizens of his part of the State. During a great part of his life he was the administrator of many estates and the trusted guardian of children. Every duty was performed with the integrity of

character for which he was so well known. No more respected man ever lived in Little Britain township than the strict Quaker, James Wood. His descendants are many and worthily represent the stock from which they have sprung.

James Wood, the son, has been a farmer all his life. He is one of the present auditors of the township and an active Republican of the locality. His farm is one of the best and most valuable in the vicinity and displays evidences of the prosperity and good taste of its occupants.

The first marriage of James Wood was to Philena C. Boyd, on Jan. 11, 1887, a daughter of William C. Boyd, of Martic township, and her death occurred Sept. 28, 1892. His second marriage was to Elizabeth K. Fite on March 24, 1896; she was born Dec. 14, 1860, and was a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Fite, of Little Britain township. Samuel Fite was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, was born in 1825, and now resides with his daughter and her husband. The mother was born March 24, 1824, and died Jan. 27, 1892. Both James and Elizabeth K. Wood are consistent members of the Society of Friends and are among the most hospitable and highly esteemed residents of Little Britain.

SLATER F. BROWN, of Fulton township, Lancaster county, was born March 28, 1841, son of Elisha and Rachel W. (Bradway) Brown. The family is of English stock. The father was born Dec. 12, 1814, and died in 1859. The mother was born Dec. 21, 1818, in Chester county, Pa., and their marriage occurred in 1840; five children were born to them, as follows: Slater F.; Mary E., wife of William Pugh, of Chester county; Thomas B., a banker and real estate dealer in West Chester, Pa.; Charles H., deceased; Walter W., cashier of the West Grove National Bank, and a much esteemed citizen of West Grove, Chester county, who died Feb. 6, 1902.

Slater Brown, the grandfather of Slater F., was one of the leading citizens of his time. He was a brother to Hon. Jeremiah Brown, a district judge of Lancaster county, and a member of Congress from 1840 to 1844. Slater Brown was the father of four children: Elisha (the father of our subject), Rachel, Jeremiah and Mary, all of whom are deceased except Mary, who now resides in Lancaster City.

Slater F. Brown married Miss Charlotte M. Howell, daughter of John Howell, of Philadelphia, and this marriage has been blessed with the following children: Lawrence F., born July 30, 1872, unmarried and in business in Atlantic City; Thomas C., born Aug. 5, 1874, who died at the age of twenty-five years, unmarried; Rachel W., born June 7, 1877, residing at home; Charles H., born Sept. 14, 1881, unmarried and living in Philadelphia; Merton E., born May 16, 1885. The mother of this family was born Jan. 14, 1851.

Mr. Brown owns a fine farm of 115 acres, well improved and stocked, which is in a high state of

cultivation, showing every evidence of care and good management. In political sentiment Mr. Brown is a Republican, but he has never desired or sought to hold office. He is a member of the Society of Friends, is an honored and highly esteemed citizen, and because of his many excellent qualities his friendship and acquaintance is sought by all the best men in the community.

SAMUEL MONTEBACH MYERS, for years head of the firm of Myers & Rathfon, the leading clothiers of Lancaster, now head of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., because of the retirement of Mr. Rathfon, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family, both paternally and maternally. His grandfather, Jacob Myers, was born in Lancaster county, and passed his entire life here.

Frederick Myers, the father of Samuel M., was a well-known tailor of Manheim. He married Elizabeth Montebach, a native of Warwick township, this county, and a representative of a pioneer family. Eleven children blessed this union, four of whom are living: Margaret, widow of William Thatcher, of Newtown, Rapho township; Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Scholl, of Lancaster; Andrew, a grain dealer of Turon, Kans.; and Samuel M., whose name introduces this sketch.

Samuel Montebach Myers was born in Newtown, Rapho township, Oct. 11, 1824. His education was received in the schools of the district. Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, young Myers became an apprentice to the dry-goods business in Columbia, and from there went to Mt. Joy, where for a time he was salesman in a store. He then entered trade on his own account, as a member of the firm of Arndt, Bechtold & Myers, continuing thus until he was elected by the Republicans of Lancaster county to the position of clerk of the Orphans' court, when, with his wife, whom he had married in Mt. Joy, he came to Lancaster, where he has since resided. After serving intelligently and faithfully in the office mentioned, Mr. Myers bought out a clothing store in Lancaster, and at the end of the first year associated with himself, as partner, Jacob Rathfon. This partnership existed for an ordinary lifetime, and was far more than ordinarily successful. For a time the firm carried on the clothing trade in Center Square, and then built the large and elegant establishment at No. 12 East King street, at that time one of the most notable business structures in Lancaster, and even in these days of fine industrial mercantile structures in the city equalled by few of the finest buildings.

Politically Mr. Myers has always been an earnest, stanch and devoted Republican, and in recognition of his devotion to party principles and party interests he was elected county commissioner for three terms (in addition to clerk of the Orphans' court), served a term as member of the common branch of the city councils from the old Northeast



Samuel M. Myers

ward, and was strongly urged by thousands of Republicans for member of Congress from this district, and also for mayor of the city.

Mr. Myers has been twice married. His first wife was Anna Mary Dysart, daughter of the late Robert Dysart, ex-coroner of Lancaster county. By this union seven children were born, three of whom are living: Ella C., wife of A. W. Hime, who is in the clothing business in Reading; Margie, wife of Walter W. Hollinger, superintendent of the real estate department of Myers & Rathfon, and now a member of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., and Anna Bertha, at home. The mother of these died in January, 1899, and in November, 1900, Mr. Myers married Miss Cornelia Christie, of Cecil county, Maryland.

Associated with Mr. Rathfon Mr. Myers has built fully one hundred dwelling-houses in Lancaster, including his own elegant home on North Duke street, and the substantial and commodious store building on East King street. Besides all this property, Mr. Myers owns a handsome cottage at Ocean Grove, where he has spent his summers for the past thirty years, and is a member of the board of control of the Ocean Grove Association. In religious circles he is an enthusiastic worker, and is a trustee and class-leader of the First M. E. Church of Lancaster. He was not only one of the promoters, but he contributed one-tenth of the entire cost, of the magnificent new church on North Duke street. He was at one time a member of the board of managers of the Landisville Camp Meeting Association; was twice delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist church, and served as a member of the board of stewards of the Philadelphia Conference for some years. Indeed, there is no more earnest, more liberal or more prominent Methodist in the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to his church work, which next to the devotion to his family is the mainspring of his life, Mr. Myers is a Knight Templar in Masonry, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and vice-president of the Lancaster Trust Co. In brief, there is no name in Lancaster more widely known or more greatly respected than that of Samuel M. Myers.

JOSEPH P. AMBLER. In every locality where agricultural life is at its best, may be found a number of most estimable citizens, who, after lives of unusual activity, have settled down to enjoy advancing years in ease amid the comforts which their early industry has provided. One of the fine farms near Goshen, Pa., in Fulton township, Lancaster county, is owned and occupied, although no longer operated, by such a man, Joseph P. Ambler.

The Ambler family is one of those which has materially assisted in the settlement and development of the State of Pennsylvania. Some time early in the last century three brothers of this name came from across the Atlantic, one of whom, Edward, became the founder of the family in Lancaster county,

and from this ancestor came: Andrew, Edward, William, Elizabeth, the wife of John Rutter, and Ann, the wife of Israel Chills.

William Ambler, the father of Joseph P. Ambler, was born in 1789, and died in 1862, after a most exemplary life, filled with generous and benevolent deeds. In 1817 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Penrose, who was born in Bucks county, Pa., and both she and her husband were through life consistent members of the Society of Friends. They reared a family of eight children: Adaline, who was born Nov. 26, 1818, and married James Smedley, of Fulton township, both deceased; Joseph P., mentioned below; Owen, born June 10, 1822, deceased; Thomas E., born in 1824, who died March 27, 1894; Louis and David, who died in childhood, in Montgomery county; Edward and Ann, twins, born in 1827, in Drumore township.

Joseph P. Ambler was born Jan. 18, 1820, a son of William and Elizabeth (Penrose) Ambler, the former of whom was a native of Montgomery county, and the latter of Bucks county, Pa., of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His education was received in the best schools afforded by the time and place, and he was brought up to the duties of farm life. In those days the greater part of the labor was done by hand, much of the machinery now in use having never been yet thought of, so that when young Joseph started out to make a career for himself, it was with but seventy-five cents in money, but with a large and complete knowledge, gained through experience, of the management of crops and the raising of cattle.

Spending his money to enable him to cross the Susquehanna river, Joseph Ambler sought farm work, soon found it, and so honest and industrious was he and so thorough was his knowledge, that he was soon able to command higher wages than were paid to less useful workers, and here he laid the foundations of a fortune, unusually large to have been acquired through industry alone. A consistent member of the Society of Friends, he has never engaged in speculative enterprises, and stands before his community specially honored and esteemed. His present possessions comprise two excellent farms in Fulton township and one in Martic township, aggregating 250 acres of valuable land, all of these being improved with commodious barns and comfortable dwellings; a fine mill property, which is of considerable value; while aside from these he has some \$20,000 at interest. Joseph Ambler is also financially interested in the Quarryville National Bank, at Quarryville, Pa., being both a director and a stockholder, and he is one of the leading men in all of the important and progressive enterprises of his locality. As a proof of his substantial position, if proof were needed, Mr. Ambler is the largest tax payer in Fulton township.

In 1848 Joseph P. Ambler was married to Elizabeth Smedley, who was born in 1824, and died April 10, 1890; she was a daughter of Eli Smedley,

a farmer of Fulton township. Seven children were born to this union: Leander, who died in childhood; Lydia, who also died in childhood; Laura, who married Alfred Jewell, of Chester county; Alva, born March 8, 1860, who died Sept. 7, 1881; Sarah, who married Walter P. Reynolds, of Oxford, Pa.; Eli, who died in infancy; and Charles, who married Lulu Scott, of Little Britain, and resides on the home farm.

In politics Mr. Ambler has been a consistent member of the Republican party, and throughout his life has exerted his influence in favor of law, order and good citizenship. A man of temperate habits, he has set an example to those who follow him. No citizens are more thoroughly representative of the best agriculturists of his county than himself and son, and none are more highly esteemed.

JOHN W. SHOWAKER, a prominent farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Paradise township, Aug. 7, 1842, a son of John and Margaret (Ryland) Showaker, both of whom were natives of Montgomery county, where he was born in 1793, and his wife in 1798.

John Showaker was a son of Godfrey Showaker, who was born in Germany and settled in Montgomery county, where he and his wife died, leaving a family of three children, John, Henry and Catherine. Henry died unmarried in Montgomery county. Catherine married John Brooker and settled in Germantown, where she died, leaving a family of children.

John Showaker was married in Montgomery county in 1832. He came to Sadsbury township, where he was engaged some years as a farmer. Then he moved into Paradise township, and he lived there until 1848. That year he bought the present farm home of his family near Nickel Mines, in Bart township. There he made substantial improvements, put up a brick house, connecting with the house already built, and there he remained until his death in 1858. He left a widow who died in 1881. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and led honorable and upright lives. In politics he was a Whig. They had three children. (1) Catherine was born in Montgomery county in 1820, and was reared in Lancaster county, where she married James Martin, of Bart township. He was a civil engineer, and had a home in Germantown, where both died, she in 1896 and he some years previously. (2) Laura, born in 1821, married James Brown, of Bart township; they are now living in Georgetown, Lancaster county, and have one son, J. W., who is married, and settled on a farm in the same county. (3) John W.

The mother of John W. Showaker before her marriage was Margaret Ryland, a native of Montgomery county. She was a daughter of Andrew and Phoebe (Burkett) Ryland, who came of English parentage, and were old settlers of Montgomery county, dating back to Revolutionary times.

John W. Showaker received his education in the home schools, and remained at home with his parents as long as they lived, succeeding to the possession of the farm. He has continued farming to the present time.

John W. Showaker was married in Jan., 1874, to Kate A., a daughter of James P. and Anna (Manahan) Russell. The Russell family has been long and favorably known in Lancaster county. James Russell, was born in Carlisle, Pa., in 1814; he was a saddler by trade, and carried on business in Georgetown, until his death, Jan. 1, 1888. His wife, who is still living in Georgetown, was born in Bart township in 1820. Her parents, James and Rebecca Manahan, were also natives of this county. James and Anna Russell had the following children: Phillip, a resident of Genesee, N. Y.; Kate A., wife of John W. Showaker; Rebecca, at home unmarried; James M., in Georgetown; Daniel H., at home; Henrietta D., at home.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Showaker settled at the old home, and to them have come five children: Margaret Showaker, unmarried, at home; James R. Showaker, at home; John, who married Miss Martha Rice, a lady of Bart township, lives at the home of his father, and has one daughter, Elsie; Anna and William are unmarried and at home. Religiously this family has been very largely connected with the Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Showaker is a Republican.

John W. Showaker is a well-to-do and prosperous citizen, and is highly spoken of among the people of this township, where his industrious and useful life has been passed for so many years.

WILLIAM S. MARTIN, in his lifetime a prominent farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born there May 8, 1832, his parents being Samuel and Jane (Rankin) Martin. The Martin family has long been associated with the history of the county, and its various representatives have been people of character and worth.

Samuel Martin was born near the present home of the family in 1795, and his wife, Jane Rankin, in Chester county, the preceding year. Her parents were James and Susannah Rankin, and their home was in Highland township, Chester county, where they took a prominent place in the community. He was a sturdy advocate of temperance in an early day, and is remembered as among the first to banish liquor from the harvest field.

Samuel Martin was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Martin, who came from Ireland, and settled in Colerain township, where they became the parents of four children; James, Samuel, Isabella, and Sarah who married William Mackey. The last-named had three sons, who became Presbyterian ministers, James, Elkana, and William. James Mackey was a missionary to Africa, and died in New London, Chester county.

James Martin married Eliza Morrison, and set-

tled on the old home farm in Colerain township, where he died in 1857, leaving a family of children, all of whom have removed to other sections of the country. Samuel Martin settled on a part of his father's estate, where he died in April, 1865. His widow, Jane Rankin, died Nov. 17, 1876. They were stanch Presbyterians, and were active supporters of their faith. Mr. Martin was a strong anti-slavery man, and he and Abner Davis, at one time were the only ones in that section to vote the Anti-slavery ticket. In after years he was a strong Republican. Samuel Martin and wife left four children. (1) James R., who was born in 1829, died in 1850, unmarried. (2) William S. (3) Elijah, born in 1834, married Miss Lydia Thompson, and settled on the old homestead in Colerain township, where he died in 1893; his wife died in Aug., 1874. They left seven children: Samuel, living near Christiana, Lancaster county; Sarah, a resident of Philadelphia, and unmarried; Mary, married to Benjamin Carter, of Sadsbury township; Ella, a teacher of Lancaster county; Belle wife of Reese Evenson, of Smyrna, Lancaster county; Harriet, married to Callie Scott, of Christiana; and Susan, deceased. (4) Susanna, the only daughter of Samuel and Jane Martin, was born in March, 1836, and married John Coulter, a farmer of Bart township by whom were three children: the eldest Rankin Martin, married to Anna Long; Elizabeth, married to Robert Lesley Patterson; and Mabel, at home.

William Martin, whose name introduces this article, was a student at the select school of Thomas Baker, as well as in the public schools of Colerain township. He was married March 17, 1857, to Joanna, a daughter of Christopher and Mary Quigley Davis.

Christopher Davis was born in this county in 1805, and his wife Mary Quigley Davis was born in Chester county in 1807. They were married in May, 1829, and settled on a farm in Colerain township, where they spent their lives. Mrs. Davis died at this home in 1840, and he passed away in April, 1865, leaving four children. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a stanch Republican, and a strong temperance advocate.

Of the children of Christopher Davis and wife, (1) Joanna was born in April, 1831, and received her education at Kennett Square, in the Ladies Seminary, and at the State Normal in Millersville. She became a teacher and for eight years taught in the public schools of Lancaster and Chester counties. (2) Elizabeth, born in Aug., 1834, married John McGowan, of Lancaster county; they settled in Sadsbury township, where she died in 1867, leaving two children, Elva and Joanna, who married William Thompson, who is now dead. (3) John James born in 1837, was reared in Lancaster county, and when a young man he went to Ohio, where he married Miss Barbara Kirkwood. They live in Caldwell county, Mo., where he is a leading stock dealer. They have

one son, William S. (4) William died in young manhood.

William Martin settled on the present home of the family, shortly after his marriage. In 1859 he put up a home, and later constructed enlarged barn and shed accommodations. Here he died in Aug., 1893, leaving a widow and seven living children, two dying in childhood: (1) R. Finney, born at the old family homestead in 1858, married Miss Effie Gibson, of Chester county, and lives on his farm in Chester county. His wife died, leaving him three children: Virginia, Chester and Roy. The second Mrs. Martin was born Rebecca Lewis, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of one child, Thomas. (2) Martha K., born in Colerain in 1860, married George Moffatt and now resides in Scranton, Pa., where he is engaged in business as an electrical engineer. (3) Elizabeth B. Martin, born in 1863, was educated in the Millersville State Normal with her sister Martha, and lives at home, unmarried. (4) Jane K. Martin was born at the present home of the family, and is still at home unmarried. (5) Arrabell R. and (6) May died with diphtheria, in childhood. (7) Thaddeus S. Martin, is unmarried, and is a clerk and bookkeeper in a business house in Philadelphia. (8) Joseph Davis, born at the family home, is single, and has charge of the home farm. (9) Maud Martin, born in 1877, attended the State Normal in Chester county, from which she was graduated in the class of 1897, and after teaching five years in the public schools of Delaware county, married Robert Treat Hogg, son of William H. and Esther (Hastings) Hogg, of Colerain, Lancaster county.

Mr. Martin and his wife were connected with the Presbyterian Church.

DAVID MYERS, one of the leading men of Strasburg township, is a worthy representative of one of the old settlers of Lancaster county. Grandfather John Myers, with his estimable wife, Polly (Creamer) Myers, came many years ago from his home in Germany and settled in this county, becoming one of the large landholders and successful farmers, and leaving behind them, at death, the record of worthy lives. Most especially was Grandmother Myers, who lived a beautiful life for eighty years, beloved by the community for her deeds of neighborly kindness, and her loving care over the children who ever found in her a sympathetic friend. She survived her husband thirty years, and was the devoted mother of these children: Sophia, who died unmarried; Sally, who married Henry Reminskey; Polly, who died unwedded; Fannie, who married John Graham; John, a farmer of Strasburg township; Frederick, a farmer of Bart township; David; and Benjamin, who died early.

David Myers, father of the subject of this biography, was always a farmer of Eden township, where he became a man of property and prominence, and faithfully served as township supervisor, being

trusted and esteemed by his fellow-citizens. His marriage had been to Mary Homsher, who lived to the age of fifty-one, and became the mother of ten children: Abraham and Eliza, twins, the former now a resident of Lancaster City, the latter deceased at the age of twenty-one; Samuel, a farmer of Eden township; Jacob, a resident of Eden; Mary, deceased, the wife of John Johnson, also deceased; Fannie, the widow of Jacob Readman, a farmer of Bart township; Margaret, late wife of Robert Swisher, deceased; David; Henry, deceased, a farmer of Bart township; Julia, the youngest, the wife of Dr. Keeley, of Georgetown, in Bart township.

David Myers (2) was born in what now is Eden township, on April 11, 1828, a son of David and Mary (Homsher) Myers. He was brought up on his father's farm in early boyhood, and was educated in both subscription and public schools. At the age of sixteen, as his services were not needed at home, he engaged with neighboring farmers at work, by the month, his father receiving his wages until he was twenty-one. When David Myers started out for himself, he continued to engage in agricultural labor, finding plenty of employment, both by the day and by the month, and soon accumulated money which he wisely saved, using it at a later date in the purchase of land. When about twenty-five years old he married, and then purchased a small farm in Strasburg township, but he later disposed of it, first renting and then purchasing the farm upon which he has since resided. This farm became Mr. Myers' property in 1872; it contains sixty-five acres of very valuable land, and here he followed general farming, with such excellent results that in 1896 he was able to retire from active life and enjoy the rest earned by a long season of industry.

The marriage of David Myers took place Dec. 14, 1852, to Mary A. Wirth, a daughter of Powell Wirth. She was born in 1826, in Germany, where she lived until the age of nine; she died Jan. 22, 1899, the devoted and unselfish mother of a family of eleven children. (1) Henry, born in Sept., 1853, is a farmer of Chester county, Pa., married Clara Edwards, and has these children, David, Aaron, Mary, Mattie, Benjamin, Harry, Allan and Elias. (2) John, born in Sept., 1856, is a farmer of Paradise township, married Frances McCleary, and has these children, Harry, Annie, David, May, Lizzie, Ada and Frank. (3) Elam, born in March, 1858, is a carpenter, residing in Lancaster City, married May Keeley, and has these children, Estella, Paul, Iva, Helen and Jerome. (4) Annie, born in March, 1859, married Jacob Weaver, of Bart township, and has these children, Mary and Ross. (5) Mattie, born in August, 1863, married George Wirth, a farmer of Bart township, and has these children, Annie, Mary, Kate, John, Martha, Sadie, George, Gertrude and Clayton. (6) Katie, born in March, 1866, married John Burkholder, of Strasburg borough, and has two children, Jacob and Edna. (7)

Elias, born Oct. 13, 1867, lives on the farm where he and all his children were born. He married Mary Snyder, and has these children, Nettie, Aaron, Ross, Clarence, Maud and Anna Mary. (8) Sarah, born in Sept., 1870, married Henry Kreider, a farmer of Bart township, and has three children, Elva, Frank and Blanch. (9) Margaret was born Jan. 2, 1862, and died the following August. (10) David was born in May, 1860, and died May 13, 1864, just four years old to a day. (11) Louisa, born April 5, 1865, died Aug. 6, 1865.

Surrounded by his numerous descendants, Mr. Myers is almost like a patriarch of old, and it doubtless gives him much comfort and satisfaction to know that the greater number cling to the old religious faith in which he and his beloved wife so carefully reared them. For many years he has been a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church, and is most highly esteemed and respected, while the whole family is regarded as one which fairly can be said to represent the best class of citizens in their part of Lancaster county.

JACOB LINDEMUTH ZIEGLER, M. D., has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine in Mt. Joy for a period of fifty-eight years, though of late he has given over the more arduous work to his son, who has been in partnership with him for some time. There has been no more appreciative witness to the many changes which have taken place in Lancaster county during his long life than Dr. Ziegler, and he has given practical and substantial encouragement to many of the most important improvements.

The Doctor was born Nov. 17, 1822, in East Donegal township, this county, at the old family home on the banks of the Susquehanna river, a little west of Rowenna. He is of Swiss ancestry in the paternal line, his great-grandfather, who was one of the earliest white settlers in Manor township, having been a native of the "Mountain Republic." Conrad and Magdalena (Schock) Ziegler, grandparents of the Doctor, were born in Manor township, and after their marriage settled in East Donegal township, where they passed the remainder of their days. He was a farmer by occupation. Their children were Mrs. Henry Strickler; Jacob; Mrs. Lewis Lindemuth; Martha, Mrs. Joseph Strickler, of York county; and Conrad, who married Miss Schoch. Mr. Ziegler died in 1831, his wife in 1826, and their remains rest in Peck's cemetery, in East Donegal township.

Jacob Ziegler, the Doctor's father, was born in Manor township and passed the greater part of his life in East Donegal township, where he engaged in farming until he retired, some seven years before his death. He was a successful man, accumulated a comfortable competence, and was one of the directors of the Lancaster County Bank. He married Barbara Lindemuth, a native of East Donegal township, who survived him, passing away in 1873,



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at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. His death occurred in Maytown in 1870, when he was aged eighty-six. Both are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Maytown. Mrs. Ziegler was a member of the Lutheran Church. Of the children born to this worthy couple, David died when two years old. Martha, now residing in Maytown, is the widow of Dr. Shireman, of East Donegal township. Jacob L. is the subject proper of these lines. Barbara (deceased) was the wife of John S. Mann, who is a farmer of Manor township. Anna married M. M. Hoffman, of East Donegal township. Mrs. Barbara Ziegler was descended from German stock, her grandfather having been a native of Germany, whence he emigrated to this country in 1764, settling in East Donegal township, where he was one of the earliest pioneers. He engaged in farming. Peter Lindemuth, Mrs. Ziegler's father, was born in East Donegal township, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Wolfe. Mr. Lindemuth followed farming there until he retired, shortly before his death, which occurred in 1830. He and his wife passed their last days in the home now occupied by Dr. Ziegler, and they are buried in Mt. Joy cemetery. Their family consisted of seven children, Jacob, Peter, Barbara (Mrs. Ziegler), Christiana (Mrs. Long), John, George and Lewis.

Jacob L. Ziegler lived on the farm until he was thirteen years old, and received his early instruction in the local public schools. Thereafter he pursued his literary studies in Rev. Mr. Simpson's Institute, at Marietta, John Beck's Academy, at Lititz, and the Mt. Joy Institute. He taught school one season, in 1839-40, and in 1840 took up the study of medicine, reading with Dr. Nathaniel Watson, of Donegal Springs, for the next four years. Meantime, in 1842-43-44, he also attended lectures at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1844. He continued with his preceptor until Aug. 5, that year, when he came to Mt. Joy, where he has ever since remained. Dr. Ziegler has always enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens, in both professional and private life, and he has been the recipient of many honors, especially in medical circles. He is a valued member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, of which he was twice elected president; a member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of which he was elected vice-president in 1879, and president in 1881; a member of the Society of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia, of which he has been president five terms, and is still serving, having been re-elected in November, 1901; a member of the Pathological Society, Philadelphia; and of the American Medical Association. Since 1886 the Doctor has been surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railway Company.

In 1862 Dr. Ziegler was sworn in as a private in Co. E, 10th P. V. I., and sent to Hagerstown, Md., where he was detailed in his professional capacity. He returned home after a few weeks' serv-

ice. The Doctor holds membership in the G. A. R.

Though his duties as a general practitioner over a wide field have been arduous, Dr. Ziegler has found time to indulge his literary tastes, which have taken him particularly into the field of history and genealogy. In this connection he is a zealous member of the Lancaster Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the Presbyterian Historical Society, the Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, and the Forestry Society, and he is a recognized authority in local history. His chronicles are reliable, and well set forth. Since 1875 the Doctor has been collecting data for a history of Donegal Church, which has been recently published. In 1880 he was honored by Lafayette College with the degree of A. M.

Dr. Ziegler has attended the Donegal Church since 1840, and has been on the membership list since 1845. He is an elder at present and has never shirked his part in the benevolent work of the congregation. Though not particularly active in public affairs, at any rate as an office holder, the Doctor served two years, 1861-62, as burgess of Mt. Joy. He is a Republican in political sentiment. All in all, he has played a useful part in the community where his lot has been cast, and he has commanded the highest esteem from all with whom he has been associated.

On April 18, 1848, Dr. Ziegler was married, at his present home in Mt. Joy, to Miss Harriet B. Patterson, who was born in Rapho township, this county, daughter of Col. James and Mary (Watson) Patterson. They were natives, respectively, of Rapho and East Donegal townships, and passed their latter days retired in Mt. Joy, dying in the home now occupied by Dr. Ziegler. Mrs. Ziegler passed away July 9, 1900, in her eighty-third year, and her remains rest in the Donegal Church cemetery. She was the mother of the following named children: James P., M. D., who practices with his father; Walter M. L., M. D., of Philadelphia; J. Stanley, who is in the Government employ at Washington, D. C.; Thomas M. B., ticket, freight and express agent at Luray, Va.; and Mary R., who died at the age of eight years. The sons are all unmarried.

CHRISTIAN EBY, deceased. The Eby family is one of the oldest and best known in Lancaster county, and among its noted representatives a century ago was Bishop Peter Eby. Christian was the second son of this well known bishop and was born on the homestead at Eby's Curve in Salisbury township, Aug. 22, 1795. He was a life-long farmer and remained on a portion of the old homestead until 1847, when he removed to Strasburg township and there spent the remainder of his life, dying in 1877, aged eighty-one years. He was a man of superior mental and moral attainments, though quiet and unostentatious in manner. Before the free school system was established he took a deep interest in the cause of education and served in the ca-

capacity of trustee. But though public-spirited, progressive and the strong advocate of law and order, he was content to live his own quiet, individual life, and did not seek public office nor public prominence. When a young man he married Miss Rebecca Witwer, a native of Earl township, daughter of David and Mary (Rife) Witwer. To Christian and Rebecca Eby were born a family of twelve children, namely: Mariah, widow of Henry Brackbill, residing in Paradise township, south of Leaman Place; Margaret, who died unmarried, at the age of seventy-two years; David, who resides on the old homestead in Strasburg township; Elizabeth, unmarried; Levi, a resident of Lancaster city; Rebecca, wife of Henry Rohrer, of Hagerstown, Md.; Samuel, a sketch of whom appears below; Benjamin, a resident of East Lampeter township; Catherine, wife of Emanuel Neff, a resident of Strasburg township; Emanuel; Peter, who was killed in childhood; and Anna, who died in infancy. The parents were devout members of the Mennonite Church.

SAMUEL EBY, son of Christian and Rebecca Eby, was born April 19, 1834, in Salisbury township. He was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common schools of Salisbury and Strasburg townships. At the age of twenty-two years he began his own individual career by taking a farm in Strasburg township to work on shares. Later he purchased from his father a farm of 117 acres in Bart township. This he operated for a period of six years, when he sold it and removed to Nottoway county, Va., purchasing a farm there and occupying it for ten years. Returning to Lancaster county, he re-engaged in farming, locating first in Strasburg township and managing the J. F. Herr farm for two years. After one year spent on a farm in East Lampeter township, he moved to the old Eby homestead at Eby's Curve, where he resided for seven years. He then removed to the B. J. Leckler farm, north of the Gap, where he remained for five years. Making public sale of his effects, he spent one year on a small farm of twelve acres and then in 1896 came to Paradise village and engaged in the coal, feed and lumber business, as partner in the firm of Buckwalter & Eby. Three years later Mr. Buckwalter, the junior partner, withdrew and Mr. Eby's son became associated with him, the firm name changing to Eby & Son. The business was established by Adam K. Witmer & Bro., about the time the Pennsylvania road was completed. The present firm do a general warehouse business and Mr. Eby gives it his entire attention. He possesses superior business ability and moreover possesses that broad view of life which looks to the general weal of the community in which he lives. He is one of the most public spirited men in this part of the county, and not only gives passive assent, but active and influential co-operation to enterprises and measures for the public good.

He is highly respected for his many estimable qualities and ranks high in influence and worth.

He married in January, 1856, Miss Mary Ann Esbenschade, daughter of Adam and Mary (Kreider) Esbenschade. Mr. and Mrs. Eby are the parents of three children, Kezia, Phares E., and Elizabeth. Kezia is the wife of Henry Pickel, who conducts the stage line between Lancaster and Paradise and resides at Paradise Village. Phares E., associated with his father in business, was married first to Hettie Snavelly, who died without issue; second, to Salinda Hershey, who left one son, Franklin H.; and third, to Mary Ann Rutt. Elizabeth is the wife of Henry S. Denlinger a farmer of Paradise township. They have four children, Lloyd, Annie, Lottie and Irvin. Mr. and Mrs. Eby and their family are members of the Mennonite Church.

ALEXANDER K. MORRISON, a highly respected citizen and excellent farmer of Lancaster county, resides on his farm of 107 well-improved acres, in Little Britain township, at King's Bridge, and was born in Colerain township, Sept. 30, 1837. His parents were Alexander W. and Margaret (McCommon) Morrison, natives of the same township, but of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

Great-grandfather Gabriel Morrison came to Lancaster county and bought a large tract of land in Colerain township; his son, also Gabriel, married Ann Love, the three children of this union being, Thomas L., Alexander and Julia Ann.

Alexander W. Morrison was born in 1796 and died in 1872. In 1823 he was united in marriage to Margaret McCommon, and eight children were born to this union. Ann Eliza is the widow of Vincent King, of King's Bridge, and the capable housekeeper for A. K. Morrison. She was born in 1824 and her living children are: Elizabeth, the wife of Emmerson Walton, of Colerain township; Vincent, of Colorado; Laura, the wife of John Furniss, of Little Britain; Horace, of Christiana; Joseph M., of California; and Thorwald, of Philadelphia. James M. is a resident of the State of Oregon, a minister in the Presbyterian Church. Joseph B. is a resident and practicing physician of Missouri. The life of Alexander K. is given below. Samuel W. died in 1890; the other three children died in infancy.

Alexander Kinkade Morrison grew to young manhood on the farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of his locality. In August, 1862, he testified to his loyalty to his country by enlisting as a volunteer in the 122nd P. I., and took part in some of the fiercest battles of the Civil war, notably, Fredericksburg, the second battle of Bull Run, Chancellorsville and the Potomac campaign, being honorably discharged in May, 1863. Having escaped both imprisonment and injury, Mr. Morrison returned home and resumed farming, closely applying himself to the line he had chosen. His present fine farm is well improved and bears testimony to his

excellence as a farmer, while the respect in which he is held by the community speaks for itself as to his upright character as a citizen.

In politics Mr. Morrison is an active Republican; he served as deputy coroner from 1882 to 1885 and again from 1893 to 1900. He took the census in 1890 for his township, Little Britain; in 1902 he was elected school director for the same township. He is a leading member of the Union Presbyterian Church in Colerain township. Fraternally he belongs to the G. A. R. post, and enjoys talking over the times of stress with comrades who, like himself, were not found wanting when their country's call came. Mr. Morrison has never married, his beloved sister giving him loving care and doing the honors of his hospitable home.

HENRY N. EBY, a general farmer of the township of West Hempfield, Lancaster, was born where he is now living Aug. 16, 1837, a son of Jonas and Veronica (Nissley) Eby, who were born in Elizabeth and Rapho townships, respectively, and came in 1826 to the farm on which Henry N. is now living.

Jonas Eby was engaged from 1820 to 1826 in the milling business on the Little Conestoga river. In 1846 and 1847 he operated the Chiques Valley mill. A man of considerable importance in the local affairs of his time, he served as school director for many years. Born March 14, 1799, he died Oct. 11, 1884. Mrs Veronica Eby was born June 21, 1798, and died Oct. 30, 1839. The father was buried at the Landisville Meeting House cemetery, and the mother on the old Nissley farm. They were members of the Mennonite Church. His standing in the business world is evident from the fact that he served several years as a director of the Union Bank of Mt. Joy. Their children were: John, who is a retired farmer of Lancaster, Pa.; Fanny, late wife of Martin Peiffer, of Salunga, Pa.; Elias, a retired farmer of East Donegal; Samuel, a retired merchant of Mt. Joy; Simon, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Amos, died unmarried in 1860; Henry N. Both father and mother were twice married. Dec. 12, 1819, Jonas Eby was married to Veronica Nissley, and Nov. 12, 1863, to Martha Strickler, who died in West Hempfield township, Aug. 7, 1876, at the age of sixty years and almost eight months. She was a daughter of Abraham Strickler, of Lancaster county, who married a Miss Hostetter. Mrs. Veronica (Nissley) Eby, was first married to Abraham Hoover in 1815, and there was born to them Nancy, who was twice married, first to John Bossler, and then to Daniel Kreider, and who is now dead.

John and Mary (Witwer) Eby, the grandparents of Henry N. Eby, were both born in Elizabeth township in this county, and were farming people. The grandfather followed milling along with his farming labors. John Eby died May 25, 1845, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife, who died

Aug. 25, 1856, was eighty-three years old. They were buried on the old homestead where their long and useful lives had been passed. Born to this union were: Catherine; Jonas; Mary; Rebecca; Elias, who married Elizabeth Erb; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Risser; Levi, who married Anna Nissley; Anna, who married Samuel Hershey.

The paternal great-grandparents of Mr. Eby were Christian and Catherine (Bricker) Eby, who spent their lives on the old homestead, in the township of Elizabeth, where both were born. Christian Eby was the son of Christian, and the grandson of Theodorus, the pioneer settler of the family in this part of the state. Theodorus Eby was a noted man in the family records. The son of Bishop Jacob Eby, he was born in Switzerland in 1663, and, because he was a devoted Mennonite, was compelled to leave his native country in 1704 to escape unendurable persecution. For about eleven years he made his home in the "Palatinate," Germany, but here persecution was quite as severe as at home, and with other co-religionists he left for Philadelphia, Pa. in the spring of 1715, and some time in August of the same year effected a settlement in Lancaster county, where he lived until his death, in the full enjoyment of that liberty that seemed denied elsewhere through all the world. He died Dec. 11, 1737, leaving four sons and one daughter, as follows: Peter; Hannes; Jacob; Christian; Elizabeth, who married Hannes Baehr. The sons were all skilled in the mechanical arts of the day, and it is a matter of tradition that their father built an important mill with no other assistance than they were able to render him.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Eby were Bishop Samuel Nissley, of Rapho township and Anna Mumma, of West Hempfield township. Bishop Nissley was married three times, to Barbara Greider, to Anna Mumma, and to Maria Longnecker.

Henry N. Eby was twice married, first in 1860, in Lancaster county, Pa., to Mary Franck, becoming by this marriage the father of the following family: Daniel, who died of diphtheria in 1871; Amos F., a farmer in East Donegal township, who married Anna Reist; Fanny, who married Simon E. Garber, of West Donegal township; Jonas, who died at the age of seven months; Levi, a farmer, who married Kate Stauffer, of East Donegal township; Anna, wife of Elias Lindemuth, a farmer of East Donegal township. Mrs. Mary (Franck) Eby, who was born in Warwick township, died Jan. 3, 1876, at the age of thirty-five years, and was buried in Landisville; she was the daughter of Christian and Catherine (Snyder) Franck. Her father was the son of Deacon John Franck, of Warwick.

The second marriage of Mr. Eby occurred Nov. 6, 1878, in Manheim, Pa., when he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hostetter, and there were born to this marriage, Henry and Elizabeth, twins,

and David, all living at home. Elizabeth (Hostetter) Eby was born near Manheim, Pa., Sept. 1, 1841, and was a daughter of David and Maria (Peiffer) Hostetter, both natives of Penn township, where they lived and died. David was the son of Bishop Jacob Hostetter, who passed his entire life on the old homestead of the family in Penn township, a pioneer settler of Lancaster county. They came from Switzerland about 1712, and were Mennonites in the home country.

Mr. Eby has spent his life on the farm where he is now residing, and is one of the prominent and well-to-do people of the county. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and for ten years served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Amos F. Eby, son of Henry N. Eby, a general farmer of East Donegal, and a member of the Paragon Fruit and Nut Co., of Lancaster county, is a man of much push and energy; he was born on the farm of his parents, Oct. 4, 1864. Henry N. and Mary (Frank) Eby, his parents, whose lives are noted above, are living on the old Eby homestead in West Hempfield township.

Mr. Eby was married Oct. 17, 1889, in Rapho township, to Anna Reist, and to this union were born Rhoda R. and Henry R. Mrs. Anna (Reist) Eby is a daughter of Henry B. and Catherine (Garber) Reist. Amos F. Eby remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, when he left their sheltering roof to work a year in a creamery, and then entered upon his present work. He has a farm of eighty-one acres, and is in very prosperous circumstances. Since 1897, he has been a school director. Since 1896 Mr. Eby has been associated with the Fruit and Nut Company, and is a prominent and thrifty young man. He belongs to the Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Catherine (Garber) Reist, the mother of Mrs. Amos F. Eby, was born in West Donegal township, May 19, 1833, and was a daughter of John and Catherine (Sechrist) Garber, who were born in Manor and West Hempfield townships, respectively. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died in 1842, and the widowed mother, who survived many years, died in 1879, in her eighty-sixth year, and was buried in West Donegal township. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and became the parents of the following family: Michael; Mary, who married Christ Snyder; Anna, who married John Longnecker, of West Donegal township; Barbara, who died young; John; Christian; Catherine. Her paternal grandparents were Andrew and Maria (Nolt) Garber, of Lancaster county, and her maternal grandparents were of the Sechrist family, an important one in the same county.

Henry B. Reist, the father of Mrs. Anna Eby, of East Donegal township, who is noted above as marrying Amos F. Eby, was a valuable and useful

citizen of Lancaster county in his lifetime. His great-grandparents, Peter and Anna (Boyer) Reist, came from Switzerland, and settled in Pennsylvania, where their descendants have all occupied an honorable and useful station in life.

Henry B. Reist was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, where he was long and successfully engaged not only in farming but in commercial and financial pursuits. For twelve years prior to his decease, he was president of the First National Bank, of Mt. Joy, and was highly esteemed in the community in which he lived. He and his wife had children: Ely G., who is now a farmer in Rapho township, Lancaster county; John G., a farmer, and manager of a creamery in Mt. Joy; Mary, the wife of S. S. Kraybill, a farmer of East Donegal township; Henry, an electrician at Schenectady, N. Y.; Emma, the wife of H. N. Hostetter, a farmer in East Donegal township; Anna, the wife of Amos F. Eby, a farmer in East Donegal. Henry B. Reist died in 1879, at the age of forty-seven years, and was buried in East Donegal township. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mrs. Reist is still living, and makes her home with her daughter Mrs. Eby. Mr. Reist served as school director in Mt. Joy township, for some years.

John G. Reist, who was born in Mt. Joy township in 1857, resides in Mt. Joy, and devotes his attention to the large creamery business of Reist, Nissley & Co., of which he is the junior partner. The creamery was built in 1887, and its patronage is steadily increasing under its very able management. In 1889 Mr. Reist was married to Miss Catherine Hostetter, of Manor township, and a daughter of Ezra Hostetter; to this union were born three children: Florence, Esther and John.

HENRY R. ERB, of Pine Hill, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 12, 1847, on the farm adjoining that on which he at present resides, and is a son of Reuben and Hettie (Royer) Erb, both now deceased.

Reuben Erb was a son of David Erb, who was descended from Christian Erb, one of the earliest natives of Lancaster county. Reuben Erb was a miller and farmer in Warwick township, and was reared to these vocations in his father's mill and on his father's farm. To his marriage with Hettie Royer were born two children, Henry R. and Susannah, of whom the latter died in early childhood. In politics Reuben Erb was a Republican.

Henry R. Erb was reared on the home, and agriculture has been his life pursuit, although he is now practically retired. He is the owner of productive farms adjoining, and comprising 500 acres. These farms have long been the property of the Erb family—one tract of 225 acres for several generations. His great-great-grandfather, Christian Erb, above alluded to, owned and lived upon this farm, and



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it is surmised that the father of Christian was the original purchaser, as he was the founder of the Erb family in this county.

Henry R. Erb has been one of the most active and public-spirited men of the county, and as a Republican has taken considerable interest in public affairs. He has held the office of school director and at present is a director in the Lititz National Bank.

Mr. Erb was married, in 1867, to Miss Elizabeth A. Wolf, daughter of Henry Wolf, of Warwick township, and to this union have been born two children, of whom one died in infancy; the other, Annie N., is the wife of D. M. Grobill, of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Erb family, besides being one of the oldest, is one of the most highly respected in Lancaster county, where, even within the memory of Henry R. Erb himself many miraculous changes have taken place in the county limits. To the great improvements that have been made locally Mr. Erb has contributed freely of his means, and has been personally active in their promotion.

MILTON KEYLOR, a wealthy and retired farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born June 14, 1828, in Bart township, a son of John and Sarah (Meginness) Keylor. The father was born in Raumland, Germany, Jan. 19, 1790; and the mother Oct. 13, 1795, in Colerain township. She was a daughter of James Meginness, who was born in Delaware in 1767. His life was mostly spent in Colerain township, Lancaster county, where he died Nov. 1, 1839. John F. Meginness is one of his grandsons.

John Keylor was the son of Jacob Keylor, who came with his wife and family to the shores of America in 1795, to escape the woe and devastation of war in Germany. They landed at Newcastle, Delaware, and made their way to Chester county, where they were given employment by Richard Baker, who had his home on the banks of the Brandywine. Jacob Kuehler, whose name was anglicized to "Keylor," died at his home in Chester county in 1816, leaving a widow and five children. John was the father of Milton Keylor; Henry, who was born in Germany in 1793, married Eliza A. Swisher, and settled in Bart township, where he died July 21, 1875; Katherine Keylor, born in Germany in 1795, married Thomas Mullen, who settled in Delaware, where she died in 1826. There were born to Jacob Keylor and his wife after their arrival in this country two daughters, Maria and Hannah. Maria Keylor, who was born in 1800, married John Buffington, and settled near Atglen, where she died in 1896. Hannah Keylor, who was born in Chester county, in 1802, married Nathan Famous, and settled near Unionville; she died in the home of her son-in-law, Thomas Mullen, at Kennett Square, in 1892.

John Keylor, the father of Milton, began his

career in Bart township, as an independent farmer. During the war of 1812 he was called upon to raise a company, which he did, though their services were never required. In his after life he was very successful, and became quite prosperous, owning three farms in Lancaster county. His death occurred Nov. 3, 1872, and he was buried by the side of his wife in Friends' cemetery. She died in September, 1865. In Germany the Keylors were Presbyterians, but as Richard Baker, mentioned above, was a Quaker, they accompanied him to the Friends Meeting at Bradford, and soon learned to use the Quaker speech, and adopted that faith.

John Keylor and his wife had seven children who lived to maturity. (1) Ann E. Keylor, born in January, 1825, married Daniel Byer, in February, 1848, and settled in Juniata county, where in 1875 Mr. Byer died. She moved to Chester county, where she died in 1879, leaving four children: John J., of Chester county; Hannah, who died at home in 1902; Sarah, who married Davis Bailey, of Thorndale, Chester county; and Anna at the home in Chester county. The first child, Emma, had died previously.

(2) Hannah M. Keylor, born Aug. 10, 1826, was the widow of E. H. Emory, and lived on a part of the old Keylor homestead, which had passed into her hands. She died in April, 1902. Her two sons, John K. and Clement M. Emory, are both single.

(3) Milton Keylor, whose name introduces this article, is the third member of the family.

(4) Sarah Keylor was born Feb. 26, 1830, and married for her first husband Lewis H. Selzer, a merchant of Steelville, who died very shortly after marriage, leaving one son, Harry, who is in business in Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Selzer later married W. F. McLimaris, and has her home in West Grove, Chester county.

(5) John B. Keylor, born Dec. 2, 1831, became a cabinet maker, and devoted several years of his early manhood to this trade. He was married to Miss Leah L. Ritz, of Bart township, in 1858, and located in South Charleston, Clark Co., Ohio, where Mr. Keylor died Feb. 10, 1863, leaving a widow and one son, Howard R., who was born Oct. 9, 1860. Mrs. Keylor did not remain in Ohio long after the death of her husband, but came back to Pennsylvania in May, 1871. She married for her second husband, George Sterrett, of Philadelphia. They removed in October, 1871, to Walla Walla, Washington, where she died April 10, 1889. Howard Keylor, her son, was educated in the University of Michigan, where he was graduated as a physician in 1882. After this he took a special course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore. In December, 1882 he began the practice of his profession at Walla Walla, Wash., where he soon became eminent. He was appointed surgeon-general of the Territorial militia, which position he held at the time Washington was admitted to the Union,

May 10, 1890. He was afterward appointed on the State Board of Medical Examiners, and became its secretary, a position he is still holding. In 1889 he married Miss Sarah F. Stine, of Walla Walla, a native of California. They have two daughters, Edna and Leah.

(6) George Keylor, born May 18, 1834, married Anna McGinness, of Montour county, Pa., in March, 1856, and had a home on a farm in Colerain township, where Mrs. Keylor died in May, 1874, at the age of thirty-nine years. Her remains were taken to her home and interred at the family lot in Milton, Pa. She left one son, Harry J., who was born in March, 1857. He learned the saddler's trade, and located in Montour county. Harry J. Keylor married in Danville, Pa., and has two children. George Keylor married for his second wife, Anna Scott, of Bart township, and located in Delaware, where he died in January, 1900, leaving one son, Bayard, who has since died.

(7) Henry Keylor, born in April, 1836, was reared as a farmer, and married Martha Scott, of Colerain township, where they are now living on a farm. They have two children, Frank and Nannie, both of whom are at home.

(8) Wellington Keylor, born in 1838, died in childhood in 1844.

Milton Keylor remained at the home farm until he was of age, and received his early education in the district schools in Bart township. For a few months he also attended a select school taught by James Brown. Mr. Keylor and Rebecca Byer, the eldest daughter of David and Mary (McElwain) Byer, were married Sept. 13, 1849. Mrs. Keylor was born Feb. 17, 1827, and was reared to young womanhood in Bart township. She is a lady of high character, and has shared with her husband fifty-three years of married life. They celebrated their golden wedding Sept. 13, 1899, on the farm they purchased in 1854.

For many years Milton Keylor took an active part in local affairs; for twelve years he was a member of the school board, and his interest in the cause of public education is shown by the fact that at one time he provided a house on his farm for the establishment of a high school, which was taught by James McCullough. Mr. Keylor was one of the founders of the Colerain and Bart Farmers' Club, and the Quarryville National Bank. He took an active part in the building of the Oxford and Peach Bottom Railroad, contributing liberally to its funds. For many years he was a trustee of the Colerain Baptist Church, of which he and his family have been consistent and helpful members. In his politics he is a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Keylor have been devoted to the education of their family. They would go with their children on long drives as far as into Maryland, and would stay for a few days at Cape May, Long Branch or Atlantic City. He has attended the inauguration of two presidents, Gen. Grant and

Grover Cleveland, taking Mrs. Keylor on both occasions to the national capital. Mr. Keylor has also attended three national expositions, in New York in 1853, the Centennial at Philadelphia, in 1876, and the Columbian, at Chicago, in 1893. Both are enjoying good health, and their friends cherish the hope that they may be long spared to each other.

The oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Keylor was James Ellwood, born Aug. 21, 1851; he was educated in the public schools of his community, and at the Millersville State Normal, for several years following the profession of teaching. In April, 1881, he married Anna C., a daughter of John M. and Fannie (Stively) Sherk, of Quarryville. For four years after his marriage he continued to teach, and then, feeling a call in that direction, prepared for the gospel ministry, at Crozier Seminary, in Chester county, and in the fall of 1885 set himself to a theological course, which he concluded in 1888. That year he received a call to the Baptist Church in Newfield, N. J., where he was ordained in November. For seven years he was pastor of that church. In 1895 he was called to the Windsor Baptist Church, in Chester county, where he is still located. He is the father of two children, John Milton and Rena F. John Milton Keylor is a graduate of the West Chester Normal, of Chester county, and now holds a position as teacher in Swarthmore College. Rena F. Keylor, born in December, 1884, resides at home, and is a student at the Westchester Normal.

Anna M. Keylor, the second child of Milton Keylor, was born at the present home of the family, April 18, 1853, was educated at the Union High School and was a successful teacher for four years. She was married in 1876 to William B. Ryner, a native of Bart township, and they are now living on their farm in Colerain township, where they have two children: Rebecca A., born in 1883, who graduated in 1902 at the State Normal School at Millersville and is now teaching; Spencer C., born in 1887, who is at home with his parents.

Dr. Henry E. Keylor, second of Milton Keylor, born Aug. 13, 1855, studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Wentz, of Kirkwood, was graduated with honor at Jefferson Medical College in 1878, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession, but he was taken ill and died in September, 1880. He never married.

Dr. Josiah B. Keylor, the fourth child of Milton Keylor, studied in the public schools, and the Union High School, and graduated at the Millersville State Normal in July, 1879. After a year teaching, for which his degree of B. E., indicated ability, he received the degree of M. E., and in 1880 was made the head of the high school of Maytown, Lancaster county. In 1881 he resigned this position to take that of superintendent of the Manheim borough schools. It was his first intention to continue the profession of teaching as his life work, but after

the death of his brother Henry, he determined to become a physician himself. He began his medical studies under Dr. George T. Dare, of Oxford, Chester county, and in 1882 entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1885. He began his professional career at Cochranville, Chester county, and very soon made for himself more than a local reputation as a capable and rising physician.

In religion he is a member of the English Baptist Church, in politics, a Democrat, and fraternally, a devoted and enthusiastic member of the I. O. O. F., of which he has been an efficient member for a number of years. He is a Past Grand of Hebron Lodge, No. 437, of Chester county. He is also a Past Master of Skerret Lodge, No. 343, F. & A. M., having served as representative to the Grand Lodge, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

Dr. Keylor has traveled quite extensively, and has visited in thirteen states of the Union, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; in 1880 he spent seven weeks in Colorado and Wyoming with his brother Henry, who was seeking a return of health in the mountains.

Dr. Keylor was married in June, 1895, to Miss Lillian B. Rakestraw, of Strasburg township. They have their home in Cochranville, where the doctor owns real estate, and they have one daughter, Catherine Rebecca.

JOHN H. ZELLER (deceased) was in his day one of the leading officials and citizens of Lancaster county, as well as one of its most enterprising business men. He was born in Shrewsbury, York Co., Pa., May 29, 1832, son of Charles and Martha (Green) Zeller, the former a native of York and the latter of Lancaster county.

John H. Zeller was reared in Florin, Lancaster county, where he was educated in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen years began teaching, a vocation he continued to follow until about 1862, when he was elected to the office in the court of quarter sessions of the county and moved to Lancaster; he remained in the city but six months, however, and then returned to Florin. In 1857 he was elected a justice of the peace, but on his removal to Mt. Joy in 1870, resigned this office; in the meantime, from the expiration of his office in the court of quarter sessions in 1866 until his coming to Mt. Joy, he conducted a mercantile business in Florin. At this place in 1872, he was again elected justice of the peace and re-elected in 1877. In 1879 he was elected clerk of the Orphans' Court, served three years and then expressed a desire to retire to private life. But his many friends insisted upon his once more taking the office of justice of the peace, which he had previously so ably and satisfactorily filled. He finally consented and filled the office until 1883, when he resigned in order to become a notary—an office he held until death, Oct. 31, 1898.

In addition to the elective offices, Mr. Zeller had filled, he was active in other walks of life. For many years he was a school director, was a director in the First National Bank of Mt. Joy, was one of the founders of the Henry Eberly cemetery at Mt. Joy, and for forty-seven years clerked at public sales. He was also director in the Marietta and Mount Joy Turnpike Company, was a fire insurance and real estate agent, was a collector, scrivener and surveyor, and did a large business in settling up estates. He was one of the busiest men in the county, was known everywhere and stood very high in the esteem of the people. He was a quiet, unassuming gentleman, of a kindly disposition and honest to the core. He was emphatically what is called a self-made man, having started as a farmer-lad and rising to the position of leading official and a business man of eminence. In politics he was a Republican and fraternally was a Knight of Pythias.

Mr. Zeller was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Hinny, who was born in Oregon, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 3, 1833, daughter of Samuel and Margaret Hinny. To this marriage there were born nine children, in the following order: Samuel H., Nov. 27, 1851, died April 19, 1854; Charles H., born Oct. 25, 1855; William H., July 25, 1858, died Sept. 28, 1888; John B. S., Jan. 3, 1861; Sallie A. H., Jan. 10, 1863, now the wife of C. L. Erby; Jacob H., March 3, 1866, the representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and for six years superintendent of the Lancaster Caramel works at Mt. Joy; U. S. Grant, born Oct. 31, 1868, died July 1, 1872; Henry H., born Dec. 18, 1870, a clerk and salesman; Etta May, born April 19, 1873, the wife of C. K. Bennett.

Charles H. Zeller, the eldest living of the above named children, was reared in Mt. Joy and was there educated in the common schools. At fourteen years of age, he began learning the painter's trade, but two years later abandoned it, and for six years was engaged in iron moulding in Mt. Joy and Lancaster; he was next employed in various lines of business until 1877, when he began auctioneering and this he has followed successfully for twenty-six years, averaging twenty-five sales annually. For years, also, from 1884, he has been a trusted collector and in February of that year was elected justice of the peace, a position he has held with credit to himself, continuously until the present time. At the death of his father he succeeded to the business, which he still conducts in all its details. He also served from about 1879 to 1882 as constable, and is now a justice of the peace. He is also a director in the Marietta and Mt. Joy Turnpike Company.

Fraternally, Charles H. Zeller is Master of Records of the K. of G. E.; is Recording Secretary of the O. U. A. M.; is treasurer of the D. of L., in which he has passed all the chairs, and is a member of the Degree of Pocahontas; also of the K. of M. C., the I. O. O. R., and the K. of M. In politics Mr. Zeller has always been a Republican.

Charles H. Zeller was married Dec. 23, 1875, to Miss Subilla Morton, daughter of William Morton, of Lancaster county. Mr. Zeller, through his business ability and astuteness, has realized a competency and is now living in comfort and in the enjoyment of the esteem of a large circle of warm-hearted friends.

EPHRAIM E. WEAVER, a skillful, progressive and energetic farmer of Manor township, is a native of Lancaster county, born on the old homestead in East Lampeter township Dec. 7, 1866, and was educated in the public schools of that locality. He remained at home until his father retired from active business, and then entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Mr. Girven, on whose farm he worked two or three years, after which he was in the employ of his brothers, Aaron and Benjamin F. Weaver, in Manor township, for ten years.

On Nov. 18, 1891, Mr. Weaver married Miss Hettie E. Houser, a daughter of Christian and Emma (Hoover) Houser, and a granddaughter of John Houser. The first of the Houser family to come to America was her great-great-grandfather, Christian Houser, a native of Germany, who located in Lancaster county, Pa. Mrs. Weaver's father was one of a family of four children, was a farmer of Lampeter township, and was a member of the Mennonite Church. He died June 19, 1898, at the age of fifty-four years, but her mother is still living, at the age of fifty-six. In their family were nine children, of whom Mrs. Weaver is the eldest, the others being John E., a farmer of Lampeter township; Winnie M.; Lizzie M., who died Aug. 16, 1902; Ella M., who was married March 12, 1902, to Ellis Weaver, and is living on a farm in West Lampeter township; Mabel K.; Emma L.; Ethel A.; and Maud C. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have two children: Albert E., born March 14, 1893; and Ruth E., born June 2, 1895.

In the spring of 1892 Mr. Weaver located upon his present farm in Manor township, which he had purchased the previous fall. It consists of forty-seven and a half acres on the Columbia turnpike, three and a half miles west of Lancaster, and since it came into the possession of Mr. Weaver he has made many valuable improvements thereon, the place and its entire surroundings denoting the thrift, enterprise and prosperity of the owner. He follows general farming, and is numbered among the most progressive men of his community. In his political affiliations he is a Republican.

JOSEPH DICKINSON HARPER, one of the prominent and prosperous business citizens of Christiana, Pa., was born in Upper Oxford township, Chester county, on Oct. 3, 1844. His parents were Jacob W. and Rachel (Dickinson) Harper, of Upper Oxford township, on the father's side, who was born in the old Harper homestead there, and of Salisbury township, in this county, on the mother's

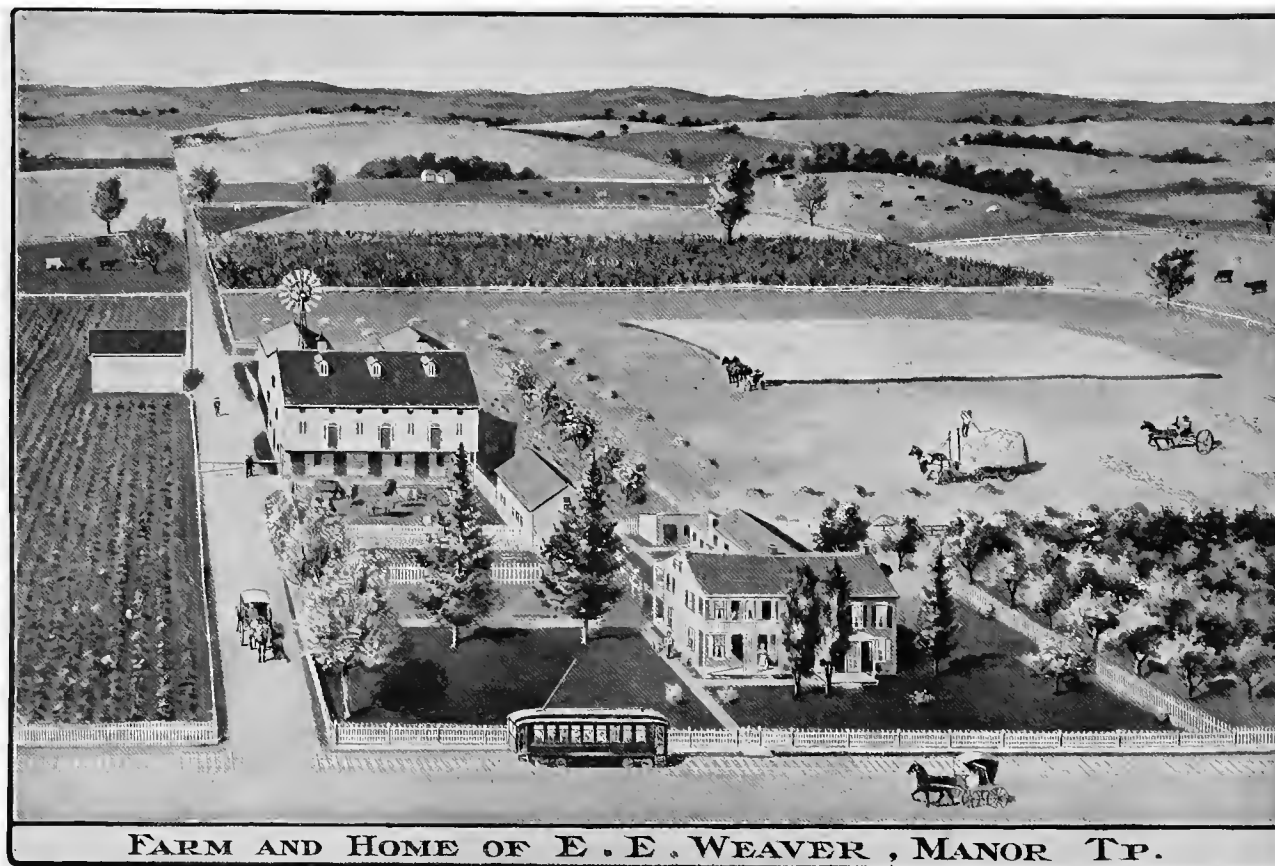
side, her native place having been on the site of what is now Lapps postoffice.

Grandfather William C. Harper was a native of County Derry, Ireland, a nail maker by trade, and he came to America at the time of the Irish insurrection. His marriage was to Mary Weldon, and they settled in Chester Co., Pa., on a farm near Russellville, and both belonged to the Presbyterian Church. The maternal grandparents of Joseph Dickinson Harper were Joseph and Phoebe (Morris) Dickinson, of Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Dickinson in connection with his farming engaged in merchandising also, and erected what is now Lapps store, for his son, Joseph.

Father Jacob W. Harper was a blacksmith by trade and a veterinary surgeon by profession, became prominent in his township and held many of the local offices. His death occurred in 1885, at the age of seventy-four years, and that of his wife in 1877, at the age of sixty-five years. Their burial was at Faggs Manor Presbyterian cemetery, in Chester county, the former having been a member of the Presbyterian Church, while the latter adhered consistently through life to the tenets of the Society of Friends. Their children were: Joseph D.; Mary W., who married Harry Witmer, a grocer in Lancaster; Phoebe A., who married Henry Bowman, a farmer of Buck Run, Chester county; Rachel, who died young; Emma J., deceased, who married Samuel Brookhart, of Silver Spring, Pa., a conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading R. R.; and John, who died from the effects of a kick from a horse, in 1875.

At the age of eight years Joseph Dickinson Harper went to live with his paternal grandparents and remained there, going to school and working on the farm, until he was seventeen years of age, returning then to his father, under whom he learned the blacksmith's trade. At the age of twenty-one he went to Russellville and worked for twenty-three months in a carriage-making establishment, going from there to Jennerville, where he rented a large carriage-making shop for a period of two years. For four years he was in the same business in Cochranville, coming to Christiana in 1876. Here he bought out the establishment conducted by Lingerfield & Hirst, and has successfully pushed this business ever since, becoming a leader in this part of the county. Mr. Harper has been noted for his industry and his present large business is mainly due to the honest and upright methods which he has adopted, in connection with a close attention and thorough, practical knowledge of all details.

The marriage of Mr. Harper was on Jan. 15, 1874, in Lancaster, to Miss Eliza A. Harvey, and the children born to this marriage were: Taylor W., who lives at home, unmarried, and follows the trade of carriage painter; Arvilla J., a talented teacher; Chester T., who is attending college at New Brunswick; and Myra E., at home. The birth of



FARM AND HOME OF E. E. WEAVER , MANOR TP.

Mrs. Harper was in West Fallowfield township, Chester county, in 1844, a daughter of Capt. Joseph and Eliza (McGloughlin) Harvey. The former was a farmer and also a blacksmith, was captain of the old Pennsylvania militia, and died in 1872, at the age of seventy-eight years, the mother surviving until 1879, dying at the age of seventy-five. Both parents of Mrs. Harper were consistent members of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Streeter, who died young; James, who died aged seventy; E. Pennock, a farmer of Chester county; Rebecca, who resides with her sister, Eliza A., Mrs. Harper; Joel M., a butcher and grocer, in Parkesburg, and Taylor, deceased.

Mr. Harper has long been a member of the Presbyterian Church where he contributes liberally of his means. In political belief he is a Democrat, although his personal feelings lead him to favor much that he finds in the Prohibition party. In all things he is a good citizen, and fills every duty to his family, church and community in a way to secure to him the high esteem of his fellow-citizens.

DAVID S. HORST, a watchmaker and formerly a farmer of Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Jan. 1, 1824, son of Peter and Christina (Shelley) Horst, of Lancaster county.

Peter Horst was a miller, as early as 1816 building a mill in Mt. Joy, on the Little Chiques creek which he ran for forty years. The property still remains in the family. Mr. Horst died in 1876, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years; his wife died in 1870, at the age of seventy-four years. They are both buried in private burying grounds in Rapho township. They were members of the Menonite Church. This couple had children as follows: Abraham S. who died at the age of seventy years, married to Mary Musser; Henry S. who died at the age of seven years; Catherine S., deceased wife of Peter Risser; Fanny S., late wife of Samuel Meckley; David S.; Elizabeth S., who lives at Mt. Joy, Pa.; and Anna S., who is also unmarried, and lives with her sister Elizabeth. The grandparents of Mr. Horst were Michael and Veronica (Shelly) Horst, of Lancaster. In the year 1780 Michael Horst built a stone house which adjoins the residence property of his grandson, David S. Horst. The grandfather, who was a farmer, died in 1829, at the age of seventy-seven years, and his wife died fifteen years later.

There were three brothers of the family who came from Switzerland, one settling in Groffs Dale, Lancaster county, who was the great-great-grandfather of David S. Horst; one near Lebanon, Pa., and the other in York county, Pa. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Horst were Christian and Anna (Engle) Shelley.

In 1850 in Lancaster, David S. Horst married Miss Mary Hershey, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Mr. Strine. There have been no children born to Mr. and Mrs. Horst. Mrs. Horst was born

in Rapho township in November, 1825, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Witmer) Hershey, of Lancaster county. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1841, at the age of fifty years. His wife died in 1863, at the age of seventy-two years, and they are buried in Cross Roads Meeting House cemetery, East Donegal township. They were members of the River Brethren Church. There were born to this couple the following children: Joseph, deceased; Catherine, deceased wife of John Heisey; Barbara, deceased wife of David Martin; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Benjamin Ritter; Mary, wife of David S. Horst; Veronica, late wife of Joseph Gish, of Rapho township; Susan, wife of Abraham Young, of Mt. Joy; and Jacob, deceased. Mrs. Horst's grandfather was Christian Hershey, of Lancaster county.

David S. Horst remained with his parents until his marriage, when he came to his present home. He worked in the mill part of the time, and part of the time on the farm. He had when a boy of nine acquired a knowledge of the watch making trade, and followed it from that time on whenever he had the time and occasion; as a child he made wooden clocks for his own amusement. Mr. and Mrs. Horst are members of the River Brethren (Dunkard) Church. In politics, Mr. Horst votes the Republican ticket, but he has never been a seeker after office. He is in affluent circumstances, and prominent in the community in which he resides. Although well along in years his health is excellent, and he is able to attend to business as well as a much younger man.

CHARLES H. HINKLE, deceased. There are men who possess a certain kindliness of heart, steadiness of purpose, and stanch assertion of principle, combined with unassuming manners that attract irresistibly to them as steadfast friends all right minded individuals. A man of that character was Charles H. Hinkle, whose life was cut off most prematurely, when he was but forty years of age, and when he was entering upon a career of extended usefulness. In his younger years he was a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, but he abandoned that hazardous occupation to accept the position of messenger and watchman in the Columbia National Bank, a position which he held for nine years to the day of his death in 1885. But he was not only a messenger and watchman. He rose to the position of director as well. He was also at the time of his death a director of the Columbia Gas Company, of which he was for a time secretary and treasurer. He possessed keen business ability and had already acquired a competence when overtaken by death.

Charles H. Hinkle was born in West Hempfield township in 1845, the son of Henry and Sally (McGee) Hinkle, representatives of the oldest families of Lancaster county. His grandfather, Honnes Hinkle, was born near Lancaster in 1775. His father, Henry Hinkle, also a native of Lancaster county removed to Maytown in 1768, and remained

there until 1778. He was drafted into the Revolutionary war but ran away with several other drafted men and took refuge on Mundorff's Island, below Safe Harbor, where he was captured by a detachment of soldiers and brought to Lancaster. He was detailed to drive a team in the supply train of the Continental army, and participated in the battles of Trenton and Brandywine. He remained in the army until honorably discharged.

Honnes Hinkle had the following children: Joseph, who became a farmer of York county; William, who settled in Donegal township, Lancaster county; John, who moved to Ohio; Honnes; Henry; Isaac; Patience, who was married to Joseph Mays; Catherine, who married Henry Knights, a tanner and also for a time proprietor of the "Black Horse Hotel" in Columbia; Nancy, who married Jacob Attstatt, and Elizabeth, who married John Lockard. Honnes was a man of rugged pioneer type, honest and blunt in manner, and a general favorite among the early settlers. He married a Miss Kauffman.

Henry Hinkle, son of Honnes, was born in West Hempfield township, near Columbia, in 1801. After the death of his father, which occurred about 1830, Henry and his brother Isaac took charge of the home farm, and continued joint tenants for more than thirty years, occupying the same residence and eating at the same table. Isaac's health failing, the property by mutual agreement was divided, and Isaac removed to Columbia, where he died a few years later. Henry also removed to Columbia in after life, and there he died Aug. 24, 1875. He had become a director of the Columbia National Bank, and left an estate of over \$80,000, to be divided among his children. His wife, whose maiden name was Sally McGee, also died at Columbia. Their children were as follows: Rebecca, who married Christian Hershey, and is now deceased; Isaac, a retired farmer of Wrightsville; Joseph, who died in advanced life, a retired farmer; William, who operated the hotel at Wrightsville, and is now deceased; David, proprietor of a hotel at Columbia; Charles H.; John, deceased, and Catherine, wife of William Hardy, a blacksmith at Columbia, for the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Charles H. Hinkle was reared on the farm. In 1867, in Columbia, he married Miss Amelia M. Ulmer, daughter of Joseph and Mary Gertrude (Hine-land) Ulmer. Five children were born to Charles H. and Amelia Hinkle, namely: James B., of Columbia; Lizzie C., wife of Edward Becker, a bookkeeper of Columbia; Lotta, deceased; Clara, deceased, and Mary, deceased. Mr. Hinkle, the husband and father, died in 1885 aged forty years. He was buried at Columbia. His widow, eight years later, married John Rodkey, of West Hempfield township, whose sketch appears elsewhere. Charles H. Hinkle was a member of Chiquesalunga Tribe, Red Men, and at the time of his death was secretary of the Columbia Gas Company. He was one of the promi-

nent, progressive business men of Columbia, whose personal influence and efforts were ever directed to the upbuilding of the city's interests.

MARTIN R. SHEAFFER. One of the prominent and eminently successful farmers of Upper Leacock township, is Martin R. Sheaffer, who also has been extensively engaged in tobacco packing.

The birth of Mr. Sheaffer occurred in Earl township, July 25, 1843, and he was a son of Philip and Leah (Rutter) Sheaffer, who were natives of Earl and Leacock townships, respectively. The great-grandfather of Mr. Sheaffer of this record came from Germany and was one of the pioneers of the first settlement of Earl township, and bore the name of Martin Sheaffer, this being a family name. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Sheaffer of this sketch were Martin and Mary (Miller) Sheaffer, the former of whom was born in 1770 and died at the age of forty-nine years, in 1821. He was a successful farmer and well-known and respected citizen of Earl township, and became the father of seven sons and five daughters. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Sheaffer were Henry and Elizabeth (Royer) Rutter, farming people of Lancaster county.

Philip Sheaffer was born in December, 1803, and died on April 13, 1864, and was buried in the Groffdale cemetery. In his early life he carried on a distilling business, but later settled down to agricultural pursuits. The mother of Mr. Sheaffer of this sketch was born on Aug. 25, 1815, and is now an honored member of his household. Martin R. was the only child of this marriage.

Martin R. Sheaffer, who is the subject of this biography, attended the district schools during boyhood and assisted his father on the homestead farm until he was twenty years old, then beginning to farm on his own account and continuing thus engaged at the same place until 1876. At this date he retired from farming and moved into the village of Bareville, where he resided for five years. Then he returned to the farm for one year, but finally disposed of it and returned to town life and engaged in tobacco packing in Bareville, where he has since remained, one of the most substantial citizens. Mr. Sheaffer is a Republican in politics, and actively upholds the principles and candidates of his party. For the past six years he has been a director in the New Holland Bank, one of the firmly established financial institutions of the county.

The first marriage of Mr. Sheaffer was on Nov. 17, 1864, in Mechanicsburg, to Caroline Graybill, and the children of this marriage were: Graybill, who died May 5, 1866; Martin G., who is an attorney of Lancaster city, married Anna M. Leight, to whom have been born two children, Dorothy and Martha; Cora, who married John W. Eshleman, of Ephrata, Pa., where he is engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and whose children number four, Fanny, Esther, Caroline and Martin S.; Caroline, who re-

sides at home; Clayton R., who resides in Philadelphia; Blanche E., deceased; and Walter, deceased.

Mrs. Caroline (Graybill) Sheaffer was born in Earl township on March 6, 1846, and died on May 25, 1886, and her burial was at Groffdale, Pa. She was a daughter of Levi and Fanny (Kinport) Graybill, natives of Lancaster county, of Swiss ancestry.

The second marriage of Mr. Sheaffer was on June 18, 1888, in Lancaster, to Lottie A. Myer, and the children born to this union were: Leah M., deceased; Amanda M., who died in infancy; and Rebecca, who lives at home.

Mrs. Lottie A. (Myer) Sheaffer was born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 19, 1860, daughter of Samuel R. and Amanda (Evans) Myer, the former of whom was for many years a prominent minister in the German Baptist Church. A sister of Mrs. Sheaffer is the well-known instructor, Miss Elizabeth Myer, of the Elizabethtown College.

Mr. Sheaffer is a man for whom his neighbors have the highest respect; his business ability is firmly established and his integrity unquestioned. The family is an old and honorable one in Lancaster county.

JACOB H. MECKLEY, who unites the business of a lumber merchant and a farmer in Bainbridge, was born in Conoy township, Oct. 2, 1840, Conoy not having then been set apart from Donegal township.

Benjamin and Barbara (Haldeman) Meckley, his parents, were born in Mt. Joy and Rapho townships, respectively, and both died in Conoy township. The father was a farmer, and operated a sawmill from 1849 to 1880. He was a successful man, occupying a prominent place in the community, and serving as a school director for several years. For some ten years prior to his demise he lived retired, dying in 1892, at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Barbara Meckley died in 1859, at the age of forty-two years, and both were buried in Good's Meeting House Cemetery in West Donegal township. Benjamin Meckley was a member of the Mennonite Church, and his wife of the United Brethren. They had the following children: Jacob H.; Christ H., a cigar maker at Lock Haven, Pa.; Anna H., wife of Benjamin Fink, a carpenter and contractor in Conoy township; Elizabeth, widow of Andrew Shank, living in Bainbridge; Mrs. Barbara Meckley died in 1859, at the age of Abraham H., of Columbia, Pa., mentioned elsewhere; Benjamin H., who died young; Samuel H., who was married and died at the age of twenty-two years; and Martin H., single and living in Mt. Joy township.

The paternal grandparents of Jacob H. Meckley were Melchior and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Meckley, both natives of Lancaster county, and life-long residents of Mt. Joy township, where their lives were devoted to farming. Mr. Meckley's maternal grand-

parents were Christian and Barbara (Swartz) Haldeman, both also natives of Lancaster county, who passed their lives on a farm in Rapho township. Mr. Meckley is related to the Meckleys and Hoffers of Elizabethtown, sketches of whom are found in another place.

Jacob H. Meckley was married in Conoy township, Dec. 23, 1877, to Miss Anna Wilhelm, and to this union were born the following children: Franklin B., Mary W., Elizabeth W., Benjamin Harrison and Jacob W. Mrs. Meckley was born in Maytown, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Ney) Wilhelm, of Conoy township, where they both died, her father, a veteran of the War of the Rebellion, in 1866, and her mother in 1872, at the age of fifty years. They were devoted members of the Lutheran Church, and were laid to rest in the cemetery at Bainbridge.

Mr. Meckley spent the first eighteen years of his life at home with his parents, and then became an apprentice at the carpenter trade in Manchester, Pa., where he spent two years. At the end of that time he came back to his native township, and followed his trade until September, 1862, when he enlisted in a regiment that was being raised by Col. Dickey, and went to Chambersburg and Green Castle, but was rejected as not meeting the physical requirements of the service. Coming home, he followed his trade until 1866, when he was put in charge of the Meckley sawmill, which he carried on until 1871. From that time until 1888 he had charge of the Locust Grove steam sawmill in Conoy township. At the end of this time he moved to Bainbridge to start a lumber yard, and at the same time engaged in farming. Mr. Meckley is a hustling and energetic man, and has been quite successful in his various undertakings, accumulating a fair competence and winning a very enviable standing in the community. For the past sixteen years he has served as school director, and is a member of the Church of God. He belongs to the Senior O. U. A. M. In his politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE M. MAURER. In thriftiness, industry and all those sterling qualities essential to permanent success on the farm George M. Maurer takes prominent rank among the citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. He has for many years engaged in general farming and gardening on the well-improved and well tilled acres which his father purchased more than forty years ago.

The father, George Maurer, was born June 9, 1817, in Niederlirbach, Hessen-Darmstadt, son of Frank and Mary (Kline) Maurer. There were three sons and one daughter, of whom George, the youngest, was the only one who ever came to America, although all the others have descendants here. George started to earn his own living when a mere boy, and in 1830 we find him at Schloss Neuburg, near Heidelberg, an old castle which had been rebuilt, and was then occupied by Johann Friederich

Schlosser, a renowned author and translator. Here the boy acted as valet to Father Heinrich Lemcke, the family priest, a man who had been first a soldier, fighting against Napoleon for five years, then was ordained as a Protestant minister and finally, in 1826, was converted to the Catholic faith. In 1833 Bishop Kenrick, of Philadelphia, issued a circular letter to the Catholic priests of Germany, asking for help for the German Catholics scattered through western Pennsylvania. Father Lemcke decided to be one of the missionaries, and urged George to go with him, promising to do for him all that a father could, but friends persuaded the boy to refuse, a decision he regretted all his life.

After losing this good friend George drifted from one employment to another among the German upper classes, at last becoming gardener to the Rev. Stapleton, a minister who had a small congregation of English at Heidelberg during the summers. By this time his parents had died and George had married Anna M. Melbert. Becoming filled with democratic ideas and with the hope of earning better wages, he determined to go to America; in 1852, leaving his family in Germany, he came to this country and settled at Cordelia Furnace, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. Here he found employment, and his family joined him the next year. Almost his first act in America was to make inquiries for Father Lemcke. Now, the priest's meeting with Prince De Galliyin in the Alleghanies, his labors there and later in Arkansas, are matters of history, but then George Maurer found it impossible to get a trace of him, and not until a year before his death did he hear of his old master. Then, in a Catholic almanac, he found a sketch of Father Lemcke's life and the notice of his death in Arkansas, a year previously. Meantime, Maurer was prospering; in 1861 he purchased a farm of twelve acres in West Hempfield township and there began in a modest way an agricultural career which continued uninterruptedly until his death, which occurred Oct. 22, 1885, at the age of sixty-eight years. George Maurer was a tall, strong man, over six feet in height and of proportionate build; in all business papers he was designated as "George Maurer (big)," to distinguish him from others of his name, and among the German-speaking people about him he was usually known as "Der grosse Maurer." For his character, it is sufficient to say that his word was as good as his bond. His widow survived until 1890, passing away at the age of sixty-seven years. They were buried at Columbia, Pa. Both were devout members of the German Catholic Church. Two children blessed their union, Barbara, who married John Geltz, and is now deceased, and George M.

The latter was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 20, 1848, and was brought to America by his mother in 1853. He was reared in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and has ever

since resided there, remaining with his father until the latter's death, in 1885. He then took charge of the little farm, which he has since conducted most profitably. He married, Nov. 17, 1870, in Columbia, Miss Mary Michael, who was born in Prussia, Germany, July 22, 1848, daughter of Mathias and Margaret (Michael) Michael. She emigrated to America in 1859 with her parents, who settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. The father enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment and served in the army during the Civil war. Soon after his honorable discharge he removed to Missouri where he took up a homestead and remained until his death, which occurred in 1871. He was a member of the Catholic church. To Mathias and Margaret Michael were born a family of four children, namely: Peter, who died in Missouri; Catherine, wife of John Kline, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Mary, wife of Mr. Maurer; and Stephen, who resides in Missouri.

To George M. and Mary Maurer have been born ten children, as follows: George, Stephen and John, deceased; Mary, wife of George Sipp, of West Hempfield township; Frank, a silk weaver, who married, Sept. 25, 1902, Mary, daughter of Samuel Steckler; Joseph, deceased; Elizabeth, Simon and William, at home; and Charles, deceased. Mr. Maurer and family are members of the Catholic Church.

HENRY ZAHM RHOADS, who retired from the jewelry and art goods business some six years ago, only to engage more actively than ever in other pursuits, has an ancestry on both his father's and mother's side that goes back to the early days of 1700.

The first Rhoads of whom we have any account was Yohon Ludwig Roth (as the name was spelled in those days), who came to America from Bonfeld, Alsace, about 1728, and settled near the Trappe, in Montgomery county, Pa. Philip Roth, a son, accompanied him. In 1800 John Rhoads, grandfather of Henry Zahm, began writing the name as it is now written—Rhoads, instead of Roth. John Rhoads had three sons, William, Daniel and Jacob. All three became hatters, although their father was a tailor, learning their trade with John H. Fox, a hat manufacturer, who had married their sister. Daniel and Jacob came to Lancaster in 1831 and began the hat business. Daniel retiring from the business in 1852, and Jacob in 1856. After discontinuing his trade Jacob Rhoads bought a large tract of land in the Eighth ward, and proceeded to develop that section, the commodious home which he built, and the fine orchard which he planted, being still in the possession of Henry Z. Rhoads. Jacob Rhoads was married, in 1838, to Elizabeth, daughter of Godfried Zahm, a well-known brushmaker, prominent in the affairs of Lancaster. Five children blessed this union, two of whom are living, Henry Zahm and Emma, the latter the widow of



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the late Henry Deitrich Groff. The Zahms came to America in 1730, from Herrnhut, Saxony, settling in Montgomery county, Maryland.

Henry Zahm Rhoads was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and, after leaving school, was engaged for a time at daguerreotyping, modern photography not having been known at that time. After this he became an apprentice to the jewelry business with Zahm & Jackson, and later, to perfect himself in watchmaking, served an apprenticeship with Theodore Wolf. He next went to Virginia, working as a journeyman jeweler and watchmaker until the war broke out, when he returned to Lancaster. On Oct. 12, 1861, Mr. Rhoads began the jewelry business on the north side of West King street, in partnership with C. J. Gillespie, and nine months later bought Mr. Gillespie's interest. His next venture was in 1868, when, in partnership with his brother, Charles, he bought the old "Lamb Hotel," on the south side of West King street, and in 1869, H. Z. Rhoads & Bro. left the original stand on the opposite side of the street and removed to the old "Lamb Tavern" property, which they had converted into a modern store, and here Mr. Rhoads erected the first public clock (besides the courthouse clock) in the city. The property is now occupied by Metzger & Haughman, dry-goods merchants. After a time Mr. Rhoads built the elegant and substantial structure, now known as Nos. 4 and 6 West King street, and there the second public clock was erected, the third being in Centre Square. Charles Godfried Rhoads, his brother, became a partner in the business in 1865, and remained as such until his death, in 1882. Henry Z. Rhoads continued the business until 1896, when he retired, yet he did not retire from active pursuits, having since become interested in the business of the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, in partnership with Albert Rosenstein. He was also one of the promoters of the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, of which he is the present secretary, and which began business in August, 1897; although organized as a mutual company, it changed to a stock concern, and has already (1902) written over \$2,000,000 of insurance. Mr. Rhoads has also been considerable of a builder, having erected twenty fine dwelling-houses in the Eighth ward, and owning the ground for many more. In the summer of 1901 he added to his building operations by erecting an elegant home for himself on South Prince street, the house being fashioned after a Parisian model. While in the jewelry and art business Mr. Rhoads visited Europe five times, bringing over such treasures in jewels and art goods as were never before (nor since) offered to Lancaster purchasers in the home market.

Twice the Democrats of the Eighth ward have elected Mr. Rhoads a member of the board of school directors, and he proved as industrious and intelligent in the direction of school matters as he did in his own affairs.

Mr. Rhoads was married, in young manhood, to Miss Anastasia McConomy, daughter of the late Peter McConomy, one of Lancaster's most prominent citizens, and who was for twenty-nine years treasurer of the Lancaster school board. Two children were born of this union: Rebecca, who was the wife of Dr. W. H. Lowell, but who entered into rest in 1893; and Godfried Zahm, connected with the Lancaster Silver Plate Company.

SAMUEL MARTIN. One of the very prosperous general farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, is Samuel Martin, who was born Jan. 29, 1855, on the homestead which is still his residence. His parents Joseph and Magdalena (Oberholtzer) Martin, were born in Salisbury and Cocalico townships, respectively. Joseph Martin engaged in farming in his native township until 1876, when he retired from active life, but he retained his home on the farm until the spring of 1892, when he moved to Bareville, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Sept. 19, 1900, at the age of seventy-six years; his wife died in 1869, when she was forty years old. Both parents were devout members of the Mennonite Church, and the remains of the mother were interred in Hershey's cemetery, and those of the father in Groffdale. Their eleven children were born in the following order: Elizabeth, wife of John Keaner, a farmer of Strasburg; Magdalena, deceased wife of Elam Landis; Anna, widow of Benjamin Brackbill; Samuel, whose name opens this biography; Abraham, deceased; one that died in infancy; Joseph, Henry, Isaac and David, all deceased; and another that died in infancy. Susanna, a step sister of these children, is also deceased.

Samuel Martin has passed his entire life on this farm, which by inheritance is now his own, and which comprises 101 acres. He has improved the place in many respects over its former conditions, and keeps it under a high state of cultivation, being familiar with all its details and capabilities, and being himself thoroughly trained to agriculture. His success, however, is greatly due to his own industry and good management, and it is doubtful whether or no there is a farm of its size in the township more productive, or which presents to the eye of the passer-by a more pleasing ideal of rustic beauty, or agricultural thrift.

On Nov. 19, 1876, Samuel Martin was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Landis, at New Holland, Lancaster county, and of whose genealogy something additional will be said. This union was blessed with sixteen children, namely: Mary, who is the wife of Martin Weaver, a farmer in Earl township, and has three children; Hettie, deceased; Lizzie, Abraham and Mettie, still at home; Lydia, deceased; Emma, at home; Landis, deceased; Amanda, Anna, Samuel, Jr., and Katie, also at home; Amos, deceased; Ella, deceased; and Ada and Joseph, still under the parental roof.

Mrs. Amanda (Landis) Martin was born in Lea-

cock township, Lancaster county, Sept. 22, 1855, a daughter of Levi and Mary (Buckwalter) Landis, the former of whom was a son of Christian and Mary (Landis) Landis, and the latter a daughter of Abraham and Esther (Hoover) Buckwalter, both families being prominent and greatly respected farming people of Lancaster county, and residing in Eden and Upper Leacock townships, respectively. Levi Landis was called from earth Dec. 14, 1897, at the age of seventy-one years. In religious belief he was a Mennonite, and was buried in Hershey's cemetery. His widow, who was born May 27, 1825, has her home on the same farm with her son-in-law, Mr. Martin. To Levi and Mary Landis were born six children, namely: Elam, a farmer in Earl township; Hettie A., deceased wife of David Groff; Amanda, now Mrs. Samuel Martin; Emma, Anna M. and Lydia, at home.

Samuel Martin is the owner of as fine a farm as there is in Salisbury township, and his skillful management keeps it fully up to the standard. He has ever been industrious and thrifty, upright and public-spirited, and ready at all times to contribute his share toward the promotion of such public works as may result in the benefit of the neighborhood in which he lives. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican, and is universally honored as a citizen.

SAMUEL L. CARPENTER. Prominently identified with the development and growth of Lancaster county for a number of years, the name of Carpenter has become associated in the public mind with uprightness of character, and honest and energetic business methods. The original founder of this family was Henry Carpenter, who came from the Canton of Berne, Switzerland, and settled at Germantown, Pa., as early as 1698. In 1700, he returned to his native land, and there married Salome Ruffner, of the Canton of Zurich, and in 1706, with his wife and two small sons, Emanuel and Gabriel, four and two years of age, respectively, returned to Germantown. In 1717 he removed to Lancaster county, settling first in West Lampeter, but subsequently in West Earl. His birth occurred in 1675, and his death between 1743 and 1748. The children born to the emigrant founder of the family were: Emanuel, born in 1702; Gabriel, born in 1704; Salome; Dr. Henry; Christian; Daniel; Mary; and Jacob. During the war of the Revolution, Emanuel Carpenter was a member of the Committee of Safety.

Gabriel Carpenter married Apalina Herman, who was born in 1702, and died in 1767, and their children were: Christian, Salome, Jacob, Catherine, Susannah, Daniel, John, Mary and Elizabeth.

Christian Carpenter was born in 1729, and died in 1800. He married Susan Herr, and their children were: Jacob, who became colonel of the 5th Battalion of the Lancaster county militia, during the Revolutionary war; Joel; Daniel; Catherine; Susan; John; Christian; Salome; and Nancy.

Joel Carpenter, the second son of Christian and Susan (Herr) Carpenter, was born in 1758. He married Margaret Defenderfer and reared these children: Ephraim, Miles, Giles, Aaron, Allen, Charles, Bryan, Elizabeth, Susan, Sophia, Esther and Catherine.

Giles Carpenter, the third son of Joel and of the fifth generation in America, married Jane McClintick, and they had these children: Amanda, born Oct. 27, 1832, married Solomon Weaver, but is deceased; Margaret, born June 20, 1834, married Philip Lash, and they now reside in Michigan; James J., born Jan. 18, 1837, is deceased; Martha, born Jan. 16, 1839, married Isaac Beard, and resides in Illinois; Belinda, born Feb. 3, 1840, married Amos Sellers, and they reside in Lancaster county; Alvin, born Aug. 21, 1841, married Ellen Fees, and they reside in Beavertown; Arabella, born March 16, 1843, married Adam Good, a resident of Farmersville, but she has passed away; and Samuel L. is the subject of this biography.

Samuel L. Carpenter was born Oct. 1, 1844, and very early became accustomed to the duties pertaining to farm life, at the age of eight years being hired out to a neighboring farmer by the name of John Oberholtzer. His duties were such as a lad of his age could perform, and he was paid \$1.50 per month, these conditions continuing until he was seventeen years old, the summers being filled with farm work, and the winters with attendance at the district school. So well did Mr. Carpenter embrace every opportunity for acquiring an education, that before he was eighteen he was employed to teach in the public schools of West Earl township, continuing until he entered the Construction Corps of the United States army, where he remained for six months. As soon as he had become of age, he enlisted in the 21st P. V. C., and with the Army of the Potomac bravely did a soldier's duty; he participated in the campaigns before Richmond and Petersburg, and at the close of the war received an honorable discharge.

Returning then to his home, Mr. Carpenter again took up his professional work during the winters, following the carpenter trade in the summer time, but in 1872 he opened up a butchering business and pursued that until 1876, when he entered into his present line, that of hides and tallow. Possessing excellent business ability, Mr. Carpenter has dealt successfully in live stock for the past twenty years, still continuing in this profitable line, with headquarters at the "Leopard Hotel," in Lancaster.

On Sept. 5, 1869, Mr. Carpenter was married to Miss Mary McCloud, a daughter of Reuben and Susannah (Shirker) McCloud, of West Earl township, and one child was born of this union, Stella J., born March 8, 1871, who married Lemon Shirker, of West Cocalico township, and has one son, Samuel Carpenter, the idol of his grandfather, born Dec. 13, 1899.

Mr. Carpenter has never taken any great interest in politics, but was appointed census enumerator,

in 1870, and was re-appointed in 1880, but refused to qualify. For a number of years he has been township auditor and school director, and has always been interested in all matters pertaining to the advancement of his section. Although he began life in indigent circumstances, Mr. Carpenter is not disposed to consider that any disadvantage to an industrious, ambitious and energetic young man. As one of the wealthiest men of the township, he is in a position to speak with knowledge, and he attributes his universal success in all his undertakings, to his close and constant attention to business and the exercise of good judgment. The township has in many ways profited by his generosity, and he stands high in its esteem. Both Mr. Carpenter and wife are consistent members of the New Mennonite Church.

CHRISTIAN B. STOLTZFUS is a descendant of a family long settled in America, his first ancestor in this country, Nicholas Stoltzfus, coming in 1766 from his native place, Zweibruecken, Germany, and settling near Reading, in Berks county, Pa. His wife had died in Germany, and he brought with him his four children, one son, Christian (then aged eighteen years), and three daughters. He took up his home on a farm near Reading, and devoted his life to its cultivation.

Christian Stoltzfus first married a woman named Garver, by whom he had three children, John, Jacob and Christian, all of whom lived and died in the neighborhood, and were buried in the Moyer graveyard, excepting the mother, whose remains were interred near Reading. Christian Stoltzfus married for his second wife the widow Lanz, whose maiden name was King; she had by her first husband two children, John and Samuel. To her marriage with Christian Stoltzfus were born: Abraham, David, Solomon, Catherine, Elizabeth, Anna, Barbara, Esther and Magdalena, all of whom were buried in the Mill Creek burying-ground. After his second marriage Christian Stoltzfus came into Lancaster county, and settled near Rissler's Mill, where he owned large tracts of land, and was a life-long farmer. He was one of the first Amish ministers to settle in that part of the State, becoming one of the bishops of that church, and lived to attain a great age.

Christian Stoltzfus, noted above, was born in Berks county, and when but a young lad came with his parents into Lancaster county, where he lived all his days. He followed farming, and proved himself a most industrious and upright man, and was well known, especially in the Amish Church, of which he was a zealous and devout member. Mr. Stoltzfus married Anna Blank, by whom he had a family of three sons and six daughters, Samuel, Christian, John, Catherine, Rebecca, Anna, Barbara, Elizabeth and Susanna.

Samuel Stoltzfus, the father of Christian B., whose name introduces this article, was born in 1812, and was a lifelong farmer, locating on a ninety-acre farm in Earl township, about a half mile north

of New Holland, where he lived for many years. Later in life he bought another farm of eighty-five acres, half a mile west of the old place, where he spent the rest of his life, dying April 25, 1883. He was a devout member of the Amish Church.

Mr. Stoltzfus married Miss Elizabeth Biler, a daughter of David Biler, whose home was near Rauck's Station, in East Lampeter township. She died in 1860, at the age of forty-five years, six months, twenty-three days. They had the following children: Benjamin, a retired farmer, whose home is in Berks county; David, deceased; Anna, deceased, who married David Umble; Jacob, a farmer in East Earl township; Samuel, deceased; Christian B.; Simeon, deceased; and Susannah and Rebecca, both unmarried, who make their home with their brother Christian B., on the farm about a half mile north of New Holland.

Christian B. Stoltzfus was born Dec. 24, 1843, and was reared on the farm where he was born, in Earl township, receiving his education in the common schools. For the last thirty years he has been farming for himself, and now owns one of the fine farms of the county. It comprises seventy-five acres, on which he has erected a good farm residence, and also a commodious frame barn. Many other valuable improvements have been effected by him, and every foot of ground indicates active and intense farming. Mr. Stoltzfus is a broad-minded and progressive man, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to anything that looks to the public good. He belongs to the Amish Church.

AARON H. SHANK, a general farmer in West Donegal township, was born in the township in which he is living, June 7, 1844, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Heisey) Shank, both natives and lifelong residents of West Donegal township. The father was a farmer and veterinary surgeon of high standing. For many years he was school director. He died Jan. 18, 1870, at the age of seventy-one years and the mother died in Feb., 1893, at the age of ninety-one years. Their remains are resting in a private burying ground on their old homestead. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following children: Susan, who died in infancy; Mary and Henry, deceased; Catherine, who died single, at the age of sixty years; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Martin Winters; Anna, the wife of David H. Meyers, a farmer in West Donegal township; Jonathan, who died young; Rachel, who died unmarried, at the age of fifty-six years; Jacob, a farmer in West Donegal township; Aaron H., whose name appears above; Samuel, who died at the age of thirty years, and John, who died young.

Jacob Shank, the paternal grandfather of Aaron H., spent his life in Lancaster county. Henry and Susan (Berk) Heisey, the parents of Mrs. Catherine Shank, were natives of Lancaster county.

Aaron Shank and Mary A. Barnhart were married Aug. 11, 1867, in Elizabethtown, and became

the parents of the following children: Samuel, who lives in Florin, Pa., married Sadie Shires, and is the father of three children, Lizzie (deceased), Mary and Ruth. Katie is the widow of Abraham G. Nisslev, and makes her home with her parents, bringing back with her two children, Paul (now dead) and Clarence; Irvin and Phares, both at home.

Mrs. Mary A. Shank was born in West Donegal township, and is a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Barnhart, both born in West Donegal township. Her father, who was born Oct. 27, 1821, retired from farming shortly after the death of his wife, who died April 13, 1890, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following children: Lizzie, who died in infancy; Mrs. Mary A. Shank; Lovina, who married Cyrus Schroll, a resident of East Donegal township; Uriah, deceased, and Louisa, who married William Geibe, and lives in Dauphin county, where he is engaged in farming.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Shank were John and Susan (Sherbone) Barnhart, both natives of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were Michael and Polly (Hess) Eshleman, of Lancaster county.

Aaron H. Shank remained at home until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he bought a farm in Mt. Joy township. On that place he made his home until 1896, when he came to his present location. His hard working habits and strict integrity, together with his genial disposition and kindly nature have won him the respect and confidence of the public to a marked degree. For two years he served as supervisor, and his judgment on public affairs is regarded as worthy of close attention. Mr. and Mrs. Shank are members of the Mennonite Church; in politics, he is a Republican.

WILLIAM H. WENTZ, one of the leading and representative citizens of Martic township, was born there March 16, 1844, son of William G. and Hannah (Penny) Wentz, of Lancaster county.

William G. Wentz, the father, was born in 1812, and died in 1871. He was a son of Joseph Wentz, of German origin, who had these children: John, Isaac, William, David, Thomas, Joseph, Matilda, Sarah, Susan and Maria, all deceased except Thomas and Maria. William G. Wentz married Hannah M. Penny, in 1836, and they had a family of six children, three of whom grew to maturity, namely: Mary M., the widow of Elias Aument, of Greene, Pa.; Isaac J., of Harrisburg; William, of this sketch. William G. Wentz was one of the leading citizens of his township and very acceptably filled a number of the local offices.

William H. Wentz of this sketch was reared to farming life, and attended the public schools. He has always taken a great interest in agricultural matters and is justly regarded as one of the best farmers of this locality. In politics he is a sound Republican. In 1900 he was made census enumerator, ful-

filling his duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. For eighteen years he has served as school director, holding the office of secretary the whole time, and has been interested in all legislation looking to the advancement of education.

On Sept. 12, 1872, Mr. Wentz was married to Miss Louisa A. Yost, born in 1851, daughter of Charles K. Yost and sister of Dr. John F. Yost, of Bethesda, Pa. (An extended mention of the Yost family will be found in another part of this volume). To this marriage were born three children, namely: Walter G., who died in childhood; Charles Elvin, born Oct. 14, 1876, residing in Martic township, unmarried, and Leila E., at home.

Mr. Wentz and family belong to the Methodist Church in Bethesda, in which he is both trustee and steward. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias at Rawlinsville, and the Knights of the Mystic Chain, at Mt. Nebo. He is known in his neighborhood for his integrity and uprightness of character, and his personal qualities make him esteemed as a neighbor, friend, husband and father.

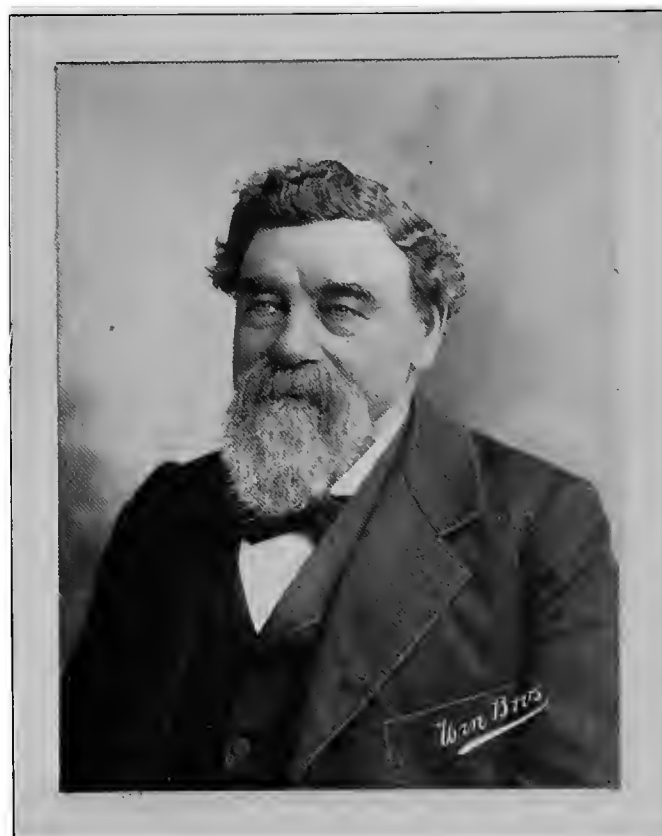
PHILIP LEBZELTER. Among the prominent men of Lancaster who have materially assisted in its growth as an industrial center is Philip Lebzelter, proprietor of the Eagle Wheel & Bending Works of that city, and who, although he has reached the age of seventy-three years, is still quite capable of taking active interest in the business which he founded in 1856.

Mr. Lebzelter was born March 9, 1829, in Neulautern, Wurtemberg, Germany, son of John and Catherine (Roeser) Lebzelter, both of whom were natives of Germany, where their whole lives were spent. John Lebzelter was a man of prominence in his native community, and for twenty-four years was the burgomaster of the village. By trade he was a woodturner. His death occurred in 1864, at the age of eighty-four years, and that of his wife in 1854, at the age of fifty-eight years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their seventeen children we have record of the following: Hannah, who is the widow of Jacob Woerner, a farmer living near Tremont, Ill.; Christian, who died in Germany; Elizabeth, deceased, Mrs. Kline; Wilhelm, deceased, who was a skilled wood worker, and had a family of fourteen children; J. Philip, whose name opens this sketch; Philopena, who married Albert Hoch, deceased, a prominent man in his native town in Germany; and Catherine, who married John Shlippf, a farmer in Germany.

Philip Lebzelter served an apprenticeship with his father and thoroughly learned the business of woodturning. On June 22, 1849, with his brother, Wilhelm, he left Antwerp, and after a voyage of thirty-eight days landed in New York. They went to relatives in Pennsylvania, but not finding work there nor in the German settlement in Lehigh and Berks counties, Philip walked to Reading, Pa.



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Philip Lebzelter

There he found employment on the Muhlenburg farm, at \$4 per month, but his faithful services were recognized, and he was paid at the rate of \$5 a month. Going from there to Reamstown, he was employed by John Killiam in his woodturning shop for a short time. In the meantime his brother William had been successful in the same line of work in Allegheny, Pa., and had written Philip to join him, which he did, working in the same shop where Andrew Carnegie was once the assistant engineer. This shop was owned by John Hay, and when he died it was bought by William Lebzelter, the price being \$1,400. The business prospered during his life, and after William's death his widow attempted to carry it on, but owing to other duties she could not give it necessary attention, and to relieve her Philip Lebzelter bought it. He soon found that his business interests in Lancaster would suffer, and he was obliged to dispose of it.

Mr. Lebzelter came to Lancaster, and first secured work in the woodturning shop of Bowers & Eshleman, where he continued for one and one-half years, and in 1854 began his present business, purchasing a lot on South Queen street, opposite the "Columbia Garden Hotel," and erecting a small shop. Prosperity smiled on him, and a year later he leased of James Potts the present site of the business house of Philip Lebzelter & Son. When his leased expired, at the end of three years, another firm secured the site, and Mr. Lebzelter returned to his South Queen street factory. In 1862 he purchased the present site, and has been there ever since. His business was started with limited means, and in a modest way, but its founder was a skilled worker as well as an excellent business man, and with each year of its existence, under his judicious management, it expanded, until now it is one of the leading industrial plants of the city. From a shop force of two men, in 1865, Mr. Lebzelter gradually required more help, even with the introduction of much labor-saving machinery, and now thirty-eight men are employed, and the output of manufactured goods includes second-growth hickory bent rims, shafts, poles, spokes, wheels, bows, reaches, banded hubs, a specialty being made of fine-grade wheels. The plant is located at No. 241 North Queen street, Lancaster. It is worthy of note that the first labor-saving machinery used was of the founder's own invention. The strict business methods and upright manner of dealing with the public that have marked this business from the beginning, and have contributed to its rapid growth and development, are continued under the active management of William F. Lebzelter, the most efficient and capable son of Philip Lebzelter, who since 1901 has been the manager of the works.

On April 2, 1854, in Lancaster, Mr. Lebzelter married Elizabeth Heleine, who was born in Lancaster in 1834, daughter of Philip and Mary Heleine, both of whom were natives of Alsace, France. Mr. Heleine was a stocking weaver by

trade, and carried on that business in Lancaster, and when he retired from activity he moved to Reading, where his last years were spent. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lebzelter were: Katie, Frank and Emma all died young. William, born Nov. 11, 1866, is now the manager of his father's large plant; in 1890 he married, in Little Falls, N. J., Miss Emma V. Hoff, by whom he has two children, Florence B. and Marian K. Charles, born Jan. 12, 1869, was killed while coasting in Reading, Pa., and buried on his twelfth birthday.

In politics Mr. Lebzelter is a staunch member of the Republican party, but with the exception of six years of service in the city council he has never accepted office, although his peculiar fitness for positions of trust and responsibility has long been recognized. Many very flattering offers have been made him, to induce him to connect himself with various financial institutions, but he has confined himself in a general way to his industrial plant and to real-estate transactions. He is a large property owner in various parts of the city of Lancaster, among his valuable holdings being the "Bridgeport Hotel," in East End Park, the "Schiller Hotel," in Lancaster, and the "American House," the latter being regarded as one of the two leading hotels in the city, a most desirable and remunerative property.

From childhood Mr. Lebzelter has been a member of the Lutheran Church, and he is a liberal supporter of all its charitable and benevolent enterprises. He is well and favorably known in the city. His English education was obtained by attending night school, Hon. J. B. Livingston, then a young lawyer and now president judge, being his teacher. A thorough business man, an excellent financier, scrupulously honest at all times, ambitious and energetic all his life, Mr. Lebzelter has accumulated large means through his own industry, and while so doing has won and retained the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

JAMES W. FITLER, a well-known conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, now residing in Columbia, was born in Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 27, 1843, and is a son of John K. and Rosina M. (Trainer) Fitler, the former a native of Fitler's Green (now Neffsville), and the latter of Columbia, both in Lancaster county. The family name was originally Fidler, but was changed by a school-teacher, named Rankin, two generations back. The grandfather of James W., Leonard Fidler, founded Fidler's Green in 1807, a village in which he built two hotels.

John K. Fitler was a carpenter, was a brewer for Scheide in Marietta and for thirty years was a boatman; he was a man of mark in Marietta, where he served as chief burgess and councilman and filled various other offices. There his wife expired June 17, 1876, when fifty-six years old and there his own demise took place, June 19, 1890, at the age of eighty; their remains were interred in St. Mary's

cemetery at Columbia. To the marriage of these parents were born the following named children: William, who died in infancy; James W.; Anna, who also died in infancy; Mary J., who is married to J. H. Hagermer, a contractor in Marietta; John H., also living in retirement in the same town; Edward P., a molder, in York; Frank B., a printer, in Philadelphia; Susan and Thomas, deceased.

Leonard Fidler, father of John K. Fitler, born on the old homestead of 360 acres in Rapho township, Lancaster county, was a butcher and carpenter. He married Barbara Kaufman, to which union were born: Nancy, who was married to John Kaufman; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Martha, married to Amos Kapp, and John K. The father of this family died in 1857 at the age of seventy-eight years and the mother in 1859, aged seventy-seven.

Leonard Fidler, the father of the Leonard mentioned above, was a native of Womelsdorf, Berks county, settled in Lancaster county, and followed farming until the end of life.

The maternal grandparents of James W. Fitler, Patrick and Rosina (Trainer) Trainer, were respectively born in County Tyrone and County Donegal, Ireland, came to America when children and were married in Wilmington, Del. Patrick Trainer was a contractor, and died in 1818, aged thirty-two years; his wife died in 1857, when sixty-six years old. Their children were named Susan, who was married to Peter Baker; Margaret, of Marietta, Pa.; Rosina M.; Ann, of Philadelphia, and Edward, deceased.

James W. Fitler began canal-boating at Marietta when but twelve years old and followed the calling until 1869; he next clerked for the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company three years; was next a brakeman for three months, then a flagman for nine months, and in 1872 came to Columbia; here he worked as a brakeman two weeks, as a flagman eighteen months, and was then promoted to his present position of conductor.

November 20, 1873, Mr. Fitler married Miss Mary A. Peoples, at Lancaster, and to this union have been born six children, viz: Marguerite, Rose M., James (killed by the electric cars in 1893), Mary R., Bernardino and Isabella. Mrs. Mary A. (Peoples) Fitler was born in County Donegal, Ireland, March 22, 1848, and is a daughter of James and Cecelia (Kennedy) Peoples, who came to America in 1848 and settled in Lancaster, Pa. James Peoples was a blacksmith and horseshoer, rose to prominence in Lancaster, was for many years a member of the select council, and died Dec. 9, 1880, at the age of sixty-five years; his wife died April 19, 1866, when but thirty-nine years old, the remains of both being interred in St. Mary's (Catholic) cemetery in Lancaster. To James and Cecelia Peoples were born the following children: Mary A. (Mrs. Fitler); Margaret C., deceased; James F., a machinist at Allegheny City, Pa.; Hugh, deceased; John H., a printer in Reading, Pa.; William, a plumber of Newark,

N. J., deceased; Stephan, a farmer and blacksmith in Chester county, Pa.; Charles, who died in Denver, Colo., in 1894, and Katie, who died young. The paternal grandfather of this family was a native of Scotland, whence he migrated to Ireland.

James W. Fitler is a sincere Catholic and a liberal contributor to the support of his church; in politics he is a sound Democrat.

JACOB S. MUMMA. Prominently identified with the growth and development of the industrial and farming interests of East Donegal township, which has been his home all his life, is Jacob S. Mumma, one of the most substantial citizens of this locality.

Mr. Mumma was born on his present farm, March 14, 1846, a son of Jonas and Catherine (Sherk) Mumma, the former a native of East Donegal, and the latter of Chestnut Hill, West Hempfield township, but both died on the farm now occupied by Jacob S. The father lived to the age of eighty-two, dying May 2, 1882, and the mother reached the same age, her death occurring Feb. 2, 1892, and both parents were buried in the Kraybill cemetery, in this township. They were most worthy members of the Mennonite Church, and had a family of three children: Jacob S.; Jonas, who married Ellen R. Nissley, died at the age of twenty-eight; and Catherine died young.

The paternal great-grandfather was Frederick Mumma, who was born in Switzerland and was a pioneer in Lancaster county. The grandfather was Jacob Mumma, who married Anna Kraybill, both of whom died on this farm, which has been in the possession of the family so many years. The maternal grandfather was Christian Sherk, which name was originally written, Sherrick.

Jacob S. Mumma has resided on this fine farm all his life, and every association of youth is connected in some way with these broad acres. General farming and some stockraising has been successfully pursued, and since 1890, a very profitable dairy business has also been operated here. This estate comprises 207 acres of some of the most fertile land in Lancaster county. Although an intelligent and progressive agriculturist finds a sufficient amount of labor connected with farming on an extensive scale, the drudgery and isolation which was, in times past, a necessary part of the life of a husbandman, have been changed, as the country has developed and machinery has been made to save time and labor, and now there is no more ideal life than that of the prosperous farmer. Mr. Mumma has taken advantage of modern methods and his farm is a very valuable, well-cultivated and desirable piece of property.

Jacob S. Mumma was married in Elizabethtown, Oct. 21, 1866, to Rebecca Nissley, and the children born of this union were: Anna, who married Harry S. Rich, cashier of the First National Bank, of Marietta, Pa., and died Oct. 24, 1901; Christian, who con-

ducts a meat business in Mt. Joy; Katherine, who married George U. Best, of Lancaster; Minerva, who is a nurse in the University Hospital, in Philadelphia; Jacob N., a steam fitter, in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, at home; Helen, who died in infancy; John M. and Harry J., at home.

Rebecca (Nissley) Mumma was born in Mount Joy township Nov. 30, 1848, daughter of Hon. Jacob and Elizabeth (Kraybill) Nissley, the former of whom died in Mount Joy township March 8, 1861, at the age of fifty-four. Until 1846, he lived the life of a farmer, but at that time was elected to the Legislature, and during the remainder of his life was occupied in the settling of estates, etc. The mother of Mrs. Mumma died in 1893, at the age of eighty-one, and was laid away in the Kraybill cemetery.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nissley were: Jacob K., a retired farmer of Florin, Pa.; Martha, who married Elias Eby, a retired farmer of East Donegal township; Barbara, who married Jonas Hostetter, of Florin, Pa.; Catherine, who married Michael H. Engle, a merchant of Elizabethtown; Elizabeth, who married David Rutt, a retired farmer of Sterling, Ill.; Anna E., who married Jacob E. Good, of West Donegal township; Rebecca; and Simon K., who conducts a restaurant in Lancaster.

For the past ten years, Mr. Mumma has testified to his interest in the public schools, by acting as school director, and he has been very earnest in the discharge of his duties. Socially he is connected with the Masonic order, being a member of the Blue Lodge, and in politics, he is an active Republican. Mrs. Mumma is highly valued in the Mennonite Church, where she has long been recognized as a consistent member. The family is one of the leading ones in the township, and enjoys the esteem of all in this locality.

BENJAMIN K. DENLINGER. The Denlinger homestead is a well-known farm in East Lampeter township, and its present owner and occupant, Benjamin K. Denlinger, is a worthy representative of an honorable family, which for many years has given to Lancaster county some of its best citizens.

Benjamin K. Denlinger was born on this farm, located but three miles east of the flourishing city of Lancaster, Jan. 20, 1846, a son of Benjamin and Annie (Kreider) Denlinger. Grandfather Abraham Denlinger inherited, by title, from his father, seventy-two acres of the fertile soil of East Lampeter township, and the title has since been handed down by will. The birth of Abraham Denlinger reaches back to July 21, 1785, his life covering the intervening years until March 6, 1836. He married Annie Landis, and their children were: (1) Martin, born on April 30, 1812, who married Barbara Johns, and died Feb. 5, 1879, the father of three children; a daughter who married Rev. John Landis, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Abraham, who died April 25, 1850, aged sixteen years, three months and twenty-seven days; and Martin, Jr., who married

Anna Groff, and died at the age of thirty-nine years, ten months and one day, leaving his widow with ten children, the youngest six weeks old. These children were: Emma, who married Samuel Herr; Barbara, who married John Denlinger; Lizzie, unmarried; Anna, wife of John Zimmerman; Elam, who married a Miss Burkholder; David, a teacher for a number of years; Martin; Salinda, wife of Jason Ranck; Abraham, a teacher; and Ida, wife of Reuben Buchwalter. One child, Mary, who died aged seven years, nine months and twenty-six days, preceded the father to the grave. (2) Benjamin, born Aug. 6, 1814, died Aug. 27, 1888. (3) Mary, born Nov. 26, 1808, became the wife of John Kreider, and died June 14, 1863. (4) Barbara, born Feb. 4, 1824, became the wife of Daniel Kreider, and died Sept. 8, 1844, aged nineteen years, seven months and three days. (5) Elizabeth, a twin sister to Mary, married Tobias Leaman, and died at the age of seventy-seven years, four months and twenty-six days.

The homestead was the abiding place of Benjamin Denlinger and wife, all their lives, and here they reared a large family of children, teaching them good principles and giving them wise, Christian counsel, and surrounding them with pious influences. These children were: Martin and John, both of whom are mutes; Abraham, who first married Annie Buchwalter, a daughter of Rev. David Buchwalter, and second, Hettie Landis, a daughter of Benjamin Landis; Annie, deceased, married David L. Buchwalter, a son of Deacon Michael Buchwalter; Benjamin K., of this sketch; Tobias K., who married Martha Brubaker, a daughter of Deacon John Brubaker; Daniel K., who married Hettie Hershey, a daughter of Jacob S. Hershey; Esther K., who married John Musser; Mary K. and Elizabeth K., twins, the former of whom is the widow of Henry E. Metzler, a son of Abram Metzler, and the latter, the wife of Christian M. Brackbill, a minister in the Mennonite Church; Barbara K., who married John H. Mellinger, a son of Jacob Mellinger; Lydia K., a mute, who married Daniel Rohrer, also a mute; Catherine K., a mute, who married Henry Kulp, also a mute.

Benjamin K. Denlinger received but few educational advantages. His entire life has been devoted to farming, in which he has taken much enjoyment, and under his ownership the old homestead improves every year. The location of this farm is most desirable, the old Philadelphia pike road running through the land. Until 1893 the family resided in the old house, but in that year, Mr. Denlinger erected his present most comfortable brick residence, and one year later completed the barn and other buildings needed in the management of a large estate. Not only is Mr. Denlinger a superior farmer, but he is also a floriculturist, and has built two commodious greenhouses, 21x60 and 23x100 feet, fitted with all conveniences, where he gives much time and attention to flowers of all kinds, succeeding well in their culture.

In 1868 Mr. Denlinger was united in marriage to Maria Wenger, a daughter of Joseph Wenger, the death of the latter occurring when his daughter was but fifteen years of age. Five years later, Mrs. Denlinger was bereft of her mother, also. To Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger were born: Annie; Benjamin W., who married Lydia Lefever, a daughter of Daniel Lefever, and operates his father's farm; Mary W., who died at the age of four years, six months and twenty-four days; Abraham W., who married Bertha Mary Leaman, a daughter of Amos Leaman; John W., who was always an invalid, and who died at the age of seventeen years, six months and twenty-four days; Harry W.; Martin W.; Joseph W.; and Katie W.

Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger are leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, in which faith they have carefully reared their family. Mr. Denlinger has been a generous contributor, and when the Melinger Church was built was an active member of the building committee. His interest in its progress and extension of influence is great, and he has the charge of the grounds and cemetery. The family is one which enjoys the respect of the community, and all are known as most estimable, upright people.

MISS PAULINE LAMPARTER, daughter of the late Everhardt Lamparter, and sister of Mrs. Eugene Bauer (both of whom are fully mentioned elsewhere), makes her home with her brother, Everhardt, the well known glue manufacturer of Rockland street. Miss Lamparter, though keeping house for her brother, is the owner of a very fine home in the Third ward of Lancaster. She was educated in the schools of Paradise township and Lancaster city, and is a lady of more than ordinary intelligence and of most kindly nature. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and is never so happy as when she is brightening the lives of those less fortunate than herself.

JOHN H. WEAVER. The family of Mr. Weaver, who is widely known and universally esteemed as one of the most successful farmers in East Lampeter township, has achieved no little distinction in both church and secular affairs. For three generations its members have borne the reputation of skillful agriculturists, good citizens and devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, to whose ministry they have contributed two preachers of note.

John H. Weaver is a grandson of John, who was the father of three sons and one daughter, all deceased. The daughter, Nancy, married Conrad Sitzman. The sons were named John, David and Henry. John and Henry belonged to the clergy of the Reformed Mennonite denomination. Henry, the father of John H. Weaver, was a farmer, as had been his father. He was noted for his earnest Christian character, his piety having that vitality which actuated and controlled all his dealings with

his fellow men. He married Anna Howry, who bore him four children. He passed away in September, 1898, and sleeps in the quiet grave yard which lies near the old Longenecker meeting house. John H. was the eldest child; the others were Henry, Anna and Levi, the last named a Mennonite minister, who married Ella Fraley, and lives in Strasburg township.

John H. Weaver was born Oct. 1, 1842. He inherits from his ancestors a love for the soil and from them has also descended to him an earnest faith, which is attested by his work. His life has been the quiet, uneventful one of a prosperous farmer, void of any ambition other than to perform well each duty of life as it presented itself to his mind and hand. His marriage to Frances, daughter of Martin Weaver, which occurred in 1872, has been blessed by the birth of three children, Elmer, Charles and Cora.

Elmer Weaver, the eldest son, is one of the most extensive and successful horticulturists in Lancaster county. His greenhouses with the contiguous land, where are situated the other appurtenances of his plant, cover 33,508 square feet, and the amount of glass used in covering them exceeds 37,000 square feet. His chief markets are Philadelphia and Pittsburg, to both of which points he is a large shipper. His specialty is carnations, although he also sends to market large quantities of violets, mignonette, smilax, asters and sweet peas. On May 3, 1899, he was married to Miss Alice Kohr, a daughter of Jacob Kohr, of Manheim township. In that same year he built, from plans conceived and drawn by himself, a handsome residence, replete with all the conveniences known to city homes, and there he now lives.

SAMUEL NISSLY. Prominently identified with the financial interests of Lancaster county is Samuel Nissly, president of the Lincoln National Bank, at Lincoln, Pa., and also a director and stockholder in the Lancaster Bank, and the Lititz National Bank, at Lititz, Pa. For more than sixty years he has been before the public and stands as a worthy example of uprightness of life and careful and conscientious work.

Samuel Nissly comes of Swiss stock, the first emigrant of the name coming to the State of Virginia about 1720, and from there came Grandfather Martin Nissly, who located in Lancaster county. Martin Nissly was born in 1759, and died in 1842, leaving two children: Henry and Catherine.

Henry Nissly married Catherine Martin about 1805, and reared a family of nine children: Peter, Martin, Henry, Samuel, John, Isaac, Elizabeth, Catherine and Annie, the three daughters living on the old home place in Clay township, while the brothers all, except Samuel, have passed away.

Samuel Nissly was born May 29, 1815, and like many another who has come to the front in other walks of life, he was reared on a farm, although his



SAMUEL NISSLY

inclinations did not induce him to select an agricultural life as a profession. At the age of eighteen he went to Lititz to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, returning three years later to Clay township, where for a few years he pursued this avocation. Being of a mathematical turn of mind, he then took up surveying and conveyancing, under instructions from his uncle, Peter Martin, and followed that line for some sixty years.

In 1850 Mr. Nissly was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and so efficiently has he served that he has been retained continuously ever since, his present term not expiring until 1905, a most unusual term of service. In 1844 he was one of the organizers of the Northern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and for the following fifty-six years served it in the capacities of director, secretary, treasurer and president, lately resigning the last named position. Mr. Nissly was also interested in other financial organizations, and is at present president of the Lincoln National Bank, an office he has held since its organization in 1884. He was one of the organizers of the Ephrata National Bank, and is also a director and stockholder in both the Lancaster Bank and the Lititz National Bank. Mr. Nissly possesses considerable valuable property in this locality, four fine farms and other real estate, and he resides somewhat retired at his home in Clay township, three-quarters of a mile from Lincoln, Pa., just across the line in Clay township from Ephrata township.

In politics Samuel Nissly is an ardent Republican, and cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison in 1840. Known far and wide for his honesty and his adherence to his convictions of right, no citizen of Lancaster county stands higher in the esteem of the public.

PHARES S. MOORE. Eminently fitted by inherited talent and by a liberal education for important business responsibilities, Phares S. Moore, proprietor of the Keystone rolling mill in West Hempfield township, is one of the best known citizens of the western part of Lancaster county. He was born on the farm which he now owns and occupies Nov. 19, 1862, son of Michael H. and Barbara (Stoner) Moore.

Michael H. Moore, a prominent business man of Lancaster county for many years, was born at Junction, Lancaster county, in 1818; he removed in 1854 to the farm in West Hempfield township, now occupied by his son. In 1862 he removed to Rohrs-town, and there operated an iron rolling mill for four years. Returning to his West Hempfield township residence, he there remained until 1897, when he removed to Lancaster. Though now well advanced in life he still attends to his own extensive business correspondence. Since 1894 he has been president of the Chestnut Hill turnpike. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Lancaster, of which he is now a director. He is a stockholder in the Conestoga Traction Co., and has

other large financial interests. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious faith a member of the old Mennonite church. He was the oldest son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Moore, pioneer farmers of Penn township, whose six children were Michael H.; John, engaged in the milling business in Rapho township; George, who died on the old farm; Martin, who also died on the old farm; Elizabeth, of Florin, widow of C. J. Heaston; and Harriet, of Philadelphia. Michael H. Moore married Barbara Stoner, daughter of Joseph H. and Barbara (Sprinkle) Stoner, farmers of York county, Pa. To Michael H. and Barbara Moore were born three children; Ella S., wife of Dr. Jacob F. Trexler, of Huntington; Phares S.; and Alice B.

Phares S. Moore was reared on the farm which he now occupies, and he has resided there continuously except while a student at school. He attended the district schools from the age of seven years until he was seventeen. Then for two years he was a student at York Collegiate Institute, York, Pa. His education was completed by a term at the Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. His business career began with a clerkship in the First National Bank of Lancaster, where he remained three years, and there laid the foundation for a thorough and practical business career. Returning home he took charge of his father's milling business in West Hempfield township, continuing in that capacity until Nov. 1, 1898, when he purchased the property and has since successfully conducted the same. The mill on this site was first built by Christian Hertzler in 1811, and has been in the Moore possession for more than forty years. It is operated by water from the Big Chickies creek, and is of forty horse power capacity.

Mr. Moore married, in Penn township, in March, 1895, Miss Emma S. Gross. She is a native of Penn township, and a daughter of Levy S. and Elizabeth (Espenshay) Gross, farmers of Penn township. To Phares S. and Emma S. Moore have been born three children, Michael G., Serena G. and Levi G. In politics Mr. Moore is a Republican.

MOSES SNAVELY, a retired miller, who is passing the last years of an industrious and highly useful life in an honorable retirement in Intercourse, Lancaster county, was born in that village Feb. 18, 1842, son of Joseph and Martha (Hershey) Snavelly.

Joseph Snavelly was born in Lebanon county, and the mother in Leacock township, Lancaster county. The father was a farmer all his life, but spent his last fifteen years in retirement. They were married in 1825, and lived for a time in Clay township, but presently removed to their farm in Leacock township, where the greater part of their mature lives was spent. He was born in 1801, and died Aug. 1, 1871; she was born in 1804, and died July 14, 1857. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains are resting in the cemetery connected with the Hershey Church.

Joseph and Martha Snively were the parents of the following family: Elizabeth, who lives in Intercoarse, unmarried; John, who died in 1900, unmarried; Joseph, living retired in Wayne county, Ohio, who married first a Miss Martin, and second, a Miss Tigert; Martha, deceased wife of Solomon Warner; Samuel, who married Anna Rudy, and is dead; Henry, a retired farmer in Earl township, who has had two wives, Elizabeth Hershey and Fanny Martin; Anna, married to Israel Eberly, a retired farmer of Stevens, Pa.; Benjamin, who is unmarried and living with his sister at Intercoarse; Moses; Jacob, who married Malinda Rutter, and lives in Wayne county, Ohio; Lydia, who died young; and Amos, a farmer in Wayne county, Ohio, who married a Martin.

The paternal grandparents of Moses Snively were John and Elizabeth (Long) Snively, who spent their married lives in Lebanon county. His father came from Germany. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Snively were John and Anna (Hurst) Hershey, both of Dauphin county, Pa. His father was born in Lancaster county.

Moses Snively was married in Leacock township to Miss Susanna Clark, and there were born to this union the following family: Hettie A., late wife of Phares Eby; Jesse Miller, who married Ida Lantz, and lives in Paradise township, where they have a family of three children, Elmer, Ralph and Jesse; Magdalena and Elizabeth, both of whom died young; Susie, at home. Mrs. Susanna (Clark) Snively, born in Salisbury township, May 2, 1846, is a daughter of Jesse and Hettie (Shirk) Clark, of Lancaster county. Her father was a farmer, but lived retired during the ten years prior to his death, which occurred in 1893, at the age of eighty-one years. His widow survived until 1896, when she died at the age of eighty-one years. They were buried in Ashland county, Ohio, having removed to that section in 1869. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of the following family: Fanny, wife of Amos Esbenschade of Lancaster county, who moved to Ashland county, Ohio, in 1866, and who had eighteen children; Martin, who married Jemima Hess, and is a life insurance agent in Ashland county, Ohio; Peter, a farmer in Salisbury township, who married Anna Brackbill; Susanna, the wife of Moses Snively; Jesse, who died young; John, who married in Ashland county, Ohio, and is a retired farmer; Catherine A., who died young.

Moses Snively remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four, when he began farming in Leacock township. Ten years later he purchased a mill in Paradise township, which he carried on for eighteen years, and then retired to a pleasant home in Intercoarse, leaving the mill in the hands of his son, who has become a very popular miller. Mr. Snively and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, and he is a Republican. For the last three years he has been a director of the Co-

nestoga National Bank at Lancaster. His business talents have long been recognized, and he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

HENRY F. HOSTETTER, a resident of Manheim township, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, and was born on the farm where he is now residing, Nov. 28, 1841, a son of Christian and Catherine (Franck) Hostetter. His father was born in Donegal township in 1805, and was there reared. A year after his marriage he purchased the farm on which his son, Henry F., is now residing. It comprises ninety-seven acres, and as long as the parents lived it was their home. It was about 1827 that the elder Hostetter bought it, and greatly improved it. In 1852 he erected the farm home, and there he lived until his death in 1879. The son of Christian Hostetter, he was a man of much character and force, and with his wife belonged to the Old Mennonite Church.

Catherine (Franck) Hostetter was born Sept. 2, 1807, and died in December, 1886. She was the daughter of Deacon John and Maria (Bowman) Franck. Christian and Catherine Hostetter had a family of ten children: Maria, late wife of Jacob Oberholtzer; Michael, a resident of Manheim borough, a retired farmer; John, a carpenter in Lancaster; Christian, a retired farmer of Donegal township; Catherine, the widow of Isaac L. Stoner, of Penn township; Henry F.; Benjamin, who died at the age of seventeen years; Anna, the wife of Joseph G. Gachenhauer, of East Hempfield township; David F., a farmer in Manheim township; one who died in infancy.

Henry F. Hostetter was born and reared on the old homestead, where he still resides, midway between Neffsville and Petersburg. Educated in the public schools, at the age of twenty-four he began operating the homestead, which he carried on for eleven years, when he moved to a farm belonging to Abraham Huber, near Lancaster, where he spent two years. On the death of his father he returned to the homestead to care for his mother during her declining years, and on her death he purchased fifty-seven acres of the family estate, and has made that his home till the present time. His entire attention is given to the tilling of his soil, and his name is classed with those of the most successful agriculturists of the section.

Mr. Hostetter was married Oct. 24, 1865, to Miss Anna B., a daughter of John and Fannie (Buckwalter) Huber, and born in Leacock township, May 9, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter are the parents of two children: Fannie, who died April 15, 1897, in her thirty-first year; and Katie, who is the wife of Willis S. Kilheffer, of Lancaster. They have two children, Annie and Abraham.

Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter are members of the Old Mennonite Church, of which he is a trustee. The family all stand high in the esteem and confidence of the community.

ABRAHAM BACHMAN, one of the progressive and public-spirited men of Lancaster county, belongs to one of the solid, respected and substantial families who for many years have taken part in the affairs of this part of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Abraham Bachman was born Aug. 13, 1843, a son of John and Anna (Herr) Bachman, in Pequea township, where he was reared and educated. His father was a competent cabinet-maker, and owned an establishment, and while but a lad Abraham took an interest in this trade and began working in wood also, later learning the trade of carpenter under the supervision of his brother, Benjamin H. Bachman. For many years he followed journey work, beginning contracting on his own account in 1875, since which time he has been busily engaged and is considered one of the most satisfactory workmen in his line in Lancaster county. Many of the best built residences and barns in this locality are the work of his skilled hands.

Abraham Bachman married Catherine Houser, a daughter of John Houser, of West Lampeter township, and five children have been born to this union: Jacob F., who is a farmer of West Lampeter township; Henry H., a mechanic in the employ of William Wohlsen, in his sash and door works, in Lancaster; A. Morris, a blacksmith of West Lampeter township; John W., a cabinet-maker and carpenter, associated with his father in business; and Lydia Ann, the wife of Moses R. Landis, of East Lampeter township.

The father and sons are all Republicans, and are among the best citizens of the township, well representing the business interests of that part of Lancaster county.

GEORGE M. DELP, one of the representative men of Manheim township, was born in Lower Leacock township, Lancaster county, Oct. 3, 1843, and is a son of John and Anna (Meixell) Delp.

John Delp was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and when a young man came to Lancaster county, where he met and married Miss Anna Meixell, who was a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of John Meixell, of Leacock township. After their marriage, the young couple spent several years in Montgomery county, Pa., and about 1840 returned to Lancaster county. Here John Delp died, about 1856, when he was fifty-five years of age. In his politics he was an ardent Abolitionist, and was the son of parents who were members of the New Mennonite Church. His widow with her two youngest sons went West to make her home near Sterling, Ill. She passed away at the age of seventy-eight years, having been the mother of twelve children: Jacob, who resides in Kansas, and is a veteran of the War of the Rebellion; Catherine, who married Henry Roland, of Manheim township, and is dead; Elizabeth, late wife of Henry Butt, of Lancaster; Mary, the widow of Henry Faltz, of

Lancaster county; Michael, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion and now a farmer in Kansas; John, who lives in Whiteside county, Ill.; Francis, who served in the Union army, and is a resident of Lancaster; George M.; David, who served in the Union army, and is a farmer and stock raiser in Wyoming; Samuel, who died at the age of two years; Samuel (2), a soldier in the war of the Rebellion, and now a farmer in Whiteside county; Isaac, a mechanic and a stone mason in Kansas.

George M. Delp was reared to a farm life, and was compelled by the death of his father to care for himself at the early age of thirteen years. For several years he found employment among the neighboring farmers, working by the month until he was about eighteen years old. He attended school during the winter's season, and worked during the summer. It was a hard struggle but it fitted him for the activities of life before him, and was a large factor in his success.

Mr. Delp enlisted in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., Sept. 20, 1861, when he was less than eighteen years, and was mustered out March 4, 1865. Among the battles in which he bore a gallant part were those at Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, and at White Point, where he was taken prisoner; he was immured at Richmond, Danville and Andersonville, where he was confined eleven months, and then taken from there to Florence, S. C., and to Goldsborough, N. C., where he was rescued by the Union troops. On the first day at Chickamauga he was slightly wounded, but he has never recovered from the effects of his prison life. After he was mustered out, Mr. Delp returned home and for two or three years was engaged in the butcher business at Neffsville. After this for some two years he worked out by the month.

When Mr. Delp married, he settled on a farm, and for some two years lived on a rented place. Later he purchased a farm of twelve acres about a mile southwest of Neffsville, and this has been his home to the present time. His acreage has been increased by subsequent purchases of twelve acres in one tract and sixteen in another, and he proved himself a hard-working and successful farmer. He built the home in which he lives and the farm buildings have all been newly built by him. By his industry and thrift he has accumulated considerable property, and is well regarded by his fellow townsmen, who have elected him supervisor of Manheim township.

Mr. Delp was married in 1868 to Miss Maria Shriner, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah Shriner, of Manheim township. To them came a family of seven children, all of whom are living: Ida, the wife of Benjamin Hertler, of Mechanicsville, Lancaster county; John, at home; Ulysses, who married Ellen Huber and resides in Warwick township; Sadie, the wife of Meno Hess, of Manheim township; Laura, Ellen and Mahlon, at home.

Mrs. Delp died in April, 1889. Mr. Delp belongs

to the Old Mennonite Church, is a man of much character, and stands well in the community where he has passed so many industrious and useful years.

HENRY M. MAYER, a resident of Rohrerstown who needs no introduction to the citizens of his section of Lancaster county, was born March 23, 1844, in Manheim township, on the farm now owned by the John Keller estate, near the city of Lancaster. He comes of old Pennsylvania stock, being of the sixth generation in descent from John Mayer, who came hither from Switzerland in the seventeenth century, and settled in Manheim township, taking up a large estate purchased from the Penns.

Martin R. Mayer, father of Henry M., was born in April, 1798, in Manheim township, near Lancaster City. He was the owner of some 540 acres, including the Keller farm before mentioned. For over thirty years he served in the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church.

Henry M. Mayer was reared in his native township, and received the greater part of his education in its common schools. He attended the Lititz Academy for two years, 1860 and 1861. Taking up the vocation to which he had been trained from boyhood, he worked on the farms of his father and brother until his marriage. In the spring of 1868 he commenced farming on his own account; in East Hempfield township, where he resided for seventeen years, successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, and acquiring a high reputation as one of the most intelligent, up-to-date farmers of that region. Diligence in the improvement of the land, the crops, the manner of cultivation, in everything, in fact, pertaining to the proper and profitable conduct of a farm, was rewarded with the most encouraging results. But Mr. Mayer in this, as in all other work he has undertaken, merely followed the natural bent of his character for thoroughness, perseverance and painstaking industry, and his place was as nearly a model farm as unceasing labor and judiciously expended means could make it. In 1885 he moved to Rohrerstown, in East Hempfield township, in order to give more attention to his surveying and conveyancing interests, which were becoming extensive, and there he has ever since resided, prominently identified with the town and its affairs. Mr. Mayer is holding important trusts in settling up and managing large estates, and he has by his fidelity and sterling integrity in the conduct of such business won the hearty respect of all with whom he has been associated. Mr. Mayer was the first vice-president of a national bank ever elected in Lancaster county and was one of the officers of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster when it was first organized.

In 1880 he was elected a trustee of the State Normal School at Millersville, which position he still holds, and since 1883 he has been chairman of the Committee of Instruction and Discipline of that in-

stitution. The affairs of his town have also received his attention, his services as member of the board of school directors in East Hempfield township covering the period from 1872 to 1884, during eleven years of which he was the efficient secretary of the board. All in all, Mr. Mayer has led a life alike of value to the community and creditable to himself, for although he had the advantage of worthy ancestry to give him standing in the world, he has lived fully up to the standard, and the universal esteem which he enjoys is the best evidence of what he has accomplished on his own merits alone. In 1878 he joined the Church of God at Rohrerstown, and the same year was elected one of the elders of the church, still serving in that capacity.

In November, 1867, Mr. Mayer was united in marriage with Frances M. Hershey, eldest daughter of J. Hoffman and Barbara Hershey, of West Hempfield township. Two daughters blessed this union, Dora E. and Mamie B., of whom Mamie died in her eighth year. Dora is the wife of Harry E. Hershey, treasurer of the Steinman Hardware Company, to whom she was married in February, 1900.

JOHN WITMER HESS, M. D. (deceased). Few physicians of Lancaster ever left behind them a more lasting memory than Dr. John Witmer Hess, who passed out of life Nov. 13, 1895, after a professional career marked with unusual success and followed with a faithfulness which precluded active interest in every other line of endeavor. Dr. Hess was, first, last and all the time, the physician, careful, patient, watchful and skillful.

The Doctor was born March 7, 1840, in Eden township, Lancaster county, and although only fifty-five years of life were granted him he accomplished more in alleviating pain and advancing his beloved science than have many whose life span extended much farther. He was a son of Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Hess, the former of whom was a farmer and also a hotel-keeper for many years on the Columbia pike, four miles west of Lancaster. The following children were born to Daniel Hess and his wife: Dr. John W.; Martin, a soldier during the Civil war, who has retired to the Soldiers' Home; Witmer J., a farmer at Mountville, Pa.; Edward, a farmer in Kansas; Catherine and Emma, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of John S. Hoover, of Mountville; Alice, who married George Trout, a farmer of Landisville; Ellen, who married Harry Detrich, of Manor township; and Zena, deceased, who married Alfred Coble, of South Bend, Ind. The Hess family is of Swiss extraction and more extended mention of its members will be found elsewhere.

Dr. Hess received the educational advantages afforded by the district schools, and later graduated from the Millersville Normal School, where he was regarded as an unusually bright and ambitious student. Soon after he entered upon his medical reading, with Dr. Alexander Cassidy, of Millersville,



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and then entered Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, graduating from that institution in 1864, and immediately commencing practice with Dr. Cassidy, his old preceptor. Dr. Hess married, and then started upon his own career, remaining in Millersville until November, 1876, when he removed to Lancaster. Almost immediately he entered upon a large and engrossing practice, and, as stated, so faithfully did he attend to its demands that he refused all political or other office, although he sympathized strongly with the Republican party. He passed away in November, 1895, and was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. In 1873 he joined Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; and he also belonged to Chapter No. 43 R. A. M.; Council No. 19; Commandery No. 13, K. T.; The Lodge of Perfection; and the Knights of Pythias.

In 1864 Dr. Hess was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Baer, born in Hempfield township, daughter of Martin H. and Mary (Baer) Baer, the former of whom was a farmer. Mr. Baer died in 1837, at the age of thirty-five years, a member of the Mennonite Church, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery in Millersville. Mrs. Baer married (second) Jacob Bausman, more extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Hess is kind and liberal, and with other members of the family recalls Dr. Hess and his work with pardonable pride, justly considering him one of the representative men of Lancaster. Her pleasant home is in the city, where she is surrounded by many attached friends. She belongs to the Reformed Church. Her family also has long been a prominent one in Lancaster county.

EDWIN M. GILBERT, a leading member of the Lancaster County Bar, is a descendant of John and Florence Gilbert, who came to the American shores from Cornwall, England (where they belonged to an old and honored family), in company with William Penn in 1682. They settled in Byberry, on a land grant from the Penns, this ancient estate being still in the hands of their descendants. These early Gilberts were farmers by occupation, and Quakers in religion. The family came to Lancaster county in the early part of the nineteenth century and settled near Bird-in-Hand. When the Gilbert family removed from Bucks county they settled at Gilberton, in Carbon county, to which they gave their family name, and after living there six months they were captured in 1781 by the Indians and taken to Canada, where they were kept in captivity a number of years. There the elder Gilbert died, and his body was buried along the Niagara river. This was E. M. Gilbert's great-great-grandfather, and his grandfather, John, who was a farmer, was born in captivity.

Joseph H. Gilbert, father of Edwin M., died in 1893, in Eden township, where he was a farmer and had a tannery. Hannah H. Whitson, his wife, was the daughter of Micah Whitson, of a noted Quaker

family. This union was blessed with seven children, five of whom are living: Mary W., the wife of A. Walton, a farmer of Bart township; Amos, in the creamery business at Quarryville; Edwin M., of Lancaster; Hugh W., the postmaster at Quarryville, where he has a livery business; and Joseph H., a laundryman in Chester county.

Edwin M. Gilbert was born in Eden township, on the old homestead, March 9, 1862, and had his education in the district school, and in the Union Academy at Colerain, under Prof. Andrews, completing it in the State Normal School at Westchester. Young Gilbert then came to Lancaster to become a student in the law office of J. W. Johnson. For three years he studied law, and for a time taught school, pursuing his legal preparation during the interim of the school sessions, and was admitted to practice Oct. 14, 1885. Two years later, according to the rules of the courts, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior courts, in both of which he has since been a constant worker. Mr. Gilbert is an ardent Republican, and was honored with the position of solicitor for the prison inspectors of Lancaster county, and has served as, and is now, city solicitor of Lancaster.

On Jan. 2, 1887, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Carrie V. Yonkers, whose ancestors were the founders of the now famous Yonkers, N. Y. This union was blessed with one child, Rodney Yonkers, who is now a student of Yeates Institute. With the exception of the Young Republican Club, Edwin M. Gilbert belongs to no organization save the Society of Friends of Bart Meeting, Bart township, devoting his entire time to the practice of the law, in which he has been very successful.

JOHN G. WESTAFER, editor and proprietor of the *Elizabethtown Chronicle*, and one of the leading and most influential citizens of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., on April 8, 1850. His parents were George and Mary (Zimmerman) Westafer, of York and Dauphin counties respectively; the father was a man of prominence, being both constable and tax collector of Middletown for a period of twenty-five years. He passed out of life in 1863, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother survived until 1885, dying at the age of seventy-eight years; their burial was in the cemetery at Elizabethtown. They were consistent members of the Church of God.

John G. Westafer was the only child of his parents, and was educated in the public schools of Middletown. Between the ages of fifteen and nineteen he was under the tutorship of J. W. Stofer, in the printing business, on the *Middletown Journal*. In November, 1869, he came to Elizabethtown, and on Dec. 6 established the *Elizabethtown Chronicle*, this excellent journal being now in its thirty-fourth volume. It began its existence as a six-column folio, which has been enlarged into an eight-column folio, and it has a very large circulation among a

most intelligent class of readers. Mr. Westafer wields a ready and facile pen, keeps thoroughly abreast of the times, and gives his patrons a first-class, instructive and newsy journal, taking care to make it a paper suitable for all ages, and a proper fireside companion. His efforts have been successful, and the influence he wields in the Republican party ranks is a very important political factor. Mr. Westafer has a complete job printing department connected with his office.

Mr. Westafer has held a number of positions of responsibility. For nine years, despite the cares of a growing business, he has been the very efficient president of the board of health, and has shown his interest in the schools by serving as director for three years. For twenty-eight years he has been a valued member of the I. O. O. F., and no one in his vicinity doubts his adherence to the principles of the Republican party.

In September, 1872, in Elizabethtown, Mr. Westafer was united in marriage with Miss Esther Weaver, who was born March 9, 1848, a daughter of Daniel and Magdalena (Minnich) Weaver, of West Donegal township, where the former was engaged as a carpenter and also in farming. The two children born to this union are: Jenny L., wife of Ambrose Raffensberger, who is the telephone pole inspector at Elizabethtown; and George W., who married Birdie Angstadt, and has three children, Vera, Ruth and John G. Since April 1, 1902, George W. has been engaged as a partner with his father in the printing business, under the firm name of John G. Westafer & Son, and he is also in the green-house business. The family are connected with the Lutheran Church, and are prominent in the social life of their town.

LUKINS PENROSE, of Liberty Square, Pa., was born in Drumore township, on the farm which he now owns, Sept. 6, 1845, a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Lukins) Penrose, the former a native of Bucks county and the latter of Montgomery county.

Benjamin Penrose was born in 1803 and was a son of Israel Penrose, who married Susan Folk, both being natives of Bucks county. The children born to Benjamin and Susan Penrose were: Jane, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, deceased, who married William Ambler, of Martic township; Edith, deceased, who married James Martin, of Union county, Ohio; Benjamin, the father of Lukins; and Joseph, who married Margaret Lukins.

Grandfather Israel Penrose came to Drumore township with his family in 1828 and purchased the farm and the mill property which is now known in this locality as Hess' Mills, and lived there until his death, in 1857. Benjamin Penrose, the son of Israel and the father of Lukins, was married about 1835, to Hannah Lukins, and the eight children born to this union were: Edith, the widow of Isaac Shoemaker, of Drumore township; Everard, a resi-

dent of California; Israel A., a retired farmer of Fairfield, Pa.; Lukins; Annie Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Sarah S. Rutter, who is living in Drumore. The others passed away in infancy. Benjamin Penrose died in 1881.

Lukins Penrose was reared on the pleasant old farm and learned his father's trade in the mill, but in 1865 he began farming operations, continuing through these years to carry on agricultural work, and his fine farm of 180 acres, which he inherited from his father, is well improved and very valuable.

Lukins Penrose was married on Dec. 17, 1873, to Miss Rachel Ankrim, of Drumore township, who passed out of life on Dec. 17, 1883, leaving a vacant place which has never been filled. In every way she was a good woman, a kind friend, and was devoted to her home and family. The children born to this union were: Benjamin E., born Nov. 9, 1874, unmarried, and living in Union county, Ohio; Hannah Elizabeth, who was born July 11, 1879, and is now her father's very capable housekeeper; Alice May, born April 2, 1881, who resides with her uncle, Israel Penrose, at Fairfield; and Joseph, born June 5, 1883, who died on April 23, 1901.

In his religious belief Lukins Penrose is a Quaker. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Penrose enjoys the esteem of the community, is an excellent farmer, an accommodating neighbor, a kind and indulgent father, and a man who represents in every way a high type of citizenship.

GEORGE W. BAIR, a resident of Earl township, was born in Leacock township, near Ellsworth, a son of Joel Bair and a grandson of Joel Bair.

Joel Bair, the grandfather, was a farmer in Leacock township, and was classed among the larger land owners of the day. He married a Miss Wolf, by whom he had the following family: George, who died in Upper Leacock township; Joel, the father of George W.; Daniel, who died in Ohio; Henry, a resident of Chester county; Jacob, who died in Chester county; Hetty, who married D. Musselman, and removed to Adams county; Catherine, the widow of Henry Kurtz, of Cocalico township; Christina, married to Jacob Hershey, both deceased; Caroline, who married Daniel Eby, both now deceased.

Joel Bair, the father of George W., was born and reared in Leacock township, where he began as a farmer, making that the occupation of his life. About 1862 he moved into Earl township, where he bought a farm of 126 acres, on which he erected good buildings, and there he lived until his death. This home is now owned by two of his sons. In course of time he became one of the better known and substantial citizens of the county, and had more than a local reputation as a farmer and stock raiser. He and his wife, Leah Bushong, were members of the Reformed Church. She was a daughter of John Bushong, and was born in East Lampeter township. Her death occurred in 1884.

at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Bair died in 1890, at the age of eighty years. To them were born seven children: Eve Anna, the wife of Diller Rauck, of Chester county; Israel, a resident of New Holland; John B., a resident of Leacock township; Amanda, the wife of Elam Kling, a resident of Earl township; George W.; Amos O., who died when two years old; Jason D., a merchant in Leacock township.

George W. Bair was born July 6, 1853, was reared on the farm and had his education in the public schools. When he was twenty-five he began farming on his own account in Upper Leacock township, in which occupation he was engaged for one year, when he returned to Earl township, and in 1884 located on the farm where he still resides. This farm contains sixty acres, and is cultivated so that it ranks among the very best in the county. He owns a second farm of thirty-two acres, adjoining his home place, and both are well improved. Mr. Bair is an enterprising and public-spirited man, and takes a deep interest in anything that looks to the public good. He has filled the office of supervisor and has been a member of the County Republican Committee. For the last six years he has dealt largely in phosphates.

Mr. Bair was married Nov. 19, 1878, to Miss Laura J. Bushong, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Zook) Bushong, who was born in Upper Leacock township in 1857. To this union have come four children: Elva Mary, who died at the age of ten months; Ira Garfield, born Oct. 8, 1881; Mabel Leah, who died when two and a half years old; Edna I., born Jan. 20, 1887.

Mr. and Mrs. Bair are members of the Reformed Church, in which he is an elder. He is president of the Consistory, and superintendent of the Sabbath-school connected with the local church. Mrs. Bair is a teacher in the Sunday-school, the son is librarian, and the daughter is organist. Mr. Bair united with the church when he was seventeen years of age, and when he was twenty was made a deacon. Since 1894 he has been an elder of the church, which he has represented at the Classis.

WALTER S. BUNTING, a prominent and respected farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in the home where he is now living, and is a son of Robert and Margaret (Morgan) Bunting, natives of Colerain and Pequea townships, respectively.

The mother was a daughter of William Morgan; the father was the son of Walter Bunting, who came from Ireland and established the present homestead in 1782. Here in 1791 he erected a stone barn which remained in a good state of preservation until Aug. 23, 1902, when it was burned. The stone house on the property was built in 1817, and it is one of the good and solid structures of the present time. Here Walter Bunting and his wife died, leaving four children: Elizabeth Bunting,

who married a Mr. Smith, and moved to Ohio; Margaret Bunting, who married a Mr. McCoy, and also moved into Ohio; William Bunting, who lived and died in Chester county; Robert Bunting, the father of Walter S., who settled with his wife on the Bunting homestead, where he lived and died. During his active years Walter Bunting added many solid improvements to the farm, and brought it into a high state of fertility. He died in 1880, and his widow two years later. They were among the founders of the Presbyterian Church in Colerain township, and were devoted members of that body. In politics he was a Democrat, and at various times was elected to local positions in Colerain township.

Robert Bunting and his wife had seven children. (1) Nancy Bunting married A. J. Miller, and lives in Philadelphia, where he holds a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with his office at Broad street station. They have six children: John; Margaret B., the wife of Joseph P. Rea, of Philadelphia; Mary; Louisa; Emma; and Francis. (2) William lives in Philadelphia. (3) Ella was educated at the Union High School, is unmarried, and makes her home in Philadelphia. (4) Robert died when a young man. (5) Walter S. (6) Mary Bunting died when a young woman. (7) Thomas Bunting died in childhood.

Walter S. Bunting was educated in the Union High School, and remained on the home farm until his marriage, in February, 1877, when Mary L., the daughter of James and Margaret (McIntyre) Lindsey, became his wife. James Lindsey was born in Lower Oxford township, Chester county. Margaret McIntyre was born near Oxford. After their marriage they settled on the John Lindsey homestead in Chester county. John Lindsey, the grandfather of Mrs. Bunting, came from the North of Ireland in 1782, to make his home in Chester county, where he lived and died on a farm, leaving five children, James, John, Jackson, Mary and Hannah. The homestead fell to James Lindsey, and there Mrs. Bunting was born. She was educated at the home schools, and the Oxford Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bunting settled on a farm adjoining their present location, where they lived seven years. In 1885 they moved to the old Bunting homestead, where he has lived to the present time. He is a man of standing in the community. On his present farm he has made many very substantial improvements, has put hot and cold water and steam heat into the building, and has greatly improved the place. He is the father of four children: (1) Robert J., secured his education in the Union High School, and taught school for two years in Colerain township. In 1899 he secured a lucrative position at the Broad Street depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Philadelphia. (2) Mary E. attended the Union High School, from which she graduated, and the West Chester State Normal, where she was graduated in the class of 1901, and is now one of the teachers in the Colerain Union School. (3) Walter

S. and (4) Albert M. were twins; Albert died when two and a half years old; Walter S. is now a student at the Union High School.

Mrs. Walter S. Bunting belongs to the Presbyterian Church, with which her husband is also connected. In politics he has always been a Democrat, and for seven years was school director.

The Buntings are an old and prominent family in Colerain township. The old stock were all Presbyterians, and were widely known all over the county as prosperous and successful farmers, and worthily wears an honored name.

HENRY B. NISSLEY, now a retired farmer at Florin, Pa., is somewhat advanced in life, and has put behind him useful and industrious years as his contribution to the welfare of his native community.

Mr. Nissley was born March 28, 1846, the son of Christ E. and Fanny (Breneman) Nissley, both of whom were born in Rapho township. For fifteen years prior to his death the father was a retired farmer. A man of some prominence in the community, he filled the position of school director for eighteen years and was a shrewd and thrifty farmer, of good habits and high character. In 1891 he passed away at the age of seventy years, and his widow in 1894, at the age of sixty-four years. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried at Landisville. To them were born: Henry B.; Samuel, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Jonas, a farmer in West Hempfield; Anna, who married John Stehman, of Lancaster county; Catherine, who married Daniel Forney; Fanny, who married Amos Shelly, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; David, deceased; Ellen, living in Lancaster, Pa.; Emma, who married Witmer Rohrer, a foreman in the silk mill at Lancaster.

The parents of Christ E. Nissley were Samuel and Emma (Eby) Nissley, who were honest and industrious farming people near Petersburg, where they both died on their farm. The maternal grandfather of Henry B. Nissley was Henry Breneman, of Lancaster county.

Henry B. Nissley was twice married. Nov. 30, 1869, in Lancaster, Pa., he was married to Rebecca B. Brubaker, by whom he became the father of these children: Alice, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Isaac B., a farmer in Salunga, Pa.; Frances B. and Enos B. are at home; Minnie; Paris; Walter B., a farmer in this county; Ira B., deceased. Mrs. Rebecca B. Nissley was born in Rapho township, and died Oct. 11, 1888. She was buried in Graybill's cemetery in East Donegal township, and was a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Hershey) Brubaker, both of whom died on their homestead in Rapho township.

Mr. Nissley and Mrs. Kate (Hoffer) Risser were married May 18, 1890, in Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Nissley is the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Herst) Hoffer, of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, re-

spectively. Her father died in 1881, at the age of sixty-four, and her mother in 1877, at the age of sixty years. They were both buried in the cemetery connected with the Green Tree meeting house in Mt. Joy township. They were members of the German Baptist Church, and were good, honest people, of industrious habits and fine character.

Jacob Hoffer came to Lancaster county in 1857, and remained there until his death. To him were born these children: Mary, Isaac, David and Ely, all deceased; Kate, Mrs. Nissley; John, deceased; Tobias, a retired farmer in Elizabethtown, Pa., Elizabeth, the widow of Peter Nissley, and living at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Nissley's first husband was Christ Risser, of Mt. Joy, by whom she became the mother of the following children: Ellen, who married Edward Ginrich, a retired farmer in Dauphin county; Minnie, the wife of Christ Ginrich, a drover of Lebanon county, Pa.; Ulysses, who married Minnie Hartz, and is a physician in Campbelltown, Pa.; Dora, the wife of Frank Hershey, a machinist of Waynesboro, Pa.; Phoebe, Christ and Herbert, at home; Ada, deceased. Christ Risser, who was born in Lebanon county, Pa., died in 1888, at the age of forty years, on the farm where his life was spent; the son of Christ and Mary (Nissley) Risser, he was a man of considerable importance in the community where his well-ordered life was devoted to honest industry.

Henry B. Nissley remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he bought a farm of ten acres near Lancaster and engaged in truck farming for two years. The young farmer then sold his place and bought a large farm of 146 acres in East Donegal township, remaining there for a few years, and then for nine years in Mt. Joy township, after which he returned to his place and continued there until 1896. That year he came to Florin to make it his permanent home, and there he has remained until the present time. In Florin he is engaged in the raising of fruit, and rents his farm at a good figure.

In his political sentiments Mr. Nissley is a Republican. His wife is a member of the German Baptist Church. They are prominent and wealthy people, and well deserve a place in any record of the better class of Lancaster county.

JOSEPH BARNETT, a retired hotel man of Lancaster, is probably one of the best known citizens of Lancaster county, and he holds a high place in the regard of his fellow citizens wherever he is known. For many years he was an active business man of the city where he yet makes his home.

Mr. Barnett was born in Lancaster Oct. 18, 1827, son of Joseph Barnett, a native of Germany, who came to the United States during early manhood in order to escape military service. He was naturalized in Lancaster. He married Catherine Smith, who was born in the United States, and they became the



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parents of children as follows: Charles, Henry L., Caroline, Mary Ann, Joseph and Jacob, of whom Joseph is now the only survivor. None of this family married. The father was a member of St. Mary's Church, while the mother belonged to the Reformed Church. She passed away in 1834, and Mr. Barnett followed her to the grave in 1844, at the age of sixty-five years. Their remains rest in Lancaster cemetery. He was a blacksmith by trade, but for a number of years engaged in the hotel business, carrying on a hotel in the upper part of the city of Lancaster.

Joseph Barnett was reared in Lancaster and remained with his parents as long as they lived. He followed in his father's footsteps, learning the trade of blacksmith and machinist, for which he possesses considerable ability, and, rising gradually, became master mechanic for the Ohio & Mississippi railroad, at St. Louis, Mo., holding that position one year. In 1858 he returned to Lancaster, and made his home with his brother, Henry L., who was at that time conducting the old "Cadwell House" (now the "Imperial"), continuing in its management thirteen years. After his death, which occurred Oct. 18, 1878, Joseph Barnett took charge of the hotel, which he carried on until his retirement from business life, in 1891. As a hotel man he was highly successful, as, indeed, all the members of the family who have engaged in that line have been, his genial disposition bringing the house much popularity and good will. Though he now leads a quiet life, Mr. Barnett has in his day been a prominent, useful citizen, and as such won the esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. He is now enjoying the ease to which a long life of activity entitles him. Mr. Barnett is a Democrat in political faith, and interested in the success of his party.

ELIAS WOLF. Among the thrifty and well-established citizens of Akron borough is Elias Wolf, who successfully conducts a business in coal and lumber, and through a long career has won for himself the respect and esteem of the whole community.

Elias Wolf was born Sept. 17, 1843, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Kemper) Wolf, of Ephrata township. Samuel Wolf was a son of Jacob Wolf, a well-known farmer of Lancaster county, was born in 1810 and died on April 9, 1898; his wife, born in 1810, passed away in 1876. They reared these children: Sarah, who married Reuben Mohler; George, deceased; David, deceased; Susannah; Samuel; Elias; Elizabeth; Catherine, deceased.

Elias Wolf was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools of his district. Possessed of but limited means, he was both provident and industrious and in the course of time accumulated large means, at present being the owner of an excellent business and two fine farms near Akron.

The marriage of Elias Wolf to Miss Miranda Germon, of the borough of Akron, occurred Feb. 20,

1867, and to this union have been born fifteen children: Emma Elizabeth, born Sept. 16, 1867, died June 1, 1872; Sylvester, born Jan. 20, 1869, died May 30, 1872; Ellen, born June 11, 1870; Harry, born Oct. 17, 1871, died June 12, 1872; Harvey, born April 28, 1873; Theodore, Aug. 22, 1874; Clara, Dec. 15, 1875; Ada, Aug. 9, 1877; Samuel, Jr., Sept. 25, 1878, and died May 17, 1879; Maggie, Jan. 17, 1880; Mary, Aug. 23, 1881, died March 6, 1882; Elias, Feb. 29, 1883; Bertha, March 13, 1884; Charles, July 20, died Jan. 19, 1887; and Sadie, Jan. 6, 1892.

In politics, Mr. Wolf is a staunch Republican and has held a number of the township offices, filling them most efficiently; in his religious belief, he is a consistent member of the Dunkard Church. In all Ephrata township there is no man more highly regarded as one who is honorable and upright in all business dealings, and in every walk of life he has displayed those attributes which make a good citizen, kind husband and careful father.

HIRAM L. BATTEN, the efficient superintendent for the sub-station for the Conestoga Traction Company, located at Mechanicsburg, Pa., was born in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 11, 1849; he was a son of Israel and Elizabeth (Garber) Batten, the former of Upper Leacock and the latter of West Earl township. The death of the mother occurred on the old homestead in 1869, at the age of fifty-three. The father still resides on the old farm, a woolen manufacturer who operated mills in West Earl and East Donegal townships, retiring from activity in 1870. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. The children born to them were: Anna E., who died in infancy; and Hiram L.

The paternal grandparents were Hiram and Susannah (Meixell) Batten, natives of Downingtown, Chester county, where he was brought up to the trade of stone mason, also teaching school during his younger days. In 1790 he came to Lancaster county and operated a hotel in Upper Leacock township, and in 1800 purchased the farm property on which Israel Batten resides. The maternal grandparents were John and Rachel (McArthur) Garber, natives of West Earl township and Chester county, respectively.

Hiram L. Batten remained with his parents in the home at Batten's Corner until his marriage. In his early years he attended the district schools and from eighteen to twenty he was a student at the Lebanon Valley College, and later at the Shippensburg State Normal School. When about twenty-one years old Mr. Batten began to teach school, and from his beginning in Upper Leacock township he continued in that profession for twenty-one years, being recognized as one of the leading instructors in the county. On Feb. 10, 1901, he assisted in establishing the sub-station at Mechanicsburg and was made its superintendent. For two and one-half

years he has been justice of the peace, while for the past fifteen he has been the valued agent for the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Batten was married Sept. 18, 1881, in Bird-in-Hand, to Miss Sallie Armstrong, and to this union two daughters have been born, Grace E. and Maud M. Mrs. Batten was born in Williamstown, Pa., a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Fenninger) Armstrong, the former of whom was a railroad engineer, who died at the age of forty-one at Columbia in 1874. The mother resides in Gordonville, Pennsylvania.

The family are consistent members of the Methodist Church, in which Mr. Batten has been a local preacher for five years and where they are most highly esteemed. In politics he has ever been in sympathy with the Republican party.

JOSEPH H. GOCHNAUER. One of the well-conducted farms of Lancaster county, Pa., located in East Hempfield township, midway between Petersburg and Landisville, is owned and successfully operated by Joseph H. Gochnauer, a well-known agriculturist.

Joseph H. Gochnauer, a son of John and Rebecca (Hersh) Gochnauer, was born April 6, 1844, on the farm upon which he lives, and was reared and educated in East Hempfield township, passing all his years there, with the exception of ten months spent in the West. In 1873 he took charge of the farm by himself and since that time has brought his sixty acres to a high state of production, confining himself to general farming. Many substantial improvements have been made on the place since he took charge of it and it is one of the most valuable and desirable in the neighborhood.

On Nov. 17, 1872, Joseph H. Gochnauer was married to Anna Hostetter, a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Frank) Hostetter, who was born in Manheim township, in Lancaster county, and three children have been born of this union: Christian H., who is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1900; John H., a pupil in the State Normal School at Millersville; and Joseph H., who is a student at Elizabethtown College.

These worthy people are among the most highly esteemed residents of the township, and are connected with the Old Mennonite Church, in which Mr. Gochnauer is a trustee, and where they are known to be kind, charitable and Christian examples.

JOHN M. GOCHNAUER. The name of Gochnauer is an old and well-known one in Lancaster county, Pa., the great-grandfather of John M. Gochnauer, one of the pioneers of the township, having met his death while at work in the fields, when the Indians attacked him on the spot where the "Black Horse Tavern" now stands. There was one

son left to perpetuate the name, Joseph, who became the grandfather of John M. and was born and reared in East Hempfield township and spent a long and useful life there. He was a farmer and owned and operated a large estate, being one of the most extensive farmers of the county at that time, and a man who left an impression upon his generation, prominent in public affairs and one who was regarded favorably by the members of a community where his advice and judgment were relied upon. It was by his suggestion that the names of East and West were given to Hempfield township at the time the division was made.

The wife of this worthy man died in 1828, in her fifty-ninth year, but he survived to be eighty-two years old, and died in March, 1847, having had the following children: Jacob, the eldest, who went West to grow up with the country, first to Ohio and later to Indiana; John, the father of John M.; Michael, who made his home in Lancaster county until his decease; Joseph, who died in Lewistown; Henry, a farmer; Annie, the wife of George Weiler; Elizabeth, the wife of Peter Kreider; Magdalene, who married Martin Heisey; Fanny, who married Adam Brenneman; and Mary, married to George Shriner, of Elkhart, Indiana.

John Gochnauer was born in East Hempfield in August, 1793, and died Jan. 21, 1858; he was reared to manhood in East Hempfield township, engaged in farm occupations, became prominent in the Old Mennonite Church, and in the same township married, and in time passed to his fathers. The first marriage of John Gochnauer was to Anna Miller, who was born Dec. 3, 1803, and died June 22, 1834, two children surviving: Henry, who died in 1893, at the age of sixty-four years, a farmer in East Hempfield township, where he had reared a family; and John M., our subject. The father was married again, to Rebecca Hersh, who was born Aug. 2, 1807, and died Oct. 20, 1884, leaving the following family: Martha, a most estimable lady who resided with John M. until her death, May 20, 1901, at the age of sixty-four years; Rebecca, who married Benjamin Reist, and died in 1892; Joseph, a farmer of East Hempfield township; and Annie, who resides with her brother John.

John M. Gochnauer was born on the old homestead, near East Petersburg, June 19, 1834, was a son of John and Anna (Miller) Gochnauer, and a grandson of Joseph and Annie (Kauffman) Gochnauer, and spent his boyhood in that locality. In 1873 he removed to his present farm, since which time he has lived retired from active work. Among the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, he takes a prominent part in all benevolent enterprises, and is much esteemed by the members of the church and by the whole community.

JACOB L. LANDIS. Among the prominent and representative farmers of East Lampeter township is Jacob L. Landis, a worthy grandson of

Abram Landis, who was born on the same farm on which Jacob L. now lives.

Abram Landis (2), the father of Jacob L. Landis, was also born on this old home place, in 1811, and followed farming all his days. A man who enjoyed the esteem of every one, Abram Landis became a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Esther Landis, the estimable daughter of Benjamin Landis, and they had five children born to them: Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Benjamin, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Jacob L.; Mary, deceased, the wife of Samuel H. Burkhart; and Abram, a farmer of East Lampeter township.

Jacob L. Landis was born on the old homestead on Aug. 22, 1842, and remained with his father until he was thirty years of age. His education was obtained in the public schools, but being of bright intelligence, he soon was far in advance of others of his age. Mr. Landis has given some attention to the settling of estates, and has adjusted many matters with judgment and skill, showing that if he had directed his attention to a profession he would undoubtedly have become prominent in it.

At the death of his father, about 1871, Mr. Landis inherited the old home, and since that time has devoted much attention to the improvement of his property. Mr. Landis was married to Miss Annie D. Rohrer, and to this union have been born two children: Emma, who is the wife of Benjamin Witmer and has two children, Hattie L. and Anna Mary; and Amos R., who farms the old homestead for his father. The latter has two grandchildren, Elvin W. and Esther Susan, the children of Amos R. and Ida (Weaver) Landis. The religious connection of the family is with the Old Mennonite Church.

ALVIN BROWN, one of the honorable citizens and successful farmers of Little Britain township, resides on his well-cultivated and highly improved farm of 154 acres, located near the Chester county line.

He was born in the pleasant home which he now owns, in 1845. His father was Jacob Brown, who was born in Lancaster county in 1809, and died in 1861, having had these children: Alvin; David C., of Cecil county, Md.; Elmira, a widow, of Kansas; Delilah, a teacher in the public schools of Wilmington, Del.; Hannah, a trained nurse in Philadelphia; Naomi, a professional seamstress of Wilmington, Del.; and Lewis J., a farmer in Kansas. The mother of this family was born in 1814, and died in 1876. Jacob Brown was an honest, upright man, prominent in the Society of Friends and during his life was one of the leading citizens of Little Britain township. His wife had been reared in the Presbyterian Church and always adhered to that faith.

Alvin Brown was reared on the farm he now owns, and received his education in the common schools of his township. His life has been an agri-

cultural one and it has been crowned with success, the result of intelligent effort in this line.

Alvin Brown was married on Dec. 28, 1867, to Anna M. Griffith, of Lancaster county, a member of one of the honorable old families of this locality. Her parents were William and Susan (Pugh) Griffith, of Chester county, Pa., and she was born Aug. 13, 1847, the other members of her parents' family being: Elizabeth, the wife of Atwood Montgomery, a farmer of Cecil county, Md.; Martha, the wife of James Ewing, of Cecil county; Lucretia, the wife of Joseph Brobson, of Lancaster county; and Evan and Winnifred, deceased.

The six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown were: William J., who lives on the home farm; Adda P., who married Joshua Wason, a farmer of Cecil county, Md., and has one son, Alvin; Hugh M., a farmer of Cecil county, Md., who married Mina Reynolds; Kirk, a blacksmith in Chester county; Mary S., who married Thomas Cooney, a merchant, and lives in Chestnut Level; and D. C., the youngest of the family, busy on the home farm.

Mr. Brown is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of this locality both in public and private life, and is also one of the most intelligent. Not content with the advantages afforded by the public schools, he passed through the Fairville High School and then took a collegiate course in the Clear Springs Academy, of Indiana. Noted in the community for his charity and kindness, Alvin Brown follows in his life the peaceful precepts taught by the Society of Friends, and enjoys in the highest sense, the esteem of all with whom he comes in contact. Politically, he is a Republican and for six years has faithfully served his township as supervisor, attending to the duties of the position with the reliability which attends all his actions.

CHARLES H. TYSON, who holds an honored place among the farmers of Bart township, Lancaster county, where he is now pursuing a retired life, was born Aug. 25, 1842, in Cecil county, Md., his parents being Samuel and Ellen (Timmons) Tyson, both natives of Maryland. The father was born in Cecil county in 1804, and the mother was born in 1818.

Samuel Tyson was a son of William Tyson, who was born in Maryland, and took part in the Revolution. The family settled in Cecil county, but William Tyson died at the home of one of his children in Chester county, Pa. He had five children. (1) Amor died when a young man. (2) Maria, born in Maryland, married Tobias McKinsey, who settled and died in Newark, Del., where she also died, leaving a family: Elizabeth, deceased; Zebulon, of Newark, Del., deceased; Susan, the wife of George W. Moore, of Wilmington, Del.; William, who lives at Rising Sun, Cecil Co., Md.; Harry, of Newark, Del.; Elma, unmarried and living in Wilmington, Del.; Tobias B. and Mary, both living in Wilmington, Del. (3) Jane married John White, and died

leaving no family. (4) Elizabeth, born in Maryland, married Eber Niels of Chester county, and has her home in Coatesville, where he is engaged in the contracting and building business. Their children were: Otley, who married and settled in Coatesville, where he left a widow and four sons, Morris, Eber, Wesley and Chester; Anna, a widow in Chester county; Newton, died in young manhood; Emma, late wife of Joseph Pierce; Ida, deceased; Ella, who married Harry Woodward, of Chester county; Maggie, married to Joseph Woodward; John, deceased. (5) Samuel was the father of Charles H.

Samuel Tyson was reared in Cecil county, Md., married Ellen Timmons in 1839, and engaged as a miller, working in different parts of Cecil county, until the later years of his life. He located in Wilmington, Del. In 1873 he visited his son, Charles H. in Georgetown, and there he died. His widow survived until 1882, when she died at the home of a daughter in Wilmington, Del. Mr. Tyson was a strong anti-slavery man, and was a staunch Republican after the formation of that party. To him and his excellent wife were born the following children: (1) Amelia A. Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., in 1840, married Edward Thomas, of Delaware, where they both died. Her death occurred in February, 1878. (2) Charles H. (3) Martha J. Tyson, born in Cecil county, in 1844, married Daniel Hanna, of Cecil county, Md., where they lived many years, and where he died, leaving her with six children: Chester; Nettie; Martha, who is the wife of Edward Hitchens, of Cecil county, Md.; Lila; Sherman, and Reba. (4) Oliver E. Tyson, born in 1847, married Anna Scott, of Delaware, and has his home in Frankford, near Philadelphia, where they have had the following children: Bertha, who married George Walker, and lives in Philadelphia; Leroy, of Chester; William, of Frankford; Oliver and Edwin, deceased. (5) Samuel Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married Miss Sarah Money, of Delaware, and located in Wilmington, where both died, leaving two children; Harry and Mary, both of Philadelphia; the latter is the wife of Albert Kite. (6) Annie Tyson, born in Maryland, married Henry Wright of Cecil county, and after living for some years on a farm near Elkton, Md., moved to Wilmington, Del., where she died in 1893, leaving a large family: Susan, the wife of Joseph Bedwell, of Wilmington; Clarence, single; Cecelia, deceased; Ellis, unmarried; Mabel, the wife of John Kirkpatrick, of Cecil county, Md.; Clinton and Otis, unmarried. (7) George Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married Miss Sarah Moore, of Wilmington, where they live. They have had five children: Estella, Reba, Ethel and Covington are dead; Grace is at the family home in Delaware. (8) Amanda Tyson, born in Cecil county, Md., married James Tibbitt, of Delaware, and is now dead, leaving two children: Viola and Charles. Viola is married to Robert Morrison.

Charles H. Tyson, the oldest son of Samuel Ty-

son, was reared to manhood in Cecil county, Md., and when a young man learned the trade of a house painter and decorator, in which he was engaged until after his marriage in 1867. His wife was Miss Lydia B. Thompson, daughter of Jacob B. and Mary (Clayton) Thompson, born in Christiana, April 28, 1844.

Jacob B. Thompson was born at Steelville, Lancaster county, in 1790, and his wife, Mary Clayton, was born near Baltimore, in 1818. They settled in Strasburg, where for some years he carried on business as a merchant. He had a general store at different times, in Philadelphia, and in other parts of the State. His last location as a merchant was in Christiana, where he was in business at the time of his death in 1855. His widow moved to Bart in 1857, where she lived until her death in 1898. To this worthy and estimable couple were born the following children: John C., living unmarried in Bart township; Lydia B., Mrs. Tyson; James A., deceased; Harriet E., the wife of Milton Heidelbaugh, a prominent character of the city of Lancaster; Robert F., a commission merchant in Philadelphia; William D., a farmer; Jacob, who married Miss Clara Miller, and resides on a farm in Bart township.

Charles H. Tyson and wife settled in Wilmington, Del., where he engaged in the grocery trade. In 1868 he moved to Newark, where he engaged at the painting trade, and in 1869 removed to Bart township to spend the ensuing two years with his wife's mother. He was a clerk in the Nickel Mines Store, Lancaster county, for Milton Heidelbaugh some eight years. For a time he was a clerk in a Georgetown store, and then moved to the farm of Milton Heidelbaugh, where he spent some eight years. In 1899 he bought the farm on which he is now living, and where he has a very pleasant home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson have three children: Ella May, born in 1868, married to Harry Pickell and living in Cochranville, Chester county; W. Clayton, born in Lancaster county, in December, 1869, unmarried and at home; Mary E. A., born in July, 1878, is the wife of Charles D. Hocking, of Lancaster City, and the mother of three children, Charles Lee, Beatrice Tyson and John Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson are members of the Octoraro Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, and from time to time has filled various local offices, such as those of assessor, tax collector and supervisor. In 1880 he was appointed enumerator of the census for Bart township.

LEWIS S. HARTMAN, who passed away at his home on the morning of March 9, 1895, was one of the most dearly beloved and highly respected citizens in Lancaster.

Mr. Hartman was born in that city June 7, 1843, a son of Lewis S. Hartman, in his time an enterprising and public-spirited business man. In his boyhood Mr. Hartman attended the public schools and later Yeates Institute. Always a high-spirited and



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ambitious lad, he entered the business world with an enthusiasm that never forsook him. He clerked in a grocery store owned by his brother, John I. Hartman, and also in Shultz's hat store. The outbreak of the Civil war found him but a boy in years, but fired with a holy patriotism, he enlisted July 10, 1861, in Co. B, 13th P. V. I., and became a part of the Pennsylvania Reserves, whose record makes a most brilliant page in the history of the Civil war. Mr. Hartman enlisted for three years or during the war; and after the battle of Antietam, in September, 1862, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, although at that time he was the youngest man in the company. With his company and regiment he participated in many of the most notable and hotly contested conflicts of the war, among which may be mentioned Gaines' Mills, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, and Cold Harbor. In all of these engagements Mr. Hartman displayed such conspicuous bravery as to win high commendation from his superior officers. Through them all, too, he seemed to bear a charmed existence, and while the bullets whistled all around him he miraculously escaped unscathed until the battle of Cold Harbor. His term of enlistment had expired, but the regiment decided to take part. In the thickest of the fight stood the young corporal, and as he turned to speak to a comrade a bullet pierced his body, and he sank to the ground. Comrades conveyed him two miles on a stretcher to the ambulance train, ready to start for Washington. The ball had struck him under the left arm, pierced the lung, and passed out at the right shoulder, making a hole entirely through his body, and of so dangerous a nature that the army surgeon gave him up. His recovery is still regarded as a remarkable one, and he lay for many weeks in the hospital before being able to be moved home, and then a year passed before he was considered well.

When once again able to enter the world of commerce, Mr. Hartman engaged in the grocery business on North Queen street, and later bought out the cigar store of Andrew McGinnis, known as the "Yellow Front." He engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and also quite extensively in the leaf tobacco business, continuing same up to within a few years of his death, when he sold out to John B. Markley. However, he retained the rear office, which he used as his political office and headquarters. He was one of the founders and heaviest stockholders of the Fulton National Bank, of which he was a director at the time of his death; and he was also one of the founders of the Lancaster Trust Company.

Always a Republican in politics, Mr. Hartman early became one of the leaders in the party organization. As early as 1870 he entered the lists as a candidate for recorder of deeds, but was defeated in so far as the office was concerned. The campaign he made, however, brought him prominently to the front, and was the foundation upon which was built his later successes. In 1875, and again in 1890, he

was elected prothonotary. It was as a leader or as an organizer rather than as an office holder that Mr. Hartman was best known. The excitement of a political struggle was his ruling passion—the more desperate the chances the more keenly he became interested, and the harder he worked. Unlike many politicians, he was intensely loyal to his chosen candidates, and once his word was given, he remained in the fray until the polls were closed. Of generous impulses, of much personal magnetism, and possessed of unbounded ardor, he drew men to him, and even his political foes loved him for his warm-hearted kindnesses. Thoroughly familiar with the political features of every section of the county, he was looked upon as a man who could lead an apparently "lost cause" to victory. He was an ardent admirer of James G. Blaine, and in 1880 visited the Chicago convention to use his influence for his favorite; in 1884 he was a delegate to the convention that nominated the "Plumed Knight," and great was his sorrow when his defeat came in November.

Socially Mr. Hartman was a great favorite, and his hospitable nature enjoyed the comforts of home. He was one of the organizers of the Bay Club, which made several cruises on Chesapeake Bay, and has been sorely missed by the members. From the time of its organization he had been its treasurer, and at the time of his death was engaged in making arrangements for its annual celebration. Out of respect to his memory the club postponed indefinitely the intended celebration. The community mourned his death as the loss of a good man, a kind friend, and an upright citizen, whose place could not soon be filled.

In 1867, in Lancaster, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage, by Rev. Mr. Greenwald, of Trinity Church, with Miss Mary A. Deichler. This union was blessed with the following children: Walter S., who died at the age of two years; Milton H., a civil engineer, who married Anna Miley; Howard S., who is engaged in the tobacco business; Alice R., who married Rev. Elmore L. Wessinger, a Lutheran minister at Shiremanstown, Pa.; Clara E. and Elizabeth O., both at home; and Lewis S., who died at the age of eight years. Mrs. Hartman and family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Hartman did much to help build up the city and the home he erected on North Duke street, where his family reside, is one of the finest houses in the city.

Maximilian Deichler, father of Mrs. Hartman, came with his parents to America when five years of age. They settled in Baltimore, Md., and there the boy grew to manhood, learned the trade of shoemaker, and married his good wife, Catherine Messenger. The young couple removed to Lancaster, where Mr. Deichler found employment in a shoe store, and later engaged in the shoe business for himself at the present site of Woolworth's building, where he remained until his death in 1893, when he was aged seventy-seven. His wife died in 1887, at the age of sixty-seven. Their remains rest in Wood-

ward Hill cemetery. Both were members of Trinity Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Deichler were the parents of ten children.

JESSE SCOTT. A prominent and successful farmer, as well as a most estimable citizen of Lancaster county, is Jesse Scott, who was born in Bart township, in this same county, June 7, 1843, a son of John and Alice (Davis) Scott. The parents were also natives of this county, and were born in Colerain township, the father in April and his wife in Sept., 1806. The mother was a daughter of Abner and Barbara Davis, a pioneer family.

John and Alice (Davis) Scott were married Jan. 21, 1830, and nine children were born to them. Abner and Margaret died in childhood. Francis, now the eldest of the family, was born in 1835, remained at home after the death of his father and assisted in the care of the family; he married Miss Rachel Rockafeld, of this county, and they now with their children reside on his farm in Colerain. Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1837, married Martha Gilland, of Bart township; they lived for a time in Georgetown, where he worked at his trade of wheelwright, and later settled in Bart township on a farm, where he died in 1896, leaving a wife and three children, Howard, Leah, and Meta, who still reside on the homestead. Sarah E., born in September, 1839, is the wife of Elam Pickle and they reside in Chester county, Pa., their ten children bearing these names: William, Harry, Alice, Frank, Davis, Annie, Amos, Aaron, Dora and Blanch. Harvey, born in June, 1841, married Miss Sidney Thomas, of this county, and settled on a farm in Sadsbury township, where he remained until his death, in 1889, leaving a wife and two sons, Cauley and Walter. Jesse was the seventh child. George, born in 1846, grew up in the old home and married Miss Hannah Thompson, of Bart township, and they now reside in Georgetown, where he is engaged in business. They have two children: John and May, the wife of David Myers, of Chester county, Pa. Barbara A., born Oct. 13, 1850, is the wife of Albert Heidelbaugh, of Bart township and their seven children are thus named: Jessie, Alice, Emma, Clyde, Forest, Earle and Lenore.

For a few years John Scott and his wife resided in Bart township, but in 1850 Mr. Scott purchased the present home farm, with the expectation of passing upon it a long and useful life. However, but two years had elapsed when he passed out of life, leaving his bereaved widow with a family of small children to rear. Mr. Scott had been industrious and had cleared a part of his land, but the most of it was heavily wooded, and a very serious future faced the widow and her family. After due consideration, she determined to retain the farm for her children, considering that soon her sons would be able to manage affairs. In this she was not disappointed, as they proved to be affectionate, dutiful and industrious children.

Jesse Scott grew to manhood on the old place and assisted his brothers in its management and cultivation, and when they married and moved to homes of their own, he remained in charge of the farm, taking care of his mother in her declining years. She passed away in 1887, at the age of eighty-one. Through life she has been a thorough Christian woman, and with her husband had been a worthy and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church at Middle Octoraro, in this county, which they had helped to found.

In politics Mr. Scott is a staunch Republican, although his father always voted with the Democratic party. For a number of years he has served as school director and has been interested in all matters of general interest in the county, during his long residence there. The old homestead is his own property, and at the present time he is remodeling and renovating it, making it one of the most comfortable and attractive homes of the county. Mr. Scott has never married.

Jesse Scott is well known and most highly respected. His success as a farmer has been noted in the county, while his admirable traits as a man have won him the esteem of all who have come into contact with him.

ISAAC S. FUNK was born Feb. 21, 1845, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county.

Martin Funk, father of Isaac S., was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Nov. 10, 1808. His father died when he was eight years old and he was bound out at that age to Abram Miller, of Manor township, where he lived for eight years. He then went to live with his stepfather, John Breneman, of Manor township, where he made his home for nearly seven years. He then married Miss Elizabeth Shertzler, of Manor township, Nov. 12, 1835, and commenced farming for Abram Stoner, of East Hempfield township. He continued at that until 1845, when he removed to Manor township and engaged in general work for three years. He then bought the farm where his son Isaac now resides and remained there until his death, March 31, 1876, up to that time following farming exclusively. During the seven years that he lived with his stepfather he walked twice to Dayton, Ohio. The first time he walked all the way home, but on his second journey home he bought a horse and rode him back, afterwards trading him for a gold watch. He was a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. He always voted the Democratic ticket but never sought an office. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Funk were the parents of the following children: Elias and Abram, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Levi Good, of Conestoga; Mary S., who died in childhood; Isaac S.; Barbara, deceased; and Charlotte, the wife of John Henry, of Conestoga.

Isaac S. Funk remained at home with his father until the death of the latter in 1876. Three years afterwards he purchased the farm and has since

given his entire time and attention to its management. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church and is one of its trustees. Like his father he is a member of the Democratic party but the only office he has ever held was that of assistant assessor of his township for one term. He married Annie, daughter of John Warfel, of Conestoga township. They have but one son, Martin, who lives with his parents.

Mr. Funk owns a farm of ninety-three acres which has a magnificent view of the Susquehanna river and is one of the finest places in the county. This gentleman is in prosperous circumstances and is fully abreast of the times in all his ideas. He is greatly respected and is a good substantial citizen.

THEODORE M. STORB, one of the leading business men of New Holland, Pa., conducts in this borough a large and prosperous business in marble and granite cutting, established by his father, and now conducted in association with his two sons, under the firm name of T. M. Storb & Sons.

Theodore M. Storb comes of excellent parentage, his father, Theodore Storb, having been for many years a highly appreciated teacher of languages in the schools of Pennsylvania, and later the founder of the business which is so ably carried on by his descendants. Theodore Storb, Sr., was born in Prussia, in 1794, a son of Hermann Storb, a blacksmith near Dusseldorf. He came to America at the age of twenty-three, landing in Philadelphia, and locating first in Lehigh county, Pa., where he married a Miss Grobb, the children born of this union being Albert, of Pottstown, Pa.; Caroline, deceased; and Augustus and Sarah, who died in childhood, Mrs. Storb also passing away. In 1831 he married Elizabeth Minker, of Berks county, this marriage resulting in the birth of: Hannah and Henry, who died in childhood; Theodore M., born Aug. 16, 1835; Elizabeth, of New Holland; Mathias, deceased; and Amelia, who married David S. Schlauch, of New Holland. The father died in 1872 and the mother in 1884.

The education of Theodore M. Storb, was received in the excellent schools of Montgomery county, Pa. He came with his father when the latter located in New Holland in 1854, and upon his father's death in 1872 he succeeded to the business, since that time greatly extending it and taking into partnership his two very capable sons, Lewis M. and Harry K. Mr. Storb is a practical man, thoroughly understanding all of the details of his line of trade; he has prospered and is now justly regarded as one of the substantial men of the locality, his name carrying with it financial responsibility and business confidence.

In Oct., 1860, Theodore M. Storb was married to Miss Mary S. Mentzer, of Earl township, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Mentzer, of Lancaster county, and to this union have been born: Ella, who married Dr. John B. Kohler, of

New Holland, and has two children—Mary and Clara; Lewis M. and Harry K., both connected with their father in the marble business. Harry K. Storb married Mary Besore, of New Holland, and has two children, Henry and Theodore.

Mr. Storb is a prominent Republican of Earl township and occupies a number of important positions in the county, being a director in the Downingtown and Lancaster Railroad Company; manager of the New Holland Turnpike Road Company; a director in the New Holland Water Co., and also connected with various other enterprises of minor importance. He is a member and trustee of Earl Lodge, I. O. O. F., of New Holland. Mr. Storb is thoroughly representative, and the type of man who has given Lancaster county its prominence in the eyes of the business world.

WILLIAM C. GEIGER, a well-known business man of Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 29, 1849, near Baltimore, Md., son of Christopher and Annie (Beates) Geiger.

Mr. Geiger is descended from one of three brothers who came to America from Germany and settled at Gibraltar, Berks county. Of these, Anthony bought a tract of land from the Penns. That he reached Berks county at least as early as 1735 is shown by a land warrant issued to him in that year. Christopher Geiger, son of Anthony, was born in 1720, married Mary Robeson, and died in 1805. Elisha Geiger, son of Christopher, was born in 1776. He married Mary Jones, daughter of Thomas Jones, Jr., and died in 1821, leaving two sons, Christopher and Elisha, and several daughters. Elisha settled in Lancaster county, where he died some years ago. Susan died unmarried. Kitty married a Mr. Robinson, who died in Lancaster county, leaving his widow and one son, Charles, now a retired business man of New Jersey, and one daughter, Annie, who married a Mr. Polk, and moved to Philadelphia.

At the death of his father Christopher Geiger, then a lad of eighteen years, being the eldest, became the chief support of the family. He contracted for work on the Reading canal when it was building, and after that was manager in a foundry at Pottsville, Pa., of which he later became owner, conducting the business for some time and finally selling it. He then built a hotel in Pottsville, which he ran for a number of years. About 1837 he married a Miss Park, of York county, Pa., who died shortly afterward, leaving one daughter, Mary, now Mrs. Heitshu, of Lancaster, and two sons, Samuel and Philip, both deceased. In 1848 Christopher Geiger again married, his second wife being Miss Annie Beates. They located at the Ashland Furnace, sixteen miles from Baltimore, where Mr. Geiger carried on an extensive iron business for a number of years, and which he had, in partnership with Philip and Samuel Small, of York county, Pa., and Edward and Joseph Patterson, of Baltimore

(the brothers of Jerome Bonaparte's wife), built in 1846. In 1840 Mr. Geiger and the Small brothers had built Manor Furnaces in York county. He finally sold out, and moving to Lancaster city engaged again in the foundry business at that place, until 1860, when he sold out and removed to Blair furnace. There he purchased a furnace which soon afterward was entirely destroyed by fire, entailing a serious financial loss to Mr. Geiger. He then removed to Hollidaysburg, Blair county, where he engaged in furnace work for a year, and then moved back to Lancaster, and began operating in mines near Knoxville, Md. This was after the conclusion of the Civil war, and about 1868. In 1870 he removed to Quarryville, and followed mining and ore shipping for several years. In 1884 he built the Sarah Furnace, in Harford county, Md., which he operated. He again moved to Lancaster, where he lived retired until the time of his death, in 1889, at the age of eighty years. His wife died in Lancaster in 1880, leaving a family of five children: William C., who is the eldest; Annie, born in 1851, who lives in Lancaster county, and is unmarried; Charles, born in Lancaster county in 1854, and now living at Quarryville, a United States Deputy Revenue Collector; Edward, born in Lancaster county in 1857, unmarried and a resident of Reading; and Laura, born in Lancaster county in 1860, the wife of P. T. Watt, a general merchant of Lancaster, who has four children, James, Charles, Donald and Laura.

William C. Geiger was reared in Lancaster county, and obtained his education in the public schools. When a young man he acted as superintendent of mines for his father near Quarryville and other places. In 1877 he married Mrs. Rebecca J. Lovett, of an old Lancaster county family, daughter of Martin and Rebecca Hess. Mrs. Geiger was born in Drumore township, July 17, 1856, and after growing to young womanhood married William Lovett, a business man of Quarryville borough, who died shortly after their marriage, and left no children. Mr. and Mrs. Geiger were located near Quarryville, where he engaged in mining and shipping ore in partnership with the late C. M. Hess. After the death of his partner, Mr. Geiger continued the business until 1889, when he engaged in general storekeeping in Quarryville borough for three years. In 1876 he was in partnership, in a general merchandising business, with Charles Geiger, where the Hawes Dickinson establishment now is. He sold out his store in 1891, and again carried on mining and shipping ore. In 1888 he purchased his present home, a fine brick residence on Church street, where, in 1895, Mrs. Geiger opened a millinery business, which she still carries on. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Geiger, as follows: William F., born in 1877, was educated in the graded schools of the place; he is unmarried, and is engaged in the plumbing business. C. Martin, born in 1879, is unmarried, and is

engaged in business in Lancaster city. Walter B., born in 1883, travels for his brothers, who manufacture neckwear in Lancaster city. Harry E., born in 1883, is at present of the firm of Geiger Bros., manufacturers of neckwear, Lancaster city. Chester A., born in March, 1887, is at present a student in the borough schools. Anna R. was born in July, 1889, and Joseph Hess was born in 1891.

In politics Mr. Geiger is a Republican, and he has held the office of street commissioner of the borough. Mrs. Geiger is an active member of the Reformed Church. Her parents, Martin and Rebecca Hess, located on a farm in Drumore township in 1849. Mr. Hess also kept a hotel in connection with his other enterprises. Later he purchased a large farm near Quarryville and built a fine brick residence upon it, in which he resided for about thirty-five years. He then purchased a property in Quarryville, in which his son-in-law, Mr. Fritz, now resides. Mr. Hess died while a resident of the village, in 1887, and his wife died at the family place in 1901. This worthy couple had one son and four daughters: Abby A., wife of Jacob Fritz; Joseph, unmarried; Susan, wife of Ezra Fritz; Rebecca J., Mrs. Geiger; and Emma, wife of I. G. Le-fever, of Quarryville.

Mr. Geiger is well and favorably known in business circles over the entire county, and is a man of fine character and social qualities. Ever ready to help, his advice is frequently sought by young men entering life's struggle. Mrs. Geiger is a lady of fine mental and business abilities, and of kindly disposition.

WITMER. The Witmer family is one of the oldest and longest-known in Lancaster county. It is of Swiss origin, the first American progenitors, John Witmer and Benjamin Witmer, having been born in Switzerland; John about the year 1688. They were first cousins, and emigrated to America together, in 1716, John bringing his family, consisting of his wife, Catharine, and two small children, Elizabeth and Michael, the latter then about two years of age. They came directly within the border of the present Lancaster county. Benjamin located a short distance to the eastward of the present city of Lancaster, where he died in 1753, leaving a number of children and grandchildren. He was the grandfather of Abraham Witmer, the originator, builder and proprietor of the present stone turn-pike bridge over the Conestoga, east of Lancaster, and who died in 1818.

John Witmer continued beyond and settled on a tract of vacant land on a branch of the Little Conestoga Creek, three and a half miles west of the present city, lying on the south side of and adjoining what is now known as the Lancaster and Columbia turnpike, containing 200 acres and allowance of six per cent. for roads and highways, bounded on the north by the lands of Christian Pellman and Henry Parr (now A. B. Kready, Henry Witmer and

the turnpike aforesaid); on the east by the land of Andreas Coffman (now Susan C. Kready); on the south by vacant land (now John F. Charles); and on the west by vacant land and the land of Christian Pellman (now John F. Charles and A. B. Kready, respectively). With the exception of a strip of meadow along said stream, the tract was thickly covered with timber. He built a small log cabin close to a large spring, near the central part of the tract, and worked hard to fell timber, make improvements and a scanty living until 1728, when he died, leaving the widow and three children to support themselves as best they could, for he had not yet obtained a title to the property, nor paid anything on it. In 1724 the names of John Witmer, Benjamin Witmer and Benjamin Witmer, Jr., were the only Witmer names then on the assessment list of all the territory now embraced within the bounds of Lancaster county, then known as Conestogoe, and as a part of Chester county, then extending westward and northwestward an indefinite distance beyond the Susquehanna river. The future town site of Lancaster was at that time still covered with timber, with the exception of a swamp in the southern part, and another in the northeastern part, and a portion thereof was still vacant land. About this time one George Gibson erected a tavern near a large hickory tree, a short distance east of the present Centre Square, alongside of the great highway leading from Philadelphia to Wright's Ferry (now Columbia), and which became known as the "Hickory Tavern" at Gibson's pasture. On Feb. 26, 1729, the first survey of a portion of the boundary of the present town site was made, but was not completed until sometime during 1730, at which time the locality was still known by the same name, although it had then attained to a small hamlet of about two hundred souls.

The inventory of the estate of John Witmer, appraised Dec. 17, 1728, is on file in the register's office, at West Chester, and contains only the following five items: The improvements of 200 acres of land, £34, 10s.; a parcel of horses, mares and colts, £51; a cow, calves and sheep, £17, 15s.; all the household goods and gears, etc., for the plantation, £19, 7s.; a parcel of books, 5s.; total amount, £122, 17s.

The administrator, Christian Vitty, after settling up the estate, married the widow, but died within a few years; and, as the records show, the widow then made application, and on June 4, 1735, obtained a warrant of survey in her own name as the widow of Christian Vitty, deceased. The land was surveyed, the survey returned, approved and confirmed; and during the latter part of the same year John Penn, Richard Penn and Thomas Penn, as absolute proprietors and governors in chief of the province of Pennsylvania, and the counties of Newcastle, Kent and Sussex, in Delaware, executed to her a Patent Deed for the said tract, graciously specifying and granting to her therein, among other things, the privilege to hunt, hawk, fish and fowl, on said premises, at all times. The consideration money therein mentioned

is £20 to them in hand paid, and the premises subject to a yearly quit rent of one silver English shilling for every hundred acres, to be paid annually thereafter, on the first day of March, at the town of Lancaster. Three full and clear fifth parts of all Royal Mines, free from all deductions and reprisals for digging and refining the same, is also fully excepted and reserved therein. The said deed is dated Nov. 18, 1735, in the ninth year of the reign of King George II. over Great Britain, etc.

Of the three children, Elizabeth married Christian Swartz, and Barbara became the wife of George Kendrick. The son, Michael, married Anna Long, and on Oct. 21, 1751, a tripartite deed from his mother and his sisters and their husbands was executed to him for the said tract of land, the consideration money for the same mentioned therein being now increased to £250, the land subject to the same reservations as before. The widow died in 1760. Of the daughters and their descendants we give no further record.

Michael Witmer, the son, was an unexceptionable, far-seeing, hard-working man, endowed with superior business abilities, and prospered far above and beyond the average farmer of his time and locality. The issue of his marriage was five children: John, born in 1750, married Elizabeth —, and died June 3, 1817, leaving a widow and nine children; Abraham, born in 1756, married Maria Swartz, and died Feb. 21, 1826, leaving a widow (they never had any children); Anna, born Aug. 5, 1760, married Jacob Eberly, and died as his widow Feb. 18, 1831, leaving six children (her husband had died Dec. 2, 1810); Mary, born in 1763, married Jacob Knopp, and died in 1789, leaving her husband and an only child, also named Jacob; and Herman, born July 22, 1753, was twice married, and died Jan. 5, 1829. His first wife was Widow Barbara Groff, who was born Oct. 6, 1749, and died July 27, 1797. His second wife was Barbara Schucker, born Oct. 15, 1779, who died Jan. 1, 1862.

In and by the last will and testament of Michael Witmer, bearing date Aug. 27, 1789, executed only a few days before his demise, he bequeathed to his son, John Witmer, a tract of land bordering on the south side of the Mahantango Creek, and on the west side of the Susquehanna river, in the northeast corner of what is now Juniata county, containing 232 acres, and allowance of six per cent. Also, another tract adjoining it, but lying on the opposite side of the creek, in what is now Snyder county, containing 150 acres, more or less. To his son, Abraham Witmer, he gave a tract of 150 acres and allowance, located at and embracing the well-known "McKee's One-Half Falls Hotel" and store property, fronting along the west shore of the Susquehanna river, thirty-six miles above Harrisburg, and also in Snyder county since the division of Union, in 1855. To his son, Herman Witmer, he gave the original home tract of 200 acres and allowance, and valued it to him at

£1,600. The daughters, the will says, he had previously provided for, to some extent, and he gives to Anna the balance of her equal share in cash. To his grandchild, Jacob Knopp, Jr., he gives £150, to be put on interest for him until he arrives of age, and then to be paid to him, with the interest. His wife, Anna, he also provided for liberally and far beyond her needs, and an itemized list of the various and numerous now obsolete articles given to her would appear ridiculously strange if inserted into a will at the present time. He died during the first week in September, 1789, and his widow in the beginning of March, 1792. The three sons occupied, lived and died on the respective tracts of land devised to them.

Herman Witmer, in his youth, learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he carried on, along with his agricultural pursuits, for a long time. He was an amateur blacksmith, cooper and carpenter, and did his own blacksmithing, horseshoeing and repairing in the line of cooper and carpenter work required on the farm. He also carried on a distillery on the farm, as most of the farmers did at that time. He was ingenious and inventive, a leader in experimenting with and introducing new implements, machinery and features on the farm and in the household. He took great delight in pomology, was an expert in grafting, and introducing new varieties of fruit, and at the time of his death there was probably not another farm in Manor township containing such an abundance and variety of fruit, and all grafted by his own hands; and, as a novelty, he frequently grafted many varieties of apples and pears promiscuously on the same tree. He was an industrious and persevering reader, and a well-informed man, and at the time of his death had accumulated quite an extensive library of books, mostly in the German language, and on one of the fly-leaves at the end of many of the volumes he left a memorandum in his own handwriting, stating that he had read the book through, and expressing his opinion of the contents.

By his first wife Herman Witmer had one son, Dr. John Witmer, born May 10, 1785, who married Anna Baer, and died Dec. 14, 1847, leaving a widow and nine children. His widow was born Nov. 24, 1789, and died May 31, 1854. By his second wife Herman Witmer had two children, Jacob S. and Elizabeth. The latter was born Dec. 25, 1813, became the wife of Daniel Graybill, a farmer of East Hempfield township, and died Dec. 21, 1885, leaving a husband and five children—Magdalena (wife of Daniel Kreider), Herman W., Amos, Benjamin and David W. The husband and father died Oct. 29, 1890.

Herman Witmer divided his land, the 200-acre tract, during his lifetime, between his two sons, giving to John a little the larger portion. Although having suffered a heavy loss through a loan and endorsement for an unworthy friend, he was still sufficiently prosperous to leave, at the time of his death,

cash and securities sufficient to give to the daughter, Elizabeth, an equal share in money.

Jacob S. Witmer, son of Herman, was born Jan. 11, 1804. He married Mary, oldest daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Rohrer, of Manor township, on May 30, 1826. She was born Aug. 15, 1802, and died Aug. 23, 1877. To them were born ten children—five sons and five daughters. He carried on farming nearly all his lifetime. In 1837 he sold his portion of the original farm to his half-brother, Dr. John Witmer, and purchased another farm, in the western part of the township, which he occupied until 1865, when he sold it also and retired to private life in the village of Millersville until after the death of his wife, when he made his home with his son, A. R. Witmer, during the remainder of his life. He was a man of strict integrity, of a kindly disposition, a reliable and helpful friend to the poor, ever willing and ready to do a favor, even when against his own interest, and thereby was often imposed on, and suffered numerous financial losses in consequence. He possessed good business abilities, and was very accurate and methodical in all business matters, and settled up more decedents' estates, as executor and administrator, than any other person in his section of Manor township. He was assessor and a school director of Manor township for many years. He also held the offices of prison inspector and county and township auditor, but was never a professional politician.

It may not be out of place to remark that all the members of this Witmer family, from the Swiss progenitor down to the present time, always voted the Republican ticket, or what had previously been its equivalent. Jacob S. Witmer was a good penman, a very rapid writer, and very industrious reader, but never a devoted student. He died March 12, 1890.

Of the ten children, Elizabeth, born Aug. 17, 1828, was married March 16, 1849, to Joseph S. Berger, a son of Philip Berger, of Manor township. In 1865 they moved to Canton, Ohio, where they and their children still reside. Henry R. Witmer, born April 6, 1830, married, Nov. 25, 1852, Fanny Kindig, a daughter of John Kindig, of Manor township, and in 1866 moved to Canton, Ohio, and a few years later from thence to Jasper county, Iowa, where he died March 30, 1899. His widow and children still reside there. Anna was born Nov. 14, 1831, and on Dec. 27, 1863, was married to Emanuel S. Frey, of Manor township. In 1865 they moved to Jasper county, Iowa, where he died Oct. 14, 1901. His widow and two sons still survive. Jacob R. Witmer was born Dec. 29, 1833, and, after returning from the war for the Union, became a resident of Jasper county, Iowa, and there, on July 4, 1869, married Elizabeth Kindig, a daughter of John Kindig, of the same place. She died Feb. 6, 1900. Himself and children still reside there. Benjamin R. Witmer was born March 19, 1835, and on Dec. 23, 1856, married Catharine Kauffman, a



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daughter of Isaac Kauffman, of Manor township. He located in Millersville, and died there Feb. 27, 1901. The widow and several of the children still reside there. Mary was born July 28, 1836, was married to Michael R. Shank Oct. 28, 1856, and became the mother of fourteen children. They and some of the children reside in the city of Lancaster. Barbara was born Feb. 3, 1839, was married Dec. 24, 1871, to Dr. John A. Knox, of Jasper county, Iowa, and died there May 19, 1873, survived by her husband, but no children. Lydia was born June 7, 1841, was never married, and has her home with her brother, A. R. Witmer. Daniel L. Witmer, the youngest of the family, was born Sept. 27, 1845, and Dec. 21, 1869, married Esther Witmer, youngest daughter of Jacob Witmer, Sr., of Manor township. He died Jan. 21, 1882. His widow and several of the children reside in Millersville. Jacob, Benjamin and Daniel, of this large family, enlisted in the Union army and served during the war of the Rebellion.

Abraham R. Witmer, the eldest of this family of children, was born April 12, 1827, and raised on a farm, where he was tied down to hard work until he was eighteen, and up to that time had but once enjoyed the pleasure of getting beyond fifteen miles from home. His early educational advantages were those of the public schools, such as they were in the rural districts from sixty to seventy years ago, and he was never favored with admittance to any other. But he was remarkably studious at home, taking more pleasure in reading and study than in play, and thus improved many an hour snatched from the ceaseless drudgery of the farm. Several years before quitting school he had outstripped every other pupil in it, regardless of age or size. In 1845 the school board of Manor township tendered him a school, which he accepted, and taught seven winter terms within the township, to the satisfaction of the board and patrons. During his last term he made arrangements with a chance acquaintance of a few years before to take up the study and practice of surveying with him, at Williamsville, Erie Co., N. Y.; and, at the close of his school, went thither, remained a year and a half, and then returned to his old neighborhood, near Safe Harbor, in Manor township, where he purchased sixteen acres of land, cut off from a farm, whereon he built a comfortable home which he still occupies, and commenced housekeeping, having been married just previously to making the New York State arrangement, and taken his wife along to board with him in the family of his employer and instructor. He soon became very successful in his new line of business, embracing surveying, scrivening and clerking of public sales of real and personal property, along with farming on a small scale.

A few years later he was elected assessor of Manor township, and served four years. In 1862 he was elected a justice of the peace of Manor township, and has been re-elected every term since, and

still holds the office, with, probably, less costs to the county than any other justice in it—his official fees in all the cases returned to court during forty years not yet amounting to one hundred dollars. In 1863 he was elected county surveyor, and held the office nine years. He also served as deputy coroner over Manor, Conestoga and Martic townships for nine years.

While teaching his winter term of 1851-52 Mr. Witmer took up the science of phonography, or short-hand writing, studying from text-books on the subject, without a single lesson from a teacher. There was then but one system, Benjamin Pitman's, and it was not taught outside of the larger cities, and was then something new and unheard of in the rural districts. As he was then boarding at a country tavern, where the young men of the neighborhood congregated nearly every evening to enjoy themselves playing cards and dominoes and teasing him for wasting his time in studying nonsense, as they termed it, instead of joining in with them, his bar-room studies received many interruptions, but, heedless of their sneers and gibes, in due course of time he mastered the system to his satisfaction. In 1853 he commenced keeping a diary of the daily events of the neighborhood, of his business, incomes and expenses, state of the weather, and many other things, and which he has kept up without missing a day up to the present time; and all written in short-hand, and with special care to write plainly rather than speedily. All his diaries, from first to last, now fifty in number, are models of neatness and accuracy, and carefully preserved.

Being fond of travel, after several shorter excursions, Mr. Witmer made his first tour to the Western country in the spring of 1849, leaving Lancaster with two trunks full of a miscellaneous assortment of books, to sell along the way to pay expenses. He traveled mostly by canal, along up the Susquehanna and west branch, and in course of time reached Pittsburgh, where he replenished his stock, and started down the Ohio by steamboat, with less than a dollar in his pocket. On leaving Cincinnati he took passage aboard a White Water Canal Packet to Cambridge City, Indiana. By the time he arrived there he had learned that in order to sell books with success he was obliged to either strain the truth or not tell it all, and thereby became disgusted with the business, boxed up the few remaining volumes on hand, and shipped them back home by freight. Making inquiry, he soon found a three weeks' job of honest work at sawing and splitting cooper stuff in the woods, and then a month's work at haying, harvesting and threshing on a farm, mowing grass with the scythe, and raking and binding wheat after a cradle. After a visit to Hamilton and Tipton counties he bought a pair of horses and rode all the way back home from Indianapolis, over 600 miles, on horseback, arriving a few days in advance of the appointed time to take charge of his school.

His second tour he made in the spring of 1851,

extending it beyond the Mississippi, where the most reliable mode of travel then was by going afoot and lugging your baggage on your back, as there was then not a mile of railroad west of the great river, nor a single bridge across it anywhere. After trudging over 250 miles afoot over the sparsely settled western prairies of Iowa and Illinois, he returned to Indiana, purchased three horses and rode all the way back home on horseback, a second time. Since then he has been in every State and Territory in the Union with the exception of South Dakota; also in Mexico, British Columbia, the Klondike and headwaters of the Yukon, Ontario and Quebec. Among the endless variety of grand scenery abounding within the United States which he has visited and described in his numerous letters of correspondence for publication in *The New Era* and other Lancaster papers, are the Falls of Niagara; the White Mountains of New Hampshire; the Natural Bridge of Virginia; the Caverns of Luray; Pike's Peak, on the top of which he spent a night, nearly three miles above sea level; the Yellowstone National Park, spending a week therein; the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and the Petrified Forest of Arizona; the Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees in California; the Garden of the Gods in Colorado; the Bad Lands Region of Desolation in the Western part of North Dakota; the pictured rocks along the south shore of Lake Superior; and many other places of wonderful interest.

Mr. Witmer has visited and become familiar with nearly all the large cities of the United States and British America, including Sitka, Juneau, Skagway and other small, but important, towns in Alaska. He has visited the extensive copper mines of Lake Superior; the Treadwell Gold Mine, the largest in Alaska; the Sweet Water Dam, ninety feet in height, and the Tuolumne Dam, 101 feet in height, both in California, and built at enormous expense for irrigation purposes; the Lick Observatory on top of Mount Hamilton, mounted with the monster telescope, 50 $\frac{1}{4}$ feet in length, through which he peered into the crater of an extinct volcano on the surface of the moon; the great Brooklyn bridge; the steel arch bridge across the Mississippi at St. Louis; and the steel tubular bridge across the St. Lawrence, at Montreal, which are stupendous works of ingenious mechanical engineering skill, and he has spent hours at a time in viewing each of them from different points of vantage.

He has traveled afoot, on horseback, stage-coach, prairie schooner, canal packet, river, lake and ocean steamer; by steamer on the Hudson, the Potomac, the St. John's, the Oklawaha, the Niagara, the St. Lawrence, the Ohio, the Mississippi, the Illinois, the Columbia, Puget Sound, Long Island Sound, all the Great Lakes and several coast lines on the Atlantic and Pacific.

Mr. Witmer has always kept strict account of all his business matters. Also a complete record of the leading lines of his scribbling, clerking, survey-

ing, and, among other things, he has written 156 wills, nearly 1,400 deeds and mortgages, and clerked without assistance 784 public sales of real estate and personal property. He has also settled up twenty-four estates as executor, administrator and assignee of the same; and was appointed and served as guardian for quite a number of minor children. He is, and always has been, strictly temperate in his habits, and has never used intoxicants nor tobacco in any form. He says he has been trying for years past to get out of business, but finds it is now more difficult to get out of it than it was to get in.

Mr. Witmer was married Dec. 16, 1852, to Fanny Buckwalter, a daughter of Jacob and Fanny Buckwalter, of Manor township. She was born Aug. 4, 1827, and died July 31, 1887. To them were born five children, the second and third of which died in infancy. The eldest, Annie B. Witmer, was born Dec. 22, 1853, and Oct. 24, 1876, was married to Henry G. Wittmer, a son of John Wittmer, Sr., a farmer of near Blue Rock, in Manor township. To them was born an only child, Clara W. Wittmer, on Oct. 31, 1890. They acquired one of the several farms of his father, on which they reside, and cultivate the same. Ellen B. Witmer was born Sept. 30, 1862, remains unmarried, and has her home with her sister, Annie. She is greatly interested in, and devotes much of her time and aid to church, missionary and Sunday-school work. Allen B. Witmer, born Nov. 28, 1865, married Bertha Steigelman, a daughter of John Steigelman, late of Manor township, deceased. He carries on a general store at Masonville, and is postmaster of Letort, at the same place. To them have been born three children, Charles M. Witmer, on Jan. 31, 1891; Mary S. Wittmer, on June 22, 1892; and Ada E. Witmer, on Oct. 6, 1901. The latter died March 1, 1902.

EDWARD CORNELIUS HALL (deceased), who for many years successfully conducted the "Delmonico," the well-known hotel on Center Square, Lancaster, and at the same time carried on classes for dancing and deportment, was born in Strasburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept 1, 1854.

Mr. Hall was a son of Carpenter and Elizabeth (Treen) Hall, of Strasburg, who removed to Lancaster when Edward C. was a small boy. They had a family of eight children, as follows: Abram C. and Joseph, both residents of Canton, Ohio; John F., in Massillon, Ohio; Edward C., whose name introduces this sketch; and Harry, Albert, Miss Ella and Ida (wife of George Swain), all four residents of Lancaster.

After following various occupations Edward C. Hall engaged in the hotel and cafe business, which he carried on with marked success for sixteen years or more, his place of business being known as the "Delmonico." For eighteen years, ably assisted by Mrs. Hall, he conducted dancing classes, which in their day were the most popular in Lancaster, receiving the patronage of the best people of the city. Mr.



Edw. C. Hall

Hall died Dec. 6, 1899, at the age of forty-five years, in the prime of life, and so popular and highly esteemed was he that it seemed as if the entire city attended his funeral to pay the last sad tribute of esteem and regard. He was a Knight Templar Mason, a member of the Knights of Pythias, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of Malta, and Artisans. In politics he was a Democrat.

In 1875 Mr. Hall was married to Miss Sarah Matilda Afflebach, daughter of the late Daniel Afflebach, who belonged to an old and well known family of this section. He died just ten weeks after the decease of Mr. Hall. To this union were born four children, as follows: Miss Mabel Gray, living at home; Charles Willison, who is learning the jeweler's trade with L. C. Reisner & Co.; Walter Daniel, attending Yeates Institute; and Reah Baker, also at school.

Mrs. Hall bravely took hold of the work her husband had laid down, and the "Delmonico" is kept fully up to the high popular standard it has all along maintained.

CYRUS D. STAUFFER. A prominent member of one of the old Lancaster county families which has long been noted for those qualities which have given this locality its high standing, is Cyrus D. Stauffer, now a retired farmer of West Donegal township, in the outskirts of Elizabethtown, where he erected his fine brick mansion in 1893.

Cyrus D. Stauffer was born May 21, 1843, son of Samuel K. and Mary (Dieffenderfer) Stauffer, of Mt. Joy township. The former died in 1895, in East Donegal township, aged eighty-one years, and his widow survived three years, dying at the age of seventy-five, both being buried in Bossler's Meeting House cemetery, in West Donegal township. For a decade prior to his death, he lived a retired life. Both he and his wife belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Aaron D., a retired farmer in East Donegal township; Cyrus D.; and Samuel D., a prominent resident of Lancaster.

On Sept. 20, 1866, at the home of the bride, in West Donegal township, Cyrus D. Stauffer was married to Miss Susan E. Heisey, and the children born to this union were: M. Grace, who married Benjamin F. Hoffman, of Conoy township; Dora M., who married R. S. Buch, a manufacturer of Elizabethtown; Irvin H., who is the teller in the Exchange Bank, in Elizabethtown; Katie H., at home; and Mary, Paul H. and Abner H., who all died young.

Mrs. Stauffer was born May 9, 1845, in West Donegal township, daughter of Henry B. and Catherine (Wolgemuth) Heisey, both of whom were born in Mt. Joy township, but died in West Donegal, where Mr. Heisey was a farmer in his earlier years, and where he lived for thirty years prior to his death in retirement from activity of that kind. He died in 1895 at the age of eighty-seven, his wife

having died in 1890, when seventy-four years old. Both were buried in Pleasant Hill cemetery, in West Donegal township. They were most estimable, Christian people, devoted members of the River Brethren Church.

Until 1893 Cyrus D. Stauffer continued to farm the old homestead, during which time every part of his domain was kept up to its full measure of capacity, winning for Mr. Stauffer the reputation of being one of the best farmers in his locality. For several terms Mr. Stauffer served West Donegal township on its school board. He belongs to the Brethren in Christ Church and is a man highly respected by all who know him.

IRVIN H. STAUFFER, teller in the Exchange Bank, of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born Sept. 25, 1870, in West Donegal township. His education was acquired in the common schools and until he was seventeen years of age, he assisted his father on the farm. As he advanced to early manhood, the restrictions of rural life and the limited opportunities for development of business ability, caused him to seek a position as clerk in Lancaster. For a year and a half he clerked in a clothing store in this city, but desiring to perfect himself in the higher branches of knowledge, he resigned this position and became a student at the Millersville State Normal School. There he took two courses, returning home in the spring of 1890, in time to accept the responsible place offered him of teller in the Exchange Bank, in Elizabethtown. In this position he has made a record for faithful service and is in direct line of promotion, possessing every qualification for a successful financial career. He takes an intelligent interest in politics, belongs to the Republican party and is prominent in social life. He is a member of Christ's Reformed Church, is one of its liberal supporters and a promoter of every worthy enterprise in his community.

On Nov. 27, 1901, he was married to Miss Cora McAllister, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Greider) McAllister, of Pequea township. She was born July 5, 1873.

DANIEL ZIMMERMAN. Among the respected and substantial farmer-citizens of West Earl township, is Daniel Zimmerman, who resides in great comfort upon his fine farm of seventy-three acres, located about one mile from the village of West Earl.

Daniel Zimmerman was born Dec. 25, 1846, a son of Emanuel and Mary (Stauffer) Zimmerman, the former of whom was well known as a good farmer and worthy citizen. The family of Emanuel and Mary Zimmerman numbered nine children, these being: David, deceased; Jacob, a farmer of Earl township; Daniel; Samuel, a farmer of Earl; Annie, the wife of Samuel Abot, a farmer of Earl; Elizabeth, the wife of Jacob Horst, an Earl farmer; Mary, the wife of John Good, of West Earl; Lydia, at home; and one child who died young. Mr. Zim-

merman was born in 1823 and died in 1895, while his wife was born in 1822, and died in 1892. The grandfather of Daniel was Christian Zimmerman, a man of means in his day, whose ancestors came to America from Germany, and he and his wife reared a family of ten children: John, Christian, David, Jacob, Martin, Elizabeth, Barbara, Susan, Emanuel and Peter.

Daniel Zimmerman was reared on the farm and all his life has taken a great interest in agriculture. His present farm gives every evidence of good management, for his buildings are of the best construction and all of the other improvements thoroughly modern. Mr. Zimmerman was educated in the public schools, and he has supplemented this with reading, so that he is one of the intelligent and progressive men of the township.

Daniel Zimmerman was married in 1870 to Miss Annie Erb, a daughter of Jacob L. and Elizabeth (Groff) Erb, of West Earl township, and this union has been blessed with two sons and two daughters: Benjamin, a farmer of West Earl; Martin, who resides at home; Mary, the wife of Christian Risser, of Clay township; and Elizabeth, the wife of William Good, of West Earl township.

In politics, Mr. Zimmerman is a staunch Republican; and he is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. His personal character is high, and he enjoys the esteem of the whole community.

SIMON DENLINGER, a retired farmer of Leacock township, and one of the most highly esteemed and upright residents of that community, was born in Paradise township, Oct. 23, 1845, a son of John and Mary (Brubaker) Denlinger. His father was born in Paradise township, and his mother in West Hempfield. The father, who was a farmer all his life, died in 1895, at the age of seventy-nine years, his wife having passed to her reward two years previously, at the age of seventy-eight. The remains of both are resting in the Hess cemetery, of Salisbury township. Mr. Denlinger had retained his physical abilities to such an extent that he had been retired only six years before his death. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Denlinger were born the following children: Franie, who died young; Barbara and John, both unmarried, and living on the old farm; Lizzie, who is the widow of Elias Leaman, and has her home in Intercourse, Pa.; Samuel, a retired farmer in Paradise township; Elias, a retired farmer in Salisbury township; Simon; Jacob; Mary, wife of H. E. Musser, of Paradise, Pa., whose sketch may be found elsewhere; Tobias, of whom a sketch is given elsewhere, died in 1898; Christiann, married to Henry Hershey, of Intercourse, Pa.; Evaline, wife of E. H. Hostetter, living in Leacock township.

Simon Denlinger was married Nov. 24, 1870, in Paradise township, to Anna Mary Leaman, by

whom he became the father of the following family: Noah B., a farmer, and engaged in the cultivation of the old Denlinger homestead and married to Hannah Eby; Leaman J., a farmer in Leacock township, who married Emma Hoover, and with whom Mr. Denlinger makes his home; Jason, who died in infancy; Harry, living on the old homestead with his brother Noah.

Mrs. Anna M. Denlinger was born in Leacock township, March 14, 1851, and died Aug. 10, 1897. Her remains rest in the Hess cemetery, Salisbury township. She was the daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Buckwalter) Leaman, both of Lancaster county. They were the parents of the following children: Catherine, who is the widow of John Kreider, and resides in Paradise township; Susan, married to Ephraim Hershey, of Salisbury township; Elam, a farmer in Leacock township, married to Mina Landis; Jacob, a farmer in Leacock township, who married Annie Hershey; Anna M., the wife of Mr. Denlinger; Frank, of Gordonville, Pa., married to Ida Hershey; Ezra, a cigar box manufacturer in Paradise township, married to Grace Hunsecker. The father, Jacob Leaman, a farmer, died and his widow married Albert Deffenbaugh, registrar of wills at Greenland, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Denlinger remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming in Hempfield township, in which he was engaged eleven years. At the end of that period he removed to a farm in Paradise township, on which he was located until 1898, when he retired, and came to live with his son. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church; in his politics he is a Republican.

AMOS P. SMITH. Among the honorable and respected farmers of Drumore township is Amos P. Smith, who resides on his fine farm of 115 acres, situated less than a mile from Fairfield, Pa. Mr. Smith was a grandson of Joseph Smith, who was a native of Chester county, Pa., coming to Lancaster county when a young man. There he married Tracy Shoemaker, of Drumore township, who was born in 1806, he being five years her senior, and they had a family of four children who grew to maturity: Rachel, a resident of Drumore township; George and Amos, twins; and Ellen W., who is the wife of Hon. William Brosius, a member of the Legislature from this district, more extended mention of whom may be found elsewhere.

George Smith, the father of Amos P., was born in 1825, and married Emily Tennis, who was born in 1826. They were married in 1848 and reared four children: Amos P., who was born Oct. 4, 1849; Annie M., born Feb. 15, 1852, wife of Gardner Crawford, of Perryville, Md.; Gerritt, born Oct. 17, 1857, who resides on the old home place, and whose biography appears in this work; and Ellsworth, born Sept. 6, 1861, who died while still a young man.

Amos P. Smith was married on Dec. 5, 1871, to Lydia S. Lamborn, who was a daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, of Martic township. She was born Oct. 29, 1851. This marriage has been blessed with these children: Ellsworth W., born Nov. 27, 1877, at home, unmarried; Eva May, born Jan. 2, 1882; Edna R., June 14, 1884; Emeline T., Oct. 24, 1886; Joseph E., Jan. 4, 1890; and George A., Sept. 22, 1892.

Mrs. Smith was reared in a family of ten children, as follows: George S., of Martic township; Aquilla B., of Britain township; Emeline, the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, of Drumore township; Ellwood, deceased; William, deceased; Mary E., the wife of Thomas B. Hambleton, a merchant of Fernglens, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Sarah E., the wife of Jacob K. Brown, of Fulton township, whose sketch is a part of this volume; Alice, the wife of William L. Shoemaker, of Fulton township, whose sketch also appears; Lucinda, the wife of Benjamin F. Tennis; and Lydia S., the wife of Mr. Smith.

The fine, well-improved farm which is now the home of Mr. Smith and his family was purchased by him in 1899, and is one of the most desirable properties in this county. It is under excellent cultivation, while the attractive residence, commodious barns, fruitful orchards and complete fencing, show that Mr. Smith is a very capable manager of it all.

Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, although in no way a politician, and both he and his wife manifest a great interest in the welfare of the locality. As he was reared, so he has continued, a consistent and worthy member of the Society of Friends. He has taken a great interest in the workings of the W. C. T. U., believing it to be a great moral factor, and his daughter Eva is the secretary of the Union at Fairfield. This is one of the truly representative families of Drumore township.

JOSEPH H. BEILER. Among the passengers on the ship, the "Charming Polly," which sailed from Rotterdam and landed its cargo at Philadelphia, Pa., on Oct. 8, 1737, was one Jacob Beiler, who bought land in eastern Pennsylvania and reared there a family. His son, Christopher S., was a resident of Chester county, as was also his son, Christian. The next in line was John, who was a son of Christian and he was the grandfather of our subject, Joseph H. Beiler, of Upper Leacock township, in Lancaster county.

John Beiler was born in East Lampeter township and married Elizabeth Lapp. They were farming people and members of the Old Mennonite Church. John Beiler died in Union county, Pa., in 1868, at the age of eighty-six years, but his widow survived until 1877, dying at the home of one of her children, in Upper Leacock township, at the age of eighty-four years.

Deacon John L. Beiler, son of John Beiler, was born in Lancaster county and was about two years

old when his parents removed to Mifflin county, where he married and remained until 1854, when he returned to Lancaster county and located on a farm in East Lampeter township. There he died in 1892, aged seventy-five years, six months and three days. The mother of our subject was born in Mifflin county and lived until 1874, dying at the age of fifty-four. They lie side by side in the old burying ground known as Rancks, in East Lampeter township. Both were pious and worthy members of the Amish order of the Mennonite Church. From 1866 to his death, in 1892, John L. Beiler held the honorable office of deacon in the church. This worthy man was held in the highest esteem through the locality.

The children born to Deacon John L. Beiler and his wife were: David, who lived to be forty years old; Elizabeth, who lives in East Lampeter township, unmarried; Joseph H.; Nancy; Sarah; Jemima, who married John Zook, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; John, who died at the age of thirty-one; Samuel, the farmer on the old homestead, near Witmer, Pa.; Joel; Rebecca, who died in infancy; Mary, who died unmarried, at the age of thirty-five. Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah and Joel are all single and reside together on the old farm in East Lampeter township, highly esteemed in their neighborhood.

Joseph H. Beiler acquired his education in the district schools and remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until he was about twenty-two years of age, at which time he began to learn the carpenter trade and worked at it for the following three years. However, he later decided to return to farming and began operations on land in the vicinity of Gordonville, Pa., where he remained until 1875, when he came to his present fine farm, located a quarter of a mile south of Mechanicsburg, on the New Holland turnpike. Here in connection with his farming he has conducted a threshing outfit, but since 1892 he has been retired from activity, his son-in-law carrying on operations on the farm.

Although Mr. Beiler has retired from active labor, it is not on account of age, as he was born in Mifflin county, on June 11, 1845, and is still in the prime of life. His parents were John L. and Lydia (Hertzler) Beiler, of whom mention has been made. On Dec. 15, 1870, in Leacock township, Joseph H. Beiler was married to Miss Sarah Kauffman, and to this union was born one daughter, Anna K., who married Moses P. Stoltz, who manages Mr. Beiler's farm. To Mr. and Mrs. Stoltz three children have been born, Daniel, Joseph and Sarah.

Mrs. Sarah (Kauffman) Beiler was born in Leacock township, Jan. 11, 1850, a daughter of John Kauffman and Susan King, the former of whom was born in Mifflin county, and the latter in Lancaster county. Mr. Kauffman was a large farmer and died in Leacock township on April 3, 1898, at the age of seventy-six years. He had been

one of the leading men of his county, and was township auditor at one time, but for some years had lived retired from active duties. The mother of Mrs. Beiler was born in 1826 and now resides in the daughter's family, every member of which is solicitous for her comfort. Both she and her husband belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Samuel, who died young; Elizabeth, who married John S. Fisher, and resides in East Lampeter township; Sarah, the wife of Joseph H. Beiler; Jacob, who is a farmer of Leacock township; Susan, who married John B. Fisher, now a retired farmer of this township; Ely, who is a farmer in Leacock township; Salome, who died young; and Rebecca, who died at the age of twenty years. The grandparents of Mrs. Beiler were old and most highly esteemed citizens of this part of the State, those on the father's side being John and Eliza (Lapp) Kauffman, natives of Chester county, while those on the mother's side were John and Eliza (Stoltzfus) King, both natives of Leacock township. All were farmers and religiously connected with the Old Mennonite Church.

Joseph H. Beiler has been a life-long Republican, although he has taken no very active part in politics, contenting himself with doing his duty as a citizen. For three years he served his township as school director and has always shown interest in all measures promising advantage to the county. Both he and his family are connected with the Old Mennonite Church and he is known to be a man of integrity and high character.

DAVID H. HESS, a blacksmith of Conestoga township, is a son of Daniel Hess. The father, Daniel Hess, was a blacksmith, who learned his trade with a man named Johnson, in Pequea township, and followed it all his life. For a number of years before his death, in 1866, he was connected with the Old Mennonite Church. He was a staunch Democrat in politics, but never sought office. He married Mary, daughter of Isaac Hoak, of Slackwater. They were the parents of nine children: Christina, wife of Cyrus Stombaugh, of Millersville; Tobias, who was drowned in the Conestoga about twenty years ago while fishing; Isaac H., bar-tender for Mrs. Caroline Hoak, of Millersville; David H.; John F. M., of Sterling, Ill., a carpenter; Martin H., of Conestoga township, a tobacco farmer; Henry H., of Sterling, Ill.; Lizzie, wife of Stephen Watson, Conestoga township, a farmer; Fannie, wife of John Benge, a paper-maker in Delaware.

David H. Hess was born Oct. 8, 1855, in Conestoga Center. His father died when he was only eleven years old. He was soon thereafter hired out to Jacob B. Herr, a farmer in Pequea township, where he remained four years. He then worked for Jacob B. Stetman, of Conestoga, for two years. After this he went with Cyrus H. Stombaugh, of Millersville, to learn the blacksmith trade and he

remained there three years. He then removed to Rock Hill, started in business for himself, and has remained there ever since.

In February, 1877, he was married to Barbara, daughter of Jacob Burkhart, of Conestoga. They are the parents of four children, Minnie E., Susan B., Oscar B. and Charles H., all at home. In addition to Mr. Hess' blacksmith business, he has a farm of thirty acres which he uses for raising vegetables for market. He rents a stand in the Southern Market, Lancaster City, where he disposes of his produce every Saturday afternoon. Mr. Hess had a common school education but has studied the topics of the day since reaching mature age and is well posted on all matters of general interest. He has been successful through his own efforts and is an honored citizen of his neighborhood.

CHRISTIAN WISE, of the firm of Wise Bros., successful brick manufacturers of Lancaster, Pa., whose products find a ready sale throughout the entire county and neighboring districts, is one of the enterprising business men of the city, and was formerly a member of the common council. He was born Dec. 18, 1845, in Baden, Germany, son of Adam and Catherine (Meister) Wise, also natives of Germany.

Adam Wise was a weaver in his native land, and after his marriage he emigrated to America, arriving in Lancaster, Pa., in April, 1847. For some time after his arrival Mr. Wise was employed in unloading coal on the "Engleside," and later engaged in the manufacture of brick in the employ of George Kautz, of whom he learned the business. In 1871 he embarked in that line of business for himself, assisted by his sons, and continued in the same until his death, which occurred March 4, 1875, when he was not quite fifty-eight years of age. His wife, who has now reached an advanced age, resides at Lancaster. Her father, Lanhait Meister, also emigrated to America, and died in Lancaster at the age of eighty-two. Adam Wise was a Democrat in politics, in which he took a deep interest. His religious connections were with the Reformed Church. To himself and wife eleven children were born, but only three grew to maturity, Christian, John V. and Louisa, Mrs. Beaumann, all residing in Lancaster. John V. Wise, ex-president of the select council of Lancaster, and one of the leading members of the Democratic party of this locality, was nominated county commissioner on the Democratic ticket June 6, 1902. He is the partner of his brother, Christian, in the firm of Wise Bros. He is a veteran of the Civil war, and was one of the youngest soldiers received into service. On June 23, 1872, John V. Wise married Margaret Kroft.

When Christian Wise was only eighteen months old his parents took him to the New World, the little party landing upon the free soil of their future home after a stormy voyage of forty-five days. His boyhood days were spent in Lancaster, where he



Christian Wise

attended the common schools and worked in a brickyard. Later he attended school during the winter, learning at the same time the trade of cigarmaker, which he put to good use after his return from the war. But when his father and brother John entered into the brick business, he joined them and since that time has devoted all his time and attention to this branch of industrial life. The brickyards and kilns owned by Wise Bros., the two brothers succeeding to sole control after the demise of their father, in 1875, are the best equipped in the county, and are well adapted to the immense volume of business annually transacted by the firm. The plant is located on the corner of Manor and Prospect streets, the yards covering twelve acres, and the plant is fully supplied with a 30-horse-power engine and all requisite brick-making machinery. When running full force employment is given to forty men. There are three kilns and the annual output averages 3,500,000 brick. In addition to the manufacture of ordinary bricks, the firm have a large demand for pressed and hand moulded varieties. The clay used is of the very best quality, and great care is exercised in every process of manufacture. In 1881 Mr. Wise bought a 160-acre farm near Richmond, Va., and lived there two years.

On Feb. 25, 1864, although then scarcely nineteen years old, Mr. Wise enlisted in Co. C, 2d Pa. H. A., being mustered into service at Philadelphia and sent to the front, and attached to the Army of the Potomac, with which he participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania and Cold Harbor, and the Siege of Petersburg. Later, he was transferred to the Army of the James, under Gen. Butler, with which he remained until the surrender. On July 4, 1864, while on picket duty near Petersburg, on the Richmond & Norfolk railroad, he was wounded, a bullet passing through his right cheek and coming out at the back of his neck. Although given a justly earned furlough, before two months had passed the brave young soldier was at duty again, with his regiment, in which he became corporal. While near Petersburg, June 17, 1864, he had received a buckshot wound in the left knee. He was finally discharged in February, 1866, after he had made a war record of which he and his children may well be proud.

In politics Mr. Wise has always been a stanch Democrat, members of his family having supported the principles of that organization from the time of their location in Lancaster. About 1869 Mr. Wise served as a member of the city council for one term, and he always takes a most active part in all campaigns; he has served also as judge of election. Being recognized as a man of sterling merit, calm judgment and keen discrimination, he is often called upon to serve upon the petit juries. Socially he is well and favorably known throughout the entire community, and fraternally he is associated with Monterey Lodge, I. O. O. F., and with the Knights

of Pythias. The family are members of the St. John's Reformed Church of Lancaster.

In August, 1866, Mr. Wise married, in Lancaster, Emma R. Pyle, and the following children have been born to them: Emma married John K. Warren, a tailor of York, Pa., and they have had seven children, two of whom are deceased; Adam, with his father in the brickyard, and a resident of Lancaster, married Catherine Benner, and they had one child; Frederick, also employed with his father, married Ida Reece, and has had four children, one of whom is deceased; Miss Mamie is at home; Louisa married Samuel Charles, and they have three children; Kate married Benjamin Herr, of Lancaster, and they have four children, one of whom is deceased; Miss Minnie is at home. The family reside in a pleasant home built by Mr. Wise in 1886.

Mrs. Wise was born in Lancaster Oct. 8, 1843, a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Miller) Pyle, of Lancaster. Frederick Pyle, who was a distiller, died Sept. 4, 1880, when he was sixty-two years of age, while his wife died May 18, 1858, aged forty-eight years, and both are buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were members of the First Reformed and Trinity Churches, respectively. They had the following family: Rebecca, who died in childhood; George, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sarah, widow of John Silvas, of Lancaster, Pa.; John (deceased), who was a soldier in the 79th P. V. I., and was wounded; Emma R., Mrs. Wise; Mary (deceased), who married Henry Leonard; Washington, a railroad detective of Lancaster, Pa. (he was a soldier in the 79th P. V. I.); Lucy, deceased; Margaret, deceased; Philip, of Lancaster; Allen, of Lancaster; Harry and Frederick, twins, the former of whom died in childhood, the latter at the age of twenty-two; and Joseph, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Wise were Philip and Margaret (Wilkerson) Pyle, he a native of Germany, and she of Virginia. The history of Philip Pyle reads like one of the modern novels dealing with by-gone days. Only eighteen, ignorant of the language of the new land, he was sold in Virginia for his passage and remained there four years. At the expiration of his period of bondage, he married, and with his faithful wife made his way to Lancaster, Pa., where he became a distiller and one of the leading men of that city, dying in 1849, aged seventy-eight. His wife survived him one year, dying at the age of seventy-six, and both are buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were consistent members of the Reformed Church. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Wise was George Miller, of Lancaster, a prominent pump manufacturer and leading citizen.

HENRY AUGUSTUS ROLAND was born in New Holland, Pa., Nov. 26, 1819, and died in that borough, June 21, 1901. His remains rest in the Trinity Lutheran cemetery at New Holland, Pa.

He was a lifelong resident of New Holland and was descended, both paternally and maternally, from pioneer Germans, those early Palatinate settlers who, in 1709, on the invitation of Queen Anne, fled from religious persecution on the banks of the Rhine in Germany to seek a haven in the New World. Ever since their original land grant from Thomas Penn, as early as 1733, the Rolands have been large land owners, and have been prominently identified for more than a century and a half with the management and progress of affairs in the community. Henry Augustus Roland was the fifth of a family of seven children born to Henry and Margaret (Seeger) Roland, and received his early education at the New Holland free school and at Beck's noted Academy at Lititz, Pa. He was married in 1849 to Jane Whann Heyl, a daughter of Philip and Margaret (Whann) Heyl, of Philadelphia, Pa., by whom he had the following family: Oliver, a physician at Lancaster, Pa.; William H., an attorney at Lancaster, Pa.; Frederic A., cashier of the Second National Bank at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Possessed of a strong and logical mind, Mr. Roland manifested from early manhood those sterling qualities of success, energy, accuracy, tact and prevision in the successful management of the many responsibilities that were thrust upon him. As a financier he was keen and alert, shrewd and sagacious, yet prudent and cautious, qualities which he lived to see bring him his well earned increment.

It has been truly said, "he was progressive in his ideas, and encouraged and supported every movement calculated to advance the interests of the community in which he spent his entire lifetime." He was from early age a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and was prominently identified with the erection of their present church building in 1850. He was, for over fifty years, a director and manager of the New Holland Turnpike Company; was chosen president of the Centennial Jubilee at New Holland, July 4, 1876, and volunteered much encouragement and assistance in the production of the "History of the Three Earls."

He took an active part in the organization of the New Holland National Bank, in which he was one of the original stock holders, although magnanimously waiving all suggestion in its management, owing to his growing years. He, nevertheless, always displayed a keen and solicitous interest in its progress and success. He advocated the incorporation of New Holland into a borough, and was active in the movement which led to that result in 1895. He encouraged and supported in a substantial way the organization of the New Holland Water Company, and was prominent and foremost in all progressive movements.

Although continually employed with financial cares, he gave much time to literary pursuits, was thoroughly conversant with the topics of the day,

whilst his voluminous reading extended to the higher sciences, to philosophy and to religious thought, which his reasoning mind was so well adapted to grasp. As a cultured gentleman, of genial disposition, engaging manners and scrupulous integrity, his companionship was much sought by his friends.

JOHN D. RUTHERFORD, a prosperous and successful general farmer of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in Adams county, Pa., July 11, 1834, and is a son of William and Leah (Decker) Rutherford. The parents came into Lancaster county in 1840, and made their home in Bainbridge, where their lives were spent. The father was a mason by trade, and did a tobacco farming business. When he died, in 1881, he had reached the age of sixty-seven years. The mother died in 1870, at the age of sixty years, and both were buried in Bainbridge. They were members of the Lutheran and the Reformed Churches, respectively, and were the parents of the following family of children: John D.; Leah, unmarried, who lives in Elizabethtown; Julia Ann and Martin, deceased; Levi, a stone mason in Elizabethtown; Daniel, dead; William, a stone mason in Elizabethtown; Catherine, dead; Henry, a resident of Marietta.

Samuel Rutherford, the paternal grandfather of John D., came from England, and married a German-born woman, in Adams county, where their married life was spent and where he died; his widow died in Bainbridge, Lancaster county.

John D. Rutherford and Rachel A. Shelly were married Nov. 13, 1859, in Columbia, by Rev. Mr. Menges, and to this union came the following children: Mary Ann, now dead; William L., who married Anna C. Lanstrum, and is a Lutheran pastor at Dayton, Ohio; Frances, the wife of Samuel Sapping, a cigar maker in Philadelphia; Bellmina and Mary, both deceased; John, who married Emma Dennison and lives in Philadelphia; Effie, married to William Harlan and living at home; Bessie and Emma (who married George Shields), both deceased.

Mrs. Rachel A. Rutherford was born in Chester, Pa., Jan. 31, 1834, and is a daughter of Godlib and Catherine (Iseman) Shelly, both born and bred in Germany, where they married. When they came to this country they settled in Chester, but moved into Lancaster county in 1848, making their home near New Holland. The father was a farmer, and worked in tanneries during the winter season. Born to them were John, deceased; Fredrika, who married Charles Reisler, and is dead; Louisa, late wife of Christ. Sweinard; Rachel; Emma, the wife of John Swartz, of Philadelphia; Agnes, the widow of George Robbery, who lives in Philadelphia; Lizzie, the widow of John Sellers, who has her home in Philadelphia; Fanny and Lydia are unmarried and live in Philadelphia.

John D. Rutherford remained with his parents until he became of age, then for about two years

worked among the neighboring farmers. After his marriage he worked eight years on the railroad, and rented farms for several years. In 1885 he came upon the farm where he is now found. It forms part of the Cassel estate, and is a very valuable piece of real estate.

Mr. Rutherford is a Republican, and has served as constable four years. Both he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and bear themselves well in the community where their peaceful and industrious lives are passing. They are straightforward and strictly honest in all their dealings, and their kind hearts and genial disposition have made them many friends.

FRANK R. GROFF, a contractor of concrete and mason work in Conoy township, Lancaster county, Pa., has extensive farming interests also in that locality, and has made a comfortable place for himself in the community in which his useful life is passing. Mr. Groff was born in Laupheim, Wurtemberg, Germany, Oct. 31, 1849, and came to this country in 1872, crossing the ocean on the French ship "The Sign Lawrence." Landing in New York, he at once made his way to Lancaster county, and here he has resided to the present time. He is a son of Fridolin and Waldburger (Romer) Groff, both his parents living and dying in Germany. The father was a brick layer, mason and contractor, dying in 1865, at the age of fifty-eight years; the mother died in 1872, at the age of sixty-one years. They were both members of the Catholic Church, and had the following children: George, a Catholic priest, who went to South America in 1853; Pius, an architect, who is deceased; Frank R.; Magdalena, deceased wife of Christ. Weisman, a salesman; Elizabeth, late wife of Joseph Zimmermann, a carpenter and contractor; Philomena, the wife of Nenzenz Speitel, a miller on the island of Sicily. Of this family Frank R. is the only one to come to the United States.

Frank R. Groff and Catherine Schroll were married in York county, Jan. 22, 1880, and to their union were born the following two children: Frances S., who married Harvey Shank, and lives in Newville, Lancaster county; Frank P., who is at home. Mrs. Catherine Groff was born in Manchester township, York county, Dec. 8, 1857, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary M. (Hartman) Schroll, both natives of York county, where their lives were spent. The father was a farmer, and died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years; the mother died in 1893, at the age of eighty-two years; they were buried in the cemetery connected with Hoover's Church, in York county. Born to them were the following children: Jacob, who is dead; Henry, a veteran of the Civil war, living in the Soldiers' Home; Daniel, deceased; Solomon, a resident of Harrisburg; Emanuel, of Lancaster; Christina, of Mt. Wolf, Pa., married to Abraham Rhoads; Susan, who married James Maze, and is

dead; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Judy, and has her home in Middletown; Magdalena, deceased; Catherine, wife of Frank R. Groff.

Frank R. Groff remained at home with his parents, working at his trade, until his coming to this country. After his arrival here he spent some time in several of the large cities, was at Cincinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City, making a permanent location, however, in Conoy township, Lancaster county, in 1877, and moving to his present home in 1881. He is a capable and energetic man, strictly honorable and reliable, and belongs to the Mennonite Church. In his politics he is a Republican, and he is highly regarded by those who know him best. His wife belongs to the Dunkard Church.

CHRISTOPHER HAGER, attorney at law, Marietta, Pa., was born in Lancaster city May 6, 1860, and is a son of Henry W. and Ellen (Hayes) Hager. Henry W. Hager was a dry-goods merchant, and carried on business in Lancaster with his brothers, John C. and Charles F. Hager, under the firm name of Hager & Bros. He was also postmaster at Lancaster under President Grant's first administration, and died Dec. 23, 1872, at the early age of thirty-six years. Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hager had born to them three children, viz.: Isabella H., wife of John R. Nicholson, Chief Justice and Chancellor of Equity for the State of Delaware, and residing in Dover, that State; Christopher, whose name opens this article; and Mary Bell, married to Robert D. Stewart, a railroad contractor in Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of Christopher Hager were Christopher and Catharine (Sener) Hager, the former of whom was a dry-goods merchant and also president of the Farmers National Bank in Lancaster. Christopher Hager, the great-grandfather, came from Worms, Germany, in 1764, and settled in Lancaster, where he engaged in merchandising. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Alexander L. and Isabella (Patterson) Hayes. Alexander L. Hayes came from York River Plantation, Sussex Co., Del., to Reading, Pa., in 1820. He had graduated from Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, and, locating in Reading, practiced law there a few years, when he moved to Lancaster, having been appointed Judge of the Lancaster District Court, which was afterward abolished; for term after term he was subsequently elected Judge of the General Courts of Lancaster county, serving a total of more than fifty years on the Bench, and died in Lancaster in 1875, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Mrs. Isabella (Patterson) Hayes was a daughter of Col. Galbreth Patterson, a gallant patriot of the Revolutionary war, and was a granddaughter on the maternal side of Brig. Gen. William Thompson, of Carlisle, Pa. Gen. Thompson was a brother-in-law of George Ross, of Pennsylvania, and George Reed, of Delaware, both signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Christopher Hager, the subject proper of these lines, at the age of eleven years was sent to a boarding-school conducted by A. R. Beck, of Lititz, Pa., and a year later was transferred to the Franklin and Marshall Academy, in Lancaster, and two years later to Cheltenham Academy, in Montgomery county, from which he graduated when eighteen years old. He then became a member of the firm of Hager & Bros., dry-goods merchants, being in the sales department of the store until 1885, after which he traveled through the United States and Europe for a year. In 1886 he entered the law office of Hon. J. Hay Brown, as his first student. After a course of law study for two years he entered the office of Nathaniel Ellmaker, his uncle, with whom he remained a few years, after which time he devoted his attention to fire insurance for four years, and then sold out his agencies and the business he had established. He then went to Philadelphia, and was appointed cashier of the State Insurance Company of Philadelphia, with which corporation he remained two years. He then opened a law office in that city, and for a year had a successful practice there, until November, 1898, when he settled in Marietta, where he at once rose to prominence as an attorney, becoming borough solicitor, attorney for the First National Bank of Marietta and many leading business houses; he is also the solicitor and treasurer of the Pioneer Fire Company of Marietta.

In June, 1896, Mr. Hager married, in Marietta, Miss Maud E. Baker, a native of the borough, and a daughter of Col. Frederick and Jennie (Jack) Baker, of Marietta and Lancaster, respectively. Col. Frederick Baker was for a long time editor of the *Marietta Register*, and died in 1885, when sixty years old. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hager was Peter Baker, a leading lumber merchant of Marietta, and her maternal grandfather was Joshua Jack, an architect, contractor and builder, of Lancaster.

Besides attending to his law business in Marietta Mr. Hager also occupies the old Ellmaker law office in Lancaster. He is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M., the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Society of the Sons of Revolution. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and in politics is a Republican. As a lawyer he stands in the front rank with his professional brethren, and as a citizen he enjoys the unfeigned respect of all who know him.

HENRY GERHART, of No. 46 North Queen street, Lancaster, enjoys the distinction of being proprietor and manager of the largest merchant tailoring establishment in that city. His successful career has been the result of his complete mastery of every detail of his business, and of the absolute integrity of all his business methods.

Mr. Gerhart was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Nov. 22, 1835, a son of Daniel and Elizabeth

(Thies) Gerhart, the former of whom was a merchant in that place, and passed away in 1836. Henry Gerhart spent his boyhood days in his native town, and when his school days were ended was apprenticed to the tailor's trade. Early in 1850 he sailed for America, by way of London, landing at New York, where he studied American methods, and then began working as a journeyman, coming to Lancaster the same year. In 1865 Mr. Gerhart began business for himself, and has proved very successful as a merchant tailor. For many years he was located on the east side of North Queen street, but the demands of an increasing trade made better quarters a necessity, and he secured his present location, where he maintains by far the largest tailor shop in the city. In the fall of 1900 Mr. Gerhart added the making of ladies' tailor-made garments to his other business, and this new departure brought a very generous response from the trading public, now rivaling in volume the original business.

In 1866 Mr. Gerhart was married to Miss Margaret Wittlinger, of Lancaster, daughter of the late John Wittlinger, a prominent old-time brewer of the city. Mrs. Gerhart died in November, 1893, leaving one son, J. H. Gerhart, who after graduating from Franklin and Marshall College entered the big establishment of his father on North Queen street, as an assistant; in 1894 he married Anna M. Wolf, of Lancaster.

Mr. Gerhart was one of the founders, and a stockholder and director, of the Maennerchor Hall Association, of which he was president for a time, and treasurer for a period of eight years. He belongs to Zion's Lutheran Church, where he has been a vestryman for twenty-five years, as well as superintendent of the Sunday-school, and financial secretary of the parish for the same period. Socially he is a charter member and past officer of Hebel Lodge, I. O. O. F., and is one of the organizers and former officers of the Order of Seven Wise Men. In all the affairs of life Mr. Gerhart has always proved faithful and worthy of respect and confidence, and after a mercantile career of thirty-five years in Lancaster he is still wide-awake and vigorous, with a trade that is yearly taking on larger proportions. He has a wide circle of friends and patrons.

GEORGE LEWIS LYLE. For many years George Lewis Lyle was a trusted and efficient railroad man, but in 1892 he yielded to the wishes of family and party friends and left that line to accept the position of justice of the peace in Columbia, in which situation he gave general satisfaction, testified to by several re-elections.

Mr. Lyle was born in Paradise township May 17, 1843, a son of Samuel B. and Fanny (Graham) Lyle, natives of Lancaster county. The father was connected with railroading, and died in Columbia, at the home of his son, on Aug. 25, 1868, at the age of sixty-three years, one month and twenty-one days. The mother passed away Dec. 6, 1875, at the age of



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sixty-six years and eleven days. Both parents were worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and in that faith reared a family of six children, these being: John and Edward, twins, the former a resident of Baltimore, Md., the latter deceased; Emma and Fanny, twins, both deceased; Mary J., Mrs. George W. Hoover, who, with her husband, is now dead; and George Lewis.

When Mr. Lyle was but two years old his parents moved to Indiana, but they returned to Columbia two years later, and he was reared on a farm, while he received his education in the public schools. Before entering upon railroad work he was employed for some two years in a saw mill, but he found better opportunities on the road, became a brakeman in the employ of the Pennsylvania lines and in 1861 was made a conductor. During the great strike in 1877 Mr. Lyle resigned his position, later accepting a similar one with the Reading Railroad.

Although Mr. Lyle had spent many years in railroading and was most highly regarded by all with whom he had business relations, his family desired him to make a change, and in 1891, in deference to their wishes, he resigned his lucrative position, and the next year was appointed justice of the peace, having served as constable of Columbia during 1878-79 and -80. Many quite important cases were brought before Justice Lyle, and all were adjusted without appeal to a higher court.

On Sept. 19, 1867, Mr. Lyle was married to Anna M. Ranck, and the children of this union are: William D. deceased; Ella M., who married Henry E. Kline, of Columbia; Samuel E.; Mary J., who married Charles Fine and is now dead, leaving one child, who lives with Mr. Lyle; John W.; Anna S.; George P.; Frances M.; Joseph C., and Fred T., all living at home; and Jessie L., deceased. The parents of Mrs. Lyle, Jesse and Sarah (Shultz) Ranck, were old residents of Paradise township. The parents were of German descent. Her father's death occurred in Ohio, after a number of years spent in Columbia, in the saddlery business.

In his political affiliations Mr. Lyle is a Democrat, as was his father before him. In 1902, through political changes, Mr. Lyle lost his office of justice, and has since acted as notary public in Columbia. He is becoming unable to perform much labor, as in 1898 he was partly paralyzed. In Columbia, where they are all known, the family is most highly esteemed, and Mr. Lyle is considered a representative citizen.

WILLIAM K. BENDER. The founder of the Bender family came from Germany, a country which has contributed to Lancaster county many of its best citizens.

David Bender, the founder, located a large tract of land in Upper Leacock township and became a large land owner there and a very pronounced Federalist, always advocating the rights of the colonies. He was successful in many lines of business, was

the owner of superior horses and operated a distillery, the product of which he marketed himself in Philadelphia and in Pittsburg. As a stanch supporter of the Lutheran Church he was highly esteemed, and at an advanced age he passed away, and his is among the earlier tombs in the old Heller burying-ground, where many of his descendants also rest. Two sons and two daughters survived him: Susan and Elizabeth, who never married; John, who followed closely in the footsteps of his father, lived out his life in Upper Leacock township and there reared a family; and George, the grandfather of William K., of this biography.

Grandfather George Bender married a member of the Kinzer family, which came from England, and they reared a most estimable family, their son, Kinzer D. Bender, becoming a power in Lancaster county. For many years Kinzer D. Bender was associated in the closest bonds of friendship with that great statesman of Pennsylvania, Thaddeus Stevens, and with him held strong views on the slavery question and other subjects of public morality. At the time of which we write, it was the universal practice through the farming regions to supply intoxicants to the assistants who helped in the haying and harvesting, and to take a firm stand against the practice was almost as serious a business as it was to break one of the old laws of the Medes and Persians. However, Kinzer D. Bender was a man of principle and he took his stand against the custom and was forced to bear the brunt of much indignation and misrepresentation. As a financier he was highly regarded, and was welcomed as a director in some of the leading banks of the county; and as a farmer, he was one of the first to place improved machinery on his estate. The free school system received his hearty support, and all schemes for the advancement of his section met with his approbation. To his church, of the Lutheran faith, he was generous, and only those nearest him knew of his charities. His life was extended to eighty-two years, his death occurring in 1890.

Among the children left by this most worthy and honored citizen were: Franklin, a resident of Mechanicsburg; John W., deceased, who left one son, who resides near Heller's Church, in Upper Leacock township; William K.; and Mary, the wife of Jacob Burkholder, who resides near Mechanicsburg, all of them being among the esteemed residents of the county.

William K. Bender was reared on the farm and had the advantages resulting from his father's intelligent companionship. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted as sergeant in Co. B., 122 P. V. I., and took part in the battles of Chantilly, the second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and in all of the skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged. At Chancellorsville he was painfully wounded by a minie ball, but remained at his post until the regiment was relieved.

For many years William K. Bender was connected as a director with the Susquehanna Iron Company, of Columbia, and when it, with the Lebanon Iron Company, with which he was also connected was absorbed by the combination now known as the American Iron and Steel Manufacturing Company, he continued to be financially interested.

As a prominent citizen he is connected with many of the financial institutions of the county, is a director in the Lititz Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lancaster county and is one of its active promoters. His interest in education equals that of his father, and in early manhood he taught in the public schools in his native county for two years, 1860 and 1861, giving that up in 1862 to respond to his country's call as a volunteer in support of the administration which received his first vote. Later he served on the school board for many years, and has advocated many reforms in the county.

In 1865 William K. Bender was married to Elizabeth A. Hartman, of German and French descent and from a most worthy and honorable family. At the time of their marriage both were connected with the M. E. Church and were untiring workers in the Sunday-school field, in both church and union schools, county and village, advocating that the period for retirement only comes when the workman is called to his reward, and this spirit has been imbibed by their three daughters. Mr. Bender's passion for music, both vocal and instrumental, was marked, and he found no higher enjoyment than that which grows from its acquisition and rendering. He has advocated its cultivation in the public schools as one of the refining forces in molding and elevating society. In his family he has insisted upon a higher education for his children as a sure and safe investment, the pleasure imparted repaying for the time and expense involved. The eldest is a graduate of the Collegiate Institute in Hackettstown, N. J.; the second, of the Woman's College, in Baltimore, while the third is a senior in Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

ABRAHAM W. ENGLE, an old and highly respected farmer, at present living in retirement, was born Aug. 28, 1835, in Conoy township, on the farm where he now resides, a son of the Rev. Jacob S. and Barbara (Wolgemuth) Engle.

The father, who was born on an adjoining farm, was married in 1833, and came to the present homestead in 1834. For many years he was a preacher of the River Brethren Church, having served for forty-nine years in a clerical capacity; he also taught school. From 1870 until his death, Feb. 13, 1894, he lived retired. At his demise he was eighty-five years and three months old; his widow survived him for a time, dying Dec. 18, 1900, at the age of eighty-eight years and eleven months. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and were interred in the East Donegal cemetery. To them

were born the following children: Abraham W., born Aug. 28, 1835; Fanny W., Jan. 16, 1837, who died young; Daniel W., Nov. 2, 1839, who died young; Barbara W., Oct. 7, 1841; Jacob W., Feb. 5, 1844; David W., Aug. 8, 1846, who married, first Fanny Nissley, and second, Maria Sallenberger, and died June 28, 1890; Anna W., Jan. 15, 1851, who married Amos B. Musser, the treasurer and a trustee of the Messiah House, at Harrisburg. The paternal grandparents of A. W. Engle were Jacob and Martha (Strickley) Engle, farming people of Lancaster county. His maternal grandparents were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, also farming people of this county.

Abraham W. Engle and Fanny Hoffman were married in Lancaster Nov. 12, 1863, and to their union were born the following children: Irwin H., born Feb. 18, 1865, died Oct. 17, 1896, aged thirty-one years, who married Amanda Stauffer, and had one daughter, Lizzie S.; Martin H., born Jan. 21, 1867, died Feb. 20, 1867; Hiram H., born July 24, 1868, who married Emma Herr and is farming at the old homestead; Anna, born Jan. 23, 1870, who married E. Hershey, of East Donegal township, and has three children, Engle, Harry and Abraham.

Mrs. Fanny (Hoffman) Engle was born in East Donegal township, July 31, 1843, is a daughter of Christian and Anna (Snyder) Hoffman, both native to Lancaster county, and is a lady of many genial and admirable traits. Her father died April 19, 1873, on the old family homestead in East Donegal township, which he had spent his life cultivating. The mother died in Conoy township, Dec. 24, 1893, at the age of seventy-nine years, and was buried in Boslers Meeting House cemetery in West Donegal township, where her husband had been interred years before. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and had the following children: Eli, who married Fanny Lindermuth, and is a retired farmer in Dickinson county, Kan.; Mary, who died young; Christian, who lives in Kansas and married Lizzie Garber; Fanny; Anna, the wife of John Forney, who is in the creamery business in Abilene, Kan.; Lizzie; Martha, the wife of John Shank, a farmer of Conoy township; Henry, who married Lizzie Nissley, who is dead. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Engle were John and Fanny (Engle) Hoffman, farmer-folk of Lancaster county, as were her maternal grandparents, Henry and Mary (Witmer) Snyder.

Abraham W. Engle remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight years, when he went into Dauphin county and spent six years in farming. After the end of that period he came back to Conoy township, and settled on his present homestead, where he has since remained, and where he has achieved a decided success as a farmer and as a business man, being widely known for his sterling manhood and unswerving honesty. The farm on which he is located has been in the

Engle family for more than a hundred years. Mr. Engle is a Republican, and is a worthy representative of one of the good old families of Lancaster county.

AMOS HUBER. Not only is Lancaster county the home of some of the best farmers in the State, but it also can claim a number of successful horticulturists, who have demonstrated that some of the finest peaches and melons placed on the market can be profitably grown in this part of the State. Among those whose success has made them prominent is Amos Huber, who has become known through horticultural circles for his successful methods of cultivating fruits of all kinds, and for especially fine specimens of peaches and melons.

Amos Huber can claim an ancestry that reaches back many years, when it originated in Switzerland, from which country came his great-grandfather, who located in Lancaster county, near Marticville. Peter Huber, the father of Amos Huber, was born and reared in the southern part of this county and spent the greater part of his life in Martic and Little Britain townships, but about thirteen years previous to his death, he removed to East Lampeter township, where he died Aug. 11, 1855, at the age of fifty-nine years and ten months. His principal occupation was farming, although as he grew older, he often occupied himself in working for others when his services were needed.

Peter Huber was married to Susan Huber, of Lampeter township, a daughter of Henry Huber, and to them was born a family of eight children: Fannie, now deceased, the wife of Henry Hartman, of Lancaster county; Martha, the widow of John Ressler, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased, wife of Frederick Seidoff, of Lancaster county; Susannah, who is the wife of Abraham Lautz, of Lexington, Richland county, Ohio.; Annie, of Strasburg township; Amos; Leah, deceased wife of Joseph Nissley, who lives near Hagerstown, Md.; and Lizzie, unmarried, who lives with her brother.

Amos Huber was born in Little Britain township, this county, Feb. 28, 1841, and was but one year old when his parents removed to West Lampeter township, and there he remained until he had attained his legal majority. His education was received in the public schools, but he had only reached the age of fourteen, when his father died, and he was compelled to take up the battle of life for himself. For a lad of but fourteen that is a serious matter, and thus Amos found it, but he was an honest, industrious boy, and soon obtained employment on the neighboring farms by the year. After he was seventeen he found it more advantageous to work by the day and continued thus, until in his twenty-first year he decided to learn the millwright trade; as that did not quite suit him, he finally changed to the carpenter trade, entering the shop of Benjamin Bachman, in Willowstreet, and serving his apprenticeship there.

As a good workman, Mr. Huber found employment for a time, but when his uncle, David Huber, offered him employment with him in tobacco raising and trucking, in Willowstreet, he accepted and filled out several busy years in this way. However, in 1875, he removed to his own property, which he had purchased in Strasburg township, one and one-half miles south of the borough; the original tract contained twenty-two and one-half acres, to which he has added two and one-half more, and, with six acres devoted entirely to fruit, he raises early vegetables on the remainder and engages in trucking. Mr. Huber has had very encouraging success and may well feel gratified, for he has earned all he possesses by his own industry and economy.

Amos Huber was married Sept. 27, 1865, to Miss Susan Deets, a daughter of John and Annie (Pickle) Deets, of Lancaster county, both parents deceased. Mrs. Huber was born in East Lampeter township, Sept. 18, 1843, and she has become the beloved mother of eight children: Hettie, born Dec. 29, 1867, the wife of E. W. Harsh, of Strasburg township; Franklin, born May 4, 1871, who married Miss Kate Mowrer, lives near Providence, and has two children, Mary and Myrtle; Henry, born Aug. 23, 1873, who married Miss Annie Givin, resides in Paradise township, and has one son, Clarence; Elam, born Dec. 29, 1875, who married Miss Mary Buckwalter; Annie and Mary, twins born Dec. 28, 1878, Annie married to Enos Herr, and Mary residing at home; Amos, born Jan. 8, 1881, who died April 8, 1897; and an infant son, who passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and he is connected with the Republican party. The family is one which is highly esteemed in the community.

ROLAND S. BRUBAKER, a meat merchant and the proprietor of a slaughter house in New Holland, was born in that borough Feb. 10, 1838, and is a son of Isaac R. and Ann (Hoover) Brubaker, both residents of New Holland. The father was a butcher, and in his later years a farmer, while for two terms he filled the office of assessor. He died in 1889, at the age of seventy, and the mother passed to her rest at the age of sixty; they were both buried in the cemetery at Groffdale. They were members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born: Isaac H., the proprietor of the "Bird-in-Hand Hotel;" David, who died in 1871; Roland S.; Hester A., married to Abraham Doner, of Lancaster; Saloma, who died in 1898, the wife of Rev. David Hostetter, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Jonathan, who is dead; Catherine, who married Phares Buckwalter, of Lancaster, a teacher; Lydia, married to Daniel Eby, a farmer of East Earl township; Mary, married to Adam Diller, a contractor in Lancaster; Rachel, who married Isaac Groff, a farmer in East Lampeter township. The paternal grandparents of Roland S. Brubaker were Isaac and Saloma (Roland) Brubaker, of Lancaster coun-

ty; they were of Swiss stock, and descendants of Johann Brubaker, who came to this country in 1709. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Brubaker were David and Hettie (Hartman) Hoover. They were farming people of Lancaster county.

Mr. Brubaker was married Jan. 1, 1861, to Margaret A. Smoker, by whom he had the following children: Cora, who married James E. S. Paxton, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, has her home at Honey Brook, and has had two children; Annie, who married Dr. Daniel W. Marshall, a druggist of Reading; Harriet, who married Dr. W. N. Klemmer, a physician in Germania, Pa., and has one child; Gertrude, who married Charles M. Diller, a merchant of New Holland, and has had two children, one deceased.

Mrs. Brubaker was born in Earl township, Dec. 25, 1840, a daughter of Isaac and Nancy (Ditlow) Smoker. Her father died May 6, 1862, at the age of seventy-one, and his widow passed to her rest in June, 1871. Both were buried in the New Holland cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church, where he was a vestryman many years, and was instrumental in building the elegant structure in New Holland. In his younger days he did a business in speculating, and carried on a hotel. To him and his wife were born: Ditlow, who died in St. Louis; John, Isaac and one other child, who all died in infancy; Eveline, who died unmarried at the age of seventy; Abraham G., deceased; Anna, who married Levi Kinzer; Amanda B., who married first Dr. Daniel Henderson, and second, Jacob Mentzer; Louisa, who married Levi Watts; Amos married to Catharine Carpenter; Elizabeth, married to Henderson Wallace; George M., who married Fannie Vandersal; and Margaret A.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brubaker were Isaac and Nancy Smoker, both residents of Lancaster county, and farming people.

Roland S. Brubaker lived with his parents until he was ten years of age, when he went to Lancaster to attend school for three years. There he remained until he was fifteen, when he was taken into the store of Moses Eby, at Intercourse, and held that position for three years. At the end of that period of clerking he went into the store of Diller & Brubaker, at New Holland, where he was retained for three years. At the end of this time he bought out Mr. Philip R. Brubaker, and with E. C. and Amos Diller operated the store for ten years. At that time Mr. Amos Diller retired in favor of his son, William G. Diller, and for four years the firm was Diller, Brubaker & Diller. At the end of this time Mr. Brubaker disposed of his holdings, and was retired for a year and a half, engaging in settling up affairs.

His next business enterprise was in the butcher business with John Meyers, with whom he continued until the death of the latter in 1900. Since the death of Mr. Meyers, Mr. Brubaker has carried on the business alone.

Mr. Brubaker was president of the town council

for the first three years after the incorporation of the borough. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder for twenty years, and Sunday-school superintendent for forty years. In politics he is a Democrat.

WILLIAM YEAGER HALDY, proprietor of the extensive granite and marble works on North Queen street, Lancaster, is a worthy member of a family than whom none is better known or more highly respected in the city or county.

Lewis Haldy, father of William Y., was born Feb. 17, 1825, at Herbezeim, Lorraine, at that time a province of France, now a part of the German empire. In September, 1832, his widowed mother, with her son, three daughters and a sister, set sail in the ship "Pennsylvania," from Havre, France, for Philadelphia, and on Sunday morning, Dec. 2, 1832, the vessel grounded on a sand bar off Cape Hatteras, on the coast of North Carolina. After a day and a night of great suspense—for the vessel threatened every moment to go to pieces—passengers and crew were rescued by a passing vessel and taken to Charleston, S. C., where the unfortunates were cared for most kindly. Everything they possessed was lost in the wreck, but the good people of the city provided them with all necessities, and looked after their personal comfort. After three weeks' time the Haldy family were placed aboard a vessel bound for Philadelphia, but were fated to not reach their destination without further trials, for while in the Delaware river the ship they were on became frozen fast in the ice for six days. At last the "Quaker City" was reached, and a week later the emigrants were taken to Cecil county, Md., by Henry Horstman, a brother of Mrs. Haldy. There Lewis remained until 1841, early in that year coming to Lancaster county, and locating in Strasburg, where he commenced to learn the tinner's trade. Not liking that line of business, however, he, in April of the same year, removed to Lancaster City, and apprenticed himself to Daniel Fagan, a marble mason, who had his works on North Queen street. After learning the trade he went to Reading to work, but not long afterward he returned to Lancaster, and for some time was employed by the Moderwells, who operated a freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia. In 1849, he went into business for himself, on West Chestnut street, in the granite and marble industry, finally removing to North Queen street, and in 1884 he admitted his son, William Y., into partnership. For nine months during the Civil war he served in the 50th P. V. I., as quartermaster, and in 1864 he went out with the emergency men in the ninety-days call.

On Nov. 15, 1846, Lewis Haldy married Miss Mary Sabina Yeager, daughter of the late Frederick Yeager, and in 1896 this honored couple celebrated their golden wedding. Three children were born to them; Walter A., who was cashier of the Lancaster



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County National Bank, and who died Dec. 1, 1801; William Y., of whom further mention will presently be made; and Miss Mary W., at home. The father was called from earth April 12, 1899; the mother is yet living in Lancaster, enjoying the esteem and regard of a wide circle of friends and relatives, and beloved by her children.

Lewis Haldy in religious connection was a prominent member of the First M. E. Church, and in fraternal relationships was affiliated with Lancaster Lodge, No. 67, I. O. O. F., also with Washington Encampment, No. 11, and for many years he was a member of the Tucquan Club. In the days of the old volunteer fire department of Lancaster he belonged to Friendship Fire Company, and at one time was its vice president. For many years he was a director of the Lancaster County National Bank, and in every walk of life he was a good citizen, always ready in his years of health and strength to take part in any movement for the good of the city in which he passed over half a century of his life. Probably the most noble and distinguishing characteristics of Mr. Haldy were his Christian benevolence and practical patriotism, and during the years of his active life in Lancaster there was seldom a movement in the interest of religion or charity in which he was not an active and influential factor. Not a little of the noblest work of his life was done as the coadjuter of the Patriotic Daughters, of which society he was in many ways the main reliance, in their self-sacrificing efforts to aid and comfort the volunteer soldiers during the Civil war.

William Yeager Haldy, second son of Lewis, was born March 11, 1854, in Lancaster, in the old brick dwelling which is now the North Queen street front of Haldy's Marble Works. At the public schools of his native city he received his education, and was graduated from Lancaster high school July 1, 1870. Just seventeen days thereafter, he entered the employ of his father as an apprentice to the granite and marble cutting trade, serving four years and eight months. On April 1, 1884, he was received into partnership by his father, the firm name becoming Lewis Haldy & Son, and during the last ten years of his father's life the son was practically in control of the business. Since the death of the former the latter has carried on the concern under his own name.

In 1877 William Y. Haldy married Miss Ada F. Zook, daughter of Noah Zook, who with his brother, Abraham, was murdered, in 1866, at Vicksburg, Miss., whither they had gone to engage in the cotton trade. The body of Abraham Zook was found, but that of his brother, the father of Mrs. Haldy, never came to light. They were brothers of J. Gust Zook, the prominent leaf-tobacco dealer, whose sketch will be found elsewhere. To Mr. and Mrs. Haldy children were born as follows: Mary S., a graduate of the Lancaster high school; Abbie F., who attended the Girls' high school, Lancaster, class of

1902; and Harry R. and Fred Zook, both of whom entered the Lancaster high school in September, 1901. The entire family are adherents of the First M. E. Church, of Lancaster.

Socially Mr. Haldy is one of the most popular citizens of Lancaster, progressive and loyal. He belongs to Washington Encampment, No. 11, I. O. O. F. A thorough business man, and expert in his particular line, it is not a matter of surprise that the business established by the father, large as it was, should have grown to its present mammoth proportions under the management of the son on whom the mantle fell.

ROBERT S. KNOX, a prominent citizen and general farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa., who owns a farm of forty-five acres near Letort, was born in Lycoming county, Sept. 27, 1845, and is a son of John H. and Ann E. (Moran) Knox of Irish descent.

John Knox, grandfather of Robert S., was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, but at the age of twelve years he went to Scotland, and soon afterward came to the United States, finding a home at Larry's Creek, Lycoming county, Pa., where he grew to manhood, engaged in farming; he also operated both grist and saw-mills, and was altogether a successful business man. A bitter opponent of slavery as it then existed at the South, he was an active worker on the underground railroad, and his home was a safe harbor for many a dusky fugitive. To his marriage with Catherine Stewart, a native of Lycoming county, but of Irish extraction, were born four children, viz: Charles, who drifted to some point in Illinois; Robert, a civil engineer and school teacher, who settled in Kansas; John H.; and Jane, who was married to Hughes Russell, an extensive farmer and miller of Lycoming county. The parents and children are all now deceased. They were all members of the M. E. Church.

John H. Knox was born April 15, 1815, was educated at Carlisle University, was a farmer, and also erected and conducted a cement mill. For years he was an active Republican; when the Civil war broke out he raised a company of infantry at his personal expense in April, 1861, was elected its captain, and was assigned as Co. D, to the 11th P. V. I., for three years' service. This regiment had its first experience at the front under Gen. Burnside, but early in the campaign Capt. Knox was seized with camp fever, and returned home, and died Feb. 28, 1862.

To the union of John H. Knox and Ann E. Moran, daughter of John and Mary (Penny) Moran, were born four children, viz: Catherine S., wife of Henry Kehler, of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; John M., a wholesale commission merchant, of Hazleton, Luzerne county; Robert S.; and James R., an expert machinist of Richmond, Virginia.

Robert S. Knox was reared in his native county

and attended the public schools of Jersey Shore until seventeen years old, and then enlisted June 27, 1863, in the 47th Pennsylvania State militia for ninety days and was mustered in as corporal. In June, 1864, Corporal Knox enlisted in Co. F, 195th P. V. I., served in Maryland and West Virginia, and was honorably discharged Nov. 7, 1864.

At the conclusion of his military career, Robert S. Knox went to Jeddo, Luzerne county, entered the mercantile establishment of G. B. Markle as clerk, and was also associated with the Lehigh Railroad Company as shipping clerk for twelve years; he then came to Lancaster county on a visit, but once here decided to remain. His first marriage took place in this county Jan. 30, 1879, to Annie M., daughter of Joseph and Barbara (Hostetter) Hershey, and the newly married couple at once settled on the present farm of forty-five acres, which they converted into a most desirable home. Mrs. Annie M. Knox, however, passed away Jan. 6, 1888, without issue, and May 30, 1892, Mr. Knox married Miss Annic Garretson, who was born in Flora Dale, Adams Co., Pa., and is a daughter of Joel and Anna (Cookson) Garretson. This union was blessed with four children: John M., born March 26, 1894; Robert G., born Nov. 7, 1897; James Stewart, born July 17, 1900; and Henry Kehler, born Sept. 10, 1901, who died Nov. 18, 1901.

Robert S. Knox is a most public-spirited gentleman and has taken a great interest in the welfare of the community since residing in Manor township; he has been on the school board for nine years, now serving his fourth term as a Republican member, and is a member of Gen. Welch Post, No. 118, G. A. R.

PETER H. SAUDER. Among the prominent citizens and worthy representatives of an old and honored county family of East Earl township, is Peter Sauder, who resides on the old farm first purchased by his grandfather, Henry Sauder, supposed to have come hither from his native Switzerland. His life was a pastoral one, his acres being many and his herds large. His death occurred in this locality about 1822 or 1824.

Peter Sauder, son of Peter and father of Peter (3), was born in 1801, and died in 1864. His home through life was on the fine old farm located within one mile of the village of Goodville, where he followed agricultural pursuits, added to his acreage, made improvements and reared a large family to become highly respected and useful citizens of this vicinity. He married Esther Hoffman, who was a daughter of George Hoffman, her death occurring at the age of fifty-seven years. Seven of their children grew to maturity: Henry, who is a resident of East Earl township, a retired farmer; Elizabeth, the wife of David Newswenger, of Caernarvon township; Esther, deceased wife of Levi Weaver; George, deceased, a farmer of East Earl township; Peter H.; Susannah, the wife of Emanuel News-

wenger, of Caernarvon township; and Mary, the wife of Abraham M. Brubaker, of East Earl township. Both parents were consistent and worthy members of the Mennonite Church, and exemplified in their lives the simplicity and uprightness of their religious belief.

Peter H. Sauder, our subject proper, was born March 24, 1832, and grew from boyhood to youth and manhood with his interests always centering in agricultural pursuits. The old farm has been his home and he owns 100 acres of the land, the old estate having been divided into two farms of some 140 acres each. Mr. Sauder is one of the most progressive men in the locality as he has also been one of the most successful. His interest has always been shown in educational matters and he has been a leading and influential member of the school board in his township.

The first marriage of Mr. Sauder was in 1861, to Miss Annie Wanner, a daughter of Daniel Wanner, of East Earl township; her death occurred in 1874. Eight children were born to this union: Maria, the wife of David Martin, of East Earl township; Alice, the wife of Henry Newswenger, of Salisbury township; Annie, the wife of John Shetzley, of East Earl township; Moses, of East Earl township; Susannah, the widow of Eli Martin, of East Earl township; Emma, unmarried; Barton W., who married Hittie Martin, and farms the old homestead; and Margaret, the wife of Morris Banshman, of East Lampeter township.

For his second wife Mr. Sauder married in September, 1875, Barbara Hurst, a daughter of David and Leah (Musser) Hurst, a native of Ephrata township, and a most estimable lady and devoted wife and mother. The two daughters born to this marriage are Barbara and Leah, both at home. The family is one of the old and honored ones of the county and has long been prominent in the Mennonite Church.

AMOS GILBERT, mayor of Quarryville, was born July 7, 1858, in Eden township. His parents were J. Harding and Hannah H. (Whitson) Gilbert, of Lancaster county, where both were born, Mr. Gilbert in 1824 and Mrs. Gilbert in 1828.

The father was reared in Lancaster county, and after arriving at maturity conducted a tannery for many years in Eden township. In 1858 he purchased a farm, which he conducted in connection with his tannery business. He was elected a justice of the peace in his township, and held that office for over thirty years, and to within a few years of the time of his death, in 1893. His aged and worthy wife still resides on the homestead. Of a family of seven children, five are living, as follows: May, born in Lancaster county, who is the wife of Albion Walter, a farmer of Bart township, and has one daughter, Emma; Edward M., a leading lawyer of Lancaster City; Hugh W., born in Lancaster county, a leading business man and postmaster of his

borough, who married and has a family of five children; Joseph H., born in Lancaster county, who is unmarried and is engaged in the laundry business in Oxford, Chester county, Pa. Two of the children, George and John, died when young.

Amos Gilbert was reared on his father's farm, and was educated in the schools of the district. In 1886 he married Miss Hannah Dickinson, a young lady born and raised in Lancaster county. She was the daughter of James and Ruth Dickinson, a leading Quaker family of the county. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert moved to Quarryville, where he purchased a creamery which he still successfully conducts. Mrs. Gilbert died in 1893, leaving her husband and three sons, E. Dickinson, J. Roland and James D., to mourn her loss.

Mr. Gilbert has always been identified with the Republicans in politics, and is prominent in that party. In 1889 he was elected mayor of his borough, and he still holds that position. When the borough was first organized he was elected a school director, and held that office for seven years. In 1902 he was elected a delegate to the State convention. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Washington Lodge, No. 156, of Quarryville.

In 1897 Mr. Gilbert was married to his present wife, who was Miss Olive Graybill, of Duncannon, and a lady of fine mental and social qualities. No children have been born to this union. Mr. Gilbert takes a prominent part in the social, business and political circles of his vicinity, and is well and favorably known throughout the county. His family is one of the pioneer Quaker families of this part of Pennsylvania. His father, J. Harding Gilbert, is especially well remembered by the older members of the community, as an honest and an upright citizen, and the same may well be said of his son, for no man has ever charged him with any unfair transaction or treatment of a fellow-citizen. He is very popular and possesses the friendship and esteem of the entire community.

SYLVESTER FRYBARGER. This native-born citizen of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, veteran of the Civil war and general farmer, was born Dec. 14, 1841, a son of George and Lydia A. (Sterlinger) Frybarger, natives respectively of Germany and Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

George Frybarger was but two years of age when he was brought to America by his father, John G. Frybarger, in 1804, and put in charge of John Kurtz to be reared. George Frybarger, who was born in 1802, was a school teacher in his earlier years and later a farmer, and died March 19, 1873; his wife, who was born in 1804, died Oct. 17, 1872, the remains of both being buried in Asbury church cemetery. To their marriage were born six children, namely: William L., deceased; Catherine, widow of Martin Dein and still living on the old home place in Salisbury township; Lydia A., deceased wife of Levi Bowers; Mary, deceased; Syl-

vester; and George, a carpenter at Kansas City, Missouri.

Sylvester Frybarger lived on the home farm with his parents until his marriage, when he went to housekeeping in another dwelling on the same land from September until April, and then in another dwelling elsewhere in the township, meanwhile working out for the neighboring farmers until his enlistment. His marriage took place June 2, 1862, in Salisbury township, to Miss Sabina Fellenbaum, who has borne him twelve children, namely: Elmer E., of East Earl township, and married to Catherine Marshall, who is now the mother of eight children; Laura, who was married to Isaac Means, had four children, and is now deceased; Matilda J., wife of John Lowery, a produce merchant of East Earl township, to whom she has borne three children; John H., residing in Nankin, Ohio; Anna M., and Mary E., who died in infancy; George M., and S. Clayton, still at home; Walter H., a farmer in Salisbury township and married to Mabel Palmer, who has two children; Emma, wife of John Spots, and the mother of three children; Lydia S., who died young; and Hannah M., still residing with her parents.

Mrs. Sabina (Fellenbaum) Frybarger was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, March 1, 1843, and is a daughter of Edwin and Hannah J. (Clark) Fellenbaum, of Salisbury township, the former of whom died May 6, 1865, when forty-six years old, and the latter, Dec. 14, 1865, at the age of forty-five; they were buried in Rauck's church cemetery. Their children, ten in number, were born and named in the following order: Edwin, a laborer in the Middletown pipe mill, Middletown, Pa.; Sabina, now Mrs. Sylvester Frybarger; George, a farmer in Ashland county, Ohio; Susan, wife of Isaac Palmer; Thomas, a farmer in East Earl township; John, in Missouri; William, deceased; Amos, in Ohio; Sarah J., wife of Benjamin Roland, in Ashland county, Ohio; and Margaret, now Mrs. Roland, of Elkhart, Indiana.

In the spring of 1863, unable longer to brook the outrageous contumely of the Rebels at the South, Mr. Frybarger responded to the call for ninety-day volunteers, enlisted, and was stationed at Hagerstown, Md., and while there received word that he had been drafted in Salisbury township and had been assigned to Co. C, 83d P. V. I. He took part in his first engagement three weeks after leaving home, was on picket duty for some time, was all through the Rappahannock Valley campaign, was at Cold Harbor and in front of Petersburg, Va., and in fact in all the marches, skirmishes, sieges and engagements in which his regiment took part, without receiving even a wound, until honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 3, 1865, when he returned to his home, and the day after his arrival cradled, tied and shocked two acres of grain.

Mr. Frybarger continued to work out for the neighboring farmers until 1866, when he purchased

his present farm, to which he has since devoted his entire attention, and which is now as fine a farm of its dimensions as there is to be found in Salisbury township.

In 1875 Mr. Frybarger met with a serious accident, being thrown from his horse and breaking his right leg, which necessitated amputation above the knee, but otherwise he has enjoyed excellent health and is remarkably active considering the loss of his limb.

Mr. and Mrs. Frybarger are consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, and in politics Mr. Frybarger is a staunch Republican. He has always led an industrious life and is deservedly worthy of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens of Salisbury township.

JACOB MELLINGER. Among the early settlers of Lancaster county, whose descendants still bear the old name with honor, respected by their fellow-citizens, were the ancestors of the Mellinger family, who with courage and enterprise did much to develop the natural resources of this part of the great State of Pennsylvania.

To go no farther back into ancestral history than the father of Jacob Mellinger, we reach across a long space of years, as John Mellinger was born on Oct. 19, 1790, and lived until Sept. 12, 1855. His wife was born in Manor township, May 2, 1799, and died in Strasburg township, March 16, 1871. These parents reared a family of nine children: Christian, born Oct. 20, 1816, who lived in Leacock township at the time of his death; John B., born Sept. 19, 1818, in Strasburg township, who died there Nov. 19, 1845, a farmer; Benjamin, born Oct. 12, 1820, who lived on the old homestead with his brother Jacob, and died there Nov. 16, 1883; Elizabeth, born May 12, 1823, who married Abram Denlinger, of Millersville, and died at the age of seventy-five; Jacob; Abraham, born July 6, 1829, who died Nov. 16, 1833; Ann, born June 30, 1833, who died about 1897, the wife of John E. Hershey, of Paradise township; Mary, born June 26, 1836, married to Bishop Isaac Eby, of Kinzers, Lancaster county; and Susanna, born Feb. 5, 1839, who died unmarried.

Both John Mellinger and his wife were leading members of the Old Mennonite Church, where they were respected and beloved for their many traits of true Christian character. When John Mellinger began farming operations for himself, he located in Strasburg township, purchased a farm of 102 acres, situated some two miles north of Strasburg and there he spent his days and reared his large family in peace and comfort. A lover of law and order, he instilled such principles into his children, and through life he was one of the best of citizens, ever respecting the rights of others, and leaving behind him a large circle of warm friends.

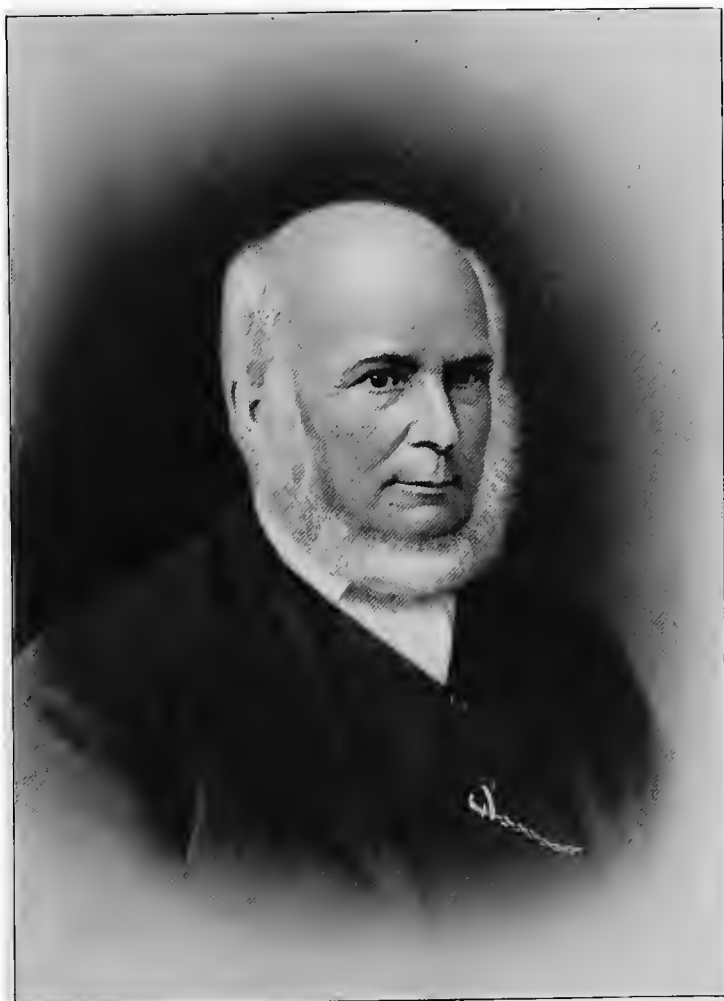
Jacob Mellinger was born June 27, 1826, on the farm where he still lives, a son of John and Annie

(Hertzler) Mellinger, and was reared on this farm and was sent to the public schools. Not until his thirtieth year did he decide to set up a domestic hearth, being united in marriage Jan. 15, 1856, to Elizabeth Hershey, a daughter of Rev. Jacob Hershey, of Paradise township, who was born March 8, 1831. Seven children have been born of this union: Margaret, born Oct. 22, 1856, the widow of Isaac Lefever, of Paradise township; John H., born Dec. 7, 1858, who married Barbara Denlinger, and has seven children, Benjamin, John, Jacob, Enos, Jesse, Annie and Martin; Ezra H., born Feb. 3, 1861, who conducts a dairy and milk depot, in connection with his father's farm, married to Mary K. Andrew, with two children, Annie and Clarence; Anna, born July 4, 1864, married to Ezra L. Buckwalter, who is now a farmer of Marion county, Mo.; Jacob H., born Nov. 27, 1866, a farmer, residing at the old home; Mary E., who was born April 10, 1870, and died Dec. 3, of the same year; and Frances, born Sept. 25, 1871, who married Isaac H. Rohrer, a farmer of Paradise township.

Since 1889, Mr. Mellinger has lived retired from active life, leaving stronger and younger hands to carry on the duties of the farm. Having reared his family in the tenets of the Old Mennonite faith, it gives him great comfort to find them adhering to it as they reach maturity. His son Jacob is associated with the Welsh Industrial Mission as secretary and assistant superintendent, and he purposes eventually to give himself entirely to this work.

ISAAC DILLER. For many years Lancaster had no more prominent or useful citizen than Isaac Diller, who passed out of life in that city Nov. 28, 1892, and was laid to rest in Woodward Hill cemetery. He was born in Lancaster Feb. 5, 1823, and was a direct descendant of Casper Diller, a French Huguenot, and the progenitor of the family in Lancaster county. There are documents in the possession of the family dating back to Michael Diller (1543), who was a court preacher and also a distinguished literary man, some of his works being still extant. Casper Diller came to America with his wife, Barbara, whom he had married in England, and their three children, and in 1738 settled in the locality of New Holland, on Mill creek, in Lancaster county, Pa., where he engaged in agriculture, becoming a very successful man. Many members of the family have been prominently identified with the medical and legal professions, and the ministry; some gained distinction in the Revolutionary war and in subsequent struggles for the rights of American citizens in the United States. Casper Diller had three sons—Philip Adam, H. Martin and Casper, Jr.—and seven daughters.

Philip Adam Diller, son of Casper, was born near Heidelberg, Germany, and came to Lancaster with his parents. He married Magdalena, daughter of Leonard Ellmaker, who came from Germany and settled in Earl township, this county, in 1726. One



Isaac Diller

of their children was Leonard, the grandfather of Isaac.

Leonard Diller served in the Revolutionary war. He married Magdalene Hinkle, daughter of Rev. Paul Hinkle, and left five children, George, Adam, Jeremiah, Elizabeth and Mary. Gen. Adam Diller, the second son, was for two terms, beginning in 1835, adjutant general of Pennsylvania—the second highest officer in the State at that time. During the Mexican war he raised a company for the Government service and was out for a short time. He was a bold and courageous man, and a fine horseman. Dillerville, Lancaster county, was built on his land.

George Diller, son of Leonard, and father of Isaac, resided in Lancaster, where he was in business during the greater part of his life. He married Lydia Souder, and had eight children: William; Jacob W.; George; Samuel; Isaac; Catharine, who married John Reilly, and left two sons, Edward and John; Sarah, who married W. Fisher, of Chambersburg; and Mary Ann, who became Mr. Fisher's second wife. The second son, Dr. Jacob W. Diller, was the beloved rector of St. Luke's, Brooklyn, N. Y., for nearly forty years; he met a tragic death on board the ill-fated steamship "Seawanaka."

Isaac Diller was reared at Lancaster, and started out in life as a boy in the mercantile business. His first employment was as clerk in a grocery store, and from 1836 to 1843 he was a clerk in the dry-goods store of George Fahnestock. He spent five years in the store of John M. Lane, and gained a reputation for integrity, besides acquiring valuable knowledge of the business. In 1848 he entered the Steinman hardware store, as bookkeeper, and afterward became a valuable salesman. From 1860 to 1872 he was a partner in the firm, which was known as George M. Steinman & Co. In the last named year he retired from the firm, but continued his business relations therewith until 1877, when he purchased the large hardware establishment on East King street, and successfully conducted business there until his death, assisted by his sons. He was a vestryman of St. James Episcopal Church until, in 1853, he helped to organize St. John's Free Church, of which he was a charter member. He was chairman of the building committee, and senior warden from 1854 until his death. He always manifested a deep interest in the affairs of the church. In the renovation of the property, in 1871, he assumed three-fifths of the expense incurred, besides the sum subscribed, and, as the records show, made "a generous donation of the lot adjoining." Fraternally he was a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M. While he was a Democrat in politics, he was never an active politician, performing only the duties of good citizenship.

On June 6, 1849, Mr. Diller was united in marriage to Anna M. Frey, who was born in the city of Lancaster, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Haverstick) Frey, the former of whom was a wholesale and

retail dealer and general merchant in Lancaster; he died in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Maria (Haverstick) Frey died in 1876, aged eighty years. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and both were interred in Lancaster cemetery. Their children were as follows: Catherine married Jacob King, and died in 1902; William died in 1901, in New Jersey; Anna M. is the widow of Isaac Diller; Jacob L. is a leaf tobacco merchant in Lancaster; Maria L. (deceased), was the wife of John B. Markley; Amanda, who is a resident of Lancaster, first married Harry Zink, and, for her second husband, Jacob Roth, who is also deceased; Emma (deceased), was the wife of John D. Skiles, of Lancaster; James B. (deceased), was a prominent merchant in Lancaster; and Adeline (deceased), was the wife of Dr. F. A. Gast, of Franklin and Marshall College. The paternal grandparents were Jacob (Sr.) and Catherine (Brisler) Frey, of Lancaster, the former of whom was a very well-known merchant, and manager of a transportation line between Pittsburg and Philadelphia before the building of the railroads, and was also interested in the operations of iron furnaces in Lancaster county. He was one of the reception committee of five to receive and entertain George Washington when he paid his only recorded visit to Lancaster, on July 4, 1789. Both Jacob Frey, Sr., and his wife died in Lancaster. They had a family of twelve children of whom four were named Jacob, three of these dying in infancy, and the father of Mrs. Diller being the youngest.

On the maternal side also Mrs. Diller is connected with old and honorable families. Her maternal grandparents were William and Mary (Deshler) Haverstick, the former a native of Lancaster county and the latter of Philadelphia. William Haverstick was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war. In early manhood he studied medicine under the celebrated Dr. Rush, but later embarked in the jewelry business in Philadelphia and in Lancaster, settling again in Philadelphia, where he died in 1780. He was a son of Col. Michael Haverstick, who came from Germany to the United States in 1735, and whose title was obtained by service as an officer in the Revolutionary army; he is recorded as having been a good and reliable soldier, and at one time had entire charge of the wagon trains under Gen. Washington.

Children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Diller as follows: Jacob died in infancy; Miss Lydia is at home; Rev. Alonzo P., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, and of the General Theological Seminary, New York, and afterward ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church, married Marian Morrell, and he and his wife and child perished in the terrible Johnstown (Pa.) flood, in which city he was the beloved rector of St. Mark's Episcopal Church; George S. died in infancy; William F., who is a coal and slate merchant in Lancaster, married Lida Schofield, and they have three children, Mary B., Alonzo P. and William F., Jr.; Charles F.

is a resident of Lancaster city; Isaac died at the age of three years; Samuel B., who died June 4, 1902, had one son, Robert D.; Anna M. is the wife of Dr. Edwin D. Starbuck, who is a professor of the great Stanford University, of California, and they have had two sons, Arthur and Edwin (the latter deceased), and one daughter, Anna M.

Mrs. Diller and family are members of the Episcopal Church, and they are factors in the intellectual and social life of Lancaster. Miss Lydia Diller is a Daughter of the Revolution and prominent in that connection, but is probably better known as a manager and secretary of the Witmer Home for Old Ladies, located in Lancaster. Mrs. Diller is much esteemed, and hers is one of the refined and intellectual homes for which this beautiful city is noted. She enjoys her library, and keeps fully abreast of the times in current literature, being favored with as good eyesight as in her youth.

HARRY B. SLACK, justice of the peace at Intercourse, Lancaster county, who has made for himself more than a local name as a wide-awake and public-spirited citizen, was born March 13, 1851, in the township where he still lives, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brower) Slack. His father was born in Chester county and his mother in Lancaster county.

Joseph Slack came into Lancaster county in company with his parents when a child, and was reared in Leacock township, where he followed farming for a time, retiring from that occupation some thirty years prior to his death. For many years he lived retired in the enjoyment of the competence his industry and economy had accumulated. A man of public affairs, he was school director for thirty years, and tax collector ten years and was intimately associated with local interests in many ways. He died December 29, 1900, when eighty-six years old, and his wife passed to her reward Oct. 29, 1891, at the age of seventy-six. Both were buried in the cemetery of Christ Episcopal Church in Leacock township, of which they were members. Joseph and Elizabeth Slack had six children: Anna L., the widow of Samuel Snyder, living in Leacock township; Esther R., married to John High, who is at present street commissioner at Christiana, Pa.; Christie E., who married William Hoar, farmer of Salisbury township; J. Milton, who married Josephine Nelson, and died at the age of thirty-three years; Harry B.; Susannah B., who is unmarried, and makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Snyder. The parents of Joseph Slack were John and Ann (Smith) Slack, of Chester county, Pa., the former of whom was a blacksmith. In 1816 he removed his home to Lancaster county, where he lived and died. Henry Brower was the father of Mrs. Joseph Slack.

Harry B. Slack was married April 12, 1876, in Chester, Pa., to Kate E. Raineer, and they have had four children: Joseph B., who married Susan Le-

fever, and lives in Pittsburg, Pa.; Charles M., a school teacher, who is at home, as are also K. Bessie and Harry B. Mrs. Kate E. (Raineer) Slack was born in 1856 in Philadelphia, daughter of Charles H. and Kate (Everts) Raineer, of that city. They removed to Chester, where the father was engaged in the coal and lumber business, but he spent his last years in Philadelphia, dying in 1889, at the age of fifty-two years. Mrs. Raineer, who now resides in Camden, N. J., was born in 1838. She belongs to the Methodist Church, as did also Mr. Raineer. They were the parents of the following named children: Kate E., Mrs. Slack; Sally, who died at the age of nineteen years; William B., who died in 1895, in Alabama; Frances B., who married Warren Burgess, and lives in Camden, N. J.; and Charles H., who lives in Philadelphia.

Harry B. Slack remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he entered a general store at Chester and spent eight years. In 1880 he came back to Leacock township, and for ten years was engaged in farming and as a clerk at sales. In 1890 he was elected a justice of the peace, and has continued to fill that position to the present time, with marked credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the community. He has acquired a fine reputation as a business man and an upright citizen. He has taken the third degree in Masonry and in religion is a member of the United Brethren Church. In his political relations he is a Republican.

DAVID E. GROFF. That the State of Pennsylvania should stand pre-eminent among her sister States is not remarkable, when the material from which she draws her agricultural supremacy is considered, for the tillers of the soil are the bone and sinew of any commonwealth, the source of her wealth and greatness. In the great county of Lancaster may be found score upon score of intelligent, progressive farmers, whose industry is untiring and whose integrity makes of them the best of citizens.

Among the old and honorable agricultural families of this favored county is that of the Groffs, who have been connected with farming, milling and mining interests here for a great number of years. The grandfather of David E. Groff was named Joseph Groff, and both he and his brother Abraham, as well as a half-brother, locally known as "Swamp John Groff," on account of the location of some of his land, were widely known and became the progenitors of large families. Joseph Groff was of German descent, and was an extensive farmer in Martic, now called Providence township, owning a large farm located some two miles southeast of New Providence. Upon this farm a valuable vein of iron ore was later opened and operated for some sixty years, although not during the life of Joseph Groff, who devoted his time exclusively to his farming interests. He lived to a good old age, respected by all, and was buried in what is yet called Shenk's

burying ground, in Providence township. Joseph Groff was three times married, the children of the first union numbering eight. (1) John was a farmer of Providence township; he first married Mary Eshleman and second, Leah Kendig. (2) Jacob was a day laborer of Martic township. By his first wife he had two sons—Eli and Ephraim, and two daughters; by his second wife, Barbara Miles, he had four sons, Benjamin, Henry, Alfred and Emanuel, and two daughters, Barbara and Elizabeth; his third wife, Polly Herr, bore him no children. (3) Joseph was a farmer in Drumore township, where he died. Two of his sons are living: Isaac, of Drumore township, and Elias N., of Washington, D. C. (4) Abraham was a farmer of Strasburg township; he married a cousin, Fannie Groff, but all of his family have passed away. (5) Henry died unmarried. (6) Samuel became the father of David E. (7) Elizabeth married David Nesswanger, of Eden township. (8) A daughter died young. The second marriage of Joseph Groff was to Mary Shaub, but no children were born of this union. Joseph Groff married for his third wife Nancy Whitestick, and from this union were born: David, a blacksmith, of Martic township, who married Mary Kendig, and removed West; Benjamin, a farmer, who succeeded to a part of the old homestead and married first, Eliza Lefever, and second, Annie Shaub; Amos, who began life as a farmer, but later became a hotel keeper, and still later was made sheriff of Lancaster county; Franklin, a farmer, and later engaged in hotel keeping; and Martha, who married John Miller, of Providence township, formerly a farmer, but latterly a hotel keeper.

Samuel Groff was born in Providence township in 1807, and was reared on the old homestead, receiving his education in the best schools the district then afforded. Engaging in farming in Eden township, he was operating a fine farm of 100 acres when the Civil war broke out. In the spring of 1862, he enlisted as a private in the 7th P. V. C. and gave up his life for his country, dying at Nashville, Tenn., in July, 1862, from wounds received in a skirmish in which he was gallantly fighting. He had married Barbara Ronk, who was born in Leacock township, a daughter of Philip Ronk; she died March 1, 1849, in the thirty-eighth year of her age, the mother of eleven children; Elizabeth, deceased; Rachel, the wife of Jacob Homsher, of Strasburg; Jesse, of Lancaster, the trusted night-watchman of the Wickersham Printing House; Rebecca, the wife of Martin Reese, of Providence township; David E., the subject of this biography; Albert, deceased; Samuel, a resident of Drumore township; Benjamin, deceased; Isaac L., a farmer of West Lampeter township; Jacob, a resident of Lancaster, the competent engineer of the Penn Rolling Mill; and Henry, who died in infancy.

David E. Groff was born Dec. 25, 1837, grew up on the farm and learned the science of farming in

a practical way, which knowledge he has applied in the management of his extensive agricultural operations in several townships. At the age of nineteen he started out to carve his own fortune, chose the milling business, being instructed by Christian Binkley and for the following thirteen years followed the trade, leaving it to enter farming on an extensive scale; he has operated in Strasburg township since then, with the exception of ten years passed in Paradise and West Lampeter townships.

Not only is David E. Groff known to his fellow-citizens as an excellent farmer, miller and public-spirited citizen, but they can also easily recall that in August, 1862, when his country called for defenders, he was one to respond, enlisting as a private in Co. G, 122d P. V. I. and participating in the battles at Fredericksburg, Antietam and Chancellorsville, serving gallantly and gaining the respect of his comrades.

On Dec. 22, 1864, David E. Groff was married to Mary A. Shaub, who was born in Strasburg township, April 14, 1837, a daughter of Jacob and Sophia (Huber) Shaub, and to this union eight children have been born: Charles, born in January, 1867, died on the day of birth; Harry F., born in March, 1868, now a resident of East Lampeter township, who married Ida Leman, and has one child, Dora; Christian J., born in May, 1870, who married Nettie Mowery, and has one child, Catherine; Lizzie S., born in February, 1872, who resides at home; Katie E., born in November, 1873; Amos H., in November, 1875; Morris D., in September, 1877; and Jesse R., in March, 1880. Politically, Mr. Groff is an ardent Republican, has taken an active part in public matters in the township, for five years has served as the efficient judge of elections, and is justly considered one of the leading men of this locality, identified with all progressive movements. Socially he is connected with J. N. Neff Post, No. 406, G. A. R., of Strasburg.

ANDREW H. HERSHEY, the well known merchant of Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., who resides in Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield, April 9, 1850, one of the seven children of John L. and Elizabeth (Hanlen) Hershey. The other children of the family are: Tobias H., in the coal business at Petersburg; Anna H., wife of Benjamin S. Risser, a retired farmer of Clay township; Emaline H., married to Harry S. Bowers and living on the old homestead in East Hempfield township; John H., a farmer in the same locality; Susan, wife of David C. Sowders, a merchant in Lancaster; and Elizabeth, wife of Harry Cassell, a farmer of Penn township.

The paternal grandparents of Andrew H. Hershey were Andrew and Elizabeth (Landis) Hershey, of East Hempfield and Manheim townships, respectively. Andrew Hershey was a lifelong farmer and died in 1832, when forty-eight years old; his wife had passed away in 1828, at the

early age of thirty-eight years. To this couple were born the following children: Anna L., who married Jacob Snively, both now deceased; Mary L., deceased wife of the late Jacob Gotshall; Jacob L., who married Anna Stehman and died in Petersburg, where his widow still resides; John L., deceased, father of Andrew H.; Henry L., deceased, married to Eliza Swarr, who resides in East Hempfield; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Brubaker; Christian, deceased, married to Susan Swarr, who resides in Landisville; and Andrew, deceased, whose widow, Susan Kaufman, lives in Petersburg. The maternal grandparents of Andrew H. Hershey, Jacob and Eliza (Seachrist) Hanlen, died respectively in 1837 and 1830.

Andrew H. Hershey received a good education and at the age of twenty-five opened a coal and lumber yard at Petersburg. The following year, in company with his father, he started another coal and lumber yard, of which he assumed the entire management, but a year later the father's interest was purchased by one of the other sons, Tobias H., and the brothers then began the handling of leaf tobacco in addition to the other business. In 1888 Andrew H. Hershey removed to the village of Cordelia, and purchased a large stock of general merchandise of Mr. Habecker; one of his clerks was appointed postmaster and the office was located in his establishment. In 1893 he removed to Mountville but retained his interest at Cordelia until 1896. In 1898 he relinquished his coal and lumber business by selling that lucrative trade to his brother, and is now engaged in the mercantile business in Silver Spring, Lancaster county, and has tobacco warehouses in Lancaster City and Mountville, the business in Lancaster being conducted under the firm-name of A. H. Hershey & Co., the junior partner being Jacob H. Huber. Mr. Hershey is also engaged in the creamery business at Manheim, under the firm name of Hershey & Levan.

Mr. Hershey is a director in the Greenwood Cemetery Association in Lancaster, being also its treasurer and a director of the People's National Bank of the same city. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Jr. O. U. A. M. and the A. O. K. of M. C., of which last he is treasurer.

In politics Mr. Hershey is a Republican. In 1890 he was elected a member of the Board of Prison Inspectors, serving as secretary of the board the first year, the second year as its treasurer and the third year as its president. In 1893 he was elected sheriff, and is well qualified for his responsible position. His high character and his genial manners have won him a high place in the regard of his fellow men.

On Jan. 2, 1877, Mr. Hershey was united in marriage with Miss Salinda B. Kauffman, a native of East Hempfield township, and a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bimesderfer) Kauffman, residents of Petersburg, living retired. The father was born in April, 1830, and the mother in December, 1834,

and to this marriage has been born one child only, Salinda B., now Mrs. Hershey. Her parents are devout members of the Mennonite Church. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hershey, Christian and Martha (Miller) Kauffman, are retired farming people of East Hempfield township. Mrs. Hershey's maternal grandparents, George and Susannah (Meyers) Bimesderfer, were retired farming people of East Hempfield, and there George Bimesderfer died when he was ninety-one years old.

CHRISTIAN SHOFF, the great-grandfather of Frederic Shoff, a prominent business man of Lancaster county, came from Germany, and settled in this county on the farm now owned by Shoff & Good, along the Pequea, in Conestoga township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He married Miss Nancy Beahm, of Strasburg township, and they had the following children: John, a cooper by trade, who lived at Marticville; Jacob, a York county farmer; Abraham, a farmer of Bainbridge, Lancaster county; Christian, of Clearfield county; Frederick, grandfather of Frederic; Henry; Barbara, wife of Frederick Buckwalter; Nancy, wife of Bartley Clark; Susan, who died unmarried; Martha, wife of John Rumor, of Center county; and Fanny.

Frederick Shoff was the father of twelve children, all now deceased except Christian, the father of Frederic, viz.: John; Frederick; Christian, who died in childhood; Martha, wife of William Reil; Nancy, wife of Andrew Mehaffy; Abraham; Jacob; Christian (2), born Sept. 27, 1821; George; Barbara; Henry, of Martic township; and Margaret.

Christian Shoff lived on the home farm until after he was married, and then went to work in the rolling-mill at Colemanville, where he remained about fourteen years, after which he went back on the old farm, which he worked on shares for four years. He then returned to the rolling-mill for six years, and back to the farm again for two years. His next move was to Shenks Ferry, where he kept hotel for six years. At the end of this time he returned to Colemanville, the place of his birth, where he has lived for twenty-four years, and there he still makes his home, with his children. He married Eliza, daughter of David Groff, of Lancaster county, and they are the parents of the following named children: Maris, of Philadelphia; Martha, wife of Martin H. Good; John, of Altoona, Pa.; Henry, of Martic township; Abram, of Logansport, Ind.; Frederic, the subject proper of this sketch; Christian, of Conestoga; Annie, wife of Martin B. Foulz, of Conestoga; and George, deceased.

FREDERIC SHOFF was born April 1, 1857, on the old farm where his ancestors first settled, and he remained at home until he was fourteen years old, when he started in the contracting business for himself, taking logs off the river and also dealing in furs. For eight years he followed fishing and trapping, and then went to work for his uncle for four years,



Frederic Shoff

after which he lived six years on the old farm where he was born. He then bought the place where he now resides, and has ever since been engaged in farming and contracting. Mr. Shoff also has a flourmill and saw and planing mills. He has been highly successful in all his undertakings. One of his first profitable ventures was the purchase of a bridge which had been blown into the Susquehanna, from the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He removed it in about six weeks, and cleared about \$20,000 on the deal. In 1896 Mr. Shoff commenced growing Paragon chestnuts, establishing an orchard of 185 acres, which he sold in the fall of the same year to a Mt. Joy company. In 1897 he started an orchard of 300 acres, which he still holds, and another of 600 acres in York county, which he sold in the fall of that year to W. G. Reist. He also has another grove, of 370 acres, well started. Aside from several pieces of property in Columbia and Lancaster—eight dwellings in the latter place and two in the former—Mr. Shoff is the owner of over 3,000 acres of land, and in 1901 he shipped over forty thousand railroad ties—all made on his own property—and cut and chopped over five thousand telegraph poles, besides manufacturing thousands of feet of lumber, etc. He keeps seventy-five men in his employ.

In 1898 Mr. Shoff conceived the idea of utilizing the Susquehanna river for generating power, and he at once organized a company for that purpose, at York Furnace, known as the York Furnace Electric Heat & Power Company, which has already invested several hundred thousand dollars.

In 1901 Mr. Shoff also launched another enterprise of considerable magnitude. Having decided to erect a large hotel on his property at Pequea, on the Susquehanna river, he at once put the wheels in motion, and a three-story and basement structure has been put up, which, when completed, is expected to afford accommodation for 150 guests; Mr. Shoff intends to keep his hostelry open all the year 'round. He has also put up twenty-seven cottages at the same place, of which he has made a very attractive summer resort.

In the fall of 1901 Mr. Shoff started a movement to secure a trolley road from Lancaster to York Furnace, to be known as the Lancaster & York Furnace road. After the initial survey was made, at his own expense, a company was organized with a capital of \$200,000, Mr. Shoff being elected president. Under his energetic supervision the matter has progressed rapidly, and success is now assured, it having through his individual efforts gained the right of way.

Mr. Shoff is a Republican in politics, and holds the position of school director, in which he has served for the past sixteen years; for six years he was also director of the poor, and is now commencing his third term in that incumbency. In politics, as in business, he has been very successful, having never suffered defeat when a candidate for office. Fraternally

he is a member of Millersville Lodge, No. 496, F. & A. M.; of Tribe No. 1003, I. O. R. M., of Shoff, of which he is treasurer; and of the I. O. K. of M. C., of Mt. Nebo.

On Oct. 9, 1878, Mr. Shoff married Miss Delila, daughter of Samuel Warfel, of Conestoga township, and they have had eight children, as follows: Floyd, deceased; Walter, who is a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; William, at home, employed in the mill; Chester, who is a clerk in Frey's store; Milton, deceased; Edgar, with his uncle, Christian; Earl, at home; and Frederic, Jr., at home.

Mr. Shoff was left without a mother at twelve years of age, and was almost entirely deprived of the advantages of an education, but he has ever been one of the most enterprising and successful men of Lancaster county. He is very progressive, and always ready to lend a helping hand to any enterprise for the advantage of the county in which he lives.

HILL E. DAVIS, who for many years was engaged in farming in Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Delaware county, Pa., in February, 1844, son of William S. and Catherine (Engle) Davis. The parents were also natives of Delaware county, where the father was born in 1804, and the mother in 1805. His parents, William and Rachel (Robinson) Davis, passed all their married life in Delaware county.

William S. and Catherine Davis lived on a farm in Delaware county until 1855, when he sold the place and moved into Colerain township, near the Chester county line, where he owned the large place known as the "Col. Bell farm." There he remained until his death, in 1887; his wife passed to her reward in 1883. They were reared in the faith of the Friends, and always adhered to that belief. To them were born eleven children, of whom nine lived to maturity, Caroline and Susan dying in young womanhood. (1) Joseph Davis, born in Delaware county, married Miss Lucretia Hayes, of Chester county, where they made their home for some years, then moving into Colerain township; there his wife died, leaving one daughter, Catherine, who is now the widow of Rufus Springer, of Chester county. Mr. Davis later married Miss Anna Wright, of Delaware county, where they located, and where he died in 1900. (2) Mary Davis, born in Delaware county, married James F. Turner, of Lancaster county, and after living for a number of years on a farm in Colerain township moved into Chester county, where Mr. Turner died, leaving his widow and seven children; William, now in Dakota; Caroline, wife of Charles Whiteside, of Colerain township; Montgomery, in Dakota; Engle, of Sioux City, Iowa; Anna, wife of Samuel Whiteside, of Colerain township; James; and Abbie, widow of William Reynolds, of Atglen, Chester county. (3) Dora Davis was born and educated in Delaware county, and married James

T. Barnard, of Chester county, where they lived on his farm until April, 1902, when they moved to Christiana, Lancaster county. They have had seven children, of whom three died in infancy; William D., living in Philadelphia, who married Laura Shrack, of Northumberland, Pa.; Harry W., who married Ella Sidney Cooper, of Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, and lives on the old home, "Rosa Morado Farm," in Upper Oxford, Chester Co., Pa.; Mary, unmarried, at home; Dr. Everett, engaged in the practice of his profession in Philadelphia. (4) William Davis, born in Delaware county, married Miss Sheminith Underwood, and made his home in Colerain township, where Mrs. Davis died. Later he married Isabelle Holmes, of Chester county, and with her moved to Northern Kansas, where he died in 1884, leaving his widow and two children, who are still in Kansas; Carrie, wife of William Harmon, of Kansas City; and Edward, who is with his mother in Leavenworth, Kan. (5) Ellen Davis, born in Delaware county, married Brinton Walter, a grain merchant at Christiana, where they were living at the time of her death, in 1883. She left one daughter, Georgiana, a graduate (1902) of the Woman's Medical College, at Philadelphia. (6) Hill E. Davis is the sixth member of the family. (7) Louisa Davis, born in Delaware county in 1846, became the third wife of Brinton Walter. (8) Catherine Davis, born in Delaware county in 1848, is now the widow of Joseph Echternach, of Lancaster county. They were living on his farm in Strasburg township at the time of his death in 1890. The widow and her two children have their home in Christiana. Carrie is the wife of John Danner, and Joseph is studying dentistry in a dental school in Philadelphia. (9) Harry Davis, born in Delaware county in 1853, married Miss Roberta Ross, of Chester county, and they made their home in Christiana where she died, leaving two children, Helen and Norman. Mr. Davis later married Miss Phoebe Evenson, of Bart township. They have their home in Christiana, where he is engaged in a planing mill.

Hill E. Davis was educated in the schools of Lancaster county, and at the Millersville State Normal. He remained with his parents, and when a young man became manager of the home place, upon which he settled, living there until the spring of 1889, when he purchased the William Paxson farm, near the line of Little Britain, one of the finest farms in the township. There he had a large stone house, a fine bank barn and outbuildings, and there he remained until the spring of 1902, when he sold the farm to his son William, and moved to the Johnson farm near Oxford.

Mr. Davis was married Dec. 7, 1869, to Anna, daughter of David and Hannah (Turner) Bunting, who settled in Colerain township, where he died in 1859, his widow surviving until Jan. 4, 1902. They were the parents of five children: Nelson, of Colerain township; Washington, of Oxford, Chester

county; Laura, wife of Jerre King, of Oxford; Ella, wife of William Burling, also of Oxford; and Anna, Mrs. Davis, who was born in Colerain township in October, 1849, and completed her education in the Union high school. She died on the farm in Colerain, Dec. 15, 1900. Mrs. Davis was a Christian woman, and long a member of the Presbyterian Church, having united with that body in her girlhood. She was the mother of five children: (1) Laura Louisa, born in Colerain township, in December, 1870, was educated in the Union high school. She was married in October, 1892, to Calvin Swisher, son of Samuel and Amanda Swisher, and they located in Coatesville, where he was engaged in the grocery trade up to the time of his death, in 1893. His widow is now living in her father's home. (2) William S. Davis, born in July, 1874, who now owns the home place, was married Feb. 19, 1903, to Miss Lena Boyd, of Colwyn, Delaware Co., Pa. (3) Clyde Davis, born in December, 1875, died in 1882. (4) Joseph Davis, born in August, 1884, is now a student in the Union high school. (5) Fred Davis, born in February, 1886, is at home.

Mr. Davis and his family are all members of the Presbyterian Church of which he has been a trustee for twelve years. In politics he is a Democrat, and for twelve years has been school director in Colerain township. Hill Davis, as he is commonly known, is a man of fine character and lofty principles, and commands the hearty and unstinted respect of the community in which his quiet but useful life is passing.

JONAS HUBER. Among the successful and representative citizens of Martic township is Jonas Huber, born April 14, 1851, son of Henry and Annie (Hess) Huber, both of whom are deceased.

The Huber family was founded in America by four brothers of the name, who came hither from Germany in the seventeenth century, one of whom settled in Lancaster county and one in Bucks county, Pa. Abraham Huber, grandfather of Jonas, was the father of ten children, namely, Henry, Nancy, Martin, Joseph, David, Martha, Barbara and John, the others dying young. Henry Huber, son of Abraham and father of Jonas, was a merchant and tailor in Marticville for more than fifty years. He was the father of nine children, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: David H., a retired farmer of Martic township; Abraham, a farmer of Conestoga township; Jonas; Sarah, the wife of Henry Rohrer, of the city of Lancaster; Samuel, also of Lancaster. Henry Huber was a Republican in his political attachment and was a most highly respected citizen. He belonged to the Mennonite Church.

Jonas Huber was reared in Marticville and early made himself useful to his father in the store. After completing his education in the public schools, he entered mercantile business and the wisdom of his choice of occupation is shown in the success which has attended his efforts. As a merchant he

has displayed good business capacity and by honorable and upright methods has won and has kept the best trade of the town and vicinity. His store and dwelling are both valuable properties, and in the latter is carried a general line of seeds, suited to the demands of his trade, for which there is a constantly increasing patronage.

Mr. Huber was first married in 1874 to Miss Mary Miller, of Providence township, a daughter of Abraham Miller, and two children were born to this union; Elizabeth, who died in girlhood; and Annie, the wife of Adam Shank, of Manor township. Mrs. Huber died in 1889. In 1891 Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hess, daughter of Amos Hess, of Pequea township, and this marriage has been blessed with two children: Verna, now deceased; and Ethel at home.

Mr. Huber has been an important factor in political life in Martic township and for a number of years has most efficiently filled offices of responsibility. For several years he has been postmaster of Marticville; in 1896 was appointed mercantile appraiser in the county, in 1898 was made paster and folder for the State Senate, and in 1900 was elected jury commissioner of Lancaster county. He has shown his interest in educational matters by service as school director and has been assistant assessor of his township. He is known as one of the leading Republicans of that part of the county. In both public and private life he is a man to be held in high esteem.

CHRISTIAN GEORGE BASSLER (formerly spelled Bossler), attorney-at-law, Lancaster, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, Jan. 2, 1856, son of the late John and Leah (Minnich) Bassler. The ancestors of the Bassler family were of Swiss origin, and came to America from their native land about 1749.

Christian Bassler, grandfather of Christian G., was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and there spent his entire life, engaged in agricultural pursuits. On attaining his majority he married Catherine Bachman, who came of one of the old families of the county, and of their children but one survives, Christian H., who resides on the old homestead in Manheim township. Christian Bassler died in 1862, aged seventy-nine years. His wife, born in 1787, died in 1865, aged about seventy-eight years. Their remains are interred in the family graveyard located on the homestead farm.

John Bassler was born in Manheim township in 1815, and like his father spent his entire life in his native township, engaged in the peaceful vocation of a tiller of the soil. To him and his wife were born five children: (1) Frances Augusta, married Herman W. Graybill and had the following children: Nora B., wife of John M. Groff, attorney-at-law, Lancaster; John B.; Laura, deceased; Daniel; Catherine. (2) Amos H. resides in Lancaster. He married Kate Miller, and they have one son, Harry

M. (3) John Jacob resides at home. (4) Christian G. (5) Benjamin F. died in 1878, aged eighteen years. John Bassler died in Manheim township, May 18, 1861. His wife, who survives him, lives at Petersburg, Lancaster county.

Christian G. Bassler, having lost his father when but six years old, went to live with his grandparents and remained with them until 1865. He then removed to the house of his uncle, Jacob Gamber, where he remained until he was fourteen years of age. During this period his education was limited to a very brief attendance at the district school. When he attained the age of fifteen years he went to Manheim and lived with his guardian, Elias Bomberger, and for two years he was a pupil in the Manheim school. At the expiration of this period he received a teacher's certificate, and securing a school he taught in Penn township until 1876. He then entered the Millersville Normal School for the purpose of taking a regular course and was graduated therefrom in 1878. He then secured a school in East Hempfield township where he taught for four years. Meanwhile he was industriously engaged during his spare hours in reading and studying law, and he was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1882. Removing to North Dakota, he settled in Minewaukan, where he successfully practiced his profession for five years. During this time he served as county attorney for Benson county, Dakota, for several months. In 1887 he returned to Lancaster county and settled in the City of Lancaster, since which time he has successfully practiced his profession in that city.

Mr. Bassler was married in Lancaster in 1879 to Maria, daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Ruth) Shissler, of Lancaster, and they have had issue as follows: Olive Lodelia, a teacher in the public schools; John Franklin, who died in childhood; George H.; William Sidney. Mr. Bassler is a member of the Lancaster County Bar Association, and takes a deep interest in whatever pertains to the advancement of the material interests of the association and members.

J. MILTON HUBER. The Huber family belongs among the old agricultural settlers of Lancaster county, where it has grown and flourished these many years, its descendants and representatives being among the most highly esteemed in this part of the State of Pennsylvania.

Grandfather Abraham Huber was born in Germany, and there he was reared until young manhood, when he came to the United States and first located in the State of Virginia. His permanent home, however, was made in Lancaster county, and it was in Lampeter township that he purchased his first tract of land, consisting of seven acres, which lay just south of Willowstreet, a village which was then just being laid out and platted in five-acre tracts. Mr. Huber, with remarkable foresight, saw his opportunity, and began buying these five-acre tracts until he was in possession of 120 acres, a great

part of this land being now owned by his grandson, J. Milton Huber.

Abraham Huber was a carpenter by trade, and worked at it until his land required his personal attention, when he devoted his later years to its improvement and development. He lived to be seventy-eight. He married Polly Stauffer, their children being: Katie, who married Abraham Harnish; Polly, who married John Huber; Susan, who married John Yordy; John, who was a well-known farmer of considerable prominence in East Hempfield township, and was locally called "Pap" Huber; and Levi, who was the father of J. Milton. The parents had reared the family in the instruction and membership of the Old Mennonite Church.

Levi Huber was born in 1812 and died in 1884. He was brought up on the farm and received his primary education in the public schools, his father later procuring for him a private tutor, under whose instruction he became educated in the profession of a scrivener and also of a surveyor, later engaging in farming, as well as in the practice of these arts. His life was spent on the old homestead at Willowstreet, as he succeeded to the property, and both socially and in a business capacity he was widely known and esteemed.

Levi Huber was married to Catherine Kuperts, who was born in Conestoga township in 1819, and died in 1893, her life having been devoted to good works and the rearing of a family of ten children, these being: Abraham, who was a successful farmer in West Lampeter and died at the age of sixty-three, leaving a widow, since deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of Martin Witmer, of West Lampeter township, now of Strasburg; John, who died at the age of thirty-eight, leaving a widow; in his profession of physician he served in the Civil war, remaining four years at Hilton Head, S. C., in the Hospital corps, as its superintendent, was a graduate of Jefferson Medical College and had previously studied medicine with Dr. Carpenter, of Lancaster; Catherine, deceased wife of Benjamin Huffman; Susan, the wife of Benjamin Hastings, also deceased; Louisa, the wife of John L. Brenne-man, of Lancaster City; Mary, who died in childhood; Elam, who died at the age of twelve; Levi, who died at the age of forty-three, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, having previously read with Dr. Boyle, of Hagerstown, Md., and at the time of his death a surgeon in Kansas, in the employ of a Western railroad.

J. Milton Huber, of whom this biography is written, was the youngest of the family of Levi and Catherine Huber, was born Dec. 17, 1853, was reared on the large farm of his father, and attended the common schools of the district, later taking a course in the State Normal School at Millersville. When twenty-three years old he began work at the carpenter trade, and since then has given a portion of his time to it, and the remainder to operating his farm, as he owns eighteen acres of the old home-

stead. This place he has improved by the erection of a fine, modern brick residence and other substantial buildings, which make it a model country home, and one of the most attractive places in the neighborhood, Mr. Huber demonstrating that he is not only a competent carpenter, but also an excellent agriculturist.

As one of the leading men in the district and an ardent Republican, he has been recognized by the party of his choice and his activity rewarded by the appointment to local offices, having been a most efficient justice of the peace for the past fifteen years. During this long term of service he has never had any of his decisions reversed. His aim has been to adjust all matters peaceably, and to each case he gives time and close attention, and has thus gained the confidence of the community, who feel sure of his just dealing.

The marriage of J. Milton Huber occurred in September, 1875, to Henrietta Gall, a daughter of Henry and Nancy (Furry) Gall, who was born in Conestoga township in 1851. When Mr. Huber was but twenty-three years of age he became a member of the M. E. Church, and since that time has been one of its most active supporters and consistent members, has served for several years as trustee and is the efficient superintendent of the Sunday-school; in every way he is a good citizen, having done all in his power to advance his family, section and State.

RESH. Henry Resh, who came from Germany to Pennsylvania in 1748, first settled on a tract of land a short distance east of Lancaster, where he spent three years. In 1751 he bought 125 acres in Leacock township, from Joseph Musser, for which he paid £475. After his death, in 1754, this property passed into the hands of his widow, Frena Resh, and from her to her son, John, and, with the exception of a small fraction, was still held by his descendants in 1902—the larger portion, with the mansion house and original home, by Jacob Ranck, a great-great-grandson; the remainder belongs to the estate of Mary Shirk, a great-great-granddaughter. Henry Resh was the father of five children, two sons and three daughters: John, born in Europe March 2, 1737; Elizabeth, born in Europe Aug. 2, 1739; Christian, born in Europe Sept. 3, 1743; Barbara, born in Pennsylvania Jan. 13, 1751; and Magdalena, born in Pennsylvania March 19, 1753. The history of the family is traditional and not at all full. The daughters all married, Elizabeth to a Mr. Stoner, and Barbara to a Mr. Miller. The daughters of Mrs. Elizabeth Stoner married Bresslers; and her son, while yet a young man, was killed by his horse running away down the little slope just west of Henry Ressler's mill, on the Old Philadelphia road, which is now the Bird-in-Hand turnpike. Magdalena married Jacob Denlinger.

John Resh, the eldest son of Henry, came into possession of the old homestead in 1762. He mar-



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ried Elizabeth Stoner and had the following children: Barbara, born March 31, 1762; Henry (1), Jan. 13, 1764 (died in infancy); Fronica, April 20, 1766; John, April 25, 1768; Joseph, Jan. 20, 1771; Henry (2), June 7, 1773; a daughter, Sept. 10, 1775; Susanna, Jan. 27, 1778; Christian, April 18, 1780. After the death of his first wife, Elizabeth, John Resh married Magdalena Eshleman, by whom he had the following children: Jacob, who died in infancy; Jacob (2); Elizabeth; Mary and Magdalena, twins; and Esther.

John Resh (born April 25, 1768), owned and lived on the old homestead in Leacock township. He married Barbara Eby, and they had one son, David, born Feb. 22, 1802, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty years. A daughter, Lydia, who was born in 1803, married John Esbenschade, and after his death became the wife of Henry Denlinger. Another daughter, Elizabeth, never married, and died Dec. 17, 1875. A third daughter, Barbara, married Adam Ranck. A fourth daughter, Mary, became the wife of Henry Eby.

Joseph Resh, born Jan. 20, 1771, married Esther Sensenig, by whom he had the following named children: Joseph, Daniel, Jacob, Moses, Peter, John, Samuel, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Susanna, Fanny, Esther and Mary. All lived in Washington county, Md., and in Franklin county, Pa., with the exception of Jacob, who made his home in Lancaster county.

Henry Resh, born in Leacock township June 7, 1773, early learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a number of years, and in connection with his brothers did much construction in Leacock township, a number of houses and barns which they built being yet standing. In his later years he was a farmer. He died June 5, 1849, in religion a member of the Old Mennonite Church. His wife, Magdalena, daughter of Francis and Magdalena Buckwalter, was born in 1784. They had seven children, all now deceased, one of whom, Daniel, died in infancy; Anna married John Bosler, and after his death became the wife of Jonathan Weaver; Mary married Samuel Sensenig; Elizabeth married Peter Herr; Martha married David Bair; Fannie married John Buckwalter; Henry B. is mentioned below.

HENRY B. RESH was born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 23, 1820, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-seven years of age. His education was received in the public schools, and he became a prominent and useful citizen. When he was twenty-seven he married Mary Buckwalter, daughter of John and Judith Buckwalter, and by her had one child, a son, who died in infancy, and was motherless from its birth. Mr. Resh was later married, March 21, 1855, to Susanna Sheaffer, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, daughter of John and Elenore (Garvey) Sheaffer, and came to this country with her family when quite young. This union was blessed with three children: (1) Mary E., born Jan. 4, 1856, died Oct. 14, 1895. She married Dr. John

K. Shirk, of Lancaster, and became the mother of four children, Florence M., Mary R., Helen R. and David R. (2) John died in infancy. (3) Anna M., born Oct. 4, 1858, married Frank L. Minnich. She lives with her widowed mother, and devotes herself to her two young children—Henriette R., born Dec. 3, 1890, and Anna Resh, born Nov. 10, 1895.

Mr. Resh made his home on the old homestead where he was born, and where he carried on farming until he was about forty-two years of age, at which time he retired. He died in 1887. In business circles he stood high in the community, and was a director of the Lancaster County National Bank for some twenty years. In Leacock township he filled the position of school director for a number of terms, and was a progressive and public-spirited citizen, devoted to public interests, and taking sides with the Republican party in all political issues.

PHILIP MECK. One of the respected citizens of Lancaster county, Pa., who now lives a partially retired life on a fine farm of sixty-six acres, in West Lampeter township, is Philip Meck, a son of George Meck, an old resident of this township.

Philip Meck was born June 13, 1829, in the old Meck homestead, was reared on the home farm and educated in the country schools, remaining under the parental roof until he had reached his majority. His first business venture for himself was when he began work by the month for his brother, and a couple of years later he took charge of one of the fine farms which his father owned in Manheim township, where he remained for four years. Upon his return to the old homestead he worked on shares until he was prepared to purchase, later becoming the owner of sixty-six acres of this excellent land.

Until 1884 Philip Meck carried on a general farming line upon this place, but at that time his son took charge of active operations and he purchased a home, with ten acres of land, in the village of Lampeter, and there he has since lived, looking after this tract and enjoying the ease which his ample means makes possible. Although Philip Meck has lived a quiet, unostentatious life, he has always been ready to respond when called upon to lend his influence for the public good.

Philip Meck was married on Dec. 4, 1851, to Esther Wade, a daughter of John and Susan (Warfel) Wade, who was born in Strasburg township May 24, 1824; to this union has been born a family of nine children, many of them among the most respected citizens of this county: George W., the farmer on the homestead, who married Mary Ervin and has a family of three children, Ella, Elmer and Mable; Martha, who married Benjamin Brubaker, near Freeport, Ill., and has three children, Ralph, Elva and Nora; Susan, who married Adam Tout, of the vicinity of Columbia, and has four children, Arthur, Laura, Chester and Bessie; Amos W., of Providence township, who married Lillie Mowrer

and has four children, Edna, Margie, Lester and an infant daughter; Mary Ann and Hettie, twins, the former of whom married Ephraim Kauffman, of Manor township, and has two children, Ralph and Benjamin; and the latter married to Christian L. Herr, of Lancaster township, with four children, Paul, Esther, Elizabeth and Mary; Emma, at home; Aaron J., a farmer near Freeport, Ill., who married Emma Shoemaker and has two children, Clarence and Titus; and Lizzie, married to J. Newton Rohrer, of Strasburg, with two children, Jay and Esther.

Both Mr. Meck and his worthy wife have long been connected with the Old Mennonite Church, where they possess the esteem of all; and no family in the community stands in higher respect.

ISAAC PHENEGAR, of Strasburg township, is one of the representative citizens of Lancaster county. His maternal grandfather, Richard Glass, was the founder of the family in this locality, and came from his home in Derry, Ireland, and located here with his wife, who had been Miss Martha Watts, a member of the family so well known through their musical contributions to the various church hymnals.

Richard Glass and his family settled in Lancaster county about 1804, and here he lived until his death, in 1842. He left a family of seven children: James, who removed to Iowa and died there; Joseph, who located in Utah and died there; John, who removed to Illinois and died in Sterling; Richard, who lived and died in Iowa; Mary, who married John Petrie and moved to Ohio; Ann, who became the wife of Benjamin Phenegar and the mother of Isaac, of this biography (later married to John Ferguson); and Elizabeth, who married Henry Sides, of Paradise and Strasburg townships. Ann (Glass) Phenegar was born in Strasburg township and died at the home of her son, in 1884, at the age of seventy-two. She had two children, Isaac, and James, who died in infancy.

The birth of Isaac Phenegar occurred Jan. 4, 1832, and he was reared in his native place and attended the common schools, but at an early age he began to earn his own way in the world, beginning by doing odd jobs and assisting on farms, later entering a store and becoming a clerk. It was remarked that whatever Isaac attempted to do he did well, and when, on reaching the age of eighteen, he announced his intention of fitting himself for the profession of a teacher, his associates knew that he would accomplish it. After a winter spent in study he was found able to pass examinations satisfactorily, and for the following ten years was one of the most capable among the young teachers of Lancaster county, in the meantime being prepared by study and intelligent application for a very different line of work.

In 1863 Mr. Phenegar became the manager of the Strasburg Railroad, and served efficiently in this capacity for the succeeding ten years, at the end of

which period he leased the road and operated it on his own responsibility for the following fifteen years. About this time he became interested in the First National Bank of Strasburg, with which institution he has been connected as a director to the present time. In connection with his business in railroad matters he conducted a warehouse and dealt in all kinds of grain, coal, etc., and also engaged extensively in tobacco packing, managing all these lines with the intelligence which leads to success.

In 1863 Mr. Phenegar was married to Miss Elmira Weaver, a daughter of John and Sarah Weaver, of Paradise township, and he and his wife are the parents of three daughters: Anna, who married J. C. Mylin, the railroad agent located at Leaman Place, and has three children—Arthur, Donald and Everett; Emma Eugenie, who married Willis C. Herr, of Lampeter, and has two children, Robert P. and Richard; and Eva, who married Rev. Joseph H. Earp, assistant rector of St. James Episcopal Church, of Lancaster, and has two children, Marjorie and John.

For some thirty years Mr. Phenegar has been the talented chorister of the M. E. Church in Strasburg and has been prominent in the affairs of that denomination and a leader in educational and religious circles in the community. Mr. Phenegar has efficiently filled the office of school director for the past six years and during his residence in Paradise township was a justice of the peace. As one of the most active and progressive business men of this part of Lancaster county he has gained the confidence and esteem of its citizens, and they see in his career the results of honesty, energy and application, and the rewards of an exemplary life.

SAMUEL ALEXANDER, a farmer and merchant of Mount Nebo, Martic township, is one of its honorable and esteemed citizens. He was born in Martic township June 20, 1848, son of John and Susan (Zarocher) Alexander, of Martic township, of Scotch-Irish descent.

John Alexander, the father, was a son of John, and one of a family of six children, viz., Samuel, David, James, Thomas, John and Rachel, all deceased. He was born in 1803, married Susan Zarocher in 1829, and died in 1877. They had a family of seven children, namely: Maris, who was killed while in the service of his country, during the Civil war; Martha, the wife of Amos Walton, of Fulton township; Mary, the widow of Lewis Jenkins; Samuel; Rebecca J., the wife of Henry Marsh, of Lancaster; John A., of Mount Nebo; Calvin, deceased.

Samuel Alexander is a leading citizen of Martic township. His early rearing on the farm gave him a taste and inclination toward an agricultural life, and after finishing his school course, he engaged in farming and still owns several well improved farms in his vicinity. Mr. Alexander also conducts a first-class general store in that locality, and is the postmaster of Mount Nebo, having been appointed

by ex-President Cleveland. In politics he has long been recognized as an important factor in the Democratic party and at one time was the choice of the party for the State Senate. In all matters pertaining to the progress and advancement of his locality, Mr. Alexander takes a deep interest and is known as both liberal and public-spirited.

On Oct. 20, 1870, Mr. Alexander married Miss Jennie M. Hagen, of Martic township, born April 3, 1847, daughter of Elijah and Sarah Hagen, and this marriage has been blessed with eleven children, ten of whom still survive, as follows: Chester L., born in 1871, of Chicago; Maris C., born in 1872; Curtis, born in 1873; Gertrude, born in 1875, the wife of William Tollinger, of Fulton township; Minnie E., born in 1876, at home; Emma, born in 1878, the wife of Ray Neel, of Mount Nebo; Walter S., born in 1881; Harry B., born in 1883; Manie, born in 1884, and Charles, born in 1885. John C., born in 1879, died at the age of two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are leading members of the Methodist church, where they both are active in good works. He is one of the stewards of that body and is honored and respected by a very large circle of acquaintances. Mr. Alexander is identified with these fraternal societies: The I. O. O. F., of Rawlinsville; the K. of P., of the same place; and Lodge No. 158, Mystic Chain, of Mount Nebo.

ADDISON B. LONGENECKER. For many years Addison B. Longenecker, the owner of 120 acres of some of the choicest and best improved land in Lancaster county, followed the plow, planted and sowed and in due season reaped a bountiful harvest, but now he lives a somewhat retired life, enjoying the results of his former industry and activity.

The Longenecker family originally came from Switzerland, the country which has sent to Pennsylvania some of her best citizens. Addison was born Dec. 27, 1841, a son of Jacob and Sallie (Bardoff) Longenecker, of Ephrata township. To them a large family was born: Susannah, who died in childhood; Fianna, who married Samuel Schlote; Henry, a retired farmer of Ephrata township; Addison; Mary Ann married to Andrew M. Baker; Allen, who resides in Adams county; Serena, who married John Bender; and Emma, who married Samuel Rupp.

Addison B. Longenecker was reared on a farm in Warwick township and attended the common schools of his district, starting out in life for himself with very limited means. However, he possessed industry and energy and with those levers he moved events and put aside difficulties until now he is considered one of the substantial men of the community. This is an excellent thing, but Mr. Longenecker possesses much more than a fine, well cultivated farm, for he is held in esteem by the neighbors among whom his life has been passed and they regard him as a valued friend, ever ready to extend a hand to

help, and as an upright man in all his dealings with others.

The marriage of Mr. Longenecker occurred in 1871, when he was united to Miss Katherine Shirk, born Jan. 16, 1849, a daughter of Emanuel and Katherine Shirk, and to this union one child has come, Sallie, born Sept. 19, 1880.

J. MARTIN GOOD, a wealthy and respected farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born at his present home in that township, May 6, 1849, and is a son of Samuel and Eliza (Hollis) Good. His parents were both natives of Chester county, where the father was born Oct. 18, 1799, and the mother, May 20, 1804. She was a daughter of George and Nancy (Moore) Hollis, both of whom were born in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Good was a son of Andrew and Anna (Boyle) Good. She was born in Chester county, and came of Irish parentage. Andrew Good was born in Germany. He settled in West Fallowfield, Chester county, before the Revolutionary war. Two brothers accompanied him to America; one settled on the Schuylkill river, near Philadelphia, and the other moved to Reading, where he lived remote from the two. Andrew Good settled on a farm, where he lived and died. He was the father of seven children. (1) Grace Good, born in Chester county, died at the old home in her ninetieth year, unmarried. (2) Polly Good, born in Chester county, married Thomas Pearcall, a merchant of Baltimore, and became the mother of three children: John, Isaac, and Juliet, who married S. R. Wright, all of Baltimore. (3) Darlington Good, born in Chester county, married Sarah Hoar, and moved to Henry county, Ill., where he died. They had the following family: Alban, Sarah, Darlington, Samuel, and Emma, who married a Mr. Morris, of Illinois.

(4) Emma Good, born in Chester county, married James Turnbolt, and moved to Henry county, Ill., where she died, leaving two children, Sarah and Darlington, a prominent man of Chicago.

(5) Sarah Good, born in Chester county, is the widow of Samuel Finley, who passed his later years at Quarryville, where he died leaving the following children: Echnos; James, deceased; Lewis, who died in the Civil war; Samuel, of Chester county; Mary, who married Mr. Kimbell, and lives in Quarryville; John, of Chester county; and Martin, of Mechanicsburg. (6) Jane Good died unmarried.

(7) Jacob Good married Sarah Davis, also a native of Chester county, settled in Chester county, on the original Good home where he was born, and left the following children: Mary, the wife of Martin Espenheim, living in Chester county; Davis, deceased; Emeline, the widow of John Wilson, of Philadelphia; Sarah, the widow of Dr. Goman, of Coatesville; Ellis, who lives in Atglen; Elmira, a resident of Philadelphia.

(8) Samuel Good, the father of J. Martin, was reared in Chester county, where he was given a

common-school education, and bred to a farming life. In 1830 he married Eliza Hollis, and lived for a year in Bart Valley. In 1832 he bought the farm on which his son is now established near Bartville, in the township of Bart; this he cleared with the assistance of his son, made extensive improvements, and erected the buildings which are now standing on the place. In 1880 he removed to Christiana, where he lived retired, to the time of his death in 1889. His wife died at the farm home in 1863. They were members of the Presbyterian Church in Octoraro. Politically he was a Democrat, and held a number of local offices at different times in his active and useful life. He was one of the first free school trustees of Bart township. To him and his excellent wife came the following family:

(1) J. F. Good, born in Bart township in 1833, married Miss Mary Mundenhall, of Bart township, and for a number of years he worked at the carpenter trade. During the Civil war he served in the State militia during the Rebel raid into Pennsylvania. For some ten years he worked at farming, and in 1872 moved to Renova, Clinton county, where he is employed in the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Of his children, Clara, the oldest, is the wife of Charles Van Gordan, of Renova; Florence is the widow of Charles Young, of Renova; Abraham lives at Altoona; George lives at Lancaster, N. Y.; Albert is in Renova; Jenietta is the wife of Isaac Gates, of Renova; Ella is at home.

(2) Anna E. Good, born Aug. 27, 1835, is the widow of John McGovan, of Sadsbury township, and has one son, John W., who is a farmer in Sadsbury township.

(3) Sarah J. Good, born in June, 1837, is unmarried, and lives at the old home in Chester county, where she is a dress maker with a pleased and constant patronage.

(4) W. H. Good, born Jan. 5, 1840, a business man of Philadelphia, married Miss Sally Maloy, and has one son, Dr. A. P. Good, of that city.

(5) Mary L. Good, born May 15, 1842, is unmarried, and lives in Chester county.

(6) Samuel R. Good, born June 21, 1844, married Miss Mary Moore, of Bart township, and lived with her in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he is a contractor and builder. The wife died in Philadelphia, leaving three children, Washington, Nellie and Wilson.

(7) Washington Good, born Nov. 20, 1846, enlisted in Co. D, 2d Pa. Cav., and died at Camp Stoneman, Va., April 20, 1864.

J. Martin Good began life as a farmer boy, was educated in the local schools, and when only fourteen years of age had charge of his father's farm. In connection with farming he has followed for many years the business of an auctioneer.

Mr. Good was married Dec. 25, 1879, to Mary E., the daughter of Patrick and Susan (McNeal) Swisher. She was born in Eden township, Sept. 10, 1855. After their marriage the young couple lived on the old homestead, which has been their

residence to the present time. To this marriage have come two daughters: Ellen Maud, born Feb. 20, 1882, graduated from the Quarryville high school, and now a successful teacher in Bart township, holding a first-grade certificate and enjoying a reputation of more than the usual ability; Malissa May, born Jan. 7, 1886, a student in the Bartville high school.

Mr. Good has been prominently identified with the Republican party, and at different times has held various local and town offices. In 1890 he was made census enumerator for Bart township, and for ten years has been road commissioner. He has long been a judge of the elections, and was actively associated with the building of the Central high school of Bart township. He and his wife are members of Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church. He is an industrious and hard working man, an upright citizen, and a kind neighbor. His neighbors speak warmly of his many good qualities and sympathetic spirit, and he enjoys the hearty and unstinted respect of the community in which his life is passing.

FREDERICK BUCHER. In reviewing the lives of successful men the keynote that has gained fame and confidence for them is not uncommonly sought. Some men win as plodders, others by dash and brilliancy. In his earlier life, at least, Frederick Bucher was a man of action. He possessed the courage to choose for himself, to create opportunities rather than to become their creation, and this faculty, with his keen sagacity, has contributed immensely to his success. As one of the wealthiest, most prosperous citizens of Columbia, a brief outline of his career is especially interesting.

Mr. Bucher was born in Deggingen, Wurtemberg, Germany, Sept. 18, 1830, son of Joseph Maximilian and Barbara (Bernauer) Bucher, and was well educated in his youth in his native town. His father was a prosperous merchant, and at fifteen Frederick entered the paternal dry-goods store and grocery as a clerk. A year later he assumed the management of a carbonic spring, the property of his father, located at Ditzenbach, near Deggingen. Here he remained six years, gaining a knowledge of business and men which has stood him in good stead in the varied business interests in which he has since engaged. In 1852 Mr. Bucher's name, with many others, was placed in the "army wheel," but the drawing of Deggingen's recruits was completed without his name appearing in the lists, he having drawn a number which cleared him from military service. In the fall of the following year he sailed for the new world beyond the sea, where he hoped to build a home for himself, make new friends, and a fortune, all of which he has realized beyond his most sanguine expectations. Landing at New York, he did not at once find occupation which suited, the offer of a clerkship at eighteen dollars a month being the best that was offered him. Visiting an acquaintance in Philadelphia, he found desirable em-



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ployment in that city also beyond his reach. Learning that George Tille, whom he had known at Deggingen, resided in Columbia, the ambitious young man started for that borough, which he reached in the winter of 1853. Mr. Tille was a clerk in the hardware store of Jonas Rumble, and there the newly arrived emigrant started up the ladder of success in America. For seven months he remained with Mr. Rumble, and at the end of that time accepted a better position with Henry Pfahler, also a hardware merchant of the borough, with whom he remained seven years. In 1858, deciding to seek his fortunes in the far West, he resigned his position with Mr. Pfahler and started overland for California. In the vicinity of Salt Lake City their camp, consisting of fifteen men, was suddenly attacked one evening by Indians. There was a vigorous defense, which gradually slackened until Mr. Bucher and one other man were the only survivors of the party. Favored by the darkness which had come on during the fighting they fled and made good their escape. Mr. Bucher finally reached New Orleans, but finding that the city was suffering from an epidemic of yellow fever, he decided to give it a wide berth, and shipped on a vessel for Havana. However, the vessel was not allowed to land, as several cases of smallpox had developed on board. He then returned to Columbia, via New York City, and re-entered the employ of Mr. Pfahler. He became owner in a patented stove, but in 1859 the patterns were destroyed by fire and he had no means to pay for new ones, consequently the stove enterprise proved a clear failure. This, however, was Mr. Bucher's first and only financial failure, and resulted in his staying with Mr. Pfahler as a clerk two years longer. In 1861 he accepted a position in the hardware store of J. W. Cottrell, with whom and his successors he remained five years. In 1866 he started in the grocery and hardware business for himself at the corner of Fourth and Locust streets, Columbia, which he continued successfully for twenty years. He also became largely interested in real estate in Columbia, and is now one of the most extensive real-estate owners there, in addition to other property, owning over fifty residences. He is a practical builder, and his houses have been constructed under his direct supervision.

In politics Mr. Bucher is a Republican, and has always given his party a hearty and liberal support. He was elected a member of the borough council in 1884, and the following year served as its president. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., having joined Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, in 1856, and has passed through all the chairs; of the A. O. M. P., with which he has been affiliated since 1874, and in which organization he has also filled all the executive offices; and of Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, B. P. O. E. As president of the Columbia Rod and Gun Club he has ably served that society, and is still one of its most enthusiastic and prominent supporters.

On Sept. 13, 1862, Mr. Bucher enlisted in Com-

pany A, 2d P. V. I., and went with his regiment to Chambersburg, where it remained until Sept. 18th, when it went to Hagerstown, and thence three miles out in the Williamsport road, where it formed in line of battle and remained there twenty-four hours. It then moved a mile farther and went into camp, but the same evening started for Greencastle, taking cars for Harrisburg, where Mr. Bucher, with the rest of the regiment, was mustered out of the service Sept. 25th. In 1863 Mr. Bucher was the eighth man drafted in the army from the First ward of Columbia, but secured exemption, as the ward filled the quota. As a subsequent draft in the same year, his name was again the eighth to be drawn, and this time he paid \$300 for exemption.

In addition to his mercantile and real-estate interests, Mr. Bucher has been prominently identified with a number of successful business enterprises. For years he has been a director of the Keeley Stove Works, of Columbia, and for a time served as treasurer of the Columbia Laundry Machine Co. He was also for a good many years treasurer of the New York Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Bucher has been an enthusiastic traveler, having visited Europe, Canada, the West Indies, and all parts of the United States. In 1880 he made an extended trip through Europe, revisiting his old home, and meeting his mother and three sisters, from whom he had long been separated. Two brothers had followed him to America, Christian in 1853, and Max in 1858, both now deceased. Mr. Bucher is one of the wealthiest citizens of Columbia, but has not, however, forgotten the Christian precepts of his early training, and the Golden Rule has guided his life. He has been generous in the distribution of his means for the public good. A kind and loving father and husband, a faithful and efficient public official, honest and just to his fellowmen, he ranks as one of Columbia's most prominent and influential citizens. He is actively interested in the affairs of life, and his beautiful home on Locust street, opposite the city park, contains a well selected library and many curios of interest. His disposition is companionable and genial, his observations keen and practical, and few men are better liked for their individual worth and personal character.

In 1860 Mr. Bucher married Miss Louisa Bartsch, daughter of Michael Bartsch, of Chestnut Hill, Lancaster county, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Mary, who resides at home; Frederick C., who is a practicing physician in Columbia, and married Miss Estella Brant; Emilie, who married Dr. J. W. Grove, and resides in Columbia; and William, a druggist in Columbia, where he has two fine drug stores.

BENJAMIN Z. WITMER, a general farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born in that township July 2, 1858, son of John and brother of David Witmer, of Elizabethtown.

The education of Mr. Witmer was obtained in the district schools, and until his marriage he resided with his parents. Following this event, he began farming on his own account on his father's land, operating the home farm for three years, moving then to his well-cultivated farm of twenty-seven acres, upon which he has remained until the present time. Mr. Witmer belongs to the Republican party. His religious connection is with the German Baptist Church.

On Dec. 23, 1880, Mr. Witmer was married (first) in Manheim, Pa., to Miss Malinda B. Garman, born in Mt. Joy township, who died May 1, 1895 and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Garman, the former of whom was a carpenter in Lancaster county, where both he and wife died. On Feb. 2, 1897, Mr. Witmer was married (second) in Mt. Joy township, to Miss Susan Kauffman, born in Penn township in 1863, daughter of Abraham and Catherine (McMullen) Kauffman, of Lancaster county. Mr. Kauffman was a carpenter by trade and was a much respected man. His death occurred in 1880, at the age of forty-two years, his wife having died in 1872, at the age of thirty-four years. They both were laid to rest in White Oak Church cemetery. Their children were: Monroe, who is a carpenter, in Brennerville; Lizzie, who married Samuel Ritter and lives in Springfield, Ohio; James, who resides in Rapho township; Henry, a farmer near Pennville, Pa.; Nathaniel, who lives in Lancaster; Katie, married to Philip Waterman, of Rickersville, Pa.; and Susan, the youngest of the family, who became Mrs. Witmer. Mr. and Mrs. Witmer have no children.

Mr. Witmer is an excellent farmer, a good neighbor and a first-class citizen. He and his estimable wife have a large circle of warm friends in their community.

DANIEL S. VON NIEDA. As proprietor of one of the most popular summer hotels of Lancaster county, Daniel S. Von Nieda has become acquainted not only with many citizens of Ephrata, but with a great number of intelligent and agreeable people from various States, who have found in him a model host and genial gentleman whom they are glad to call friend. The "Ephrata Springs Mountain House," located at Ephrata, is one of the most delightful summer resorts in that locality, situated near the summit of Ephrata mountain, in the midst of a large park of some 200 shade trees, and supplied with the pure and invigorating water of Ephrata Springs, which by many are considered very medicinal.

Daniel S. Von Nieda was born Dec. 23, 1844, son of the late Jacob and Catherine (Swartz) Von Nieda, of Cocalico township. The first of the Von Nieda family to arrive in America, were six brothers and one sister, namely: George, Martin, Jacob, Philip, Casper, Daniel and Catharine who left the Pfalz on the Rhine called Grammerchen in 1771.

Of these Jacob settled at Adamstown, Lancaster county, Pa. Jacob was the father of John, Rudy, Philip (2nd), Jacob (2nd), Henry, Elizabeth, Magdalena, Anmarie, and Catharine (2nd). Of the above Philip (2nd) was the father of the following children: Solomon, Philip (3rd), Jacob (3rd), Elizabeth, Susanna, and William, all of whom have passed away.

In 1842 Jacob Von Nieda (3), son of Philip (2), married Catherine Swartz, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Pannabecker) Swartz, and to them were born five children: Daniel S.; Jacob L., born in 1849, who died in childhood; J. Wesley, born in 1853, who married Sallie Boger, of Reading, Pa., and is a printer by trade; Mary Emma, born in 1856, who married Rev. M. A. Salt, of Oberlin, Pa., a minister of prominence in the United Brethren Church; and Richard W., born in 1858, a printer and publisher in Reading.

Daniel S. Von Nieda was reared on a farm in his youth, and received his education in the public schools of Adamstown, beginning his business career as a photographer. During the Civil war he served eleven months as a drummer boy in the 195th P. V. I. In 1877 he started the *Ephrata Review*, the first newspaper published in Ephrata, in which enterprise his brother, J. Wesley Von Nieda, was associated with him. In 1881 he purchased the "Mountain House" at Ephrata, and for the last twenty years has been its successful proprietor, making it one of the most desirable resorts in that part of the State. On account of the vigilance which Mr. Von Nieda constantly exerts, and also his known pronounced prohibition views, this hotel has justly gained a reputation for respectability which makes it much sought after by those of refined and exclusive tastes.

On Oct. 24, 1869, Daniel S. Von Nieda was married to Miss Sallie S. Zartman, a daughter of William and Annie (Singer) Zartman, and five sons have been born to this union, all of them children of whom their parents have reason to feel proud. These children are: Oscar L., born Jan. 27, 1871, who married Miss Sarah H. Landis, and is a farmer in Ephrata; John W., born Dec. 15, 1873, an electrician; Harry J., born March 27, 1876, who is editor of the *Ephrata Reporter*, and resides at home; Robert D., born Aug. 16, 1880, who assists his father; and Walter H., born Oct. 23, 1883, at home.

As a business man and excellent citizen, Mr. Von Nieda stands high in the community, and socially he is known as a charitable and benevolent neighbor as well as a true Christian gentleman.

NOAH L. GETZ. The first member of the Getz family to locate in Lancaster county, Pa., where for many years its representatives have lived honest and honorable lives, was John Jacob Getz, who came to America, in the good ship "Dolphin," and landed in Philadelphia in 1738, his home having been in Pfalz, Germany. After a short residence in this country,

he went back to Germany, but finally returned and located in Lancaster county, settling on Chestnut Hill and occupying a large extent of country, some 400 or 500 acres of the choicest land of this fertile county. Of an enterprising and progressive spirit, he favored many measures for public improvement, and in every way testified to the confidence he had in the future of the great country where he had found a hospitable home.

The family born to this emigrant forefather consisted of many daughters and one son, Jacob, who became the great-grandfather of the present representatives of the name in Lancaster county. Great-grandfather Jacob Getz owned the old homestead, and in 1818, after making proper provision for his numerous sisters, he built upon the place a large brick house and barn and suitable outbuildings, and also erected a barn upon the farm which is now in the possession of Noah L. On this same place in 1822 he built a house and also put up some buildings at the "Black Horse Hotel." The records show that he was a man of fertile mind and considerable capacity, followed farming successfully and carried on a business in the manufacture of whip stocks, which were sold in Philadelphia. His family consisted of five sons: John, George, Peter, Harry, and Jacob: the large estate was divided between them, and all settled and married in that locality except George, who was of a more adventurous and restless spirit.

Grandfather John Getz was born June 19, 1790, and died Nov. 18, 1842. He married Magdalina Gross, who was born Dec. 2, 1795, and died June 15, 1857. They owned 113 acres of the old homestead, together with thirty-seven acres of timber land, all of which now belongs to Noah L. Getz. During his life John Getz filled a number of situations acceptably, being engaged in general farming, while he also taught school, and was called upon to serve as clerk at sales, his ability putting him far in advance of his neighbors. His family consisted of a daughter, Lydia, and a son, Levi, the father of our subject.

Levi Getz was born Dec. 28, 1827, and passed out of life Feb. 20, 1896. His wife was a representative of another old and well-known, as well as numerous, family of Lancaster county, Maria L. Landis, of Manheim township. After his marriage, in 1849, he succeeded to the property and became not only a prosperous farmer, but a noted stock raiser; buying only thoroughbred stock and raising fine specimens of Holsteins, Shorthorns, Jerseys, and Devons, he was one of the leaders in this progressive industry in the county. The great and luxuriant meadows of Lancaster county made the raising of fine cattle and stock a very profitable business, and Levi Getz was so encouraged that he went into the business of improving his other stock also, introducing some of the best strains of hogs ever brought to Lancaster county.

For a number of years he was one of the directors in the Lancaster County National Bank and so much confidence was placed in him that he was se-

lected, at the death of Benjamin Landis, his father-in-law, to become the guardian of the estate, and never was a trust more carefully fulfilled, or a great business matter better adjusted. Two children were born to Levi Getz and his wife; Hiram L., a successful practicing physician of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Noah L.

Dr. Hiram Landis Getz was born Nov. 14, 1850, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county. His early education was gained in the schools of that region and then followed his professional studies in Philadelphia, where he was connected with various hospitals, was assistant and student under the noted surgeon, Dr. R. J. Levis, and was graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1874. He located at Marshalltown, Iowa.

In addition to his regular professional work, the doctor has been at various times connected with life and accident companies; has been county physician for Marshall county; is chief surgeon for the Iowa Central Railroad and is connected with a number of other Western roads; was for three years a professor in the Iowa College of Physicians and Surgeons; and has held other professional positions in the state, too numerous to mention. Dr. Getz is a frequent contributor to medical and surgical journals and has invented a number of instruments and conveniences for professional use. Besides being prominent in various State societies, he was elected president of the International Association of Railway Surgeons, 1900-01. In politics Dr. Getz is independent; he has served on many State boards and as postmaster of Marshalltown, always introducing many improvements and reforms.

On May 27, 1874, Dr. Getz married Miss Mary E. Worley, and they have two children: N. Worley, also a physician; and Igera M.

Noah L. Getz was born April 9, 1852, and was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools, having the advantages of a short term at the Manheim Academy. On Jan. 6, 1876, he was married to Fannie H. Roher, of East Hempfield, who was born Nov. 28, 1856, and to them were born these children: Ferry R., a very bright young man, born in 1877, graduated from Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1901; Noah R., born in 1879, educated in the common schools and at present a student in the International School of Correspondence, at Scranton, Pa.; Mable R., born in 1881, educated at the Manheim High School and graduated in the class of 1899; Annis R., born in 1882, who died in 1886; John R., born in 1883, a student in the Manheim high school; Maria R., born in 1885; Henry R., born in 1887; and Roher, born in 1891.

This traces the Getz family in one line, and other information tells of the will of John Jacob, which was made in 1803, and mentions that his son Jacob was one of the keepers of the "Black Horse Hotel," and evidently erected the same. It is interesting to trace family connections with old landmarks and

much might be written which the limits of this biography would not permit.

When Noah L. Getz began life for himself he was twenty-six years old, and he and his wife settled on a tract of 120 acres of land which he had purchased from his father; and upon this place he has made his home, and added many valuable improvements, in 1879 erecting tobacco sheds and several smaller buildings, and in 1890 erecting a fine modern brick residence, which is one of the most attractive homes in the county. In April, 1896, he succeeded to the old homestead, at which time he remodeled the buildings and now has one of the largest as well as one of the best equipped farms in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Getz was the recipient of a fine property, almost adjoining the homestead, which was presented to her on her birthday, in 1899, the two together placing in the family the largest farm in Lancaster county. Mr. Getz has dealt largely in tobacco, also in walnut lumber, and is one of the largest dealers in stock and cattle in the county. Prominent in many ways, he is a member and stockholder in the Lititz Turnpike Co., and is considered one of the best representative men of Lancaster county.

JAMES M. WILSON, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, was born in York county, Pa., July 8, 1822, son of John and Charlotte (Watt) Wilson.

John Wilson was born in York county in 1796, and his wife was born in Chester county in 1795. John was the son of James and Eleanor (Hutchinson) Wilson, who were born in York and Chester counties respectively, and who reared a family of five children, three sons and two daughters: John, father of our subject; James, who moved to Ohio, and died there; David, who lived and died on the old homestead in York county; Elizabeth, who died unmarried in York county; and Margaret, who became the wife of John Collins, who died in York county.

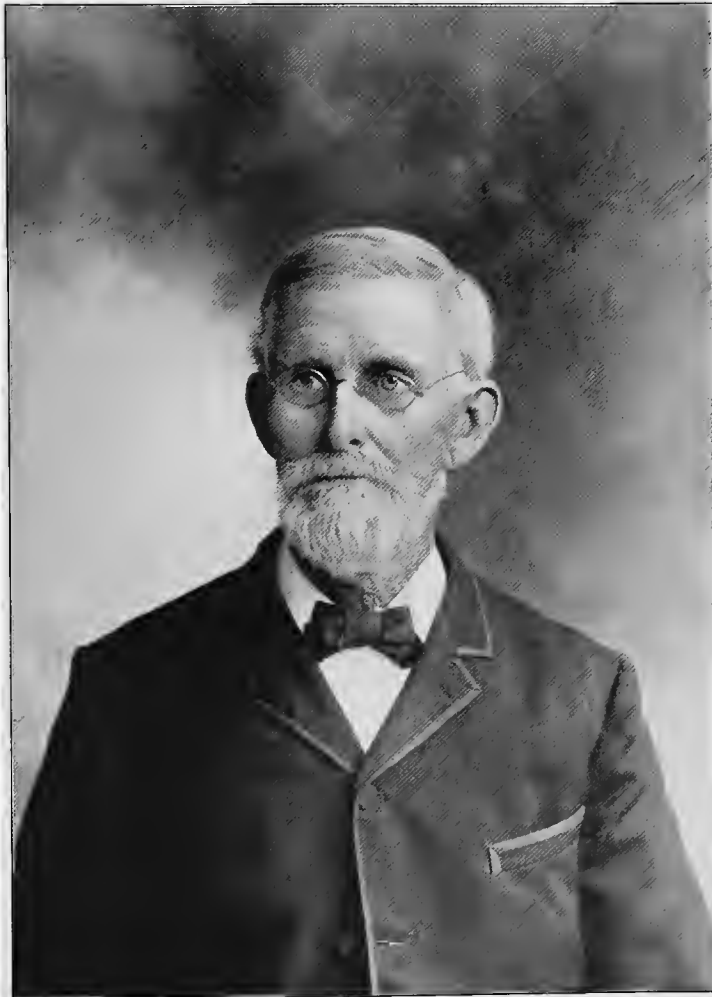
John Wilson, father of our subject, first settled on a farm in York county, but in 1824 he moved to the southern part of Lancaster county, where he followed farming until his death in July, 1886, in his ninety-first year; his wife died at their home in 1874. They were members of the United Presbyterian church and were devout Christians. They left two sons: James and John D., the latter (who is unmarried) being a prominent and wealthy man of Lancaster county, whose early life was spent as a farmer, but who afterward engaged as a merchant in Drumore township; so continuing until 1861 when he was appointed deputy sheriff, and moved to Lancaster; he has also held several other offices, and is now living retired.

James M. Wilson grew to manhood on his father's farm, and was educated in the public schools. He remained on the farm until his marriage, in November, 1876, to Miss Jane Thompson,

daughter of Miller and Mary (Watt) Thompson, pioneers of Lancaster county. Mr. Wilson located on his father's homestead where he remained until the spring of 1884, when he purchased his present fine farm which joins the borough of Quarryville. It is one of the well cultivated and desirable places of the section, and has a large brick residence and fine out buildings of all kinds. It was here that Mr. Wilson's first wife died, in 1892, leaving no children. In 1893 Mr. Wilson married for his second wife, Mrs. Harriet E. (Thompson) Campbell, widow of Dr. John C. Campbell, who in life was a prominent physician of the county. Mrs. Wilson was born Jan. 14, 1844, in Colerain township, whither her parents, George B. and Mary (Snyder) Thompson, of Chester county, had moved. The lady is well educated, and for twenty years was a teacher in the public schools. She had two children by her first husband: Anna D., born in 1869, who married Walter Scott, and has one child, Helen E.; and Bailey C., born in 1872, who is now a resident of Harrisburg, and has one son, John. Mrs. Wilson is the granddaughter of Francis and Mary (Black) Thompson, and her maternal great-grandparents were George and Hannah (Ross) Black, while her paternal great-grandparents were Col. James and Lydia F. (Bailey) Thompson, of Revolutionary fame. Col. James Thompson was born in Sadsbury township in 1745, and died in the same township in February, 1807. His wife, Lydia F. Bailey, was born in 1750, and died in 1806. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have no children. In religion they are members of the United Presbyterian church, of which both he and his brother have been strong supporters for a number of years. His father, John Wilson, was one of the early members of the United Presbyterian church of Martic township, and attended it for many years, holding various offices in it. Mr. Wilson has also filled positions of trust and honor in the same church, and is one of its foremost members. Volumes might be written of his Christian benevolence and charity. He is a man of integrity and honor, and well thought of by all who know him.

HENRY CLAY GEMPERLING, the popular court crier, lives in a beautiful home which he has erected on a part of the estate owned by his father, the late Daniel Gemperling, on East Orange street, near Ann street, in Lancaster.

Jacob Gemperling, grandfather of Henry Clay, who was a distiller and a farmer, was born near Rohrerstown; his son Daniel, who was born in Lancaster, died Nov. 13, 1895, at the age of eighty-seven years. The latter and his brother John, were the leading tinsmiths of the city for many years, filling many important contracts. Daniel Gemperling conducted the business on East Orange street alone to within a short time of his death, and became one of the best-known citizens of his time, owning a



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large amount of real estate, and making his influence felt in business and commercial circles. Anna Hurst, his wife, was a half-sister of Elam Hurst, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, and also a sister of the mother of H. C. Demuth. From this union were born three children, two of whom, William and Anna, died in early childhood, and the only survivor is Henry Clay Gemperling.

Henry Clay Gemperling was born in the large brick mansion at the southwest corner of East King and Jefferson streets, then the home of his parents, in February, 1846, and was educated in the city schools and at John Beck's celebrated school in Lititz. When less than sixteen years old he left school to enlist in the Union army, joining Co. A, 79th P. V. I., Aug. 19, 1861, and served throughout the war, receiving his discharge Aug. 12, 1865. He took a gallant part in all the battles and skirmishes in which his command participated, and was wounded in the arm at Jonesboro, Ga., under Gen. Sherman, being promoted to the position of corporal. After the war Mr. Gemperling was captain of "The Boys in Blue," a campaign organization in the first campaign of Gen. Grant for the presidency. After Gen. Grant's election the boys in blue were organized into two military companies, A and B, and attached to the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gemperling being commissioned captain of Co. B, both companies taking part in the inauguration of Gen. Grant as President. Until 1879 he worked with his father at the tinsmith and plumbing trade, and then removed to Ephrata, where he engaged for himself in the same lines. There he remained until March 13, 1895, when he returned to Lancaster, to become a tip-staff in the court house, very shortly being made court crier for court No. 2, and in November, 1899, he was made court crier of the courts of Lancaster county, to fill a vacancy created by the death of Joseph C. Snyder, a position which he still holds.

While living in Ephrata, Mr. Gemperling bought and remodeled a fine property. For fifteen years he was deputy coroner of the district, for nine years he was a notary public, and was the first president of the Pioneer Steam Fire Engine and Hose Company, and was acting in that capacity, when he left the borough; he was commander of Post No. 524, G. A. R., of Ephrata, for three years, and was the second man to be elected burgess after Ephrata became a borough.

While a resident of Lancaster he served as a policeman during Mayor Stauffer's first term, and is remembered as one of the best police officers this city ever had. During his residence in Ephrata he twice arrested Abe Buzzard, the noted outlaw, "putting him behind the bars." This he did as a private citizen, his fellow townsmen calling on him because of his well-known fearlessness. When thieves broke into the store of Schaeffer & Reinhold, at Ephrata, Mr. Gemperling discovered one of the thieves, arrested him, and took him to jail. This same bravery was conspicuous all through his army experiences.

Mr. Gemperling was married Aug. 14, 1869, to Miss Susan Jacobs, daughter of William Adam Jacobs, a farmer living near Beartown, Lancaster county. From this union were born four children: Anna Maria, the wife of E. E. Royer, a farmer of Ephrata township; Martha Alpha, unmarried and at home; Daniel H., a paper hanger; and Henry Clay, Jr., now at school.

JACOB H. ZIEGLER. Among the prominent and successful business enterprises of Lancaster county, the Conoy Township Creamery has taken a leading place, under the efficient management of its owner, Jacob H. Ziegler, a resident of Rowenna.

The founder of the Ziegler family in East Donegal township was Conrad Ziegler, born in 1761, who married Magdalena Schock, born in 1758; his death occurred in 1831 and hers in 1826. Their remains lie with those of other old and honored pioneers in the ancient cemetery of East Donegal. The paternal grandparents of Jacob H. Ziegler were Conrad and Catherine (Schock) Ziegler, his birth occurring in 1801, his death in 1880, while she was born in 1799, and passed out of life in 1854. Conrad Ziegler was one of the most estimable men of his time and locality, a local preacher of the religious denomination known as Dunkards, a good, pious, charitable and upright man.

Jacob H. Ziegler, the subject of this biography, was born on the old homestead Jan. 6, 1857, a son of John and Barbara (Hertzler) Ziegler. The former moved to Elizabethtown, Pa., in the spring of 1887, where he built a comfortable home and there died, in November, 1894, at the age of sixty-six years. During life he had been a prominent and influential man, for many years a director in the First National Bank, of Marietta and was a consistent and valued member of the Dunkard Church.

Jacob H. Ziegler was reared on the homestead and educated in the best schools of the neighborhood, remaining at home until his legal majority, when he engaged in farming in Conoy township, remaining there for four years. Returning to East Donegal, he continued in agricultural operations until 1897, when he removed into Rowenna, having purchased the Conoy Township Creamery, in 1895. This business was established in 1885, by a stock company, and although, for some years it prospered, negligence had permitted it to run down, and in 1895 it was sold at public sale, Mr. Ziegler being the purchaser. His judgment told him that if properly handled, the business could be made a very paying one, and he has proven the truth of his belief.

The marriage of Jacob H. Ziegler occurred Dec. 17, 1878, in Pequea township, to Miss Barbara Hess, and to this union were born: John H., who operates the milk station for his father, in Harrisburg; Mary; Ivah; Barbara; Alice, deceased; Jacob; and Arthur. Mrs. Ziegler was born on the old homestead of her parents, May 25, 1858, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Herr) Hess; the father

was a farmer of prominence and wealth, and was the treasurer of the New Danville and Lancaster Turnpike from the time it was proposed until his death, and he was one of its principal promoters. He was interested in all progressive movements in his section and was instrumental in the building of the United Zion Church, of which he was a member. His life ended in 1898, at the age of seventy years, his wife having passed away in 1879, and both of them were buried in the Pequea Church cemetery. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hess were: Martin H., residing on the old homestead; Barbara; Henry, a farmer of Conestoga township; Mary, who married John W. Eshleman, of Reading, Pa.; Jacob, a farmer of Lampeter; Fanny, who married Aaron B. Hess, the superintendent of the Chemical works in Lancaster; and Susan, who married Martin Rutt, of West Donegal. Mr. Ziegler lost his first wife, and was married again, on May 11, 1898, to Ella M. daughter of T. O. and Emma Fradeneck, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

In politics, Mr. Ziegler votes independently. Without doubt, he is one of the most intelligent men of the township and is interested in every measure looking toward the development of his section. For six years he served as school director, and owns one of the most complete private libraries in Lancaster county. He well represents the best class of citizens of this part of the State.

DANIEL D. HERR is the eldest living representative of the male branch of the fifth generation of a family whose name has ever commanded respect throughout Lancaster county. He himself is a man of active brain and rare business ability, but of this more will be told in a subsequent paragraph. The old homestead in Lancaster township, near Millersville, has remained in the possession of the family for more than a century, and it was there that our subject was born Feb. 28, 1845.

His father, David S. Herr, whose mother's name was Anna Sherk, was born in the same house, June 14, 1816. He began farming for himself on a small parcel of land in Leacock township, purchased for him by his father. There he lived for four years, when he purchased—from the estate of his uncle, Christian Herr—the farm which is at present owned by his son, Daniel D., where the latter conducts the Fairview Nurseries. From 1843 until 1866 David S. Herr remained in this location, and in the latter year he removed to the house which is now occupied by his son John. He is now in his eighty-eighth year, but is still active and vigorous. While not able to do the day's work of fifty years ago, his inborn aversion to idleness renders it easy for him to find some out-door occupation, suited to his years and strength. On Oct. 6, 1840, he married Elizabeth Dentlinger, who was born Feb. 13, 1823, and died Aug. 12, 1867. The issue of this union was one daughter and three sons. Fannie, the eldest of the family, was born Dec. 12, 1841; she married John L.

Gamber, of Manor township, and is now a widow. Daniel D., was the second child and eldest son. David D., was born Oct. 27, 1848, and is a retired farmer, of Hempfield township. John D., the youngest of the family, was born May 26, 1852; he, too, is a farmer, and is also a tobacco dealer.

Daniel D. Herr, the subject of this necessarily brief sketch, is best known to the commercial world as the proprietor and manager of the Fairview Nurseries, to which reference has been already made. His farm, on which they are located, lies two miles west of the city of Lancaster. It embraces 134 acres, of which forty are devoted to uses indicated. He commenced general farming in 1866, but some inborn predilection inclined him toward fruit growing, and he read with avidity as well as shrewd insight and a retentive memory, all the literature bearing on that topic on which he could lay his hands. As a result, when in 1876 he started on his "new departure," it was with a mind theoretically well equipped. His beginning was modest, yet he succeeded from the first, and to-day he carries stock of the highest class, and finds a ready market in every quarter of the United States. Besides the farm on which his nurseries stand, he owns three others, in Manor, Fulton and Manheim townships, yet the care of his large and constantly growing business absorbs all his personal attention. He is also a large stockholder in various industrial and financial enterprises, among them the Manor Township Fire Insurance Co., and the Farmers' Fencing Association. As was the faith of his ancestors, so is his; he is an earnest member of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He takes a deep interest in public affairs, and is ever ready to aid any well matured project promising the promotion of the general welfare. He takes especial interest in education, and has been a member of the school board for fifteen years.

On Nov. 27, 1866, Daniel D. Herr married Adeline Harnish, who was born Aug. 18, 1848, a daughter of Michael S. Harnish, of Manor. Their union has been blessed with four daughters; Fannie, Annie, Elizabeth and Emma. The youngest is unmarried and lives at home with her parents. Fannie married Isaac Neff; Annie is the wife of William R. Rutt, of East Hempfield township; and Elizabeth is Mrs. A. E. Binkley, of Manheim.

FRANK GERBER PENNELL, the efficient and popular postmaster of Mt. Joy, Pa., is also one of the city's prominent business men, and a highly esteemed citizen.

Mr. Pennell was born July 31, 1840, in Warwick township, near Rothsville, a son of Thomas Wilson and Christiann (Gerber) Pennell, the former of whom was a native of Chester county, and the latter of Lancaster. In 1830, the father, Thomas W. Pennell, came to Lancaster county and settled in Warwick township, where he followed milling and pump-making; and in 1888 came to Mt. Joy, in order

to pass his last years with his son. Since 1852 his residence had been in Marietta, where he was well known and where he died in 1890, and many old friends remembered him with esteem and lamented his death, although he had far outlived the age allotted by the Psalmist. His wife died in 1843, at the early age of twenty-seven years. Although she had been reared in the Presbyterian Church, she became connected later with the Lutheran Church. The two children of this marriage were Frank and a little sister, Mary, who died at the age of four years.

The second marriage of Thomas Wilson Pennell was to Catherine Bear, who died in 1894, at the age of seventy-five. The children born of this union were: Amanda, who married S. N. Enswiler, a machinist of Marietta; Sarah, who married Samuel Fisher, of Columbia, Pa.; and John, of Mt. Joy, who is associated with Frank G. Pennell in the carriage and wagon-making business in Mt. Joy.

The paternal grandparents of Frank G. Pennell were Hon. Benjamin and Jane (Wilson) Pennell, of Chester county, who were leading members in the Presbyterian Church in that locality. They came to Lancaster county and located in Lancaster in 1830, and Mr. Pennell soon took a prominent part in public affairs. His trade was that of wool carder, but his appointment to the office of justice of the peace in Warwick township had absorbed much of his time. During 1841-3 he was a member of the Legislature, and his last days were spent in teaching school, as he was a man of superior attainments. His death was in Lancaster, in 1864, at the age of eighty, his wife having passed away in October, 1860, at the age of eighty-four. The maternal grandparents passed their lives in Lancaster, where Jacob Gerber was long held in respect.

When Frank Gerber Pennell was three years old his young mother passed away and he was taken to the home of his grandfather Pennell, who at that time was teaching school. Under the watchful care of his grandfather he was well instructed, and he remained with him until 1847, when his father married again, and Frank returned home. At the age of twelve, however, he entered the cotton mills in Lancaster, where he worked for the following four years and served an apprenticeship, covering three years, as a silver plater. His choice of work, however, was found in Mt. Joy, in a wagon and carriage-making shop, where he put in practice his knowledge of nickle plating.

About this time came the outbreak of the Civil war, and among those who quickly answered the call for troops was Frank G. Pennell, who connected himself with the U. S. Marines and was in continual service for four years. Until the fall of Vicksburg he served in the Mississippi squadron and then was sent to the Atlantic squadron, but later was transferred to the Pacific squadron, and was honorably discharged at Mare Island, Cal. He re-

turned home, where he found his old situation awaiting him, and there Mr. Pennell remained until 1891, when he purchased his present place of business, where he conducts wagon and carriage-making in the most modern style of manufacture.

Although closely attending to his regular business, Mr. Pennell has found time to take much interest in the affairs of his city, and for three years served as clerk of the council; a justice of the peace for four years, he conducted the business pertaining to that office with efficiency, but resigned in the middle of his last term. In 1873 Gov. Hartranft appointed him a notary public and he continued to serve in that capacity until July, 1899, when he was made postmaster of Mt. Joy, by President McKinley. An ardent and active Republican, he has done valiant work for his party and takes an important position in its deliberations.

On Feb. 16, 1868, Frank G. Pennell and Charlotte Smaling were united in matrimony, and the children born to this marriage are: Thomas, who died in infancy; Emma, a young lady, at home; Catherine, who died in infancy; Frank, who is associated with his father in business; and Alberta, a young lady, at home. Mrs. Charlotte (Smaling) Pennell was born in Mt. Joy, May 6, 1840, a daughter of George and Catharine Smaling, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a wagon maker of Mt. Joy.

Since the age of twenty-one Mr. Pennell has been connected with the I. O. O. F., and also belongs to the other social orders of Red Men, K. of P., and of the G. A. R., of Mt. Joy. As a public official he has given universal satisfaction, and is regarded as something of a leader, being a man of high character, who has proven his loyalty to both friends and party.

IKE FRANCE, whose careful study and practical experience in the line of insurance make him one of the best informed men on that subject in the State, was born at Heckmondwike, Yorkshire, England, in February, 1853, son of Mark France, an agricultural laborer.

The lad attended school until he was seven years old, when he was employed in a brickyard carrying bricks, and from that time to the age of thirteen he served as a stable and errand boy on the farm where his father was employed. He was then apprenticed to learn the currier's trade, so continuing until he was twenty-one. When he was nineteen, his father died. Continuing at his trade until he was twenty-three, Mr. France was compelled to seek a change of occupation on account of failing health. Entering the services of the Prudential Life Insurance Co., of London, he became a field agent in the Huddersfield District (Yorkshire) and devoted some years to the thorough canvass of his native town and surrounding villages. While employed there he was engaged among two hundred insurance agents to come to this country by the Metropolitan Life In-

insurance Co., of New York City, and to introduce the system of Industrial Life Insurance amongst the working classes of the American people. Arriving in New York, July 26, 1880, he was sent as assistant superintendent to Lowell, Mass., thence to Haverhill, Mass., and Manchester, N. H., and finally to Boston, working in that end of the State for eight years. For three years he was superintendent in West Philadelphia, and was then called to Worcester, Mass., where after three years as superintendent in that district he was transferred back to Philadelphia, where he met with a severe trolley car accident while performing his duties, and this necessitated rest for about a year. When again able to resume work, he was sent to a smaller field of labor, spending a year in the Hudson, N. Y., district; and on Feb. 2, 1897, he came to Lancaster as superintendent for his company and which had not as yet had a satisfactory business from this city. Mr. France studied the local conditions, and determined to win a business for his company that would be in every way satisfactory. His earnest work wrought a great change. Instead of three assistant superintendents he had five, instead of fifteen agents he had twenty-nine; instead of collecting weekly \$894.04, he had in (April, 1901) \$1,483.49, in the same territory, in weekly collections, and on which, had been collected \$2,929 of advance collections in premiums not then due from members. The intermediate policies—never less than \$500, and as high as the applicant cares to go—were increased to \$70,500 in four years, with a goodly number of \$10,000 policies outstanding. Mr. France made a most admirable record in the four years he was the Metropolitan's superintendent here. In April, 1901, after a period of long continued sickness, and three months short of completing twenty-one years' service, he was placed on the retired list by the company he had so long represented, and was given a most liberal pension as a reward for faithful service.

In religious faith Mr. France is a Wesleyan, and in fraternal relations a Mason, and a member of the Commercial Traveling Men's Association. While as thorough an American as though he had been born here, he never forgets nor belittles the glorious country from which he sprang, and is a typical English-American. In the eastern suburbs of Lancaster he has invested in a beautiful home, and he has made himself honored and respected in this, the city of his adoption.

SAMUEL STONEROAD, a retired farmer of New Providence, is one of the leading men of Providence township, and its largest taxpayer. Mr. Stoneroad was born Feb. 2, 1828, in Lancaster county, son of Thomas Stoneroad, who was accidentally killed while engaged in digging a well.

Thomas Stoneroad, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, of German parentage, and during his life was considered one of the best millwrights in his lo-

cality. His son Thomas was born in 1790, became a millwright also and engaged in farming. He had seven children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: John, Henry, Susan and Samuel, but all of them have passed away with the exception of Samuel.

Samuel Stoneroad was only seven years old when his father met with his tragic death, and soon after this event his mother also died. His education was very meagre, and was obtained with great difficulty, consisting of interrupted attendance during the winter seasons in the public schools of his locality, and from an early age he was obliged to care for himself. That he possessed unusual ability must be acknowledged, for from that unfavorable beginning Mr. Stoneroad worked as a farmer, saved his money, and now in advanced years is one of the most substantial men of that part of the county, owning two of the best farms in Providence township, one containing ninety-six acres and the other seventy-two acres, and paying a larger tax than any other citizen.

On Feb. 10, 1848, Mr. Stoneroad was married to Miss Annie Mower, daughter of George Mower, of Strasburg township, and two children were born to this union, namely: Thomas, born in 1849, who died at the age of seven years; and Franklin, born the year previously, who is the farmer for his father. He married Miss Emma Winters, and they have one son, Samuel, and one daughter, Anna. Mrs. Samuel Stoneroad died in 1882.

Mr. Stoneroad has always adhered to the principles of the Republican party. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, and he is highly respected in his community for his honest and upright character.

JOHN R. BITNER, who passed away Aug. 29, 1897, was for an ordinary life time one of the most conspicuous figures in Lancaster, no man there being more prominent in banking and business circles. He was born in Lancaster Aug. 7, 1826, a son of Abraham Bitner.

Abraham Bitner, whose ancestors were of German origin and among the early settlers of Pennsylvania, was born in 1791 in York county. By trade he was a carpenter, but he was a chairmaker and flour merchant in Lancaster most of his active business life. Religiously he was a member of and officially connected with the German Reformed Church of the city. He married Elizabeth Porter (1799-1856), also a member of the same church. Their children who reached manhood and womanhood were: Anna R., wife of George Dietrich; Jacob; Sarah W.; John R.; Charles Augustus; Abraham; Benjamin F., of Trenton, N. J., who died Dec. 13, 1902; David P.; and Mary M. All have passed away except Abraham, of Lancaster.

John R. Bitner received his early education in the schools of Lancaster, and at the age of thirteen be-



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gan learning the trade of cabinetmaking, at which he continued until 1846. For one year following he was in the employ of the State railroad. In 1847, in company with his brother, C. A. Bitner (trading as John R. Bitner & Bro.), he purchased a few cars and established a fast freight line between Lancaster and Philadelphia, the cars being run on the State railroad, and subsequently on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks. Their business increasing, additional cars were placed on the road from time to time, until they were the owners of some thirty cars, which they ran in transporting and forwarding merchandise over the railroads of this and other States. They were the leading firm in their line in this section of the State, and did a thriving business from 1857 until the dissolution of the partnership, in 1874. In the year 1848 they had also become engaged, in connection with their freighting business, in grain operations, and in shipping grain to different points in the East, which afterward developed into a prosperous trade. In 1854, with others, they were interested in building the Eden Paper Mills, and had large interests in the same. In 1855 they built a steam flouring-mill in Lancaster, which had a capacity of 150 barrels per day, and which they continued to operate until 1863, when, owing to the large demands made for supplies to the Union army, and a consequent need of storage room, they took down the mill to make room for an extensive warehouse on the same site.

John R. Bitner & Bro. were large contractors for the Government during the war, furnishing supplies to the army, and their transactions were so satisfactory that at the close of the conflict the Government applied to them for supplies for the old army stock until it could be disposed of. In 1865 they were members of the company that built the Fulton cotton mill, but they disposed of their interest in it four years later; they were also members of the company that built, the same year, the Printers' paper mills at Binkley's Bridge (which were burned in November, 1882), in which John R. Bitner retained a large interest for years. The firm of John R. Bitner & Bro. continued their freighting business until 1874, when Mr. Bitner purchased his brother's interest, continued it alone until 1882, and sold out the business to the Pennsylvania Railway Company.

Mr. Bitner was one of the original founders of the noted summer resort Ocean Beach, on the New Jersey coast; a director in the New Egypt, Farmingdale & Long Branch railroad, of New Jersey, for some time; and in 1865, in company with others, founded a forwarding and commission house at No. 811 Market street, Philadelphia, in which he retained a partnership until 1870. He was a member of both branches of the Lancaster city council for several terms; served for three years as prison inspector for Lancaster county; as director of the Lancaster County National Bank some seven years; as director of the Quarryville railroad; and in February, 1882,

was one of the organizers of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, of which he was chosen president.

On April 26, 1852, Mr. Bitner married Fianna, daughter of David Wiedler, a farmer of Lancaster county, and they had the following children: Jacob S.; Lillie W., Mrs. J. C. Martin, who died June 30, 1881; William H.; D. Edwin; Anna M.; Abraham; Alfred F.; and Helen O. Mr. Bitner passed away universally beloved and most deeply regretted; but it is a source of satisfaction to his friends that his son, Abraham, now occupying a responsible position in the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, should be so closely connected with a financial institution of which his father was one of the organizers, and, at the time of his death, the honored head.

HENRY E. MILLER. The family of Mr. Miller is an old and honored one in Lancaster county. His grandfather, who was also named Henry, was one of three brothers who settled near Salunga about the time of the war of the Revolution. He was a large land owner, successful farmer, and a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He lived to be nearly seventy years old, and at his death enjoyed the confidence and respect of the entire community. He married a Miss Shenk, whose father was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of the Chickies, near Salunga. He pre-empted and patented several large tracts of land, and built two mills upon the stream named. One of these is still known as the Shenk Mill, the other as the Garber Mill. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller six children were born. The eldest, John, was the father of Henry E., who is now the head of this branch of the Miller family. He was born Oct. 15, 1797, and died Sept. 23, 1850, a farmer and a man of influence. He was long a member of the school board, and served for many years as supervisor. He was a Whig in politics, and like his father, a Mennonite in religious faith. On March 22, 1825, he married Elizabeth Erb. She was born Nov. 9, 1804, and died Aug. 29, 1862. They were the parents of eleven children: Emanuel, born Jan. 11, 1826, who died in infancy; Daniel, born May 22, 1827, who died Oct. 23, 1895, at Elizabethtown, Pa., where he had been first a farmer and then for many years an innkeeper; Susanna, born Feb. 19, 1829, the wife of David Weaver, of Manheim; Henry E.; John E., born Aug. 22, 1833, who learned the trade of a tailor and is a cutter at Portsmouth, Ohio; Andrew, born April 8, 1836, who died at the age of one month; Elizabeth, born April 29, 1837, who died Feb. 16, 1839; Joseph E., a farmer of Columbia, Lancaster county, born Sept. 5, 1840; Reuben E., born Oct. 14, 1842, a day laborer at Salunga; Catherine, born Oct. 21, 1844, the wife of Levi B. Zug, a farmer living near Lititz; Elizabeth, the youngest child, born Feb. 7, 1847, who died Aug. 22, 1863.

Henry E. Miller was born Nov. 10, 1831. His

early educational advantages were of the limited character at that time afforded by the common schools, and even of these he was deprived at the age of sixteen years by the failing health of his father, which compelled his supervision of affairs upon the farm. He was barely nineteen when his father died and the farm and personalty connected therewith were sold, and he, with his mother, erected another house, which was their home for eleven years. His filial devotion was constant and unshaken and its memory is one of his precious recollections as the fading hues of life's sunset begin to illumine his later years. On Dec. 23, 1862, he married Amelia K. Miller, daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth H. (Kauffman) Miller, and to her unselfish devotion and unwearied aid he attributes much of his success in life. She was born May 29, 1842. In the year succeeding his marriage he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Hiram K. Miller, in the conduct of a general store at Petersburg. At the end of two years the firm dissolved and Mr. Henry E. Miller removed to Salunga, where he opened a store of his own. He remained there for three years, engaged in trade and holding the office of postmaster, and at the expiration of that period returned to Petersburg, where he lived in retirement until 1871, when he removed to Lititz, and has since made his home there. Shortly after coming there, he erected a store at the intersection of Broad and Orange streets, which he stocked and personally conducted until 1882. In that year he disposed of his business, leasing the realty for four years. Still retaining his residence at Lititz, he opened and operated a store at Ephrata, which he successfully conducted for four years. In 1886 he sold this, and, returning to Lititz, resumed business in his old building, the lease of which had expired. After eight years, having concluded to retire from business, he once more disposed of his establishment and since 1894 has not been engaged in any active occupation. For three years he and his family lived in apartments above the store, which he retained for his own use, but in 1897 he erected a handsome, modern residence on Broad street, which is his domicile to-day. About the same time he sold the store property in which he had so long carried on business and which had been for so many years his dwelling place. In addition to conducting a general store, Mr. Miller was for two years largely interested in packing tobacco, and has been to a considerable extent engaged in buying and selling horses, being exceedingly fond of a good steed and an extremely good judge of equine excellence. He has, moreover, erected several buildings of his own, thereby gaining an experience which admirably qualified him for the supervision of the public buildings, a task which he has been frequently called upon to perform; for nine years he served upon the school board and for six years was a member of the municipal council, and in these capacities had charge of the construction of numer-

ous edifices for public use. He was one of the organizers of the Lititz Bank and for years one of its directors. At present (1900) he is a member of the directorate of the Northern National Bank of Lancaster. Politically he is a Republican; he and his family are members of the Moravian Church.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miller two daughters have been born,—Mary Amanda and Bessie Maud. The elder was born June 28, 1866, and is the wife of Jacob G. Rinwold, the proprietor of the "Lancaster Hotel." She is the mother of four children, Grace, Henry, Chester and Frank. Bessie Maud, the younger daughter, was born June 12, 1869. She married Frank D. Leinbach, of Robesonia, Berks county, a coal and lumber merchant. They are the parents of one son, Louis.

Mrs. Henry E. Miller is the granddaughter of John and the daughter of Tobias M. Miller. Her grandfather was for many years proprietor of an inn at Marietta. He was born March 14, 1786, and died in his eighty-eighth year. Her father, Tobias M., was one of a family of seven children born to John and his wife, Susanna. Maria, the eldest, married a Mr. Zellers; Elizabeth died in childhood; John was a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia shoe house and died at Chicago; Samuel (commonly known as "Captain") was a retired hotel keeper and died in Marietta in 1897; Benjamin died at Newport, Pa.; Henry passed away at Medway, Ohio.

Tobias M. Miller, the youngest child of John, and the father of Mrs. Henry E. Miller, was born March 8, 1815. He was a merchant tailor of Petersburg, where he carried on business for twenty years. He died Nov. 27, 1856. His wife, Elizabeth H. Kauffman, whom he married on May 26, 1836, was born Feb. 16, 1816, near Petersburg. The last years of her life were spent with her daughter, Mrs. Henry E. Miller, at whose home she entered into rest Oct. 22, 1896, at the age of four score years. To Tobias M. Miller and his wife three children were born, Hiram K., Mary Amanda and Amelia K. Hiram K. was born Dec. 6, 1837; he was a farmer, merchant and tobacco packer of Petersburg, and died Feb. 11, 1896. Mary Amanda, born March 16, 1839, married on Dec. 6, 1856, Benjamin Metz, of Clarence Centre, Erie Co., N. Y. Amelia K., Mrs. Henry E. Miller, was born May 29, 1842.

JOHN F. LEECH, long and favorably identified with the agricultural interests of Bart township, Lancaster county, where he made an enviable reputation for himself as a practical and successful farmer, was born in Sadsbury township, Oct. 4, 1837, and is a son of John G. and Maria (Rockey) Leech. The father was born in Lancaster county, in 1797, where the mother also was born, in 1801. They were married in this county in 1820, and located in Sadsbury township, where the father followed the butcher business until he purchased the family home in Bart township in 1840. This farm he greatly im-

proved, building him a stone house and a fine barn, and there he remained until his death in 1869. His widow made her home with her son, John F., until her death in 1890.

John G. Leech was the son of George and Elizabeth (Hastings) Leech, who were both born in Gap, Lancaster county. He was a son of Francis Leech, who came from Ireland before the Revolution, and settled at Gap, where he married Isabella Griffith, who belonged to a wealthy Quaker family of Lancaster county. They settled at Gap, where he owned a fine farm property. George, their son, and the grandfather of John F., built the hotel property, which is still in use in Gap; there he died, leaving five sons and two daughters. (1) William died a single man. (2) George, born at Gap, married a Miss Caldwell, of Curwensville, Clearfield county, where he lived and died. He was a prominent lumberman, and at one time served as sheriff of the county. He was father of the following children: George, Hiram, Hugh, James, Robert, Mary J., Amelia and Susan, all of whom are married and settled in Clearfield county, with the exception of Mary, who married and moved to the West. (3) Francis married and moved to Jefferson county, where he died. (4) Thomas married a Miss Rockey, a sister of the mother of John F., and settled on a farm in Sadsbury township, where he died, leaving a family, all of whom are now dead. (5) Anna Leech and (6) Elizabeth Leech were unmarried, and died at Gap, both at the advanced age of ninety years.

(7) John G. Leech, the father of John F., left a family of ten children. (1) William was born in 1821, married Mary Homsher, and settled in Philadelphia, where he was engaged in a contracting and building business for many years. Later in life he moved to Pomeroy, Pa., where he was engaged as a merchant and a general business man until his death in 1890. One of his sons is the agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Pomeroy. The children of this family were: John S., of Pomeroy; William H., of Philadelphia; Lewis, of Pomeroy; Emma, who died at Pomeroy, a young woman of character and culture.

(2) Jacob Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1823, married a Miss Griffith, of Philadelphia, where they lived at the time of her death. His second wife was Miss Margaret Watson, of Chester county. They still reside in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in business. Their children are as follows: Susan, who married Harry Bailey; Anna, the wife of John Phenegar, of Philadelphia; Belle, the wife of Charles Stacey, residing in Philadelphia; Emily, who married Harry Kendrick, of Philadelphia; Thomas, married and living in Philadelphia, where his brother George also lives.

(3) George Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1824, married a Miss Catherine Phenegar, of Bart township, who moved with him to Ohio during the Civil war, and there died, leaving the following fam-

ily: Susan, Malinda, Mary, Sarah and George. Mr. Leech married for his second wife Miss Emily Powers, of this county, and returned to Ohio, where he still lives. Of the four children born to this union, Maggie is the only one living.

(4) Anna E. Leech, born in Sadsbury township in 1820, married Albert Rhea. They lived and died in Philadelphia. Their son, Sylvester, still lives in that city.

(5) Mary J. Leech, born in 1830, died in an early and promising young womanhood.

(6) Thomas J. Leech, born in 1832, married Miss Prudence Wilson, of Philadelphia, where he is now living a retired life, after a very successful career as a business man. They had four children; Jefferson, Frank, Louella and Gertrude.

(7) Catherine Leech, born in 1834, is the wife of William Ashby, of Chester, Delaware Co., Pa., and is the mother of Emma; Lillie, the wife of Caleb Cantnell; Ella, the wife of Robert Stainton; and Anna, all of Chester.

(8) Susan Leech, born in 1836, married Joseph Miller, of Russellville, Chester county; she has since died, leaving one son, Joseph Dewees.

(9) John F.

(10) Johanna Leech, born in Bart township in 1841, married Charles Wright, of Bart township where they now reside.

John F. Leech was reared in Bart township, where he secured his education in the home schools. Until 1859 he remained on the home farm, when he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in business. In 1860 he came back to the old home in Bart township, and in 1861 enlisted in the Union Army, as a member of Co. B, 79th P. V. I., at that time under the command of Col. Ham-bright, of Lancaster. The regiment was mustered into service at Camp Curtin, joined the Army of the Tennessee, at that time under Gen. Thomas, and later served under Gen. Sherman in his celebrated March to the Sea. Mr. Leech was engaged in the battle of Perryville and in a number of minor skirmishes. After Bragg's retreat from Kentucky, the 79th was in active service until it brought up at Nashville, after much heavy fighting all through that campaign. It fought seven days continuously at Murphreesboro, and was in the thickest of the battle at Chattanooga. In the first day's fight at this last battlefield, Mr. Leech was wounded in the groin by a minie ball. On account of this injury he was detained for a long time in the military hospital at Nashville. On rejoining his regiment Mr. Leech was again wounded at Bentonville by shell, and his recovery was regarded as little less than a miracle. Until the close of the war he was under treatment in the military hospital at Goldsboro, North Carolina, when he was sent to Washington in time to participate in the grand review with his regiment. Mr. Leech was mustered out in that city.

Mr. Leech returned to the old home, and took

charge of the farming operations, caring for his aged parents as long as they lived. He was married Dec. 13, 1866, to Miss Rachel Davis, of Paradise township, a daughter of Walter and Rachel (Ferree) Davis. She was born in Sadsbury township, near Gap, Dec. 1, 1839, and was educated in the Bart schools. Her father, who was born in Ireland, came to this country when a young man, and married Miss Rachel Ferree, the daughter of Phillip and Elizabeth (Slaymaker) Ferree. These families may be traced back to the early days of the country. Walter Davis settled in Paradise township, where he spent the greater part of his life in farming. In his later years he moved to Bart township, where he resided at the time of his death in 1853. His widow lived until June, 1886. Five of their children are still living. Mrs. Leech is a descendant of one of the first white families to reach Lancaster county. Mrs. Mary Ferree was a widow who came from France with her children in 1704, and is supposed to have been the first white woman that settled in Paradise township. Of the children of the Davis family still living, Elizabeth is Mrs. Jacob Rife, of Bart township; Sarah Davis married William Hamer of Bart township, and removed to Harrisburg; Joseph F. Davis is now a resident of Paradise township; Rachel is Mrs. Leech; Susannah Davis is the wife of Daniel Sheesley, of Harrisburg, and has a family of five children.

After the marriage of John F. Leech he became the possessor of the old Leech homestead, where he and his wife have lived to the present time. They have a family of six children.

(1) Amy, born in Bart township, in January, 1868, was educated in the local schools, and graduated from the Millersville State Normal School. For eleven years she has been a successful teacher in the Lancaster county public schools.

(2) Ella, born in July, 1869, married Frank Trout, of Bart township. They now live in West Virginia, where he is engaged in business as a merchant. They have two children, Marian and William Ferree.

(3) William Ferree, born in April, 1872, became a machinist, and is now employed in the oil fields of California. (4) Jacob H. Leech died when nineteen years of age. He was born in 1874.

(5) Anna M., born in 1876, was educated in the home schools, and later was a student in the Philadelphia Shorthand University where she became adept in shorthand and type-writing. She has spent sometime as shorthand writer in different offices of Philadelphia.

(6) John M., born in 1879, was reared at home, and became a clerk in the Nickel Mines store for some time. Later he was a shipping clerk in Lancaster, and is now carrying on a store of his own at Buyerstown. He is unmarried.

Mr. and Mrs. Leech are members of the Methodist Church of Georgetown. In politics he has always been a Republican, and for seventeen years has been school director in Bart township. He was ap-

pointed by the Government to look after the interests of indigent soldiers in this district. Mr. Leech is regarded as a man of sterling worth and genuine character, and enjoys a host of friends.

JOHN A. BURGER has for many years been known as one of the most prominent contracting builders, not only in Lancaster and vicinity, but throughout the State. Although not actively engaged in business now, as in previous years, he is still interested in building as the head of the firm of J. A. Burger & son.

Mr. Burger is a native of Allendorf, Prussia, born Dec. 20, 1828. His father, Philip Adam Burger, whose birth occurred in the same province, was a farmer, and followed that occupation till called to his reward. He married Elizabeth Seelbach, who was born in the same locality, and to their union came five children. John A. Burger, the only member of the family now living, was reared in his native land, where he received a good education. At the age of thirteen and a half years he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he served two and a half years, and later worked as a journeyman carpenter. He contrived to escape the military draft. For a year he was employed in Dusseldorf, on the Rhine, and in the spring of 1849 he embarked on a sailing vessel, leaving Bremen Feb. 24th, and landing in New York City on the 1st of May. For about three weeks he worked in the metropolis, and then came to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaged to work with B. B. Martin, in Millersville. In 1852 he became a contractor and builder, and for eighteen years was engaged in erecting barns and residences for the settlers of Manor township. He put up the largest barn in the county, a two-story building, 90x120 feet in size, on the farm belonging to Christian B. Herr. In 1869 Mr. Burger came to settle permanently in the city of Lancaster, and soon became recognized as the most prominent builder and contractor in the city. Among other buildings which he has erected in Lancaster are two of the largest school-houses, and six other school buildings; and four market houses, situated in the eastern, western, southern and central parts of the town, respectively. Two churches, and many ware-houses, store and office buildings, show marks of his handiwork. He erected the Trust Company's building and the People's Bank, both of which are as fine structures of their kind as are to be found in the State; and he also built a number of the residences of the leading citizens, among them those of the late John Keller, John D. Skiles, B. B. Martin, B. F. Fshleman, William D. Sprecher, D. P. Locher and George D. Sprecher. He also built the "Stevens House." Between the fall of 1875 and the following year Mr. Burger erected fifteen buildings for the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, besides which he put up the large Opera House on Broad street, Affenbach's garden and the dwelling of



John Adam Burger

Mr. Lockard, superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad. During that summer he had in his employ about five hundred men, and the superintendence of so many buildings in course of construction at the same time told severely on his health. He has since taken life more moderately, and has not engaged in works of such magnitude and importance. He built the place known as Burger's Block, in which he still owns five buildings, and also other property in different parts of the city. In 1889 Mr. Burger's son, Adam N., became a partner in the business. They have built an industrial school in Port Deposit; the Thome Institute; the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Scotland, Franklin Co., Pa.; the new Chester County Insane Asylum; and, during 1901, erected large buildings in Harrisburg and Coatesville.

In 1852 Mr. Burger was married, in Millersville, to Miss Elizabeth Neff, who was born in Baden, Germany, daughter of Christof Neff, who died in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Burger had five children, of whom two are still living: Adam N. and Frances E. The former was educated in the State Normal School at Millersville, and at Franklin and Marshall College, where he was a student for two years. His marriage to Miss Anna C. Miller has been blessed by the birth of two sons, Robert and Charles. Frances E. was married Jan. 2, 1900, to Dr. Milton Ursinus Gerhard, of Lancaster. Mrs. Burger passed to her reward June 1, 1893.

In religious connection Mr. Burger is an active member of the First Reformed Church. Politically he is a Republican. He has been a director in the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Co. for a number of years.

MILTON URSINUS GERHARD, M. D., who married Frances E., only daughter of John A. Burger, was born in Bucks county, Pa., where his father, the late Rev. W. T. Gerhard, was then stationed. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster and Franklin and Marshall College, from which he was graduated in 1871. After teaching four years (two of them in Lancaster) he read medicine with the late Dr. John L. Atlee, Sr., he being that distinguished surgeon's last student. He was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1877. After acting as assistant in a private sanitarium at Canandaigua, N. Y., for three years, Dr. Gerhard became first assistant in the State Insane Asylum, at Harrisburg, remaining there ten years and then removing to Lancaster, where he permanently located in January, 1900. He makes a specialty of the treatment of nervous diseases and inebriety, in which he has had much experience, and in the relief of which he has been far more than ordinarily successful.

Dr. Gerhard and his wife make their home with Mr. Burger, at No. 43 South Prince street. Mrs. Gerhard has for some years taken her mother's place as the head of the home, which, as the wife of Dr. Gerhard, she still gladdens.

JOHN MECK. The pioneer of the Meck family, in Lancaster county, Pa., was Nicholas Meck, who left his home in the village of Beyrland, Germany, far back in 1755 and sought a new home among the fertile lands of the State of Pennsylvania, locating in Lancaster county, where he found the Lefever family already settled. Of them he purchased 103 acres of meadow and timber land and this property has been cultivated and improved for five succeeding generations and kept jealously in the hands of the family.

Nicholas Meck was the great-grandfather of the present representatives of the name, and followed farming through a long life. His son, Philip Meck, came into possession of the homestead, and added to the family property, at the time of his decease owning three of the best farms in the county, two of them situated in West Lampeter, and one near Petersburg. His standing was high in the Lutheran Church, and he had the respect of his fellow-citizens. He married Catherine Ament, and they reared a family of four children: John; Jacob, a farmer, who died at the age of fifty; George, the father of the present bearer of the name, a farmer, who lived to be eighty-eight years old; and Catherine, who married Jacob Lefever, of West Lampeter, and lived to be almost eighty years.

Grandfather Philip Meck was a soldier of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war and suffered all the deprivations and trials incident to those stormy times, bearing himself gallantly all through the struggle. His son George, was born and reared in West Lampeter, and lived an honest, industrious life, the last twenty years of it in retirement. In his younger days he cut a great deal of wood and engaged in the manufacture and sale of wooden pipes for the conduct of water, these being much used in various ways on farms. His farming operations brought him ample returns, and at his death he was regarded as one of the township's most substantial men. A consistent member of the Lutheran Church for many years, he became attracted late in life to the pious and simple observances of the Mennonite Church.

George Meck married Martha Nuding, born in Germany, who came to this country with her father, John Nuding, and lived to the age of seventy-five years, becoming the good and devoted mother of nine children: Catherine, deceased, who married (first) Amos K. Raub, and (second) Frederick Neff; Mary, now a widow, who married John Furry, and moved to Ohio; Martha, married to Josiah Swinehardt, of Wayne county, Ohio; George, deceased; Philip, a resident of Lampeter; John, a resident of West Lampeter township; David, a farmer, who died at the age of sixty-one; Susan, the widow of Samuel Wycker, a resident of Bart township, and Lydia, the widow of Jacob Burkholder, of West Lampeter.

John Meck was born on the old homestead, Aug.

9, 1831, and grew up a farmer boy, receiving his education in the public schools of his district. At the age of twenty-two he decided to engage in farming operations for himself; and in 1860 he married Maria Houser, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Brackbill) Houser, and then located on the farm which they so long occupied, this being pleasantly situated in West Lampeter township, four miles south-east of Lancaster City, and consisting of sixty-nine acres, where he successfully followed farming until the time of his death. Two sets of buildings are upon this place, one of these, the more modern, having been erected in 1885, by Mr. Meck.

Three children were born to John Meck and his worthy wife: George H., who is a farmer on his father's place, is married to Amanda Doner, and has four children, Ralph, Stella, Earl, and Paul; Jacob A., a farmer of East Lampeter, who married Mary Roher, and has three children, Edna, Ada and Roher; and Lydia E., living with her mother.

On March 25, 1901, John Meck passed away, at the age of sixty-eight years, and his influence, always in the direction of temperance, education and morality, is much missed in the community. He and his wife were both exemplary members of the Old Mennonite Church. Since his death his widow and her daughter have lived in the village of Lampeter.

MARTIN MILLER, for many years a prominent farmer citizen of Lititz, Lancaster county, where he was living retired at the time of his death, was born Aug. 20, 1823, on the home farm in Manheim township, and was educated in the district school.

John Miller, father of Martin, was born Jan. 16, 1797, and died Nov. 4, 1883. By his marriage in 1822 with Charlotte, daughter of John Weidler, of Manheim township, he became the father of the following named children: Martin; Mary Ann, widow of Jonas B. Nolt, residing on North Duke street, Lancaster; Andrew, who died in early childhood; Susan, who also died when a child; and Lavinia, wife of Aaron H. Summy, of Lancaster. The mother of these children died in February, 1882.

Martin Miller assisted on the home farm until he was twenty-three years old, then married, and two years later purchased a farm of 160 acres about one mile northwest of Lititz, which he made into a model place. He resided upon it until 1868, when he turned it over to his son, and retired to pass the remainder of his years in ease and comfort at Lititz.

Mr. Miller was four times married. His first wife, whom he wedded in 1846, was Miss Catherine Johnston, a daughter of Benjamin Johnston; she was born near Lancaster City, and died in 1868, at the age of forty-four years, leaving one child, Johnston Miller; he became one of the leading farmers in Warwick township, though later he removed to Lititz and followed the insurance business. He

married Miss Emma Minnich, and became the father of three children, John M., Bessie and Emma. He died in 1891.

The second marriage of Mr. Miller took place in 1874, to Mrs. Ann (Wallace) Wise, widow of Christian Wise. She died in 1879, and in 1884, Mr. Miller chose for his third wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Shirk, widow of Isaac Shirk. Mrs. Elizabeth Miller passed away in 1896, and in the fall of 1897, Mr. Miller contracted his fourth marriage with Mrs. Elizabeth Minnich, widow of John Minnich, and daughter of James and Ellanor (Leslie) Stillwell. They lived in quiet contentment in Lititz, where his death took place Aug. 28, 1901. He was a member of the German Baptist Church, as is also his widow.

Mr. Miller was a stockholder in the Lancaster County Bank, and in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, as well as in the Lancaster Trust Company, the Lancaster Electric Light Company, the Lititz National Bank, and the Ephrata & Lancaster Turnpike Company. He never failed to invest his means in any enterprise that gave promise to increase the benefits and prosperity of his township and county. In politics he was a Republican from the time the party was founded.

HOFFER. With the best development of Mt. Joy township the name of Hoffer has ever been connected; Lancaster and adjoining counties have had more than one occasion to be grateful to some representative of the family bearing that honored name.

Matthias Hoffer, from whom the Hoffers in this country are descended, was born in Klein Heunigen, Canton Basle, Switzerland, Aug. 24, 1718 (old style), and immigrated to America, landing at Philadelphia, Sept. 2, 1743. He married Maria Wohlweider, daughter of a farmer, and settled near Manheim. The wife died Jan. 25, 1778, leaving six sons and six daughters. Mr. Hoffer subsequently married a second wife, who bore him five sons and one daughter.

John Hoffer, fifth son of Matthias, married Barbara Long, and resided in Londonderry, now Conewago township, Dauphin county, where he died Dec. 4, 1837. He was the father of eight children, six sons and two daughters, of whom Samuel, George, John and Joshua, all settled in this locality and reared families. Their descendants are still living in this and adjoining counties.

John (2), fourth son of John, married Mary Reider, and resided in Conewago township, Dauphin county, where he died May 21, 1866. He had three children: Isaac, of Lebanon; Jacob R., of Mt. Joy; and Mary, widow of Rev. William Hertzer, residing in Elizabethtown. Isaac was the first mayor of Lebanon, Pa. He died Feb. 18, 1893, leaving three sons, Amos (since deceased), John and Allen, and one daughter, Mrs. George S. Bowman.

JACOB R. HOFFER was born on a farm in Dau-

phin county June 23, 1823. District schools in those days afforded but meagre opportunities for acquiring an education, but young Hoffer took every advantage of such as they were. He also attended Brown's School at Mt. Joy, and later James' Academy in Philadelphia. His early ambition turned toward the printer's trade, but circumstances compelled him to pass his young manhood on his father's farm. His uncle, Squire Samuel Hoffer, of Conewago township, Dauphin county, was a man of considerable learning and high reputation, who had established himself as a surveyor and scrivener; and having taken a fancy to his nephew Jacob, Squire Hoffer gave him a thorough understanding of the intricacies of his profession. This Mr. Hoffer continued to follow until 1864, when ill health compelled him to abandon a work that required such great physical endurance; he conducted a notion store to the time of his death, and also, true to his early predilection, he turned to the printing office, in 1864 becoming proprietor of the *Mt. Joy Herald*, which had been established by Mr. F. H. Stauffer in 1854. Although not a practical printer, Mr. Hoffer soon gained a thorough knowledge of the details of the business, and during his career as editor and proprietor of the *Herald* he greatly advanced the standard of journalism in his locality. He was broad and liberal in his views, and gave to the public a paper clean and wholesome; conservative in his expressions, he was a wise moulder of public opinion, and the farmers and business men all held him and his paper in high esteem. Since his death, his sons, John E. Hoffer and Uriah E. Hoffer, are conducting the paper for the estate.

Jacob R. Hoffer was united in marriage with Martha Engle. His death occurred April 15, 1892, and of his children two sons and five daughters survive: John E., Uriah E., Mary E., Rebecca and Hannah, all of Mt. Joy; Helen, of Philadelphia; and Annie A., wife of Dr. C. G. Gabel, of Lancaster.

HENRY S. RUTTER, a retired farmer and tobacco packer, is a director of the Gap National Bank, and has his home in Intercourse, Pa. He was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Oct. 15, 1836, and is a son of Eli and Elizabeth (Skyles) Rutter.

Eli and Elizabeth Rutter were married Oct. 25, 1832. They were of Leacock and Salisbury townships, respectively. Mr. Rutter operated a hotel in Leacock township, and was a farmer four years in Williamstown, where later he was a merchant for some fifteen years. At the expiration of that period he retired. He was born Sept. 17, 1806, and died Dec. 30, 1878; Mrs. Elizabeth Rutter was born Feb. 26, 1805, and died Aug. 21, 1884; both were buried in the cemetery of Christ Church at Intercourse, Pa. Mrs. Rutter was a member of Christ Church. To them came the following family: Harriet A., born May 20, 1834, who is the widow of John Hess, a farmer, and lives at Gap, Pa.; Henry S.; Hannah

E., born May 4, 1839, living at Intercourse, the widow of George Diller, at one time a hotel man and a drover; Jacob R., born Nov. 14, 1842, who married Maggie P. Lincoln, and is a farmer at Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Rutter were Jacob and Hannah (Trout) Rutter, and they were married Jan. 21, 1800. They were farming people, and also kept a hotel in Intercourse many years. Jacob Rutter was born April 24, 1769, and died April 10, 1845, while his wife was born Aug. 6, 1779, and died Oct. 9, 1860; both were buried in the Cemetery of Christ Church at Intercourse. They had the following family: Elizabeth, born Oct. 22, 1800, married to George Rutter; Mary, born May 25, 1802; Uriah, married to Eliza Baker; Eli, who died Dec. 30, 1878, in the seventy-third year of his age; Anna L., who died Feb. 14, 1865, in her fifty-sixth year, unmarried; Sarah, who died Oct. 29, 1883, at the age of seventy-one years, nine months and twelve days, the wife of John Miller; Rachel, born Sept. 24, 1816, married to John Varnes; Hannah V., who married Harvey Varnes, of Washington, D. C., and is now dead.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Rutter were Henry and Rebecca (Dunlap) Skyles, of Salisbury township, where he was engaged in business, both as a farmer and a potter.

Henry S. Rutter was married March 7, 1865, in Williamstown, Pa., to Miss Sarah E. Eckert, by whom he has had the following family: Blanch, who died at the age of eight years; Laura J., an invalid, at home unmarried; Hannah, who married Adam Diller, a farmer and a drover at Intercourse, Pa., and who is the mother of four children; Elizabeth, who married Tobias Leaman, of Gordonville, Pa., and is the mother of one child; Sarah, married to Harry Weiler, a clerk in a store in White Horse, Pa.; Harry E., a merchant at New Holland, unmarried; Jacob P., a hardware clerk, living at home; Etta E., at home; Chauncey E., a druggist in Lancaster, Pa.; Howard L., at home.

Mrs. Sarah E. Rutter was born in Leacock township in 1842, and is a daughter of Jacob K. and Hannah (Varnes) Eckert. Mr. Eckert was a farmer, and died in 1863, at the age of sixty-four; his widow died in 1870, at the age of sixty-nine years; both were buried in the Rolands Cemetery in Earl township. They were the parents of the following family: Rev. John V., a Lutheran preacher, who died in 1898; George, living retired in Lancaster; Susannah, married to Jeremiah Selldomridge, a retired farmer of Leacock township; Lewis, now of Philadelphia; Henry, deceased; Mary A., late wife of Robert Hoar; Sarah E.; Jemimah, the widow of Henry Harsh, living in Lancaster; Evaline, deceased wife of Josiah Zook; Rebecca, married to Moses Hess, of Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

Henry S. Rutter remained on the paternal homestead until he was eighteen years old, when he

went to White Horse, Pa., and was employed two years as a clerk by William Bunn; then he went to Williamstown, Pa., where he was engaged with Harry Worst two years in the mercantile business. At the expiration of that time, in company with his father, he bought out Mr. Worst, and operated the stand until 1865. That year his brother Jacob bought his father out, and the two were in partnership until 1871. That year Jacob retired from the firm, and Mr. Rutter was alone in the business for some two years, when he sold the store to Harry Brackbill. Moving to Leacock township, he bought a farm, where he remained until 1880, and in that year came to Intercourse and began business as a tobacco packer. At present Mr. Rutter has retired from both farming and the tobacco packing industries and is enjoying in his latter years a well-earned rest.

Mr. Rutter belongs to the Knights Templars; in politics is a Democrat, and holds a prominent position in the community. His personal qualities have won him friends, while his business abilities have made him wealthy.

ABRAHAM HAINES POWDEN, Esq., of No. 49 North Duke street, is one of the most promising young members of the Lancaster Bar, and is a striking illustration of what the American youth can accomplish even in the face of most adverse circumstances. He was born July 24, 1876, at Altoona, Pa., son of A. H. Powden and Margaret Young. His father was employed at the Pennsylvania Railroad shops at Altoona, and died there three months before his son's birth; his mother dying when her boy was only sixteen months old, the young orphan was brought to Lancaster by his grandfather, Isaac B. Powden, who is a wholesale dealer in cigars and at this time is still traveling about on business of his house, though over eighty-four years of age. His grandmother was Elizabeth Haines. He was kept by his paternal grandparents until he was four years of age, at which time, upon the death of his grandmother, he was placed in the care of a paternal uncle with whom he had his home until he was eight years of age, and at whose instance he was sentenced to the House of Refuge at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Poor, and almost friendless, young Powden was presented on the day of his sentence to the House of Refuge, with a silver dollar, by a gentleman of Lancaster, and encouraged by that kind act, he resolved to secure an education and become a lawyer. How bravely and successfully he clung to that resolution and purpose is now a matter of record. The silver dollar is carried by him to-day, and is treasured above all his other possessions, bearing an inscription from whom the coin came, to whom it was given, and under what circumstances.

Through the efforts of his new benefactor and other friends who took up his cause, he was

released from the House of Refuge at the end of three weeks, and placed in the Children's Home at Lancaster, Pa., where he remained until ten years of age, at which time he went to live with Samuel O. Frantz, at Rohrerstown, where he worked on the farm during the summer and attended school in the winter, and remaining with this kind-hearted family until he was sixteen years of age. Striking out for himself at that age he secured a position in a general merchandise store at Mechanics Grove, where he remained one year, and then returned to Lancaster as a clerk for Ezra F. Bowman & Co., wholesale jewelers, with whom he spent four years. Clerking during the day, he pursued special studies by night, giving much attention to Latin, under the tutorship of a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College.

Upon the financial failure of the firm of Ezra F. Bowman & Co., young Powden entered the law office of C. Reese Eaby, Esq., and after faithful study passed his preliminary examination, Dec. 16, 1897, and was admitted to practice Sept. 15, 1900. He also holds a commission of Notary Public, and is a member of the Superior and Supreme Courts of this state.

Mr. Powden is a member of the First Presbyterian church of Lancaster, and also a trustee of White Cross Commandery No. 159, Ancient and Illustrious Order of Knights of Malta. In politics he is a staunch Republican and very active.

No man of his years has worked more industriously or systematically than this bright and progressive young member of the legal profession. Mr. Powden is a man of genial and courteous address, honest and upright as the day is long, and has won a host of friends, who justly prize his manly qualities and genuine work.

DAVID L. MILLER. Through its numerous descendants and by marriage and inter-marriage with leading families, the Miller name is well known all over Lancaster county. A worthy representative of this family, who resides in affluence in Mt. Joy, retired from active business life, is David L. Miller, a highly esteemed citizen, and one who for the past ten years has been a director of the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy.

Mr. Miller was born in Conoy township, July 16, 1834, a son of David and Anna (Longenecker) Miller, the former of whom was well known in the county and township, acting many years in the capacity of school director. He died in 1887, at the age of eighty-two, after several years of retirement; his widow survived until 1894, and both were buried in Donegal township, old and prominent members of the Mennonite Church.

The children of David and Anna Miller were: Elizabeth, who married Abraham Martin, a farmer of Conoy township; Fanny, who married Henry Metzgar, of Dauphin county; Anna, unmarried, a resident of Conoy township; Christian, a retired farmer of



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Conoy township; David L.; John, who died young; Henry, a retired farmer of West Donegal township; Barbara, who married John Erb, a farmer of Dauphin county; Mary, who married Andrew Stoner, a farmer of Conoy township; Leah, who married Jacob Erb, a farmer in Kansas; Abraham, a farmer of West Donegal township; Martin, a farmer of Conoy township; Samuel, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; and Mattie, deceased, who married Amos Zimmerman. The paternal grandparents were Ernest and Elizabeth Miller, of Ephrata, and the maternal grandparents were Christian and Fanny (Breneman) Longenecker, of Lancaster county, all of these being old and leading families of the greatest financial stability, and of honorable standing in their several communities.

One of a large and happy family, David L. Miller grew up in his comfortable farm-house home, surrounded by the good influences which a pious father and mother brought into the household. His education was acquired in the public schools, and until he was twenty-two years old he remained under the parental roof. For some years he then operated a rented farm, but later, at the time of his second marriage, purchased a farm in Rapho township, and there became a prominent farmer and a leading factor in township affairs, for three years giving his services as school director and doing much for the encouragement of education.

The first marriage of Mr. Miller was in 1858, in Lancaster, to Fanny Garber, a daughter of John and Catherine (Seachrist) Garber. Mrs. Miller was born in West Donegal township, where she lies buried, having died on March 1, 1861, at the age of twenty-three. Her children were: John, who married Fanny Heaston, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; and Fanny, who died young. The second marriage of Mr. Miller was in 1863, to Leah Nissley, and to this union has been born this family: Anna, who resides with her parents; Barbara, who married Amos Stauffer, a miller of East Donegal township; Mary, who married Harry Miller, of Mt. Joy; Milton, who resides on the old farm, in Rapho township; and Elizabeth, who married F. B. F. Hoffer, a hardware merchant in Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Leah (Nissley) Miller was born in East Donegal township, Aug. 30, 1835, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Krider) Nissley, the former of whom was a well-known preacher in the Mennonite Church, and also a farmer. His birth occurred July 22, 1802, and his death in 1893, after a long life full of good deeds. The beloved mother had preceded him many years before, her death taking place in 1851. Both were buried in the cemetery of the Donegal Mennonite Church, where he had ministered for forty years.

The children born to Rev. Peter and Catherine Nissley were: Mary, who married Rev. Solomon Swartz, a U. B. minister in Dauphin county; Esther, who died at the age of twenty-one; John K., de-

ceased; Leah, who is the only survivor of her family; Christiann, who died unmarried; Barbara, who married C. F. Hostetter; Catherine, who died when but seventeen; and Annie, who died at the age of two.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller was Rev. Christian Nissley, of Donegal township, where he was for many years a Mennonite minister of prominence. He married a Miss Graybill and they had three sons, John, who became a deacon in the Mennonite Church; Hon. Jacob, a farmer, who also became an Assemblyman from this county; and Peter, the father of Mrs. Miller. On the maternal side the grandfather also was a minister, the Rev. John Krider, who married a member of the Denlinger family, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Miller is a staunch Republican, and is one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church, with which the family has so long been prominently connected.

CHARLES RYNEAR, now a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Upper Dublin, Montgomery county, Nov. 10, 1822, a son of William and Sarah (Spencer) Rynear, both of whom were born in Montgomery county, where they were married. For some years they lived in what was known as the Indian Settlement, near Rochester, N. Y., and then moved to Oxford, Chester county, to engage in a hotel business for several years. The last few months of his life, William Rynear spent at Dry Wells, in Eden township, Lancaster county. After his death, his widow with her four children moved to the "Old Trap Tavern" on the Newport road in Bart township. She later became the wife of Frederick Rogers, and made her home at Georgetown. There she died, leaving one daughter, by her second husband, Catherine, now the wife of Arthur Stewart, of Georgetown.

Charles Rynear is the oldest child born to his parents. Elizabeth, the oldest daughter, was born in New York. She married Peter Ibaugh, a machinist, who died several years ago. She lives in Christiana and has five children: Sarah, Spencer, George, Bruce and Louis. The second daughter, Harriett, married Isaac N. Lewis; both have passed away, Mr. Lewis on July 20, 1891, and his wife May 11, 1896. They had three children, Ellen and Jenette, deceased, and William E., of Harrisburg. The fourth child of William Rynear was Jonathan Rynear, who was born in Montgomery county, and became a soldier in the Civil war. He enlisted in a company formed in Juniata county, and made a good record, both as a gallant soldier, and a loyal and devoted citizen. After the war he married in Juniata county, where he still resides. They have three children; Sarah, Edwin and Charles.

Charles Rynear was reared to manhood in Lancaster county, and given a somewhat limited education. After the death of his father much of the care of his younger brother and sisters fell on him. Mr.

Rynear was married in January, 1849, to Rachel M., the daughter of Henry and Eliza A. (Swisher) Keylor, one of the prominent families of Bart township.

Henry Keylor was born in Germany in 1792, and his wife in Colerain township, in September, 1809. She was a daughter of John and Rachel (Woodrow) Swisher, who had their home in Colerain township, and came of Swiss parentage. Henry Keylor was married in 1827, and established his home on a farm in Bart township, where he lived until a few years before his death. He bought a home at Nine Points, where he died in 1875. His widow passed to her rest in 1891.

To Henry Keylor and his wife were born five children. (1) Rachel, who is Mrs. Rynear, was born in May, 1828, and was given a very fair education in the public schools of the day. (2) Martha E., born in 1830, the widow of Joseph Clark, lives in Chester county, near her four children, Henry, Harland, Jennie and Walter, Oscar and Samuel C. having died. (3) Elizabeth J., born in Bart township in December, 1832, is the widow of Robert A. Ferguson, and still lives at Nine Points with her two daughters, Nora and Ellen; Ellen is the wife of Samuel McComsey of Philadelphia. (4) John J., born in 1834, married Jane McClure, and has a home in Mechanicsburg. They have three children, Dr. Walter M., Lillie E. and William J. (5) Jacob K., born in 1837, married Rebecca Rutter, of Bart township, where they live on their farm. They have five children, Howard, Maggie J., Ella, Adam and Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Rynear settled at their present home in 1849; on this place he has made extensive improvements, clearing over a hundred acres, erecting a good set of farm buildings, and developing one of the choice country homes of Bart township. To them have come two children.

William B. Rynear, who was born in 1851, married Anna M. Keylor, a daughter of Milton Keylor, of Colerain township. They reside in that township on their fine farm, with their two children: Rebecca A., and Spencer C.; Rebecca A. is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Normal School at Millersville and is now teaching.

Margaret J. Rynear, the daughter, was born in 1854, and is the wife of William Hollis, a prosperous farmer of Bart township.

Mr. Rynear is associated with the Friends. He is a Democrat, and has held the position of school director for fifteen years, also serving one term as supervisor of Bart township. Mr. and Mrs. Rynear have lived to see Bart township grow from almost a wilderness to its present rich and prosperous condition, and their industrious and useful lives have contributed much to the welfare of the community.

ABRAM KLINE has for many years been one of the most prominent residents of Lancaster county, his active connection with numerous enterprises of interest and benefit to that section early bringing him into favorable notice, and he has throughout

life sustained the highest reputation for honor and integrity in every association. No citizen of Manheim has shown a more progressive spirit, or more enterprise in undertaking and carrying on to completion whatever he thinks will promote the welfare of the town; and he is equally interested in the well being and prosperity of his friends and neighbors, a fact which accounts for the confidence displayed by them in intrusting him with public affairs.

Mr. Kline is a native of Lancaster county, born June 17, 1828, near Silver Spring, in East Hempfield township, where his father, Jacob Kline, was also born. Jacob Kline spent his early life in his native township, and at the time of his death was a resident of Schoeneck, this county. He was first engaged as a stone mason, later as a farmer, and acquired a comfortable competence. In religion he was a devout member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Kline married Miss Susan Hiestand, who, like himself, was of German descent. She was the third in order of birth of the large family of John Hiestand. The later was an extensive land owner near Landisville, and one of the first distillers of his region.

Abram Kline passed his early years on the farm, remaining on the old homestead until he was fifteen years of age. His education was received in the local schools. He learned carpentering and cabinet-making, serving first with G. W. Peters, of Columbia, this county, and completing his apprenticeship, which covered a period of four years, with Rabe & Leib, in Philadelphia. On his return to Lancaster county, he was engaged at his trade by John Dyer, of Manheim, continuing this until he determined to try merchandising. Mr. Kline's first experience in this line was with P. & G. Arndt, and he subsequently was sent to Mt. Joy as the representative of Philip Arndt, of P. Arndt, Shaffner & Co., lumber dealers. Returning to Manheim in 1851, he purchased an interest in the business of P. & G. Arndt, and for four years was one of the most prominent business men in the place, finally disposing of his share in the concern to enter other fields in Philadelphia. There he remained over fifteen years, becoming a member of the firm of Stein, Wanner & Co., extensive importers and jobbers of china, glassware and queensware; from this he retired because the multiplicity of demands upon him was affecting his health. During this time he invented an improvement on a glass fruit jar, which brought him \$21,000. In 1871 Mr. Kline returned to Manheim and embarked in the business which has since claimed his attention; his lumber yard has the reputation of being the best equipped along the Reading and Columbia Railway. A gentleman once remarked that it was the best organized yard in the State. The capacity for shedding lumber is half a million feet. The hardware store, located on the corner of Stiegel and South Charlotte streets, has a frontage of twenty-two feet on the latter, and extends to a depth of 100 feet. The store room extends forty feet along

Charlotte street, the front being entirely of glass. A heavy stock, of all kinds of hardware, is carried, and the establishment enjoys a large patronage from Manheim and the surrounding country.

Mr. Kline is the largest real estate owner in Manheim, and he has erected a number of modern houses, all of them a credit to the owner and an improvement to the section of the town in which they are located. Thus Mr. Kline's enterprise has benefited the town, as well as brought him prosperity, for his undertakings have all been on an extensive scale. Though he has been wholly successful in business his reward has been well merited, for no man has carried a higher standing in financial circles. His ability and tact are manifest to all who have had dealings with him. For a number of years past Mr. Kline has been ably assisted by his son, Charles A. who has proved himself capable and energetic in every respect.

As a public-spirited citizen Abram Kline has long been recognized as one of the leaders in the town. His influence has always been on the side of progress, whether promoting new business enterprises or advocating public improvements, and his careful and judicious management of his own affairs inspired confidence in his ability to handle the affairs of the municipality. His alertness and quickness of perception have been evident on more than one occasion, and, being backed by good judgment, his opinion on all subjects is eagerly sought and valued. The part he has taken in borough affairs is well known. When he was burgess the streets were improved by being graded, curbed and macadamized. He is one of the originators and is president of the Manheim Building Association; one of the incorporators and president of the Manheim Fairview Cemetery Association; one of the original subscribers to the Manheim and Lititz turnpike, and likewise to the Manheim and Sporting Hill turnpike; one of the incorporators and directors of the Manheim Fire Insurance Association; president of the Manheim Water Company, an unusually successful enterprise which paid a dividend from the start, and the stock of which is now at a premium. While in Philadelphia Mr. Kline served four years as a member of the city council, representing the thirteenth ward; he was one of the most prominent members in that body, and his value was recognized by his appointment to positions on the committees of Finance, Schools, Water, and the Girard Estate, House of Correction and others. He always manifested a deep interest in the welfare of the city. One of the original Centennial committee, he went to Washington frequently with that body to have the exposition go where it went, New York City at the time having made a lively contest for the great enterprise. He has always been an active Republican in politics since the days of Fremont. In 1883 Mr. Kline thought it best for the party to vote for John Stewart for Governor, and

accordingly took an active interest in that notable campaign.

Shortly after the war broke out Mr. Kline left Philadelphia with a militia company, and served in the command that was stationed at Hagerstown, guarding the government stores during the engagement at Antietam. In 1863 he was again mustered into the United States militia service for ninety days, and was with the command that guarded one of the South Mountain approaches near Funkstown. He is a member of Gen. Heintzelman Post, G. A. R.

In 1852 Mr. Kline was united in marriage with Miss Caroline E. Arndt, daughter of Philip Arndt, of Manheim, and three children blessed this union, namely: Mary E., wife of H. H. Gingrich, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank of Lititz; Ida A., wife of Wayne A. Ensminger; and Charles A. The family residence, in East High street, is one of the finest in the city, and Mr. Kline, who does not now attend so closely to business, passes many pleasant hours there among his books. From youth he has been an earnest member of the Reformed Church, in which he has served many years as elder, and he is one of the most active workers in the Sunday-school, having taught the Bible class for some years. All the religious and benevolent enterprises of the town receive his hearty approval and substantial encouragement. Indeed, there is nothing of interest or good to his fellow men which Mr. Kline does not uphold, and his approval is never passive, invariably manifesting itself in some practical way. He is a warm friend and is beloved by many in the city of his adoption.

REV. HENRY REED SMITH, who was, by marriage, a member of a family which had been very prominent in the Episcopal ministry for nearly a century in and about the eastern part of Pennsylvania, was for ten years pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, at Compassville, Chester county, where he endeared himself to the people by his many noble traits of character, and by the fine ability which he displayed in the pulpit.

Rev. Henry R. Smith was a native of the town of Lancaster, where he was born Nov. 14, 1833. He suffered death while bathing at Beach Haven, N. J., Aug. 21, 1875, he at that time being a resident of Gwynedd, Montgomery county. Rev. Smith was the eldest child of Richard S. and Mary S. (Trissler) Smith, of Lancaster, the former of whom came to Lancaster when a young man, and engaged in the drug business. When the son, Henry, was but one year old the family removed to Philadelphia, where the father continued the drug business. They were members of the Episcopal Church, and were greatly respected. Their children were: Henry R.; William J., a professional nurse now living in Philadelphia; Mary D., who married Rev. Henry C. Pastorius, a Protestant Episcopal minister at Lansford, Pa.; and Sarah and W. Atlee, who died young.

Rev. Henry R. Smith was reared to manhood in the city of Philadelphia, where he was given a thorough education, and where he remained until 1862. He was not trained for the ministry in youth, but for a business career, which he entered early, and was for fifteen years with Horstmann & Sons, large manufacturers and importers. His qualifications and temperament were such, however, that his friends urged him to prepare for the ministry, and he, therefore, took a course in Theology, and was ordained to the ministry of the Episcopal Church. His first charge was St. John's Church, Compassville Chester Co., Pa., where he settled in 1862, and where he remained for the following ten years. Owing to failing health, he then retired from the active duties of the ministry and removed to Gwynedd, Pa., at which place he resided at the time of his death.

On April 24, 1862, Rev. Smith was married to Grace Clarkson, in the Epiphany Church, Philadelphia, just prior to settling in his ministerial work. Their children were Clarkson, born June 2, 1863; Henry R., born March 17, 1865; Emery S., born Dec. 26, 1867; and Isaac Diller, born Aug. 15, 1872. Of these Clarkson and Isaac Diller died in youth; and Henry R. and Emery S., both unmarried are electricians. Mrs. Smith removed to Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., just after the death of her husband, but in 1880 came to Lancaster, her native place, where she enjoys the society of old friends. She was born in Lancaster, a daughter of Gerardus and Susan (Trissler) Clarkson. Gerardus Clarkson was born in Wilmington, Del., while his father Rev. Joseph Clarkson, was minister of the Old Swedes Church, of that city. Mr. Clarkson was for a period of forty years connected with the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster, the latter part of which service was as cashier, and he was a man of fine business ability and held in high repute in the business circles of the city. He retired a few months prior to his decease. Both he and his wife lie buried in St. James Church cemetery, of which church they were leading and prominent members under Rev. William A. Muhlenberg, both of them being remembered as having been especially distinguished for their beautiful voices and which were for long years heard in the choir of St. James Church. Their children were: Joseph, deceased in 1889; Edward, retired and living in Northampton county; Gerardus, deceased in 1867; Robert deceased in 1879; Samuel, deceased in 1894; Mary, widow of Thomas W. Henderson, living near Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa.; Grace (Mrs. H. R. Smith); Susan, residing in Washington, D. C., and the widow of Miles Roch, a renowned scientist and geologist who died in Guatemala City; and Michael, the youngest child, who died in 1890. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Smith were Rev. Joseph and Grace (Cook) Clarkson, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of New Brunswick, N. S. He was one of the early ministers of the Episcopal Church in Lancaster and was ordained by the eminent and scholarly Bishop William A. White on his

return from England. Rev. Joseph was a son of Dr. Gerardus Clarkson, an eminent physician of Philadelphia in his day.

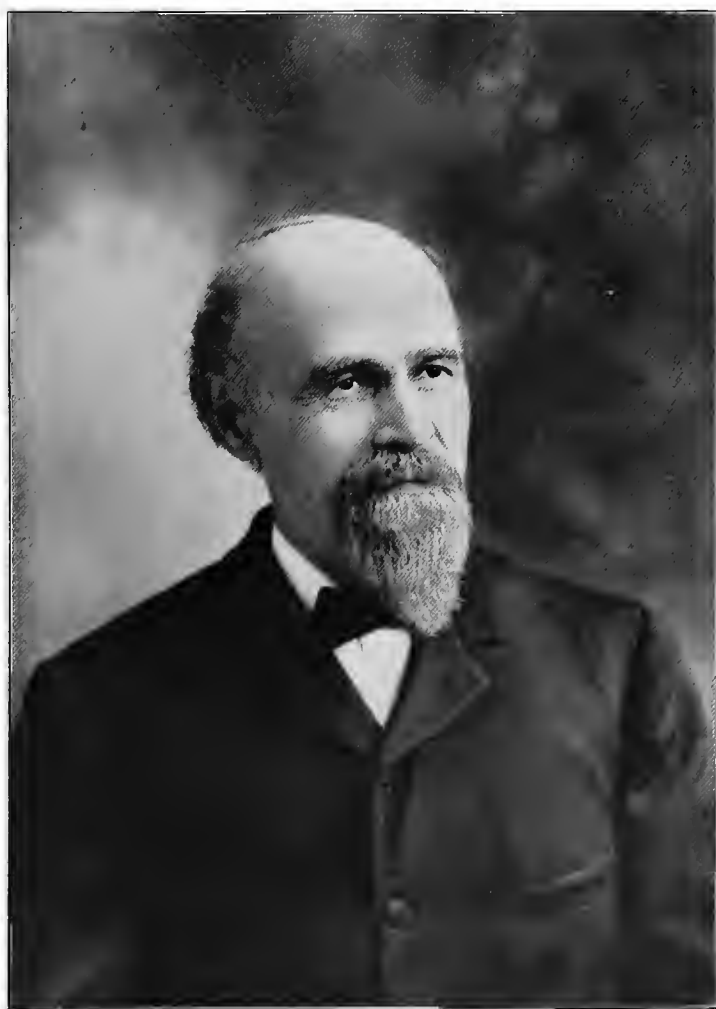
DAVID CHARLES HAVERSTICK, the veteran pressman in the city of Lancaster, and who for many years has been superintendent of the *Examiner* press rooms, is of the fourth generation of Haversticks in Lancaster county.

Col. Michael Haverstick, his great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, and came to America when twenty-three years old, making the voyage in the ship "Europa," Capt. Lunsdaine, from Rotterdam, and landing in Philadelphia Nov. 17, 1741. He came to Lancaster county and was naturalized in 1751. He located on the Conestoga creek, between Wabank and New Danville. He was the father of six sons and four daughters, viz.: William, Jacob, Michael, Rudolph, John, Matthias, Mary Elizabeth, Barbara, Catharine and Ann Mary. In 1775 he was chosen one of the committee of observation of Lancaster county. He served in the army of the Revolution, and rose to the rank of colonel. Himself and family were members of the Reformed Church. He died in 1793, when seventy-five years of age, leaving an estate (as per his will) valued at £7,000. He is buried in one of the private graveyards in the vicinity of his home.

Jacob Haverstick, the grandfather of David C., lived along the Conestoga creek, near Wabank, in this county, and there was born David Haverstick, the father of David Charles. David Haverstick married Sarah Ann Warfel, daughter of a farmer of New Danville, and eight children were born to them, five of whom are yet living: Lydia A., widow of Abraham Lind, of this county; Margaret, wife of George E. Zellers, master mechanic of cotton mills No. 2 and No. 3, Lancaster; David C., of whom we will more particularly write; Edward, a corporal in the 122d P. V. I., who died in the service in 1863; Cyrus, who died in early manhood; Benjamin, a soldier in the United States army, and now stationed in San Francisco; Rolandes, now deceased; and Mary Jane, widow of James Strachan, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

David C. Haverstick was born in 1838, in Strasburg township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of his birthplace. At the age of thirteen years he came to Lancaster city, and in 1854 entered the old *Express* office as an apprentice to the printing business, and soon became an expert pressman. He has been superintendent of the press room of the *Express* (now merged in the *Examiner*) for more than forty years, his only absence from his work being when he was serving nine months as fifth sergeant in the 122d Regiment, P. V. I.

In 1865 Mr. Haverstick was married to Miss Anna St. John, a native of Baltimore, Md., and daughter of Taylor and Rebecca St. John, who came to Lancaster from Connecticut. To this union five



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children were born, as follows: Edward Linnaeus, who died in 1872 in early childhood; Myra St. John, a well known and talented teacher and elocutionist, a graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, who died in 1892; Miss Bertha St. John, living at home; Aimee St. John, wife of Rev. H. S. Shelley, pastor of the Reformed Church at Willowstreet, Lancaster Co., Pa.; and Ernest Warfel, born June 1, 1878, now engaged in the jewelry department of the Hamilton Watch Co., Lancaster.

A Republican in politics, Mr. Haverstick, however, has never taken any active part in political affairs, although frequently urged to do so. Outside of the church he belongs to the Y. M. C. A., the City Bible Society, and the Mechanics' Library Society and G. A. R. He is a member of the St. Paul's Reformed Church, in which he has also been an elder, and secretary of the consistory of same for twenty or more years; and he was superintendent of the Sunday-school for a long time. He has been secretary of the Lancaster City Bible Society some eighteen years, vice-president of the Mechanics' Library Society, and was president of the Lancaster Y. M. C. A. for nine years, during which he did yeoman service in wiping out the debt of the old Association building. In all the walks of life—in social intercourse, in church, in newspaper circles, and among the community at large—no man commands and receives higher esteem than does David Charles Haverstick.

JONAS H. NOLT, a highly respected retired general farmer and tobacco raiser in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, now residing in Columbia, was born on his present farm Jan. 4, 1840, his parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nolt being also natives of this township.

Jacob Nolt was reared as a farmer, and agriculture was the pursuit of his life. He died in West Hempfield township in 1880, when sixty-eight years old, but his wife survived until 1894, when she passed away at the age of seventy-two years, in the faith of the Dunkard Church, the remains of both being interred in Silver Spring Cemetery. Their children were but three in number, and they were born and named in the following order: Jonas H., whose name is mentioned above; Mary, who died unmarried in 1866; and Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township. The Nolt family for generations back, engaged in farming, and the present generation on both sides is no exception to the rule.

Jonas H. Nolt was united in marriage, in Lancaster, in 1866, with Miss Elizabeth Heise, a native of West Hempfield township, and a daughter of Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise; of whom more may be learned by referring to the sketch of B. Frank Heise, her brother, to be found elsewhere. This happy marriage of Jonas H. and Elizabeth Nolt has been blessed with four children, two of whom, however, died in infancy; Paris was called away at the early age of ten years; and Harvey, born Sept. 7, 1872, now making his home under the

parental roof-tree, was married June 18, 1901, to Mary A. Grove, who was born near Mountville, in West Hempfield township, July 1, 1878, daughter of Abraham H. and Fannie (Garber) Grove.

Jonas H. Nolt has always been of domestic, as well as of industrious, habits, and he has ever been content to make his present farm his lifelong abiding place. He has not been neglectful, however, of the affairs of his township, but has been public-spirited and prompt to promote local progress with his time and means when called upon, having served nine years as school director, and having been a director in the Central National Bank of Columbia since its organization. In politics a Republican, he has been ardent in his support of the principles of his party and active in promoting its success at the polls, but he has remained satisfied with the consciousness of having done his part in this quiet way toward bringing about a victorious result, regardless of self or of reward through appointment to public office or other share of "party spoils."

Socially Mr. Nolt enjoys the friendship and respect of the best people in West Hempfield township, and is universally recognized as being honorable and upright in all transactions of a business character. He retired from farm life in the spring of 1902, and now resides in Columbia, leaving his son as his successor.

The Hoffman family, from which Mr. Nolt is descended in maternal lines, has long been well known in the county. His mother, Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nolt, was a daughter of Christ Hoffman, who was born and raised in West Hempfield township. He had a large tract of farming land near Ironville (now the property of the Jacob Hostetter family). He had two brothers, Daniel, of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Mike, who lived on a pretty farm in Stark county, Ohio, and who is survived by one son, Henry. Christ Hoffman married Betsy Haymaker, who bore him twelve children, as follows: Jacob, who died in 1889, aged seventy-seven, leaving children, Jacob, John, Martin and Fanny; John, who lives at Chestnut Hill, on a farm; Christly, who died unmarried; Joseph, who married and died; Fred, who is deceased; Maria; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Nolt; Nancy, Mrs. Whitman, born in 1820, now living near Manheim, the only survivor of the family; Sarah, married and the mother of four sons and three daughters; Mollie, Mrs. Shannon; Bevia, who died at home; and Maria (2).

CHRISTIAN ERISMAN, a retired farmer, whose pleasant and attractive home is at Sporting Hill, Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born on the site of the Erisman's Meeting House, which formed a part of the family homestead in Rapho township, Feb. 2, 1816, a son of Jacob and Mary (Metz) Erisman. His parents were both born and reared in Rapho township, where they passed their lives, and when they died their remains were laid to rest in the cemetery connected with Erisman's

Church. The father served as supervisor one year, and was an honorable and highly respected citizen and member of the community. Both he and his wife belonged to the Mennonite Church, and in that faith they reared their family. Their children were: Maria, who died at the age of thirteen years; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of eighty-three years; Nancy, late wife of Christ. Hershey; Christian; Jacob, who died at the age of sixty-five years; Abraham, who died at the age of seventy-five years; Fanny, the widow of John Baker, who lives in East Hempfield township; Henry, unmarried; Mary, unmarried and living in Salunga, Pa.; John, a farmer on the old homestead in Rapho township.

The paternal grandfather of Christian Erisman was Abraham Erisman; he was a farmer, and spent his life in Lancaster county. The maternal grandparents were Christ. and Mary (Hackman) Metz, farming people of Lancaster county. Christ. Metz was a son of Ludwig Metz, who was born in Germany; coming later to America, in 1771 he built a stone house on a farm in Rapho township, where he spent his last years.

Christian Erisman was married March 17, 1840, in Lancaster, Pa., to Catherine Hostetter, by whom he had the following children: Susan, unmarried, and living with her parents; Elizabeth H., who married Joseph Kraybill, a farmer in Clay township; Metz J., a commission merchant in Philadelphia; Sarah A., who died unmarried; Albert, deceased, who married Lovina Stehman; Mary, who married Benjamin Miller, and lives in Masonville, Pa.; Elenora, who died young; Amelia G., who married Eli Baumberger, of Manheim, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Catherine (Hostetter) Erisman was born in Warwick township, Lancaster county, April 27, 1818, a daughter of the Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Hostetter. Her father was born in Penn township, and her mother in East Hempfield. Both died on the old farm in Penn township, near Manheim. They were members of the Mennonite Church, of which he was a distinguished preacher for more than fifty-eight years, being a bishop of that church for thirty-four years. He died April 6, 1861, at the age of ninety years, seven months, and twenty-three days. His widow survived until 1868, when she too passed away, at the age of ninety-one years, three months and three days. Their remains rest in a private burying ground on their old homestead.

Born to the Rev. Jacob and Elizabeth Hostetter were the following children: John; Mary, who lived to be seventy years old; Anna, the wife of Christ. Wissler; Susan, the wife of John Shaffer; and Martha, the wife of John Stuffer, all five of whom are dead; Barbara, who married Joseph Hershey; Jacob, deceased; Catherine, noted above; Fanny, the late wife of David Hershey; David, deceased.

Christian Erisman remained with his parents

until his marriage, when he located for himself in Rapho township, where he carried on the buying and selling of stock in connection with his farming operations until 1882. That year he retired, and is now enjoying the fruits of an industrious and well-spent life. He removed his home to Sporting Hill, where he has formed many pleasant associations, and is passing his last days in the serene enjoyment of the privileges and pleasures that should attend a well ripened life. At one time he was supervisor, and for six years acted as school director. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and his life is honest and open to all the world. Politically he is a Republican, and is exceedingly well informed on all the current issues of the day.

JOHN CONRAD, the genial and popular proprietor of the Union Hotel, is one of the well-known and highly regarded citizens of Providence township. He was born Oct. 9, 1833, in Pequea township, son of Daniel and Mary (Erisman) Conrad.

Daniel Conrad was born in 1791, and came to America from Germany. He followed the blacksmith business through life and died in 1857. In his political convictions he was a staunch Democrat. His religious connection was with the German Reformed Church. He married Mary Erisman, who was born in 1798 and died Dec. 30, 1883, and they had a family of eleven children, as follows: Benjamin, deceased; Jacob, who resides in Refton, Pa.; Susan, who married Benjamin Yordy; Mary, who married Reuben Phautz; Barbara, Daniel and George, all deceased; John; Henry, who resides in New Danville, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Jacob D. Landis; and Martha, who is the widow of John Mohn.

John Conrad grew up on the home farm and attended the common schools of his district. He followed farming until 1865, when he became a member of Co. D, 195th P. V. I., and served as a faithful soldier through the Virginia campaign in the Civil war, being mustered out of the service in 1866. He has long been prominently identified with Democratic politics, and was made the first postmaster of New Danville, in 1857, under President James Buchanan.

On Jan. 14, 1858, Mr. Conrad was married to Miss Mary Brenneman, born Oct. 6, 1837, daughter of Christian and Catherine (McFalls) Brenneman, of Providence township. This family is one of prominence in the county and more extended mention of it will be found in another part of this volume. A family of eleven children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, viz.: Catherine P., born Feb. 14, 1859, who married Simon Gochenaur and has two children, Jenny and Mary; Mary E., born March 24, 1861, who married Jefferson Groff, of Providence township, and has two children, Charles and Walter; Christian F., born May 12, 1862, who died March 20, 1877; Naomi J., born Sept. 30, 1864, the wife of Joseph Long, of Providence township,

and the mother of two children, John and Carrie; John F., born Jan. 3, 1867, who married Anna Engle and had one son, John, now deceased; Susan, born March 9, 1869, who is the wife of Robert Heisler and has a daughter, Clara; Abraham B., born May 25, 1871, a soldier in the Philippine Islands, married to Barbara Seaman, of Nebraska; Maggie B., born Feb. 13, 1873, who married Walter Evans and has five children, Oscar, Augusta, Estella, Mary and Clementine; Emma L., born Jan. 22, 1875, who is the wife of Aldus Book, of Drumore township and has had three children, Lawrence (deceased), Mary and John; Estella, born Dec. 4, 1876, who is the wife of George Lynes, of Drumore township and the mother of two children, Anna Mary and Grace; and Charles W., born Sept. 9, 1878, who married Mazie Reinhart and has had two children, Lawrence W. (deceased) and Dorothy. Jenny Gochenaur, the daughter of Catherine P., married Ira Book and has one child, Bessy, the great-grandchild of our subject.

Although in his early career Mr. Conrad was hampered to some extent by limited means, his energy and industry surmounted adverse circumstances, and he and his capable and estimable wife can now enjoy every comfort in their advancing years. He has been able to rear a large family and give them proper advantages, and he also has accumulated much more than a competency, owns a fine farm in Providence township and a paying hotel in the village of Union. He is known as a man of reliability and is considered one of the most honorable citizens of the township.

AARON WITMER, for forty years a veterinary surgeon of Lancaster county, was one of the old and respected residents of West Lampeter township, where he owned a fine farm of seventy-six acres, this being a part of the estate added by his father to the old homestead.

Aaron Witmer was born April 13, 1832, on the old home land and attended the public schools, but early in life manifested an interest in the proper rearing and care of stock, particularly horses, and, in order to fit himself with sufficient knowledge to make his own animals remain in the best condition, he began the scientific study of the horse. This resulted in an accurate knowledge that was increased and encouraged by a course of two years' reading under Dr. C. N. Shaub, when he was so proficient that he was made a life member of the Veterinary Association at Philadelphia.

Although Aaron Witmer continued to farm, his time soon became so filled with demands for the practice of his profession that he could not confine himself to agricultural pursuits, for all through Lancaster county, and into farther counties, he has been called upon in a professional way. At present his son, who read and studied under his supervision, has succeeded to the profession. There is no doubt but that every stockraiser should have a general

knowledge of the veterinary art, but to master it requires quite as assiduous study as does the science of medicine.

In 1854 Aaron Witmer was married to Mary Herr, a daughter of Abraham Herr, of Pequea township, who was born there Dec. 19, 1831; and to this union three children were born: Frank E., born July 27, 1855, a farmer of West Lampeter township, living on a part of the father's old home, who married Mary Ann Herr, a daughter of Joseph Herr, and had five children, Ida, Jacob, Elmer, Frank and Esther; Abraham H., born June 10, 1857, a farmer, gardener and florist, residing on the adjoining farm, who married Mary A. Bachman, a daughter of Eli Bachman, of Lampeter, and has three sons, Eli, John and George; and J. Elam, born May 25, 1859, a farmer and veterinary surgeon of this township, who married Lizzie Bachman, a daughter of Eli Bachman, and had three children, Ross, Willis and Mary.

Aaron Witmer died Nov. 15, 1900. The family is prominently connected with the Mennonite Church, and all are well known through the township as honorable and esteemed citizens.

ABRAHAM B. SNAVELY (deceased) was during his active years one of the leading farmers of Pequea township, prominent and active in public affairs, and useful in the community as a neighbor, citizen and friend.

Mr. Snavely was born in December, 1823, near Wheatland Mills, Lampeter township, a son of Abraham B. and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Snavely; the father was born in 1787, in what is now Pequea (then Conestoga) township, and the mother in 1789. They were plain, unassuming country people, engaged in farming during the greater part of their lives, and identified with the New or Reformed Mennonite Church, in which faith they reared their children. The father was a minister in that denomination. They were married in 1809, and the union was blessed with children as follows: Annie, Mrs. Weaver; Benjamin, who also married; Abraham B., who is referred to more fully farther on; Martha, unmarried, and now deceased; and Fannie, who married. The father of this family died in 1866, and the mother passed away the previous year.

Abraham B. Snavely was reared on his father's farm, passing his youth until he was twenty years of age alternately between work on the farm and attendance in winter at the neighborhood district school; under the direction of his father he became thoroughly acquainted with general farming operations. He remained at home until 1866, in which year he became the owner of the farm in Pequea township, upon which he lived for the next twenty-six or seven years, until his removal to New Danville, in 1893. Upon that farm were achieved the triumphs and successes of his life, and it was the scene of his toils and labors, his joys and his sorrows, in all of which his faithful helpmeet shared. That farm, the old homestead, is a fine property,

very desirable in many respects; upon it are good and substantial buildings and other improvements, while its fields are fertile and productive, and from them Mr. Snavelly for only a little less than fifty years derived a good income, engaging in general farming and stock raising. From the spring of 1893 until his decease Mr. Snavelly lived in retirement at New Danville, he and his wife passing life's evening in a comfortable home, in the enjoyment of plenty. They united with the Reformed Mennonite Church April 22, 1900. Mr. Snavelly attained the age of almost four score, dying Nov. 20, 1901.

Mr. Snavelly's political affiliations were with the Republican party, to which he was most loyal. On four different occasions he was sent as a delegate to county conventions; he was active in party affairs and for three terms served as judge of elections, also the same length of time as inspector of elections; he served one term as school director and three terms as township assessor. In all these varied positions he was faithful and honorable, and his reputation as a public man was above reproach.

In December, 1856, Mr. Snavelly married Catherine Rohrer, a native of this county, and to them were born two children, Rohrer and Stoner.

BYRON GRISWOLD DODGE is a representative business man and citizen of Lancaster, where he is head of the Armstrong Cork Works, and sole owner of the Safety Buggy Works.

Mr. Dodge's first ancestors in this country were two brothers who landed at Old Salem, Mass., in 1629, both being gentleman of leisure and large fortune. His grandfather, John Dodge, was born in Claremont, N. H. His father, George W. Dodge, was a cork manufacturer, and in company with his son, Byron G., established large works in Lancaster. The father died in March, 1890. He married Miss Deborah E. Griswold, of Berlin, N. Y., and to this union came two children: Ella J., wife of Rev. Henry G. Appenzeler, of the M. E. Church, now a missionary in Corea; and Byron G., of Lancaster.

Byron Griswold Dodge was born in Berlin, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1851, and was educated there in the public schools, closing his studies at a boarding school in Vermont, a preparatory school for Williams College. After leaving school he worked on a farm until nineteen, when he learned the machinist's trade at Westerly, R. I., in a printing-press factory. He then went into the cork business with his father, at Berlin, and came to Lancaster in August, 1876. Their works were first located on Fulton street, the present site of Rose Brothers' umbrella factory, and they later built the excellent plant on the Pennsylvania railroad, near McGrann's Park, which with the Armstrong Cork Works does about three-fourths of the entire cork business of which it is a syndicate part, the Lancaster and the Pittsburg works being the two largest in the country. In the Lancaster works six hundred people are employed, and many thousand dollars are annually distributed by this in-

stitution through the various channels of trade in Lancaster. The Safety Buggy Works, which belong entirely to Mr. Dodge, rank among the most extensive industries of the place, employing some 150 men. Besides his interests in the foregoing, Mr. Dodge is president of the International Cream Separator Co., at Grant and Christian streets, a concern of rapidly increasing strength.

Mr. Dodge married Miss Anna Smart, daughter of Capt. Elisha Smart, who was killed while leading his company in an engagement of the Civil war; his regiment was formed at North Adams, Mass. Four children were born of this marriage: Leon G., now superintendent of his father's Safety Buggy Works; Miss Anna, at home; George, who graduated from the State College in June, 1901; and Arthur, attending Cornell University, class of 1904. Mr. Dodge is a member of the First M. E. Church. He lives in an elegant home near the corner of North Duke and Frederick streets, and his stable contains a string of thoroughbred horses, in which he finds one of his chief recreations. The entire family are lovers of horseflesh, and all have their especial equine pets. Mr. Dodge is a liberal, progressive and intelligent man of affairs, whose influence for good is often felt in Lancaster.

EMANUEL R. SHIRK belongs to one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county.

Emanuel H. Shirk, his father, was born in West Cocalico township Jan. 16, 1811. He was a farmer and gave his entire attention to agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1873. In politics he was a staunch Republican and a very active member in the ranks of his party, which he represented in many State and county conventions. Religiously he was a member of the German Baptist Church. He married Miss Catherine Rover, and they were the parents of ten children: Fianna, wife of Hiram Bollinger; Emanuel R.; Hiram, a farmer of Indiana; Salinda, wife of John Hagey; Lavina, wife of David Butzer; John, of Ephrata; Catherine, wife of Addison Longenecker; Leah, wife of Albert Mumma; Edward, a cigar maker; and Ementize, who died in childhood.

Emanuel R. Shirk was born May 28, 1838, on the same farm where his father first saw the light, in West Cocalico township. He lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, and during his earlier years attended the common schools. He began farming for himself on the old homestead, where he remained four years, and thence moved to Schoeneck, for three years, during which time he followed droving. His next removal was to Warwick township, where he commenced farming again, and he has continued it to the present time, meeting with substantial success. Mr. Shirk is one of the enterprising farmers of his locality, and one of its most public-spirited citizens. He has served his fellow townsmen faithfully in various offices, having been supervisor, assessor and for twelve



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years member of the school board. In 1893 he was prison inspector, and held that office for six years. In politics he has always been an active member of the Republican party.

Mr. Shirk married for his first wife Miss Sarah Bucher, and to this union were born five children: Fannie, who died unmarried; Mary, wife of Samuel Zwally; Emma, wife of Franklin Leeking; Katie, wife of William Cuninghame; and Sarah, wife of John Wolfskill. The mother of the above named children died June 26, 1875, and Mr. Shirk later married Miss Elizabeth Heffley, who died Oct. 19, 1899.

JACOB R. WITMER. Looking backward to the year 1716, the family records of the Witmer family tell of one Benjamin Witmer, who, in company with his son, Abraham, left Switzerland with the intention of founding a new home in the United States. His final location was made in Lancaster county, where Abraham purchased lands which have never passed out of the possession of the Witmer family. In 1739 both Benjamin and his son were naturalized, so that their descendants are not Swiss, but represent a portion of the best American citizens of the State of Pennsylvania.

In 1719 there was another son born to Benjamin Witmer, named John. This John married Frances Roland and reared a family of seven children: Anna, wife of John Kendig; John, who married Mary Harmen; Henry, who married Fanny Musser; David, married to Esther Kendig; Benjamin, who married Anna Brubaker; Abraham, married to Molly Herr; and Daniel, married to Anna Newcomer. Abraham, the fifth son of this family, in 1798 built a stone bridge across the Conestoga creek, about one mile east of Lancaster, called Witmer's bridge, which is in good condition at the present day.

The lands purchased by Abraham, son of the original Benjamin, descended by will at his death, in 1783, to his nephew, Benjamin Witmer. This nephew Benjamin had two children: Elizabeth, married to John Buckwalter; and Benjamin, who married Esther Buckwalter, and inherited his father's farm in 1822. Benjamin and Esther (Buckwalter) Witmer reared these children: Nancy, who married Abram Buchwalter; Polly, who married Abram Landis; David; Elizabeth, who married Abram Huntzberger; Lydia, who married Jacob Brubaker; and Benjamin, Esq. All of these lie buried in the old Mellinger graveyard, and all of them through life consistently lived up to the Old Mennonite faith.

David Witmer was born in 1800, and until the time of his death, in 1875, devoted his life to agricultural pursuits. At the age of thirty-three he was ordained a minister in the Old Mennonite Church and he faithfully performed the duties attaching to the Mellinger and Stumptown stations. The Witmer lands, now owned by his son, were purchased by David, at an appraisement made by his brothers and sisters, although he had but little ready money,

and the assumed debt occasioned, at the time, considerable anxiety. His character was of such excellence, and he was so beloved by his congregations that aid was immediately tendered him in order to clear the debt, but these kind offers were declined, and he labored harder on the land, and not only cleared it off, but at the time of his death left an estate valued at \$40,000.

David Witmer married Annie Rutt, who was born in 1798 and died in 1867, having been the devoted mother of nine children: Elizabeth, who died at the age of sixty-nine years, unmarried; Abram, who lives retired at Mountville and married Mary Kendig, deceased; Esther; Annie, the widow of Christian Kendig; David; Jacob R.; Barbara, who married Christian Frey, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased, who married Emanuel Herr; and Benjamin, deceased, who married Mary Kreider.

Jacob R. Witmer was born Feb. 19, 1833, on the farm which he now occupies. His education was received in the common schools of his district and his life has been passed in farming, his tastes lying in this direction. Immediately after marriage he took charge of the farm of his father-in-law, as manager, and profitably operated it until 1867, when he bought his present home of the other heirs. These lands are known through the township as very desirable, and the improvements made by the present occupant have been of the most substantial character.

The marriage of Jacob R. Witmer occurred on Dec. 2, 1856, when he was united to Esther Ranck, a daughter of Samuel Ranck, a well-known miller of the locality. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Witmer are: Samuel, deceased, who married Annie Groff and was the father of two children, Jacob G. and Amelia, who make their home with their beloved grandfather; Annie, who died at the early age of nineteen; Susan, at home; and Aaron, who married Ida Eby, superintends the home farm and has two children, Enos and Ada.

No family possesses the esteem of the community in a higher degree than does the Witmer family of East Lampeter township, and none are more valued as consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church.

WILLIAM DAGUE. One of the emphatically self-made retired farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., is William Dague, who was born Sept. 18, 1830, near Cains post-office, in Salisbury township, and has there passed his life in the pursuit of agriculture with unvarying and marked success.

His parents, David and Margaret (Ranck) Dague, were natives of Salisbury and Conestoga Valley, respectively, were agricultural people, and descended from a long line of farmers who had lived in the Keystone State for several generations. David Dague was a son of Andrew and Annie (Good) Dague, and his wife was a daughter of Peter and Mar-

garet (Eckholtz) Ranck. David Dague and his wife had eight children, viz.: William; Margaret A., widow of John Glendenning, and a resident of Philadelphia; Mary E., wife of Lorenzo Hackett, of Chester county; Lydia S., married to W. W. Lindville, a farmer of Salisbury township; David R., who died young; Catherine O., wife of Evan Bustler, a farmer in East Earl township; Susan R., deceased wife of John M. Schultz; and Peter A., a farmer at McGovernville, Pa. David Dague, the father of this family, was an extensive drover as well as farmer, and was well known in the former capacity throughout the country districts of Lancaster and adjoining counties. He lost his wife in 1878, when she was seventy-two years of age. She died in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and her remains were interred in the Pequea Church cemetery. David Dague died in 1881.

William Dague early started out to make his way in the world. He was but fourteen years of age when, much against the wishes of his parents, he began to work for the farmers of his neighborhood; he was of an independent spirit, and was desirous of earning something he could call his own and do with as he pleased. He was industrious, persistent and indefatigable, and soon won the approbation, encouragement and admiration of the farmers round about him and was never at a loss for employment at remunerative wages. He thus worked as a farm hand for eight years, then teamed for a year, and then, through his frugality and industry having saved some funds, rented and stocked land for seven years. At the end of this period he found himself prepared for embarking more extensively in agriculture, and he purchased a forty-five-acre farm in Salisbury township, to which he afterward added an eighty-acre tract along the foot hills.

In March, 1852, Mr. Dague married Miss Susanna Warner, who was born in Salisbury township in May, 1833, daughter of David and Susanna (Garber) Warner, the former of whom was a farmer and died in 1861, when seventy-seven years old; the latter died in 1864, at the same age, and their remains were interred in the Old Mennonite cemetery at Salisbury. They had six children, as follows: John, Jacob, Isaac, Eliza, Susanna (Mrs. Dague) and David, all now deceased. David and Eliza died unmarried. William and Susanna (Warner) Dague had children as follows: Anna M., who is married to Coleman Kurtz, a farmer of Salisbury township; George N., a farmer of Salisbury township, and married to Mary Mast; Ella, wife of Diller Hoover, who is a farmer in Salisbury township; and Isaac W., who is married to Lillie Grist, and with his wife lives on the old homestead with his father. Mrs. Susanna (Warner) Dague was called from earth in March, 1894, deeply mourned by her husband and children. She was a devout Presbyterian and her remains were interred in the Pequea Church cemetery.

In 1890, having acquired a competency, through

his persevering industry, skillful management and unaided personal efforts, Mr. Dague retired from the activities of life and sought the well-deserved rest he is now enjoying, surrounded by many warm-hearted friends and genial companions, as well as by his loving children who live in close proximity. Mr. Dague is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, to which he is a liberal contributor, and he is an ardent friend of free education, having served six years as a school director. He then resigned, feeling that he had fully done his duty in that direction. In politics he is a Republican, but has never been ambitious for holding office, preferring that others should shoulder the responsibilities and share in the vainglorious honors attached to official position. Nevertheless, Mr. Dague is a very public-spirited citizen and at all times ready to aid financially such measures as will redound to the public welfare and comfort in the way of public improvements. His walk through life has been such as to win the approbation of his fellow citizens, and too much credit cannot be awarded him for the upright and useful course he has so unswervingly followed.

DAVID L. PAULES, a retired farmer, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Dec. 12, 1832, son of John and Catherine (Leber) Paules, natives of York county, in this State.

John Paules was a cooper by trade. In 1816 he came to Marietta, where he resided three years and then removed to East Donegal township, where he engaged in tobacco growing in conjunction with coopering. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and quite prominent as a citizen, serving as supervisor of his township several years, and also at different times holding various minor offices. His wife passed away in 1882, when eighty-two years old, and his own death took place in December, 1887, at the advanced age of ninety-four years, eleven months, one day; the remains of both were interred in the Marietta cemetery. To John Paules and his wife were born ten children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of George Ebbert; Henry, who died after marriage; Sarah, widow of Simon F. Albright, a blacksmith of Maytown, Pa.; Jacob, who was drowned when young, in the Susquehanna river; John, who died young; George, deceased; Mary J., who died in 1900, the wife of John Herchelroth; Franklin, who died in East Donegal township in January, 1896; John, a tobacco farmer in Cumberland county; and David L., of East Donegal township. The paternal grandfather of these children was Michael Paules, a farmer of York county, and the maternal grandfather was Jacob Leber, a native of Germany.

David L. Paules attended school and worked on the home farm until twenty-one years old, and at twenty-two entered a cooper shop, where he worked for some years during the winter season. In the meantime he rented farms, at one time leasing one of 250 acres, and cultivated land until 1897, when he retired, although he still does a little tobacco rais-

ing and vegetable growing near the borough of Marietta.

Mr. Paules was united in marriage in Maytown, Feb. 28, 1852, with Miss Anna Eliza Rumbaugh, and to this union the following children have been born: J. Lizzie, wife of George S. Bauchman, clerk for the Hazelton Iron & Coal Company; Ada M. and Sarah A., at home; Harry P., who married Ore Housegal and lives in Marietta; Elmer E., who married Matilda A. Grady and also resides in Marietta, engaged in the livery business; Dr. William R., now of Danville, Pa., who married Florence Pieffer; John L., a druggist in Homestead, Pa., married to Ida Bertheisel; and David L., unmarried, who carries on a livery business in Marietta and lives with his parents.

Mrs. Anna E. (Rumbaugh) Paules is a native of Newville, Lancaster county, born May 9, 1832, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Davis) Rumbaugh, the former of whom was born in Perry county, Pa., and the latter on the Atlantic ocean, when her parents were on the voyage from Ireland to America. They were married in Maytown, Pa., where John Rumbaugh carried on his trade of wheelwright. He was assessor of East Donegal township and was honored with other positions of trust. His wife died in Maytown in 1863, aged fifty-eight years and fourteen days, and Mr. Rumbaugh's death took place at the home of his son-in-law, David L. Paules, June 28, 1888, at the age of seventy-nine years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Of the four children born to Mr. and Mrs. Rumbaugh Anna E., Mrs. D. L. Paules, is the eldest; Mary J. is the widow of H. S. Book; Amanda L. is the wife of Solon V. Landis, a retired farmer; and Benjamin F., the youngest, a carpenter, died in 1887. The survivors live in Maytown. John Rumbaugh, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Paules, was a native of Germany, was a farmer and an early settler of Perry county, Pa. Her maternal grandparents, Michael and Bridget Davis, came from Ireland to America in 1805 and settled in Maytown, Pa.; he was a plasterer by trade.

In politics Mr. Paules is a Republican, and he has served his fellow townsmen as school director nine consecutive years. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and socially they mingle with the best people of the township. Mr. Paules has been a remarkably successful farmer, has acquired a competence and is now enjoying at his ease the fruits of his early industry.

HENRY LEAMAN, of Strasburg township, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and belongs to one of the old and esteemed families, which established itself here through grandfather Abraham Leaman, who was a prominent farmer of his day. He married Mary Bowman, by whom he had one son, Benjamin, who was born May 26, 1787, and died June 2, 1857.

Benjamin Leaman adopted farming as his pro-

fession, made his home in East Lampeter township and there became the owner of a large acreage of land, one farm comprising 110 acres, and an adjoining one seventy-five acres, both of which he operated himself, at one time. As time passed on and his family grew up around him, he purchased a farm for each son, all of these lying in East Lampeter and Leacock townships. His friends through the community were many, and such was the confidence which they placed in him that all his spare time was occupied in the settlement of estates and caring for those who were placed in his charge as wards.

On May 19, 1807, Benjamin Leaman married as his first wife Catherine Cryder, born March 15, 1789, who died Dec. 30, 1838, the children born to this union being: Abraham, born in 1808, died in 1839, a farmer, who had married Barbara Buckwalter; John, born in 1810, died in 1882, a farmer in Leacock township, who married two sisters by the name of Landis; Barbara, who died in infancy; Benjamin, born in 1813, died in 1891, a farmer of Leacock township; Susannah, born in 1815, the wife of Jacob Ranck, of Strasburg township; Tobias, born in 1817, died in 1859, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Jacob, born in 1819, died in 1889, a farmer of Leacock township; Henry, born in 1822, who resides in Strasburg township; Isaac, born in 1824, a farmer of East Lampeter; Joseph, born in 1828, died in 1857, a farmer of East Lampeter; the last of this large family being an infant son, born in 1830, who died early. The second marriage of Benjamin Leaman was on Sept. 6, 1842, to Mrs. Elizabeth (Heller) Rohrer, a widow. The parents were members of the Old Mennonite Church and the children adhered to the same faith.

Henry Leaman was reared on the farm, in East Lampeter township, and received his education in the public schools of his district. On Dec. 3, 1844, he was married to Sarah Buckwalter, a daughter of Martin and Nancy (Lefever) Buckwalter, who was born Feb. 5, 1823. After marriage the young couple located on a farm in Strasburg township and two years later purchased a farm of 102 acres near Refton, which Mr. Leaman operated from 1847 until he retired from the cares of active life. At that time he erected a comfortable home in Refton, remaining there until 1892, when he removed to his present home, which is located one-half mile north-east of Strasburg and contains sixty acres, one of the best improved places in the county, and now managed by his son, Reuben.

Henry Leaman has been one of the successful agriculturists of the county and has always been known as an upright, honorable man, worthy of the confidence and respect which he receives, and a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. The children born to Henry Leaman and his wife were: Eliza, born in Oct., 1845, who was the wife of Elias Herr, a lime-burner and merchant of Warren county, Va., and who died Dec. 9, 1901, aged fifty-six years, leaving five children, Harry, Francis, Addie, Reu-

ben and Ira : Susan, born in January, 1847, who married Peter Esbenschade, of Manheim township, and has three children, Frank, Elmer and Cora; Emma, born in July, 1848, who resides with her parents; Sarah Ann, born in January, 1851, who married John P. Rohrer, of Strasburg, and had seven children, Lillie, Frank, Emma, John, Charles, Harry and Clair; Martin, who died young; Henry B., born in November, 1856, who married Emma Groff, resides in Paradise township and has two children, Ross and Mary; Franklin, born in November, 1858, who married Amanda Schaffer, resides in Sadsbury township and has four children, Roy, John, Clair and Edna; Mary, born in October, 1861, who died the same year; and Reuben B., born Nov. 23, 1863, who married Alice Stoner and has four children, Anna, Lizzie, Mary and Harry. Mrs. Sarah (Buckwalter) Leaman died Sept. 20, 1901, aged seventy-eight years.

Reuben B. Leaman is a progressive farmer and successful dairyman of this county, as well as one of the most solid and substantial of its citizens. The family is held in the highest respect through the whole township and can justly be regarded as representative.

JAMES LAW, who has been for a long time known to the literary world as James D. Law, poet, is a native of Scotland, having been born in Lumsden village, West Aberdeenshire, on April 5, 1865. To distinguish him from an uncle of the same name, for a time Mr. Law adopted the middle initial D., but in recent years he has gone back to the original form of his name; and, while he is still known to the business world as James D. Law, his literary work is often autographed as shown underneath the annexed portrait specially prepared for this work.

On his father's side, Mr. Law's ancestors have been purely Celtic for countless generations. His mother dying before he was a year old, he was left to the care of his uncle, John Law, an excellent type of the sturdy, well informed and enterprising Scotsman. Our poet attended a "Dame's school" for a time, and is perhaps one of the youngest men living, who learned his letters from "the brods." He remembers carrying a peat to school every morning, as his daily contribution to the school fire-fund of the village Dominie. In due course he passed through the various stages of schooling, filling in his Saturdays and holidays "herding kye," and at other work on his uncle's small farm, thus becoming familiar with all kinds of rural activities. A voracious reader, he soon exhausted the little public libraries and the more pretentious private collections of the district. He served four years as a pupil teacher, and at the age of eighteen secured a position as assistant to the factor of the Durriss estate, Deeside, County of Kincardine. There he remained three years, when he decided to emigrate to America. Before sailing he was united in mar-

riage to Miss Agnes Duff, daughter of Robert Duff, Esq., of New Noth and Old Noth, on Bogieside. Mrs. Law, a lady of high culture and fine personal attainments, was a successful teacher in Scotland, holding a first-class government certificate. In May, 1886, the young couple landed in Boston, and at once proceeded to Philadelphia. Being without either friends or acquaintances, after a rather trying probation Mr. Law secured a position as bookkeeper to an oil-cloth manufacturer in Camden, N. J., and soon after took up his residence there. In 1890 he connected himself with the J. F. Portuondo Cigar Manufacturing Company, of Philadelphia, having been its first Secretary and attached to it for a year after the death of Mr. Portuondo. In October, 1898, he came to Lancaster to take charge of the Havana Cigar Company and the other Lancaster interests of Mrs. A. B. Bloomer, a wealthy and accomplished resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, but allied to Lancaster county by hereditary relations, her father, Martin Bare, Esq., having been born in the Bareville her grandfather founded. Mr. and Mrs. Law have been blessed with seven children, viz.: (1) Duff Christie; (2) Nanette Margaret (deceased); (3) Estella Maria; (4) John James (deceased); (5) America Portuondo; (6) Russell Gordon; (7) Evelyn Agnes.

Mr. Law's predilection for rhyming and his irrepressible wit and humor were soon asserted, some of his effusions appearing in the Aberdeen newspapers before he left school; and even as early as 1883, in Edward's Fifth Series of "Modern Scottish Poets," Mr. Law although then only eighteen years of age, received a lengthy and flattering editorial notice, accompanied by several pages devoted to specimens of his verses. He never allows the muse to interfere with business, and, to his credit be it said, he has not missed a day's work since he first got a foothold in the New World. He is a man of the strictest temperate habits, not even being a smoker, although for many years intimately connected with the great cigar industry. Essentially a home man, the only club that can claim him is the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia. At the same time, there is nothing sour or ascetic in his composition; no one better enjoys a social chat than he does, and wherever he goes he is a welcome and honored guest in the best houses and establishments in the land. In his business trips all over the States, he has cemented by personal contact many friendships begun through the medium of the mails. Perhaps no one in the Commonwealth has a finer collection of holograph letters from modern celebrities, not "purchased with a price," as such valued rarities generally are, but received by Mr. Law himself in the ordinary course of his correspondence. In a hurried glance through a partial list are noted specimens of Gladstone and Lord Rosebery among statesmen; Whittier, Holmes, Riley and Austin among poets; Blackie



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and Furness among critics; Collyer and Ingersoll among orators; Allan, M. P., jostled Brosius, M. C.; Brewer, of the Supreme Bench, rested beside Dewar among scientists, while DePeyster and Carnegie among philanthropists "led all the rest." To have come so intimately in touch with such men of light and leading is in itself no mean tribute to Mr. Law's ability and versatility. A lover of books from his earliest years, he has naturally collected a fine library, which has been enriched by many gifts from admiring friends and fellow-authors. One half of the collection, numbering 5,000 volumes or more, is made up of books relating exclusively to Scotland and Scottish literature, which still remains Mr. Law's first choice. Books, indeed, seem to be in very nook of his beautiful home in East Clay street, a well-stocked case in his dining room being considered as essential to the welfare and happiness of the family as the clock upon the mantel. Raised in such an atmosphere, and with such surroundings, it is easy to understand why Mr. Law's children attending school are pronounced by their teachers to be "the best all around scholars" in their respective departments.

Mr. Law is the author of several books which have been widely circulated and received with unqualified approbation by the first critics of the age. It would take a volume to quote the press notices evoked from all quarters of the globe on his "Dreams O' Hame" and other poems, Scottish and American, published in 1893 by Gardner, of Paisley and London. The very handsome general appearance of the book was the subject of much favorable comment, and bearing the imprint of the Queen's publisher was in itself a high compliment to an American citizen. Mr. Law's latest volume, entitled "The Sea-Shore of Bohemia," is his most ambitious effort, and deals with some little-known episodes in the life of William Shakespeare, special attention being given to the Scotch friends and experiences that unquestionably influenced the Great Dramatist's life and writings. Mr. Law's poem is in dramatic form, with lyrical interludes, and historical data can be furnished for all the interesting incidents introduced into his brilliant "Conversations." Says a recent critic:

"A remarkable fact about Mr. Law's Muse is that he is at home in every style of the poetic art, turning out dramas, epics, elegies, odes, lyrics and satires with equal facility, and excelling in all. He is complete master of every known form of rhyme and rhythm, and has even invented some new measures, which is not a small poetic feat at this late day in the history of prosody. He personally claims that he can only write well in Scotch, his native tongue; English, as he says, being a foreign language to him; but the truth is that he gains much of his power from the fact that his harp is a two-keyed instrument. He has, it is plain to be seen, a natural gift for writing, and we have it from the best authority that his poems are entirely

extemporaneous, which may account to a large extent for the charming spontaneity of his style."

Mr. Law has been a welcome contributor to the leading metropolitan journals, and his popularity here is, if anything, exceeded by his reputation in the old country. The leading Scottish critics have long since admitted that the best Scotch in the world is written in America, and Mr. Law is considered by many to be the foremost poetical exponent of the Scottish dialect. Several years ago he was awarded the N. A. U. C. A. prize for the best original Scotch poem, the competition being open to Canada and the United States. He is also a fine conversationalist and debater, and is philosopher enough to understand that a good listener is not unappreciated. All the local newspapers have had their pages enriched by Mr. Law's musings, one of the most admired of his recent effusions having been the following Sonnet on the sudden death of the highly honored Congressman, Hon. Marriott C. Brosius. We cull it from the *New Era* of March 18, 1901:

MARRIOTT BROSIUS.

"Native here and to the manner born."

But yesterday we saw and hailed our friend,
As, full of life, he passed along the street;
Ere dawn to-day his heart had ceased to beat,
So swiftly did the fatal stroke descend,
The knell that none could fail to comprehend,
The certain summons that we all must meet;
And now the glory of a higher seat
Succeeds the term that here has reached its end.

A soldier-statesman; in his chosen field
We honored him as our repeated choice
Until his name was to the nation known;
And at the last, with all his worth revealed,
While we lament we also can rejoice
That brilliant Brosius was our very own!

We regret that space will not permit us to give a better representation of Mr. Law's poetry, but we cannot refrain from adding to the value of this meager sketch by inserting his "Columbia-Caledonia." This Scottish-American song has already been accepted on both sides of the Atlantic as a sort of International Anthem, beautifully blending as it does the love for the Old Country with the love for the New, in an exalted strain of the purest patriotism:

COLUMBIA—CALEDONIA.

THE LAND WE LEFT—aye, to us dear!
We've sung it lood and lang;
But hae we nae a country HERE
As worthy o' a sang?
While Scotland's name and Scotland's fame
Wi' us can never dee,
COLUMBIA noo we've made oor hame,
And praise to her we'll gie!
The Mither Land! The Mither Land!
Let's couple wi' her name
The Independentither land
We noo hae made oor hame!

Shak' oot the Starry Banner's fauld,
 And let the Thistle wave;
 The Rampant Lion's nae mair bauld
 Than is the Eagle brave!
 The land we're in's a peerless land,
 As big as Scotia's wee;
 Weel worthy by her side to stand
 And aye oor hame to be!
 We'll ne'er forget the Mither Land,
 Nor need a Scot think shame
 To sing with pride the ither land
 We noo hae made oor hame!

The hame we had—the hame we hae!
 O, lang and far ye'll ca'
 Afore ye meet, if e'er ye may,
 Wi' sic anither twa!
 Auld Caledonia's first and best
 O' lands across the sea!
 And here's the glory of the West,
 The country o' the free!
 God's blessing on the Mither Land,
 And a' within the same,
 And also on the ITHIR LAND
 We noo hae made oor Hame!

Shortly before his death Col. Robert G. Ingersoll wrote to Mr. Law as follows:

"Your beautiful poems have given me real pleasure. They are full of good feeling—comradeship. They are genial and social and *human*. Besides they are perfectly natural. They come from the heart as springs from the ground. Versification is easy for you and many of the verses are worthy of Burns. The comic, the pathetic, smiles and tears are side by side, and in nearly all the poems I find the pulse of joyous life. Nothing cynical, and nothing morose, nothing of night; appreciation, admiration, *morning* everywhere. Good health in every line—nothing morbid, diseased or deformed, but all wholesome, natural and true. I congratulate you."

From the eminent Shakespearean scholar, Dr. Furness, Mr. Law recently received the following flattering acknowledgement relating to his poem on "Shakespeare's Gloves":

"My Dear Mr. Law:—The copy of your delightful verses duly reached me, and I have read, and re-read and re-read them with ever increasing pleasure. They are charming. I think Burns himself would have chuckled over the humor, appreciated the sentiment and would have been glad to acknowledge the lines as his own. Can one hair's breadth be added to this towering praise? If it be possible, it does not lie in the power of

"Yours very cordially,
 "HORACE HOWARD FURNESS."

The words of a distinguished Scottish-American critic we have pleasure in reproducing:

"We advise Mr. Law to continue to exercise his poetic powers. He has accomplished much in the past, but he is still a young man, and his countrymen both at home and abroad believe that he will yet produce something that will send his name ringing through all parts of the civilized world where the English language is known. The

Scotch portions of the Globe already know of him, and in the words of their leading journals have repeatedly declared, 'among living Scottish poets, Mr. Law is unquestionably entitled to a foremost place.' May he never have cause to regret having sung:

Columbia treats her strangers weel,
 The langer kent she grows mair dear,
 And, aff the heath, nae Scot can feel
 So much at hame as here!

In July, 1902, Mr. Law made a long contemplated trip to Europe, where his family had preceded him, revisiting his native land after an absence of over sixteen years. He saw everything and everybody worth seeing, from the cot to the castle, and from the King to the Commoner, covering Scotland and England very thoroughly, and also looking in on Ireland. Wherever he went he was well received, and made the recipient of many honors and high compliments. Amidst all he found time to share his pleasures by penning many delightful "Letters of Travel" for American papers, and contributed various articles in prose and verse to the Scottish press. He returned to Lancaster in February, 1903, and received a hearty welcome from all his friends and acquaintances. He has been officially requested to write the college poem, song and chorus for the Franklin and Marshall Golden Jubilee to be celebrated in June, 1903.

DAVID K. GRUBE, a retired farmer and one of the most highly respected and influential men of East Hempfield township, was born April 1, 1839, a son of Christian and Rebecca (Kurtz) Grube.

The founder of the Grube family in America was Casper, a native of Switzerland, who located in the vicinity of Kissel Hill, in Lancaster county, and was the great-grandfather of David. This worthy man had two sons, of whom record has been kept: Christian, the grandfather of David, and a son (name unknown) who died at Kissel Hill. Christian, the grandfather, a farmer of Neffsville, who owned and operated two fine farms, is supposed to have been a member of the Lutheran Church, and lived to the advanced age of eighty-five, his death occurring in 1845. His family consisted of fourteen children: George, a farmer, who lived and died in Lancaster county; Christian, father of David; Casper, a farmer, whose whole life was spent in Lancaster county; David, a farmer and cattle raiser of Lancaster county, Samuel, a butcher, who went west to Indiana, where he died; Joseph, also a butcher, who lived and died in Lancaster county; John, a farmer, who went west to Ohio; Jacob; Sally, who married Henry Hotenstine; Susan, who was the second wife of Mr. Hotenstine; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Stoner; three other daughters, names unknown.

Christian Grube, the father of David, was born at Neffsville, in March, 1795, and died near that

town in 1880. Early in life he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for many years, but about 1850 he turned his attention to farming. The maiden name of his estimable wife was Rebecca Kurtz, a daughter of John Kurtz. Her birth occurred at Roseville, Lancaster county, in the fall of 1795, and she died in 1867. To her husband she bore seven children: John, first a carpenter, later a butcher, and a resident of Perry county, Pa.; Margaretta, wife of Reuben Bird, of Neffsville; Christian, a carpenter, a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Edward, a cigar manufacturer, who is a resident of Neffsville; Lydia; Jacob, a resident of southern Missouri; and David K.

David K. Grube spent his boyhood upon his father's farm and received his education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he commenced to learn the trade of a carpenter, and followed it successfully until his marriage, when he embarked in farming, to which he gave his attention, in conjunction with burning lime, until he retired, in 1896. The property owned by him, and upon which he resides, is a fine one, consisting of ninety-nine acres, one mile south of Petersburg, and upon it he has made many desirable improvements. Nearly all of the excellent buildings were erected by him, and the entire farm speaks well for his thrifty management.

In 1867 David Grube was married to Amelia Kauffman, a daughter of Christian and Martha (Miller) Kauffman, who was born Oct. 19, 1840, and died Nov. 26, 1894, after having borne her husband four children: Alice, wife of Christian Hoover; Morris, unmarried, who resides in the West; David, unmarried, who operates a portion of his father's farm; Jacob, at home.

David K. Grube is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, in which he takes a prominent part, and he is highly respected throughout the community for his integrity and honesty.

JOHN C. FORREY, a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born on his present farm of 125 acres Aug. 30, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Mary (Cophenheffer) Forrey, of whom Jacob was also born on this farm and Mary elsewhere in the township. Jacob was a successful agriculturist and passed his entire life on the home place, dying in November, 1871, when seventy-one years old; in 1843 he had lost his wife, who died when but twenty-five years of age. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and their mortal remains were buried in the private or family burial ground on the home farm. The only children born to Jacob and Mary Forrey were John C. and Jacob.

The paternal grandparents of John C. Forrey were John and Veronica (Seitz) Forrey, the former of whom was also born on the present homestead, and the latter in Manor township, but both died on the farm. Mrs. Forrey lived to the great age of 103 years, eleven months, sixteen days. The John last mentioned was a son of Daniel, who was also

born on this same West Hempfield farm, and Daniel was a son of John, the founder of the Forrey family in America, who came from Switzerland and secured the grant of the farm from the William Penn estate in 1746.

In November, 1878, in Lancaster City, John C. Forrey married Anna Moore, and to this union were born two children, John M. and Jacob M., both of whom died young and were interred in the family burying ground on the farm. Mrs. Anna (Moore) Forrey was born in West Hempfield township and is a daughter of Henry and Mary Moore, who were natives of York county, but who settled in Lancaster county early in life.

John C. Forrey has always been a good manager, and has succeeded admirably in all his undertakings and well deserves his reward for his early industry and economy. He has always been active and public-spirited, is a director in the Columbia Trust Company and was one of its first stockholders, and has been a school director for six years as the choice of the Republican party, of which he has been a lifelong member. He still continues the cultivation of the home farm, but hires help to do the work.

JACOB J. BYERS, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, was born in Pequea township Dec. 13, 1836, his parents being John and Catherine (Johnston) Byers, both natives of Lancaster county, where he was born March 16, 1807, and his wife Dec. 9, 1815.

John Byers was the son of Henry and Barbara (Crider) Byers, both of whom were born in this county, and whose parents came from Germany about 1730. Henry Byers, the grandfather of Jacob J., first settled in Martic township, and different members of the Byers family sustained an honored part in the Revolutionary struggle. They took up a tract of government land in Pequea and Martic townships, where they lived and reared large families. Henry Byers and his wife had nine children: Henry Byers, of Ohio; Jacob, of Lancaster county; Michael, of Indiana; Daniel, who died in Lancaster; John; Sarah, the wife of David Eshleman, of Pequea township; Mary, the wife of Benjamin Longenecker, of Illinois; Nancy, the wife of Michael Crider, of Lancaster; and Barbara, who married Christian Warfel, of Lancaster.

John Byers, noted above, married Mary Johnston in 1833 and settled on the farm of her father, Jacob Johnston, in Pequea township, where he remained until 1848, when he moved to his own farm in the same township. Still later he bought a farm in Lampeter township, where he died Jan. 5, 1856, his widow passing to her reward in May, 1877. Both himself and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Byers was one of the old line Whigs, and became a Republican on the organization of that party. They had a family of eleven children, six of whom are now living: Barbara,

born in 1834, who married Samuel Minnie, both deceased (four of their children are living); Henry Byers, who died in Lampeter, unmarried; Jacob J., our subject; Mary A., born in February, 1840, widow of Peter Sithert, with three children, John, Benjamin and Lizzie; Sarah, born in March, 1842, who married Henry Barr, of Pequea township, and is the mother of six children; Michael, who died in childhood; John, who died in Sterling, Ill., leaving two children; David, born in March, 1848, who married Miss Margaret Hoover, and is engaged in farming near Sterling, Ill., where they have a family of six children; Anna, born in September, 1850, who married John Huber and resides in Lampeter township, where they have one son, Elmer; Benjamin, born July 9, 1853, a butcher, who married Lillie Eshleman and lives in Lampeter township, where they have three children; Amaziah, born Feb. 21, 1856, who died when a young man.

Jacob J. Byers was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and secured his education in the local schools. His father died when he was eighteen years old, and he began for himself as a hired man among the neighboring farmers. He continued at this occupation for five years. For a time he was working at the carpenter trade, and then enlisted in the Union army, becoming a member of Company E, 79th P. V. I., in the Western Army, under the command of General Sherman. In the battles of Chattanooga and Perryville he bore himself well, and was then attached to the Pioneer Corps, with which he was connected for eighteen months, fighting, as well as building pontoon bridges and sharing in other dangerous labors. In the fierce and bloody battle of Stone River he was a participant, as he was in other battles of Sherman's campaigns in the fall of 1863, and he fought at Chickamauga. He re-enlisted in February, 1864, and remained in the army until its brilliant achievements became a matter of history, and the grand review at Washington declared to the world that the war had ended. Mr. Byers fought at Buzzard Roost and Kenesaw Mountain. Three times was he wounded, at Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro and at Benton. Mr. Byers was in the hospital in North Carolina, and survived his wounds, escaping from the hospital to join his command and share the glory of Pennsylvania Avenue on the second day of the grand review.

Mr. Byers was married in 1866 to Miss Lizzie Meck, who was born in Lampeter township in 1843, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Meck. Her father is still living on the home of his great-grandfather, Nicholas Meck, who was a Revolutionary soldier.

Mr. and Mrs. Byers were farming people in Lampeter township until 1875, when they removed to a farm he had bought in East Drumore township. There Mr. Byers built a barn 110 feet long, remodelled the house and made many improvements. Mr. Byers now owns 500 acres of land, on which are seven sets of farm buildings, all but one occupied

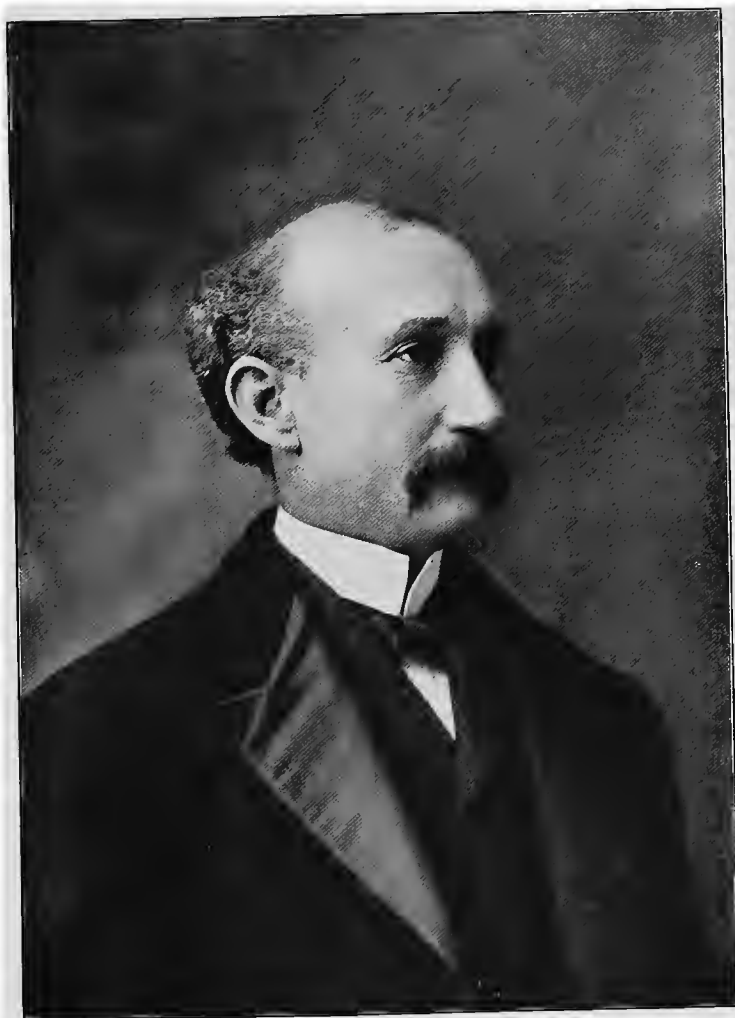
by his family. The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Byers are all living: (1) Anna E., born in November, 1868, who married Clayton Alexander, has one son, Jacob, and occupies one of the farm homes referred to above; (2) John M., born in January, 1870, and married to Susan Groff, of East Drumore, where he lives on a farm; (3) Henry S., born in 1871, who married Emma Yost, resides in Pequea township and is the father of four children, Lizzie, Harry, Benjamin and Sue; (4) Jacob, born in August, 1872, who married Lizzie Groff, lives in East Drumore township and has three children, Stella, David and Wanie; (5) Amos N., born in March, 1874, who married Miss Nancy Waltman, and resides on his father's home farm, his only son being Roy; (6) Martin, born in August, 1875, who married Miss Sarah Lefever, has one daughter, Emma E., and resides at the home of his father; (7) Enos, born in March, 1879, unmarried; (8) Uriah S., born in February, 1881, unmarried; (9) Noah M., born in March, 1889.

Mr. Byers bought his present home in 1896. It is a mile south of Quarryville, and there he has been living a retired life. Always a Republican, for nine years he held the office of auditor in East Drumore township. Mr. and Mrs. Byers are members of the Old Mennonite Church at Mechanics Grove.

CHARLES G. SCHUBERTH, proprietor of the Lancaster Steam Laundry, has one of the finest plants of the kind in Pennsylvania. He is the pioneer of the steam laundry business in Lancaster, having established his present place in July, 1886, and enjoys a fine patronage, employing four delivery wagons in Lancaster and six in Philadelphia, in which city he has a heavy custom.

Mr. Schubert comes from fine German stock on both sides. His father's uncle, Henry Schubert, was honored by the Emperor of Russia, and his maternal grandfather, William Kahler, was decorated with the Iron Cross by the Emperor of Germany for distinguished military services. Most of Mr. Schubert's relatives in Europe are professional men—teachers and ministers of the Lutheran faith.

William Schubert, father of Charles G., was born in 1814 in Berlin, Germany, and lived in his native country until he reached middle age. He received a thorough education, becoming especially well known as a scholar in the Latin, Greek and German languages, and was engaged as professor in a college at Guben, Germany, for a number of years. During his young manhood he gave the regular service as a soldier. In the early fifties he brought his family to America, the voyage occupying thirteen weeks, and located first in the western part of Pennsylvania, remaining there some four years. They then moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the family home was for some years, and Mr. Schubert spent his latter years with his children, dying in 1900 at New Brighton, Pa. He returned to the father-



E. G. Schubert

land twice, during the sixties. After coming to America he was engaged at cabinet-making. Mr. Schuberth was an accomplished performer on both the violin and piano, and took great delight in music. He was a member of and active worker in the M. E. Church. In Germany Mr. Schuberth married Katherine Kahler, who was born in 1820, in Hamburg, and their family consisted of nine children, four sons—all born in Germany and five daughters—all born in America: William is one of the leading contractors of Cincinnati, Ohio, and makes his home at Wyoming, that State. Henry C. is a tobacco dealer at Miamisburg, Ohio. August C. is in the cigar business at Falmouth, Ky. Charles G. is mentioned below. Three of the daughters died in infancy. Emma is Mrs. Burns. May is the wife of John F. Snider. The mother died in 1877. She was one of a large family, and her brothers were all professional men, either teachers or ministers.

Charles G. Schuberth was born June 13, 1851, in Hamburg, Germany, and was a mere child when he came with the family to this country. His educational advantages were such as the common schools afforded. He remained with his parents until he was fifteen years old, in 1867 going to Cincinnati, where he learned the carpenter's trade with his brother, following same three years. In 1870 he engaged in the tobacco business with another brother, continuing in that line some sixteen years. In November, 1872, he came to Lancaster, Pa., where he has ever since made his home, remaining in the tobacco business until 1886, when he bought the business to which he now devotes his principal attention, and which had been established one year. The laundry is located at No. 146½ East King street. Under his able management the concern has grown until he now has fifty-three employes on his pay-roll and there is no indication that the limit has been reached, by any means. His energy and strict attention to the increasing demands on his plant have not only brought him success and substantial rewards, but have won him the favorable notice of business men in Lancaster generally, among whom he occupies high standing. He is ever on the alert for possible and practical improvements, keeping fully abreast of the times, and may always be depended upon to have the best in his line, for he is a progressive man in every respect. He is a prominent member of the Lancaster Board of Trade.

In 1876 Mr. Schuberth married Miss Clara B. Arnold, daughter of the late Thomas Arnold, the pioneer slating contractor of Lancaster, and up to the time of his death a prominent citizen. Mr. and Mrs. Schuberth have had three children: William died at the age of four. Paul was killed by an electric accident Nov. 8, 1900, at the age of nineteen; he had been employed by the Westinghouse Company in an important position, having forty men under his control. Karl Arnold, the youngest, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall Academy, and now

occupies the position of manager of his father's extensive business.

Fraternally Mr. Schuberth is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He is a director of the Lancaster General Hospital, though he takes little active interest in outside affairs. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, for eighteen years was one of its vestrymen, and for six years its treasurer. He is deeply interested in the welfare of the Y. M. C. A. in Lancaster, of which he is a member, and took a prominent part in the erection of their fine building in the city. The hammer used to tear off the first board of the house which formerly occupied the site was sold at public auction and Mr. Schuberth bought it, paying the sum of \$108.

CHRISTIAN H. KENDIG. The ties that bind the native-born sons of Lancaster county to the place of their birth seem to be peculiarly strong, for, while from other counties a large proportion of the young men drift westward, here there are many who prefer to cling to the associations of youth. Legion is the name of those who have spent long and useful years in the locality where they were born. Mr. Kendig was one of those to whom the love of home and native soil appealed with especial strength. Born on a farm in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Dec. 22, 1829, reared to agricultural pursuits, a farmer by training and by choice, following the occupation through all of his life, he finally entered into rest Jan. 4, 1886, and from his old homestead was taken to the Mennonite cemetery in Strasburg township, where his body was interred in the midst of scenes long loved by him.

John G. Kendig, father of Christian H. Kendig, was a son of Henry and Maria (Groff) Kendig, farmers of Strasburg township, Lancaster county. The occupation to which he was reared he selected for his life calling; after the marriage of his son, Christian H., he retired from active labor, but continued to live at the old homestead until his death, July 31, 1876, at seventy years of age. He was laid to rest in the Mennonite cemetery at Strasburg, by the side of his wife, Susan, who had passed away in August, 1865, at the age of fifty-seven years. From childhood both had been earnest members of the Mennonite Church, and in its doctrines they carefully trained their children, Christian H., Mary A., Henry, Susan and John. None of them are now living except Susan, who is unmarried and makes her home in Lancaster. Mrs. Susan Kendig was a daughter of Jacob and Susan (Lefever) Hartman, and grew to womanhood upon the home farm in this county.

When ready to establish a home of his own Christian H. Kendig was united in marriage with Anna Witmer, the ceremony being solemnized in Lancaster Oct. 25, 1855. Four children were born of their union, viz.: Witmer J., of Lancaster; David H., of Reading, Pa.; Susan E. and Anna M., who re-

side with their mother in Lancaster, the family having in 1892 removed to that city from the old homestead farm. Having been reared in the Mennonite faith, Mrs. Kendig retains membership in that denomination, and is a sincere exponent of its doctrines of self-sacrifice and kindness. Her children attend the Reformed Church and are active in various of its societies.

The ancestry of Mrs. Kendig is traced back to Benjamin Witmer, a native of Switzerland, who in 1716 sought the larger possibilities of America, settling in Lancaster county. Three years later his son, John, was born in this county, of which he remained a lifelong resident. By the marriage of John Witmer to Frances Roland a son was born whom they named Benjamin; this son became a farmer and married a Miss Brubaker, of an old family in the county. Next in line of descent was another Benjamin Witmer, a farmer of East Lampeter township; by his marriage to Esther Buckwalter a son, David, was born. Like his ancestors, he never cared to remove from his native county, preferring to cling to the associations dear to him from his earliest recollections. Nor did he seek a new and strange calling, but continued to till the soil of the homestead acres. At the time of his death, Jan. 9, 1876, he was seventy-five years of age. His wife, who was Anna Rutt, died in 1868, aged sixty-nine years. Both were interred in Mellinger's cemetery connected with the Mennonite Church, of which denomination they were conscientious members. In their family were the following-named sons and daughters: Abraham R., of Mountville, Pa.; Elizabeth, deceased; Hettie, of East Lampeter township; Anna, Mrs. Kendig, of Lancaster; David and Jacob, farmers of East Lampeter township; Barbara, Mrs. Christ Frey, deceased; Mary, Mrs. Emanuel Herr, deceased; Benjamin and Joshua, who are also deceased.

Though a considerable period has elapsed since the death of Mr. Kendig, he is not forgotten by those to whom the associations of a lifetime had endeared him. His memory is still green in the hearts of family and friends. Among his old associates it is often called to mind that he contributed generously to the maintenance of his church, the Mennonite, as well as to the expansion of its missionary movements; nor has it been forgotten that for many years he served faithfully and well as school director, often leaving his farm to do some work in connection with promoting the welfare of the schools. Indeed, as citizen, husband, father and friend, his life was exemplary and his example worthy of emulation.

GEORGE S. LAMBORN. The Lamborn family of Lancaster county, Pa., has not only been one of responsibility and respectability in this locality for many generations, but it is one of the oldest, also, tracing an ancestral line far back in the past, reaching even a date as ancient as A. D. 871 English

history has many records of members of this family who became conspicuous in various circles of life, during the years that intervened between the date mentioned and 1659, in which year occurred the birth of the direct ancestor of George S. Lamborn, of Lancaster county.

Josiah Lamborn was born in Easthamstead, Berkshire, England, in 1659, ten years after the beheading of the great English king, Charles I. The marriage of Josiah Lamborn to his wife Ann resulted in the birth of six children: Thomas, Mariah, Robert, John, William and Sarah. Josiah Lamborn died Dec. 12, 1749, and his wife passed away Aug. 11, 1722.

Robert Lamborn, son of Josiah, was born in 1697, and according to the records, his parents were of the Episcopal faith. At the age of seventeen years he formed an attachment for the daughter of Francis Swayne, of Berkshire, England, but this youthful intimacy was discouraged by the parents on both sides, and in order to separate the young people the Swayne family resolved on so stringent a measure as emigration to America, which was accomplished in 1711. When young Robert learned of the shattering of his hopes he was stricken with sorrow, as the location of the Swayne family in the great and unknown land beyond the sea was totally unknown to him. Had Robert been of faint heart this pretty but authentic romance might have been closed then, but he evidently possessed many of those attributes which, both earlier and later, brought prominence and success to his kindred. With a firm resolve to find the lady of his affections Robert bade farewell to his family and also set sail for America, safely reaching these shores in 1713. After visiting various locations of English people in Pennsylvania, the most of whom had settled near Philadelphia, it was in the city of Brotherly Love that the weary swain met with a reward of his search. It must be remembered that at that date the present beautiful city covered much less extent, and thus it was not so wonderful a happening for Robert to meet his desired father-in-law on the street. It is not recorded why the latter greeted the young man kindly and invited him to be his guest, but it is quite possible that in the perseverance of the wooer he recognized a stability that augured well for the future.

The home of Francis Swayne was in Chester county, and Mr. Swayne and his willing visitor made the trip on horseback, taking turns at riding. It was the kind father who reached the farm first, and with a consideration which was doubtless appreciated he sent his daughter, Sarah, out to meet the guest. Love found its way, in those far off days as successfully as now, and doubtless Mr. Swayne thought that the young man had won his bride, for all parental objections seem to have been removed, and the marriage of Robert Lamborn and Sarah Swayne was celebrated, by Friends ceremony, Sept. 5, 1722.

Evidently Robert Lamborn found the farming lands in this locality to his liking, for he remained here all his life, dying on the land he had brought to a high state of cultivation Nov. 22, 1775, and he was laid away in the burying ground at London Grove, in Chester county. His association with the Indians, who still roamed over a portion of the State, seems to have been amicable, as there is an interesting family record of an occasion upon which an Indian besought Robert to accompany him to a certain locality where was situated some of the best land in the country. This spot, which Robert found fair, indeed, was the site of the present city of Lancaster. However, it at that time was too far from any means of transportation to make it a desirable home in which to raise produce for market, and Mr. Lamborn was obliged to give up the idea of locating so far from Philadelphia. It was on the site of the present Center Square monument that Robert Lamborn mounted the stump of an old tree and, after viewing the goodly heritage, the beautiful prospect, he involuntarily exclaimed, "this would be such a beautiful spot upon which to found a city," his thought having been realized by the upbuilding of the city of Lancaster, in which his descendants have been so well known. His friendly relations with the Redmen have given color to many a pretty story, well authenticated. After a day's hunt for venison they would often come to his house and sleep on the kitchen floor, with their feet to the old-fashioned log fire place. When "Lobert," as they called him, would awaken them in the morning they would quietly and peaceably leave the house, first telling him where he could find a deer shot the day before; occasionally they would carry the game to him. The children born to Robert and his wife Sarah were: Robert (2), William, Ann, Elizabeth, Francis, John, Thomas, Josiah and Sarah.

Robert Lamborn (2), son of Robert, was born June 3, 1723, and died Dec. 8, 1781. By Friends' ceremony he was married to Ann (Morris) Bourne Sept. 19, 1746; she died June 6, 1790. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he followed this industry near London Grove, or Lamborntown, his burial taking place there also. By nature he was a kind and charitable man, of whom his neighbors cherished pleasant recollections. The children born to Robert (2) and Ann Lamborn were: Jesse, Susanna, Robert, Thomas, Mary, John, Joseph, Sarah, David, Ann, George, Lydia (who died in infancy) and Lydia (2). All of these were born in Chester county, and all were united in marriage by the simple and beautiful formula of the Society of Friends.

George Lamborn, son of Robert (2), was born near Chadds Ford, Chester county, Dec. 23, 1768, and died Sept. 19, 1856. His first marriage was Feb. 12, 1790, to Martha Marshall and his second marriage was March 14, 1806, to Mary Smedley, who died on Jan. 10, 1857. By occupation he was both farmer and blacksmith, following his trade in

the vicinity of his birth until 1806, when he moved to Lancaster county, buying at that time a farm near Wentz's Mill, in Martic township. In the estimation of his neighbors he was a prosperous man, and that he was kind-hearted may be inferred when it is stated that a signing of a note in order to relieve a friend from financial difficulties resulted in his own ruination, making it necessary for him to resume his laborious trade again. Removing after this disaster to Drumore township, he located near Friends Drumore Particular Meeting, and there continued for a time in the blacksmith business, but in 1828 he emigrated to Jefferson county, Ohio, and rented a farm near Steubenville. Nine years later he removed to Knox county, Ohio, where he bought a farm, upon which he remained until the time of his death, his burial being in Millwood cemetery, in the same county. While George Lamborn was still a young man and living at Chadds Ford, he accidentally discovered a vein of fine anthracite coal, while on a hunting tour. On account of the parsimony of the owner of the land upon which it was found the vein was never worked, the exact location of the find being at present known only to two persons, George S. Lamborn, of Liberty Square, Lancaster county, and his cousin, Harvey Baker, of Pittsburg, the former of whom owns the original draft. The children born to the first marriage of George Lamborn were: Lewis, Benjamin, Thomas, Ann, Marshall and Lydia, all of whom were married by the Friends' ceremony. The children of the second marriage were: Smedley; Susanna; John; Esther; Robert; Mary; Philena; Jacob; Lindley; and Martha. Changes came into this family, some of the members marrying into other religious societies, the result being that Smedley, the direct ancestor of George S. Lamborn, was the only one who adhered to the simple ceremony of the Friends, which had united his ancestors.

Smedley Lamborn, son of George and Mary Lamborn, was born in Chester county Jan. 6, 1807, and died Sept. 26, 1851. On Dec. 22, 1830, he was united in wedlock to Margaret Bolton, who was born Aug. 26, 1810, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Bolton; she died on Nov. 21, 1855. Her parents were formerly residents of Bucks county, Pa., where he carried on a business of chair and spinning wheel maker, engaging in farming after locating in Lancaster county. Smedley Lamborn was a man of excellent morals and religious habits of thought, being also a man of liberal ideas and one much interested in all reform movements. As an ardent anti-slavery man he took an interested part in the workings of the Underground Railroad, and was as active in the cause of temperance. By trade he was a blacksmith, having been a pupil of Edward Green, but at the age of twenty-three years he bought the farm in Martic township on which his son George now resides. After his marriage he opened up a smithy on his farm near Wentz's Mill,

and there, with excellent machinery adapted to his purpose, he did a good business.

It was in that place that George S. Lamborn, of Lancaster county, was born, and it is recalled in his mind by several incidents of early childhood, they probably being the very earliest events impressed upon his mind, and particularly interesting on that account. Mr. Lamborn recalls an occasion when his beloved mother tenderly put him to sleep in his little bed, and then started to the mill in order to get some flour. On her return she was surprised to meet her little son on the road, coming to meet her. What took place then Mr. Lamborn does not recall, but it was of enough importance to fix the incident upon his memory. He also recalls a visit which he made to the smithy and return home through the dark night, in the arms of one of the apprentices, the change from the glow of the forge to the blackness of the outside world probably accounting for the impress made upon the childish imagination.

Smedley Lamborn continued his trade in that vicinity until the spring of 1837, at which time he moved to a tenant house on Elijah Worlls' farm, which was one-half mile northeast of Liberty Square, and from this place he went back and forth to do a little farming on his Martic township tract, the residence being occupied at this time by Jacob Paxton. In the spring of 1839 he moved to that place and commenced the heavy work of clearing up a farm, the first business being the removal of scattered trees, bushes, stones and rocks and the draining of swamps, preliminary to fencing, as none of the latter had been finished, with the exception of fourteen acres. The buildings consisted of an old log house and barn, and a stone spring-house, the latter being still a stanch relic of days prior to the time of Smedley Lamborn. The old barn was roofed with straw and was almost in a swamp, while the dwelling was also old and uncomfortable, being the second one on this place. Although things had a rather discouraging outlook Smedley hired help, and being a man of untiring energy he instilled a part of it into his assistants, and in a few years brought a fine farm out of the seeming chaos. The dwelling was repaired, a wagon house and other shelters were built, and in 1847 a substantial barn was erected. These were years of unrelenting toil, and although there was never a pause in the industry of the father, he was ably assisted by the efforts of his sons, George S. and Aquilla B., the labors of the latter including the clearing of the land, the sawing of logs and the hauling of limestone and lime, and aside from these duties, the necessary farm work and chores came also within their line.

Mr. Lamborn recalls the occasion of his first experience in hay loading. This was in the summer of 1839. His father was taking in a load of sweet meadow hay, and, probably being short of help, placed his son George S. on the load to trample it down as he pitched it in great forkfulls from the ground. Although but a lad of eight years, his

wholesome bringing up had made him sturdy and strong, and he recalls with satisfaction that from that first successful experience during the sixty-three years that have passed since then he has never missed the enjoyment and exhilaration of participating in a hay or wheat harvest, and still further, he has never had a single load to play him the scurvy trick of falling off.

From 1847 to 1851 prosperity smiled on the efforts of Smedley Lamborn in his farming operations, although the dear and sympathetic mother was often seen to be sorrowful that her family had to be content with such plain food, through the struggling years. She was a woman of the most elevated character, and was beloved by all who knew her. In the fall of 1851, Smedley died, and his widow and the noble sons carried on the work of the farm for some time. The children born to Smedley Lamborn and wife were: George S., Aquilla B., Emeline, Elwood, William Lewis, Elizabeth, Sarah E., Priscilla S., Alice Ann, Lucinda and Lydia. All of these married, six of them adhering to the principles of Friends to the degree of using the simple and expressive marriage ceremony, these being George S., William Lewis, Sarah, Alice Ann, Lucinda and Lydia, while the others were married by the mayor of the city of Lancaster.

George S. Lamborn, of Liberty Square, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 24, 1831, the eldest child of his parents. In the fall of 1853 he attended Benjamin Hoops's Boarding School, near Avondale, Chester county, and remained there through that winter. In the spring of 1854, he hired with his uncle, Jacob Baker, as clerk, and for other work, the uncle being engaged in the business of lime burning in Chester county, and Mr. Lamborn remained with this relative until the fall, at which time he returned to his home, and with his brother Aquilla B., took charge of the farm, and in the summer of 1855 they built a new house. The family still remained together at this time, with the exception of Emeline, and great were the anticipations and preparations for the occupancy of the new and comfortable residence. The pleasant plans were forgotten, however, in the sudden illness of the beloved mother, who was taken ill with pneumonia, and died Nov. 21, 1855. Elizabeth then took charge of the home, but with the beloved mother gone, the others gradually left, and the family became scattered.

On May 8, 1856, George S. Lamborn was united by Friends' ceremony to Sarah W. Coates, who was born Feb. 7, 1831, a daughter of Ellis and Abigail Coates, of Homeville, Chester county. Then George S. and Aquilla B. took charge of the farm, in partnership; Elwood went to work at the blacksmith's trade; William embarked in an agency business, also taught school; and the younger girls found homes in neighboring families. In the school year of 1866-7, George S. taught school, the fall term being in an old stone schoolhouse situated in a swamp, near the Buck hotel, that being in the days prior

to the discovery of the germs, which in later years we are disposed to think lurk in every marshy spot. The winter school was at Oregon schoolhouse, which was situated in the forest, south of the Hugh Penny farm in Drumore township.

In 1861, George S. bought out his brother's interest in the farm, or rather, a division was made, by which George S. took the old homestead, and Aquilla B. the southern portion of the place, which had been bought and added to the original. This farm had been taken up in 1754, and it has been the home of George S. Lamborn for sixty-three years. In 1856 he became especially interested in mineralogy, his curiosity being awakened by his first find, when a boy, of a cubic specimen of "fool's gold," or iron pyrites, and during succeeding years he has continued collecting, until now he has one of the most interesting as well as valuable assortments of minerals, Indian relics, fossils, shells and other curiosities, in the locality, well worth a position in some public museum. Mr. Lamborn through study of Mineralogy, Geology, Archaeology and Paleontology has become thoroughly acquainted with his collections, and a study of Philately has also in some degree, occupied his attention, as he has become the owner of a valuable assortment of stamps. Although naturally this collection is very precious to Mr. Lamborn, and has cost time, money and effort, in its acquirement, he is very unselfish about it, and has endeavored to make practical use of it in the instruction of the school children of his locality.

In 1862 Mr. Lamborn accepted a position as school director, being peculiarly well qualified for its duties. As secretary of the board, when making his monthly visits, it was his custom to take with him some of the minerals, and when the children became interested in looking at these, he would instruct them concerning these things, and thus endeavor to awaken a love for the wonders of a world which too often was but as a sealed book to them. It was also the commendable custom of Mr. Lamborn to carry with him his galvanic battery, and make merry with the children, while explaining to them its powers and use. These visits were welcomed by the children, and the occasions were never forgotten. After closing his relations with the school board, after a period of fifteen years, Mr. Lamborn was elected to the office of district auditor, faithfully performing the duties pertaining to it until the present time, having also efficiently served during the intervening years as county juryman and road and bridge-viewer.

Perhaps in no way has Mr. Lamborn been more conspicuous in his locality, than in his unswerving allegiance to the cause of temperance. The disastrous effects of strong drink were so realized by him in early life, that at the age of eleven years he induced eleven other youths to join him in taking the pledge of the Washingtonian Temperance So-

ciety, this organization then being prominently before the public, the occasion being at a meeting at the old Silver Spring schoolhouse, near Liberty Square. Mr. Lamborn has been consistent in his attitude on this question, having never handled or tasted intoxicating liquor, and has been the only voter of the Temperance ticket in his district.

It was not strange that when Mr. Lamborn reached the age of mature reflection he should become a strong anti-slavery man, his feeling of right making him the advocate of all men, without regard to color. While still a lad in the public school, he testified his faith in a schoolmate of another race, the occasion being related by Mr. Lamborn. A colored lad had been subjected to punishment for some infraction of the rules, and the teacher decided to exact the "pound of flesh" unless the offender could find some one to offer to be security for him. Doubtless, if the lad had been white, many excusers would have been found, but George S. Lamborn was the only fellow-student who was willing to show that much confidence in him. When the week of trial was ended, the colored boy had fully satisfied his bond. As a testimonial of his gratitude, he presented his bondsman with a musical instrument, this being one of his own most valued possessions.

Reared in the Society of Friends, the simplicity and peacefulness of their religious belief, has always been of the greatest moment to George S. Lamborn. To the Bible he has given much study, and he is inclined to fall in with many of the leading religious thinkers of the day, that very much of it must be taken in a spiritual sense, and that many of the incidents related therein must have been written by different authors, from their own point of view. It would be his wish to have it so eliminated that its history has no contradictions and all impure sentiments should give way to the lofty imagery which in that sense makes it the Book of Books.

Through long years of study and reflection, Mr. Lamborn has done his best to exert an influence against impurity in politics, believing that many machine manipulations tend not only to breed, but to foster tendencies toward the vile tyrant, Anarchy. In the true sense of the word, he has been a member of the Republican party, although at times he has felt called upon to vote for the man he judged best, irrespective of party tie.

Possessing a mechanical and inventive turn of mind, Mr. Lamborn has produced many articles well worthy the time consumed in their construction. In connection with his other business, he bought the agency for farm and other machinery, his judgment enabling him to select the best and most satisfactory kinds. As a farmer, he was always considered one of the most successful and progressive, having at all times had an eye to convenience and improvement, both in farm and in farm buildings. Although Mr. Lamborn has never given

any attention to the mechanical part of music, his ear is one attuned to sweet sounds, the blowing winds, the rolling billows as well as the singing birds and the whisperings of the forests, producing harmonies for him. In all her aspects, Nature presents to him an attractive face.

Few men in this locality have seen more of their own land than Mr. Lamborn, his enjoyment of travel being both physical and mental. From the time he made his first trip, from Strasburg to Philadelphia, in 1851, until the date of the last one, from McCalls Ferry to Bedford, Pa., he has covered 14,425 miles by railroad, 270 miles by steam-boat, this not inclusive of the long trips made on foot and by carriage. In his pleasant wanderings, Mr. Lamborn has made three trips to Monroe, Iowa, the first in 1879, the second in 1884, and the third in 1893; to the World's Fair, in Chicago; three visits to Niagara Falls; the Provincial Fair, in Toronto, Canada; the Centennial, in Philadelphia, to sea shore and through mountains, and all over several counties of the Keystone State. The time and money which Mr. Lamborn has expended on these visits, he considers more remunerative in every way, than if he had used the same for either questionable enjoyments or for the purchase of strong drink, or tobacco, having such an antipathy to the latter as to refuse even to grow it.

Mr. Lamborn is most highly esteemed in his neighborhood, where his kindly, charitable nature is so well known. His hand is ever extended in manly friendship to those who deserve it, while many have been the cases when he has quietly assisted those who did not always deserve his charity. Social by nature, his travel and study have made him a very delightful host, and one of the many reunions of various kinds, well remembered, is one which took place on Feb. 22, 1897, the gathering being composed of his brothers and sisters, in his hospitable home. At this time, Mr. Lamborn addressed the company in these words:

Brothers and sisters, relatives and friends: We are happy once more to welcome you back to the old homestead, where memory loves to linger, and where, in childhood's unconcern, we children gathered wild flowers in wood and vale, and fished beside the laughing stream, chased the butterfly in yonder meadow, or in wintry sport, sliding down the icy hills, little realizing the care and anxiety that filled our parents' hearts for our comfort and support, for it is but little that children know of the trials and privations parents undergo for them, only as the experience in after years proves it.

Yes, when I wander back, in mind, I hear the sweet voice of our dear mother singing a lullaby to the infant in its cradle, or hear her merry song as she goes about her daily work, busy with the spinning wheel in the kitchen at one end of the apartment, or, as the two were one, adjusting her little parlor at the other, while the old clock upon the wall ticks away the fleeting moments. I imagine, too, I hear the voice of our dear father, humming a favorite song, while about the duties of the farm, or whistling a lively march, as with his brawny arm he forges the heated iron on the anvil.

I also see that old, old house from within whose walls came many merry voices, and where were shed many

bitter tears of sorrow; and through whose roof sifted the driving snow, spreading its icy mantle upon the humble couch beneath; and the beating rains came relentlessly through the walls and ran in little streams across the warped and uncarpeted floor. As tradition has it, it was used by former occupants as an inn, dealing over its bar that which brings to the human family untold misery, woe and want. And seemingly to make amends for the evil, the old house was so arranged that religious meetings might be held therein. Then in their turn came the clank of the loom and the humming of the spinning wheel, which now are hushed. Nothing now remains to mark the spot where the old house stood but that bunch of roses planted by our mother's hand. The old shop is gone; the ring of the anvil is heard no more; and the old barn, where we frolicked and played upon the straw, and fought the wasps in the old thatched roof, leaves no trace behind. All have gone, except the old spring-house, which, too, is following the inevitable law, passing away, passing away, and then all will be gone save that spring of pure and sparkling water, at whose brink many weary travelers have been refreshed, and in whose waters were many baptisms. It alone will remain as a living monument of the past.

This same law is carrying us down the stream of time; and in a few short years will land us on the brink of Eternity. There, standing by the waters of the river of Death, piercing through the over-hanging mist, listening to the sweet voices from the other shore, beckoning us to come hither, away from a cold and selfish world into a state of everlasting bliss—yes, the voices of our parents, sisters and brothers.

Dear ones, let not this review of the past, or thoughts of the future, discourage us, for the time will soon come when all knowledge and trace of our existence here will have passed into oblivion. For such is the law of Nature, that one generation passes away and another comes. Now many of us are parents, and our children look to us for support, counsel and influence. Do we fully realize our responsibility? Can we stand firm for the right? Let not the light remark or the impertinent reply, coming from the lips of the little ones we love, permit us to lose our control in our management of them, for, most assuredly it will lead to disobedience, first to parent and friend, next to country, and then to God.

Disobedience to known law leads to ruin, and obedience to greatness. This is strikingly exemplified in the life of the illustrious man whose birthday we now celebrate, and whose obedience to the guarded care and influence of a wise and devoted mother, placed him at the head of our nation, and through his untiring efforts, hardships and trials, in connection with other patriots of his time, succeeded in establishing the best form of government the world has ever seen. Although corruption steals in, yet the people have the power to rectify all mistakes or grievances that may arise, by exercising their judgment at the ballot-box. This power can be greatly strengthened by extending to both sexes alike the right of suffrage, under certain educational qualifications. When this is done, the fell monster, Intemperance, with all its ruinous consequences, would soon lose its power and be banished from our midst. Would not this be progress? Would not this be adding to the great work commenced by the Father of the Republic? The labor they commenced we must shoulder, and with the battle-axe of right hew down the forests of evil that exist or may rise before us; and as each succeeding celebration of the birthday of the Father of his Country comes upon us, let us see that the portals are guarded and the governmental apartments are cleanly swept.

Also, let it be a reminder that not only this day but every day should be celebrated unto Him who has seen fit to place us in this world to work out our own destiny, for good or for evil. Then let us look on all earthly trials as lessons given us in the school of adversity, lessons which, if rightly understood, will teach us to enjoy the

persent; and let that enjoyment be of such a character that it will leave no sting behind, but will lead us, step by step, into the paths of purity and peace.

The children born to George S. Lamborn were: Margaret Coates; Mary Miller; Priscilla S., John Comley; Anna Mary; Charles Linnaeus; and Lucretia Mott. Mr. Lamborn is now retired from business activity. It has never been an object with him to accumulate large means, although his standing is one of substantiality and responsibility in the neighborhood. Few men have crossed the stage of affairs in Lancaster county who have left a more indelible impress upon the locality in which circumstances placed them than George S. Lamborn, standing as he always has for the highest standards of living and ever working to promote those influences which work for the progress and development of the best interests of his section. By example, by tongue and pen, he has lived as he has preached, and represents in every way the highest type of representative citizen.

Since the above was written, and as if to verify it, George S. Lamborn appeared as an advocate for rural free delivery. He was the first in the neighborhood to make a move for the establishment of a route—a privilege almost unheard, or unthought, of by most of the inhabitants of his vicinity. He commenced his work for it Jan. 13, 1902, and regardless of the filed protests against it in the Postoffice Department, the jeers and scoffings by the country postmasters and their henchmen, he succeeded by the kind efforts of Congressman H. Burd Cassel, and the just considerations of the Postoffice Department, in establishing the route on Nov. 1, 1902, which he feels to be a crowning effort of his life work, and a cherished boon to his fellow patrons of the Bonview Route No. 1. This new departure is quite a contrast, and Mr. Lamborn has bridged a period of time in mail facilities almost unequaled by any other nation of the world. He well remembers being sent for mail, when a boy, several miles from home, to be rewarded by receiving a letter for his father, from the latter's father in Ohio, which had been on the road about ninety days at a cost of twenty-five cents. Now a letter can be had from the same place in two days, at a cost of two cents, and delivered at the yard gate. Rapid strides have been made in improvements, economy, extravagance, and selfishness in the last fifty years of the country's history.

REV. CHARLES LIVINGSTON FRY, long-time pastor (1881-1901) of the historic old Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity in Lancaster, founded in 1730, has left a monument to his zeal and devotion in this great congregation, which is numerically the strongest in Lancaster, having 1,040 communicants.

Mr. Fry is descended from a family that for generations has been prominent in Pennsylvania, both in church and State. His grandfather was famil-

iarly known, during his official life at Harrisburg, as Auditor General of the State, as "Honest Jacob Fry." His father, who for thirty-two years was pastor of Old Trinity Church at Reading, Pa., is now the Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Mount Airy, Philadelphia, and one of the leading spirits in the venerable Ministerium of Pennsylvania. He is the author of a work on the Science of Homiletics, now in general use as a text-book in Lutheran Seminaries throughout the country.

The first ancestor to come to this country, from the Palatinate, Germany, was Henry Fry, who arrived in America in the year 1680, having been driven from his home by religious bigotry and persecution. He was one of the founders of Germantown, where his son Jacob, and his grandson, Henry, spent their lives on the paternal estate. It is a matter worthy of note, that in this family for generations the names of Jacob and Henry alternated.

Dr. Jacob Fry, the distinguished Professor at Mount Airy, was ordained to the ministry at the age of nineteen years. Eliza Jane Wattles, his wife, was born in New England, a daughter of Harvey Wattles, afterwards a resident of Gettysburg. To this union were born the following children: Rev. Charles Livingston; Miss Mary Gross; Miss Kate Wattles; Annie Gillespie, wife of Philip S. Zieber, a lawyer of Reading; Rev. Franklin Foster, for eleven years pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, of Bethlehem, Pa., and now of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y.; Josephine Cassady, wife of William Benbow, church organist and musician, at Reading; and Miss Jennie, unmarried.

Rev. Charles Livingston Fry graduated from the Reading High School in 1875; from Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, in 1878, and from the Theological Seminary, at Philadelphia, in 1881. Immediately after his entrance upon the work of the gospel ministry, he was called to Lancaster, as an associate of Dr. Emanuel Greenwald, the pastor of Holy Trinity Church, who was then a very aged man, and upon his death in 1885 succeeded to the pastorate by unanimous vote of the congregation.

Mr. Fry has lectured before many institutions of learning, and educational conventions. While in charge of Trinity Church, his constant effort was to develop the religious life of the young people. His labor was unceasing to bring the Church close to the hearts of the people, and in this he was eminently successful. Mr. Fry has been a frequent contributor to the press, was associate editor for some years of *Christian Culture*, and a member of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua. He was president of the Lancaster Center of University Extension from its inception in the city until his removal to his present metropolitan field of labor, which occurred Jan. 1, 1901, when he became pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, in Philadelphia, one of the most important churches in his denomination in the State. He is also the

Literature Secretary of the Luther League of America, having entire charge of mapping out its various reading courses and student efforts. The Sunday school of Trinity Church is one of its principal features, and Mr. Fry devoted much of his time to its interests. The singing of oratorio anthems by the young people, and the music on great festivals, was proverbial as the standard of comparison in the community.

On June 9, 1891, Rev. Mr. Fry was married, the tenth anniversary of his ordination, to Miss Laura F., only daughter of Henry M. Housekeeper, a retired architect and builder in Philadelphia. The summer of that year they spent on a bridal tour in Europe visiting Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, France and England. On their return they were extended a public reception in which all denominations participated. Mr. Fry was the prime mover in the refined entertainments that were given every month in the court house during the winter of 1890-91, free of cost to the laboring classes, and was for years an active worker in a number of literary societies of the city.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fry has been blessed by the birth of two children: Henry Jacob, born May 2, 1892; and Charles Luther, March 16, 1894. A more ideal family relation can hardly be found than that which exists in their home, Mr. Fry is as devoted to his family as to the Church, and to the great reforming and uplifting agencies of life. He is a friend of the poor and a helper to the needy. The descendant of a long line of Lutheran ancestors from the early days in the Palatinate, he wears worthily the mantle of his fathers.

VERY REV. ANTHONY F. KAUL, V. F., the founder and present popular rector of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, of Lancaster, is also Dean of York and Lancaster counties, the bishop of the diocese having conferred the title of Dean upon him in July, 1893. On June 13, 1894, the feast of the Patron Saint of the church, occurred his silver jubilee, commemorating the twenty-five years that had elapsed since his ordination, an event of surpassing and memorable interest to the congregation of St. Anthony and to the community in general.

Father Kaul was born in Sinsheim, Baden, Germany, June 8, 1846, and his father, Pirmin Kaul, was born in the same locality May 20, 1808, a son of John Kaul, of French descent. Pirmin Kaul was a tailor by occupation, and he was also engaged in the manufacture of epaulets and military regalia. He was married, Nov. 28, 1830, to Miss Magdelene, daughter of George Philip Dick, Burgo-master of Grumbach, Baden; she was born Feb. 20, 1804, in Grumbach. Early in 1847 Mr. and Mrs. Kaul embarked on an English sailing vessel at Antwerp, and after a stormy voyage of forty-seven days landed in New York city, July 7th. Going to Philadelphia, they remained there a short

time, and then went to Reading, where they resided for about six months. In April, 1848, Pirmin Kaul located on a farm two miles from Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until Aug. 15, 1852. From that time until 1862 he was engaged in the hotel business in Reading, after which he retired to private life. In 1877 he came to Lancaster, where he made his home until his death, which occurred June 5, 1883, at the ripe age of seventy-five years. Politically Pirmin Kaul was a Democrat, and in religious belief he was a Roman Catholic. Mrs. Kaul made her home with Father Kaul until a few years ago, when she was called to her reward. In her will she left a bequest for the erection of a clock in the tower of the beloved St. Anthony's church, and this clock has come to be regarded as a veritable public blessing, particularly to the people of the eastern side of the city. Of the seven children of Pirmin and Magdelene (Dick) Kaul, all but one reached adult age, and are still living: (1) Annette became the wife of Christian Burger, of Reading, Pa.; (2) John H., a retired merchant, lives in this city; (3) Joseph, now known as Brother Leopold, is professor of music in Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind.; (4) Mary W., housekeeper for Father Kaul, teaches painting and kindred branches at the Sacred Heart Academy; (5) Elizabeth, now sister M. Stanislaus, a sister of the Holy Cross and an adept in music, is Superior of the Sacred Heart Academy, Lancaster; (6) the Very Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, of Lancaster, is the youngest of the family.

Father Kaul passed his early years in the public and parochial schools at Reading, Pa. In 1862 he became a student in St. Charles Preparatory Seminary, Glen Riddle, Pa., which school was then under the direction of the late Bishop Shanahan. After completing the classical course Father Kaul entered St. Charles Theological Seminary, on Eighteenth and Race streets, Philadelphia, where he pursued his philosophical and theological course, and was ordained Aug. 22, 1869, at Harrisburg, by Bishop Shanahan, first bishop of that diocese. The young priest was sent to Lancaster as assistant to the late Father F. L. Newfeld, of St. Joseph's church, arriving Sept. 24, 1869. In the spring of the following year it was decided to form a new parish from St. Joseph's congregation, the boundary lines being set by the bishop. This comprised all east of North Water, South Queen and Strawberry streets. The church, which is located at the corner of Ann and Orange streets, was founded in April, 1870, by Father Kaul, who worked indefatigably to achieve this end. The lot on which the structure stands is 245x340 feet, and was purchased for \$3,500; at the time it was used as a cornfield. The cornerstone was laid Aug. 14, 1870, in the presence of a large concourse, Rev. Father McGinnis, of Danville, Pa., being deputed by the late Very Rev. Bernard Keenan, administrator of the diocese



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during the absence of the bishop at the Vatican Council at Rome, to take charge of the ceremony. For the first four years the basement was used for church services, this portion being dedicated April 9, 1871, by Rt. Rev. Bishop Shanahan. The edifice was completed and dedicated May 17, 1875. The church, which is 142 feet in length and 65 feet in width, is built of brick, and ornamented with brown stone; the buttresses are capped with the same kind of stone. The height of the walls above the foundation is 38 feet, while the height of the cone of the roof is about 80 feet. In the front of the church is a tower of brick about 115 feet in height, which makes the steeple the highest in the city. The building stands back some distance from and faces on Orange street, and is entered by three massive doors of solid walnut, which lead into a roomy and well-arranged vestibule. From the vestibule are doors that lead into the church, and a stairway that leads into the gallery. The audience room is decidedly the handsomest in the city; it is about 100 feet long, 63 feet wide and 50 feet high from the floor to the top of the arched ceiling. The wainscoting, pews and other woodwork are finished in walnut and ash. The chancel, which is raised four steps, is enclosed with a heavy walnut railing and carpeted with fine brussels. The ceiling is formed by a Gothic arch springing from the side walls and flattened at the top. Between the windows are heavy Gothic ribs resting in brackets and reaching to the flattened part of the ceiling. From each end of these massive ribs, which are beautifully frescoed, depend large drops, two feet or more in length, of handsome pattern and finished in gold. The gas fixtures comprise ten pedestal lights, being of gold and bronze, and of new and handsome design, placed in two rows, equi-distant from the middle and side aisles. On either side of the altar are scroll brackets with five burners each, and suspended from the ceiling in front of the altar hangs a large sanctuary lamp, which is kept constantly burning. This is surmounted by a very beautiful glass globe, rose red in color. Immediately behind the principal altar is a life-size and very excellent picture of the crucifixion, painted by the late Louis Reingruber, the well known artist of Lancaster. On either side are paintings of equal size, representing the Nativity of Christ and the Adoration of the Magi. On the east and west slopes of the ceiling are portraits of all the apostles. The fourteen large oil paintings representing the stations are framed in walnut; they are copies of De Schwanden, the famous Munich artist. On either side of the sanctuary arch is an angel with outspread wings and folded hands, and above the arch is an angel holding a scroll bearing the words *Ecce tabernaculum Dei*. The shading of the ground work is stone color, so handsomely intermingled with brighter shades and hues, however, as to be difficult of description. Nearly every panel contains the picture of a saint, and around these are

twined a perfect wilderness of arches, columns, ribs, scrolls, etc. Besides the main altar there are two other altars in the main audience room. The main altar stands within a large arched recess, at the extreme end of the church, and it is painted pure white, tipped with gold. It is eighteen feet in height from the top of the "exposition" to the base. The figure of an adoring angel stands on a pedestal on either side of the altar, while upon the top of the altar are placed six candlesticks, each nine feet three inches in height. On both sides of the main altar, and a little farther to the front, are two smaller altars, also placed within handsomely frescoed arches. One is St. Mary's and the other St. Joseph's. They are of handsome design, and on them are placed respectively statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. The lofty windows of the church are of beautiful design, and set with stained glass of many brilliant colors. The upper sash of each window contains two figures of saints. All the windows and paintings have been presented by members or friends of the parish. The three small windows above the sanctuary contain pictures of the blessed sacrament, and adoring angels are represented on either side. The gallery is in the south end of the audience room and extends entirely across it. It is supported by handsome columns and is reached by a stairway built in the vestibule of the church. The stairway and the gallery are wainscoted in solid walnut. The church has a seating capacity of 1,200 people, and cost over \$60,000. The grand pipe organ is valued at \$5,000, and the gold embroidered vestments were purchased at a cost of \$2,000.

In the fall of 1871 a parochial school was opened in the basement of the church, with two lay teachers, and two years later the present teachers, Sisters of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind., took charge, and also opened an academy and boarding school for young ladies, known as the Sacred Heart Academy. In the spring of 1876 Father Kaul purchased a lot opposite the church, on the southeast corner of Ann and Orange streets, for \$4,300, on which was erected the academy, a three-story and basement brick building, fitted out with all modern improvements. Every facility is afforded in this high-class and widely-known institution for the education of young ladies, the curriculum embracing not only the various branches of elementary studies, but deportment, physical culture and everything that goes to the making of perfect womanhood. Special attention is given to music and art, and every attention is paid to the comfort and training of pupils—the place being noted for its homelike and elevating environments.

In the year 1872 a temporary parochial residence was built to the east of the church, and in 1873 five acres of land for cemetery purposes were purchased in the extension of Orange street. In 1892 a like number of acres, adjoining the old cemetery, were bought, and this is now known as St.

Anthony's cemetery. In 1896, for the benefit of the young men of the parish, a commodious and finely appointed brick building of three stories and basement was erected, the first floor being used as a school, the second for library purposes and the third for a hall, while the basement is devoted to a gymnasium.

The handsomest rectory in all Lancaster has been erected on the lot west of the church and connected with the church by a gallery. The various societies of the church are in a flourishing condition, the most prominent of these being St. Anthony's Beneficial Society and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and of the Guardian Angel. The congregation now numbers about three hundred families.

In 1881 Father Kaul went to Europe, traveling extensively in Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Germany and Italy. While in Rome he had an interview with Pope Leo XIII, from whom he received the papal blessing, and upon his return to his congregation conferred it upon them. In 1886 he made a second trip to Europe, passing most of his time in Germany; and in 1900, his eyesight having become seriously impaired, he again made a voyage to Europe, this time to consult specialists.

Such is a brief and necessarily imperfect glimpse of Father Kaul, his ancestry, and the parish which he founded, and which he has nourished into its present grand proportions. To tell the complete story of his noble life and work would in itself fill a volume. He has been interested in the general welfare of Lancaster also, and was one of the active promoters of the Eastern Market—of such great benefit to the eastern part of the city. The appreciation of his work—as well as of Father Kaul personally—was fully attested when, in 1900, he made the trip to Europe to consult noted oculists; prayers were uttered by every lip for a safe return and a full restoration of health and eyesight, and this alone showed how deep a hold he had on the hearts of the people, regardless of denomination.

JOHN ROLAND, formerly both a stationary engineer and a farmer, with his residence in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in the Rhine province of Prussia, June 19, 1833, to Adolph and Gertrude (Steimel) Roland.

The Roland family came to America in 1852 and for two months lived in New Jersey, whence with only two dollars among them they came to Lancaster county and located at Chestnut Hill, in West Hempfield township, where they remained until 1862, when, with the exception of John, they moved to Columbia, near which city the father was employed in farming. The father, Adolph Roland, died in Columbia in May, 1864, when seventy years old, and the mother, Gertrude (Steimel) Roland, died in 1850, aged seventy-one years, and the remains of both were interred in the Catholic cemetery at Columbia, as they had been devout members

of that church during the entire period of their earthly pilgrimage. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: Margaret, deceased wife of John Baker; Christina, wife of Harmon Wegand, of Columbia; John; Theodore, a coal merchant in Columbia; Helen, deceased wife of W. J. Shaffer, a druggist of Philadelphia; Rev. Frank, who was studying for the priesthood, but died at Vincent College; and Feronigal, who died young in New York.

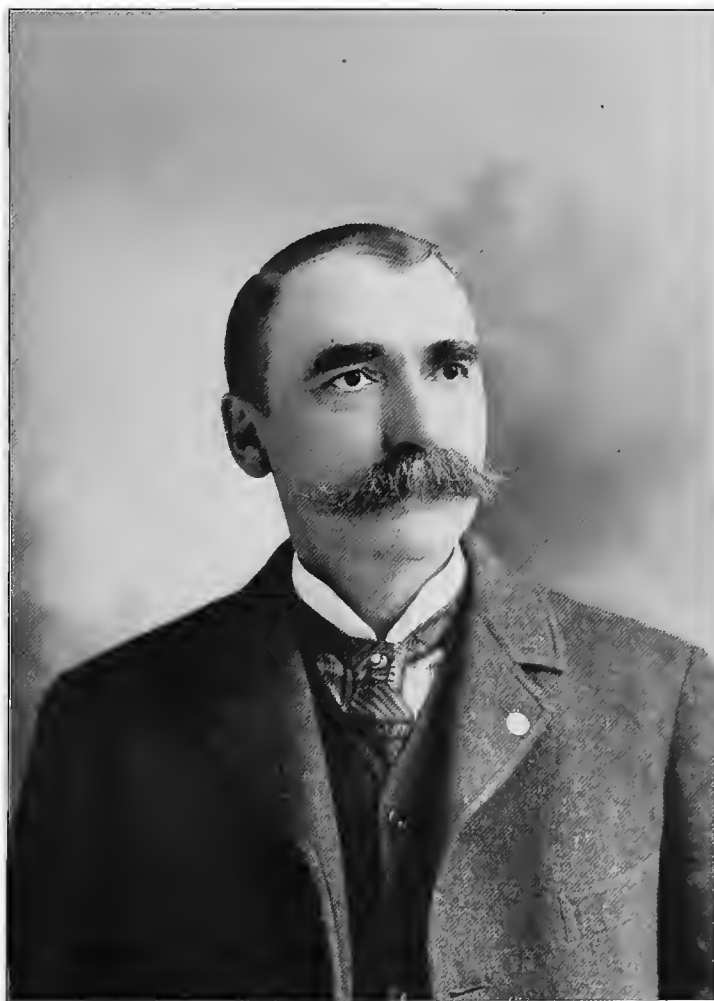
John Roland began working for himself in 1853, in the ore banks in West Hempfield township for the New York Iron Ore Company and continued with this company until April, 1884, when he purchased his present farm of thirty-seven acres.

On April 27, 1863, John Roland married Agnes Sheit in Lancaster and to this union there were born twelve children, in the following order: Theodore, a stationary engineer at Columbia; John, who died young; Peter, a music dealer in Columbia; Elizabeth, in Lancaster; Andrew, who died at the age of twenty years; Joseph, who died young; Mary, in Lancaster; Agnes and Barbara, at home; William, in Columbia; Clara, at home; and Charles, who died young.

Mrs. Agnes (Sheit) Roland, like her husband, was born in the Rhine province of Prussia, her birth occurring May 5, 1840, and her parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Caber) Sheit, who came to America in 1850, and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., where the father died in 1872, and the mother in 1888, the latter at the age of seventy-eight. To Peter and Elizabeth Sheit were born four children, viz: Agnes, named above; Catherine, deceased; Anna, deceased, and Barbara, wife of John Kirch, of Lancaster.

Mr. Roland has made a success of life and by strict integrity and industrious habits has secured a competency. Besides his farm he owns other property in West Hempfield township, and prosperity attends his every effort. He and his family are devoted members of the Catholic Church, to the support of which they ever contribute most liberally; in politics Mr. Roland is a Republican, but has never been willing to accept public office.

ALFRED H. WORREST, son of Henry W. and Hannah (Sweigart) Worrest, was born July 28, 1855, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa. Henry W. Worrest, a son of Peter and Margaret (Fierree) Worrest, the former a farmer, was born at Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa., in 1822, and died in 1884. Hannah (Sweigart) Worrest, daughter of Isaac and Leah (Reidenbaugh) Sweigart, farming people, was born near New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1825, and died in 1898. Alfred H. Worrest comes of two of the old families of this section, both his grandfathers having operated teams between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, Pa., before the days of railroads. Some of the family have dropped the "re" and spell the name Worst.



C. H. Worrest

Henry W. Worrest, father of Alfred H., was well and favorably known in the district in which he lived. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, his wife was a Lutheran; both are buried in St. John's cemetery, Compassville, Chester Co., Pa. Their children were as follows: Alfred H., living in Lancaster, Pa.; Harry, deceased; Charles S., a farmer, living in Nebraska; Miss Lizzie L. and Miss Annie M., of Pequea, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Until he was twenty-one years of age Mr. Worrest remained with his father, assisting on the farm, and receiving remuneration in board and clothes. Any time that he could get off from the farm work was spent in selling agricultural implements to the farmers of the neighborhood. The following year he was employed by his uncle, John P. Sweigart, at the "Mansion House" at Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa. The succeeding two years he spent in raising tobacco and selling agricultural implements, having associated himself the second year with his cousin, T. K. Sweigart, under the firm name of Worrest & Sweigart, Pequea, Pa. They then sold a full line of these implements. This firm was dissolved in 1882, by mutual consent, Mr. Worrest having accepted a position with the Genesee Valley Manufacturing Company, of Mt. Morris, N. Y., to represent them as general agent for eastern Pennsylvania and adjoining States. This position he held for eight years, during which time he invented what is known as the Royal Fertilizer Feeder for grain drills, and which is used by this company on their drills, they having a license under the patents to manufacture it. After severing his connection with the above mentioned company Mr. Worrest settled on a farm in Glenloch, Chester Co., Pa. During that year he sold the farm to Henry Geisse, and the following spring returned to Lancaster, accepting a position with the Deering Harvester Company, of Chicago, Ill., and remaining with them one season, representing them in Lancaster, Chester and Delaware counties, Pa. In this year (1891) he invented the safety buggy, which he had manufactured for him by D. A. Altick's Son, of Lancaster, under the name of the Safety Buggy Works, and which he sold for three years. During this period he had been several times approached on the subject of forming a stock company to manufacture the Safety Buggy on a larger scale, which proposition he accepted in 1894, and the Safety Buggy Company, of Lancaster, Pa., was organized. The concern has one of the largest, if not the largest, carriage works in Lancaster county: for five years Mr. Worrest was manager of and a director in the company, when the business was sold to B. G. Dodge, who has continued in its management.

After this Mr. Worrest invented the Standard Shaft and Pole Coupler, and the Standard Body Loop, both of which are for use in the construction of carriages. The Coupler he manufactured and sold under the name of the Standard Coupler Works, Lancaster, Pa. The Body Loop is made by the Keystone Forging Company, of Northumberland,

Pa., who manufacture it under the patents and a license from Mr. Worrest. In 1900 the Coupler business having grown beyond the expectation of the inventor, it was bought by the Metal Stamping Company, of New York City, for a cash consideration and a royalty on the future sales during the term of the patents. Both of these inventions are well known to the carriage trade and have very large sales. At this writing Mr. Worrest is busily engaged in introducing his latest, and what he considers his best, invention, "The Standard Ball Axle," for carriages and all other vehicles.

At the parsonage of St. John's Episcopal Church, of Compassville, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Tullidge, Alfred H. Worrest was united in marriage with Katherine F. Wanner, who was born July 17, 1859, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of Martin and Martha (Mast) Wanner, farming people of Salisbury township. Children as follows have been born to this union: Minnie E., Grace E. (deceased), Elsie M., Edgar W., Harry (who died in infancy), Warren W. and Howard A.

Mr. Worrest was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, of which his daughters are communicants, and of which he is a supporter. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, while fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Malta; I. O. O. F.; Jr. O. U. A. M.; and K. of P. His genius has made him known to the manufacturing world over a large territory. At his home he is still the quiet, studious man, whom his friends have known for years as the good neighbor and first-class citizen, ever anxious for the welfare of family, city and State.

DAVID GRAEFF, an eminently respected citizen of Columbia, is a retired machinist. Born Feb. 18, 1821, he has reached the venerable age of four score and two years, and is passing the evening of his well-spent life in ease and contentment. His father, who died in 1825, at the early age of twenty-six, was likewise named David, and was a descendant of a family of Swiss emigrants, who formed a portion of a colony of thirteen families that settled in Pequea Valley as early as 1702. His mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Pratt, was a daughter of James and Stabina (Stauffer) Pratt; she passed away in 1878, in her eighty-third year. James Pratt was an Englishman by birth, while his wife was a native of Lancaster.

After the death of his father young David, who was an only child, was apprenticed when a boy of fifteen years by his guardian, Daniel Zahn, to Michael Ehrman, a brass founder of Lancaster. Mr. Graeff yet has the articles of indenture, which he prizes highly. His term of apprenticeship covers a period of five years, two months and twenty-six days, and in consideration of his services he received the sum of ten pounds, and was given the privilege of attending school for sixteen months. After the expiration of his term, the young man's

love of adventure led him to enlist in the United States navy, and he shipped from Philadelphia as a landsman, being later transferred to the "North Carolina," then lying in the port of New York. After fourteen months he met with an accident which so disabled him that he was compelled to leave the service on Jan. 29, 1843. Returning to Lancaster, he began working at his trade, which he followed as a journeyman for about five years, and then spent another year in charge of the city water works. On April 1, 1850, he removed to Columbia, and established a brass foundry which he conducted for four years, when he disposed of it and began working as a machinist. In 1864 he entered the machine shop of the Pennsylvania railroad, but left this position after five years to become an engineer in a furnace. Three years later he accepted a position in the machine shop of Supplee & Bro., but within a few years returned to the employ of the railroad company. He continued in that service until Jan. 1, 1900, when his long years of faithful service were rewarded by retirement upon a pension. He is a communicant in the Episcopal Church, and independent in politics.

At Lancaster, Pa., David Graeff married Christiana Lorentz, who bore him three children: Mary C., John H. and Emma E. The oldest daughter, now deceased, married the late Cyrus G. Hinkle, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, who lost his life in an accident. John H., the only son, is also a railroad engineer, and a brief sketch of his life may be found below. Emma E., the youngest daughter, is unmarried, and lives with her parents.

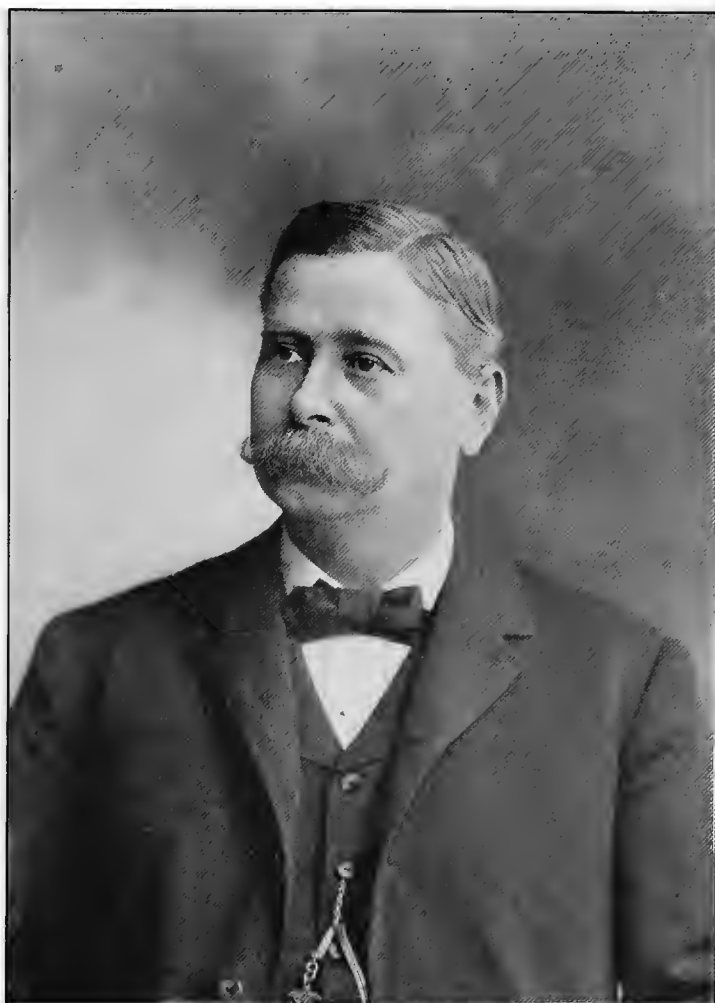
Mrs. Graeff was born in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 1, 1829, a daughter of John and Magdeline (Metzgar) Lorentz, and a granddaughter of John Lorentz, Sr. John Lorentz, her father, died in Lancaster in 1834, at the age of fifty, and the mother survived him until 1855, when, at Columbia, she, too, entered into rest, having lived to pass the seventy-fifth anniversary of her birth. They were members of the Reformed and Lutheran Churches, respectively. Twenty-one children were born of their union, but owing to imperfections in the family records, the names of only a few of them can be given: Sarah, Jacob, John (all deceased), Harry, William, Mary, Leah, Eva and Christiana. Mrs. Graeff's maternal grandfather, Jacob Metzgar, accompanied his parents from Germany to America when a boy of ten years.

John H. Graeff, the only son of David and Christiana (Lorentz) Graeff, was born in Columbia, Jan. 25, 1852. He attended school until eighteen years old, and then began work in the shops of the railroad company. After two years thus spent he took a position as locomotive fireman, and in less than four years was promoted to fill the hazardous and responsible position of engineer. He yet remains in the company's employ, honored and trusted by his superiors, beloved by his fellowmen, popular in the community in which he was reared, and universally esteemed because of his manly traits

of character. He is a member of the Masonic Order and is a Knight Templar, as well as a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, and his religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church.

On Jan. 23, 1879, John H. Graeff was married at Columbia, to Miss Louisa Kistler, who was born in Lancaster, Sept. 9, 1858. Her father, John J. Kistler, was a native of Switzerland, and her mother, *nee* Sophia Mythaler, was born in Baden. They came with their respective brothers and sisters to Lancaster in 1847-48, and there they were married, their parents remaining in the old world. Mr. Kistler was born in 1823, was by trade a carpenter and died Sept. 15, 1885. Mrs. Kistler was born May 15, 1827, and is yet living, making her home with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Graeff. Mrs. Graeff is one of six children born to her parents, the others, in order of birth, being Emma, who married Charles Evans, an iron worker; Mary, the wife of Edward Edwards, a retired business man of New York; William, a stationary engineer of Steelton, Pa.; Albert, a carpenter and builder residing in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and John, a telegraph operator in New York City. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Graeff has been blessed with five children, namely: Stella, George D., William L., John H. and Margaret C.

PIERCE LESHER was born in the village of Reamstown, Lancaster county, May 9, 1853, and spent his early life upon the farm. He received his education in the public schools of his native town and in the State Normal School at Millersville. For four years he engaged in teaching school, and then began the manufacture of cigars. He left that business to enter the United States Internal Revenue service on July 4, 1885, becoming a deputy collector under Hon. John T. MacGonigle, collector of the 9th District, at Lancaster, taking charge of the distilled spirits accounts, and held that position under Collectors MacGonigle and Hensel until March 11, 1889, when he resigned to become assistant cashier of the Conestoga National Bank at Lancaster. His connection with that institution lasted until Aug. 1, 1889, at which time he re-entered the Revenue service as cashier under Collector Hensel, filling the office until the end of Mr. Hensel's term. He continued in the Revenue service, as deputy under Collector Sam Matt. Fridy, Esq., the successor of Mr. Hensel, and as chief deputy under Collectors Shearer and Hershey. On Jan. 1, 1900, he resigned from the Revenue service to take the position of treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Co. During the last three years of Mr. Leshner's connection with the Revenue service he was chairman of the examining committee on the Revenue and Post Office civil service boards, which position he filled with much ability. On April 1, 1903, he resigned as Treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Co. to accept the position of General Superin-



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tendent and Treasurer of the knitting mills of the Leshner-Raig Knitting Co., Limited, located at Reamstown, Pa., in which industry he is largely interested.

While in the Revenue service Mr. Leshner was called upon to pass through the most trying ordeal of his life, having been in confidential relations with the United States secret service men from June, 1898, until April, 1899, no other people in Lancaster dreaming of what was going on in their midst in the way of counterfeiting money and revenue stamps, in what is known as the Jacobs-Kendig counterfeiting cases. The secret service men made Mr. Leshner's home on West Chestnut street a place of meeting, usually calling there at dead of night. Ladders and tools of all sorts were stored there, and Mr. Leshner never knew when he retired for the night, but that he might be called to join some midnight or early morning raid. These expeditions put him to his wits' end to smooth over matters to inquiring neighbors, so as to conceal the real object of these nightly errands. His high character and unimpeachable standing, however, carried the matter over successfully. When it became necessary to acquaint his superior officer with what was going on, he wired the authorities at Washington, and the whole matter was carried through to a successful conclusion. All parties connected with this scheme were arrested, their goods, counterfeit plates, printing presses and a large quantity of counterfeit cigar stamps being seized and forfeited to the Government. In connection with this case, twelve persons were arrested, convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment, it having been the most gigantic scheme ever attempted at counterfeiting in the United States. In the part taken by Mr. Leshner, in assisting to bring the guilty parties to justice, he displayed great coolness, shrewdness and courage, for which he received the highest praise from those under whom he served and the public at large.

On Nov. 25, 1885, Mr. Leshner was married to Kate P. McGinnis, daughter of the late Thomas J. and Sarah (Powell) McGinnis, the latter of whom died when the daughter was but three years old, from which time she made her home with her uncle, the late Mitchell J. Weaver, whose home she and her husband, with their two children, Mary Helen and Clara Elizabeth, now occupy. Mr. Leshner is a vestryman of St. John's Episcopal Church, and fraternally is prominent in Masonic circles. He was one of the organizers of the Home Building & Loan Association and served on its board of directors. He was also one of the chief promoters in the organization of the Ephrata & Adamstown Railway Company and the building of their road, and he is a member of their board of directors. Mr. Leshner always took a great interest in matters pertaining to his native town and was the first to agitate the building of this line through the same, and it was owing to his efforts, mainly, that this was accomplished. He is also a director of the Adamstown & Mohnsville Rail-

way Co. Apart from this, Mr. Leshner has made a good record as a citizen and business man, by the intelligence, fidelity and ability he has brought to bear alike on his private and public labors, and he is much respected at home and abroad for his manly qualities and his genial and companionable spirit.

Nicholas and Dorothy Leshner, remote ancestors of Pierce Leshner, came to America from the Palatinate prior to 1730, and made their home in Lancaster county. Here they had three sons, Nicholas, Abraham and John. John married Elizabeth Binkley, and had one son, whom he also named John, and who married Catherine Miller. To John and Catherine (Miller) Leshner were born three sons, Henry, John and William, of whom John was the father of Pierce Leshner.

John Leshner married Rebecca Matz, of Spring township, Berks Co., Pa., daughter of George and Elizabeth Matz, and a granddaughter of Lawrence Matz, who was of German descent. By this union there were two children, Pierce Leshner and Mrs. Clara L. Evans, the latter a widow, and living at Reading, Pa. Mr. Leshner's great-grandfather, John Leshner, bought a farm at Reamstown, Lancaster county, which has been in the possession of the Leshner family ever since, and is now owned by Pierce Leshner, whose name opens this sketch.

WILLIAM CONNARD HOAR. This gentleman has been fortunate enough to acquire a knowledge of the mysteries of two callings, one being that of a blacksmith and the other that of a farmer, but the latter seems best to please him, as he has relinquished the former, and is still engaged in his pursuit of the latter in Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

William C. Hoar was born in Buyerstown, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, March 12, 1835, a son of James and Mary (Evetts) Hoar, natives of Salisbury township, who were married Aug. 5, 1819. James Hoar, the father, was born May 28, 1796, was a blacksmith all his days, and died in Buyerstown, Jan. 1, 1863. His wife, who was born July 9, 1797, had been called away Aug. 31, 1840. Their remains rest in the old Friends churchyard in Sadsbury, among those of their ancestors of generations gone by for years. Ten children graced the union of this highly respected couple, and in order of birth were as follows: Ann E., who was married to Michael Beam but is now deceased, her surviving husband being a retired farmer of Eden township; John B., also deceased; Robert, a retired farmer living in Leacock township; Rachel, widow of John Whiteside, a former veterinary surgeon in Parkersburg, Chester county, where she still has her residence; Sarah, deceased wife of William Hasson; Mary C., living in Paradise township, the widow of William Shaffer; James, deceased; Margaret, who died when young; William C., whose name heads this biographical notice; and Letitia L., deceased. The paternal grandparents of William C. Hoar were

James and Anna (Chamberlain) Hoar, of Chester county, early settled in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and were of the most wealthy and respected Quaker families of this part of the State. Great grandfather Chamberlain was a man of means, and primarily a farmer in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, but he was also a sea captain and was eventually lost while making one of his voyages.

In Leacock township, in 1873, William C. Hoar was united in marriage with Miss Christiana E. Slack, who was born in Leacock township Oct. 27, 1847, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Brower) Slack. To this union have been born three children, viz: Mary E., who died when but fifteen years old; and J. Willard and Anna J., both still under the parental roof.

William C. Hoar began his business life at the age of sixteen years in his father's blacksmith shop, or in about 1851. In 1855 the father retired, and William C. continued on with the business until 1882, when he sold out and purchased his present farm, in connection with which he conducted a blacksmith shop for two years, and then abandoned blacksmithing altogether. As a farmer Mr. Hoar has met with abundant success, and is classed among the best in the county. In fact, he follows the lines which inevitably lead to a victory over all opposition, and to the triumphant subjection of all obstacles that impede the way, those lines being sound judgment, unceasing industry and conscientious performance of the duties pertaining to his calling.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoar are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Hoar has been a trustee for many years, and to the support of which they are constant and liberal contributors. In politics Mr. Hoar is a Republican, but has never manifested any desire to hold public office.

JOSHUA BRINTON, deceased, son of Moses and Hannah (Chamberlain) Brinton, of Leacock and Sadsbury townships, respectively, was born Feb. 28, 1811, and died Aug. 4, 1892, and was buried in the Society of Friends cemetery in Salisbury township. Moses Brinton was born in 1761, and died Nov. 23, 1846; his wife, who had remarried, survived until June 17, 1860. They were both consistent members of the Society of Friends and were buried in the Sadsbury cemetery.

In November, 1848, Joshua Brinton married in Philadelphia, Miss Mary E. Passmore, of whom further mention will be shortly made. To this union were born five children, viz: Phoebe, who is married to M. P. Cooper, a coal merchant in Christiana, Pa., and has one child; Clara E., who is the wife of Robert U. Knox, a cattle dealer at Gap, Pa., and has borne one child, which is now deceased; Mary and Joshua H., both of whom died young; and J. Howard, still with his mother.

Mrs. Mary E. (Passmore) Brinton was a daughter of Enoch and Phoebe (Hollis) Passmore, who were married in Salisbury township in October,

1822. Enoch Passmore was a substantial business man and brewer and was conspicuous as a township official. He was born March 16, 1785, and died June 6, 1858; his wife died at the age of thirty-nine. They were members of the Society of Friends and their remains were interred in the Sadsbury meeting-house cemetery. To Enoch and Phoebe Passmore were born eight children, viz: John, who died in infancy; Sarah, who was born Sept. 19, 1824, who married Benjamin Hershey, and died; Mary E., born Feb. 3, 1827; Seneca, born Nov. 12, 1828, and who died young; Emeline, born July 21, 1830, who died unmarried at the age of fifty; Enoch, born Oct. 19, 1831, now retired from the activities of business as ticket agent and lives at Kinzers, Lancaster county; George W., born Feb. 11, 1833, and died in infancy; Horace, born Sept. 15, 1834, and died in the army. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mary E. Brinton were John and Diana (Davis) Passmore, and were farming people of some considerable prominence in Chester county.

The late Joshua Brinton was an excellent farmer but not an excellent manager for the reason that his too generous nature induced him too often to expend his means in aiding his friends when he should have applied them to use nearer at home. Lacking only a wise economy, he was a consistent member of the Society of Friends and an unusually warm upholder of its principles and methods. In politics he was a Republican.

I. CLINTON ARNOLD, who stands among the prominent members of the Lancaster County Bar, is descended from one of the oldest and best Quaker families in Pennsylvania. Henry Brosius, his maternal great-grandfather, is the same as that of the late Hon. Marriott Brosius, whose family history is very fully given elsewhere.

His maternal grandfather was Abner Brosius, who married Letitia Wilkinson about 1828. They were both natives of southern Chester county, Pa., but soon after their marriage they purchased a farm near Bethesda, Martic township, Lancaster county, where they resided until about the year 1864, when they removed to Lincoln University, Chester county, where Mr. Brosius died in 1876. Mrs. Brosius died in 1897, aged eighty-seven years, at the home of our subject's parents. They were both actively interested in the anti-slavery cause, and on one occasion they concealed Fred Douglas, who had been a slave and was afterward widely known as a benefactor of his race, in their home, that he might escape the violence of a mob who tried to break up an anti-slavery meeting held in the neighborhood, by throwing rotten eggs, hooting and jeering the speakers, and threatening to ride them on rails. They were ever ready to reach out a helping hand to the needy and oppressed.

William Arnold, his paternal grandfather, conducted a store, and at the same time engaged in the quarrying of slate, at Peach Bottom, Lancaster coun-

ty, in the early days of the development of that industry in that section. He died in 1852.

William John Arnold, the father of I. Clinton, now resides on a farm near Peach Bottom, York county, Pa., where he has resided many years and has served several terms as justice of the peace, and was a member of the school board for twelve years, having been one of the promoters of the township high school of that section—a pioneer school of the higher grade. He married Amanda P. Brosius, in 1858. Five children were born to them, all of whom are living, as follows: I. Clinton, member of the Lancaster Bar; E. Willard, in the Northern Pacific Railway service, at Portland, Ore.; Alice W., wife of Henry W. Evans, a farmer at Peach Bottom, Pa.; Clarence E., a member of the Bar in San Francisco, Cal.; and Mabel B., unmarried and engaged in teaching school. Four of these, I. Clinton, Alice, Clarence and Mabel, are graduates of the State Normal School, at Millersville, Pa.; the mother was a student there at the first session of the school, when it was founded by the late Hon. J. P. Wickersham, and she was a member of the first teachers' institute held in Lancaster county.

I. Clinton Arnold was born Sept. 7, 1859, in Mar-tic township, Lancaster county, but spent his boy-hood days on his father's farm, near Peach Bottom, York county. There the life he led resembled that of other boys on farms in that day, before railroads were common, and while the telegraph and tele-phone were as yet unheard of; but it was unlike that of many farmer boys, in that at home he was encour-aged to work not only at farm work, but in the great field of learning. His mother was never too tired or too busy to give help when he wanted it whether the matter was a hard spelling lesson or something else. So he learned the great lesson of work and application, which finally enabled him to do well in the field of labor which he chose. He got all he could from the district school, and then did the same at the Delta High school, traveling over three miles each morning to reach the school. Before he was quite seventeen years old, he began to teach, his cer-tificate being granted by B. F. Shaub, then superin-tendent of Lancaster county. He began his work at Post Tree school, in the village of Fairfield, Dru-more township, where he taught two years, and the following three years taught Harmony school, in the adjoining district, and a summer term at Home-ville, Chester county, Pa. In the meantime he had attended the Millersville State Normal School, and in 1882 graduated from that institution. After graduating he taught the Willow Grove school, in West Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., and the following year resigned that school to become prin-cipal of the Friends Select School, at Oxford, Ches-ter county. When about eight years of age, he de-cided that he would be a lawyer, when he was a man, and steadily kept that aim in view. Shortly after his graduation, he passed the preliminary examina-tion, and was registered as a law student of the

Hon. Marriott Brosius, and in 1885, was admitted to practice in the several courts of Lancaster coun-ty, and later to the Supreme and Superior courts of Pennsylvania. He remembers with pleasure and gratitude his student days, and the early years of his practice, the interest and friendship extended to him by H. B. Swarr, a prominent member of the Bar and one time legal adviser, and afterward one of the executors of President Buchanan. Later Mr. Arnold and Mr. Swarr were closely associated in the practice of law, and continued so up to the death of the latter. In 1885 he was appointed notary pub-lic by Governor Pattison, notwithstanding he was a Republican, and he has held a commission as Notary ever since, with the exception of a few months, when he resigned, to act as special agent to investigate the mortgage indebtedness of Lancaster county in the census of 1890. He has always been regarded as a reliable counsellor and would always rather keep his clients out of litigation than to get them into it when it can be done without sacrificing their in-terests.

On Jan. 26, 1897, Mr. Arnold was married by Friends ceremony to Lucy Harris, daughter of Quinton P. and Mary B. Harris, of Salem, N. J., where Mr. Harris was engaged in farming, but is now living retired. One child, Harris Clinton, was born of this union in 1900. Mr. Arnold resides at No. 434 North Lime street, Lancaster, Pa. Relig-iously he inclines to the Friends or Quakers, from which he descended. Politically he is a Republican, and has taken an active part in all Republican cam-paigns ever since he became a law student. He be-longs to the Young Men's Republican Club. That he should take a keen interest in that political party is not to be wondered at, when the fact is recalled that his ancestors were among the earliest and stanchest Abolitionists of the country, and among the founders of the Republican party.

GEORGE BENKERT, whose School of Music is located at No. 147 East King street, has done much to improve and cultivate the taste for classical music in Lancaster, and is an artist of rare gifts in the study and teaching of his art.

William Benkert, the father of George, was born in Carlshafen, Germany. He completed his musical training in a noted school in Homberg under Dr. W. Volckmar, and then became a teacher in the school and an organist in various places in Germany for a period of fifty years. Matilda Moeller, his wife, was a native of Kirchberg, Germany, and a daughter of Jacob Moeller, an organist and pianist of more than ordinary merit for a period of fifty-two years, and an intimate associate of Louis Spohr, the celebrated composer. Thus it is seen that not only has Mr. Benkert, of Lancaster, made himself by hard work what he is, but that there is in his blood a sensibility to the attraction of musical art that would demand expression.

George Benkert was born in Hessen-Cassel, Ger-

many, April 14, 1864, and accomplished his education in the Fatherland, studying music under the instructions of his father and grandfather, at the Homberg Seminary, then becoming a pupil of Prof. Dr. W. Volckmar and G. Zanger, the latter famous as an instructor on the violin and in choral training. The effect of Mr. Zanger's instruction is seen in the great amount of choral and oratorio work which Mr. Benkert has successfully and brilliantly accomplished in Lancaster.

Mr. Benkert entered the Seminary at the age of seventeen years, and was graduated with the honors of his class conferred by Prof. Dr. Volckmar, in organ and piano music. Leaving his native land in 1883, he landed at New York, and stopping for a short period with Julius Stern, of Brooklyn, an old schoolmate of his father, he afterward made his way to Lancaster, this city remaining his home to the present time. From 1883 to 1896 he was the organist and choir-master of Zion's Lutheran Church; for seven years he has been choir master and organist of the First Presbyterian Church, and the musical service in that church has become noted. He brought Sieveking, the great pianist, to Lancaster, and with his associates barely escaped a financial loss, but he was satisfied in the impulse the music of this great master of the piano gave to the higher musical culture of the city. Adele Aus Der Ohe was brought by him from New York on another occasion, and the interpretation of the piano rendered by this celebrated figure in modern music was a rich treat to all who love music. Mr. Benkert's musical pupils have presented numerous recitals to their friends in Lancaster, and their brilliant and finished work attests the thoroughness of his instruction.

Mr. Benkert was married in 1890 to Clara A., daughter of August J. Riske, a merchant tailor in Lancaster. This union has resulted in the birth of three children, two of whom, Catherine Olga and Anna Marguerite, are living, and one, William Augustus, is now dead, having passed away at the age of seven years.

Mr. Benkert has assisted in many charitable concerts, and organized the Mendelssohn Society, which has given the oratorios of St. Paul and Christus, both by Mendelssohn, and many choruses from the best masters. Great indeed have been the results of the constant efforts of Mr. Benkert to cultivate a love for music in this community, and no man among us holds a deeper place in the affections of the people, than does this quiet and unassuming, but accomplished gentleman, an artistic pianist and organist of rare merit and genuine worth.

CHARLES H. SMITH, successor to G. Harry Reed, at the Old Lakeland Stables, No. 153 North Queen street, Lancaster, is conducting the largest livery business in the city, and has been in charge of same since March 20, 1902. No better equipped establishment supplies the needs of a cosmopolitan

community anywhere in the country. All manner of turnouts of modern construction are kept on hand, and a specialty is made of funeral and wedding rigs, equipages for pleasure parties and general driving, as well as busses and commercial wagons. About forty well groomed horses are kept in constant readiness, several of which present a dashing and spirited appearance before the tally-ho.

A native of Kinzers Station, Lancaster Co., Pa., Mr. Smith was born Feb. 11, 1872, son of John S. and Mary E. (Slaymaker) Smith, of Williamstown, this county. John S. Smith was a hotel man in early life, and conducted the "Kinzers Hotel" for eleven years, previous to which he had been connected with the "Williamstown Hotel" for six years. He was one of the first to raise tobacco in Lancaster county, and was the very first to bring seed tobacco here. People would come for miles around to see the plant grow, and so successful was Mr. Smith that he became the largest tobacco packer in the county, and made a fair fortune in that line. He also manufactured cigars, and dealt extensively in coal, lumber and grain. He was a man of force and determination, and possessed personal characteristics which kept him in the front of public affairs as long as he lived. Before entering the hotel business he had been a teacher, and he invariably kept abreast of the times, and was unusually well informed. Politics entered largely into his active life, and he held many important positions at the request of his Republican allies, being active in promoting the interests of his party. He was justice of the peace for many years in Williamstown, and while at Kinzers was postmaster and ticket, freight and express agent. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and contributed generously toward its maintenance. Mr. Smith died in 1885, at the age of fifty-five years, while yet at the height of his energetic and useful career. His wife died in 1879, at the age of forty-seven. They were the parents of the following children: Clara S., of Harrisburg, Pa., married Ezra W. Frantz, a railroad engineer; Sarah E. is the widow of John M. Eckert, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary S. is the wife of H. S. Armstrong, a railroad engineer of Philadelphia; Emma L. is the wife of Clem A. Hoar, clerk of Trego county, Kans.; Addie V. is the wife of Nimrod Smith, railroad postal clerk at Harrisburg, Pa.; Lizzie H. is the wife of A. Newton Hoar, station master at Huntington, Oregon; Charles H. is mentioned below. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary Smith, were natives of Lancaster county, where he engaged in the manufacture of harness and collars, and retired in later life.

For the first six years of his life Charles H. Smith lived with his parents in the hotel at Kinzers, where he was born. Then his father retired from the hotel business and moved his family to Lancaster for one year, during which time he erected a new home at Kinzers, whither he again removed his fam-



Chas. H. Smith

ily, and where Charles lived until 1885, when his father died. He was then thirteen years of age, and went to live with his sister, Mrs. Eckert, at Christiansiana, Pa., where he attended the high school for two years. Later he worked in a livery stable at Gap, Pa., for two years. In 1889, at the age of seventeen he returned to Lancaster, and held the position of mail messenger for two years, his employer being John F. Brimmer, at Brimmer's Livery. During this time he took a night course in Weidler's Business College, after which Mr. Brimmer took him into his office, where he held the position of clerk and bookkeeper for all three branches of Mr. Brimmer's extensive business—livery, leaf tobacco business and manufacture of cigars. In 1898, when Mr. Brimmer sold out his livery business to G. Harry Reed, Mr. Smith became associated with the latter in the capacity of manager and as partner of the new owner, and on March 20, 1902, himself purchased the entire business from Mr. Reed. Mr. Smith is a Republican in politics, and is fraternally connected with the Elks, Artisans and Royal Arcanum. He was married Aug. 28, 1891, to Miss Eva B. Marrow, daughter of John W. Marrow, and of this union there is one son, Wilbur Grant.

LINDEN HALL SEMINARY. Probably the best, and at the same time the briefest, descriptive account of Linden Hall Seminary is that to be found in the opening paragraph of the annual circular. It is as follows:

"This institution for the education of young ladies, founded in the year 1794, came into existence at the request of parents living in Pennsylvania and Maryland, who desired to have their daughters instructed in the elements of a polite education—the opportunities for which were in that day very limited—whilst their physical and religious well-being should at the same time be specially considered and fostered. The recognition of the original demand upon it, and of the trust that was placed in it, has remained the aim and motive of the school. It exists only for the sake of its scholars. In their welfare it finds its mission."

As a school, however, the Seminary has had a continuous existence for more than a century and a half. From the very beginning of the Moravian Church in 1457, its history has been a history of education, and wherever Moravian emigrants found a home in this country the church and the school house grew up side by side. This was what took place when a settlement was effected in Warwick township, Lancaster county. In 1748 a congregation of the Moravian Church was organized, and the next year, 1749, a log house was built a little north of the creek, on "Lititz Springs." This house was used as a chapel, parsonage and school house. In 1754, George Klein, the owner of a large tract of land, all of which he gave to the Moravian Church, built a two-story stone house, on the south side of the creek, on the site now occupied by the property

of Peter S. Reist, Esq., on Main street, to which the chapel, parsonage and school were removed. The settlement was called Lititz by Count Zinzendorf in memory of the barony of Lititz in Bohemia, where the followers of John Huss found a refuge on the estate of King George of Podiebrad, and organized themselves in 1457 into the Church of the Moravian and Bohemian Brethren.

The corner-stone of the Sister's House, now "The Castle" part of Linden Hall, was laid June 7, 1758. After its completion and dedication, May 18, 1762, the parochial school for girls was conducted in that building. In 1769 that part of the present "Hall" occupied by the Principal's study and the school dining room was built, and was known as the "Kinder Haus" (children's house). This was enlarged in 1804, and the boarding school was moved into it after the building had been dedicated on Aug. 26th, of that year. Previous to 1794, however, the school had existed simply as a parochial or day school, but in that year Mrs. Marvel, of Baltimore, who was visiting Lititz, insisted that the Sisters should take charge of her little daughter Margaret, then nine years of age, in order that she might attend the regular parochial school. Little "Peggy" Marvel, as she was called, then became the first boarding scholar on Sept. 7, 1794, and the founding of the "Lititz Boarding School," as it was first called, dates from that time. As a school for girls there is probably none older in this country, and as a distinctively Boarding School for the higher education of girls and young women it is recognized as the second oldest, having an uninterrupted history of 109 years (1903).

During this interval upwards of 4,000 young women have gone forth from its walls prepared for the serious duties of life. Drawing as it did, its first pupil from Baltimore, the names of many of the early and well known families of Maryland and Virginia are to be found on its rolls, and prominent names of families high in the councils of the nation, particularly before the war of the Rebellion, are well represented. The names, too, and nearly all the mothers, of the old and well established families of Lancaster city and county, are to be found somewhere among the early records of the institution. Unfortunately many of these records have been either lost or destroyed, and though referred to in private or church diaries have not been found. A partial list of pupils between 1794 and 1804 reveals such well known Lancaster names as Steinman, Henry, Gundaker, Clark, Watson, Carpenter, Fahnestock, Ellmaker, Forney, Lightner and Wilson.

Time and modern ideas have wrought many changes in this venerable institution. The changes from wood fires and tallow dips, to steam heat, electric light, and other modern conveniences, have been very great. But high ideals of womanly culture and conduct have ever animated the spirit of the school life, and if the reminiscences left upon record by the pupils of a century ago are trustworthy, life at

Linden Hall has always been peculiarly happy and productive of excellent results.

A list of the former principals is appended to this article, beginning with John Herbst, in 1794, to the present incumbent Charles D. Kreider, who entered upon his service of the school as assistant principal in 1897, and as principal in 1898. The two men who served the school for the longest time, and who, therefore, probably impressed their personality to a greater extent upon its work, were Eugene A. Frueauff and Herman A. Brickenstein; the former was principal from 1838 to 1855, and again from 1868 to 1873. To him the school owes not only its name "Linden Hall," but the loyal devotion of many alumnae. It was he who planted the first linden trees, and gave the best energies of his life to the work of the institution which he loved. Following immediately in his footstep was the second, Herman A. Brickenstein, principal from 1873 to 1892. Many are the women today who rise up to call him blessed. His life, like that of his predecessor, was devoted to education and was an example and inspiration to all who knew him.

PRINCIPALS OF LINDEN HALL SEMINARY: John Herbst, 1794-1802; John Meder, 1802-1805; John F. Frueauff, 1805-1815; Andrew Benade, 1815-1822; Christian Bechler, 1822-1824; Samuel Reinke, 1824-1826; John G. Kummer, 1826-1830; Charles F. Kluge, 1830-1836; Peter Wolle, 1836-1838; Eugene A. Frueauff, 1838-1855; Julius T. Beckler, 1855-1862; William C. Reichel, 1862-1868; Eugene A. Frueauff, 1868-1873; Herman A. Brickenstein, 1873-1892; Charles B. Shultz, 1892-1897; Charles L. Moench, 1897-1898; and Charles D. Kreider, 1898.

CHARLES D. KREIDER, the present principal (1903), came to his work well equipped to maintain both the standard and reputation of Linden Hall. He was born and spent his boyhood in Lancaster city, receiving his preliminary education in the Lancaster schools. After graduating at the Moravian College, he served six years as teacher at Nazareth Hall, the Moravian School for Boys at Nazareth, Pa., and for a year as instructor at the Moravian College. Imbued with the spirit of Moravian educational ideas, and familiar with modern method and practice, his work promises to preserve the well earned and established reputation of Linden Hall Seminary as Lancaster county's oldest and most widely known school for girls and young women.

JOHN SCHOCK, a prominent resident of Mt. Joy, now living in retirement, was for many years closely identified with the agricultural and commercial interests of Lancaster county in various lines, and enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens for his many sterling traits of character.

Mr. Schock was born Jan. 7, 1825, in East Donegal township, three miles west of Marietta, and comes of a family that has been well known in Lancaster county for several generations. His great

grandfather, John Schock, a native of Germany, was the pioneer in Lancaster county, where in 1734, he settled for life in Manor township, near Creswell, on land now occupied by one of his great-grandsons, John Schock, a farmer. It was included in what is now known as Turkey Hill, and as he gradually added to his possessions, at the time of his death he owned a large tract. His home was a rude house of hewed locust logs. Of the family of eight children born to John Schock and his wife, we have mention of John, Jacob, Henry and Abraham.

Abraham Schock, the grandfather of John, of this sketch, was born in Manor township, where he married and remained until 1785, removing then to East Donegal township and locating at what is known as Schock's Mills. Here he engaged in farming and also conducted a gristmill. His death occurred in 1820. By his first wife, Anna Grove, he had four children: Jacob, Henry, Abraham and Anna, the wife of Thomas Bradley, all of these now deceased. His second union was with Anna Treichler, of York county, Pa., and the two children of this marriage, John and Fanny, died young.

Henry Schock was born in 1793, in East Donegal township, and was a successful farmer, beginning his agricultural life, on his own account, on a farm of sixty-five acres, in East Donegal township; as time passed, he added to the same, until he owned 115 acres, which has since been sold to different parties. Two gristmills stood on his original place, and he had them operated for him and cultivated his land, and thus by thrift and energy accumulated a comfortable competence.

Henry Schock was united in marriage to Anna Greider, of Conoy township, who was born in 1800, and died in 1841. His death occurred in 1836, and both are buried in a private burying ground in East Donegal township, located on a farm adjoining their own, which was formerly owned by Mr. Schock's grandmother Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Schock did not belong to any church but leaned toward the German Baptist faith. Their family consisted of seven children: Abraham, who died in Lancaster county; Henry, who died in Lancaster county; John of this biography; Jacob, who died in Lancaster county; Anna, the widow of Sylvester Crout, of East Donegal township; Martha, who married B. F. Hiestand, of this township, president of the Marietta Casting Company; and Mary, who died in infancy.

John Schock was reared on the old homestead in East Donegal township, where he remained until he was sixteen years old, and had obtained his education in the neighboring public schools. For the six years following he was engaged as clerk in a store in Marietta, in which town he also engaged in the lumber business for seven years; during the next seven years he carried on milling, on the old homestead, in partnership with his brother Abraham. In 1861, he came to Mt. Joy, where he has

since resided, and took up the business of his father-in-law, John Patterson, dealing in coal, lumber, flour and grain, and later adding the oil business. Until 1895 he continued in these lines, but since then he has lived retired, his son Clarence now conducting the business.

Mr. Schock's career has been one of successful activity in the mercantile world, and he has never given much time to public affairs, although he has served two terms as school director, in Mt. Joy borough, with satisfaction to all concerned. His record as a business man is one of which he may well be proud, for besides acquiring a substantial competence in his active years, he gained and maintained the highest reputation for integrity and probity, as well as thrifty management. His political support is given to the Republican party.

On Feb. 10, 1852, Mr. Schock was married to Miss Mary Ann Patterson, and four children have blessed this union: Percy P., editor of the *Marietta Register*, of Marietta, who married Sue B. Lindemuth, and has four children, Marguerite, John P., Lewis L., and Mary; Harry C., a prominent citizen of Mt. Joy, where he is connected with various important enterprises, being president of the Mt. Joy Malting Company, president of the Union National Bank, and a member of the Council for three years, who married Fredrica C. Frank, and has four children, Mary B., P. Frank, Caroline F., and Arthur P.; Clarence, who still resides with his parents and carries on his father's business; and John L., whose death occurred in 1885, after a brilliant career through the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated at the head of his class, of 120 members, taking all the honors. He entered the Academy in 1877 and was graduated in 1881, following which came his appointment as naval constructor, with the rank of first lieutenant.

Mrs. Schock comes of an old and distinguished family of Lancaster county, and was born in Rapho township, a daughter of John and Barbara Anna (Coffman) Patterson, the former of whom was, in his day, a prominent and well-to-do merchant.

ALEXANDER PATTERSON, deceased. Many of the beautiful homes of Lancaster county have been bereft of those who for many years were not only esteemed and revered as heads of households but possessed the respect of the community in which their lives had been spent. Such in marked degree was the case of Alexander Patterson, who passed out of life Oct. 28, 1887, at the age of sixty-nine years. While sorrow fell upon the neighborhood, it most deeply touched the devoted wife.

Alexander Patterson was born at Big Chickies, Pa., in 1818, a son of Arthur and Catherine (Oberlin) Patterson, whose family consisted of: William, who married Elizabeth Wisler; Jane, who married Peter Lindemuth; Alexander and Elizabeth, twins, the former of whom married Elizabeth Hollinger, and the latter married Rev. John Arthur, of the M.

E. Church; Douglas, who died single; and Arthur, who became a physician and married Emily A. Hooper. The pioneer of this family in America was Arthur Patterson, who came from Ireland, in 1724, and settled on Chiquesalunga creek, in this county, married Ann Scott, who was a daughter of Abraham Scott, of Ireland, and became the father of Samuel Scott Patterson, who was also the father of a son Samuel, of this county.

Alexander Patterson was reared on the farm and in his youth attended the best schools of the district. At the death of his father he went into the business of drover, one which at that day was most necessary and remunerative. As he was very successful, he continued on the road until about one year after his marriage, but in January, 1851, he moved to Mt. Joy borough where he resided for the rest of his life. For some time previous to his death, he did little more than trucking in a small way. For many years he filled the position of school director, as he always took a deep interest in educational matters. His political affiliations were with the Republican party, and in every way he fulfilled the duties of a good citizen.

Alexander Patterson was married Jan. 7, 1850, in Philadelphia, to Elizabeth Hollinger, who was born in Elizabeth township in 1828, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Zortman) Hollinger, of Elizabeth township, this county. The former died at the old home where they lived in Mt. Joy township, at the age of sixty-five, the widow surviving until 1885, when she passed away at the age of eighty-one at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, and was buried in the beautiful cemetery of Mt. Joy. Both parents were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger were: Elizabeth, the widow of Alexander Patterson; Jacob, a farmer, near Paris, Ill.; Eli, who died on the old farm in 1880; and Mary A., the wife of Frederick A. Ricker. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Patterson were Adam and Barbara Hollinger, the former of whom was a farmer of Lancaster county. Adam was the son of Jacob Hollinger, who came to this country in 1736, and later took part in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents, Alexander and Catherine Zortman, came to this country from Germany.

Mrs. Patterson has passed through some very sad experiences. It has been her lot to smooth the brow and calm the dying hours of her beloved husband, her mother, her brother Eli and his two children, and also of Douglas Patterson, her brother-in-law, and to see them pass out of her home, never to return. Mrs. Patterson is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, where she gives liberally to advance every benevolent enterprise.

GEORGE O. ROLAND. It is only within the last few years that the people generally have come to realize how very closely the general prosperity of the country is connected with the careful manage-

ment of the banking institutions of the land, and with this knowledge has come a demand for men of ability to stand at the head of the banks of the present day. New Holland has been and is at the present time peculiarly happy in the character of the men to whom its financial interests are committed, and among them we find our subject.

George O. Roland, the able and genial assistant cashier of the local bank, was born in Earl township, Sept. 13, 1850, is a son of Hon. Jonathan H. and Elizabeth G. (James) Roland, and a grandson of Henry and Margaret (Seeger) Roland. The grandfather was a native of Earl township, and in his time a very successful farmer. His wife was born in New Holland.

Hon. Jonathan H. Roland was a native of Earl township, a successful farmer, and a broad-minded gentleman of the old school, being so well informed on men and affairs, that he was often consulted by his neighbors on various intricate and complicated questions. His integrity was unquestioned, and his loyalty to his convictions supreme. In 1857 he was a member of the State Legislature, and his name is associated with several noted bills that passed that body in his term. Elizabeth G. James, his wife, was a native of Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., and died Feb. 19, 1869. Her remains are resting in the New Holland cemetery. The Hon. Jonathan Roland, who was born in June, 1812, passed away Dec. 18, 1864, at the age of fifty-three. Both husband and wife were members of the Lutheran Church. Of their children Henry died at the age of twenty-eight; John is a cattle dealer in New Holland; Anna M. is the wife of E. C. Diller, of New Holland; Mary married Theodore A. Kinzer, of Lancaster, Pa.; Elizabeth J. resides in New Holland; George O.; William S. was killed in a railroad accident, was superintendent of a surveying corps, and was a man of more than ordinary ability and prominence.

The first four years of the life of George O. Roland were passed on a farm, and he was then brought to New Holland, where he acquired his literary education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen, he took a place as a clerk in a drug store, which he held for three years. He was then variously employed until he was twenty-six years of age, when he and E. C. Diller engaged in the dry goods business, which they conducted successfully for some years. During this period Mr. Roland had secured a practical business training and had made a thorough study of finance. In 1882 he saw the first opening to gratify his tastes, and he accepted a position in the Bank of New Holland, soon rising to his present responsible position of assistant cashier. With his personal affairs well in hand, Mr. Roland has yet found time to devote to public affairs, taking an active part in politics and holding strongly to the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Roland has held the office of school director in the borough, but cannot be said to be an office-seeker.

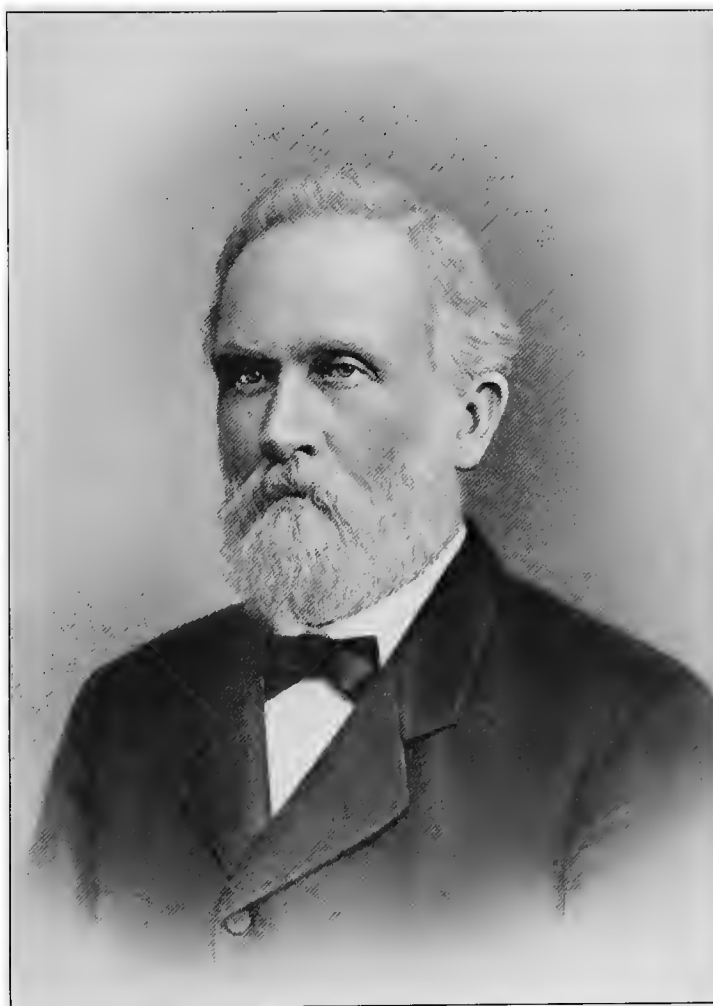
Mr. Roland was united in marriage in December,

1877, with Miss Katie B. Hull, a native of Lititz, and a daughter of Dr. Levi and Catherine (Kauffman) Hull, both deceased. This happy home has been brightened by the birth of two children: Seeger, now a clerk in the railway mail service; and Ralph, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Philadelphia. Mr. Roland is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to the Philadelphia Consistory; he is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

GIDEON W. ARNOLD, who was the pioneer in the establishment of the cotton mill industry in Lancaster county, came of old Rhode Island stock.

Charles Arnold, his father, was born in West Greenwich, R. I., and died at the early age of forty-four years. He married Eunice B. Waite, who was born in 1804, and who was a daughter of Gideon and Martha Waite, and through this connection Gideon W. Arnold was a first cousin of Morrison R. Waite, a Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and a nephew of Gen. Charles G. James, who was a representative in Congress from Rhode Island for sixteen years. Five children were born of the union of Charles and Eunice B. (Waite) Arnold, and of these only one survives, Ira W. Arnold, now living at Woonsocket, R. I. Those who have passed away were Gideon W., John A., Nathaniel P. and Anna E. Mrs. Eunice B. Arnold died Jan. 11, 1902, aged ninety-seven years and nine months. She was a remarkably well-preserved old lady, and often discussed the days of the war of 1812, the historic gale of 1815, and the Mexican war. During the progress of the latter, her home was in Moosup, Conn., and she often spoke of the excitement then being less than during the war of 1812. She was present at the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her son, Ira W. Arnold, on Jan. 14, 1894.

Gideon W. Arnold, son of Charles, was born in West Greenwich, R. I., but in his early manhood removed to Lancaster, Pa., where as previously stated, he was the pioneer, with his uncle, Charles G. James, of Rhode Island, in establishing the cotton mill industry, an industry that grew to immense proportions under the firm name of F. Schroeder & Co., of which Mr. Arnold was the "Co." Mr. Arnold's name will be held in cherished memory by thousands of people in the county, as thousands were benefited by the remunerative employment he gave during a long and busy career. Quiet and unassuming in manner, Mr. Arnold was possessed of far more than ordinary intelligence, and he was a past master in the business of manufacturing cotton goods. His was a successful career, and yet, in all his successes he was ever mindful of the interests of those who so largely contributed to those successes—his employes; and these, we know, hold him in grateful memory. He had the interests of



GIDEON W. ARNOLD

all his people at heart, and no one, rich or poor, ever approached him in the proper spirit without receiving a kindly smile and a word of encouragement.

Mr. Arnold was married, on Dec. 16, 1850, to Miss Margaret, daughter of the late Jacob Gable, and the ancestors on this side lived for generations in Lancaster. Five children were born of this union: Ada Eunice, wife of Pressley E. Chambers, a prominent clothing manufacturer of Philadelphia; Charles Jacob, who died in early childhood; Walter J., who entered into rest May 27, 1902; and Frank W. and Ira W., of Lancaster.

Mrs. Arnold, the widow of Gideon W., lives in the fine and commodious home which her husband erected thirty-seven years ago, at the corner of South Queen and German streets—a home that bears ample testimony to the liberality and enterprise of one of the best citizens Lancaster has ever known—Gideon Waite Arnold.

SAMUEL E. GROSH, a prominent carriage manufacturer of Lititz, Pa., was born in that place Oct. 10, 1833, and is descended from one of the old and highly respected families of Lancaster county. His paternal great grandfather, Valentine Grosch (as the name was originally spelled), emigrated from Germany to this country and took up his residence in Lancaster county, Pa. The grandfather, Peter Grosch, a farmer of what is now Mechanicsville, married Catherine Conrad, and they became the parents of eight children, as follows: Joseph, a farmer of Ohio; Charles, father of Samuel E.; Timothy, a butcher; Abraham, a cabinet-maker; John, a shoe-maker; Andrew, a teamster; Elizabeth, and Sophia.

Charles Grosh was born and reared in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and in early life learned the blacksmith's trade at Kissel Hill. On his removal to Lititz, he erected a shop at that place and engaged in business there until called to his final rest at the age of eighty years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Shober, died at the same age. They were both connected with the Moravian Church. Of their fourteen children eight grew to years of maturity, namely: Maria, wife of Elias Buch, of Lititz, who died in March, 1900; Sarah, deceased, the wife of James Wolle, of Bethlehem, Pa.; Caroline, the widow of Francis Lawall, residing at Bethlehem, Pa.; Samuel E.; Henry Harrison, a veteran of the Civil war, who was a coachmaker and partner of Samuel E. from 1857 until his death in 1892; Herman, a confectioner of Bethlehem, Pa.; Augustus, a blacksmith by trade, and a soldier of the Civil war, is now deceased; and Agnes, who died in 1897.

Samuel E. Grosh was reared in Lititz and educated in a private school conducted by John Beck. During his vacations he worked on a farm and at the age of sixteen commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with his father. After mastering that

occupation he learned the trade of coachmaking at Allentown, Pa., and then worked as a journeyman two years. Forming a partnership with his brother in 1857, they erected a shop in Lititz, and engaged in the manufacture of coaches, carriages, etc., for many years, doing a large and profitable business which is still carried on by Samuel E., who has given his entire time and attention to this work. The plant was enlarged in 1884 by the erection of a large frame building used as salesrooms and finishing department. The company keep on hand a good supply of finished work, and the vehicles turned out by them are among the best in the market. Mr. Grosh is a Republican in his political views, is an intelligent and progressive man, and has efficiently served as a member of the school board of Lititz for eighteen years.

On Feb. 4, 1858, Mr. Grosh married Miss Amanda C. Kramer, who was born on Pine Hill, Lancaster county, in 1832, a daughter of William Kramer, and of this union seven children were born, namely: Horace E. and Charles William, both mentioned more fully below; Lawrence K.; Bertha, wife of Walter Souders, of Lititz; Ruth, at home; and two deceased. The family are members of the Moravian Church, of which Mr. Grosh has been a member of the board of trustees for eighteen years.

Horace E. Grosh, the oldest son of Samuel E., was born Jan. 17, 1859, and was educated in the public schools and the Lititz Academy. At the age of fifteen years he entered the mercantile establishment of H. H. Tschudy, in whose employ he remained a short time, and then spent four years with his father, learning the blacksmith's trade. In the fall of 1881, he went to New Haven, Conn., where he followed the latter occupation for two years, and from there went to Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., returning to Pennsylvania overland through Virginia. From 1883 to 1884 he was a traveling salesman for the firm of B. F. Johnston & Co.; book publishers. In the fall of 1884 he was elected superintendent of correspondence of the publishing concern and turned his attention to the discharge of its duties. The following spring he was made a member of the firm of B. F. Johnston & Co., with which he was connected until 1889, when he retired from the book business. He has since followed mechanical pursuits, organized the Richmond Brass & Machine Works, at Richmond, Va., and became the secretary and treasurer. His next venture was with the Burton Electric Company in the manufacture of Burton electric heaters for street cars, but in the fall of 1895 he returned to Lititz, where he now resides, and in 1896 was made keeper of the Lititz Springs grounds, which position he now holds. 1885 he married Miss Lizzie Huber, a daughter of John Huber, living near Lititz, and four children were born to them, all of whom are living, viz; Mary Esther, Francis Edmund, Robert Samuel and Anna Elizabeth.

Charles William Grosh, the second son of Sam-

uel E., was born Aug. 11, 1860, and also attended the public schools and Lititz Academy. At the age of fifteen he commenced clerking in the mercantile establishment of H. H. Tschudy, and was in his employ two years, after which he learned the trade of body making in the carriage establishment of his father and uncle. He subsequently spent almost two years in William Lee's body establishment at Easton, Pa., and then went to Omaha, Nebr., where he was employed by A. J. Simpson, a carriage manufacturer, for five years and by other concerns for two years. He has traveled extensively over the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and as far south as Mexico. Returning to Lititz in 1891, he took a position in his father's manufactory, and in 1899 became a member of the firm, which is known as S. E. Grosh & Co. He is not only an experienced body maker, but a painter and finisher as well, and now has charge of the woodwork and finishing departments of the factory. He was married, Nov. 8, 1893, to Miss May Siegfried, of Easton, Pa., daughter of Neander and Emma Siegfried, and they have three children living, Emma, Mary and Alice; one died in infancy, Charles W., Jr. Like the other members of the Grosh family they are connected with the Moravian Church and take a prominent part in its work. For a number of years Charles W. Grosh has taken an active interest in Y. M. C. A. work, was the first president of the organization in Lititz, and is now serving as recording secretary. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Lititz Springs Association. He is a Republican in politics.

Lawrence K. was born Sept. 13, 1862, and on Nov. 22, 1893, married Catherine Brandt, of Lititz. They have two children, Earl B. and James Theodore. He worked in Lititz both as a blacksmith and a cigar-maker, but since 1900 has been engaged in the insurance business, with his office in the postoffice building, Main Street, Lititz.

HENRY NEFF KEHLER has for four-fifths of a century resided in his present home at Locust Grove, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, having been born there April 17, 1821.

The family is of Swiss descent, the paternal grandparents, Joshua and Maria Kehler, having emigrated from Switzerland in early life. The father of Henry Neff Kehler, who was also named Joshua, was born at Strasburg, this county, but took up his residence at Locust Grove in 1814. There he successfully cultivated a farm, devoting especial attention to the raising of cattle, and at the same time conducted the "Locust Grove Inn." Joshua Kehler married Anna Neff, daughter of Henry and Anna (Oberholser) Neff, of West Hempfield, and granddaughter of Daniel Neff, who was descended from Francis Neff, the earliest American progenitor of the family, who emigrated from Switzerland in 1717, because of religious persecution, and settled in Manor township, Lancaster county. Joshua Kehler was

a Mennonite, his wife a member of the German Reformed Church. He died in November, 1850, aged sixty-eight, she Jan. 19, 1874, in her eighty-sixth year. Henry N. was their only son, and they had five daughters, Maria, Ann, Elizabeth, Matilda and Sarah. Ann and Elizabeth both died unmarried. Maria is the wife of Samuel Caldwell, of Williamsport. Matilda has been twice married, her first husband being J. S. Clarkson, and her second James Marshall, of Allegheny City, Pa. Sarah became the wife of B. F. Spangler, of Columbia, and died in 1859.

Henry Neff Kehler is a substantial and influential citizen. His farm comprises 140 acres, and is one of the best in Lancaster county, as his house is also one of the handsomest. His title to this property may be traced back to William Penn, and he has, as a treasured heirloom, the original conveyance from that great apostle of the doctrines of George Fox. Mr. Kehler has been a director in the First National Bank of Columbia for thirty-five years, and is held in high esteem for his keen intelligence, sound judgment and business integrity. Prior to the outbreak of the Civil war, his political affiliation was with the Democratic party, but since that epoch he has been a Republican. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 23, 1871, in Luzerne county, Mr. Kehler married Miss Catherine Stewart Knox, and they had one child, Henry N., Jr., at present teller for the Columbia Trust Company.

Mrs. Kehler was born at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pa. The first American progenitor of her father's family was her great-grandfather, John Knox, who came to this country in 1785 from Ballymoney, County Antrim, Ireland, and located near Taneytown, Md. He had married Jane Robinson, who came to America in 1785, with her family of several children. At that time John, the grandfather of Mrs. Kehler, was but twelve years of age. He married Catharine Stewart, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Hunter) Stewart, the latter a daughter of Capt. Samuel and Catherine (Chambers) Hunter. John Hunter Knox, Mrs. Kehler's father, was a man of superior education, having graduated from both Milton Academy and Dickinson College. He was by profession a civil engineer, but also dealt extensively in lumber. He was a Republican, and prominent in politics, though he never craved office and persistently declined all offers to place him in nomination; however, he consented for a time to serve as justice of the peace. He held a captain's commission in Co. D, 11th Pa. Regiment, commanded by Col. Coulter, but his untimely death, on Feb. 28, 1862, at the age of forty-seven, cut short a career which bade fair to be as distinguished as it was useful. Few men in his county were more generally popular or more sincerely mourned. He married Ann E. Moran, who survived him until March 28, 1885, when she too passed away at Hazleton, in her sixty-ninth year. Mr. Knox was a member

of the Methodist Church, his wife of the Presbyterian. Mrs. Kehler was their first-born child and only daughter. She has three brothers, all of whom are married: John M., a wholesale grocer of Hazleton; Robert S., a farmer of Manor township, this county; and James R., a machinist of Richmond, Virginia.

On her mother's side, Mrs. Kehler is a great-granddaughter of Patrick and Arie (Ruggles) Moran, of Annapolis, Md., and a granddaughter of John and Mary (Penny) Moran, the former of whom died in early life. The latter was a daughter of William and Jane (McGowan) Penny, Scottish people of Drumore township, Lancaster county.

JACOB HERSHEY HERSHEY. From both paternal and maternal lines of ancestry this venerable and cultured resident of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, inherits the name of one of the old families of the county. He is the son of Abraham and Nancy (Hershey) Hershey, and on the paternal side the grandson of Christian and Elizabeth (Deal) Hershey and the great grandson of Christian Hershey, a pioneer settler and farmer of Warwick, now Penn. township, who in partnership with John Brubaker purchased a tract of 1,000 acres of land, upon a portion of which the village of Petersburg now stands, the land being divided between the two men. Christian, the grandfather, was a farmer of East Hempfield township, where he lived to a good old age.

Abraham Hershey, the father of Jacob H., was born in East Hempfield township, Feb. 4, 1790, and was reared on the old homestead, but in 1817 moved to Rapho township. He married Nancy Hershey, who was born in Warwick township, Feb. 12, 1798, daughter of Christian and Anna (Fox) Hershey, and the granddaughter of Jacob Hershey, of Warwick, now Penn. township. Her father was a miller by occupation and he built the first structure at what is now known as Cassell's Mills. Nancy was a devout member of the Old Mennonite Church and Abraham, while not holding membership in any religious society, exemplified in his life the virtues and principles of Christianity. He was supervisor of what is now Columbia, East Hempfield and West Hempfield townships, and was prominent in local affairs. In 1840 he retired from the farm to the village in Sporting Hill, in Rapho township, where he continued to live until his death, which occurred Feb. 24, 1869, at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife died May 28, 1875, aged seventy-seven years. A family of ten children was born to Abraham and Nancy Hershey, namely: Christian, born Sept. 5, 1814, died in November, 1879; Isaac H., born March 25, 1816, died May 18, 1854; Jacob H., born Oct. 4, 1817; John H., born Jan. 15, 1820, died Feb. 17, 1890; Daniel H., born March 11, 1822, died June 30, 1872; Abraham H., born April 3, 1824, died Jan. 24, 1896; Harriet H., born March 11, 1826, married to Henry N. Brubaker, of Freeport, Ill.;

Anna H., born Oct. 4, 1828, died Feb. 1, 1862; Solomon H., born April 19, 1831, who lived retired at Buffalo, N. Y., and died in September, 1900; Tobias H., born Oct. 2, 1833, a hotel proprietor at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

The third child, Jacob H., was reared on his father's farm in Rapho township and received the education which the common schools afforded early in the past century. At the age of eighteen years he began an apprenticeship to the saddlery trade, which he completed, continuing to work at his trade in Lancaster county until 1838, when he moved to eastern Ohio and was there employed at his trade for two years. Then returning to Pennsylvania, he continued the same vocation for two years more, devoting in all seven years to it. He then began his life work on the farm.

His marriage to Miss Susan L. Long occurred Nov. 14, 1841, in Lancaster. She was born in East Hempfield township, Aug. 21, 1821, daughter of Abraham and Anne (Kauffman) Long, and the granddaughter of Christian and Anna (Miller) Kauffman. Abraham Long was a farmer and to himself and his wife were born the following children: Abraham, deceased; Christian, deceased; Maria, who died young; Anna, deceased; John, deceased; Susan L.; Anna, who married Samuel Nissley and is now deceased; Benjamin, of Lancaster; Fanny, now Mrs. Landis, a widow in Landisville; Solomon, deceased; and Maria, who married Abraham Perry, of Lancaster. Seven children were born to Jacob H. and Susan (Long) Hershey, namely: Amelia, who married Rev. Levy H. Shenk, a Reformed Mennonite minister, and is now deceased; Washington, of Marietta, Pa.; Abraham, justice of the peace in West Hempfield township; Webster, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Benjamin, who lives with his father on the farm; Horace and Franklin, both deceased.

Soon after his marriage Jacob H. Hershey began the active life of a farmer in West Hempfield township and soon became one of its most prominent citizens. He served as school director for three years and for thirty-five years was president of the Penn Mutual Insurance Company. In politics he is a Republican and his first presidential vote was cast for General Harrison. While years ago surrendering the active burden of farm life, Jacob Hershey still supervises the work on his broad acres; though over eighty-five years of age he retains the vigor and bright mentality of a younger generation, his faculties being unimpaired by the weight of years. He has always been a student and affords a splendid example of the truth that men of active minds have the greater promise of longevity and a serene old age. Forty years ago he was a school director and was so advanced in his ideas and so much ahead of his time that he introduced short-hand writing into the schools. He was also the first man to start underdraining wet land. He was also one of the organizers of an Agricultural and Horticultural So-

ciety, the only one of its founders still living. For thirty-five years he was the president of the Penn Township Fire Insurance Company and is at present connected with a Fire and Storm Insurance Company. He has been deeply interested in the genealogy and the early struggles of the pioneer families of Lancaster county and there has perhaps been no better local authority on matters of history than he. His investigation along many lines of research has been thorough and satisfying, so that his conversation gleams with the ripe and trenchant wisdom of well-spent years, and his fame as an original and sound thinker has gone beyond the immediate circle of his friends and acquaintances. In brief, Jacob H. Hershey is of that stanch, sturdy type of enlightened humanity which blesses and honors the community where its influence exists.

ELWOOD SHOLLENBERGER SNYDER, M. D., whose elegant home and cozy offices are located at No. 425 North Queen street, Lancaster, is one of the most prominent and eminently successful physicians and surgeons of that city.

Grandfather Peter Snyder was a prominent contracting carpenter and builder in Hamburg, Pa. Henry Snyder, his son, and the father of Dr. Snyder, married Miss Catherine Shollenberger, daughter of Thomas and Susan Shollenberger, the former of whom was a merchant tailor of Berks county. Five children were born to Henry Snyder and his wife: Walter, Ettie, Susan, Bertie L. and Dr. Elwood S.

Elwood Shollenberger Snyder was born in Lenhartsville, Berks Co., Pa. He entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in May, 1896, coming to Lancaster and locating here in July of the same year. Purchasing the home of the late David Evans, county superintendent of public schools, Dr. Snyder at once proceeded to remodel and enlarge the building, putting in a yellow pressed brick front and erecting an elegant entrance to his offices, on the south of the building—creating one of the handsomest private residences in that part of the city. The offices are connected with both telephones, and no physician or surgeon in Lancaster is better equipped with instruments and apparatus for the successful pursuit of his noble profession. Professionally he belongs to the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Homeopathic State Medical Society of Pennsylvania, and the Goodno Medical Society (which is composed of Homeopathic physicians of the counties of York, Dauphin and Lancaster).

Dr. Snyder is a man of prominence in many lines, and seems equally at home in both business and professional life. His public-spirited attitude and his liberal ideas have made him a valued stockholder and director in the Union Trust Company. He represents the "Co." in the E. N. Johnson & Co. planing-mill business, one of the leading industries in that line in the State. The Doctor is gifted

by nature with a capacity for intense and concentrated application, and he has always been found with the ability to meet the demands of any situation.

Dr. Snyder has never ceased being a student, and he has continually advanced in his profession along with the progress made in his beloved science and has kept pace with its wonderful discoveries. In him is found that rare combination of keen business sagacity with open-hearted, open-handed generosity which is seldom discovered, while his urbanity and pleasant and genial personality render him a real physician, a popular comrade and a most agreeable and trusted friend. Being the personification of energy and industry, he has made rapid strides both in business and in professional life, and has out-distanced many of his older competitors. His private life is an exemplary one and his home a center of refined social life. Yet in the prime of life, having accomplished so much, his friends are inclined to believe that more laurels await him in the future.

MARTIN D. SHEAFFER was in his day a prosperous agriculturist of Upper Leacock township, and though he passed away when comparatively a young man, he had made his way to a place in the front rank in his community.

Mr. Sheaffer was born in 1842, a son of Isaiah and Joanna (Diller) Sheaffer, farming people of Upper Leacock township, this county. Their family consisted of the following named children: Rachel, Mrs. Samuel Myers, deceased; Diller, who died young; Martin D.; John, a resident of Lampeter township, this county; Isaac, living in Kansas; Mary, Mrs. Isaac Kochel, deceased; Cyrus, of Bareville, Lancaster county; Adam, deceased; and Joanna, Mrs. John Good, of Bareville.

In 1860 Martin D. Sheaffer was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Sheibly, who was born Feb. 16, 1836, and of whose family more extended mention is given below. To this union were born three children: Susanna, who died when seven months old; Alice, now the wife of John J. High, a farmer of East Earl township; and Diller S., who is mentioned farther on. Mr. Sheaffer followed farming successfully up to the time of his death, which occurred in Upper Leacock township, Dec. 18, 1882, when he was forty years old. His remains rest in the Groffdale cemetery. He was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, with which his widow also unites. She now makes her home in Leacock township.

DILLER S. SHEAFFER was born May 9, 1871, in Earl township, was reared in Upper Leacock township, receiving his education in the public schools there. He remained with his mother until 1886, spent the next five years at the home of his sister, and afterward resided on the fine farm in Leacock township, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and stock raising. Mr. Sheaffer inherited the



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thrifty traits of his ancestors, as the results of his work showed. In political faith he was a Republican, but was not particularly active in public affairs. In Sept., 1893, in Lancaster, Mr. Sheaffer married Miss Emma Burkholder, a native of West Earl township, and daughter of Isaac and Maria (Rupp) Burkholder. Her father was engaged in farming in West Earl township until his death, in 1881, and the mother still resides there. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer, James B. and Carl I., the latter deceased. Mr. Sheaffer's death Nov. 14, 1901, at the age of thirty years, five months and twenty-five days, was most untimely and cut short a very promising career.

The Sheibly family, to which Mrs. Sarah A. Sheaffer belongs, has long been prominent in this county. Henry Sheibly, her grandfather, came to America with his parents when but seven years of age, and passed the remainder of his life in Lancaster county. A man of great industry, he accumulated considerable property, and cultivated his lands, on which he made improvements which still remain to testify to his excellent judgment. In 1797 he built the stone residence still occupied by his grandson, Mrs. Sheaffer's brother, and in 1800 he erected a large barn which is still in use, and, like the dwelling, in a good state of preservation. In 1817 he built a large brick house on the farm, which is now occupied by his great-grandson. He passed away in 1817, at the age of seventy-two. Henry Sheibly first married a Miss Wenger, who died in 1794, and his second wife, Elizabeth (Miller), was the grandmother of Mrs. Sheaffer. She died in 1840, at the age of seventy-four.

Henry and Susanna (Groff) Sheibly, Mrs. Sheaffer's parents, were both natives of Lancaster county, the former born April 11, 1797, at Groffdale, the latter on June 11, 1802, in West Earl township. They were married March 12, 1822, and children as follows blessed this union: Anna, who died young; Abram G., of Upper Leacock township; Elmira, Henry and Martin, who all died young; Maria, who married John B. Landis; Susannah, late wife of Isaac Reif; Sarah Ann, who is the widow of Martin D. Sheaffer; Caroline, widow of Isaac Shaef-fer, of West Earl township; and Adam, who died young. The mother of these died in April, 1877, after a long life of usefulness, filled with kindly actions and neighborly deeds. Mr. Sheibly survived until Jan., 1885, passing away at the home of his daughter Caroline, in Farmersville. He was buried from his old home, and laid to rest in the family burying ground. For many years he was one of the prominent farmers of his town, active in local public affairs and in the work of the Reformed Church, in which he served as elder. He retired in 1859.

GEORGE W. HACKENBERGER, a druggist and retired teacher in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, was born in that borough Dec. 9, 1835, son of Samuel and Mary (Custer) Hackenberger.

Samuel Hackenberger was born in Conoy township, and his wife in East Donegal township; both died in Bainbridge, to which point they removed shortly after their marriage. They lived in Bainbridge the greater part of their lives, with the exception of six years spent at Maytown, and two years at Rowenna. Mr. Hackenberger began life as a farmer, and then became a manufacturer of cigars in Maytown. In 1847 he moved back to Bainbridge, and three years later entered the drug business, in which he continued until his death which occurred in 1887, when he was aged seventy-nine years. Mrs. Mary Hackenberger died in 1881, at the age of seventy-one years. They were members of the Lutheran Church. He was a Democrat except during the war period, when he voted the Republican ticket. Of their children, John died at the age of fifty-four years; George W. is mentioned below; Mary A., who died in 1899, was twice married, first to John Groff, later to Philip Shaffer; Lavina became the wife of Lieut. Mullin, of Topeka, Kan.; Samuel, Jacob, Elizabeth and Catherine died young; Samuel (2) is a life insurance agent of Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Hackenberger were George and Mary (Hollinger) Hackenberger, the grandfather born in Germany, and the grandmother in Lancaster county. They settled in that county, where they were farming people. When a very young man he took part in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents of George W. Hackenberger were George and Elizabeth Custer, who came from Germany and settled in East Donegal township at an early day, engaging in farming. He died while still a young man, but his wife lived to be seventy-five years old.

George W. Hackenberger was married, in Elizabethtown, in September, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Pence, and to this union came the following children: Walter, who died young; Iva N., who married N. R. Hoffman, lives with her father, and is a drug clerk; Lewis S., a coach builder and painter in Lancaster, married to Amanda Manning; George W., manager of two drug stores in New York City; Harry F., chief clerk in a drug house in New York City, who was with Gen. Miles in the Porto Rican campaign, as telegraph operator, 9th N. Y. Signal Corps. Mrs. Mary A. Hackenberger was born in Conoy township in 1842, daughter of William and Hettie (Snyder) Pence. Her father was born in Maytown, and her mother in Conoy township, and they were farming people all their lives.

George W. Hackenberger spent the first eight years of his life in Bainbridge and Maytown, going to school, and then began stripping tobacco and making cigars for four years at or near Rowenna. Then coming back to Bainbridge, he continued in the same work till he was twenty-six years old. At that age he began teaching school. In 1873 he received a teacher's permanent certificate from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the late Hon. J. P. Wickersham. He followed this calling for

thirty-four sessions, thirty sessions in one and the same school. He retired from teaching in 1897, to take entire charge of his drug store, in which his daughter Iva had been clerk, while he was teaching in the school room. Mr. Hackenberger became a druggist in 1878 and is now (1902) still engaged in that business. He was elected twelve times as auditor of Conoy township, for three years each. He is a man of ability, highly respected in the community, and holding to a marked degree the confidence of the general public. Mr. Hackenberger is a member of the G. A. R. and of the O. U. A. M. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and in religious belief a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He is one of the solid and substantial men of his community, and well deserves a prominent place among the leading men of Conoy township, Lancaster county.

Mr. Hackenberger had a somewhat brief but valuable military experience, enlisting in Co. H, 195th P. V. I., in February, 1865; he was discharged in January, 1866. He was made clerk in a general court martial, Department of Washington, where he was on duty for six months. While on picket duty during the closing days of the war, he participated in the picket line firing against the noted Col. Mosby's forces. His regiment was in the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division, Army of the Shenandoah, under Gen. Phil. H. Sheridan.

JACOB HILDEBRAND. Among the well-known and respected citizens of Strasburg is Jacob Hildebrand, who has won the esteem and respect of the community through a long life, during which he has faithfully served his borough in a number of public capacities.

Jacob Hildebrand was born Nov. 16, 1822, of German and French ancestry, a son of Jacob and Mary. (Heiney) Hildebrand, the former of whom passed the greater portion of his business life in Soudersburg and Paradise. In those days there were no free schools in the locality in which they lived, and as the parents were limited in means, young Jacob had few educational advantages, and was early thrown upon his own resources.

The first attempt of the lad to make an honest living for himself was in 1832, when he engaged to drive a butcher wagon and deliver meat to the workmen building the Pennsylvania Railroad, between Ronk's Station and Leaman Place. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty years, the youth worked for Benjamin Herr, a farmer who lived about one mile east of Strasburg, laboring for his board and clothes, and it was through the kindness of Mr. Herr that he derived the little education which became his, as well as gaining the habits of study and investigation which proved useful in all his subsequent career. While living here he was permitted to attend the district school for several sessions, about four days out of each week, his benefactor paying the expense.

At the age of twenty, Jacob entered the cabinet-making shop of Joel Rice, of Strasburg, remained in his employ for two years, and at the expiration of this apprenticeship, he started into business for himself, making furniture and working in carpentry, until 1852. At this date he purchased from W. S. Warren a stock of merchandise and entered into this business, remaining in the mercantile line until 1855, when he sold his stock and again resumed his former trade, engaging extensively in building and contracting; in 1856 he was a member of the building committee in the erection of the town hall.

In 1854, Jacob Hildebrand was elected by his fellow-citizens as chief burgess of the borough of Strasburg, and for thirty years held other borough offices, but retired to private life at last, declining to serve longer. In 1860 he was elected justice of the peace and immediately began to familiarize himself with the higher duties of this office, applying himself assiduously to the studying of surveying, conveyancing, the drafting of wills, and other legal papers upon which he would have to pass judgment, and until 1898 he was continued in the office, so efficiently serving that many of the difficulties of the neighborhood were amicably settled according to his judgment, without litigation. In the spring of 1898, he declined a re-election, and his son, J. Ross, was elected in his place. During one year he also filled the office of a notary public.

From 1863 to 1871, he owned and operated a job printing office in the borough, the purchase being made in order to keep this industry in town, circumstances being such that otherwise it would have been removed, and thus he made a permanent business which long flourished.

In 1871, Jacob Hildebrand was elected county surveyor, of Lancaster county, on the Republican ticket, and held the office for nearly four years; during that time he prepared with great labor and careful research connected drafts of the land originally granted by patent deeds in the townships of Strasburg, Paradise, Bart, Eden, and the greater part of East and West Lampeter.

Jacob Hildebrand was married Nov. 16, 1847, to Eliza Spiehlman, who died in 1865, leaving ten children: Elizabeth and Mary, deceased; William W., Millard F.; Ella S., the widow of Samuel Dougherty; John R.; O. J., the wife of D. M. Aument; Laura K., the wife of Charles Kemerly; Sallie B., widow of J. W. Goodman; and J. Ross. In November, 1866, he married Elizabeth Kendig, the widow of John Pennell. Two of his sons are engaged in the leaf tobacco business, under the firm name of Hildebrand Bros., of Strasburg.

'Squire Hildebrand, as he is familiarly known, is recognized as one of the most useful citizens of Strasburg; from a small beginning, with almost no educational advantages, but by patient industry and study, he has advanced to a position of honor and trust in the community, and has transacted a large amount of important business, acting very

frequently as administrator, assignee and executor, in the settling of many estates.

Fraternally, Mr. Hildebrand is a member of Strasburg Lodge, No. 361, I. O. O. F., having been a member since 1849, has passed through all of the offices of the subordinate lodge, has been secretary of his own lodge for forty years and has served as representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Mr. Hildebrand is also a member of the Lancaster County Historical Society in which he is much valued, and is one of the official members of the M. E. Church, having served in the capacity of trustee since 1862. In his long business and public career, he has amassed a competency, but what is better, he has secured for himself a reputation as a high-minded, honorable man.

AMOS S. MOWRER, one of the old and most respected citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa., belongs to one of the oldest families in that part of the State, settlement having been made here by his ancestors as early as 1700.

Through change and accident many of the old records of the pioneer families became mislaid, and beyond the fact that one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, coming here about the beginning of the eighteenth century, established the Mowrer family in this region, we have no authentic information until the time of great-grandfather Balsser Mowrer, a well-known wheelwright, who industriously pursued his trade and accumulated property. His farm was in the locality now included in Eden township, but his remains lie in the Strasburg cemetery, near Providence, where the Reformed Church has a burial ground. His first wife was the mother of Adam, who was the grandfather of Amos S.

Adam Mowrer was born, reared and spent his whole life in this county, where he followed agriculture very successfully. He married the widow of John Shaffner, and from this union seven children were born: John, who became a successful farmer and engaged extensively in the lime business near Quarryville, living to be about ninety years old; Adam, who became a farmer of Providence township, where he died at the age of eighty; Jacob, the father of Amos S.; David, who became a farmer of Eden township, where he died at the age of eighty-seven; Margaret, who married John Templeton; Mary, who married Elijah Keene, and lived to the age of eighty-five; and Julia, who married Henry Keene. The longevity of this family was most remarkable, almost all of them filling out more than the four-score of the Psalmist, and all of them reared families noted for vigor of body as well as strength of intellect.

Jacob Mowrer, the father, was born in Strasburg township, July 9, 1803, and died July 4, 1892. After his marriage he settled in West Lampeter township where he engaged extensively in farming, operating a farm of 100 acres, becoming well known as a man of estimable character, and prominent in public

affairs. For many years he was a staunch Whig, and when that party was merged into the Republican party, he found himself in harmony with the change.

Jacob Mowrer was married to Mary Strohm, the daughter of Henry and Mary (Lefever) Strohm. Mrs. Mowrer was born in 1799, her life extending to 1891, when she passed away at the unusual age of ninety-one years and nineteen days. Both the father and mother belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. The following children survived at the death of these worthy people. The brothers and sisters of Amos Mowrer, who was the eldest, were: Elizabeth, who resides in West Lampeter township; Martin, who is a miller in Dayton, Ohio, and has become well known through various inventions, one of these being the machine used in the manufacture of corn grits; Adam, a farmer of West Lampeter; Isaac, a resident of Xenia, Ohio, a traveling salesman; and Mary, who is the widow of Abraham Eshleman, of Strasburg township.

Amos S. Mowrer was born Feb. 15, 1828, in West Lampeter township, in the locality of Big Springs, and was reared on the farm, where, according to the custom of the day boys were expected to have many duties. Being the eldest in a large and growing family, his schooling was frequently interrupted, and although he was apt and studious, he was not able to accomplish as much as he desired. In later life, a steady course of general reading, and a naturally quick comprehension have enabled him to supply all deficiencies. Being a man of progress, he has identified himself with public affairs, and has given his influence toward religious and social advancement, gaining the confidence of his fellow-citizens to such an extent that he has been called upon to serve in many of the local offices, including that of county commissioner.

Formerly he was a Whig and later became a Republican, and has so efficiently served on the school board that he has been elected five terms, and was once appointed to fill a vacancy; for fifteen years he has been the capable auditor of the West Lampeter township board; he has also served as the auditor of the Penn Township Fire Insurance Company. In fact, Amos S. Mowrer is one of the citizens of his township who possesses the esteem of almost all within its borders, who have unbounded confidence in his integrity.

Amos S. Mowrer was married Jan. 10, 1857, to Annie Harnish, a daughter of Michael G. and Elizabeth (Warful) Harnish, who was born Feb. 15, 1836, and died June 11, 1881. To them were born eleven children: Mary Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Barbara, Serenus, and Harnish, all deceased; Emma, who married B. Frank Gontner, of West Lampeter township; Anna, who married David H. Huber, of his township; Jacob H., a resident and implement dealer of Lancaster City, married to Mary B. Kready; Mary and Elizabeth, twins, the former at home, the latter, the wife of Jacob L. Hess, of West Lampeter township; Ella, who married Jacob F.

Charles of that township; and Adda, who resides in Lancaster City.

Since 1896 Amos S. Mowrer has lived retired from active life, and with his daughters, Mary and Adda, makes his home in Lancaster City, at No. 547 West Walnut street. During her lifetime, his wife was one of the most devout of women, and a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, where she was valued and beloved for her many traits of Christian character. Mr. Mowrer is passing his advancing years among his old surroundings, beloved by a great circle of friends, who remember how cheerfully and generously he has ever devoted time and means to the advancement of his family and neighborhood.

MRS. MARTHA SHIREMAN. Among the well-known and most highly esteemed residents of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was Mrs. Martha Shireman.

The first marriage of Mrs. Shireman was with Christian Heisey, who was born in East Donegal township, and died upon his farm there, in 1846, at the age of forty-one; he was buried in Reich's cemetery. His parents were Joseph and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Heisey, well-known citizens of the township. The occupation of Mr. Heisey was farming, in which he was very extensively engaged. To his marriage with Martha Zeigler were born: Eli, who died at the age of fifty-two, married to Anna Reicht; Barbara, deceased; Zeigler, deceased; and Jacob B., born in East Donegal township, on Nov. 3, 1853, who resides in Maytown, married Barbara Welchans, a daughter of William and Anna (Drebenstadt) Welchans, and had four children, William, Martha Z., deceased, Anna and Mary. The parents of Mrs. Jacob B. Heisey had these children: Clara; Joseph, a carpenter in Harrisburg; Amra, who married Jeff. Shireman, of Maytown; Samuel; Barbara; Anna, who married William Staum; George; and May, who married a Mr. Stewart, a cigar-maker of Lancaster.

The second marriage of Mrs. Shireman was to Dr. William J. Shireman, in Maytown, whose death occurred in October, 1894, at the age of sixty-five; he was a man of means and prominence, and a consistent member of the Reformed Church. For a number of years he successfully practiced dentistry in Maytown, and at his death, left many who felt deeply bereaved.

Joseph W. Shireman, the brother of Dr. William J. Shireman, was born in East Donegal township, died in Maytown, March 15, 1900, at the age of seventy-four, and was buried in the burying ground of the Reformed Church. His parents were Frederick and Lydia (Welchans) Shireman, of East Donegal and York counties, respectively; shortly after their marriage they settled in Maytown, where the former carried on a business of cabinet-making. The children born to Frederick and Lydia Shireman

were: Aaron, who died in 1894; Samuel, a farmer of Dauphin county; Jacob, who died at the age of fifty; Joseph W., deceased; Anna, who was Mrs. Michael Eazle, deceased; and Dr. William J., who died in 1894.

Mrs. Shireman was born in East Donegal township, Feb. 5, 1815, and died in September, 1902. She had had a long residence in the township, and was universally esteemed. She had been an interested witness of the growth and development of the country and in spite of advancing years remained to the last one of the most active, intelligent and entertaining ladies of the vicinity.

CALVIN COOPER, of Bird-in-Hand, East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, now in his seventieth year, was born there and still lives within 150 yards of his birthplace, having bought a part of the original tract on which his father first located when he came to that vicinity in 1827. Mr. Cooper was the third child in the family of nine born to Mark P. and Sidney (Conard) Cooper; is a grandson of Calvin Cooper, who was a noted carpenter by trade, and one of the principal mechanics who erected the first bridge across the Susquehanna river at Columbia; and a great-grandson of John Cooper, who was among the first settlers who came to this part of the country from Wales, and settled in the neighborhood of Christiana.

The ancestors of Sidney (Conard) Cooper came from Germany; she was a daughter of Abraham Conard, who married Catharine Evans, March 24, 1796. Calvin Cooper is therefore a descendant of Everard Conard, whose parents were among the first settlers to locate in the vicinity of New Garden, Chester county, and among the offspring of one "Thomas Kunders," who emigrated from Germany through the influence of William Penn, and located, with others, who accompanied him, upon 500 acres of land in Germantown, Philadelphia, about the year 1683.

Calvin Cooper, whose name introduces this notice, received his education in the private schools then common, before the passage of the public school laws of the State, and also had one term of four months at a private boarding school at Jennersville, Chester county, and one term at a similar school of a higher grade in Wilmington, Del. After this his attention was directed to guiding the plow and to the methods then used for growing field crops. His farm consisted of about ninety acres, and he well remembers the arduous duties of a farmer's life before the introduction of the labor saving implements now so common on every well equipped place. To handle the sickle deftly, swing a scythe close to the ground and roll up a good swath, and to swing a cradle gracefully were accomplishments which all good farmers sought after and paid good wages for.

In the fall of 1858 Mr. Cooper married the eldest

daughter of Peter and Lydia Hunsecker, of Mannheim township, the former of whom was of German descent, and the latter of Welsh.

During the Civil war Mr. Cooper twice joined the emergency troops and went forward as first non-commissioned officer to meet the invading Rebel forces who threatened a raid upon that fertile region. He was elected for three terms as a member of the Pennsylvania Board of Agriculture, serving eight years, and he has served three terms of five years each as one of the justices of the peace of his township, the duties of which office, with surveying, conveyancing and scrivening, and the growing of nursery trees have occupied his time fully. With the help of a loving and industrious wife he has raised a family of three sons and two daughters, who are now fighting the battles of life, each in his own chosen life pursuit; these children are: Harry H., post-master of Nacogdoches, Texas; Elmer E., traveling salesman for the Moline Implement Work, Dallas, Texas; Milton C., supervising principal of the Asa Packer school, Philadelphia; Mena May, wife of W. Ross Esbenschade, of Leaman Place, Pa.; and Ella Sidney, wife of Harry W. Barnard, of Collamer, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

CHARLES C. BRINTON, a general farmer, was born Sept. 5, 1838, in Salisbury township, on the farm where he still resides and where agriculture has been the pursuit of his life. His parents, Caleb and Ann (Richards) Brinton, were respectively born on a farm adjoining the one just mentioned, and on another just across the boundary line in Chester county, near Kennett Square.

Caleb Brinton was reared a farmer, settled on the present farm in Salisbury township in 1830, and there passed the remainder of his life, dying Dec. 18, 1851, at the age of sixty-four years; his widow survived until Nov. 6, 1888, when she expired at the advanced age of eighty-eight. Both were bright lights in the Society of Friends, and their mortal remains were laid to rest in the Salisbury meeting house cemetery. Caleb Brinton had been twice married, the first time to Eliza Fox, who bore him seven children, as follows: Moses, of Nebraska, now deceased; Rebecca, widow of Joseph Hood, of Philadelphia; George, a retired merchant in West Chester; Letitia, deceased wife of Robert Swisher; Mary A., of Landstown, Pa., widow of Clarkson Brosius, the father of Hon. M. Brosius (deceased); Hannah, widow of John Carter, of Emporia, Kans.; Elizabeth, who died unmarried. To Caleb and Ann (Richards) Brinton were born four children, viz: Phoebe, who died in 1861; Isaac, who died in Andersonville prison, a member of the 57th P. V. I.; Charles C.; Sergt. Channing Brinton, of Co. K, 97th P. V. I., who was killed in front of Petersburg, Va., and whose remains were brought home for interment in the Sadsbury cemetery.

The paternal grandparents of Charles C. Brin-

ton were Moses and Hannah Brinton, of Salisbury township, and the maternal grandparents were Isaac and Mary Richards, of Chester county, whose farm was deeded to their forefathers from William Penn direct.

Charles C. Brinton began his education in Hunsecker's Academy at Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., and next at the age of sixteen entered the Millersville Academy; the remainder of his life has been passed on the farm with the exception of three months in 1861, when he was in the Union army, but he had no part in any battle.

Charles C. Brinton has been twice married: first, on Oct. 28, 1875, he was united in matrimony at his present home by the mayor of Lancaster, Captain Stauffer, with Anna Baker, daughter of Elisha and Ruth Baker and a native of Chester county; she was called away in April, 1883, at the age of thirty-six years, leaving one child, Channing, born June 19, 1879, who died April 15, 1883. Their remains found repose in the Sadsbury meeting house cemetery.

The second marriage of Mr. Brinton took place in Philadelphia, March 12, 1890, to Anna Dickinson, and this union has been graced with four children, Charles, Caleb, Anna and John M. Mrs. Anna (Dickinson) Brinton was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 13, 1857, and is a daughter of Henry and Anna (Baldwin) Dickinson, of Lancaster and Chester counties respectively. Henry Dickinson was a farmer by calling, but also conducted a general store at Roseneath, Salisbury township. He was also a justice of the peace for many years. Somewhat late in life he retired to private life, his death occurring in 1896, at the age of seventy-five years, and that of his wife in 1898, at seventy-four; the remains of both being interred in Sadsbury meeting house cemetery. The children born to Henry and Anna Dickinson were eight in number and named as follows: Lorenzo; Lydia, deceased; Phebe, of Reading, Pa.; Henry, deceased; Hayes, employed on the railroad at Reading; James, foreman in the steel works at Steelton; Bayard, of Steelton, a doctor; and Anna, now Mrs. Brinton.

The Brinton family, one of the oldest in the State, has always been prominent in the management of local affairs, has been influential in the Society of Friends, and after the organization of the Republican party was largely instrumental in securing the abolition of slavery.

ABNER PEOPLES, a retired farmer and esteemed citizen of Strasburg township, was born Feb. 27, 1825, in New Providence, Pa., son of John and Susan (Miller) Peoples, both deceased.

John Peoples was a son of Francis Peoples, a farmer of Lancaster county, who had a family of five children, namely: William, Francis, Samuel, John and Sarah, all of whom have passed out of life. John Peoples, the father of Abner, was born Dec. 10, 1793, died in New Providence, Dec. 28,

1862, and was a merchant, farmer and lime-burner and one of the leading citizens of his community. About 1818 he married Susan Miller, of Lancaster, and seven children were born to them: Mary, born Dec. 6, 1820, deceased; Anna, born Jan. 16, 1823, deceased; Abner; Amanda, born Nov. 6, 1827; Leah, a widow, born Oct. 14, 1829, who lives in New Providence, Pa.; Hiram, born in Feb. 1835, a retired farmer of New Providence; John, born July 29, 1837, who resides in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

Abner Peoples was reared on a farm and received his education in the schools of his township. When he started out in life for himself it was as a poor boy, and his present financial position has been secured by the exercise of industry, perseverance and economy. His fine farm of 127 acres, with its excellent improvements, attests his success, and he is fully justified in passing his declining years in rest and retirement. In his earlier years he was a Whig, but has been an active Republican since the formation of that party. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 9, 1848, Mr. Peoples was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hess, of Pequea township, born Sept. 28, 1823, and daughter of John Hess. A family of four children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, as follows: Lettie, born June 29, 1849, married to Henry Groff, of Providence township, a farmer; Mary, born in 1852, the wife of Frank Gachnour, a carpenter of Providence township; Susan, the wife of Dr. L. M. Bryson, of Paradise township; and Thaddeus, who died at the age of fourteen years.

Mr. Peoples has an ancestry of which he may well feel proud, both the Peoples and Miller families being among the leading ones of the county. Great-grandfather Miller was one of the oldest settlers of that part of Lancaster county, was born in 1713, and married Mary Brubaker, born in 1719. Their son David, the grandfather of Abner Peoples, was born in 1754, married Mary Souder, born in 1753, and they had a family of nine children: Jacob M., born in 1776; Annie M., 1778; David, 1781; Elizabeth, 1784; Mary, 1786; Catherine, 1788; Daniel, 1790; Isaac, 1793, and Susan, the mother of Abner Peoples, was born in 1797. All these good people lived worthy lives and at death were mourned with respect and affection. Since the days of the Revolutionary war the families of Peoples and Miller have been identified with the most of the progress and advancement in educational and religious lines in this vicinity. Abner Peoples is a most worthy representative of this combined ancestry.

NISSLY. The pioneer of the Nissly family in America was Jacob, who emigrated from Switzerland in 1719, and settled in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he took up a large section of land, purchased from William Penn. The land remained in the Nissly family for about 150 years, when it was bought by David Wolgemuth, who still

owns it. Jacob Nissly was naturalized in 1729. Of his children, (1) Jacob Jr. married and became the father of three sons, Henry, Jacob and Martin; (2) John (Hans) married a Miss Sechrist, and had six sons, Michael, John, Jacob, Abraham, Samuel and Martin; (3) Martin married a Miss Snyder; (4) Henry is mentioned below; and the daughters, three in number, married respectively, into the Buhrman, Ebersole and Steward families.

Henry Nissly, son of the pioneer, Jacob, was born in 1722, and made his home on a mill property, with 160 acres of land, on Chickies Creek in Rapho township. His descendants now live in Clay township. He married a Miss Reif and they became the parents of eight children: Barbara, who married Michael Brandt; Anna, who married Jabez Shuey; Henry; Martin; Catherine, who married Dr. Michael Kaufman, of Manheim borough; Jacob; Maria and Abraham, who both died in infancy.

Martin Nissly, son of Henry above mentioned, was born Jan. 16, 1759, and located in what is now known as Clay township about 1787, on a farm of nearly 175 acres. He married Elizabeth Hallock, and had two children: Catherine, who married Benjamin Bollinger; and Henry, married to Catherine Martin.

Henry Nissly, son of Martin, and great-grandson of the pioneer Jacob, was born July 12, 1783, became a prominent farmer of Clay township, and passed away in 1869, at an advanced age. He married Catherine Martin, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Flickinger) Martin, the former of whom had located in Clay township in 1804. To Henry and Catherine (Martin) Nissly were born nine children: Peter, who married a Miss Pfoutz, and has a son Jacob, residing near Richland, Lebanon county; Martin and Henry, deceased; Samuel; Elizabeth; John, deceased; Catherine and Anna, deceased; and Isaac, who married a Miss Bryson, and died in 1862, leaving one child, Ida V., now living in Reading.

Samuel Nissly, son of Henry and Catherine (Martin) Nissly, was born May 29, 1815. He was reared upon his father's farm, and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. At the age of eighteen he went to Lititz to learn the cabinet maker's trade, and served his apprenticeship of two years, after which he worked there for three years and then returned to the home farm, where he carried on his trade for the following two years. In 1840 his uncle, Peter Martin, instructed him in the mysteries of land surveying, and this Mr. Nissly has since followed. In politics, Mr. Nissly is a Republican, but originally was an old-time Whig, casting his first presidential ballot for William Henry Harrison in 1840. In 1850 he was elected justice of the peace, and has been re-elected every five years since. He is president of the Lincoln National Bank, and has been a director of the Northern Mutual Life Insurance Company since its organization in 1844. He has served as secretary, treasurer and president of the company in that time. Mr. Nissly is unmarried.

HENRY P. BRENEMAN, a retired farmer now living in Florin, Pa., was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., March 14, 1831, and is a son of Benjamin and Nancy (Peters) Breneman, natives of Conestoga and Manor townships, respectively. They settled in the township of Mt. Joy in April, 1831, and spent their lives on the farm which they settled upon at that time. The father was a prominent man in the community, settled many estates, had been supervisor and school director, and was living a retired life at the time of his death. Largely instrumental in the organization of the Mt. Joy Fire Insurance Company, he exerted a wide influence in its behalf. In 1865 he died at the age of seventy-one years, and his widow, who survived until 1879, reached the age of seventy years. They were both buried in the Kraybill cemetery in East Donegal township. They attended the Mennonite Church, though she was baptized in the Reformed Church. To them were born: Mary, who married David Brandt, a farmer in East Donegal township; Nancy, deceased; Henry P.; George, deceased, who became mute at the age of seven years, from scarlet fever; Aaron, a retired farmer of Florin; Kitty, the widow of Jacob Gish, of Chester county, Pa., living with her daughter; Fanny, the widow of George Hambright, of Florin; Isaac, a retired farmer, who died at Elizabethtown and was buried in the Mt. Tunnel cemetery, leaving one son, Benjamin.

Henry P. Breneman has been twice married. In 1857 he was married in Lancaster county to Catherine Flory, by whom he became father of the following children: Henry, who married Anna Baker, and is now a retired farmer in Florin; Jacob, who married Malinda Hoffer. He has since died and is buried in Elizabethtown cemetery.

Mrs. Catherine (Flory) Breneman was born in Rapho township, and died in 1873 at the age of forty-two years, and was buried in the Kraybills cemetery. She was a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Gantz) Flory, of Lancaster county, both excellent people.

Mr. Breneman was married in Mt. Joy township, Nov. 18, 1873, to his second wife, Mrs. Mary (Hambright) Barnhart. Mrs. Breneman was born in Rapho township, and is a daughter of George and Catherine (Baker) Hambright, born in Rapho and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. They came to Florin in 1868, where the father died at the age of seventy-four. The mother died in 1871, at the age of forty-nine. They were buried in the Florin cemetery, and both were members of the United Brethren Church. Mary was their only child. The father was married a second time to Fanny Breneman, by whom he had the following children: Benjamin, who married Alice Caslow, and is a farmer in Florin, Pa.; Amos, who married Elizabeth Yetter, and is an operator in Florin; George, who died in 1900, an operator, unmarried; John, now attending Annville College at Annville, Lebanon Co., Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Breneman

were Adam and Mary (Hosler) Hambright, of Conestoga and Rapho townships, respectively. Both died in Rapho township, where he was a farmer and carpenter, and they were buried in Hossler's cemetery in East Donegal township. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Breneman were George and Anna (Hoffman) Baker, who lived in Mt. Joy township, and were buried in Lebanon county, in the old Lutheran cemetery, which is just on the line. Martin Baker, the father of George, came from Germany.

Mrs. Mary (Barnhart) Breneman, was twice married. Her first marriage was on June 4, 1856, when she was united to Henry K. Barnhart, in Annville, Pa., by whom she became the mother of two children: Katie Ann, who married John C. Zug, of Rapho township, where he is engaged in a mercantile business; and Emma M., of Lebanon, Pa., who married S. S. Zug, justice of the peace, and whose children, Elsie B., Roswell H. and Daisy B., are all at home. Mr. Barnhart followed farming and also operated a hotel at Milton Grove. He died in 1872 at the age of thirty-six years, and was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Joy.

Henry P. Breneman remained with his parents until he was twenty-six years of age, and then began a career for himself as a renter of one of his father's farms in Mt. Joy township, where he spent a number of years, and then removed to a second farm belonging to his father. On this he remained until 1880, when he came to Florin, to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of that peace and comfort to which his industrious years were well entitled.

Mrs. Breneman is a member of the German Baptist Church, and her husband belongs to the Republican party. They are both excellent people and are deservedly popular among their neighbors.

LEVI S. GROSS. The great family of the name of Gross, members of which may be found all over the United States, was founded in Lancaster county, Pa., by Johannes Gross, who was born in Germany about 1736, came to America while still a youth, and located in Penn township, where he engaged in farming and thrived until he owned some 532 acres of the fertile land of Lancaster county, extending through both Penn and East Hempfield townships. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church and all records go to show that he was a most industrious and respected man, who left a large family behind him, one of whom, Martin Gross, was the grandfather of Levi S. Gross.

Martin Gross (1) was born in 1768, lived a quiet, agricultural life, and died in April, 1837. He was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Elizabeth Weidler and a family of two sons and six daughters was born to them: George, who migrated to Dayton, Ohio, where he died; Martin, the father of Levi S.; Elizabeth, who married George Getz; Charlotte, who married George Sahn; Sarah, who married A. Shindle; Mary, who married

John Getz; Susan, who died single; and Anna, who married Jacob Kimel. The parents were most worthy people, who were kind neighbors and lived in peace with their fellow-men.

Martin Gross (2) was a farmer by occupation, but died in 1847 at the early age of thirty-six years; his wife, who had been Mary Stetman, still survives, at the age of eighty-four, a beloved resident of her son's household. To them were born: John S., who resides with his brother Levi; Salinda, who married Levi H. Hess, of Manheim; Harriet, who married Isaac B. Espanshader, of Manheim township; and Levi S.

Levi S. Gross was born on the farm he now occupies, located two miles northwest of Petersburg, on Aug. 8, 1836, a son of Martin and Mary (Stetman) Gross; he was reared a farmer boy, and educated in the excellent public schools of his district. On Dec. 2, 1858, he was married to Miss Elizabeth B. Espenshader, a daughter of Jacob Espenshader, and settled down to domestic life on the old homestead, where he continues to reside. This farm consists of eighty-one acres, and Mr. Gross has made many valuable improvements and has attended to the cultivation of the land in such a manner that its yield is enormous.

However, although much interested in his agricultural life, Mr. Gross has found time to take note of the needs and wants of his community and was one of the organizers of the Northern National Bank, of Lancaster City and is one of its directors; for several years, he has been president of the Northern market, in Lancaster; is also a stockholder and director in the Lancaster and Manheim Traction Company, and a director in the Northern Trust and Savings Company. In addition to the responsibilities attaching to these positions, he has served on the school board for a period of nine years and has ever been most active in the ranks of the Republican party, representing his township as a delegate to the county conventions and has most efficiently served on the county committee.

Seven children have been born to Levi Gross and his wife: Amelia, who resides at home; Lillie, who married Martin L. Nissley, of West Donegal township; Ida, who resides at home; Martin, who married Miss Lizzie Hershey, and resides in Penn township; Annie, who married John H. Stetman, of Penn township; Emma, who married Phares S. Moore, of West Hempfield; and Clara, who resides at home.

Mr. Gross is one of the representative men of East Hempfield township and possesses the confidence and esteem of the community where he has so long made his home.

DAVID H. BRANDT, late a retired farmer of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born in Mt. Joy township, Jan. 5, 1827, a son of John H. and Katie (Hosler) Brandt, of East Donegal and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. The father died in East Donegal near Maytown, in 1853, at the age of fifty-four years; the mother died in

1863, at the age of seventy-five years, and their remains are now resting in the cemetery at Mt. Joy, to which they were removed from the cemetery in Maytown. Both were members of the German Baptist Church.

John H. Brandt was actively engaged in farming to within six years of his death, and was a man of much character and standing in the community, upright, honorable, straightforward and honest. John H. and Katie Brandt were the parents of the following family: John H., a miller in East Donegal township, who died in 1889; Michael H., a retired mason in Mt. Joy; David H.; Fanny H., who died unmarried; Joseph H., who died in Middletown, Pa., in April, 1899. Of the parents of John H. Brandt it is now remembered only that their names were John and Fanny Brandt.

David H. Brandt was twice married. In 1853 he was united with his first wife, Elizabeth Longenecker, in Dauphin county, Pa. Born to this union were: Simon L., who married Lizzie S. Eshleman, and is now living in Marietta, Pa.; Alphas L., who married Alice Shenk, and is living with his parents; John L., who died young; Tillie L., at home. Mrs. Elizabeth Brandt was born in Conewago, Dauphin county, and died Sept. 6, 1865, at the age of thirty-seven years. Her remains were interred in the Hoffer Church cemetery in Conewago township. John and Barbara (Hoffer) Longenecker, her parents, were natives and residents of Dauphin county, where her father engaged in farming, and in his younger life was a teacher.

The second marriage of David H. Brandt occurred in January, 1868, when he was united with Mary P. Breneman, of Mt. Joy. Mrs. Mary Brandt was born in Millersville, Manor township, in July, 1824, and is a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Peters) Breneman, both natives of Manor township. They died in Mt. Joy, to which point they had removed in 1832. Her father died in 1872, at the age of seventy-one years; her mother died Nov. 15, 1879, at the age of seventy-eight years, and both were buried in the Kraybills Meeting House cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Mary; Lizzie, who died young; George, deceased; Henry P., of Florin, Pa.; Katie, the widow of Jacob Gish, now living in Chester county, Pa.; Aaron, a retired farmer near Florin; Isaac, deceased; Fanny, the widow of George Hambright, who lives in Florin.

David H. Brandt remained with his parents until his marriage, when he worked his father-in-law's farm in Dauphin county until his wife's death. Following that sad event he removed to Mt. Joy township, where he remained until 1872, when he came to his present farm, a fertile and well cultivated place of 103 acres. He was an honored member of the Mennonite Church, and stood high in the esteem of his neighbors. In his politics he was a Democrat, and took a broad and enlightened view of the affairs of the town and the nation, seeking to do the

full duty of the citizen on all occasions. His death on April 9, 1902, at the age of seventy-five years, was a distinct loss to the community.

SIMON SEITZ MANN, M. D., enjoys a large general practice in Columbia, where he has been actively engaged in the duties of his profession for several years. Though yet a young man, he has the confidence and high regard of his patrons and fellow citizens in an enviable degree, and he is a worthy representative of a family whose members have long been among the most respected citizens of Manor township, Lancaster county.

Bernard Mann, the grandfather of Simon Seitz, was born in Manor township, where his grandfather, Bernhart Mann, who emigrated from Huiffenhart, Germany, in 1748, made his home. He always followed farming, and became one of the leading agriculturists of his section, owning 106 acres of valuable land, which he cultivated profitably all his active life and which is now owned and cultivated by his grandson, Jacob S. Mann. His neighbors and fellow citizens held him in the highest esteem, and his counsel and advice were frequently sought by them; noted no less for his business ability than for strict honesty, he was often called upon to assist them in their business affairs, and he settled up and administered over fifty estates. He was also active in public affairs, and served his township as supervisor. Mr. Mann was a Democrat in political faith. He married Anna Wertz, also a native of Manor township, and a member of one of its old families, and they became the parents of eight children, one of whom died in childhood. John is a farmer in Cumberland county, this State. Henry W. is mentioned below. Elizabeth is the wife of Eli Shuman, of Cumberland county. Margaret is the wife of John Sherick, of Manor township, this county. Annie is the wife of Levi Mann, of Manor township. Simon is engaged in farming in Manor township. Carrie is the wife of Henry Hershey, of Lancaster county. The father was a member of the German Baptist Church.

Henry W. Mann was born June 14, 1820, in Manor township, was reared on the old home farm, and received his education in the neighboring public schools. He remained with his parents up to the age of twenty-seven years, when he removed to the present family home, a 120-acre farm located one mile east of Washington borough, in Manor township. He made the place one of the first in the locality, provided with all modern improvements, and managed in the most business-like manner, careful attention being given to all the many details necessary to the successful conduct of an up-to-date farm. Mr. Mann fully sustained the reputation borne by his ancestors for honesty and sterling integrity. He and his family united with the Menonite Church. Henry W. Mann passed away Dec. 24, 1901. His son, Henry S., resides on and has taken the home farm.

In 1856 Henry W. Mann married Miss Anna C. Seitz, who was born in 1833 in Manor township, daughter of Jacob and Annie Seitz, and eight children blessed their union. Amos died in early childhood. Jacob S. married Emma Herr; Eli S. married Annie Rohrer; George W. S. married Annie Kauffman; Henry S. married Maggie Sherick; these four sons are engaged in farming in Manor township, the last named on the home farm. Enos S. married Mary A. Fulton, of York county; he received a good common school education, engaged in teaching for a time, and was also employed three years as clerk of the Columbia National Bank, and two years in the Lancaster County Bank; studying medicine, he was graduated from the medical department the University of Pennsylvania in 1896, and has since practiced medicine, being now located in Dallas town, York Co., Pa. Simon S. is our subject proper. Hiram died in infancy.

Simon Seitz Mann was born Oct. 28, 1867, in Manor township, where he grew to manhood on the home farm. His early education was acquired in the local public schools, and he also attended the Millersville Normal, from which he was graduated in 1890. His medical education he received at the Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in 1894, and he has since been engaged in the active practice of his profession, first as resident physician in the Children's Homeopathic Hospital of Philadelphia, then for three years at Honey Brook, Chester Co., Pa., whence he went to Columbia. Dr. Mann has gained ground rapidly since locating in that town, and now has a lucrative and still increasing practice. While preparing for his life work he engaged in teaching for some time, and met with gratifying success in that line also. He is a director of the Columbia National Bank and the Columbia Telephone Company. Socially Dr. Mann is a Mason (sixth degree) and a member of the Knights of Pythias. His political support is given to the Democratic party.

WILLIAM H. BUNN. It is seldom that there is found a United States official whose faithfulness, integrity and capability have enabled him to retain his position for more than forty-two years, yet such is the case with William H. Bunn, postmaster and merchant at South Hermitage, Lancaster county, Pa., where, under the firm name of William H. Bunn & Son, he is conducting a general store at the same place where he started in the fall of 1860.

William H. Bunn was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 23, 1828, the eldest of the nine children that constituted the family of David and Catherine (Martin) Bunn, natives respectively of Chester and Lancaster counties. David Bunn was a carpenter by trade, as was his father before him, but the latter was also a farmer. David died in Cochranville, Chester county, in 1892, at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife had passed away in 1871, when sixty-two years old. They were members of

the Presbyterian Church and their remains were laid to rest in Brandywine Manor. Their children were named as follows: William H.; Martin A., who died in Illinois; Mary J., who died at the age of four; Martha, at the age of three; Mary F., at two; Emma, deceased wife of J. C. Buchanan; Elizabeth, married to Park Rutherford, of Highland, Pa.; Benjamin, a farmer of Highland township, Chester county; and Hugh W., in the grocery business at Rockford, Ill. The paternal grandparents of these children were Benjamin and Mary (Beerbrower) Bunn, natives respectively of Pottstown, Pa., and Bucks county.

William H. Bunn until sixteen years of age lived with his parents in Moscow, Chester county, where he was employed as a clerk for two years; then he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed in a wholesale dry-goods store two years, and then located in Rockville, Chester county, and opened a general store, which he conducted one year. In 1851 Mr. Bunn came to Salisbury and for one year was engaged in general merchandising; thence he went to Pequea, where for four years he was occupied in the same line of trade, and then sold out and purchased a farm in Salisbury township, on which he resided four years. But the mercantile instinct was strong within him, and he was ever on the alert for an opportunity to re-embark in the business which had engaged his early attention, and which his tastes and keen insight into its methods had so eminently qualified him to pursue. Accordingly, seizing an opportunity of profitably disposing of his farm, in the fall of 1860 he opened up business at his present stand in South Hermitage and was the same year appointed postmaster, having first been elected supervisor of the township for one term, and subsequently town auditor.

William H. Bunn was united in marriage April 21, 1853, in Bellemonte, Lancaster county, with Miss Sarah R. Flemming, and this congenial union has been blessed with seven children, born in the following order: James R., who died at the age of three years; Ada C., who is married to William T. Irwin, a clerk, resides in Chester, Pa., and is the mother of two children; Olivia, who is the wife of C. W. Dampenan, a clerk, resides at Point Pleasant, N. J., and is the mother of three children; Jeney C. Bunn, living at home with her parents; Thesia, residing at Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa., who is the wife of John D. Knox, a farmer, and has three children; David, living with his father, and married to Mary C. Corbett, who has borne him one son, Robert O.; and Charles, a farmer in Eagle, Lancaster Co., Pa., married to Lena Mast, who has borne him two children.

Mrs. Sarah R. (Flemming) Bunn was born in Salisbury township, Dec. 31, 1826, a daughter of James and Olivia (Cowan) Flemming, natives of Chester and Lancaster counties, respectively, and parents of the following named family: Sarah R., wife of William H. Bunn; Margarette C., widow of

John Wilson and residing in Chicago, Ill.; William R., who died at the age of forty years; Joseph O., a resident of Lincoln, Neb.; Anna W., deceased wife of a Mr. Garrett; James P., who died in Cincinnati, Ohio, when nineteen years old; Mary E., married to Davis Roseboro, a manufacturer of wagons at Wagontown, Chester Co., Pa.; Susan P., of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., wife of Frank Woule; and Thomas P., deceased.

James Flemming, the father of Mrs. Bunn, was for years manager of the iron plants owned by the Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, one of the early Free-Soil members of Congress from Pennsylvania and a strong anti-slavery man; Mr. Flemming was also the manager of the plants of James P. Paxton. The death of Mr. Flemming occurred in Salisbury township in 1843, at the early age of forty years, and that of his widow in March, 1895, at the advanced age of eighty-eight. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bunn, James and Rebecca (Oglebie) Flemming, were highly respected farming people of Chester county; and the maternal grandparents, William and Mary (Rutter) Cowan, stood equally high in the same vocation in Lancaster county.

William H. Bunn has been a Republican ever since the organization of the party and an earnest worker in its ranks as well as a sagacious adviser in its councils. The long tenure of his present position shows him to hold the confidence not only of the party's managers but that of the public in general. He has always taken a leading part in the promotion of the public welfare of Salisbury township, being public-spirited to an extreme degree and willing at all times to sacrifice his time and means for the benefit of the community of which he has so long been a member, and in which his name will be revered as long as Salisbury township shall endure. For twelve years he was treasurer of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, the teachings of which he has followed throughout his long and useful life.

ISAAC MURR, was born in East Earl township and died in Intercourse, Pa., March 25, 1898, having spent his seventy years in Lancaster county in a most honorable and commendable industry. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with Roland's church.

Isaac Murr was a son of Jacob and Katie (Shaffer) Murr. His father was born in Germany, and his mother in Lancaster county; both are now dead. They had the following children: Caroline, now living in East Earl township, at the venerable age of ninety-five years, who has been twice married, to Jacob Usner and to Michael King; Henry, a resident of Paradise, Lancaster county; John, George, Jacob, Michael, Louis, Isaac and Daniel, all deceased.

Isaac Murr was married in July, 1883, to Catharine Kurtz, who was born in Salisbury township, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Kurtz) Kurtz. Her parents removed in 1854 to East Earl township, where they spent the rest of their lives. Her

father died in 1883 at the age of seventy years; and the mother, in 1889, at the age of seventy-nine; both were buried in Rancks' Church cemetery. They were members of the United Brethren Church. Born to this union were the following children: Catharine, who is Mrs. Murr; Sylvester, who is a farmer and phosphate manufacturer in East Earl township; Sarah J., who married E. J. Stunkard, of East Earl township; Mary A., who died young; Emuna C., who married Martin L. Hummond, a farmer of East Earl township.

Abraham and Magdelina (Martin) Kurtz, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Murr, were born in Salisbury township. Her great-grandfather, Jacob Kurtz, was also a resident of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents, John and Katie (Sho-walder) Kurtz, were natives of Salisbury and Cone-stoga townships, respectively. John Kurtz was a son of Christian Kurtz, of Salisbury township.

Isaac Murr followed the blacksmith trade the greater part of his active life. In East Earl township he worked with Daniel Geist, and while still a boy, came to Intercourse in 1858. In his later years he dealt extensively in horses and cattle, and became very prominent in the community. In his politics he was a Republican, and took a most intelligent and active interest in political affairs. He was a good citizen, an honest man, and a genuine gentleman.

CHRISTIAN E. GOSS, a farmer and teacher of Conoy township, and a man respected alike for his character, learning and industry, was born in the township of West Donegal, Aug. 29, 1857, a son of Joseph H. and Mary (Erb) Goss.

The father was born in Londonderry township, Dauphin county, and the mother in Conoy township. The senior Goss died in Conoy township in April, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a farmer, and in every way a most estimable man. For a year he served on the board of supervisors. His widow who was born in 1832, is now a resident of Elizabethtown, and is the mother of the following children: Amos, who died at the age of eight years; Lizzie, the wife of Abraham H. Meckley, of Columbia; Christian E.; Joseph H., a farmer, of Elizabethtown; Mary, who died at the age of two years; Anna, the wife of David Gable, a merchant of Mt. Joy; Ella, the wife of J. W. Shireman, a farmer of Conoy township; Emily, the wife of Prof. H. S. Irinser, of Bainbridge; Myra, the wife of Joseph Martin, a teacher of Middletown.

The paternal grandparents of Christian E. Goss were John and Lizzie (Haldeman) Goss, residents of Dauphin county, but in later years they removed to West Donegal township, Lancaster county, where they died. They were devoted to a farming life, and were honest and industrious to the last degree. Mr. Goss's maternal grandparents were Christ and Lizzie (Kraybill) Erb, natives of Lancaster county, and lifelong residents of Columbia.

Christian E. Goss and Miss Martha Lindemuth

were married in West Donegal township, Dec. 25, 1884, and are the parents of the following children: Irene; Clarence, deceased; Mary, who is now living with her aunt; Christian; Helen; Joseph, deceased; Raymond; Sarah; Paul; John. Mrs. Martha Goss was born in West Donegal township, Feb. 3, 1857, and was a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Engle) Lindemuth, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father was a farmer, and died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five years. Her mother now resides in Elizabethtown.

Christian E. Goss remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. When he was nineteen he began teaching, and for twenty-seven years he has taught school in the same township, nine at Stevens, sixteen at Wickersham, and two at Bainbridge. For two terms he was auditor, and for ten years has occupied the position of justice of the peace; in the spring of 1900 he was appointed census enumerator for his district. In his politics he is Republican, and in his religion a member of the Church of God, of which he is now an elder in the local church.

Mr. Goss is a man of fine character, much intelligence and is greatly esteemed in the community where he has spent his industrious and useful life.

JACOB C. McCONNELL, M. D., a popular citizen of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, is a native of Chester county, where he was born April 13, 1848, a son of Jacob and Abigail (McCamant) McConnell, both of Scotch extraction, but of American birth. The family is an old one in Chester county, where its various representatives have been prominent in both farming and trade.

Dr. J. C. McConnell was reared on the farm, and had his general school training in the public schools, and at the Millersville Normal, where he spent two years. At the end of that time he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Ring-wolt, of Churchtown, and entered Jefferson Medical College in the fall of 1868, from which institution he received his degree in 1870. He pitched his tent at Terre Hill, where he has remained to the present time, winning many friends, and building up a good practice. His footing in the community is unquestioned, and his success is complimentary in the highest degree.

PLANK IRWIN, a retired miller at New Holland, Pa., was born at Honeybrook, Chester county, Dec. 5, 1819, a son of William and Christina (Plank) Irwin. His father was born in Chester county, and his mother in Lancaster county.

William Irwin was a miller in Honeybrook, and during the war of 1812 was a member of the Light Horse. His death occurred in 1876, at the age of seventy-six. His wife died in the same year at the age of seventy-four. The husband and father was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and the mother was associated with the Amish church. To William

Irwin and his wife were born: James, William and John, all of whom are dead; Martha, the widow of Louis Emory, living in Coatesville, Pa.; Plank.

The parents of William Irwin were Mr. and Mrs. James Irwin. This family came from Scotland, and James Irwin was a farmer. The parents of Mrs. Christina Irwin were John Plank and his wife, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Plank Irwin was married Dec. 5, 1866, to Lydia A. Kurtz, who was born in Salisbury, and died May 19, 1889, at the age of sixty years. She was a daughter of Isaac and Julia (Rhodes) Kurtz, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, where the father was engaged in farming and held a very conspicuous station in the esteem of the people of his community.

Plank Irwin remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he engaged in the milling business, in which he worked for twenty-three years. In 1884 he retired from active labors, and made his home on a two-acre tract in New Holland. Mr. Irwin belongs to the Lutheran Church. In his politics he is a Republican. Notwithstanding his advanced age, he is still hale and vigorous, and in the fall of 1901, cut and shocked his own corn. His industry and integrity have won him a fair share of this world's goods, and he is very comfortably situated.

JOHN HERTZLER, president of The Lancaster Trust Company, bears a name that has been honored in this State for generations. His grandfather, John Hertzler, a prominent farmer, lived and died in Rapho township, Lancaster county, leaving both his estate and his name to his son, who also lived a useful and quiet life there, dying at the age of fifty-seven.

The Hertzler family originated in Holland, and the several generations residing in America have been principally engaged in agriculture, its members becoming extensive land owners, excellent farmers, and most worthy and reputable citizens.

John Hertzler, father of the gentleman whose name opens this sketch, married Miss Fanny Eshleman, who was a daughter of John Eshleman, a retired farmer of Elizabethtown, and a descendant of one of the leading families of the State. They had three children: John, the third of his name, president of The Lancaster Trust Company; Mary A., widow of Jacob Hertzler, a banker of Elizabethtown; and Elizabeth, wife of A. F. Murray.

John Hertzler was born in the old homestead in Rapho township, Dec. 16, 1856, and was educated in the public schools of his district. At the age of sixteen years he entered into the banking business in Elizabethtown, remaining there until 1880, and in the next year, at the organization of the Fulton National Bank, he became paying teller. From this position he was promoted to that of cashier, remaining with the institution until 1887, when he resigned and went to Minneapolis, Minn., there becoming treasurer of the Northwestern Milling Company. At

the end of two years he closed his business interests in the West, and returned to Lancaster to accept the position of treasurer of The Lancaster Trust Company, which position he filled with great acceptability to both the officers and patrons of the institution. Mr. Hertzler continued in that office from 1889, the date of the company's organization, until the death of John I. Hartman, on Dec. 26, 1899, at which time he was promoted to the presidency of this stable and popular financial concern.

It is generally conceded that no two men have contributed in a more marked degree to the success of The Lancaster Trust Company than John Hertzler and his predecessor. The careful, conservative course adopted by Mr. Hertzler is supported by the other officers of the institution, and his field of usefulness in this connection seems to extend far into the future. Although so much of his time and energy is necessarily given to the affairs of this company, he is interested in numerous other enterprises, and serves as president of the Hubley Manufacturing Company, treasurer of the Star Ball Retainer Company, secretary of the American Guard Rail Fastener Company of Philadelphia, and a director of the Lancaster County Railway & Light Company (which controls all the lighting and trolley systems of Lancaster county), as well as a director in a number of the railway lines controlled by the Conestoga Traction Company. Mr. Hertzler has developed an ability to meet important business problems that has made his influence felt in all these various undertakings. He is also a trustee of the Reformed Theological Seminary, and the Lancaster Cemetery Company, and treasurer of the board of education of the Reformed Church of the Eastern Synod of the United States. In addition to the above he is an active member of the first Reformed Church, and one of its most liberal supporters. In politics Mr. Hertzler has always been a staunch Republican, but he has never taken an active part in political affairs.

Through his marriage with Miss Emma Groff, Mr. Hertzler became connected with one of the oldest and most substantial families of the county. He was married in October, 1880, his wife being a daughter of the late Samuel Groff, who died in November, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Hertzler's three children are John Walter, a student of the Lehigh University; Arthur Groff, also a student at Lehigh; and Emma A.

BENJAMIN F. HOOKEY, of Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, descends from Benedict Hucky, as the name was then spelled, who came to the United States from Berne, Switzerland.

Benedict Hucky was a farmer by occupation. He first settled in Berks county, Pa., but in time migrated to Springfield, Ill., where he died at the age of eighty. He was a man of powerful physique, six feet in height and of massive frame, a fine specimen of manhood. His family consisted of five children. Samuel, deceased, who was a foreman on railroad



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construction; Christian, father of Benjamin F.; Rudolph, a retired merchant of Springfield, Ill., now (1902) eighty-six years old; Mary, who became the wife of a Mr. Yelk, of Springfield, Ill., both deceased; and John, deceased, who was a carpenter at Paradise, this county, where he made his home and died.

Christian Hookey was born Nov. 7, 1812, and died in June, 1898. He was a carpenter and followed that trade throughout his life. He married Christianna Trissler, who was born March 7, 1818, and still survives; they had a family of ten children, as follows: John, who died when two years old; Mary, who died in 1899, the wife of George W. Nagle, of York, Pa., deceased in June, 1901; Benjamin F.; Elizabeth, who died when fourteen months old; Ellen, the wife of Frederick Wettig, a retired butcher of Lancaster; Harriet, the wife of Aaron Fulmer, of Lancaster; Emma, who died when nineteen years old; Anna, the wife of John Beyerly, of Lancaster; Margie, the widow of James P. Plucker, of Lancaster; Samuel, who died when thirty-five years of age. The children of John and Mary (Huber) Trissler, maternal grandparents of our subject, all except Mrs. Hookey now deceased, were: Mary, wife of Henry Steigerwalt, both now deceased; Michael, a butcher of Lancaster; John, a butcher of Lancaster; Sophia, wife of William Hubbard, of Lancaster, both deceased; Catherine, wife of William Hensel, both deceased; Christianna, mother of Mr. Hookey; David, a butcher of Conestoga Center; and Harriet, wife of Henry Stauffer, of Philadelphia, both deceased. The father of this family was a butcher by trade.

Benjamin F. Hookey was born at No. 231 East Chestnut street, Lancaster, April 29, 1841. He was reared and educated in that city up to the age of ten years and then removed to Conestoga Center, where his education was finished. At the age of ten he went to work for his uncle David and after eleven years in his employ bought out the business, butchering, which he has since conducted on his own account. He has a well-appointed establishment, and does a wholesale as well as retail trade, slaughtering all his own stock. Mr. Hookey is a leader in his line in the county. He stands for everything which is to the advantage of the community, and is ever ready to lend his support to this end.

On Dec. 6, 1863, Mr. Hookey married Barbara A. Groff, daughter of Mr. A. Groff, ex-coroner of the county, and they have had a family of eight children, as follows: Anna L., wife of Henry M. Heibeck, of Strasburg; B. Frank, Charles Edgar, Mamie, and Esther E., all deceased; John Arthur, resident of Mellenville, N. Y., a mixer in the chemical department in the Atlas Match Company; Wilber P., at home; and Emily, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hookey have been members of the M. E. Church of Conestoga Center since 1860. He has long been a member of the board of trustees and for thirty-two years its secretary, having always

been a regular attendant. He is a member of Conestoga Lodge, No. 334 I. O. O. F., and represented the lodge to the grand lodge several times since 1862, the last time in 1902; a charter member of Kishacaquillas Tribe, No. 65, I. O. R. M., of which he has been chief of records for thirty years; a member of Mt. Nebo Castle, No. 158, K. of M. C.; of the Order of the Golden Eagle, A. Herr Smith Castle, No. 158; and White Cross Commandery, No. 159, K. of M. He also belongs to Capt. George H. Hess Post, No. 571, G. A. R., Safe Harbor, and is the present commander, having filled that office two different times, and been its delegate to the state encampment at a number of sessions of the body. Mr. Hookey served in Co. A, 18th Pa. militia, having been mustered into the service Sept. 10, 1862, as a musician; he was mustered out after a short term of service. He also has the proud record of settling up more estates as executor, administrator, assignee, trustee under wills, etc., than any other man in the community in which he resides, in all cases without any solicitation on his part; he is held in high esteem by his neighbors for honesty and uprightness and is a man whose services, advice and support in legal matters are sought after, and accepted. He has also been honored by the different orders of which he is a member, by his election for quite a number of years in succession as their representative to the grand bodies, which meet in annual session.

Mr. Hookey is a Republican in politics, has voted that ticket for forty years, and been an active worker in his district for more than thirty; he has represented his district many times in the county conventions as committeeman, and has been return judge of the election board. He has been a candidate several times for the office of county commissioner and expects to be again at the coming election in 1905, with the prospect of being elected.

JOHN H. PARTHEMER, an honored veteran of the Civil war and an old and respected resident of Elizabethtown, was born at Middletown, Pa., Oct. 15, 1835, a son of John and Anna (Hotts) Parthemer, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, respectively. The father, a farmer, was born in 1799, and died in 1864 at the "White House Hotel." His widow survived him many years, dying in Highspire, Pa., in February, 1882, at the age of eighty-two years; they were both members of the Church of God. They were parents of the following family: Jacob, who died at the age of nineteen; Mary, who married A. Petral, and died at the age of seventy-two years; Anna, who lived to be ten years old; Lizzie, who died in infancy; Henry, who lived to be seventy-one; Elizabeth, who died young; John H.; George W., who lives at Highspire.

The paternal grandparents of John H. Parthemer, Jacob and Elizabeth (Alleman) Parthemer, were residents of Middletown; his grandfather on the maternal side, John Hotts, lived in Lancaster county.

John H. Parthemer was married in Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 23, 1865, to Miss Anna E. Parthemer, and the children of this union were: Grant A., a telegraph operator of Parkesburg, Pa.; Lillie F., who died at the age of thirteen months; William F., a telegraph operator in Lancaster; Frances M., who died at the age of twenty-two years; Clarence E., who died in infancy; Carrie E., at home; Wallace C., at home, who for the past year has been billing clerk in the freight depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Anna E. (Parthemer) Parthemer was born near Hummelstown, Pa., Nov. 5, 1842, a daughter of William and Catherine (Sener) Parthemer, of Dauphin county. Her father was a prominent and very successful business man and farmer in his community, holding the office of tax collector, and dealing extensively in real estate for many years. He died in 1885 at the age of seventy-six years, his wife having passed away thirteen years before at the age of fifty-seven. They were members of the United Brethren Church, and were much esteemed in their own community by those who were the best acquainted with them. Mr. and Mrs. Parthemer had the following family: Sarah, who is living unmarried at Annville, Pa.; Mary, who died in infancy; Anna E., who is married to John H. Parthemer; Samuel, a farmer in Kansas; Fanny, the wife of Samuel H. Gramm, of Grafton, W. Va., who has been State Senator, and is a lumber merchant, and the vice-president of the First National Bank of Grafton; Kate, the wife of George L. Hanschue, of Wrightsville.

Mr. Parthemer began working on the farm at the very early age of seven years, and continued there until he was twenty-four years old, when he removed to Highspire, where he was engaged in farming for fifteen years. For three years he was engaged in farming at Duffy's Island, and two years in tobacco farming at Falmouth, Lancaster county. For a year he was on a rented farm in Dauphin county, and then came back to Falmouth, where he continued tobacco farming until 1876. For four years he was engaged in the same business in Elizabethtown, and then in 1880 retired from active business.

The military experiences of Mr. Parthemer were creditable both to his manhood and patriotic devotion. Oct. 9, 1861, he enlisted as a member of Co. I, 93d P. V. I. When his term of three years had expired he re-enlisted in January, 1864, and served throughout the war. He was seriously wounded three times. In the battle of Winchester he received his first wound while engaged in that conflict under command of Gen. Sheridan, but he remained with his company. His second wound was received in the battle of Cedar Creek, and though severely wounded in the foot, he remained on the line of battle and did his full duty as a soldier. His third and most serious injury was received in the trenches in front of Petersburg, March 25, 1865, when the bone of his right leg was splintered by a bullet, and three pieces of the

bone were removed at City Point Hospital. When he was able to travel he went home and was treated by his family physician. Mr. Parthemer entered the service as a private and was mustered out as a lieutenant, June 27, 1865.

Mr. Parthemer at once applied himself to the arts of peaceful life on his return from the army. For a year or more he ran individual cars between Harrisburg and Elizabethport, N. J., and was employed in a stone quarry two years, and then began farming on Duffy's Island, as noted above. Mr. Parthemer has been school director three years, and was president of the board one year. In 1895 he was elected to the town council, and has been re-elected to that position. In the spring of 1901 he was chosen a member of the United States jury, and sat in that body at Philadelphia for three weeks. He is a member of the Church of God, and is a Republican in his politics. An honorable and straightforward man, he has achieved a fair measure of success in life, and richly deserves whatever good fortune has come to him.

SAMUEL ELLIOTT, wholesale and retail ice dealer in Lancaster, is one of the city's prominent and prosperous business men. He was born in Lancaster, Dec. 23, 1847, son of James and Elizabeth (Ewing) Elliott.

James Elliott, the father, born Oct. 16, 1808, was a successful agriculturist and operated a number of excellent farms in Lancaster county, one of these being that belonging to President James Buchanan, in Lancaster township. He died in 1854, at the age of forty-seven years, his widow surviving until 1893, when she had reached the age of eighty-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Elliott were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were buried among the beautiful surroundings of Woodward Hill cemetery. Their children were: Jane, died unmarried; Margaret, who married Sheaffer Metzgar, of Lancaster; Rebecca, who is the widow of Henry Shultz; Findly, who was married to Elizabeth Hildebrand, of Strasburg, who later died, and he then married Catherine Mathiot, of Strasburg, Lancaster county; Maria, deceased, wife of Thomas Scott; and Samuel.

Mr. Elliott spent his boyhood in his native city and was instructed in her excellent schools. He was engaged in teaming from the age of twenty-three years until 1872, when he embarked in the ice business which he has conducted with excellent judgment and good success ever since, carrying on both wholesale and retail lines. He is progressive in his methods and has fine accommodations to meet the demands of the public.

On Sept. 16, 1878, Mr. Elliott was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Myers, born in New York City, Sept. 9, 1847, daughter of John and Catherine (Bream) Myers, of Germany. Mr. Myers made a trip to America alone, soon after his marriage, to benefit his health, and finding the climate agreeable, he returned to Germany and came

back with his wife, locating in New York City where he carried on the business of a shoe merchant. In 1851 he removed to Lancaster and after the death of his wife Jan. 21, 1878, at the age of sixty-four years. he took a trip to the West, remaining for a period of three years. His death took place in 1890, at the age of seventy-nine years, and both he and his wife were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Myers had three children, namely: George G., who is a justice of the peace, in Coatesville, Pa.; Gustavius, who conducts a barber business in Lancaster; and Josephine, who became Mrs. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have had a family of three children, namely: John F., born Oct. 28, 1879, who died in 1895, at the age of fifteen years, eleven months and twelve days; Samuel G., born Nov. 12, 1881, who married Miss Hazel Rote and is engaged in the ice business in Lancaster; and Florence E., born Nov. 20, 1883, at home. The religious connection of the family is with the Trinity Lutheran Church, to which Mrs. Elliott is a liberal contributor. In politics Mr. Elliott is a staunch Democrat, but no office seeker, attending to the demands of his increasing business with such close attention that he finds little time for the political field. However, Mr. Elliott takes a great interest in the progress and development of his city and her resources, and favors those enterprises which prove to be worthy.

WILLIAM C. ARMSTRONG, the popular and successful proprietor of the "Quarryville Hotel," at Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born in West Ontario, Canada, May 26, 1843, and is a son of John and Jane Armstrong, natives of the North of Ireland and of Scotland, respectively. They were married in Ireland, and came to Canada in 1836, and began their career in the New World on a farm where their industry, thrift and integrity soon brought them to the front, bringing them into wide recognition as prosperous and successful. The father died in 1884, and his widow two years later. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Methodist.

To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born the following children: Robert, now of California; John J., of Canada; David, a lumberman in Canada; George, deceased; William C.; Johnston, deceased; Margaret J., the wife of Mr. Pierce, of Canada; Irwin, of Canada; two who died in infancy.

William C. Armstrong received a somewhat limited education when a boy, and began life as a blacksmith in London, Canada. After working a while there and in other Canadian cities, in 1861 he sought work in Rochester, N. Y.; for some time he worked in that city and in New York, and then went to Nashville, Tenn., where he followed his trade. In 1864 he came to York county, Pa., where he worked at his trade until 1868. There he married Sallie E., the estimable daughter of Squire James Johnston, of York. Mrs. Armstrong was born in 1843, in York county, and was educated in the home schools.

She was one of eight children born to her parents: Nancy Johnston, the widow of Thomas McMasters; York county; Mary, the wife of James Maxton, of York county; James, a veteran of the Civil war, and now a resident of Lebanon, Pa.; Sallie E.; Samuel, a farmer on the old homestead; John, a farmer in York county; William, deceased; Hugh, a farmer of York county.

William C. Armstrong settled at Oxford, Chester county, where he engaged in work as a blacksmith some eight years, and in addition took charge of a livery stable there which he purchased, for some eight years, doing a profitable business in horses also. In 1886 he purchased the large hotel in Oxford, where he engaged as a hotel man until 1897. Then he spent about a year on his farm in Russellville. In 1898 he became the proprietor of the "Quarryville Hotel," where he is still carrying on what has proved a very profitable hotel venture. To him and his good wife have come five children, two of whom died young. Those living are: William, who is married and has one daughter, Violet, born in Chester county in 1896; Ross is unmarried and at home; Florence, the only daughter, is a young woman of much culture and refinement, and is greatly loved and admired for her many good qualities, her generous disposition and kindly nature having made her many friends among the guests of the hotel as well as among the people of the town. Mrs. Armstrong and her daughter Florence, belong to the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Armstrong and both his sons are Republicans and take an active interest in party politics. Aside from his very successful career as a hotel man, Mr. Armstrong has given much thought and care to fine horses, and he has handled some of the finest track horses in the State. "Gordon H.," the noted stallion, with a national reputation, is owned by him, as well as several other noted flyers on the speedway.

BENJAMIN K. LONG. Connected with the agricultural life of Lancaster county, Pa., since 1729, the Long family have the right to be termed one of the oldest and best known in this part of the State of Pennsylvania.

The great-grandfather of Benjamin K. Long was Herman Long, the founder of the family in America, who came to this country from Switzerland, and located in Lancaster county, where he purchased a large tract of land, in East Hempfield township, a part of this now being contained in the town of Landisville. Just east of this property lay the old Long homestead, which was purchased in 1737, consisting of 350 acres, and the greater portion of this valuable land is still in the possession of the Long family, Benjamin K. being the fortunate owner of ninety-four acres, and Herman H. Long, son of John K. Long, deceased, the owner of seventy-one acres.

John Long, grandfather of Benjamin K., succeeded to this large estate, and left part of it to his

son Abraham, who was born April 20, 1778, and here he conducted a distillery in connection with his farming operations. He married Anna Kauffman, a daughter of Christian Kauffman, Feb. 14, 1811, who was born Dec. 4, 1792, and who died Dec. 18, 1870. The father died Dec. 28, 1846. Abraham Long and wife reared the following children: (1) Abraham K. married, Jan. 20, 1838, Susan Huber, and died Jan. 14, 1843, leaving no children. (2) Christian K. married, Nov. 25, 1847, Anna Hiestand, and died Aug. 30, 1896, the father of six children, as follows: Mary, deceased; Matilda, who married Christian Nissley, and lives in Rapho township; Abraham H., who married Emma Meyers, and lives in East Hempfield township; Lizzie, who married Elias Herr, of Manor township; Christian H., of Landisville, Pa.; and Hiram, deceased. (3) John K. married, Jan. 9, 1849, Elizabeth Miller, and died May 11, 1897, the father of two children: Herman H., who married Lillie Hoarr, and lives in East Hempfield township; and Fannie P., of Landisville. (4) Benjamin K. is the subject proper of this sketch. (5) Susan married, Nov. 11, 1841, Jacob H. Hershey, and died Oct. 18, 1898, the mother of six children: Emillia, deceased wife of Levi H. Shenk, of Rapho township; Washington, who married Sarah Detweiler at Marietta, Lancaster county; Abraham, who married Fannie Mellinger, and resides at Silver Spring, West Hempfield township; Webster, who married Catharine Zoog, and lives in East Hempfield township; Benjamin, who married Lizzie Gamber, and resides at Silver Spring; and Horace, deceased. (6) Anna was married Nov. 11, 1841, to Samuel Nissley, and she died Nov. 15, 1863. Ten children were born of this union: Harriet, wife of Jacob Hostetter, of Penn township; Jonas, who married Anna Charles, and makes his home in Manor township; Abraham, who wedded a Miss Smith, and now lives in East Hempfield township; Samuel, of Drumore township, who married Ellen Hershey; Herman, of Harrisburg, who wedded a lady from Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Benjamin, who married Anna Hostetter, and now lives in East Hempfield township; Frank, who married Lillie Hoffman, and also lives in East Hempfield township; Henry Lincoln, a resident of Illinois, who married a Miss Johnson, a French Canadian from Montreal, Canada; and Ellen and John, both deceased. (7) Fannie was married Dec. 20, 1849, to Jacob B. Landis (a business man of Mt. Joy, who died in July, 1863), and became the mother of seven children, as follows: Benjamin, residing at Erie, Pa., who married Emma Busser; Ellen; Aaron, Abraham, Wesley and Jacob, all four deceased; and Lemuel, a resident of Lancaster city, who married Susan Swartly. (8) Maria married Abraham Perry, of Lancaster, and has one daughter, Anna.

Benjamin K. Long has always followed farming, continuing to be actively engaged until 1880 when he retired, and since then has lived in the quiet

enjoyment of a sufficient competency. Benjamin Long has never married, but his sister, Mrs. Landis, makes her home with him, as her surviving children have homes of their own.

Before taking up religion Benjamin Long was an active Republican, and the principles of that party he has always considered the best. The religious connection of himself and sister is with the Reformed Mennonite Church, where both are highly esteemed.

LEVI ELLMAKER, Esq., one of the best known members of the Lancaster Bar, belongs to one of Lancaster's oldest and most prominent families, and their history is given in the sketches of Mr. Ellmaker's father and his brothers, the late Nathaniel Ellmaker, Esq., and Dr. Thomas Ellmaker, elsewhere in these annals.

Levi Ellmaker was born in the old Ellmaker home on North Duke street (where John D. Skiles' tobacco warehouse now stands) Feb. 22, 1836. After attending private and public schools in Lancaster, in his boyhood, he was sent to the West Chester Academy, spending three years there, and three years at the College of St. James, in Maryland. He then went for a time to Yale. After leaving college Mr. Ellmaker went to Colebrook Furnace, Lebanon county, with the Colemans, remaining there three years, then spent two years in Kansas, and returned to Lancaster, arriving here in December, 1858. In February, 1859, he engaged in the coal business at Prince and Lemon streets, continuing there until April, 1866. His next business enterprise was the purchase of an interest in the Susquehanna Rolling Mill, at Columbia, and after that he read law with his brother, the late Nathaniel Ellmaker, and was admitted to practice in April, 1876. After being engaged in active practice with his brother for some years, failing eyesight compelled him to abandon general practice, and to confine himself to Orphans' Court practice, in which he is engaged at present.

Although an ardent Republican since 1856, Mr. Ellmaker has never accepted—and certainly never sought—public office, although political preferment has been within easy reach of himself and his brother, Nathaniel. Neither would accept political office because, at the death of their father, a paper was left by him in which he admonished his sons never to seek nor accept political office, and they respected the admonition. In his earlier manhood Mr. Ellmaker was active in Masonry, having belonged to Lodge No. 43, and Commandery No. 13. Religiously he affiliates with the First Presbyterian Church, having been a pew holder there for an ordinary life time.

Mr. Ellmaker was married, Jan. 13, 1859, to Miss Elizabeth, third daughter of the late Robert D. Carson, who was cashier of the Lancaster County Bank. Four children were born of this union, Mary, Elizabeth Elder, Susan Carson, and Amos,



L. Ellmaker

Mary and Amos entering into rest in early childhood.

Possessed of fine conversational powers, fond of reminiscence, and withal of a most genial, kindly nature, Mr. Ellmaker naturally has hosts of friends, and is as popular professionally as he is socially.

JOSIAH HERSHEY, a well-known retired farmer of Salisbury township, is a worthy representative of a highly esteemed family that has been known to Pennsylvania since 1719, when three brothers came to America from their home in Switzerland, and located in Lancaster county.

Joseph Hershey, the grandfather of Josiah Hershey, was for many years a prominent bishop in the Mennonite Church, and in his life faithfully endeavored to follow the rules of the faith he professed. He made his home in Salisbury township, and when he died in 1855, at the age of sixty-four, his remains were laid to rest on a part of his farm, set aside as the Hershey burying ground. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Magdalena Roop, lived to the advanced age of ninety years, and was laid to rest at her husband's side. Their children were as follows: Jacob R., mentioned below; Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; John, who died young; Abraham; Barbara, who became the wife of David Hoover, and is now deceased, and Anna, who died young.

Jacob R. Hershey grew to manhood on his father's farm, and made farming his occupation through life. Brought up in a Christian home, he early professed his faith, and became a preacher in the Mennonite Church. For forty-two years he has been an expounder of the doctrines of that sect, and has lived so as to lead his flock by example as well as by precept. He is greatly beloved in the community where he is so well known, and his advice is ever followed with unfailing fidelity. He married Margaret Eby, daughter of Peter Eby, whose wife was a member of the Weaver family. (For sketch of Eby family, see sketch of Bishop Peter Eby elsewhere). To their union were born nine children, of whom we have the following record: Josiah, our subject; Magdalena, wife of John R. Buckwalder, of Kinzers, Pa.; Peter, who went West, and has not since been heard from; Ephraim, a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary, who married Christian Metzler, a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob, a farmer in Salisbury township; Susan, wife of John S. Rohrer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lizzie, who died young; and Margaret, deceased.

Josiah Hershey was born Oct. 24, 1839, and he remained with his parents on the farm in Salisbury until his marriage, when he moved to a farm about one mile distant, and there resided about twenty-five years. He then removed to Chester county, Pa., and engaged in farming there for nine years, after which he passed three years at Gap, Lancaster county, and two years more in Chester county. The years passed in Lancaster county in his youth and

early manhood had formed ties time could not break, and when he retired from active work in 1900, he returned to his native town and purchased forty-five acres of land, still, however, retaining his Chester county farm of 154 acres.

On Aug. 2, 1859, Mr. Hershey was married, at Reading, Pa., to Mary A. Hershey, and this union has been blessed with children, as follows: Abby, who married Francis Lennox, and died at the age of thirty-one, leaving seven children; Magdalena, who married Isaac S. Rohrer, of Kinzers, Pa., and has four children; Elizabeth, who married Addison M. Groff, of Lancaster, and has four children (he is engaged in the poultry business); Margaret, who fell into a tank of water and was drowned at the age of twenty months; Joseph I., at home; Maggie, who died at the age of eighteen months; Peter E., a farmer of Chester county, who married Theresa Derringer, and has three children; Josiah W., who is engaged in the hardware business at Gap, and who married Gertrude Townsend, by whom he has two children; Dr. George B., of Salisbury, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; and Naomi, Ruth and Samuel, who all three died in infancy. Mrs. Mary A. (Hershey) Hershey was born in Upper Leacock township, Nov. 14, 1840, a daughter of Jacob F. and Christina (Bair) Hershey, the former a farmer and miller, who entered into rest Oct. 1, 1896, aged seventy-nine years, and the latter of whom died in April, 1896, at the same age. They were both buried in Hershey's cemetery in Salisbury township. Their children were: John B., a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary A., Mrs. Hershey; Emanuel, a farmer and miller of Chester county, Pa.; Amanda, wife of J. B. Cadwell, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacob H., of Philadelphia; and Ada E., wife of Taylor Worst, of Philadelphia. The family were brought up in the Mennonite faith.

Jacob F. Hershey, father of Mrs. Mary A. (Hershey) Hershey was a son of John and Elizabeth (Frantz) Hershey, farming people of Lancaster county. Mrs. Christina (Bair) Hershey was a daughter of Joel and Mary (Wolf) Bair, farmers and slave owners of considerable prominence.

Josiah Hershey, our subject, has been a man active in public affairs wherever he lived. During his residence in Chester county, he efficiently served as supervisor, and for three years was a school director. In politics he is a staunch Republican. Like his father and grandfather before him, he is a Mennonite in religious faith. Upright and honorable in all his dealings, charitable in his judgments, he is highly esteemed by all who know him.

ANDREW HERR. Among the prominent and substantial farmer citizens of Strasburg township, who for many years has been one of the progressive and successful men of this locality, is Andrew Herr, who resides upon a fine estate one mile north of Refton, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Herr was born in West Lampeter township, on a farm which adjoins the one he now occupies, March 10, 1841, a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Hershey) Herr, the former of whom was a son of Rev. Christian Herr, who, in turn, was a son of Rev. Christian Herr, the family being an old one in this county. Elias Herr was born in May, 1804, and died Oct. 11, 1881. He started on his business career on the farm in West Lampeter township where our present subject was born, where he became the owner of a farm of 100 acres, upon which he erected a distillery, which he conducted for many years, later opening up and operating two other distilleries in Strasburg township. This business proved very remunerative and as time went on he increased his landed possessions until he had four fine farms in West Lampeter and in Strasburg townships, and wood lands in Martic township, aggregating many hundreds of acres. In addition to this property he bought land both in the South and West. Elias Herr was a man of more than ordinary business ability, and while others were willing to quietly cultivate the soil and enjoy its yield, he was ever on the alert to develop every part of his land, and to make it just as productive as the farming portion. Hence, when he found a deposit of lime on his property he engaged in lime burning, which business grew to large dimensions, and for many years yielded considerable income. The lime proved to be of a fine white quality, and readily sold over a great extent of territory. This business is still carried on by his sons, and is handled by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. As a man of known probity he was called upon to administer many estates, and was known far beyond his own county. His connection with the Mennonite Church had been of many years standing.

The first marriage of Elias Herr was to Elizabeth Hershey, who died in 1848, leaving five children: Jeremiah, who resides in West Lampeter township; Mary Ann, who married Rev. Elias Groff, of Strasburg township; Andrew, of this biography; Elias, who resides in Limeton, Warren Co., Va., engaged in the lime business; and Benjamin F., of Lancaster, who is the agent for the Ephrata Mineral Springs water. The second marriage of Elias Herr was to Catherine Hershey, a sister of his former wife, but she, too, passed away, her death occurring in 1862. His third union was with Margaret Weaver, who died in 1893.

Andrew Herr was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of West Lampeter, and remained at home, assisting his father, until his marriage, in 1863, when he located upon the farm which he still occupies. This land required much improvement and ever since locating upon Mr. Herr has been adding to its value. In 1864 he erected the residence which at that time was considered to be both commodious and convenient, but times have changed, and now Mr. Herr has one of the most comfortable and attractive residences in

the county, the remodeling having been done in 1900. Modern improvements have been introduced and now there is no more agreeable country home in the county. After Mr. Herr located on this place he turned his attention entirely to farming, and until 1889 engaged in no other business, but at that time took charge of the lime kilns which had been operated by his brother, Benjamin F. Herr, and since that time has carried on both lines of business. The lime kilns are valuable property, the output since 1867 having been about 50,000 bushels, and all of it is of the highest quality, being burned exclusively with wood. The home farm of Mr. Herr contains 140 acres and he also owns the one adjoining on the west, of 152 acres, and recently purchasing twenty more acres, he has divided his whole property into three farms. He has erected new buildings on the third farm, and has builded the house of brick, as are the houses on the other two farms. Andrew Herr is also the owner of a tract of seventy acres of wood land in Martic township, and thirty-eight acres in Providence township and also two small tenant properties, all of these combined, with his other interests, making him one of the most substantial men in the township. Although a man of wealth and prominence, he is of quiet and unassuming manner, and is valued as a good neighbor and kind friend.

On Oct. 27, 1863, Andrew Herr was united in marriage with Susan Hess, who was born near Lampeter, in West Lampeter township, Feb. 28, 1842, a daughter of Harry and Elizabeth (Herr) Hess. They have had a family of eight children: Elizabeth F., born Dec. 30, 1864, married Jacob E. Witmer, a farmer of Strasburg township; Milton, born in 1866, died in infancy; Lucina V., born Dec. 22, 1867, died Sept. 28, 1870; Annie W., born April 10, 1870, died March 19, 1871; Susan E., born Jan. 2, 1872, married Benjamin Shaub, of Strasburg township; Harry H., born July 22, 1874, died Sept. 26, 1882; Mary E., born Sept. 2, 1876, married Jacob W. Brenneman, of Strasburg township; and Amos A., born Nov. 28, 1880, died Dec. 4, 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are happy in their children and rejoice in their five grandchildren, Claire, Susan, Arthur and Anna Witmer and Myrtle Shaub. Their religious connection is with the Old Mennonite Church, with which the family name is associated through the State.

JACOB B. MECKLEY, a retired farmer and carpenter of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Mt. Joy township, Sept. 25, 1822, a son of Jacob and Mary (Brandt) Meckley, of Dauphin, and Lancaster counties, respectively. The father was a farmer, and was killed by a tree falling on him before his son Jacob B., was born. He was the father of two children: Anna, who married Henry Sharrer, and is now deceased; and Jacob B. The widowed mother married for her second husband, Leonard Bender, by whom she had the following children: Leonard,

deceased; Christian, who is in the West; John, also in the West; Mary is married and lives at Marysville, Pa.; Fanny, who died unmarried in 1880; and William, in the West. Mrs. Bender died in Cumberland county, Pa., in 1880.

The paternal grandfather of Jacob B. Meckley, Melchior Meckley, came from Germany with his wife. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Meckley was Christian Brandt, a native of Lancaster county, where he lived and died.

Jacob B. Meckley was married in 1847 in Harrisburg, to Elizabeth Sherer, and to this union were born the following children: Isaac, who married Mary Kob, is deceased; Simon, deceased; Fanny, who married Joshua Kaylor, a farmer of Conoy township; Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Miller Metzgar, of Dauphin county. Mrs. Elizabeth (Sherer) Meckley was born in Dauphin county, Aug. 15, 1828, a daughter of John B. and Christiana (Brill) Sherer, farmer people of Dauphin county, where their entire lives were passed.

Jacob B. Meckley remained with his mother until he was four years of age, when he was put into the care of an uncle, Joshua Hoffer, who lived in Dauphin county, and the ensuing ten years of his life were spent with him. At fourteen he began working for himself among the neighboring farmers, and after ten years of farm work rented a place for himself, which he cultivated one year, and then went on a second farm, where he remained until he was thirty-five years old. It was near the river in Dauphin county, and when its owner died, the estate was sold. Mr. Meckley and his brother-in-law purchased the farm, which consisted of 187 acres. They cultivated this place until 1866, when Mr. Meckley sold out his interest, and bought a second farm, engaging in its cultivation until 1880. That year he removed to Elizabethtown, and gave up active farming operations.

Mr. Meckley is an enterprising and progressive citizen of the community, and has taken an active and intelligent interest in local affairs. For many years he was treasurer of the town council, and served in that capacity until 1898. Both he and his wife are members of the Brinzerites Church, and in political affairs he is a Republican. Mr. Meckley is a stockholder in the Axle Works, and was instrumental in securing their location. He is a prosperous and much respected citizen of the community, and richly deserves whatever respect and good fortune have come to him in his latter days.

CHRISTIAN HUBER, one of the prominent and well-known farmers of West Lampeter township, belongs to an old and respected family of Lancaster county. The farm occupied by Christian Huber is one of the model ones of the township, located one mile southeast of Lampeter, and contains ninety-one acres of some of the best land in this section.

Christian Huber is a son of Christian and Annie

(Hornish) Huber, both of these names being well and favorably known throughout this part of the State, and was born Feb. 27, 1858. His education was received in the excellent public schools, after which he remained on the home farm until his marriage, in 1884, at which time he removed to his present place. At that time it consisted of eighty-eight acres, and was in need of many improvements, all of which our subject has taken no little pains and expense to remedy, and now, with an additional three acres and the erection of good buildings and capacious tobacco warehouses, he has one of the finest farms to be found in this locality. A general line of farming is carried on, and modern methods have been introduced to a larger degree than by any other farmer of this neighborhood. In 1900 he had a complete system of electric lighting introduced into all the buildings connected with his place, this being an innovation that certainly will result in advantage to its progressive owner.

Christian Huber was married Jan. 20, 1884, to Elizabeth Lefever, a daughter of Adam and Catherine (Kendig) Lefever, who was born in Lampeter, May 24, 1860, and to this union four children have been born: Katie, Annie, Daisy and Henry. In his political connection Christian Huber has been a staunch Republican, but has never sought or consented to hold office. In the Old Mennonite Church he has ever been a member of good standing, and has reared his family in the same pious way. The family is of the highest respectability and possesses the esteem of all.

HON. DAVID McMULLEN, ex-judge of the courts of Lancaster county, is one of the most popular counsellors in the county, where his distinguished legal abilities have long since commanded a wide and generous recognition.

William McMullen, the grandfather of David, came to America from Belfast, Ireland, and made his home in Earl township, Lancaster county. A weaver by occupation, he found his work popular, for the farmers were then great growers of flax. After a time he removed to Pennville, Elizabeth township, where he continued his weaving until his death.

James McMullen, the father of the Judge, was a contracting carpenter, and he married Elizabeth Sheetz, a daughter of Jacob Sheetz, then living at what is now known as Halfville, Elizabeth township, Lancaster county. Three of the four children born to this union are now living: Susan, wife of William Yeagley, a farmer of Cornwall township, Lebanon county; Hon. David, of Lancaster; and Edward, a farmer of Penn township. Catherine, the oldest child, married Abraham Kauffman, of Penn township, and is deceased.

Hon. David McMullen was born near Mt. Hope, Lancaster county, Oct. 20, 1844, and had his education in the public schools of the county, in Yeates Institute, in the Vermont Episcopal School at Burlington, Vt., and at the State Normal School at Mil-

lersville, from which he was graduated in 1868. For two years, after his graduation he taught school, and then began the study of law, reading under the supervision of Hugh C. Graham, of Oil City, where he was engaged as a teacher until the fall of 1869. The following spring he entered the office of the late S. H. Reynolds, of Lancaster, and there continued his studies until he was admitted to the Bar in December, 1871, being admitted to the supreme court in due time, and he at once entered upon a lucrative and growing business.

A Democrat in political faith, Judge McMullen was elected to the common branch of the city councils, from the second ward, and has been a member of the school board since 1889. In 1890 he was elected its president, and has since been re-elected to the chair. Mr. McMullen was appointed by Gov. Pattison in March, 1892, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Patterson, the term expiring the following year. Judge McMullen was nominated by the Democrats, and supported by a leading Republican paper of Lancaster, made a magnificent run in this the "banner Republican county" of the State. It was the most remarkable vote ever polled by a Democrat in Lancaster county.

Judge McMullen is a member of St. James Episcopal Church, where he has been a vestryman for a number of years, and he has acted as treasurer of the parish since 1877. He is a trustee of Yeates Institute, and a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School at Millersville. Since the inception of the General Hospital of Lancaster, he has been president of its board of trustees. Mr. McMullen belongs to the Royal Arcanum, and the A. O. U. W. He was favorite counsel to the late Miss Catherine Long, who gave \$300,000 for a home for indigent unmarried women and the establishment of a city park, and he is counsel for the executors of her will.

Judge McMullen was married to Miss Susan E., a daughter of the late Peter E. Lightner, a farmer, whose fine country home was just beyond the western limits of Lancaster. To this marriage were born two children: Mary R., wife of T. William Benner, of Lancaster; and Emily S., the wife of Dr. Samuel Heller, a practicing physician of this city. Judge McMullen occupies a prominent place in the legal profession, and his kindly nature and magnetic personality make him welcome in all circles, regardless of political bias.

RUDOLPH S. HERR. The Herr family is one of the old and most respected ones of Lancaster county, and members have been long prominent both in the religious as well as the agricultural affairs of this part of the Keystone State.

David Herr, the father of Rudolph S. Herr, was born in this county where he passed his whole life, quietly pursuing the avocations of a husbandman, and by precept and example demonstrating his fitness for the position of deacon in the Old Mennonite

Church, which honorable office he held for a long period. David Herr married Miss Susan Schenk, and they became the parents of nine children, these being Rev. Christian, a good and holy man, now deceased, a faithful minister in the faith of the Old Mennonite Church; Susan, deceased, who was the wife of John Charles; David, who is a retired farmer of Manor township; Henry, deceased, who was a farmer of Lancaster township; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Jacob Landis, a miller of Manor township; Rudolph S., the subject of this biography; Daniel, who is a retired farmer of Penn township; Abram, who is a farmer on the old homestead, in Lancaster township; and Mary, who is the widow of Philip Bausman.

Rudolph S. Herr was born in Lancaster township Feb. 17, 1827, and he was reared a farmer boy. His education was acquired in the common schools of his locality, and later, with his manly strength and energy, he began his farming operations, his field of work being the estate upon which he has ever since resided. In 1899 he permitted the management to fall upon younger shoulders, living somewhat retired since that date. Although a very thorough agriculturist, Mr. Herr had time and ability to enter into other enterprises, also. In 1890 Mr. Herr established a large ice plant on his farm, and very soon, with the assistance of his sons, a large business was built up in this desirable commodity, but in 1900 it was bought by the ice trust. Mr. Herr has also engaged considerably in the handling of real estate, and is probably better posted on the values of country property through this State than any other citizen. In politics he has always been a member of the Republican party, and has served for an extended period as school director.

The marriage of Mr. Herr was to Miss Magdelaine Landis, who was a daughter of John and Annie Landis, and to this union were born twelve children, six of whom died in childhood, the survivors being: Lizzie L., at home; John, a farmer; Rudolph L., a farmer in Manor township; Christian, a farmer of Lancaster township; Jacob, one of the partners in the ice business; and Magdelaine, the wife of Henry Harnish, of Pequea township. The farm at the old homestead is managed by Mr. Herr's son, John, a very capable and reliable young man.

Mr. Herr is widely known and universally respected. Few men in this locality have been more prominently identified with progressive enterprises beneficial to the community. His membership in the Old Mennonite Church has existed since his early days. As citizen, friend and neighbor Mr. Herr enjoys the respect of every one.

THOMAS BENTON HAMBLETON. Prominent among the honorable and thrifty citizens of Drumore township, few are more highly esteemed than Thomas Benton Hambleton, who is a merchant and the popular postmaster at Fernglan. He was born Jan. 4, 1836, in Fulton township, a son of Elias

and Martha (Kinsey) Hambleton, the latter being a native of Drumore township.

James Hambleton, the great-grandfather of Thomas B. Hambleton, came to America from England and settled in early days in Bucks county, Pa., and his son, James, became the progenitor of a numerous family which has settled in many States.

Elias Hambleton, the father of Thomas B., was a son of James and Hannah Hambleton, of Drumore township, born in 1801. He died in Drumore township, in 1872. On Oct. 29, 1829, he was married to Miss Martha Kinsey, of McConnellsville, Morgan Co., Ohio, who was born May 12, 1805, a daughter of Benjamin and Margaret Kinsey; she died Sept. 5, 1880. The children born to this marriage numbered eleven, as follows: Joseph P., who was a farmer of Drumore township; Margaret Ann, widow of William McLaughlin, of Martic township, now of Drumore township; Benjamin K., a carpenter in Martic township; Thomas Benton, subject of this sketch; Walter F., deceased; Miss Mary E., who resided at Fairfield, Pa., until her death, Oct. 20, 1901; James, who died young; Hannah, who is also deceased; Elias H., of Drumore township; Rankin G., of Fulton township; and Albert, of Kansas.

Thomas Benton Hambleton was reared on his father's farm and received exceptional educational advantages, beginning in the common schools of his district, then entered the Chestnut Level Academy and later the Millersville Normal School, after which he entered upon the profession of teaching, and very successfully followed it for a period covering several years.

Among the earliest of the enthusiastic and loyal citizens who responded in 1861 to the call for defenders of the country was Thomas B. Hambleton, who volunteered on Sept. 30th of that year, becoming a member of Co. E, 79th P. V. I., under Capt. M. D. Wickersham and Col. H. A. Hambricht. They were assigned to the 14th Army Corps, which was under the command of the venerated Gen. George H. Thomas. Mr. Hambleton saw much hard service, taking part in many engagements. On May 29, 1862, Gen. James S. Negley commanded an expedition in front of Chattanooga, Tenn., of which Col. H. A. Hambricht, of the 79th P. V. I., had command of the troops immediately in front of the city on June 7 and 8. The expedition started from Columbia, Tenn., May 29th, and after a march of over 192 miles reached the heights opposite Chattanooga—the first Union troops ever in front of the city—in the afternoon of June 7, 1862. This feat preceded the battle of Perryville, Ky., Oct. 8, 1862, in which the 79th Pennsylvania lost thirty-seven per cent. of those engaged. Other engagements in which Mr. Hambleton participated with his regiment were: the battle of Stone River; Hoover's Gap, Tenn.; Tallahoma; Chickamauga; in the skirmishes around Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge; then on toward

Atlanta, where the troops were continually exposed; with Gen. Sherman in his march to the sea. Later his regiment went up through the Carolinas, thence on to Richmond, and to Washington, where Mr. Hambleton took part in that memorable review, which still stirs the hearts of all who witnessed it and felt its significance. In that city our subject was honorably discharged July 12, 1865. Although not entirely disabled, Mr. Hambleton did not escape all injury, having been badly wounded at Hoover's Gap, Tenn., and was also slightly wounded in the knee at Chickamauga.

After the close of the war Mr. Hambleton returned home and as soon as he could rearrange his life to peaceful pursuits again he found his old patrons awaiting him, and he took up his old profession. In 1871 he came to Fernglen and opened up a mercantile business which has proved eminently successful, owing to his upright business methods and his willingness to cater to the reasonable wishes of his patrons. In 1891 he was appointed postmaster, and is the only one ever located in Fernglen, giving perfect satisfaction to all concerned.

On Oct. 19, 1871, Thomas B. Hambleton was married to Miss Mary E. Lamborn, of Martic township, who was born June 22, 1840, daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, the former of whom was a son of George Lamborn, who reared a large family in Chester county, and was a leading member of the Society of Friends. Mrs. Hambleton was one of a family of eleven children, namely: George S., who is a farmer of Martic township; Aquilla B., of Little Britain township; Emeline, who was the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, deceased; Elwood; William Lewis; Mary Elizabeth, wife of our subject; Sarah Ellen, wife of Jacob K. Brown, a farmer of Fulton township, of whom more extended mention can be found elsewhere; Alice A., wife of William L. Shoemaker, a thrifty farmer, of whom more extended notice is given elsewhere; Friscilla, who died young; Lucinda, wife of B. F. Tennis, of Drumore township; and Lydia, wife of Amos P. Smith, of whom extended mention is made in another place.

Mr. Hambleton is one of the leading citizens of this locality, and is especially noted for his uprightness of life and most estimable character. He has been a life-long Republican and carries out in his life the simplicity of the Quaker belief. In his business he is alert and energetic, but thoroughly honest and reliable. He owns a most comfortable dwelling, a fine stock of goods, with large warehouse, and considerable property, all of which has been acquired by legitimate methods. Mr. Hambleton is a member of Post No. 566, G. A. R., and is the secretary of Co. E, 79th P. V. I., which meets annually for a three-days encampment. He has in his possession a most interesting diary which he kept of his life during the Civil war, giving an account of each day's proceedings during his nearly

four years of continuous service. He is also the possessor of a very large library; many books of very valuable research, among them being fifteen volumes of *The Encyclopedia of Universal Knowledge*. He has revisited many of the sanguinary battlefields in Tennessee and Georgia since the war, and has in his possession many relics of those hard-fought contests.

MICHAEL B. MUSSER, a retired farmer of the township of East Donegal, and a man whose character and standing are the very highest among those who know him best, was born in West Donegal township, Aug. 15, 1831, a son of Benjamin E. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Musser, born in East Donegal and Mt. Joy townships, respectively.

Benjamin E. Musser was born Aug. 14, 1810, and was accidentally killed in Herington, Kan., Sept. 23, 1884. He was in Kansas buying property, and was accompanied by his sons, Henry and Michael B. They had driven into the country to complete the purchase of a section of land, had accomplished their purpose, and were returning to town, when they drove through a ravine, and the occupants were thrown out of the wagon, Michael B., falling first but escaping serious injury. The father received such injuries that he died very shortly after being taken up. The body was brought back to Pennsylvania, and was buried in the Brethren in Christ Cemetery in East Donegal township. Mr. Musser belonged to the River Brethren Church, and possessed considerable property in his old age, being able to retire from active work in 1862. His wife, Elizabeth Brenner, died May 25, 1880, at the age of sixty-eight years. To Benjamin E. and Elizabeth (Brenner) Musser were born the following children: Mary, who married Jacob Flory, and lives in Ohio; Michael B.; John, who died in Kansas; Susie, who married Jacob Musser, now deceased; Benjamin, a minister in Franklin county, Pa.; Henry, of Florin; Martha, wife of Daniel Heisey; Annie, who married Rev. John Kuntz, of Union Deposit; and Amos, of Harrisburg, Pa., a deacon in the Messiah Home, which he helped to organize.

The paternal grandparents of Michael B. Musser were Henry and Mary (Engle) Musser, both natives of Donegal township, where they were honest farming people. Mr. Musser died a young man, and his widow married Jacob Hershey for her second husband, by whom she had no children. To her first husband she bore the following children: Benjamin; Susannah, who married John Gish, who was a Bishop of the River Brethren Church; Martha, wife of Michael Hoffman; and Anna M., the wife of Jacob Engle.

The maternal grandparents of Michael B. Musser were Philip and Anna M. (Singhaus) Brenner. Mr. Brenner was born Nov. 11, 1752, and died July 1, 1836. Both he and his wife were natives of Lancaster county, and were buried in the Cross Roads Cemetery, township of East Donegal. The maternal

great-grandparents of Mr. Musser were Michael and Susannah (Hoffman) Brenner, who lived and died in Lancaster county, and were buried in the Kraybill Meeting House Cemetery, in East Donegal township.

Michael B. Musser was married in West Hempfield township, to Catharine Musser, and there were born to this union four children, Elizabeth M., wife of Rev. A. Z. Hess, of the township of East Donegal; Eli M.; Anna, wife of Benjamin Nissley; and Martha, wife of Hiram Wolgemuth, of East Donegal township.

Mrs. Catharine Musser was born in West Hempfield township, Nov. 13, 1832, a daughter of Christ and Catherine (Newcomer) Musser. Her father was a farmer of Lancaster county, and lived to be eighty-eight years old. Her mother reached the same age, and both were buried on the farm. They were members of the York Brethren Church. Their children were: Anna, widow of Christ Sheetz, of Rapho township; Miss Barbara, living on the old farm, as does also her sister, Miss Mary; Catharine; Christ, a farmer in West Hempfield township; John, also a West Hempfield farmer; Tobias, a farmer in Rapho township; Joseph, a farmer in the township of Rapho; and Martha, deceased.

Mr. Musser has been on the farm where he is now living since the age of eleven years, and is a man of most industrious and exemplary habits. As a member of the Cross Roads River Brethren Church, his life is squared by his faith to an uncommon extent, and the esteem in which his associates hold him is attested by the fact that he has been deacon of the church for twenty years. In local affairs he is a very prominent man, and may be fairly called one of the representative men of the township.

ELI M. MUSSER (deceased), only son of Michael B. Musser, was born July 29, 1859, on the farm where he died in December, 1896. His remains were buried in the Cross Roads River Brethren Church Cemetery. He was married in Nov., 1880, in Mt. Joy township, to Mary Wolgemuth, by whom he became the father of the following children: Irvin W., who remains at home and cultivates the family estate with a skilled and workmanlike manner, rarely found in so young a man; and Anna W., Katie W., Mary W., Barbara W., and Martha W., all at home. Mrs. Mary (Wolgemuth) Musser was born in Mt. Joy township, a daughter of Rev. Joseph and Barbara (Nissley) Wolgemuth, both of whom died in Mt. Joy township, the father in December, 1884, at the age of sixty-two years, and the mother in March, 1892, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were members of the River Brethren Church, of which he was a preacher fifteen years. Born to this union were: Daniel, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Martin, a retired farmer of West Donegal township; Anna, wife of Levi Mumma, living on the old homestead; Aaron who died young; and Mary. The paternal grand-

parents of Mrs. Eli Musser were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, both natives of Lancaster county, who lived and died in the township of Mt. Joy. Her maternal grandparents were Martin and Lizzie (Hershey) Nissley, who spent their lives in Lancaster county.

Eli M. Musser was a member of the River Brethren Church, and had served as a deacon in that communion two years at the time of his death. Mr. Musser was one of the prominent people of the township, and displayed those manly qualities so well worthy of commemoration.

JOHN N. WOODS. The Woods and the McCausland families, from whom descended John N. Woods, of Salisbury township, were among the early settlers of Lancaster county. Two brothers, Thomas and Adam Woods, emigrated to America and located in Lancaster county, Pa., in Leacock township, near Intercourse, about 1743, the McCausland emigrants having come some time early in the eighteenth century. Thomas married Mary Scott, from near Conestoga Creek, and Adam married Margaret Montgomery. The latter had no children, but Thomas reared nine of the twelve born to him. All of his daughters married in other localities. One son, Adam, left home and located in Kentucky where he amassed a fortune, but never married. David, the eldest son of Thomas Woods, married Ann McCausland, and they became the grandparents of John N. Woods.

William McCausland, grandfather of the wife of David Woods, married Jane Burney, a native of Ireland who inherited land in the northern part of that country, and they emigrated to America on account of religious persecution. They brought with them six of their children, leaving the eldest son, John, to finish his apprenticeship to the wheelwright trade. The second son was Alexander, and soon after reaching this country, he was placed by his parents in the classical school kept by Dr. Allison, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, located on Washington Square. Later Alexander McCausland became a well-known physician, and married Dr. Allison's daughter.

John N. Woods, a retired farmer and highly esteemed citizen of Gap, Pa., is a worthy representative of these fine, sturdy, self-respecting old families. He was born Oct. 15, 1839, in Leacock township, a son of T. Scott and Caroline (Cooper) Woods, the latter of whom was born on the farm now occupied by Scott Woods, Jr., but owned by our subject. This farm was bought in 1741 from William Penn, by John Cooper, and inherited from him by his son Col. John Cooper, who at his death left it to his son, also named John, who was the father of Mrs. Caroline (Cooper) Woods. Upon the death of John Cooper, in 1844, the farm passed out of the name of Cooper through its inheritance by Mrs. Woods. From Mrs. Woods it came into the possession of her son, John N. Woods,

whose desire is to have it remain in the family through his sons and their descendants. By marriage Mr. Woods' family is connected with Colonel David Watson, a Revolutionary soldier of distinction, through whom Miss Grace, daughter of our subject, is a member of Donegal Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution.

T. Scott Woods, the father of John N., was not only a well-known and substantial farmer in Paradise township, but was one of the leading citizens of the county. He was one of the founders and also a director of the First National Bank of Lancaster, held all of the township offices of note, and for two terms was the efficient director of the County Poor Farm. He died in 1874, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife, Caroline Cooper, had preceded him, in 1843, at the age of forty-three years, and both were buried in the cemetery attached to the old Leacock Presbyterian Church, of which religious body they had been consistent members. Their children were as follows: David, who was killed in 1875, in a railroad wreck; John N., of this sketch; and N. Milton, who is a resident of Paradise township and president of the First National Bank, of Lancaster.

John N. Woods was raised on his father's farm, and like all farmers' sons of that day and generation was taught that labor was as honorable as it was necessary. He attended the district schools in his neighborhood for a time, and was then sent to a school in Lititz taught by Mr. John Beck. This was followed by a course in the Mt. Joy Academy, after which he finished his education in Benjamin Hallowell's Academy, in Alexandria, Va. After his marriage he continued to engage in farming, following an agricultural life until 1899, when he retired from business activity and removed to his pleasant home in Gap. Mr. Woods has very efficiently filled a number of important township and county positions. For one term he was Prison Inspector, and has served a long period as school director. For thirty years he has been a director in the Lancaster Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and for ten years has been its president. In politics he has been a life-long Republican.

In January, 1862, Mr. Woods was united in marriage to Miss Susan Eckert, in Paradise township, and a family of seven children has been born to them: George M., a farmer in Leacock township, married Jane Kinzer, and they have children as follows, Jean K., Esther, Catherine, John and George B.; Caroline C. married Herbert Brinton, now retired and residing in Elwyn, Delaware county, and they have two children, Charles W. and Helen W.; Mary married Samuel McCausland, a commission merchant in Chicago, Ill., and they have two children, John W. and Catherine; Sarah died at the age of five years; Miss Elizabeth E. and Miss Grace reside at home; and T. Scott, who resides in Leacock township, married Mabel Showalter, and they have one child, Elizabeth. Both Mr. Woods and

wife are valued members of the Presbyterian Church in which he has been a trustee for many years.

Mrs. Susan (Eckert) Woods was born in Paradise township, in March, 1838, daughter of Lewis and Sarah J. (Slaymaker) Eckert, the former of whom was a miller who lived on Pequea Creek, in Paradise township. He died in 1868, at the age of sixty-two years, a highly respected man and a leading member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother of Mrs. Woods died in 1874, in Lancaster, aged sixty-five years, and both parents were buried in the old Leacock Church cemetery. They had the following children: George, deceased; Mary J., married to William Holtzworth; John Howard, a commission merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio; Susan C., wife of John N. Woods; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Albert Carpenter, an attorney; Albert, Nathan and Lovinia, deceased; and Charles W., a merchant in Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Woods belong to a pleasant social circle in Gap, where they are most highly esteemed. Time has dealt very kindly with them, and they still enjoy offering a generous hospitality to relatives and friends, of whom they have a great number.

JOSEPH HAEFNER, proprietor of the Empire Brewery, one of the largest enterprises of the kind in Lancaster, is a native of Germany, born in Ganstadt bei Bamberg, Sept. 3, 1848, son of John B. and Barbara (Stall) Haefner.

John B. Haefner, father of Joseph Haefner, was also a native of Germany, and for twenty years conducted a brewery in his native country, doing a large business and performing the duties of a prominent citizen. His death took place in 1899, when he was aged seventy-eight years. His wife died in 1893, at the age of seventy-two years. Both were worthy members of the Catholic Church. Mr. and Mrs. Haefner had the following children: John B. (deceased) also followed the brewing business; Peter resides in Germany and follows the butcher business; Joseph is mentioned below; Lizzie married Gottlieb Smith, a farmer in Montgomery county, Pa.; Anna married William Kurtz, who conducts a hotel in Lancaster; Lena married Lawrence Rateline, a farmer in Germany.

Joseph Haefner learned his trade in Germany with his father, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years of age, then securing work in other breweries, where he continued until coming to America, in 1872. For two years he was employed in Rupert's brewery, in New York, going then to Union Hill, N. J., where he remained one year. Coming to Lancaster, he served one year in Henry Frank's brewery, and then went to Reading, where his knowledge of the business secured him a good position with Fred. Lauer, with whom he remained six years. Mr. Haefner then went to Pottsville, and in partnership with Peter Lauer and Lawrence Smith operated the Archard brewery for two years, and then for about five years was

in Philadelphia. In 1886 Mr. Haefner returned to Lancaster and bought of Florence Knapp his present plant, which he has enlarged to thrice its original dimensions, and has more than trebled its producing capacity. This immense plant covers at present a half acre of ground and gives employment to twenty men. It is fitted with all modern improvements and is the only brewery in the locality which manufactures its own ice. This business was established in 1868 by Lawrence Knapp, and since Mr. Haefner became its proprietor has grown in importance until it ranks with the leading industries of the city.

Mr. Haefner is independent in politics. He takes a deep interest in everything looking to the advancement of the community, and votes for those whom he deems will best carry out his ideas. Fraternally he belongs to the B. P. O. E. and the Brewers' Association. In person Mr. Haefner exemplifies the best class of prosperous German-American citizens. Genial, pleasant, liberal in his benefactions and charitable to the poor, he has many in Lancaster who delight to call him friend. He has won his way to success through his own efforts, and well deserves the good fortune which has attended him.

In 1874, in Lancaster, Mr. Haefner was united in marriage to Margaret Fisher, daughter of Raphael Fisher, who operated a hotel in Lancaster for a number of years. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four years, and his wife died in 1884. They were members of the Catholic Church, and were interred in the Catholic cemetery.

The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haefner: Mary, who died at the age of four years; Miss Elizabeth, at home; and Anna, Joseph, Catherine, Lauer and Margaret. Mr. Haefner built his present fine home, opposite his place of business, in 1890.

LEVI HAVERSTICK, of Washington borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Jan. 13, 1824, and descends from one of the oldest German families of this county, a brief record of whom is given in the following paragraphs.

The great-grandfather of Levi was the first of the Haverstick family to come to America, and on arriving in Lancaster county, Pa., his only worldly property, as tradition has it, was an ax. His home was established on the banks of the Conestoga river, about two miles southwest of the now city of Lancaster, and there he passed the remainder of his life.

Jacob Haverstick, the son of the aforesaid emigrant and grandfather of Levi, was reared on his father's Conestoga farm, to which he became the heir. He added to it several other tracts of land, which he placed under cultivation, and became one of the wealthiest farmers of his township. Jacob reared a family of six children, of whom the eldest, Abraham, succeeded to the Conestoga homestead; John became the father of Levi, whose name opens this sketch;



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Jacob passed his life on the old homestead; David was a hotel-keeper and died in Lancaster city; and of his two daughters one married a man named Herr and went to live in Ohio, and the other became Mrs. Shenk, and passed her life in Lancaster county, Pa. In religion the family were Lutherans.

John Haverstick, father of Levi, was born on the old homestead in 1798, where he rendered faithful service to his father until his marriage with Magdelina Neff, who was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1799. Shortly after this happy ceremony John's father presented him with a farm west of the Conestoga, where he lived the greater part of his active life, but later moved to the north of Lancaster city. To his marriage were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy; the six who reached mature years were Henry, born Jan. 18, 1818, was a farmer in Manheim township, and died in May, 1900; Jacob, born in January, 1822, is also deceased; Levi is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch; John N. died on the old homestead; Abraham resides at Neffsville, and Elizabeth, the widow of a Mr. Hawenstein, resides near Mount Joy. John Haverstick, the father of this family, died in 1883, and the mother, Magdelina, died at the advanced age of ninety-four years, in 1893. John Haverstick was a most public-spirited man and held many township offices, being very popular in his day as a Whig, and in 1840 was inspector of election in the courthouse, Center Square, Lancaster city. In early life he was a member of the Lutheran Church, but he died a Mennonite.

Levi Haverstick was reared to manhood on the home farm at Wabank, and his early education was acquired in an old fashioned school house, where he learned his letters by tracing them in sand on a shelf attached to the wall, instead of a slate, or paper and pencil; on a desk his next instruction in writing was with a goose-quill pen and ink. Later, being an apt lad, he learned the German and English languages to perfection, and thus thoroughly prepared himself for the business of life. Levi remained at home until 1846, when he was married, and the following year settled on his farm in Manor township, which farm comprised 100 acres, and which he properly cultivated until 1881, when he retired from active agricultural work, and in 1896 erected his present elegant residence.

In 1881, Levi Haverstick associated himself with L. J. Schofield, with whom for one year he was engaged in the lumber business, but in 1882 he assumed full personal control. In 1890 coal was added to this business, besides which he holds considerable stock in the First National Bank of Columbia.

The marriage of Levi Haverstick took place in 1846, to Catherine Hostetter, a native of Donegal township, who was born in 1826, and who died in 1881. To this happy union were born eight children that grew to maturity, viz.: Christian H., a farmer; Levi, who has passed away, leaving a wife and family; Kate, who died in February, 1896; John,

a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, wife of Lemuel Swarr, a farmer of Mount Joy; Emma, wife of Cephas Hostetter, a farmer of near Manheim borough; Henry H., a farmer of Manor township; and Mattie, at home.

Levi Haverstick has been a member of the Mennonite Church for many years, and has so lived as to win the esteem of all who know him; is a public-spirited and broad-minded citizen, and has a large circle of truly warm-hearted friends. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He is a natural mechanic, and is possessed of much inventive genius. As a boy he made many useful and peculiar contrivances, among them being a sled to run on the ice by turning a wheel; the first hay slats, now in general use; an improvement in grain drills; the first roller mill that chopped corn; made a portable engine to propel itself; and he also invented an improvement in a reaper attachment, and a device for unloading hay by horse power. He made a grist and saw mill on the farm which he engineered and planned himself. His mother often said Levi was born in the sign "beginning much and accomplishing little."

ABRAM SUMMY, who died at his home April 12, 1902, was a well known coal merchant of Marietta. He was born Nov. 7, 1827, on the farm now owned by Charles A. Fondersmith, in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., a son of John and Susannah (Hostetter) Summy, natives of the same township.

John Summy was born Jan. 15, 1796, of French extraction, and in that language the name was spelled *Somme*. John Summy was a farmer by calling, and at the age of thirty years was ordained a minister in the Mennonite Church. He married Susannah Hostetter May 4, 1815, and died on his homestead in May, 1835. Mrs. Susannah Summy was born Feb. 21, 1797, and died in Mount Joy, Pa., in 1874. To their marriage were born seven children, namely: Jacob H., who died in Illinois; John H., who died in East Donegal township; Peter H., who died in Lancaster; Maria, who married Abram B. Landis, and she and her husband died in Mount Joy; Abram; Aaron H., a farmer in Manheim township; and David C., killed on a railroad in 1852.

Peter and Barbara (Long) Summy, paternal grandparents of Abram, were natives of Earl and Rapho townships, respectively, but died on their farm in East Hempfield township, in which Peter Summy had held most of the offices. The great-grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Shirk) Summy, moved from Earl township to East Hempfield township, purchased 250 acres of land, and there passed the remainder of their lives. The first of the Summy family to come to America was Hans Peter Summy, a Palatinate Mennonite minister, but a native of Switzerland. He was the great-great-grandfather of Abram Summy, and being exiled, sailed in company with his wife and sons, Hans Jacob and

Hans Peter, Jr., and with Otto Fritz and Johannes and Hans Michael, from Rotterdam, Holland, in the brigantine "Richmond and Elizabeth," via Plymouth, England, and landed in Philadelphia, in 1733, but settled in Earl township, Lancaster county, in 1734.

The maternal ancestors of Abram Summy were of noble extraction, and the original family name was Von Hostetter. The great-great-grandfather of Abram Summy was Jacob Hostetter, also a Mennonite minister, who came to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1712, purchased 450 acres of land in Penn's Manor, and was among the first of the Mennonites to settle here. The maternal great-grandparents, Abraham and Catherine (Long) Hostetter, and the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Barbara (Funk) Hostetter, were all born in Lancaster county.

Abram Summy lived on the home farm until seventeen years of age, and then served an apprenticeship at coachmaking, a trade he followed for eight years. He next formed a partnership with his brother Aaron H., in the coal and lumber trade, but two years later sold his interest to his brother and went to Freeport, Ill., where he was employed by his cousin, William Haldeman, as bookkeeper and grain purchaser for his mill. Three years later he returned to Marietta and purchased from his brother, in 1859, the original coal and lumber business, afterward disposing of the lumber, but continuing in the coal trade to the time of his death.

On July 15, 1862, Mr. Summy married in East Donegal township Miss Elizabeth Stauffer, and to this union were born two children: Mary, still under the parental roof; and John Logan, teller in the Northern Bank at Lancaster. Mrs. Elizabeth (Stauffer) Summy was born in East Donegal township Feb. 19, 1841, a daughter of John and Martha (Hostetter) Stauffer, natives of Strasburg and Penn township, Lancaster county. John Stauffer was a miller in East Donegal township many years, but in 1865 retired and came to Marietta to reside with Mr. and Mrs. Summy, and here passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-nine years. His wife died in East Donegal township, in 1860, when forty-six years old. They were members of the Presbyterian and Mennonite Churches, respectively. Two children were born of their marriage: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Summy; and David H., deceased. The paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Summy was John Stauffer, and the grandfather, also named John, was a farmer, and both were natives of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Hostetter, of whom the former was a Mennonite bishop, and died at the age of ninety-one years. His father, also named Jacob, settled in Penn township, Lancaster county, in 1712.

Abram Summy was a Republican in politics, and served as a member of the school board for twenty-two years, and as county commissioner one term, 1881-1884. He was county recorder in 1896-97-98, and was councilman one year. He was a devout

member of the Presbyterian Church, and a member of both lodge and chapter F. & A. M. As a citizen he was highly respected, and as a business man and county official his name stood without a blemish.

SAMUEL S. SNYDER, one of the prominent residents of Hinkletown, Lancaster county, was born in Earl township, May 2, 1850, a son of John K. and Maria (Sensenig) Snyder, the former of whom is still living, but the latter passed to her rest April 6, 1876.

John K. Snyder was born Oct. 17, 1829, in Ephrata township, and now makes his home in Hinkletown. The Snyders have long been residents of Lancaster county, and throughout many generations have sustained a good name, to which no discredit has been done by father or son, mentioned herewith. The great-grandfather of John K. bore a valiant part in the War of the Revolution, and proved his devotion to liberty on many a bloody battle field. His home was in Maryland. John Snyder, the grandfather of John K., had his home in Ephrata township for many years, where he attained the age of seventy-five. He was a farmer, and married Catherine Killian, and to them were born sixteen children, fourteen of whom lived to maturity, but only one of whom is still living. They were members of the Reformed Church.

Samuel Snyder, the father of John K., was born in Ephrata township, where he was reared and married, following at first the career of a laborer, but presently becoming a tenant farmer, and settled first in Ephrata township, and afterward in West Earl, his last days passing in Earl township. He married Miss Barbara Keesey, a daughter of Noah Keesey, a manager in the Elizabeth Furnace. Mrs. Snyder was born in Elizabeth township, where she died Feb. 24, 1861, at the age of fifty-three. The father died Jan. 14, 1856, at the age of fifty-four years. They had four children: John K.; Samuel K., a resident of Ephrata, and now retired; Henry K., a prominent man, and at one time deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, and a tax collector in Lancaster, where he lived; and Catherine, who married Levi Sensenig, of Lancaster, and is deceased.

John K. Snyder was reared on the family homestead, and received his education in the Ephrata local schools. When he was of age he applied himself to the carpenter trade, at which he worked some seven years. At the end of that time he began farming on a rented place in the township of Ephrata. After one year at this he went to a small farm in Earl township, which he had bought near Hinkletown, where he made his home for twelve years, at the end of that time purchasing a farm of sixty-two acres from D. E. Heister, on which he has since lived. In all he owns ninety-nine acres, all his land being contiguous, and on which he has three sets of buildings. Mr. Snyder has in his active days proved himself one of the industrious, honest and thoroughly reliable men of the county, a reputation he

has never lost. John K. Snyder was married in 1857 to Miss Maria Sensenig, by whom he became the father of four children who outlived their mother, and of two who died in early life: Samuel S., of Hinkletown, whose name introduces this article; Aaron S., a farmer near Vogansville; David S., who died March 12, 1895, left a widow, Barbara H. Erb, of Penn township, and three children, Barbara, Lillian and Jacob; Henry S., a farmer, engaged on the old homestead, who married Emma Nolt, and is the father of two children, Josie and Harry. Mr. Snyder married for his second wife, Elizabeth Burkholder, who died May 23, 1895, at the age of sixty-five years. John K. Snyder is a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Samuel S. Snyder was reared in his native community, and received his education in the public schools. When he had attained his majority he began farming on his own account. He was married Dec. 26, 1885, to Miss Rachel Lucetta Seldomridge, who was born June 11, 1864, a daughter of Jacob G. Seldomridge, of New Holland. After they were married, the young couple moved to Lancaster, where Mr. Snyder was employed one year at the stock yards. At the end of this period, Mr. Snyder came back to Earl township, and locating his family on one of the farms belonging to his father, began its cultivation. This farm was situated one mile south of Hinkletown. This farm contained seventy-six acres, and he spent two years on it, then moving to his present place in Hinkletown, where he has thirty-five acres, and carries on general farming. During the winter he buys hides and other farm products. Mr. Snyder is one of the spirited and intelligent young men of this county, and takes a deep interest in everything that looks to the public good. In his politics he is a Republican, and has filled the offices of judge and inspector of elections for two years, and 1897 he collected the outstanding school tax in Earl township. He and his wife have one child, Earl J., born Aug. 1, 1900.

JOSEPH GIBBONS, M. D., deceased. In the death of Dr. Joseph Gibbons, which sad event took place Dec. 9, 1883, Lancaster county lost not only a physician who adorned the profession, but also a citizen of unquestioned integrity and scholarly pre-eminence, and a reformer of unselfish heart, with courage of the truest temper.

Dr. Gibbons was born Aug. 14, 1818, and after a long and useful life was recently laid to rest in the Old Friends' meeting-house yard, in Bird-in-Hand. His parents were Daniel (a son of James and Deborah (Hoopes) Gibbons) and Hannah (Wierman) Gibbons. His father was born on the banks of the stream near which James Gibbons erected the mill still standing, which was for many years known by the name of Gibbons' Mill. Daniel Gibbons was a tanner by trade. All Friends' children at that time, in the eighteenth century, were given trades, but Daniel Gibbons preferred farm-

ing, having inherited a large farm from his father, a part of the original tract deeded to his grandfather by John, Richard and Thomas Penn, about 1737. In 1815 he built the present family residence. Although a man of standing in the community, identified with all of the philanthropic movements of his time, he lived a quiet, unostentatious life, following out the lines laid down by his peaceful Quaker ancestors. His death occurred in 1853, at the age of seventy-eight years, his most estimable widow, who survived until 1860, dying at the age of seventy-three. During the greater part of his life Daniel Gibbons was deeply interested in the workings of the "Underground Railroad" and assisted in sheltering about a thousand slaves. After studying with Dr. Francis Burrowes, of Lancaster, Dr. Gibbons took a long course at Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1845. Before he became of age he was a member of the Young Men's Anti-Slavery Society of Pennsylvania. His first vote for President and Vice-President was cast in 1844, for the candidates of the Liberty party, James G. Birney, of Alabama, and Thomas Morris, of Ohio. He practiced medicine for a few years, and then became a farmer. Besides his "Underground Railroad" work, he was a devoted adherent of the "Free Soil" (the successor of the Liberty) party, and one of the founders of the Republican party in Lancaster county. He was also deeply interested in the temperance cause. From 1861 to 1865 he was an officer in the Philadelphia Custom House. Early in 1873 he founded *The Journal*, a weekly paper devoted to the interests of the Society of Friends, of which he was owner and editor until his death. Soon after it was combined with *The Friends' Intelligencer*, of Philadelphia. Few braver, more unselfish men than Dr. Gibbons have lived.

Dr. Gibbons married Sept. 29, 1845, Phebe Earle, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Hussey) Earle, of Philadelphia. Children as follows were born to this union: Marianna, born Dec. 6, 1846, was married Jan. 15, 1902, to Oram D. Brubaker, of East Lampeter township, chairman of the Prohibition county committee; Caroline, born Nov. 6, 1848, married William G. Gibbons, April 2, 1884, and died March 5, 1900, leaving one child, Wilhelmina C., who was born Jan. 27, 1887; Hannah Cornelia, born March 17, 1851, died Sept. 26, 1860; Frances, born Nov. 21, 1852, married Caleb Alfred Pusey, Feb. 14, 1874, and they have one child, Mary Hannah, who was born Aug. 19, 1876; Daniel was born Nov. 7, 1860. This brilliant young man graduated at Franklin and Marshall College June 20, 1878, and then learned the machinist's trade, with the Pusey & Jones Co., of Wilmington, the president of that company, William G. Gibbons, having married his sister Caroline. Very early in his career Mr. Gibbons became interested in journalism, and in 1884 and the two succeeding years he was assistant news editor on the *Philadelphia Times*.

He graduated in the law, at the University of Pennsylvania, in June, 1887. He was editor of the Philadelphia *Evening Herald* and the *Sunday Mercury*, and during that time was interested in municipal work and exposed certain frauds in public contracts. In February, 1889, he was a candidate for the city council on the Democratic ticket, from the Eighth ward, which was the strongest Republican ward in the city. His work on the newspapers mentioned lasted from November, 1887, to April, 1891. Later he removed to the State of Washington, becoming interested as a reporter on the *Seattle Intelligencer*, and in 1892 on the *Seattle Telegram*, with which he continued until 1894. Returning East, Mr. Gibbons accepted the position of assistant editor on the Philadelphia *Press*, during 1895-96, was associate editor of the Syracuse, N. Y., *Post-Standard* in 1898, and was connected with the New York *World*, the New York *Commercial* and the Philadelphia *Record*, until 1901. After residing for some time in the family home at Bird-in-Hand, Mr. Gibbons returned to Philadelphia, and became connected with *The Times*, since merged with *The Public Ledger*.

JOHN FRANKLIN BECKER, one of the leading business men and highly respected citizens of Manheim, Lancaster county, was born in Rapho township, this county, March 12, 1865, son of John B. and Catherine (Nauman) Becker, who were both killed in an accident on the Pennsylvania railroad at Lancaster, April 19, 1887. The father was born in Lebanon county, Pa., March 24, 1831, and in 1848 came to Lancaster county with his father, John Becker, who was successfully engaged in the practice of veterinary surgery here until his death, and was then succeeded by his son Henry. His other children were Michael; Moses, deceased; Sarah, deceased wife of Jeremiah H. Obetz, of Manheim; Annie, deceased wife of Jacob K. Fisher; and Catherine, wife of Christian Shelley, both deceased.

John B. Becker was reared on a farm and worked as a farm hand by the month until seventeen years of age, when he commenced learning the blacksmith's trade, and he followed that in connection with farming during the remainder of his life. He was very successful financially, though he started out with no capital, but by his energy, economy and diligence he amassed a handsome competence. He owned and operated a farm of seventy-six acres in Rapho township, and was numbered among the progressive men of his locality, upholding and assisting all enterprises tending to advance the general welfare. As a Democrat he took an active part in local politics, and officiated as a member of the school board for some years. He was quiet and unassuming in manner, and a consistent member of the German Baptist Church. His estimable wife was born on the old Nauman homestead near Manheim, in Rapho township, June 18, 1836, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Shelley) Nauman. In

their family were six children, of whom John F. is fourth in the order of birth; Henry N. is a farmer and veterinary surgeon, living near Mastersonville; Samuel N. is a farmer and blacksmith, living on the old homestead; Phares is a physician of Mastersonville; Alfred N., who died Sept. 21, 1902, was a physician of Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa.; Anna Mary (twin of Alfred N.) died in infancy.

On the home farm John Franklin Becker grew to manhood, and is indebted to the public schools of the home locality for his educational privileges. On leaving the parental roof, at the age of seventeen, he commenced clerking for George H. Danner & Co., at Manheim, and remained with them seven years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with John N. Becker and embarked in general merchandising at that place. After nine and a half years of successful business in that line he sold out to his partner and engaged in the coal business, in January, 1898, succeeding Daniel W. Erb, of Manheim; he retired from that business Sept. 3, 1902. He also dealt in fertilizers and agricultural implements, and had built up quite an extensive trade, which was constantly increasing. Mr. Becker is also a director and stockholder of the Old Guard Fire & Storm Insurance Co. of Lancaster County, and is interested in real estate to a considerable extent, having erected several good residences in Manheim.

On Sept. 3, 1889, Mr. Becker was united in marriage with Miss Ella Kline, a native of Manheim, daughter of Jacob and Harriet (Mengle) Kline, and to this union three children have been born, namely: Helen, Carl and John F., Jr.

Mr. Becker has taken a very active part in political affairs, and for some years was one of the leaders in the Democratic party in his district, serving as a member of the county committee. In 1896 he cast his lot with the Republican party. He has a large following, and is quite influential in political matters. Fraternally he is a prominent member of Selah Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F., of which he is past grand; Ridgely Encampment, No. 217; is now serving as district deputy grand master of the subordinate branch of the order; and belongs to the Patriarchs Militant. He also belongs to Manheim Council, No. 154, Sr. O. U. A. M., of which he is past councilor; and is a member and past chief of Steigel Castle, No. 166, K. G. E. Mr. Becker is one of the leading members and deacon of St. Paul's Reformed Church of Manheim, and has always taken a very prominent and active part in church and Sunday-school work; he served in the position of superintendent of the Sporting Hill Union Sunday-school, a mission which was established in May, 1895, from that date until 1901. It was conducted in a public school building for a time, but after a few months the school board turned them out, owing to State legislation, and a movement was then started to erect a chapel, and by the zealous and untiring efforts of Mr. Becker a fine church edifice



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was at length erected. He is a broad-gauged, progressive and public-spirited man, and, being a ready speaker, is often called upon to address large audiences. He has striven earnestly to advance the moral welfare of his community, and is justly numbered among its most valuable and useful citizens.

At present Mr. Becker is living retired in his comfortable mansion on South Charlotte street, one of the finest homes of the borough. He is considering several offers of incorporated companies, for though young in years his business experience is beyond the average, and he has proven by his diligence that the public had recognized real worth in him. Whatever business he shall adopt will have no cause, with his direction, to meet with any reverses owing to mismanagement.

SQUIRE WILLIAM H. HOGG, an old and prominent farmer of Colerain township, was born Jan. 3, 1845, on the farm where he resides to-day, a son of Robert Hogg and his wife, Rachel Swisher, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Swisher.

William and Margaret (Hunter) Hogg, grandparents of William H., were born in Ireland. For a time they lived in Strasburg township, Lancaster county. In 1818, in company with Robert Spencer, William Hogg bought the land on which William H. now lives, and the following year bought out Mr. Spencer. Here Mr. Hogg made many substantial improvements, and lived until his death in 1844. His widow survived him some years, and passed to her rest in 1858. William and Margaret Hogg had three sons and one daughter: George, Robert, William and Mary. Of these Mary married William Ferguson, and settled near Bartville, Colerain township, on a farm where both died, leaving the following family: William H., who went West; John, of Providence township, Lancaster county; Benjamin, who is deceased; Alexander M., a resident of Colerain; Abram, of Atglen, Chester county; Nathaniel B., of Philadelphia; Anna, wife of John Woodward, of Marshalltown, Chester county. George Hogg, after residing for a time on a part of the old homestead, sold out to his brothers Robert and William, and moved to Decatur county, Ind., where he followed farming; his death occurred on his Indiana farm, and he left three children, William, Anna, and Malissa, who still reside in their Indiana home. William Hogg resided on one of the properties purchased by his father, near Kirkwood, and engaged in farming, making extensive improvements; both he and his wife died after leading a useful career, and they left the following family: William, of West Grove; Howard, of Chadds Ford; Forest, of Cochranville, Chester county; George, of Colerain township; Dr. Edwin, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Jeremiah, of Reading, Pa.; John, of Kirkwood; Margaret and Martha R., of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Eliza, deceased wife of George Evans, of Chester county; Malissa, who married James W. Andrews, of Colerain, and died, leaving three children,

Albert (of Wakefield, Lancaster county), William (of Reading) and Louisa (of Wilkesbarre).

Robert Hogg, the father of William H., was born in Lancaster county, Dec. 25, 1813, and was reared at the present home of his son, receiving a limited education in the public schools. He died Nov. 29, 1886. Rachel Swisher, his wife, was born in September, 1823, a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Swisher. After his marriage Robert Hogg settled on the home farm, and made additional purchases until he had 245 acres of fine farm land. The old original home put up by his father consisted of logs and stone, and was replaced by him, with a brick construction, and the stone house was connected with it, and this is still occupied by Squire Hogg. He lived on this farm until his death in 1886. His widow passed to her rest in 1899. They were members of the Presbyterian Church at Union. Mr. Hogg was a leader in the Democratic party, and different times was called upon to occupy a number of local offices. There were born to him and his excellent wife four children: Francis and Marion, twins, who died in childhood; Lawrence P., born in 1857, married Miss Hannah M., a daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah Hastings, of Colerain township, and settled at the home of his father, where he worked as a farmer until his failing health compelled him to give up the work, and he died in June, 1878, leaving a widow, and one daughter, Edna E., who resides in Philadelphia with her mother; and William H.

William H. Hogg had his early education in the district school, and was later a student in the Union High School. When he became a young man he was put in charge of the farm, and after the death of his father gave devout attention to the care of his aged mother as long as she lived.

Mr. Hogg was married in February, 1866, to Esther, daughter of Jeremiah and Rebecca Hastings, of Colerain township. Mrs. Hogg was born in 1844, in Colerain, where she received the advantages of a high school education. She died in 1898, leaving two children, a son and a daughter: Maggie M., born in 1869; and Robert Treat, in July, 1875.

Maggie M. Hogg was given a very fair education, and married Eber J. Kosch, of Colerain township. They settled on a farm, where she died in March, 1900, leaving two children, Esther L.; and William S., since deceased.

Robert Treat Hogg was educated in the public and high school at Union, and was graduated from Wilmington Commercial College in 1892, and the Philadelphia University of Short Hand in 1893. He was married on Sept. 11, 1902, to Miss Maude Martin, daughter of William Stewart and Joanna (Davis) Martin, of Octoraro, Pa. He resides in Frankford, Philadelphia, where he is employed with Robert H. Foerderer, leather manufacturer, as salesman.

Squire Hogg has always been a Democrat, and has at different times occupied a number of local

offices, having been auditor and school director twelve years, and in 1901 was elected justice of the peace in Colerain township, a position he is now filling.

HERVEY BAUGHMAN, a well known and highly respected farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in that township Dec. 28, 1836, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Pickel) Baughman.

As early as 1750 the Baughman family was planted in Lancaster county by Felix Baughman, who came from Switzerland and purchased 400 acres of land near Georgetown, in Bart township, on which he made his home. He left two sons, Jacob and George, of whom the latter lived and died in Bart township, and three of his grandchildren still live in the county.

Jacob Baughman, son of the emigrant, was born in Bart township, and settled on his share of the family estate. He married Anna Heidlebaugh, also a native of Bart, and they had the following children: George I.; Samuel; Jacob; and Elizabeth, who married Solomon Hamer, and of their children two daughters are still living, Mrs. Jessie McCalister, and Mrs. John Pickel, both of Bart township.

Jacob Baughman (2), son of Jacob, was born Jan. 10, 1800, and he settled on the old homestead of the family, where he spent his life, and where he died in 1872. He married Elizabeth Pickel, who was born in 1806, a daughter of George and Margaret Pickel, of Bart township. She died in 1866. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were among the first to move in the organization of the church at Octoraro. They had the following children born to them: (1) Henry P., born in Bart township, in 1828, settled in Georgetown, where he is a contractor and builder, and is still living. His six children are as follows: Ella, Lizzie, Sallie, Jacob, William and Clifford. (2) William, born in 1830, moved to Virginia, when he was a young man, and there he married about the time of the Civil war. He died in 1873. (3) John J., born in 1832, married Miss Catherine Trout, of Bart township, and is now living a retired life in Bart township. (4) Anna E., born in Bart township in 1834, married the late Joseph W. Fawkes, and lives in Burbank, Cal. She has a family of seven children: Howard, Wilbur, Harry, Joseph, Effie, Charles and Leslie. (5) Hervey is our subject. (6) Sarah Jane, born in 1840, married George W. Johnson, and both are now deceased, leaving a family of four children: William, living in Philadelphia; Ferree, a farmer in York county; Elizabeth, wife of Laven Burkey, of Salisbury township; and Harry, of Philadelphia. (7) George F., born in 1843, enlisted in 1861, from Lancaster county, and reenlisted as a veteran. He was wounded at Atlanta, and died at Chattanooga, where he was buried. Participating in many fierce and bloody engagements he bore himself as a gallant soldier, and left a record of honorable and loyal service. (8) Mary,

born in 1845, is the wife of Rev. John Nelson, a Methodist clergyman, who is now living in Philadelphia.

Hervey Baughman was reared to manhood at the old home, where he was educated in the district school, and when he became a young man learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for four years. For fifteen years he lived on the old Baughman homestead, and then purchased his present farm in Bart township, where he and his family still reside.

On Jan. 3, 1861, Mr. Baughman was married to Catherine Phenegar, who was born in Paradise township Aug. 30, 1841, daughter of Jacob and Mary M. (Bower) Phenegar, the former of whom died in 1852. Mrs. Phenegar moved to Bart township and still has her home in that community; all four of her children are living: Sarah, at home; Benjamin, in Columbia; Newton L., in Philadelphia; and Catherine, Mrs. Baughman. To Mr. and Baughman have come eleven children: William A., born in Georgetown in 1861, lived on a farm adjoining his father's place; he married Miss Malissa Artus, of this county, and has two children, Robert and Ferree. Anna and Ada, twins, born in 1866, of whom Anna is the wife of J. E. Withrow, of Colerain township, and the mother of three children, Anna, Ada and Esther; while Ada is the wife of Harry K. Wilson, and the mother of five children: Howard, Walter, Ethel, Marion and Charles. Jacob, born in 1869, lives in the West; he married Miss Bertha Rice, of Sadsbury township, and they have three children, Anna, Clarence and Blanche. Lora, born in 1870, married Joseph Mendenhall, a farmer in Sadsbury township, and they have three children, William, Viella and Elsie Helen. Benjamin N., born in 1873, is a supervisor of Bart township, and resides at home. Jessie M., born in 1875, married Frank Mendenhall, a farmer in Sadsbury township, and they have three children, Park, Rolland and Catherine. Joseph, born in 1878, is a street car conductor in Philadelphia. Lillie L., born in 1880, is at home. George, born in 1882, and Elsie B., born in 1884, are at school. The family are all members of the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, in which Mr. Baughman has been an elder. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been school director and assessor of the township for many years. In 1877 he was elected justice of the peace, a position he held for some ten years. The Baughman family has long been favorably known in Lancaster county, and the present representative has well sustained the honor of the family name.

FREDERICK A. BEATES, living a retired life in Lancaster, after many years devoted to extensive farming interests, was born near the Elizabeth Furnace, Lancaster county, in 1830, a son of Rev. William and Mary (Hearbst) Beates, natives of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. William Beates was reared in Philadel-

phia, and in early life made cigars for a living while studying for the Lutheran ministry. He was ordained in 1810, and was for a time local preacher, but eventually settled in Elizabeth, where he preached for twenty years. In 1835 he became identified with the Zion Lutheran Church in Lancaster, and for twenty-five years was one of the forceful preachers and large-hearted humanitarians of the city. He died in 1888, at the age of ninety-two, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-five. To this couple were born the following children: Anna, who married Christ Geiger, and is now deceased; William, a former farmer of this county, but now deceased; Henry, a retired druggist of Philadelphia; Samuel, deceased; Charles, deceased; Caroline, deceased wife of George Sprecker; Elizabeth, the wife of Rev. John Alda, of Philadelphia; Harmon, a farmer, but now deceased; Fred A.; Susan, deceased wife of John Prumball; and Catherine, unmarried and living in Philadelphia. The paternal grandfather, William Beates, was a tobacconist of Philadelphia; and on the maternal side, the grandparents had two sons, Henry and Christ Hearbst.

The entire life of Frederick A. Beates has been spent in Lancaster county, where he attended the public schools, and at the age of eighteen entered Gettysburg College for a year. For thirty-two years he was one of the foremost farmers of his locality, and he took an active interest in agricultural and other affairs. At the same time he kept up an interest in taxidermy and birds, to which as a child he had been drawn, and in later years he has accomplished really creditable work along his chosen line. He is still a bird fancier, and the feathered tribe have no more enthusiastic friend and well wisher. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Republican in national politics.

In 1882 Mr. Beates married Lizzie Wetzol, a daughter of John Wetzol, a farmer of Lancaster county. Mrs. Beates died in 1892, leaving no issue. The second marriage of Mr. Beates occurred in 1896, with Anna Spiker, daughter of Lawrence and Margaret Spiker, the former retired and living on East King street, and at present seventy-eight years old. Mr. Beates bears an enviable reputation among the farmers of the county and the citizens of the town of Lancaster, and his career is regarded as a well directed and useful one.

ROBERT BLAIR RISK, who for over twenty years has been connected with the editorial department of *The Examiner*, was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, Feb. 20, 1848, the eldest son of Samuel McFarland Risk and Francina (Blair) Risk. His ancestors are of sturdy Irish and Scotch stock, Presbyterian in faith, and with all the rigid morality and uprightness of the Calvinistic creed. His paternal grandfather came, at the age of eighteen, from North Ireland in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Bart township, a few miles from Quarryville, and hammered out a

small fortune in his blacksmith forge and sickle mill. He left the following children, Robert, David, James, William, Samuel and Elizabeth, all of whom became prominent in the industrial, political and social affairs of the lower end of the county. On the maternal side, Mr. Risk comes from the Blair stock, his great-great-great-grandfather being the Rev. Samuel Blair, of Log College fame, one of the most noted divines of his day, but whose great promise was cut short by his death at the early age of thirty-nine. He is buried at Fagg's Manor, Chester Co., Pa. He was born in Ulster, Ireland, June 14, 1712, and at the age of twenty-two, in the year 1734, he came to this country. It may be of general local interest to state that the two daughters of Rev. Samuel Blair married Presbyterian ministers, viz.: Rev. John Carmichael, and Dr. Robert Smith, of Pequea, this county. Dr. Smith's two sons, Samuel Stanhope Smith and John Blair Smith, became Presbyterian divines, and later, college professors and presidents. Their names are illustrious in the early history of Princeton, Hampden, Sidney, and Union Colleges. A memorial window in the First Presbyterian Church, Germantown, bears witness to the distinguished character and services of Samuel Blair's son, Rev. Samuel Blair.

Many descendants of this branch of the Blair family are to be found in Pequea township, and other parts of Lancaster county. It may not be irrelevant to state that from John Blair, who was Samuel's junior by eight years, sprang Francis P. Blair, of Congressional Globe fame; Montgomery Blair, Lincoln's post-master general; and Frank Blair, United States Senator from Missouri.

The great-grandfather of Mr. Risk was James Moore, who married Francina Blair, daughter of the Rev. Samuel Blair. He left the old homestead to his son Samuel Moore, who, in turn, married Mary Caldwell. From this union were born several children, viz.: James, Robert W., Samuel B., Lydia, Rebecca J., Mary R. and Francina Blair, who was the mother of the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Risk's father failed in business during one of the early panics, leaving his son a penniless lad, four years old, with no greater inheritance than an old family Bible, and a tendency to rheumatism. Mrs. Risk and her two sons, Robert and James, went back to the old ancestral homestead, a farm near the Buck, now in the former's name. The beginning of his education was in the old log school house, but at the early age of eleven years, he attended Williamsburg Academy, in Blair county, this State, and in 1861 came to the academy at Chestnut Level, where he spent three years under the instruction of his cousin, Prof. James Morgan Rawlins, A. M. He completed his academic course and prepared for college (which he never entered), under the same instructor at Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa. and assisted him as teacher for two years. He next went west to Kansas, settling in Topeka, and there began his legal studies

under Judge Daniel Briar. On account of ill health he returned to Lancaster, completed his legal course under the preceptorship of Samuel H. Reynolds, and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1873. The practice of law was never to his taste nor fitted to his natural aptitudes, so, Jan. 1, 1876, he formed a partnership with W. Hayes Grier, in the publication of the *Columbia Herald*, which association lasted two years. Returning to Lancaster he put in nearly three years in a little law practice and much desultory and general newspaper writing. Upon the resignation of D. Brainard Williamson from the editorship of the *Lancaster Examiner* in October, 1881, Mr. Risk accepted the vacant chair from Hon. John A. Heistand, and has been connected with the editorial department ever since—the Messrs. Cochran taking possession of the paper, March 27, 1889.

In 1893 Mr. Risk published a volume under the title of "Observed and Noted," being a series of sketches, humorous, sentimental, pathetic and philosophic, which he had contributed for a number of years to the Saturday issue of *The Examiner*. Mr. Risk has never married and has but one near relative, a brother, Samuel James Risk, of Quarryville, this county. The race of both the Risks and Moores is fast approaching extinction. Although Mr. Risk's father was an early Abolitionist and the great friend of Thaddeus Stevens, his son was brought up under Democratic influences and till 1880 was the adherent of that party. When it left the faith of the fathers, he gave his allegiance to the Republican party, and has labored for its interests ever since.

JOHN M. GROFF, whose law offices are at Nos. 40-42 North Duke street, Lancaster, comes from old and substantial Lancaster county Mennonite stock, his grandfather having been a farmer of New Providence, Lancaster county, whither the great-grandfather removed from Groffdale, a locality peopled by his ancestors, who were among the early Mennonite settlers of this county.

Adam Groff, the father of John M., was a farmer of New Providence, and his wife, Fanny, was a daughter of David Mowery, a farmer and merchant of more than local reputation. To this union were born four children: Jefferson F., a resident of Downingtown, where he is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Cora E., wife of Samuel Hoffman, of Harrisburg; John M., of Lancaster City, the subject of this sketch; and Miss Mary G., at home.

John M. Groff was born in New Providence July 30, 1869, and after attending the public schools of the district attended the State Normal School at Millersville. He afterward entered the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he remained two years, and then registered as a student at law with Hon. Marriott Brosius. Mr. Groff was admitted to the practice of his profession Nov.

6, 1892, and in a few years built up a large practice. When the war with Spain broke out Mr. Groff, with his military training at West Point fresh in his mind, raised a company of volunteers, who elected him their captain. Their services were tendered to the Government, but happily were not needed. Undaunted by this, the company held together, and are known as Company K, 4th Regiment, N. G. P. During the troubled times of 1900 they served forty days, and in 1902 served thirty-two days in the coal region, guarding against riots during the coal strikes.

On June 28, 1898, Capt. Groff was married to Miss Nora Bassler Graybill, daughter of H. W. Graybill, a popular coal and lumber dealer of East Petersburg. To this union has been born one daughter, Leah Deldee. Mr. Groff's home is on the Philadelphia turnpike, just outside the city limits.

Capt. Groff won much professional fame by his able defense of Ralph Wireback, the murderer of David B. Landes, president of the Conestoga National Bank. Every inch of the way was stoutly contested; every step known to the practice of our courts was taken, but the murder was undisputed, and the jury refused to accept the plea of insanity. Never, however, was a client more ably and intelligently defended, and the management of the case brought Capt. Groff into prominence as a criminal lawyer. In politics he is a Republican, and was three times a delegate to State conventions before he was twenty-eight years of age. For five years he was solicitor for the directors of the poor of Lancaster county, and was first assistant district attorney of his county under the law creating that office. He organized and is also the solicitor of the Pennsylvania State Building & Loan Association and the Union Trust Company, both successful financial institutions of his county.

JOHN STAMM (deceased). One of the prominent and successful citizens of Lancaster, who has passed out of life, but who is still remembered as a man of integrity and high principle, was John Stamm, a German by birth and parentage, who became thoroughly identified with American life and customs.

The birth of John Stamm occurred Dec. 22, 1827, in Willings-Hausen, Kur-Hessen, Germany, a son of John Stamm, who was an extensive farmer in Germany. In 1848, at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Stamm came to the United States and located at Lancaster, where he engaged in clerking in a store owned by a Mr. Sprecher. His real life-work, however, was gardening, for which he had unusual taste, and as he followed this pleasant occupation for many years, even until he retired from active labor, he became well-known in the business and his services and advice were always in great demand. Although he was a believer in Democratic principles and supported that party, he could never be prevailed upon to accept office. He enjoyed his



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fraternal membership with the Odd Fellows organization, and was faithful in his attendance upon the services at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, contributing liberally to its support. He, it was, who bought the ground for that now flourishing congregation in said city of Lancaster. Mr. Stamm died Jan. 29, 1883, and was laid to rest in the Zions Lutheran cemetery.

In 1856 Mr. Stamm was married, in Lancaster, to Anna Catharine Dietz, who was born in Wallerstaedten, Germany, Dec. 1, 1834, and died June 27, 1897. She was the daughter of John P. Dietz and Anna Barbara (Landau), his wife, the former of whom came to America in 1844, and for many years followed gardening, in Lancaster, during the last ten years of his life, living retired. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stamm were as follows: George P., who died young; Martha E., a well-known resident of Lancaster; John P., who died young; and Carl P., who is a successful dentist, in Lancaster.

MISS MARTHA E. STAMM is highly regarded in Lancaster, in real estate and building circles, her business ability being quite unusual. She possesses most excellent judgment, and Lancaster is indebted to her for the enterprise she has shown in purchasing vacant and unimproved property and erecting handsome residences which are attractive and comfortable, and large business houses which contribute to the appearance of the city, as well as add to its commercial facilities. The family is well known, and Mr. Stamm was one of the city's representative men.

JOHN EDWIN RATHFON, who entered into rest on the night of Oct. 4, 1902, at his residence on North Duke street, was one of the best-known figures in the business circles of Lancaster. Indeed, he was widely known in all circles—church, social and business—and everywhere he was spoken of in terms of the highest esteem, for he had a smile and a kind word for everybody, rich or poor; all being alike to him, so far as their worldly condition was concerned.

Mr. Rathfon was born and reared in Lancaster, receiving a good education, and at the completion of his studies, he entered the store of Myers & Rathfon (his father, the venerable Jacob Rathfon, now eighty-four years old, being a member of that firm), where he became manager, and a very popular and efficient one he proved. He died in the midst of his busy and useful career, in his fifty-first year. His ancestral history will be found in the sketch of his father, elsewhere in these annals, while the ancestry of his wife, who survives, will be found in the sketches of H. E. Slaymaker and George D. Sprecher—Mr. Rathfon's wife having been Miss Lillian Reigart, daughter of the late John Reigart, who was in the post office department, the Reigart history appearing very fully in connection with H. E. Slaymaker, whose grandfather, on his mother's side,

was Adam Reigart; while the ancestry of her mother's people is fully given in the sketch of George D. Sprecher, who is a brother of Mrs. Rathfon's mother. The history of these three families, the Reigarts, the Sprechers and the Rathfons, is extensive as well as interesting.

Mr. Rathfon's mother preceded him to the grave, but he had one sister, Mrs. Mary Ellen Rine, widow of the late Christian Rine, a prominent leaf tobacco dealer, and two brothers, J. Harry Rathfon, city treasurer of Lancaster, and Gilbert B. Rathfon, freight agent of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, at Buffalo. An only son, William E., clerk in the Fulton National Bank, also survives.

Mr. Rathfon was a member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity. He was a director of the Union Trust Co., of Lancaster, a concern in which he took great interest, and which he lived barely long enough to see launched in its handsome home on East King street. Liberal in all his views, progressive at all times, courteous and honorable in all his dealings, his taking off in the midst of his usefulness has been universally regretted.

EZRA WISSLER, for many years one of the progressive farmers of Clay township, was a son of Jacob and Anna (Eby) Wissler, and was born in Elizabeth, now Clay township, on the old Groff homestead, May 6, 1809. On Nov. 24, 1831, he married Mary Fahnstock Bauman, and began farming on the old homestead. He purchased the first threshing machine in his community, and did the threshing for quite a distance around. In 1839-40 he built a house and barn on part of the old Groff homestead, then mostly timber land, which he cleared gradually. In 1876 Mr. Wissler sold the farm to Henry S. Brubaker and removed to Brunerville, Pa., where he built himself a house, and where both his sons resided, Aaron having the foundry and machine shop, and John B. the store. Here his wife died in 1886, after which he had a housekeeper until his death, which occurred Nov. 3, 1891, when he was aged eighty-two years, five months and twenty-seven days, after an illness of over six months occasioned by pneumonia.

Jacob Wissler, father of Ezra, was born in Clay township in 1778, son of Andrew Wissler, and was one of the successful farmers of his day, following agricultural pursuits until his death which occurred in 1853. He had prospered by thrift and industry, and at the time of his death owned four farms. He was a man of considerable energy, and made three journeys to Canada on horseback. He was one of the Old Mennonites of Lancaster county, but did not ignore altogether the law of self-defense, and one of his descendants still cherishes the cane with which he defended himself against the attack of an Indian, when on one of the trips mentioned. In 1800 Jacob Wissler married Anna, daughter of Christian Eby, and ten children were born to them, namely: Andrew, a farmer and merchant,

who moved to Michigan, where he died; Jacob, a farmer; Christian, a miller and farmer; Ezra, our subject proper; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Landes, of Ephrata township; Levi, a farmer and tanner; Sem, a miller of Canada; Mary, wife of Levi Erb; Miss Catherine, deceased; and John, a tanner, who died in Virginia.

The first member of the branch of the Wissler family in America sailed with his wife from Germany to Philadelphia in 1720. On the voyage, together with other able-bodied men on the vessel, he was impressed into the naval service by a man-of-war. His wife continued the journey to Philadelphia, where he joined her on the expiration of his term of service. She was employed by a farmer of Germantown, and he also took service with a farmer in that locality, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Andrew Wissler, their son, removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he entered the employ of Jacob Groff, an extensive farmer in what is now Clay township. In 1767 he married the only daughter of his employer, through whom he became the owner of the old Groff homestead, which was taken up in 1724 by John Jacob Groff, father of Jacob. It was divided into four farms by Jacob Wissler, son of Andrew, as mentioned elsewhere, but has ever since remained in the Wissler family. Andrew had two sons, John and Jacob, the former of whom died unmarried.

John Bauman Wissler, youngest son of Ezra Wissler, was born in the old homestead May 30, 1836, and in his early years worked on his father's farm, meantime attending common school and a term at the Lititz Academy, under Professor John Beck. There he mastered English, German text and German script writing. He entered the store of Samuel B. Myers, of Rothsville, as book-keeper, continuing thus for one year, when Mr. Myers sold out and removed to Virginia, after which our subject taught school for three terms, working on the home farm during the summer vacation. In 1857 Mr. Wissler married Caroline C. Eberly, daughter of Henry and Sabina (Markel) Eberly, of Clay township, and by her had four children: the eldest, Mary Cecilia, died of diphtheria in her eighteenth year; the second, a son, died of erysipelas when twenty-nine days old; the third, Alice Olivia, is married to A. E. Lane, of Clay, Lancaster county, by whom she has three children, a daughter, Alice W., and two sons, Abram and John Wissler Lane; the fourth, Sabina Louise, is unmarried and living at home.

After his marriage Mr. Wissler intended to farm, but land was so high in price at the time that it was considered unprofitable to buy, and the Brunnerville (the Whitehall) store stand being sold on account of the death of Levi H. Yundt, the proprietor, the latter was purchased by Ezra Wissler, the father, for his son John B. Mr. Wissler rented it from his father until 1877, when circumstances beyond John B. Wissler's control induced his father

to give him the deed to the store property. He kept the store from 1858 to 1892, had the Brunnerville post office established in 1861, and held it as postmaster until 1892, when he resigned the office and retired from business, selling his stock of goods to his son-in-law A. E. Lane. Mrs. Wissler died May 10, 1898, of gastritis and heart failure after an illness of over four months.

REV. JONAS H. HESS. The Hess family is one of the old and honorable ones of Lancaster county. Jacob Hess, the founder of the family there, took up land in Warwick township in 1734, the property since remaining a valued possession in the family.

Rev. John Hess, son of Jacob and grandfather of Rev. Jonas H., was born in the old homestead in 1768, and there lived and died. He gave his attention to farming through a long life. In 1800 he was ordained a minister of the Gospel of the Old Mennonite denomination, and he died Nov. 27, 1830. His first wife was Esther Hershey, and their children were: Christian, who was a farmer near Rothsville, Pa.; Henry; Susannah, who was the wife of Joseph Eberly; Esther, who died at the age of sixteen; Annie, who was the wife of Christian Oberholtzer; Barbara, who died at the age of eight years; Martha, who was the wife of Samuel Oberholtzer; and Samuel, who died at the age of one year.

Henry Hess, son of Rev. John and father of Rev. Jonas H., was born on the old homestead Jan. 17, 1794, and early in life adopted the vocation of farming, following the same with industry, until within about five years prior to his death, which occurred June 13, 1867. His religion was the faith of the Old Mennonites. Henry Hess married Catherine Huber, and they had a family of thirteen children, all except one of whom lived to maturity: Jacob, who was a miller of Lancaster county, Susannah, the wife of Isaac Huber; Catherine, who died unmarried; Henry, a farmer of Penn township; Esther, wife of Joel Eby; Fanny, wife of John H. Brubaker; John, a farmer of Warwick township; Samuel, deceased, was a miller of Elizabeth township; Martin, a farmer of Manheim township; Levi, a farmer of Penn township; Annie, wife of John Franck; and Jonas H.

Rev. Jonas H. Hess was born on the old Hess homestead March 13, 1841, and he lived with his father until he was about twenty-three years of age. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he then settled down to an agricultural life on the old homestead. Always a man of serious thought and reflection, on Sept. 5, 1889, he was ordained to the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church by Bishop Jacob N. Brubaker, of Mt. Joy, a most wise and pious man. In Mr. Hess the church has found a faithful and zealous worker, one who is noted for his exemplary life and exalted character.

On Sept. 30, 1862, Rev. Jonas H. Hess was united in marriage with Annie S. Franck, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Franck, and to this union have been born eight children: Lizzie, wife of Henry R. Bucher; Catherine, wife of Amos N. Musser; Christian, farmer on one of his father's farms; Annie, who died when six months old; Fannie F., at home; Henry F., at Lititz; Jonas, who died at the age of four; and Ellen F., at home.

Rev. Jonas H. Hess is one of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, and is justly regarded as a representative both in his church and in his neighborhood. While his interests are claimed by his ministerial office, he is fully alive to those enterprises which promise to benefit his locality in an agricultural or in a business way.

ARCHIBALD LIGHTNER HENDERSON (deceased), at one time one of the leading citizens and most substantial agriculturists of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, was born there, on his father's farm, May 19, 1803, passed his entire life on the homestead, and there died Dec. 5, 1869; his remains were interred in the Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery, in Chester county.

William Henderson, father of Archibald L., was born June 8, 1775, and farming was also his occupation through life. When a lad he was appointed a midshipman by President John Adams, but for some reason did not accept the commission. On Aug. 5, 1800, he married Rachel Lightner, who was born Nov. 14, 1777, and died Jan. 22, 1808. The death of William Henderson occurred April 11, 1853, and the remains of both were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church, in Chester county. Following are the names and dates of birth and death of the children born to William and Rachel (Lightner) Henderson, besides Archibald L.: William A., born June 6, 1801, died Sept. 8, 1819; Lorenzo N., M. D., born Sept. 14, 1805, died Dec. 4, 1844; Rachel L., born Dec. 26, 1807, died in infancy.

On Oct. 2, 1860, Archibald L. Henderson married, at the home of the bride—a farm adjoining the Henderson homestead—Miss Margaret Ann Linvill, to which union were born the following named children: (1) Rachel died in infancy. (2) William H., born Aug. 14, 1863, died in Connellsville, Fayette county, March 31, 1901, and his remains, which were brought home for burial, were interred in Compassville St. John's Episcopal Church cemetery. He was a civil engineer by profession, and was superintendent of the Light, Heat & Power Company and the Trolley Company at Connellsville, and surveyor of the company's lines originally. He married Sarah Ann Livingston, who went with her husband to Connellsville Jan. 1, 1896, returning to the homestead at his death. To William and Sarah Ann (Livingston) Henderson were born three children: John L. (deceased), Ruth and

Margaret. (3) John, a member of the Denny Tag & Envelope Company of Chicago, Ill., married Emma Kempton, who has borne him three children, George L., Walter S. and Robert J. (4) Lightner, of the firm of Purdy & Henderson, of New York and Chicago, civil engineers of construction of steel buildings, is a graduate of the Lehigh University. He married Hannah Manson, of Chicago, Ill. (5) Helen is still at home.

Mrs. Margaret Ann (Linvill) Henderson was born April 8, 1827, daughter of John and Margaret (Hoar) Linvill, of Salisbury township. They lived on a farm adjoining that on which their daughter (Mrs. Henderson) was born. John Linvill (now deceased) was a very prominent farmer and a leading citizen in Salisbury township, and for some years was a member of the board of school directors. His was a life of true usefulness, and was rounded out to a ripe old age, his death occurring in 1874, when he was eighty-one years old; his wife survived him until October, 1885, being called away at the greatly advanced age of ninety years. Both were members of the Society of Friends, and their remains rest in the old Sadsbury Friends' cemetery, but the memory of them and their many virtues is still fondly cherished by those who knew them best in life.

The late Archibald L. Henderson was a young man when he was elected a justice of the peace, but his decisions were never appealed; he was also a surveyor and conveyancer for several years, and was noted for his accuracy. His declining years were passed in retirement, and he died a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics Mr. Henderson was a Democrat, but he was never an office seeker. He was a natural-born mechanic, was practical in all things; was industrious and thrifty, upright, charitable and broadminded, and but few men in the township were more honored for personal merit and public spirit.

DAVID M. EYER, of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, president of the First National Bank of Marietta, and general farmer, was born in Lebanon county, Sept. 7, 1830, a son of John and Leah (Moyer) Eyer, natives, respectively, of Franklin and Lebanon counties. In 1845 the family came to East Donegal township, where John Eyer followed farming on a river farm until his death in 1890, when eighty-four years old, although for some years prior to this event he had withdrawn from active work. His widow lived until 1895, when she passed away at the age of eighty years; and her remains were interred beside her husband's in East Donegal cemetery. The children born to this couple were seven in number, and were in order of birth, as follows: David M., whose name opens this biography; Benjamin and Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, a farmer in Abilene, Kan.; Samuel, farming in East Donegal township; Fannie, wife of Dr. Christopher Gish, of Brookville, Ohio;

and Anna, who died unmarried. John Eyer, paternal grandfather of David M., was a farmer in Franklin county, and his maternal grandfather, Benjamin Moyer, was proprietor of an extensive flour and clover-seed mill in Lebanon county.

David M. Eyer was but fourteen years of age when brought to Lancaster county, and here, for the first three years he worked out as a farm hand. He then joined his father and worked on the home farm in East Donegal township until twenty-four years old, then rented a farm from Henry Musser. A year later he purchased a farm of 105 acres; he has since purchased two additional farms, and now owns two in East Donegal and one in Conoy township, but he still resides on his original purchase which he devotes to general farming.

Mr. Eyer has been twice married. His first bride, whom he wedded in East Donegal township in 1855, was Miss Mary Musser, who was born in the township, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Geish) Musser, and to this marriage were born eight children, viz.: Ellen, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; John, who died when thirty-nine and was also unmarried; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Simon C. Heisey, and died when twenty-eight, the mother of one son, Horace; Fanny, who also became the wife of Simon C. Heisey, and died without issue; Henry M., who died, aged twenty-nine years; Alice, who married Amos Shank, now residing on her father's farm, and has three children; Mary, who died when sixteen years old; and Anna, who died when eighteen; Mrs. Eyer died June 4, 1876. The second marriage of Mr. Eyer took place May 30, 1878, in East Donegal township, to Miss Catherine S. Lenhart, but to this marriage no children have been born.

Mrs. Catherine S. (Lenhart) Eyer was born in East Hempfield township Oct. 22, 1834, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Sheets) Lenhart, of White Oak, Lancaster county. George Lenhart was a carpenter and builder in his early manhood, but later in life followed agricultural pursuits. He was called away March 9, 1888, at ninety-one years of age, and his wife died on the 18th of the same month, in the same year, when aged eighty-two, both dying in the faith of the River Brethren Church. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Cyrus, who died in Kansas; Anna, wife of Samuel Hoffman, retired farmer of East Donegal township; Jacob, deceased; Catherine S., now Mrs. Eyer; Elizabeth, married to Jacob Herr, a farmer; Martha, who died young; Sophia, an invalid; Maria, wife of Henry Eyer, retired and living in Kansas; and Barbara, married to Michael Smith, of East Donegal township. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Catherine S. Eyer were George and Barbara (Hollinger) Lenhart, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Frederick and Catherine Sheets, also of this county.

David M. Eyer was elected a director in the First National Bank of Marietta in 1880, and in

1899 was elected its president. He has been treasurer of the East Donegal Cemetery Co. from its organization in 1873, and for twelve years was director of the Marietta & Maytown Turnpike Co. and its president for five years. He is emphatically a self-made man in the business sense of that term, has always led a moral and upright course, has been industrious and thrifty, and is now one of the most substantial citizens of East Donegal township. Religiously, he is a member of the River Brethren Church.

HON. JACOB L. STEINMETZ, member of the Lancaster Bar, ex-member of the Legislature, financier and builder, and owner of many valuable properties, has for many years been one of the most conspicuous figures in Lancaster county.

Mr. Steinmetz is descended from that sturdy and intelligent German stock that had so much to do with the early settlement of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Charles Steinmetz, was born in Germany, and, coming to this country, settled near Ephrata, of which he was one of the founders, and there he entered into rest at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Beaver, lived to be ninety-three years of age. Of their eight children, two died at the age of ninety-two years, two at eighty-eight years, and another died at eighty-seven years.

Jacob Steinmetz, father of Hon. Jacob L., was born near Ephrata, this county. On reaching manhood, he purchased valuable property at South Annville, Lebanon county, where he engaged extensively in farming, passing to his reward when in the prime of manhood, in 1851. His wife was Catherine Gross, daughter of John Gross, of Ephrata, who was an extensive landowner, as well as largely engaged at merchandising. He served as postmaster, was one of the organizers of the Lancaster County National Bank, was one of the promoters and leading stockholders in the Horseshoe Turnpike Co., and, in brief, was one of the most prominent men of his section. The wife of John Gross was a daughter of Col. John Wright, a colonel in the Revolutionary war, this making Hon. Jacob L. Steinmetz (the grandson) a true son of the American Revolution.

Hon. Jacob L. Steinmetz was born at South Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., Aug. 22, 1845. His early education was received in the public schools, but later he attended the Annville Academy and Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, graduating from the latter institution with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Next we find him in the University of Michigan, from the literary department of which he was graduated with the degree of Master of Arts, and from the law department with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. At the University he was a member, and at one time president, of the Webster Literary Society, and it was there that his forensic powers, which later in life made him the powerful



J. L. Stemmetz



Hawthorn Steinmetz

advocate, first attracted attention. In 1870 Mr. Steinmetz began the practice of law in Lancaster, and from that time on his career as a member of the Lancaster Bar was a continuous triumph. Those who were constantly in attendance at the sessions of all the courts of Lancaster, during all the years in which Mr. Steinmetz won his early battles, certainly found no man at the Bar more earnest, more searching or more successful during all those years. As counsel in leaf tobacco cases, involving immense sums of money, Mr. Steinmetz was so successful that his name became a "tower of strength" not only through Pennsylvania, but in other States. Like his father, Mr. Steinmetz was a staunch Democrat, and in 1876 he was a delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis that nominated Tilden for the Presidency; the same year he (Mr. Steinmetz) was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature from the city district of Lancaster, overcoming a large Republican majority, and he performed the duties of his office with rare fidelity and intelligence. After his term in the Legislature he withdrew from active participation in politics, devoting himself to the practice of his profession and to the upbuilding of the city which he had chosen for his permanent home. In January, 1890, he was elected president of the People's National Bank of Lancaster, and in January, 1892, he was instrumental in the organization of the People's Trust, Savings & Deposit Company, of which he was made the head, as well as the head of the Citizens Electric Light, Heat & Power Co., and of the Clay & Hinkletown Turnpike Co. In a word, there was scarcely a movement looking to the material and financial upbuilding of Lancaster, for many, many years, with which Mr. Steinmetz was not identified. The Steinmetz building, at the corner of North Queen and Grant streets (running back half a block to Christian street, and many stories in height) is a monument to the enterprise which Mr. Steinmetz has shown in the line of building operations, while "Hotel Cocalico," which he built in the beautiful borough of Ephrata, will be an enduring monument to the liberality, enterprise and good taste of its builder, for it is justly rated as one of the finest resorts in the State.

On Feb. 5, 1890, Mr. Steinmetz married Miss Mary Virginia Hawthorn, daughter of the late James Clemens Hawthorn, and from this union one child was born—Hawthorn Steinmetz, now a bright lad of twelve years, attending "Rumsey Hall," at Seneca Falls, N. Y., where he is a member of the Junior Sons of the Revolution, an organization in which he is entitled to membership on both sides, for father and mother are descended from Revolutionary ancestry.

Mrs. Steinmetz, who is not only a "Daughter of the Revolution," but a "Colonial Dame" (of whom there are comparatively few in this section), has an ancestry of which she may well feel proud—an ancestry, indeed, which few people possess. Her

father, James-Clemens Hawthorn, was born June 14, 1812, and her mother, Mary Louisa Eberman, on Sept. 14, of the same year—1812. James C. Hawthorn, who died Jan. 20, 1875, was a brilliant and most lovable man, well remembered by some of the older people of the community. In early manhood, he was principal of the Model School at Millersville, and was destined for the ministry, having already been licensed to preach. His first sermon was preached in the United Presbyterian Church at Old Octoraro, but the effort—a most notable one—resulted in the bursting of a blood-vessel, and this changed his whole career. He became a planter, removing to Winchester, Frederick Co., Va., where Mary Virginia Hawthorn, now Mrs. Steinmetz, was born. While she was an infant in arms her parents fled because of the war of the Rebellion, coming North, where they ever after resided. They crossed the Potomac in a flat boat, bathing the face of the future Mrs. Steinmetz in the waters of that historic stream. They came to Lancaster, where their daughter, Virginia (named after her native State), spent her girlhood days and received her education. The grandfather of Mrs. Steinmetz on her mother's side was John Eberman, who was born Oct. 28, 1776, and died Nov. 25, 1846, after having served for twenty-five years as cashier of the Farmers' Bank of Lancaster. Sarah Elizabeth Eberman, wife of John Eberman, was born Jan. 30, 1789, and died May 10, 1865. She was a daughter of Dr. Samuel Fahnestock, one of Lancaster's most noted medical doctors, and sister of the late Dr. William Baker Fahnestock, also a noted physician of Lancaster, whose son, Henry R. Fahnestock, now lives retired on East King street, after having held clerkships in the Lancaster postoffice under Presidents Pierce and Buchanan, and been connected with the Steinman hardware store for thirty-seven years. Dr. Samuel Fahnestock married Barbara Becker (afterward Anglicized to Baker), Rev. Henry Muhlenberg performing the ceremony. Samuel Hawthorn, grandfather of Mrs. Steinmetz, was a gentleman of the "old school," courtly and dignified, and wore a queue to the day of his death. He was an extensive landowner, and among his possessions was "Hawthorn Mill," which was for many years a landmark near the Old Octoraro Church, in which Samuel Hawthorn was an elder, for he was of Scotch-Irish origin and one of the strictest of Presbyterians.

The ancestry of Mrs. Steinmetz goes back much farther than this. She is descended from the Clemsens, who were of the nobility, and who were among the earliest Swedish settlers on the Delaware. Their settlement on the banks of the Delaware dates back to 1638. Her line is through James Clemens, James (2) and James (3). The latter was a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, where he served on important committees, assisted in settling the Independence of the Colonies, was a justice of the peace before the Revolution,

and was elected a delegate to the general county convention in 1774, to take action against British tyranny, voting to resist it. He was a justice of the peace, and judge of the common pleas in and for the county of Lancaster, representing Sadsbury and Salisbury as early as 1790. James Clemson (1) lived and died in Philadelphia. He took up tracts of land from the Penn grant in 1716, locating these tracts in the Pequea Valley. He gave to his son, James Clemson (2), 400 acres of land near White Horse, Salisbury township; to his son John he gave another tract of 400 acres, which was afterward known as Buckley's Forge; and to a third son, Thomas, he gave the tract of land now known as Gap Station. James Clemson (1) was a son of Jacob Clemson, who was one of the Swedes who settled on the Delaware in 1656. His son, James, married Jeane Coates, who came from England with her father, Thomas Coates, in 1682. Tradition tells us that they were related to William Penn, and this was their motto: "We are among those who believe that any who care not about their early origin, care little as to anything higher." [See Rupp's and Harris's histories, as well as the archives of Pennsylvania.] James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, as well as a signer of the Constitution of 1779, was the brother of the great-grandmother of Mrs. Steinmetz; while another of her ancestors, Gen. Heard, whose broad acres were located two miles north of Christiana, was a general in the war of 1812. In fact it is impossible in a sketch intended to have a place with other genealogical sketches in one book, however large that book might be, to give in complete detail all the branches belonging to such a family tree as that of Mrs. Steinmetz. It would involve not only those already mentioned, but the Andrews, McCaulley, Doran and Beyers families—all substantial people; the McCaulleys referred to being John and James; the contested will of the latter—in which he bequeathed \$50,000 to the Extension fund of the Presbyterian Church—was the most noted will case ever tried in Lancaster county.

Mr. and Mrs. Steinmetz are now living in their beautiful "Hotel Cocalico," at Ephrata, having closed, for the present, their elegant home on North Duke street, Lancaster, one of the finest in the city. Mr. Steinmetz visited Europe in 1889, and again in 1894, and Mrs. Steinmetz has paid four visits to the continent. She is not only a member of the Daughters of the Revolution and of the Colonial Dames, but is active and prominent in the Iris Club, Lancaster's leading social and literary club for women. Both parents are justly proud of their only child, Hawthorn, whose grandest, most enduring inheritance will be his historic and honored ancestry.

DAVID B. HUBER, of Manheim township, who is living retired at Fruitville, is one of the old and enterprising citizens of Lancaster county. Mr.

Huber was born Dec. 17, 1837, on the family homestead in Leacock township, and when twelve years of age came to Manheim township with his parents, where he has made his home. His education was received in the common schools, and by observation and reflection he has become a man of much intelligence, reading widely and thinking profoundly and deeply.

Mr. Huber remained with his parents until 1859, when he was married and began farming on a part of the family homestead. A few years later he bought an adjoining place of sixty-eight acres, on which he lived for thirty-six years before his retirement from active labors. During this long and industrious career Mr. Huber has become prosperous and owns six farms, with substantial improvements. In 1900 he put up a beautiful modern residence in which he expects to pass his remaining years. Mr. Huber is a director in the Fruitville, and the Manheim & Penn Turnpike companies. In the Western Market House also he is a director, and he is always ready to take an active interest in anything that looks to the public good.

Mr. Huber was married in September, 1859, to Miss Fannie, a daughter of the Rev. Christian Bomberger, of Warwick township. She died July 17, 1862, leaving one child, Levi B., now a farmer in Landis Valley, who married Elizabeth Stauffer, by whom he has had nine children: Cora, Anna, Lizzie, Harry, David, Benjamin, Christian, Enos and John. David B. Huber married for his second wife, Miss Caroline, a daughter of Jacob and Hetty (Reist) Dohner, the wedding occurring Jan. 31, 1865. She was born in Penn township Nov. 27, 1840. This union has been blessed with the following children: Annie, who married Henry McNally, a farmer and dairyman of Hamilton, Ont., and has four children, Harry D., Carrie M., Herbert N. and Edward S.; Jacob, who died at twenty years of age; Fannie, who died in infancy; David D., a farmer in Manheim township, on the family homestead, who married Fannie Rohrer, of East Hempfield township; John D., who died when about five years old; Lizzie, deceased at the age of three years; and Mary, wife of Milton G. Brubaker, residing at Fruitville.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber, Levi B. and Mrs. Mary Brubaker are members of the Mennonite Church, and are among the most worthy and respected citizens of the community. For fifteen years he has been a member of the school board in Manheim township. Mr. Huber has been an extensive traveler, and as he is a close observer he has profited much by his journeying abroad. He is a model farmer, and received a medal and diploma for an exhibition of oats made at the World's Columbian Exposition. When the Sabbath School was started at Petersburg by the Mennonite Church, Mr. Huber was made the first superintendent, and he has had the pleasure of seeing many of the younger people pass from the Sunday School into the Church.

MICHAEL G. SHINDLE (originally spelled Schindle), dealer in tobacco and coal, and also engaged in the fire insurance business in Mountville, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 11, 1837, in West Hempfield, this county, a mile and a half northeast of his present place of business. His parents, Joseph and Sarah (Gross) Shindle, were natives of Manor and East Hempfield townships, respectively. Joseph Shindle was a farmer, and he died in Manor township Sept. 25, 1860, at the age of forty-nine years and six months. His wife preceded him to the grave April 16, 1847, at the age of forty-two years, both dying in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Their remains were interred at Mountville. They had born to them three children, namely: Michael G., whose name opens this paragraph; Mary A., who died in 1849; and Harriet, who died in 1888, the wife of Ephraim Hershey, of Manor township, and the mother of two children.

We have no definite information concerning the early members of the Shindle family in this country. In 1751 came John Peter Schindle, who located in Lebanon county, Pa. In 1755 John Michael Schindle came hither from Germany, settling in Lancaster county, Pa. In 1771 came two brothers, John Conrad and Joseph George, who also settled in Lancaster county. Michael G. Shindle is supposed to have been a descendant of John Michael, who was born July 31, 1729, in Euerlebach, Erbach, in what is now Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, son of John Conrad and Susannah (Trixler) Schindle. John Michael, it is supposed, was the great-grandfather of Michael G., the subject of this sketch; his grandfather was named Michael. Our subject's maternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth Gross, farming people of East Hempfield township.

Michael G. Shindle remained on the home farm until 1860, when he came to Mountville, and settled there, and built his present home in 1864. He at once opened a coal yard, and had his farming done by hired help. He was soon appointed freight and ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., and acted in that capacity twenty-two years (1866 to 1888). Mr. Shindle has never abandoned the coal trade since coming to Mountville, and in 1869 began buying, packing and selling tobacco.

Michael G. Shindle has been twice married. In 1857, in Hempfield township, he wedded Barbara Stauffer, who was born in West Hempfield township, daughter of Henry Stauffer, and to this union were born three children, namely: Florence, wife of Adam B. Fisher, freight and ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., at Mountville; Sadie, wife of Dr. David R. Summy, of Columbus, Ohio; and Miss Silvene, residing with her sister Sadie. Mrs. Barbara (Stauffer) Shindle was called away in 1891, at the age of fifty-one years, and her remains were interred in the Mountville cemetery. In 1893, in Lancaster City, Michael G. Shindle took for his second helpmate, Mrs. Barbara (Klugh) Musser, a widow, and a native of Mountville, daughter

of Charles and Eliza Klugh, of West Hempfield township. Mrs. Shindle was first married to Amos S. Musser, who was a farmer all his life and died in 1887, leaving her with four children: Harvey K., who is a baker in Lancaster; Miami, wife of George E. Griffin, in the real estate and insurance business in Philadelphia; Stanton, a machinist, who is unmarried; and Mabel, residing with Mr. Shindle.

Michael G. Shindle was one of the incorporators of the Mountville Manufacturing Co., and was the general manager and secretary of that concern from the start, in 1888, until he resigned the office in 1895. He was also one of the incorporators of the Mountville National Bank, of which he was a director for six years, and then resigned. In October, 1900, he was made secretary of the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of which he has been for many years a member, and in 1896 was elected a director. In politics he is a Republican, but has steadily refused to accept public office, although he is in every respect one of the most public-spirited citizens of Lancaster county.

JACOB S. HERSHEY, one of the business citizens of Junction, Penn township, is an estimable member of one of the prominent old families of Lancaster county.

Martin Hershey, his grandfather, lived and died in Dauphin county, Pa., where he carried on the business of distilling in connection with his farming. He was the father of these children: Isaac, a farmer in Dauphin county, who became a politician and served as register of deeds; Henry, a farmer of Dauphin county; Joseph, who moved to Ohio and farmed there; Jacob, a farmer of Dauphin county; John, also a farmer of the same county; and Martin, the father of Jacob S., of this sketch, who was born in 1801.

In his early business life, Martin Hershey, the father of Jacob S., was a distiller, later became a farmer and about 1829 or 1830, he removed to Lancaster county and settled near the place where Jacob S., subject of this sketch, now resides. Here he erected a distillery and managed it in connection with his farming operations. His death occurred in 1881. In politics, Martin Hershey was a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some years. The marriage of Martin Hershey was to Elizabeth Snavelly, and they were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy. Of the others, Reuben went to Minnesota and died there, leaving Jacob S., the only surviving member of the family. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob S. Hershey was born in Penn township, March 23, 1836, and remained in the family home, after finishing his education, until he was twenty-four years of age. Upon a tract of land in Penn township, he began his own agricultural career, succeeding in a marked degree for five years, giving that line up in order to embark in the mercantile

business in the town of Junction. This business grew in volume through nineteen years, when Mr. Hershey went into the coal and leaf tobacco business, and has also been successful in that line. The same principles which conduced to make him a successful merchant through so many years, are still followed in his present business, and he has the confidence and good will of his whole community. In 1867 he was appointed postmaster, and he filled the duties of the position as long as he continued in the mercantile line.

Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Anna Cassel, and to this union were born two children, Louisa C., who died at the age of twenty-one years; and Lizzie C., the wife of Martin E. Gross, a farmer of Penn township. Mr. Hershey is one of the progressive, energetic and capable business men of Lancaster county, widely known and most highly respected.

MANSELL REED, a retired farmer residing in South Hermitage, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, although born on Southern soil and of Quaker parentage, was one of the defenders of his country's flag.

Mansell Reed was born in Cecil county, Md., Sept. 8, 1838, a son of William and Margaret (Little) Reed, of the State of Delaware, where the mother died in 1845, when thirty-five years old, the father dying in Chester county, Pa., in 1861, at sixty years of age, both in the faith of the Society of Friends. They were the parents of three children, viz: Mansell; Mary, deceased wife of Rev. William P. White, a Presbyterian clergyman, to whom she has borne four children; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of fifteen years. The parents of William Reed were Ezekiel and Mary (Mansfield) Reed, of Delaware, the former of whom was a farmer and died in West Chester, Pa. The parents of Margaret (Little) Reed were Thomas and Elizabeth Little, of Okeassen, Del., also farming people.

Mansell Reed was but seven years of age when brought to Salisbury township by an uncle, John McGill, a merchant with whom Mansell lived in South Hermitage until twenty-two years old, assisting in the store. He then found other employment for a year or two, and in May, 1863, enlisted at Lancaster in Co. F, 122d P. V. I., under Capt. John Bair as commander of the company. The most important battles in which he took part were those of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, but he also participated in numerous skirmishes, and after nine months of active service was honorably discharged at Harrisburg. For the two following years he served as an extra on a wagon train in Washington, D. C., at the termination of which time he returned to South Hermitage, Pa., and for a year was employed in a general store; thence he went to Mount Pleasant, clerked in a store two years; then for two years was a clerk in a store at Compassville, and finally came to his present property in South Hermitage. There he erected his comfortable dwelling

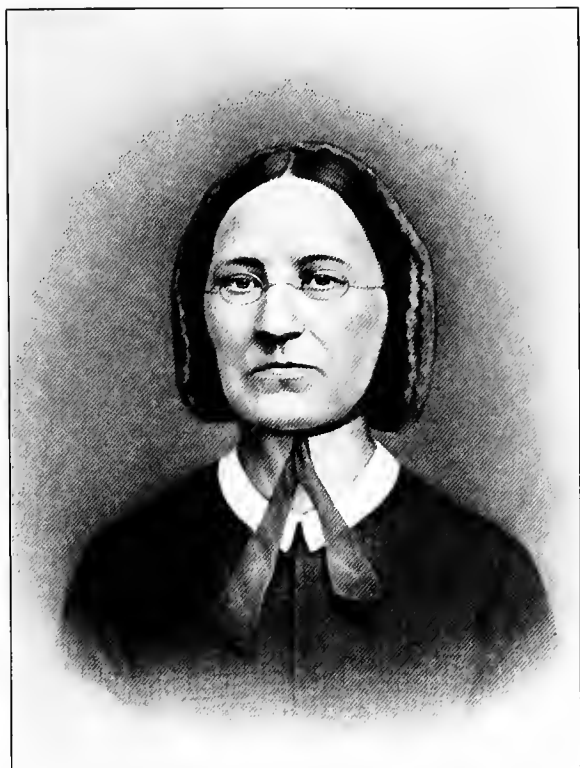
in 1876, and employed himself in farming until 1898, when impaired health caused his retirement.

The marriage of Mansell Reed took place in New Holland, Lancaster county, March 19, 1866, to Miss Catherine Diem, who has borne him four children, namely: Elizabeth, wife of Carson Sterling, a liveryman of New Holland, and mother of three children, David Reed, Robert Franklin and William Chester; Bertha, who died young; Daisy, who died an infant; and Chester, who still resides with his parents. Mrs. Catherine (Diem) Reed is a native of Salisbury township, was born June 5, 1837, and is a daughter of Kennedy and Hester (Brower) Diem.

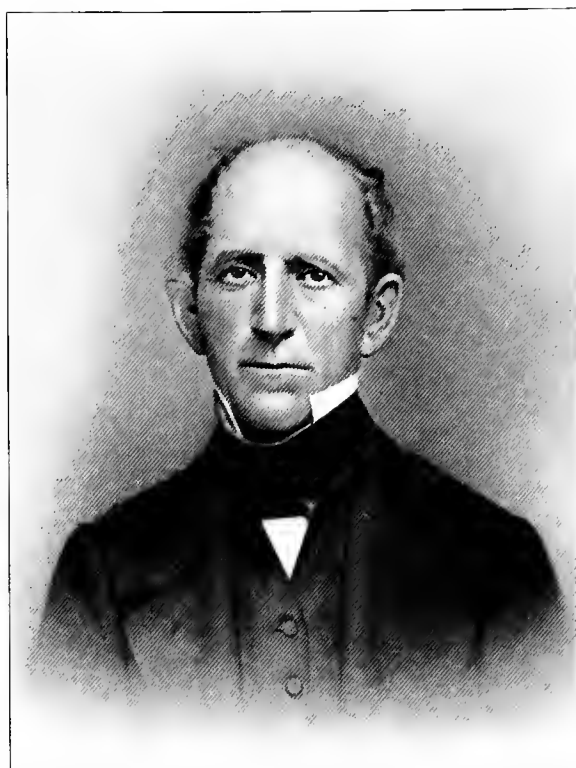
Mansell Reed has ever been one of the most industrious and enterprising of men, and had it not been that ill health caused his early retirement from business, the citizens of Salisbury township would have found great cause for congratulation from his residence in their midst. He is very public-spirited and has always been ready when his means permitted, to assist financially in the promotion of all projects designed for the welfare of the public, being an ardent friend of public instruction and of the maintenance of good roads and such other conveniences as are usually required by a progressive community. His perceptive faculties are quick and comprehensive, and he is never slow to see what is required for the public good nor lax in rendering efficient aid in securing the means for filling such requirements. He is to a great extent what is known as a "self-made" man, and until overcome by illness was possessed of an immense amount of energy and business enterprise. Naturally of an affable disposition and pleasing manners, he has made hosts of friends who hold him in the highest esteem, and in this esteem his estimable wife has a full share. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are devout members of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, and fraternally Mr. Reed is a member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Republican, but has never desired office of any kind.

GEORGE B. OWEN. One of the oldest, most prominent and wealthy families of Lancaster county is that of Owen, Richard Owen having taken possession of the plantation now held by George B. Owen as early as 1723.

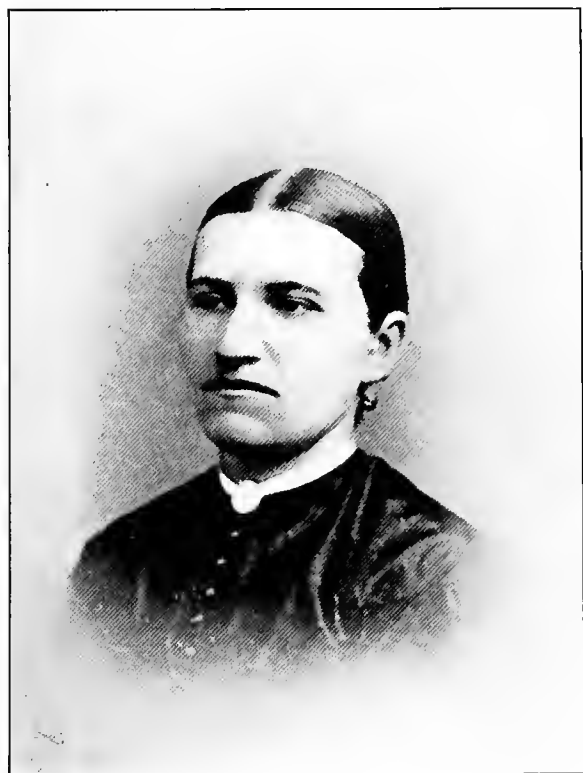
The ship "Vine," William Preeson, master, arrived in the Delaware Sept. 17, 1684, from Dolserrey, near Dolgelly, in Merionethshire, Wales. Robert Owen and wife Jane and son Lewis, Dr. Griffith Owen (also a son of Robert Owen), his wife Sarah and son Robert, and daughters Sarah and Elenor, were on this ship. Robert Owen settled on Duck creek, in Newcastle county, Del., where his son Edward had previously settled. Robert Owen had nine sons, all of age at the time. He was a son of Humphrey Owen, descended from Lewis Owen, Baron of the Exchequer of North Wales, who was murdered in 1555. A few months after his arrival Robert Owen was appointed one of the justices of the peace for Newcastle county. He died before the end of his



ELIZA OWEN



BENJAMIN OWEN



MARY B. OWEN



GEORGE B. OWEN

term, and his son Richard was appointed in his stead, and it was Richard, the son of Richard, who located in Lancaster county after his marriage, in 1720, with Elizabeth Knauer, and who was at that time living in Uwchland township, Chester Co., Pa. The family were Quakers on arrival in the country, but neither Richard Owen, on arrival in Lancaster county, nor his wife were members of that Society. He may have been a Seventh-day Baptist, as at least two of his brothers left in Uwchland township certainly were. What gives color to this is that Bissell, the founder of the Ephrata Community, first located near to the plantation of Richard Owen. Be this as it may, it is certainly true that the grandchildren (the children of his son Benjamin), Jonathan, Benjamin and Ann, are the first of the family mentioned in the Lampeter Meeting Records. The children of Richard and Elizabeth Owen were Richard, Theophilus, Benjamin, Mary (wife of John Maxwell), Anne (wife of Richard Chiney), Sarah (wife of Peter Potts), and Jonathan. Richard Owen died in 1760, and, his sons Richard and Theophilus also being dead, the plantation was taken at the appraisement by his son Benjamin. Benjamin Owen was very successful, and at his death, in 1784, left the plantation of his father to his son Jonathan, and the one adjoining to his son Benjamin, making provision also for his daughter Ann, then the wife of John Williams. Jonathan Owen, son of Benjamin, and grandson of Richard, was born in Lancaster county, and was married May 17, 1787, to Mary Bonsall, of Darby (then in Chester, now in Delaware county), Pa., and thereafter made his home in Delaware county, where all his children were born. He died there in 1821, and his wife, who survived until 1863, reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years.

Benjamin Owen was born in Delaware county, six miles southwest of Philadelphia. In his early days he learned the trade of wheelwright, but in 1823 he removed to Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, and there engaged in farming during the rest of his life. He was a man of fine mental equipment, and held many of the local offices. His death occurred in 1880, when he was aged eighty-seven, and his wife, Eliza Bender, died in 1877, at the age of sixty-two; they were buried in Heller's cemetery. Mr. Owen was of the Quaker belief, and Mrs. Owen was a member of the Reformed church. Two children only were born to them, George B. and Mary B., the latter dying in December, 1894. Mrs. Eliza (Bender) Owen was a daughter of George and Mary (Kinzer) Bender, of Earl township, where the father resided a short time, removing to Upper Leacock township, where he died in 1818; the mother survived until 1871, dying at the age of ninety-two years. Her second marriage was to William Wadely, by whom she had the following children: Amos; Maria, who married Jeremiah Smith; George, who married Catherine Maltz, of Cumberland county; and Harriet, who married David Miller. Her children by George Bender were: Kinzer, who married

(first) Mary Weidler, and (second) her sister, Susan Weidler; Margaret, who married Jacob Hull; William, who died unmarried, in Mississippi; and Eliza, the mother of George B. Owen. Daniel Bender, the father of George Bender, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

George B. Owen was born near Monterey, in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 31, 1835. He was educated in the public schools, and at New London Academy, in Chester county, under William F. Wyers, spending three terms at the latter institution. During the life of his parents and sister he remained on the old homestead, and he valued greatly this fine old farm, which has been in the possession of the family some one hundred and fifty years, but does not now reside upon it. Having no family ties, and possessing ample means, Mr. Owen spends much time in travel, and has taken a very prominent part in public affairs in his county, serving for three years on the Republican County Committee. For a period of eighteen months he served as assistant assessor of United States Internal Revenue, his term ending on account of the abolishment of the office. Mr. Owen is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, and connected with Lodge No. 43, in Lancaster. He is considered one of the representative citizens of this part of the county.

HON. EMANUEL DYER ROATH, justice of the peace at Marietta, Lancaster county, and a gallant ex-officer of the war of the Rebellion, was born in Lancaster City, Oct. 4, 1820, a son of Jacob and Susan (Shireman) Roath, natives, respectively, of Maytown and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Roath was a tailor by trade and was a member of the company which escorted Gen. Lafayette from Paoli to Lancaster, on the occasion of the second visit of that noble and philanthropic Frenchman to America. Jacob Roath died in Lancaster at the age of thirty-three years, and his wife, Susan (Shireman) Roath, removed to Harrisburg, where her death took place. Both she and her husband were members of the Reformed Church, and their remains lie interred in the cemetery of that denomination at Maytown. Their four children were born in the following order: John C., a cabinet-maker, died in Maytown; Emanuel D.; Jacob S., a shoemaker, died in Maytown; and Philip B., a farmer, died in the same village. The paternal grandparents of Hon. E. D. Roath were natives of Baden, Germany, and were early settlers in Lancaster county, Pa.; and of the maternal grandparents, Jacob and Susan (Brenner) Shireman, the father of Jacob was also born in Baden.

The boyhood days of Emanuel D. Roath were passed at his mother's home. At the age of five years he was sent to the district school, where he learned the alphabet the first day. He continued on the farm until he had secured a sum of money to pay his expenses in a higher institution of instruction, and from eighteen until twenty-one years old attended

the Shippensburg Academy. On reaching his majority, he began working out on his own account, and when twenty-three commenced teaching—a profession he followed for twelve consecutive winters in the district schools; for five summers, also, he taught a private school of his own.

In 1852 Mr. Roath settled in Marietta, and for two years worked in a lumber yard. On March 18, 1854, he was elected a justice of the peace and was re-elected Oct. 10, 1861. At Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Mr. Roath was authorized by Gov. Curtin to raise a company of volunteers for service in the Civil war, the result being that he enrolled Co. E, 107th P. V. I., of which he was commissioned Captain, and he served until March 1, 1865, when he was mustered out at Washington, D. C., being later breveted major by President Andrew Johnson, and breveted lieutenant colonel and later colonel by Gov. John W. Geary. Following is a list of the engagements in which Capt. Roath took part while assisting in maintaining the integrity of his nation's flag: Cedar Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap and second Bull Run, all in August, 1862; Chantilly (where he took command of his regiment), South Mountain (where he was second in command) and Antietam (where he was also second in command and was wounded), all in September, 1862; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862, when his brigade charged the Rebels out of their entrenchments, and was under fire at the same place December 14th; under fire below Fredericksburg, April 30, 1863, and again May 2nd; at Chancellorsville May 3 and 4, 1863; was next in the Wilderness; was wounded at Gettysburg July 1, 1863, but kept on fighting on the 2nd and 3rd, having command of the regiment. He crossed the Rappahannock Aug. 1, 1863, and was at Mine Run November 28th, 29th and 30th; was at Spottsylvania May 16, 17, 18, 1864, at North Anna, May 23, and at Bethesda May 30; Tolopotamy, June 2nd; Shady Grove Church, June 3d; White Oak Swamp, June 13th; near Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, June 17th, and captured it June 18th; took the Weldon Railroad August 18. On Aug. 19, 1864, after sharp fighting, he was captured by the Rebels and confined in Libby prison until September, 1864, when he was shipped to Salisbury, N. C., and held until Oct. 15th; thence he was transferred to Danville, Va., and in February, 1865, was returned to Libby Prison, was exchanged, and arrived at Annapolis, Md., February 22nd; March 1, 1865, he was mustered out as stated above. He returned to Marietta and officiated as a magistrate until October, 1867, when he was sent to the Legislature by the Republican party, of which he was an ardent member.

Hon. Emanuel D. Roath has been twice married. At Elizabethtown, Pa., in the Reformed Church parsonage, he wedded Susan R. Hipple, who bore him two children: George H., of whom a full biography is given on another page; and Anna R., wife of Jacob Funk, of Marietta. Mrs. Susan R. (Hipple) Roath,

was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa., daughter of Samuel and Anna Hipple, who came from Chester county in 1830 and were agricultural people; Mrs. Susan Roath died in 1854 at the age of twenty-eight years. In 1857, in Columbia, Mr. Roath married Harriet C. Young, a native of Marietta and a daughter of John and Catherine Young. She died in December, 1896, when forty-eight years old, leaving one child, Barcina H., wife of George Kame, a farmer of East Donegal.

In 1858 Mr. Roath was first elected as the representative of his district in the State Legislature and served one term; in 1868 he was again elected to this body, and again served one term. He has been an Odd Fellow for the past fifty-seven years, and is the oldest member of the order in Lancaster county. He is a past State Councillor of the Order of American Mechanics, and is a member of the National Council; he is also a past Worshipful Master of the F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar. Since 1865 he has been a vestryman of the Episcopal Church, of which he is a member. He was appointed brigade quartermaster of a brigade of the Lancaster county militia by Gen. Jacob Gross. For seven years he commanded a volunteer company of Maytown, called "The Jackson Fencibles," infantry. Mr. Roath has led a busy and useful life, and although now well advanced in years is still looked to for further service by a host of admiring friends.

JOSEPH C. YODER, D. D. S., whose well-appointed office is at No. 305 North Queen street, Lancaster, is a descendant of several of the oldest families in Pennsylvania. He is a son of Daniel C. and Elizabeth (Byler) Yoder, the former a farmer of Mifflin county.

The Yoder family is descended from Mrs. Barbara Yoder, a native of Switzerland, who landed in Philadelphia prior to 1727; her husband died on the voyage and was buried at sea. (See P. 10, J. D. Rupp's collection of 30,000 names of immigrants in Pennsylvania). Christian Yoder, a grandson of Barbara, became a farmer and married Esther Hertzler, who was born and raised in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county. By this marriage the Yoders and Hertzlers became most influential in Pennsylvania.

The Hertzler ancestors were originally from Switzerland. They made a stay of some years in France, but owing to religious persecution were obliged to find a new home. They were Amish Mennonites, or followers of Menno Simon. Jacob Hertzler, the ancestor of Mrs. Esther (Hertzler) Yoder, sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "St. Andrew," and arrived at Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1749. He located in Berne township, Lancaster county (now Berks county), and on Jan. 9, 1750, purchased 182 acres and 30 perches of land from Richard and Thomas Penn, in Philadelphia, paying one dollar and a quarter an acre. This tract he named "Contentment." Between 1750 and 1773 he added other

tracts to his original purchase, making in all 404 acres and 4 perches. Nearly all of the Hertzlers have been agricultural people. The old homestead near Morgantown, Caernarvon township, is still in possession of the family, being occupied by Isaac Kurtz, whose wife was Elizabeth Hertzler, daughter of Daniel Hertzler. (See Hertzler Genealogy, pp. 238-240). This grand old place was visited by Dr. Yoder in the summer of 1900, and he found it in fine condition, with beautiful surroundings. The stone barn, supposed to have been built by the emigrant, Jacob, is in good state of preservation. There is also an old Pennock (Big Romanite) apple tree still hardy, which measures 10 feet 6 inches near the ground, and in September, 1902, it was estimated to have twenty-five bushels of apples.

The Byler family, with which Dr. Yoder is connected on his mother's side, was planted in America by a Swiss emigrant, who landed in Philadelphia Oct. 8, 1737, having crossed the sea in the vessel "Charming Polly" (See Hertzler Genealogy, p. 133.)

Dr. Joseph C. Yoder was born in Mifflin county Dec. 21, 1844, and was reared on a farm. He served part of an apprenticeship at the harness maker's trade in Ohio, but his natural love of learning induced him to abandon that work and seek an education. Part of his school days were passed in Kishacoquillas Seminary, Mifflin Co., Pa. For two winters he taught in the public schools in the Kishacoquillas Valley, and attended the Seminary in the summers. In September, 1866, at the close of the Civil war, he went South, and near Jonesboro, in Washington Co., Tenn., he organized the George Washington Seminary, and here one of his first pupils was the lady who afterward became his wife. Later, in 1867, he united with Prof. S. Z. Sharp, a graduate of the Millersville (Pa.) State Normal school, at Maryville, Tenn., sixteen miles south of Knoxville, where for two years he was the principal assistant.

While at Maryville, Mr. Yoder was united in marriage, July 21, 1869, with Seraphina Crosswhite, daughter of Elder Crosswhite, of Washington county, Tenn., the powerful pioneer preacher of the German Dunkards. The bride was a bright and cultured young woman, and for a year had been a most successful and popular teacher.

In 1870 Dr. Yoder went to Kansas City, Mo., where he engaged in teaching, and was later employed in the Armour Beef Packing Co. He was also engaged as weighmaster in a wholesale fur and hide establishment, and at various times as a book, fire insurance and fruit tree agent. In 1872, with his wife and son, Jesse D., he returned to his father-in-law's in Tennessee, and there taught school under the provision of the philanthropist George Peabody. While engaged in teaching he read medicine for three years under Drs. W. R. Sevier and E. L. Deadrick, of Jonesboro, but abandoned medicine for dentistry, becoming associated with Dr. John Lock, of Lewistown, Pa., a graduate of the Baltimore Col-

lege of Dental Surgery, class of 1846. After practicing dentistry in Mifflin county for a time, he spent thirteen years of successful work in Huntingdon, Pa. In 1883 he passed an examination before a board of dental examiners, Dr. S. H. Guilford of Philadelphia, Dr. E. A. Magill of Erie (who was regarded as the father of dental associations in Pennsylvania), Dr. Jesse C. Green of Westchester, and Dr. Gerhart of Lewisburg, and was licensed a proficient dentist. In 1894 he opened an office in Lancaster determined to make that attractive city his permanent home, and he soon built up a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. and Mrs. Yoder became the parents of three sons: (1) Jesse D., born in Kansas City, Mo., June 8, 1871, died when a lad. (2) Arthur Lee, born near Jonesboro, Tenn., Jan. 16, 1874, graduated in 1893 from the Juniata Normal College at Huntingdon, Pa., and in 1895 received the degree of M. E. and later B. S. from the Millersville State Normal. He taught school as first assistant at the Alexandria high school, at Huntingdon, and in the public schools near Mt. Joy. For two years he was principal of the Unionville high school, but resigned to attend Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pa., from which he was graduated in June, 1902, with the degree of A. B. During his college course he taught night school, read meters for the Electric Light Co., and also served as a conductor on the trolley cars. He also filled the position of teacher of the Scientific Class at the Millersville State Normal. In September, 1902, he began his duties as the head of the Scientific Department in the Steelton (Pa.) High school. (3) Ralph Earnest, born March 22, 1876, in Lewistown, Pa., was graduated in 1893 at the age of seventeen from the Juniata Normal College at Huntingdon, in the same class with his brother. He taught two schools in Huntingdon county, Pa., and became first assistant, as well as one of the organizers, with Dr. Hershey, of the Gap Academy in Lancaster county. For two years he taught in the public schools near Elizabethtown, and declined a third year in order to join his brother Arthur, and with him to enter Franklin and Marshall College. He graduated in June, 1902, with the degree of A. B. During his college course he was employed on the trolley cars as conductor and motorman. He is now principal of the Fulton township high school in Lancaster county. Both Arthur Lee and Ralph Earnest hold permanent State certificates as teachers.

Dr. Yoder is a man of deep religious convictions, and is an earnest worker in all religious movements. He is a member of the First Mennonite Church, corner of Diamond and Fifth streets, Philadelphia, and he is a member of the North American Mennonite Conference. Politically the Doctor was a Republican, having been a firm supporter of the martyred Lincoln, but is now a chartered member of the State Socialist party, having assisted in organizing and placing a Socialist ticket in the field. He is one of the county Socialist campaign speakers.

Mrs. Yoder and Arthur L. are members of the progressive Dunkards, belonging to a church in Philadelphia. Ralph E. Yoder is a member of St. Stephen's Reformed Church, the congregation meeting in the chapel in Franklin and Marshall College. Mrs. Yoder is a lady of culture, and has been a potent factor in the intellectual life of this city, being editor-in-chief of the Woman's edition of *The Lancaster Examiner*, for the benefit of the General Hospital in Lancaster, an enterprise that netted over \$600 for this worthy object. At another time she was the business manager for the Woman's edition of *The New Era*, for the benefit of the W. C. T. U., of Lancaster, from which the sum of \$500 was realized. These ventures were the first of the kind in this part of the country, and elicited close criticism which was followed by warm admiration for the signal ability displayed by Mrs. Yoder and her two collaborators, Misses Anna M. and Mary Martin. The late Dr. William H. Egle, then State Librarian of Pennsylvania, wrote Mrs. Yoder a very complimentary letter, asked for a copy of this special edition of *The Examiner* and placed it among the archives of the State Library.

REES CLEMENS HIMES, in his life time a successful merchant and farmer, was born Jan. 8, 1800, in Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., and he died on Spring Run farm in Lancaster county, May 18, 1849, and his remains were interred in the Bellevue Presbyterian Church cemetery, of which church he was a member and trustee.

Thomas and Catherine (Clemens) Himes, his parents, were of Welsh extraction, and were old and respected residents of Chester county. Thomas Himes died in April, 1808, aged fifty years, three months and seventeen days. His wife died March 5, 1851, aged eighty years, ten months and thirteen days. Their children, all now deceased, were as follows: George W., who married Joanna Sturges; Thomas, who married Susan Himes (of no known relationship), and was a prominent man in his day, being the manager of the Margaretta Iron Furnace; Eliza, who became the wife of Thomas Whistler; Hannah, who wedded John Livergood; Maria, who married Amos Kinzer; and Rees Clemens.

The early life of Rees C. Himes was one of adventure and stirring incident. In association with his brother George W. he became the possessor of a lead mine at Galena, Ill., and if conditions and transportation had been as they now are, there is no doubt but the mine would have proved of immense value. At that time, however, work was necessarily slow, as while one brother worked at getting out the lead, the other had to guard it from thieves, and so, before any material benefit accrued, the brothers became disheartened and abandoned the enterprise. Their next adventure was in the purchase of land on the site of the present great city of St. Louis, Mo., but their operations were much disturbed by the hostility of the Indians. For some time Mr. Himes operated a

grist and flour mill and did some farming, but later the brothers returned to Chester county. The first white child born in the city of Galena, Ill., was Louisa daughter of George Himes and wife. In 1827 Mr. Himes embarked in the mercantile business in Hatville, Lancaster county, but in 1831 he bought the fine farm now occupied by his daughters, and remained there during the balance of his life. This property is known as Spring Run farm, and comprises 110 acres of valuable land within one and one-half miles of Gap. It is now owned and managed by the three daughters of Mr. Himes, and is one of the most valuable farms in the locality.

On Dec. 17, 1829, at the home of the bride, in Paradise township, Rees C. Himes was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Eckert, and to this union these children were born: Clinton, who married Sophia McIlvaine Negley, and is a resident of Salisbury township; George Clemens, who died young; Cecelia A., who married Rees C. Himes, a prominent and wealthy farmer residing in Shippensburg; Misses Anna C., Susan A. and Martha L., who all reside on the old farm; Newton T., who died young; and Rees L., a justice of the peace, who resides in Kinzers and married Margaret Eckert.

Mrs. Sarah (Eckert) Himes was born Nov. 27, 1811, in Paradise township, Lancaster county, and died Aug. 22, 1899, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband. She was a consistent member of Bellevue Presbyterian Church for many years. Her parents were George and Susan (Kerns) Eckert of Lancaster county, where the former was a farmer, and for many years a well-known miller in Paradise township. For years before his death, on Feb. 27, 1829, at the age of fifty-five years, five months and nine days, he had given up business cares into the hands of his son, Louis. His widow survived until June 14, 1840, her age being sixty-five years, eleven months and twenty-four days. They were buried in the cemetery attached to the German Reformed Church in New Holland, both being members of that religious body. Their children were as follows: Jacob, who married Hannah Varns; Henry, who married Elizabeth McNeal; Lewis, who married Sarah Slaymaker; Catherine, who married Henry Kinzer; Ann, who married James McIlvaine; and Sarah, who became the wife of Mr. Himes.

When the Himes brothers started to Galena, Ill., they made the trip on horseback. Later George returned to Chester county and married and returned with his wife, this trip being made by wagon. Among the many gifts from home that went out to what was then far West, was a choice set of gilt-edged china, and as a remarkable fact it was not broken on the way and still is in a good state of preservation, and is carefully cherished in the possession of Rees C. Himes, a son, now of Shippensburg.

REV. JACOB R. HERSHEY. The Hershey family is not only one of the most prominent, but also one of the oldest, families in Lancaster county,

having been founded by three brothers of the name, in 1709, who came hither from their home in Switzerland. Its descendants have been noted for their excellence as farmers, their intelligence and morality as citizens, and for their influence in the Mennonite Church.

Rev. Jacob R. Hershey of Salisbury township is a worthy descendant of this family, perpetuating the name of his grandfather Jacob Hershey, who was long a well-known farmer of Salisbury township. Jacob Hershey, the grandfather, married Anna Newcomer, and they had children: John, Christian, Abraham and Joseph. The father of these children died in 1825, at the age of eighty years, his widow surviving until 1830, when she died at the age of eighty-one years.

Bishop Joseph Hershey, son of Jacob, was for many years a bishop in the Mennonite Church, and by precept and example promulgated his belief. His home was on the old Hershey estate, in Salisbury township, where he died, in 1856, at the age of sixty-four years. His wife, Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, died April 19, 1887, aged eighty-nine years and ten months, and was laid to rest by her husband's side in the old Hershey cemetery, in Salisbury township, this quiet spot having been a part of the original estate. The children born to this union were: Rev. Jacob R.; Christian, who died at the age of eighteen years; Barbara, deceased, who was the wife of David Hoover; Anna, who died young.

Rev. Jacob R. Hershey, son of Bishop Joseph and Magdalena (Roop) Hershey, was born on his present farm, Aug. 9, 1817, and grew to manhood on his father's farm. For many years he was a well-known agriculturist, retiring from active work in that line in 1877. Brought up under Christian influences, in a pious and godly home, with noble examples before him in his beloved parents, the young man early professed his faith, and became a minister in the Mennonite Church. In 1858 he was ordained to the work, and for forty-four years he has been a faithful worker in the field of usefulness in which he was placed. He is known and much beloved over a wide extent of territory, and particularly in the Old Road Hershey and Paradise charges, where his labors have been much blessed. Although no politician, his sympathies have always been with the Republican party. For a long period he served as school director. Except four years on a neighboring farm, the one he now occupies has always been his home. Here he is surrounded by all that makes advanced life comfortable, the center of loving relatives and friends, and he appears much younger than many of his contemporaries, as he reads without glasses, hears without effort, and in every way shows that Time has yet touched him very gently.

On Nov. 29, 1839, in Lancaster, Rev. Hershey was married to Margaret Eby, born July 14, 1819, in Salisbury township, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Weaver) Eby, and sister of Bishop Eby. (For sketch of Eby family, see sketch of Bishop Peter

Eby or Bishop Isaac Eby, of Paradise township, elsewhere in this volume). To Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey were born nine children, of whom we have the following record: Josiah; Magdalena, wife of John R. Buckwalter, of Kinzers, Pa.; Peter, who went West, and has never been heard from; Ephraim, a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary, who married Christian Metzler, a farmer of Paradise township; Jacob E., a farmer in Salisbury township; Susan, wife of John S. Rohrer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lizzie, who died young; and Margaret, deceased.

EPHRAIM HERSHEY, third son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey, was born on the old homestead in Salisbury township, Dec. 6, 1844. Until his marriage he remained under the parental roof, at that time taking charge of the old homestead and carrying on the farming operations there for three years. Then he removed to his present farm of ninety-three acres, which he has developed in the same excellent manner. In his locality he is much esteemed, and he and family belong to the Mennonite Church. He belongs to no political party, casting his vote as he deems best for all concerned.

On Jan. 1, 1867, Mr. Hershey was married to Susan E. Leaman, of Paradise township, and to this union were born the following children: Ira, a farmer of Salisbury township, married Sarah Kreider, and has six children; Emma M., who married John G. Wenger, has four children and lives in Salisbury township; Frank B., who married Lydia W. Buckwalter, is a farmer in Salisbury township; and Omer E., Elam W., Ephraim K., Jacob R., Jr., and Alice W., all are at home. Mrs. Susan E. (Leaman) Hershey was born May 3, 1845, in Leacock township, daughter of Jacob and Lydia (Buckwalter) Leaman, the former of whom was a farmer, and for many years a school director of East Lampeter township. He died in 1891, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in Mellinger's cemetery, near Lancaster. His widow resides in Paradise township, with her daughter Mrs. John Kreider. Both Mr. and Mrs. Leaman were members of the Mennonite Church.

JACOB E. HERSHEY, general farmer, was born in Salisbury township, on his father's farm, Sept. 13, 1856, son of Rev. Jacob R. and Margaret (Eby) Hershey. He was reared to farm life, and has followed agricultural pursuits exclusively on this farm, all his active life, with the exception of three years spent on a neighboring estate. Mr. Hershey, like the other members of his family, is highly esteemed as a man of honesty and reliability, and belongs to a family which is one of the most substantial in this part of Lancaster county. He has taken a deep interest in educational matters, and has served as school director for the past fifteen years. In politics he is a Republican. With his family he belongs to and assists in supporting the Mennonite Church.

On Oct. 26, 1876, in Lancaster, Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Mary Esbenshade, and the children

born to this union were as follows: Herbert, at home; Clayton, who married Ella Buchwalter has one child, and lives in Paradise township; Milton, Elwood, Bertha, Mabel, Edna and Margerie are at home; and Willis died young.

Mrs. Mary (Esbensshade) Hershey, was born in Earl township, Nov. 25, 1852, daughter of Jacob and Susannah (Bushong) Esbensshade, of Lancaster county, both of whom died in East Earl township, where they were farming people all their lives. The father of Mrs. Hershey died in 1898, aged sixty-nine years, and the mother died in August, 1901, aged seventy-one years. Both parents were interred in Eaby's cemetery in Upper Leacock township, having long been members of the German Baptist Church. They had these children born to them besides Mary, the wife of Jacob E. Hershey: Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of John Kochel; Sarah, the wife of Rife Myers, a farmer of Earl township; Emma, the wife of Frank Buckwalter, of Paradise township; Susan, the wife of Elam Kreider, of West Leacock township; Lydia, the wife of Martin Ebersole, of Paradise township; Amanda, the wife of Walter Mays, of East Earl township; and Adam, a farmer of East Earl township.

HENRY M. BRENEMAN (deceased). Though the temporal life of Henry M. Breneman was ended while he was yet comparatively young in years, having scarcely more than passed his forty-seventh birthday—a time in the career of an earnest and successful man when the future looks bright, when effort is redoubled and the glimmer of hope points to a season of rest and enjoyment in the distant years to come, as the fruition of worthy achievement—yet even in the brief span of time, encompassed by the life of this exceeding well-doer, an impression for good was made by the influences radiating from his kindly and ennobled nature, wider and more lasting than can be readily perceived or measured. Aided by a devoted, intelligent, capable and cultured wife, he won recognition as one of the substantial, progressive and worthy representatives of Lancaster county.

Henry M. Breneman was born in Manor township March 10, 1832, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Miller) Breneman. The parents were prominent and life-long residents of Lancaster county, where they reared a family of nine children, and lived to a good old age. These children were as follows: Nancy, widow of Abner Bausman, of Millersville, Pa.; Elizabeth, widow of Henry Herr, of East Hempfield township; Barbara, wife of Henry Bausman, of Manor township; Jacob, of East Hempfield township; John, of California; Abraham and Kate, twins, the former a resident of Coldwater, Mich., the latter the deceased wife of Isaac Groff; Henry M.; and Sarah, deceased wife of Isaac Baumberger.

Henry M. Breneman was reared on his father's farm and followed through life that vocation. He received in his youth a good common school educa-

tion, and then seriously devoted himself to the life work so prematurely closed by death. He married in Lancaster county, Nov. 25, 1862, Miss Anna M. Greider, a native of West Hempfield township, and, as the daughter of Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider, the representative of an old and prominent family of Lancaster county.

Christian Greider was one of the old and influential citizens of Lancaster county, son of John Greider, who for many years was a farmer and miller in West Hempfield township. Christian was born about 1799, and followed agriculture until well advanced in life, when he retired, spending his last twenty years in the peace and comfort that crowned many active and successful years. He died in 1889, aged ninety years. His wife, Susannah Miller, preceded him to the grave many years, passing away in 1864, aged fifty-seven years. They were faithful and prominent members of the Mennonite church, and were buried in the Landisville cemetery of that denomination. Susannah was the daughter of Benjamin Miller, a life-long farmer of Rapho township, and a member of the Mennonite church. To Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider were born children as follows: John M., who died in Ohio; Christian, who died on the old farm; Benjamin, who was a lumberman, coal merchant and malter at Mt. Joy, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Mellinger, and died in Virginia; Martha, who died young; Mary, who died in infancy; Jacob M., a retired farmer of West Hempfield township; Susan, wife of Andrew Garber, of West Hempfield township; Anna M., widow of Henry M. Breneman; Mary, who for her first husband married Christian Rohrer, and is now the wife of John S. Nissley, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Barbara, wife of Jacob McAllister, a farmer of Pequea township; and Amos M., a farmer, now residing on the old homestead. The family was more than ordinarily active mentally, as shown by the fact that three of the sons taught school.

To Henry M. and Anna M. (Greider) Breneman was born a family of seven children, namely: Susan G., wife of W. L. Heisey, a merchant and extensive farmer of West Donegal township; Barbara, who died aged five years; Christian G., a farmer of Rapho township; Phares, a dealer in flour, grain and feed, at Columbia; Amos, at home; Henry, deceased; and Abraham, at home.

In 1877 Henry M. Breneman purchased and moved to the farm of ninety acres in West Hempfield township, now occupied by his widow. Here he died two years later, April 1, 1879, aged forty-seven years. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and in religion he held to the Mennonite faith of his forefathers. He had won the respect and high esteem of the people of Lancaster county through the many sterling traits of character exemplified by his daily life. His widow and their younger sons continue to occupy the home he had so briefly possessed, and in addition to general farming they successfully conducted there, from 1892 to 1901, an extensive

dairy business. They are communicants in the old Mennonite church, and influential members of the social life of West Hempfield township.

DANIEL HERR (Pequea). The name of Herr is inseparably connected with the moral and material growth of Lancaster county. Members of the family have for many years held honored places in the communities in which they have made their homes.

The house of Herr is an ancient one. The family is of free or noble origin, and its "knights were brave and worthy." Large and valuable estates were owned in Schwaben, called Herr of Bilried. The founder of the family was known as "Knight Hugo," the Herr or lord of Bilried. As far back as 1009 flourished a widely known family from whom the Herrs are descended, but in the fifteenth century several members resigned their nobility and joined the ranks of the citizens. These, however, retained their noble name and their coat of arms, as is shown by records in 1593, when John Herr, or Herr of Bilried, was granted by Emperor Ferdinand, a written testimonial, proving the right of his family to their coat of arms, and to their free and noble descent to the latest generation. By this testimonial the coat of arms yet rightly belongs to the family. All this is recorded in the Register of Noble Families, with their Coats of Arms, Book 5, Page 258.

In direct line from this ancient and honorable family comes Daniel Herr (Pequea), the subject of this sketch. The founder of the family in America was Hans Herr who emigrated from Switzerland. John Herr, son of Hans, became the father of Rev. John, and Rev. John, by his wife Frances became the father of Christian. Christian Herr married Maria Bowman, and their son, Rev. Christian married Anna Forrer.

Daniel Herr (Pequea) was born in 1818, son of Rev. Christian and Anna (Forrer) Herr, and was reared in West Lampeter township. He began his early active business career on a farm of 100 acres, now the property of his daughter Mrs. C. S. B. Herr in Strasburg township, located near the village of Refton. At several times he added small tracts to the original farm, and made his home on this place during his life. Although he began life as a farmer, and devoted attention to agricultural pursuits all his life, this did not by any means bar the way to other large and important enterprises. Soon after starting out on his own responsibility, he began the manufacture of grain drills, the first that were used in this part of the State of Pennsylvania, and was engaged thus for many years, during which time he also opened up a business in lime burning, and this became an important industry, his product being in demand over a very large territory. He was awarded the contract for the lime used in the construction of the Millersville State Normal School, and many other equally large contracts. In addition to these interests, Daniel Herr

became an investor in the pine lands in Potter county and the manufacture of lumber there, and later became a director in the Beaver Creek Lumber Co., of West Virginia, which at that time operated a tract of 10,000 acres, although of late years it has greatly increased its acreage. He was the owner of one-half of this land less one-eighteenth, and was one of the founders and first directors of this valuable company. He founded the village of Refton, and was one of the founders and a director of the Lancaster & Quarryville R. R. Co., as well as one of the founders of the Beaver Creek R. R. Co., of West Virginia. He was also founder and director with others of the Beaver Valley Turnpike road, besides being a large land owner in Lancaster county.

In financial circles Daniel Herr was an important factor; he was one of the originators of the Strasburg National Bank, and for years was one of its directors; he was a director in the Northern Mutual Insurance Co., and was one of the trustees of the Millersville State Normal school. At his death he left to his estate, with other large properties, eight-eightieths of an interest in the large tract of land in West Virginia, consisting of both coal and timber land of great value. Politically he was an Old Line Whig, and later became a Republican, and was actively identified with the public affairs of the county, serving as treasurer, during the term of 1857, and for several terms as director of the Poor and a member of the school board. His death occurred Oct. 19, 1894. During the latter part of his life he was a member of the Mennonite Church which had benefited by his benefactions, and in which he was known for his admirable traits of Christian character.

Daniel Herr married Anna C. Brenneman, daughter of Henry Brenneman, and they had a family of five children: Henry B., who died in childhood; Enos B., who died Sept. 19, 1869; Lizzie A., who is the widow of C. S. B. Herr, and resides in West Lampeter township; Reuben D., mentioned below; and one that died in infancy.

REUBEN D. HERR, the only surviving son of his parents, became his father's assistant and supporter in many of his varied enterprises. He was born July 7, 1850, and after completing the common school course he entered the Lititz Academy, and then spent one term, during 1868, at the Saunders Military Academy, in preparation for a college course, but the death of his brother recalled him home, and he then took charge of the work which his brother Enos had managed—the farming and lime burning—and continued until 1875, when he discontinued the latter industry. Later he opened up a coal and lumber business in Refton, and managed that in connection with his farming for one year, but finding the accumulation of business too large, he discontinued personally to direct matters on the farm. About December, 1878, he became the agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co., at Refton, and remained with that company from

1875 to 1881, and later was engaged in various enterprises, including that of commercial traveler and collector, but much of his time was employed in looking after his father's affairs, and since the death of the latter, as trustee and executor, his time has been fully occupied. For the past eighteen years he has managed a trucking business, finding a market in the city of Lancaster for the produce of his small farm of thirty acres in Refton, but the output from his successful green-houses is shipped to distant parts of the country.

For a number of years Mr. Herr was a director in the First National Bank, of Strasburg, and he is also financially connected with the lumber manufacturing industry in West Virginia, and in mining bituminous coal. Inheriting much of the energy and business capacity of his father, he, like him, is a progressive, broad-gauged man, esteemed and respected by business associates and the community in which he has lived so long.

Reuben D. Herr has been twice married, his first union being to Harriet Musselman, daughter of John Musselman. At her death, on May 30, 1878, she left two children, Miriam M., who married D. W. Patterson, of Philadelphia; and Carolyn M. His second marriage was to H. Louisa Coho, daughter of John Lee Coho, of Schuylkill county, and who died Nov. 9, 1900. To this union was born one child—Clair C., who resides with his father in the old family home in Refton.

FREDERICK STONER (deceased) was born Feb. 22, 1790, one mile southwest of Central Manor, Lancaster county, son of Christian and Anna (Brenneman) Stoner, and died Sept. 4, 1877. He was a farmer, and in politics was a Whig. Of the family of eleven children born to Frederick and Elizabeth Stoner six grew to maturity, viz.: Christian, a blacksmith, who settled in Cumberland county, and died in February, 1898; Frederick, of whom further mention will be made; John, who was shot at his home during the Civil war, supposedly by accident; Bernard, a carpenter by trade, and later a farmer and hotelkeeper of Manor township; Levi, a wheelwright at Mountville; and Mary Ann, deceased wife of Benjamin Young, also of Manor township.

Frederick Stoner, son of Frederick, was born Dec. 7, 1818, in the home now occupied by Daniel H. Mellinger, at Central Manor, and on March 14, 1836, began learning the wheelwright's trade at Millersville, with Jacob R. Barr. After finishing his apprenticeship he worked one month as a journeyman, and then, in May, 1839, rented a small shop about a mile from his home, and for one year carried on business on his own account. Mr. Stoner next erected a shop on his homestead, where he carried on his business five years, and in 1845 erected a shop at Central Manor which is still standing, and is now utilized as a wagon factory. Until 1885 Frederick Stoner did a large business in wagon manufacturing, and also in repairing threshing machines,

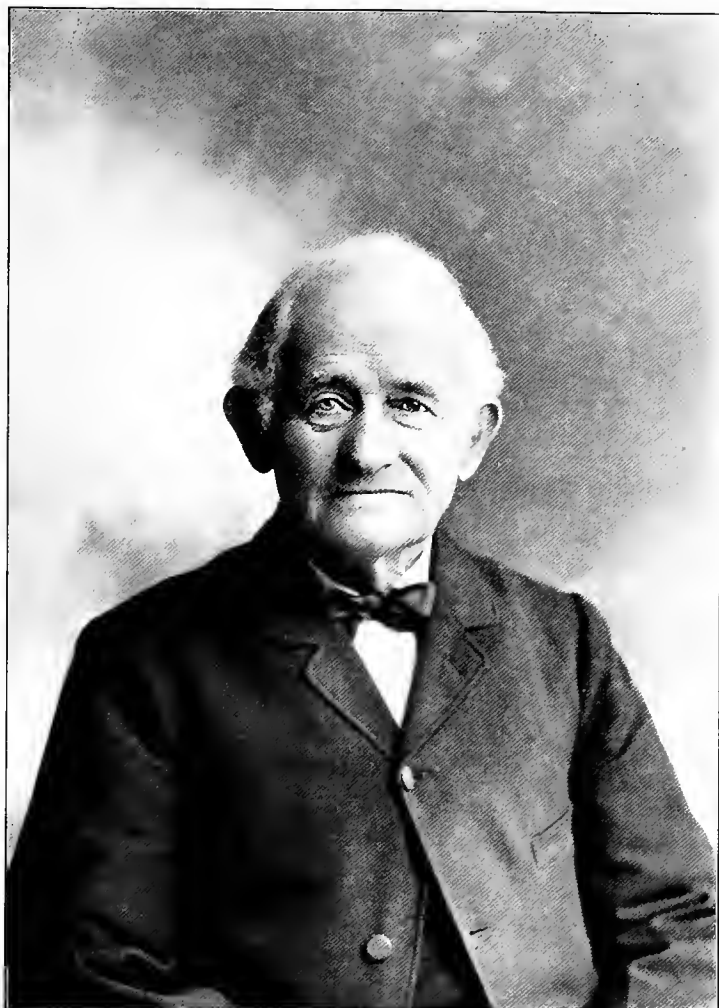
horse powers, grain cradles, etc., and, being a natural mechanic, he erected on his homestead of seven and a half acres, besides his shop, two good frame dwellings, and remodeled another frame and brick, having now four neat and substantial tenements, which are rented.

On Dec. 24, 1844, Frederick Stoner married Miss Sarah S. Mann, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Mann. She passed away August 8, 1886, at the age of sixty-eight years, seven months, thirteen days. They had a family of six children, born in the following order: Caroline M., who died in childhood; Elizabeth, wife of Rev. Abraham R. Myers, of Steelton, Pa.; Sarah Ann, who died in infancy; Catherine, who passed away when nineteen years old; John J., who died at the age of five years and six months; and Albert M., of Central Manor, who was born July 10, 1860, and married Fannie Shenk, daughter of Abram L. Shenk.

JOHN G. TANGER. The general aspect of prosperity and activity noted through Lancaster county is due in great measure to the energy and industry of her agricultural residents. Among those farmer citizens who have done much to advance the interests of the county, may be mentioned John G. Tanger, a substantial citizen, who owns a most desirable estate of sixty-two acres, located a short distance east of the borough of Strasburg.

Andrew Tanger, the father of John G. Tanger, was born in Willowstreet, and remained there until his death, this sad event taking place when he was about twenty-nine years of age. During the time he lived there, he conducted a hotel in the village. His family is an old one in Cumberland county, many of its members being distinguished in public affairs. Andrew Tanger married Catherine Gall, a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Groff) Gall, of Willowstreet, and she survived until 1875. By her marriage with Andrew Tanger, Mrs. Tanger became the mother of five children: Ann, who married Samuel Rowe, of Drunore township; Catherine, who is the widow of David Donichy, and lives at Christiana; Andrew, of Strasburg; John, who died an infant; and John G., of this biography. Mrs. Tanger married for her second husband, David Mowery, of Strasburg township, and was the mother of five more children: Amanda, who married Jacob Hostetter, of Strasburg township; Mary, who is the widow of Christian Groff, of Providence township; Sarah, who died early in life; Martin, a merchant in Philadelphia; and David, a resident of Hawkesville, in Eden township.

John G. Tanger was born June 11, 1836, and was reared to farm life, obtaining but limited school opportunities. At the age of eleven years he began to work with the neighboring farmers for his clothes and board, and at the age of fifteen he was thrown completely upon his own resources. Understanding farm work better than anything else, he continued in this line, working by the month, or season, at differ-



Frederick Stoner

ent places, making three trips thus through the West, but in 1874 he returned to Strasburg township, and purchased the valuable farm which he now occupies. At present this farm is one that would command a very high price if placed upon the market, as Mr. Tanger has put time, strength and money into the many permanent improvements which he has made, resulting in the excellent conditions which exist.

On Nov. 27, 1873, John G. Tanger was married to Mary A. Huber, a daughter of Michael L. and Mary (Baer) Huber, who was born in Lancaster township in November, 1845. Two children have been born of this union: Landis, born March 10, 1875, who received his education in the Millersville State Normal school, graduating in the class of 1898, and in the normal course in 1900, has been a teacher in the public schools for the past six years, and has been principal of the Millersburg (Dauphin Co.) High school since September, 1900; and Jacob, born Oct. 6, 1880, graduated from the Millersville State Normal school in 1902, and is also engaged in teaching. Both Mr. Tanger and his estimable wife are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, and possess the esteem of all with whom they are acquainted, in public or private life.

GEORGE F. BAKER. Among the prominent and successful farmers, loyal citizens and representative business men of Lancaster county, is George F. Baker, of Sadsbury township, a worthy member of one of the leading families of Chester county. He was born at Doe Run, Chester county, Feb. 7, 1839, son of Jehu and Martha (McHarg) Baker.

The Baker family originally came from England. The great-grandparents of George F. were Aaron and Sarah (Hayes) Baker, well known members of the Society of Friends in Chester county.

John Baker, son of Aaron, lived and died in West Marlborough township, Chester county, his death occurring there Nov. 13, 1812, at the early age of thirty years. His widow, Mary McNeil, was born in 1779, a daughter of William and Mary (Baily) McNeil, of Chester county, and of English and Irish extraction. She died in May, 1870, the mother of the following children: Sarah, born Feb. 20, 1805, married Reuben Miller, and died in April, 1878; Aaron, born Oct. 22, 1807, married Alice Leonard, and died in January, 1888; and Jehu, the father of George F.

Jehu Baker, son of John and father of George F., was born in West Marlborough township, Chester county, June 18, 1809, and died in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, Jan. 18, 1881.

In Colerain township, on May 22, 1834, by Rev. Andrew Murphy, a Methodist clergyman, Jehu Baker was married to Martha McHarg, and the children born to this union were: John, who was one of the gallant soldiers of the Civil war, a member of the First Pa. Reserves, gave up his young life to his country, at the battle of Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862; Louise, who resides on the old homestead;

George F. is mentioned below; and Mary R., the youngest, married Elwood P. Pownall, a farmer of Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Martha (McHarg) Baker was born at Doe Run, Chester county, March 22, 1810; she died Feb. 21, 1883, and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Mount Pleasant cemetery, in Sadsbury township. She was a daughter of William and Hannah (Conner) McHarg, of County Derry, Ireland, the former of whom came to America alone in 1793, when eighteen years of age and later his future wife came across the Atlantic with her parents. Mr. McHarg became employed in an iron foundry, and died in 1838, at the age of sixty-five years, his wife dying in 1820, at the age of forty-three years. The children born to William McHarg and wife were: John; Mary, who married George Fritz; Nancy, who married David Irvin; James, who married Margaret Rogers, of Oxford, Chester county; Margaret and Rebecca, twins, the former of whom married Levi Baker, and the latter died unmarried, at the age of seventy-four; Martha, who became Mrs. Jehu Baker; Sarah, who married Jacob Bryan; William, who married Hope Pettit, of Reading, Pa.; Hannah, who became the widow of Daniel Tucker, of Philadelphia; and Hiram, who died young. All of this family have passed away with the exception of Hannah Tucker, who resides in Philadelphia in her eighty-eighth year.

Jehu Baker was engaged in farming all his life, growing up under the care of his grandfather McNeil, as his own father died when he was but three years old. When he was about eighteen, in company with his brother Aaron, he took charge of the old homestead farm which had been in the family for many years, and the brothers operated the farm together until the marriage of Jehu, at which time he sold his interest to Aaron, and in 1834, purchased a farm on Doe Run, in Chester county. There he remained until April, 1839, and in 1843 came to the present farm which his son now occupies. Jehu Baker was a most estimable man, honest and upright in all his dealings. His progenitors were Friends and he adhered to the principles of that denomination, but was not a member of the society. In politics he adhered to the principles of the Republican party. His influence was ever given in favor of educational and moral movements, and no man in his neighborhood better represented the leading and best citizens of the county. The beautiful old homestead is the property of George F. Baker and his sister, Louise, is well managed and is considered one of the most valuable estates in the township.

One of the first and loyal patriots to answer to the call of his country, in those days of wild alarm and dire distress when Rebellion lifted its head, was George F. Baker, who enlisted on June 10, 1861, and saw service under General McClellan in the great Peninsular campaign, and was wounded in an engagement in front of Richmond. Later he was among the brave and gallant soldiers at South

Mountain and Antietam, and received an honorable discharge. After the close of the war, Mr. Baker returned to his home in Lancaster county and engaged in farming. He also began to teach school, continuing for twenty terms, and finally resigned his position in 1881. In 1889 he came to his present fine farm, adjacent to the old homestead, although in 1888 he had become interested in the conduct of a general store at Andrews Bridge, in Colerain township, continuing here until 1891. Mr. Baker has been one of the progressive, energetic and intelligent men of this locality, and has taken a deep interest in the management of the schools, serving as a director for twenty-seven years. In politics he belongs to the Republican party, and has been township assessor, efficiently filling the duties of the office.

Mr. Baker was married, first, in 1864, Nancy J. Thurston becoming his wife. The children born to this union were: John A., a park guard at Willow Grove, Pa., married Eva J. Todd, and has two children, William R. and George E.; William A. died in 1890; Martha L., who married H. K. Givin, a farmer of Sadsbury township, has two children, Thurston L. and Jean Gertrude; and Hannah G., a teacher, resides with her aunt Louise, on the old homestead. Mrs. Baker was born in Ontario and died in 1880 at the age of forty-two years. She was a daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Boughner) Thurston, of Ontario.

In March, 1892, Mr. Baker was married to his present wife, Mrs. Amanda Althouse, who manages the affairs of his household with much regard for his comfort. She was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1858, a daughter of Isaac and Levina (Pennegar) Albright, of Lancaster county. Mr. Albright was the manager of the well-known "Red Lion Hotel," in Sadsbury township for some twenty years, giving this hostelry up about one year prior to his death, in 1888, at the age of sixty-eight years; he was supervisor of the township at that time. Mrs. Albright survived until 1899, dying at the age of seventy-three. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Albright were: William, a farmer of Chester county; Benjamin, deceased; Newton, a farmer of this township; Amanda, who is Mrs. Baker; Elizabeth, who married George Graham, of this township; and Jennie, who married Fred. Arnold, a carpenter, in Lancaster.

The first marriage of Mrs. Baker was to John Allen, Jr., and the children born to this marriage were: Mary, who married William Dinkelberg, a railroad carpenter, of Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, who married Ira Dorsey, of Lenover, Pa. The second marriage of Mrs. Baker was to David Althouse, and the children born to this union were: Charles G., at home; Herman G., of Parkesburg, Pa.; A. Wesley, a farmer of Atglen, Pa.; and Amy E., at home. Mr. Althouse was born in Eden township, a son of Woodward and Mary (Harsh) Althouse, of Lancaster county, and died at the age of thirty-seven years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker are prominent members of the Methodist Church, and are highly esteemed in this locality for their generous hospitality and many estimable qualities. Few families are better known or more justly belong to the representative people of Lancaster county.

JOHN WILSON (deceased). Whether long life wins success in agricultural pursuits, or whether the days of the prosperous farmer are naturally lengthened, instances have been common where types of highest physical manhood and types of that sterling character essential to good farming have united in the same individual. A splendid instance of this combination was afforded in the life of John Wilson, one of the oldest and best known residents of Drumore township. He lived to the age of ninety years, and he ranked among the most highly respected and most prominent farmers of that township.

James Wilson, his father, was a sturdy, influential farmer of York county, Pa., who attained the ripe old age of ninety-two years. His wife, a Miss Hutchinson, of Chester county, Pa., lived to the age of seventy-nine years.

John Wilson was born in Fawn township, York county, in 1796. He was reared in his native county, and under the capable and inspiring direction of his father he acquired an inclination and skill for farming. In 1820 he married Miss Charlotte Watt, a native of Chester county, daughter of John and Margaret (Mucully) Watt, natives of Chester and Lancaster counties, respectively. John Watt bore arms for the Colonial cause during the Revolutionary struggle, and afterward settled down to the pursuits of farming. He died about 1816.

John Wilson, in 1824, removed with his young wife to Lancaster county, there to establish amidst new surroundings his future home. He purchased 156 acres of land in Drumore township and devoted his energies to their cultivation. His success was far above the average. He became one of the prosperous and prominent men of the county. With a taste for his vocation, he sought no preferment beyond; and his political career, aside from the interest which he ever took in political and social affairs of the community was limited to the casting of his ballot. Himself and wife were earnest and active members of the United Presbyterian church. The death of his beloved helpmeet which occurred in May, 1874, after a half century of wedded life, was a serious blow, and from that time he retired from the active management of his properties, and enjoyed the peace and rest of retirement from routine work which he had so richly won in his long and successful career. He survived his wife twelve years, passing away July 4, 1886, aged ninety years. Both are buried in Chestnut Level cemetery, where a beautiful shaft marks their resting place. Their lives had shone with the graces and noble attributes of true Christianity and their loss, even in the mellowness

of old age, brought a shock to a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, who had been helped and inspired by their righteousness and many kindnesses of disposition. Two children were born to John and Charlotte Wilson: James M., a retired farmer of Coreysville; and John David, now a resident of Lancaster.

JOHN DAVID WILSON, the younger of these two children, was born Aug. 11, 1825, and he remained on the farm until thirty years of age, then removed to the city of Lancaster, where he devoted himself to business and politics, becoming one of the active and prominent factors in the life of the city. Ill health had marked his boyhood and youth and his education was received chiefly in the neighboring schools. His mercantile career began in Drumore—his native township—where for four years he conducted a general store, thence in the fall of 1860 he removed to Lancaster. Later he entered the sheriff's office. For eleven years he was deputy sheriff, and for seventeen years was connected with court house work. He has engaged profitably in various business enterprises, and in 1879 retired from active work. Mr. Wilson is a member of the United Presbyterian church. He has traveled extensively, possesses a broad culture, a keen business ability, and he ranks high among the prosperous and influential men of the city.

HIESTAND. The Hiestand family of East Hempfield township descends from John, or Johannes Hiestand, who prior to 1800 located on a tract of timber land just northeast of Salunga, of which tract the present Hiestand homestead or farm is a part—the original tract having been divided into four farms. A farmer himself, he passed all his days in the active pursuit of agriculture until he retired. John Hiestand was three times married, but of the first two wives nothing is now known, except the fact that by one or both of them there were six children born, viz.: John, Christopher, Abraham, Susan, Barbara and Maria. By his third and last wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Good, there were born seven children, who were named as follows: Jacob, Mary, Magdalene, Sarah, Catherine, Henry and Benjamin, of whom Henry is the only survivor, and who now occupies the old farm and homestead established by John, the pioneer, and by him improved with its present substantial buildings. The barn, which was destroyed by fire not long since, bore the date of 1801, while the dwelling, which is still standing, bears the date of 1804.

Jacob Hiestand, eldest born of the seven children of John and Catherine (Good) Hiestand, was born on this farm in 1814, and first confined his labor to the cultivation of the place, but later engaged in the coal and lumber business at Salunga, but did not entirely relinquish the supervision of his farm, which he cultivated by hired help. Jacob Hiestand was one of the most public spirited and progressive men of the county, and was a trustee in the Mennon-

ite church. He married Elizabeth Stehman, who was born in 1820, and died in 1861, the mother of ten children: John; Henry S., of whom mention is made in the sketch of Simon H. Hiestand; Catherine, deceased wife of Christian Swarr; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Amos Lehman; Sarah, wife of Daniel Kready, of Manor township; Barbara, married to Abraham Harnish; Mary, now Mrs. Christian Mussleman; Susan, deceased wife of Christian Swartley; Annie, wife of Phares Mussleman; and Fannie, who died unmarried.

Henry S. Hiestand, son of Jacob, received a sound common school education, and at twenty-six years of age began farming on his own account on his present farm of 110 acres, and continued the calling until 1899, when he retired. His marriage to Miss Fanny Herr took place Nov. 11, 1870; she was born in 1849, and was a daughter of Christian and Mary (Hostetter) Herr, both of whom are now deceased.

SIMON H. HIESTAND, a thriving young general merchant, postmaster and agent for the Adams Express Co. and for the Penn Township Mutual Fire Insurance Association, at Salunga, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield township, June 22, 1873, son of Henry S. and Fanny H. (Herr) Hiestand, natives of East Hempfield and Rapho townships, respectively.

Henry S. Hiestand, father of Simon H., was born in 1853, was reared a farmer and is now living retired on the old homestead in East Hempfield township. Mrs. Fanny H. Hiestand passed away in 1891, at the age of forty-one years, a member of the Mennonite Church, and was buried in Landisville, this county. The children born to Henry S. Hiestand and wife were seven in number, and were named as follows: Amos H., farming on the old homestead; Simon H., whose name opens this sketch; Anna H., Albert, Lizzie, Fanny and Henry, Jr., all at home.

Simon H. Hiestand lived on the home farm until seventeen years old, meanwhile receiving the usual district school education, and then entered the Lancaster Business College, from which he was graduated in due course, and he then entered the branch house of Wanamaker & Brown at Harrisburg, in order to become acquainted with the business, and after traveling two years for the same firm, he, on Jan. 1, 1895, opened his present store at Salunga.

On March 26, 1895, Simon H. Hiestand married, in East Lampeter township, Miss Bertha M. Denlinger, who has borne him two children: Victor D., deceased; and Verne E. Mrs. Bertha M. (Denlinger) Hiestand was born in East Lampeter township, a daughter of David and Susan (Myers) Denlinger, the father being a retired farmer and residing in Salunga.

Simon H. Hiestand is a Republican in politics, and his first public office was that of school director, to which he was appointed for a year, but proved to

be so efficient as to be elected for the three years following. On Nov. 14, 1900, he was appointed postmaster by President McKinley, and is still satisfactorily discharging the duties of that office. This young merchant has already made his mark in the business world, and by his fair and liberal dealing has secured the confidence and good will of the general public of Salunga and surrounding country. The Union Trust Co. was organized in January, 1902, and was opened for business the following March, with an authorized capital of \$300,000. Of this company Mr. Hiestand was elected a director. Socially Mr. and Mrs. Hiestand enjoy a very desirable position, being greatly esteemed by the leading people of Salunga. They are both consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

J. R. MISSENER, editor and publisher of the *Mount Joy Star and News*, and also the editor and publisher of the *Steelton Advocate and Verdict*, is a son of George and Elizabeth Missener, both of whom are now deceased. He was born on the banks of the Little Chiques Creek, in Mount Joy township, March 24, 1851. Mr. Missener's ancestors originally came from Switzerland about two hundred years ago. His grandfather was a justice of the peace for many years. His father, a miller and farmer, died almost half a century ago.

Mr. Missener spent the first twenty-five years of his life on the farm where he was born. There he received the education which the country schools afforded at that time, and the important practical training, which industrious employment in farming gave him. At the age of seventeen he was granted a teacher's certificate, by the county superintendent, and he taught school in his native township three terms. When he was twenty-one years of age he was elected a justice of the peace for five years, at the expiration of which he was elected for a second term. During that time he carried on an extensive business as a surveyor. In 1875 our subject engaged in the newspaper and printing business, which he has followed ever since. At that time he established the *Milton Grove News*. In 1878 he purchased the *Mount Joy Star and News*, and consolidated the two papers, under the title of the *Mount Joy Star and News*, which paper he published for ten years, enlarging and improving it, and making it a power in that section. For a number of years it was the largest of the eighteen newspapers in the county, outside of Lancaster city. Mr. Missener conducted a newspaper syndicate for a number of years, during which time he edited and published the *Florin Independent*, the *Bainbridge Banner*, *Sporting Hill Messenger*, *Salunga Siftings*, *Landisville Vigil*. In 1888 he purchased the *Steelton Advocate*, which he has been publishing ever since. At the present time he is issuing only a weekly edition, but for some time prior to the hard times of 1893 he published the *Daily Advocate*. In 1892 Mr. Missener associated his son, George W., in business with him. The junior mem-

ber of the firm was only fifteen years of age at that time, and was the youngest editor and newspaper publisher in the United States. In 1898 our subject purchased the *Steelton Verdict*, which he consolidated under the title of *Advocate and Verdict*. Mr. Missener believes in training his sons to practical business, and at an early age, in fact while yet in their teens, all his sons, George, Garfield, John and Benjamin, were associated with him. In 1893 Mr. Missener again purchased the *Mount Joy Star and News*, which he had sold six years before. Since that time he is publishing the *Steelton Advocate and Verdict*, as well the *Mount Joy Star and News*, but both offices and papers are as distinct and separate as though they belonged to different proprietors. In this feature of his business he is demonstrating, by practical operation, the advantage of having more than one newspaper and printing office under one management. This plan has been carried out very successfully in many branches of business, but had not before been attempted in the publication of country newspapers. The result is so eminently successful that he is considering the addition of another newspaper and printing office to his list.

Mr. Missener has always taken a prominent part in politics, but though frequently urged to run for office has never done so, except in the case of local positions, for which he has never been defeated. His newspapers have wielded much important influence in shaping and controlling local politics. While he had his hands so full of work at home, he has not failed to look abroad. He has made for himself a notable record as a traveler, having been to Canada three times and across the continent twice, going as far West as the Pacific ocean, and South to the Gulf of Mexico.

In March, 1877, Mr. Missener was married to Miss Fannie R. Weaver, by whom he has had nine children. His two eldest sons, George and Garfield, are printers in New York City. His sons John and Benjamin are associated with him in his newspaper and printing business. His daughters, Mary and Bertha, and his youngest son, Edgar, are also at home. Daniel and Kathryn joined the silent majority in their infancy.

CLINTON HIMES. Historical associations cluster about the home and the home-life of this influential and well-known resident of Salisbury township. His home, known as Ivy mansion, was built one hundred years ago, and was, before the railroad era, the old stage coach house and postoffice. Here Gen. Lafayette, while on his way to Lancaster in the year 1825, tarried a few hours and received public entertainment. Ivy mansion was then a center of commerce and travel, past which and through which the current of human events flowed ceaselessly.

Mr. Himes was born in Leacock township May 9, 1831, son of Rees C. and Sarah (Eckert) Himes, and grandson of Thomas and Catherine (Clem-

ens) Himes, of Chester county. The grandfather died at Honeybrook, and Rees C. came in his boyhood with his widowed mother to Lancaster county, settling in East Earl township. In his early manhood he engaged successfully in mercantile pursuits in Leacock township, later yielding its more active duties for the comparative quiet of an agricultural life, passed in Salisbury township. Here he died in the prime of life in May, 1849, aged forty-nine years. He had married Sarah Eckert, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of George Eckert. She survived him many years, passing away in August, 1899, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. Rees C. and Sarah Himes were active members of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church. The children born to them were as follows: Clinton, subject of this sketch; George Clemens, a farmer who died in 1856; Cecelia, who married Rees C. Himes, a retired farmer of Shippensburg, Pa.; Anna C., who lives unmarried on the old homestead Spring Run Farm, in Salisbury township; Susan A. and Martha L., both residing unmarried on the old homestead; P. Timlow, who died young; and Rees L., justice of the peace at Kinzers, Pennsylvania.

Clinton Himes was a lad of eighteen years, the eldest of a family of eight children, when the household was bereft by the death of the father and husband. Responsibility thus came to him early in life. He took up its cares, and for many years conducted the affairs of his mother's estate. He attained standing in public and religious affairs, and possessing the taste and the opportunities for a broad culture he ripened into a deep and influential thinker, attaining prominence in the constantly widening circle of his acquaintanceship.

Mr. Himes married Feb. 28, 1878, at Peoria, Ill., Sophia R. (McIlvaine) Negley, daughter of Rev. William B. and Elizabeth (Breeding) McIlvaine. Her father was a well-known divine of the Presbyterian church, who for forty-one years was pastor of East Liberty Church at Pittsburg, Pa., but resigning that charge on account of ill health, he removed to Peoria, Ill., where he preached for twenty years.

The MCILVAINE family had been prominently identified with the development of Lancaster county for several generations. It was founded here by Robert McIlvaine, who in 1729, came to the county from Philadelphia. He had been an elder in the old Pine Street Church at Philadelphia, and after his settlement in Lancaster he followed farming. His home consisted of a 200-acre tract lying in Salisbury and Paradise townships, which had been purchased from William Penn by his father-in-law, George Duffield. To Robert and Mary (Duffield) McIlvaine were born five children: Andrew, who removed to Butler county; William; Elizabeth (Mrs. Springer); George; and Robert.

George McIlvaine, son of Robert and Mary (Duffield) McIlvaine, was born about 1742. He was a lieutenant in the Continental army during the

Revolutionary war, and served at Valley Forge. He was a man of superior intellectual attainments, and for forty years was an elder in the Leacock Presbyterian church. He married Jane Hamilton, and their family consisted of four children, namely: Robert; Mary, wife of William Dickson, editor of the Lancaster *Intelligence*; Jane, wife of Capt. John Slaymaker; and Elizabeth, wife of James Boyd, of Philadelphia. George McIlvaine, the father of these children, died in 1807, aged sixty-five years; his wife died in 1790, aged thirty-two years.

Robert McIlvaine, son of George and Jane McIlvaine, was, like his father, a farmer by occupation. He served as an ensign in the war of 1812, and was for twenty years an elder in the Pequea Church. He was twice married; by his first wife, Sarah Slemmons, who died in 1818, aged thirty-seven years, he had six children, namely: Thomas S., George D., William B., Jane (who married James Slaymaker) and John and Sarah (twins, the latter becoming the wife of Isaac Walker). By his second wife, Abigail Whitill, Robert McIlvaine had one child, Mary, who married James McHaffy. Mr. McIlvaine passed away in 1832, aged fifty-five years.

William B. McIlvaine was born in 1807. He was reared in Lancaster county and received a collegiate education at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., concluding his theological studies at Princeton Theological Seminary, from which institution he graduated. He was thrice married, his first wife being Sophia S. L. Duffield, daughter of Dr. William Duffield, who died at Pittsburg in 1830. His second wife, whom he married in 1832, was Elizabeth Breading, who was born in Fayette county, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Ewing) Breading, natives, respectively, of Lancaster county, Pa., and of Cecil county, Md. Nathaniel Breading served in the Continental army as commissary in 1777-78; he was principal of the academy at Newark when the Revolutionary war began, but the Continental troops took possession of his school, and his occupation thus gone, he found service in the army. He became judge of the courts in Fayette county, where he died at Tower Hill. The Breading and Ewing families came from Londonderry, Ireland, in 1725, the former settling in Little Britain, Lancaster Co., Pa., and the latter in Cecil county, Md. By his marriage to Elizabeth Breading Rev. William B. McIlvaine had four children: Mary E., who died at the age of twelve years; George H., who for many years was cashier and later president of the Peoria National Bank, and who died Jan. 1, 1897; Sophia R., wife of our subject; and William D., who died at the age of ten years. The mother died in 1850, aged forty-one years. The third wife of Rev. William B. McIlvaine was Margaret McGiffin, daughter of Thomas McGiffin, of Washington, Pa., and to them was born a son, Thomas, now a physician at Peoria, Ill. Rev. McIlvaine died at Peoria in May, 1892, aged eighty-five years.

To Clinton and Sophia R. (McIlvaine) Himes

was born one child, a daughter, Sarah Rees, who resides at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Himes are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been trustee for the past forty years. In politics he is a Republican. With its ancestry of several generations, both paternal and maternal, prominent in the development of Lancaster county, men and women of superior mentality, possessing strong personal convictions and high principles, combined with business sagacity of a high order, it would be but natural to look to this family for a representative of the best life of Lancaster county. Nor would that expectation be disappointed. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Himes is one in which may be found the charm of manner, the graces and accomplishments which blossom best in an environment of earnest purpose, of good will towards men, of interest in public and social affairs, of devotion and loyalty to causes espoused. It is a home from which radiate many strong influences for the happiness and the development of those whose good fortune it is to come within its beneficence.

GEORGE EDWARD WISNER, the leading manufacturer of paper and cigar boxes in Lancaster, has an exceedingly interesting history, not only in the matter of his long and illustrious ancestry in this country, but in the development of his business from a very small beginning to extensive proportions. His ancestors on his father's side came from Germany, while the progenitors of his mother, the Werntzes and the Fon Dersmiths, came from Berlin. Quite recently articles appeared in the press of this country telling of the claims the descendants of these people made to the greater part of Berlin, alleging that it was given to one of their ancestors in payment for arms furnished the authorities in one of the early German wars. Mr. Wisner's great-great-grandparents on both sides are buried at Strasburg, Lancaster county, thus showing the early settlement of these families in Lancaster.

Jacob Wisner, the grandfather of George E., once farmed the land on which the home and factory now stand. Indeed, he farmed a large tract of land in that section before the western development of the city took place.

Jonah Wisner, father of George E., married Ann Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Rosanna Werntz, of Strasburg. Mr. Werntz was known as "The Blacksmith" of Strasburg, and was employed at one time by the Colemans, the "iron kings" of Colebrook furnace, Lebanon county. By this union there were four children, of whom George E., is the only survivor. The father died in 1861, when George was only thirteen years old, but the mother still survives and resides with our subject.

George E. Wisner was born April 27, 1848, and up to the time of his father's death attended the public schools of this city, but at that time he bravely faced his duty as a loyal and devoted son to his widowed mother, and right manfully set about mak-

ing his way in the world. The young lad first secured employment in the rifle works of Henry E. Leaman, and his next scene of employment was at Twining's whip factory. At the age of fourteen he took entire charge of a soap factory for six months. In 1861 he entered the old *Express* office as an apprentice at printing, remaining there for three years. From printing he passed to photographing, and then was employed at the confectionery business with Charles Eden and Joseph R. Royer. After finishing his apprenticeship he started in the confectionery business for himself at the corner of North Queen and Walnut streets, where he remained five years, when he moved to Columbia, Lancaster county, and continued in the same business four years longer. At the end of that time he closed out his business and returned to Lancaster. In 1884 Mr. Wisner began the manufacture of cigar boxes at his present location, No. 515 West Chestnut street, starting the enterprise in the wash-kitchen of his residence. As his business grew he converted an extensive chicken coop on his lot into a cigar box factory. In 1891 he built a four-story brick structure 20x40 feet, fitting it out with the most modern requirements for the trade, having added paper boxes to his line. His business has so greatly increased, that in 1895 he built a four-story brick annex to his main structure, 40x30 feet, both buildings being filled to-day with busy workers engaged in supplying Mr. Wisner's patrons in Lancaster and the neighboring towns. He employs some sixty hands.

In 1875 Mr. Wisner was married to Miss Mary R., daughter of the late Charles Kryder, of Lancaster, the manufacturer of a celebrated herbs biters. To this union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Charles Edward, was the leading salesman in Kirk Johnson & Co.'s music store for a number of years, but is now a teacher of music, and an organist and pianist of acknowledged merit; his work is largely devoted to classical music. He is the organist of the First Methodist Church of Lancaster. Mrs. Wisner died in 1885.

Mr. Wisner is a member of the First Methodist Church, having been associated with this body since 1867. He has been a church and Sunday School worker from boyhood, and was secretary of the Sunday School for fifteen years. He is now president of the Landisville Camp Meeting Association, in which he is very much interested; was an organizer and is a director in the Lancaster General Hospital, and belongs to the Lancaster Board of Trade. Mr. Wisner is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Odd Fellows, and the Junior American Mechanics. In politics he is a stalwart Republican and a champion of the temperance cause, in which he has been engaged since he was fifteen years old, and his position on that subject is beyond doubt or hesitation. Positive and upright as he is, his heart is ever open to the appeals of the erring, to whom he has always proved a good Samaritan.

MCGOWAN. Few citizens of Sadsbury township left more friends when called from earth than did John McGowan, whose widow, MRS. ANNIE E. MCGOWAN, lives on the comfortable home place in this township. Mrs. McGowan was born on the old home farm, in Bart township, whither her parents had removed in 1832, a daughter of Samuel and Eliza A. (Hollis) Good, natives of Chester county. The mother died in 1861 at the age of fifty-eight years, but the father, having lived ten years of retirement, in Christiana, died in 1888, at the age of eighty-eight years. Their parents were: Jacob and Anna (Boyl) Good, of Chester county, and German ancestry, and George and Ann (Moore) Hollis, natives of Chester county, who moved to Lancaster county at an early day.

The children born to Samuel and Eliza A. (Hollis) Good were: Joseph F., who is a machinist, at Renovo, Pa.; Annie E., who became the wife of John McGowan; Sarah J., unmarried, living in Chester county; William H., who is an insurance agent in Philadelphia; Mary L., who lives, unmarried, with her sister in Chester county; Samuel R., a contractor and builder of Philadelphia; George W., deceased; John M., a farmer of Bartville. The parents were worthy and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and were buried in Middle Octoraro cemetery.

JOHN MCGOWAN was born in Sadsbury township Aug. 20, 1832, a son of John, Sr., and Catherine (Knott) McGowan, and he died June 28, 1897.

John McGowan, Sr., was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, son of John and Anna McGowan, natives of that county, May 2, 1798, and he died in Sadsbury township Oct. 18, 1851, and was buried in Cochranville cemetery, but in 1895 his remains, with those of his two daughters, were removed to Mt. Pleasant, Pa. The other children in the family of John and Anna McGowan were: Anna, Margaret, Sarah, James and Thomas. John McGowan, Sr., came to America in June, 1819, and settled in New York for one year, and then removed to Lancaster county, Pa., where he was employed on the farm of David Brisbea, in Salisbury township, for a period of three years. He then became a clerk for the late Daniel Buckley in the iron works in the Salisbury district, remaining with that firm until the death of Mr. Buckley in 1825. Later he went to Lebanon county, and there became a clerk for James Coleman, in the iron works, for the succeeding three years, when he was made manager for the late James Sproul, the iron manufacturer, in Sadsbury township.

Mr. McGowan remained with this concern for a period of six years and then became the manager in the iron works of Swayne & Pennock, located one mile from his former place of work. Here he remained for two years, but business difficulties assailed this firm and at a forced sale Mr. Sproul rented these works for a period of thirteen years, John McGowan continuing as manager, making money

during this time not only for himself, but also for Mr. Sproul. After the death of the latter, who had always taken a deep interest in his faithful manager, Mr. McGowan moved to Atglen, Pa., where he lived for one year in retirement. Mr. McGowan, on April 1, 1849, purchased a farm in the valley, in Sadsbury township, and there he passed the last years of a very useful life. Mr. McGowan was a man of superior education and great business ability. With almost all of the progress and development of his section he was thoroughly identified, and he held many of the local offices, notably, school trustee and auditor, for many years. His family were left very well provided for, his estate being valued at something like \$30,000, which was efficiently managed by his widow, who was a woman of excellent judgment and executive ability.

John McGowan, Sr., was married in 1830 in Lancaster, to Catherine Knott, who was a daughter of William and Sarah (Miller) Knott, natives of Maryland, who came to Sadsbury township at an early day, where Mr. Knott became an iron worker and farmer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. McGowan were: Hon. William, who for thirty-five years has been a justice of the peace in Christiana, Pa., has held all of the local offices except constable, served with distinction four terms in the House of Representatives, and was a delegate during two terms in the county convention; John, mentioned below; Joseph, in the government service, who was a soldier in the Civil war; Samuel, who is a retired merchant at Christiana, Pa.; Caleb B., who lives a retired life at Atglen, Pa.; Clement B., deceased; Dr. Hiram, who is a well-known physician of Harrisburg, Pa.; Thomas, who was a deputy internal revenue collector; Noble, who is a merchant in Philadelphia; Sarah A., who lives unmarried, in Christiana; Rachel, also unmarried, and resident of Christiana; Mary, unmarried, and living in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of Philip B. Rea, of Chestnut Level, Pa.; Hannah P., who died in infancy; and Margaret, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-one years. The mother died Sept. 17, 1888, at the age of seventy-seven years.

John McGowan grew up on the farm and devoted his life to that occupation. His education was obtained in the public schools of his neighborhood, and he became identified with the best interests of his locality. In politics he was an active member of the Republican party, and most efficiently filled many of the township offices, notably those of assessor, tax collector and auditor, and was a leader in political circles.

Mr. McGowan was married (first) May 19, 1859, to Elizabeth J. Davis, and their two children were: Catherine, a resident of Christiana; and Joanna, the widow of William E. Thompson, also of Christiana. On Feb. 6, 1879, Mr. McGowan wedded Annie E. Good, at her home in Bart township. The one son of this marriage, John W., manages the home farm. Here Mr. McGowan settled in 1891,

having previously occupied one located within one-eighth of a mile. It is well improved and valuable, Mr. McGowan having been an excellent farmer and good manager. His high character made him esteemed through the county, while his neighborly kindness and domestic virtues made him beloved by a large circle of friends.

EUGENE BAUER, in his lifetime a popular hotelkeeper at Lancaster, was a native of Freiburg, Baden, Germany, where his parents, John Joseph and Margaret (Kern) Bauer, were well-to-do people. They owned valuable stone quarries and a number of boats on the Rhine. Of their nine children, but three came to America: Eugene, Margaret, who married Frederick Munz, and resides in Philadelphia; and Malena, who married Charles Schmitt, of Philadelphia.

When he was eighteen years of age Eugene Bauer came to America to win home and fortune amid the wider opportunities of the new country. His first employment was at his trade, that of monument work, and he assisted in the building of the Columbia Bridge and St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Abandoning his trade, he entered the employ of Lawrence Knapp, of the "Empire Hotel," in East King street, and after long service there purchased the "Golden Horse Hotel," which he conducted for thirteen years. His genial disposition made him an ideal host, and his hostelry was ever popular and well filled. His death occurred Aug. 14, 1894, when he was aged forty-four years.

In early manhood Mr. Bauer married Miss Judith Lamparter, daughter of the late Eberhart J. Lamparter, and two children came to bless their home: Eugene, who died when one and a half years old; and Eberhart J. The latter was engaged in the plumbing and gas fitting business in Lancaster, and formerly had been manager of the Sporting Goods Co., but on June 12, 1900, he started on a pleasure trip to Idaho, and, liking that country, determined to make it his home. On June 10, 1901, he married Miss Mabel Hartmyer, of Lancaster. Like his father, Eberhart J. Bauer was very popular, and no two men in Lancaster were greater favorites with the public than they.

In his political affiliations Eugene Bauer was a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the I. O. O. F. Always looking to the best interests of his adopted town, he was ever foremost in giving of his time and means to any measure that would advance the moral or material welfare of Lancaster. He was an active member of the Union Fire Co. for a number of years.

Mrs. Bauer still owns the "Golden Horse Hotel," but rents it, devoting her time to religious, charitable and social duties. Her greatest pleasure is in doing good to others.

Eberhart J. Lamparter, father of Mrs. Bauer, was a tanner at Millport, in this county. Abandoning that occupation, he engaged in the manufacture of

glue, and, removing to Rockland, established a glue factory in 1865, and died there in 1869. The factory is still run by one of his sons. Mr. Lamparter married Miss Elizabeth Helb, sister of Jacob Helb, one of the pioneer tanners of Lancaster, and to this union came nine children, six of whom are living: Jacob, George and Eberhart, glue manufacturers of Rockland; Miss Pauline, living in the homestead on Rockland street; Miss Lisette D., pension clerk at Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. Judith Bauer, of Lancaster. The mother of this notable family died Sept. 13, 1899.

JOHN ZERCHER, Superintendent of The Helvetia Leather Co., of Lancaster, is one of the prominent men and leading citizens of this community. His connection with the above named company has dated since 1888, after a long business experience with other reputable firms. He is a native son of Lancaster county, born in New Danville, April 20, 1838, his parents being John, Sr., and Esther (Shaub) Zercher, both of Lancaster county.

John Zercher, Sr., was a weaver in early life and later took charge of the hotel in New Danville, and then operated a general store in the same village for two years. He then turned his attention to farming, and it was upon his farm in Pequea township that his death occurred in 1872, at the age of sixty-seven years. His widow, Esther (Shaub), survived until 1895, dying at the age of eighty-three years. They were members of the Dunkard faith, and were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Mennonite Stone Church, near New Danville. They had two children: Christian S., a millwright, who moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 1870, and lives there, in retirement; and John.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Zercher were John and Elizabeth (Tanger) Zercher, the former of whom was a miller in this county, of Swiss extraction. Their family consisted of the following members: Harry, deceased, was a miller in this county; Andrew, deceased, was a wheelwright and a farmer, and died in Conestoga township, where he lived retired; John became the father of our subject; Jacob, deceased, was a farmer of prominence, a large landholder in Adams county, Ohio; and Anna died at the age of fourteen years. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Zercher were John and Esther (Goghenauer) Shaub, natives and farming people of Lancaster county, of German extraction.

Until his marriage Mr. Zercher made his home with his parents. His early rearing was on the farm, and his education was acquired in the district schools. At the age of seventeen he began teaching school at Run Valley, and taught for eight consecutive terms—in fact, if Mr. Zercher had not turned his attention to other lines of usefulness, it is probable that he would have become a noted educator. Three years were then spent in farming and then, seeking a wider field, he went to Lancaster, and there became bookkeeper for Samuel Hess, in the lumber



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business, and also filled the same position for one year with Thomas & Henry Baumgardner, coal merchants. He then became bookkeeper in the tannery of Amos Hollinger, which business connection lasted for twenty years, and during this time Mr. Zercher, in addition to his other duties, taught two terms of school. In 1888 Mr. Zercher accepted the position of bookkeeper, superintendent and general manager for The Helvetia Leather Co., with R. J. Houston as president, and Charles J. Landis, as treasurer, the last named gentleman retaining his connection with the company until April, 1889, when he became Judge of the courts in the county. The Helvetia Leather Co. was established in 1887, and the plant is located at Nos. 520-538 Poplar street, Lancaster, and employs a force of ten men. They manufacture (by patent process) belting, picker, apron and lacing leather and also oak leather belting. It is one of the flourishing industries of the city and much of its prosperity is due to the excellent business methods and wise supervision of Mr. Zercher.

In 1863, when the State militia was increased in order to repel invasion, Mr. Zercher became a volunteer in the 50th Regiment under Brig.-Gen. Franklin and Capt. David Bear, for one hundred days' service. This regiment was used for guard duty along the Potomac river, and fortunately saw no serious trouble, being discharged in six weeks, at Harrisburg. In politics Mr. Zercher is a staunch Republican and has efficiently filled some office in almost every place which has been his temporary home. For six years he was assessor in Pequea township; for eight years he served as school director in West Lampeter township, and was then elected justice of the peace for five years, serving with credit for four years, when he resigned the office on account of removal to New Danville. With his family he belongs to and supports St. Paul's Reformed Church.

In December, 1859, Mr. Zercher was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Barbara Rowe, born in West Lampeter township, in May, 1837, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Weaver) Rowe, of Lancaster county, where for a considerable period he was a shoemaker, later operated a hotel at Willowstreet and then became a successful farmer. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Zercher were as follows: Emma, who is the widow of Jacob M. Harnish, resides with her father; Ada L., who died at the age of four years; George W., who died at the age of two and one-half years; Clara A., who married Irvin S. Schmehl, a druggist in Philadelphia, and had three children, James Frederick, Emma Florence and John Irwin, of whom the last named died at the age of five years; and Miss Nora, who resides at home. Mr. Zercher is a man of intellect and means, and is well and favorably known through Lancaster county.

DAVID B. MYERS, who was well and favorably known for many years in East Donegal and adjoining townships, and who died Dec. 17, 1900, was

born in East Donegal township Oct. 5, 1834, a son of Henry and Barbara (Brenner) Myers. The family history is quite fully treated under the head of Michael B. Myers on another page. The parents lived to a ripe old age, and were much loved and respected in the community in which their peaceful and well-ordered lives were passed.

David B. Myers was married, in 1876, in Marietta, Pa., to Miss Mary Shoemaker, by whom he had one child, Clara, who married Samuel Eshleman, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, and became the mother of two children, Walter and David, but is now deceased. Mrs. Mary (Shoemaker) Myers was born near Manheim, in Rapho township, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Hershey) Shoemaker, of the same township, who now live in Mt. Joy township, where the former who was born in 1828, is now a farmer. Mrs. Elizabeth (Hershey) Shoemaker was born in 1833, and died in 1891, and was buried in Florin Cemetery. Both were members of the German United Brethren Church. Their children were: Christ, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Elizabeth, married to Monroe Shaffer, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Anna, who married Jacob Frye, a farmer at Centreville; Mary; Hettie and John, at home; Sarah, (deceased); and Harry, at home.

David B. Myers was engaged in farming until the spring of 1900, when he gave up farm work, and moved to the home he occupied for a number of years. In his earlier years he was closely associated with his father in farming operations, and it was not until 1872 that he purchased the farm to which he devoted a good part of his life. In politics he was a Republican. For several years Mr. Myers had been sickly, and shortly before his death was stricken with paralysis. Before his health failed he built a fine three-story brick house, which stands on the cross roads, about a half mile from Florin.

CAPT. PHILIP L. SPRECHER. No more capable leader or more gallant soldier stepped forth from the farmer ranks of Pennsylvania into the garish light of the Union army during the Civil war than Capt. Philip L. Sprecher, in private life a hotel manager, merchant, master of the science of deduction as an expert detective, as well as an all around versatile man of affairs. In the wake of a strenuous and varied career he is one of the most popular men in Lancaster county, and bears a reputation commensurate with his large attainments and splendid personal characteristics. A native son of Lancaster county, he was born at New Holland, Sept. 12, 1839, was educated in the district schools, and spent his earliest boyhood days on the paternal farm. When ten years of age he found employment in the hardware and implement store of his two half brothers, George D. and W. D. Sprecher, with whom he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war, an opportunity which ignited the possibilities of men, and of none more than Capt. Philip L. Sprecher. On the paternal side his ancestors are identical with

those of George D. Sprecher, who is mentioned at length elsewhere.

The justice of the plaint of the Southern slave found no greater confirmation than in the service of such soldiers as Captain Sprecher. No finer record illuminates this time of unloosed passions, of unreasoning and bitter hate. A fair idea of his place in the roll call of the national honor is best conveyed by the following interesting account compiled from authentic sources for the United States Army and Navy Association:

"Philip L. Sprecher enlisted from Lancaster county, Pa., on the 4th of June, 1861, to serve three years or during the war, and was mustered into the United States service at Westchester, Pa., as a private of Capt. Thomas B. Barton's company B, 30th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the First Pennsylvania Reserve, Colonel R. Biddle Roberts commanding. The regiment rendezvoused at Camp Wayne, near Westchester, Pa., and left the state for Baltimore, July 22d, thence moved to Annapolis, Md., where it performed guard duty until the 30th, when it moved to Washington, D. C., thence to Tennallytown, Md., where it was assigned to the 1st Brigade of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps. On October 10th marched to Langley, Va., and December 20th to Dranesville, Va., reaching the latter place just after the battle had closed. March 10, 1862, marched to Alexandria, Va., and was soon after assigned to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 1st Corps, and later to the 5th Corps, Army of the Potomac. It participated in the following engagements, viz.: Tunstall Station, Seven Days Fight, including Mechanicsville, Gaines Mills, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Cross Roads, Malvern Hill, Manassas, Bull Run, Chantilly, Va., South Mountain, Antietam Creek, Antietam, Md., Bennett House, Fredericksburg, Va., Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, Mile Run Campaign, New Hope Church, Wilderness, Parker's Store, Spottsylvania, Laurel Hill, North Anna, Jericho Ford, Tolopotomy, Bethesda Church, and numerous minor skirmishes.

"The said Philip L. Sprecher was at all times with his command, and for gallantry and meritorious conduct was promoted to Corporal August 17, 1861, and to sergeant October 18, 1861, and was commissioned 2nd lieutenant March 1, 1863, for conspicuous bravery, and to brevet 1st lieutenant to date from March 13, 1865, for gallantry and meritorious service in the Wilderness Campaign. At the battle of Antietam, he, with a comrade, forced themselves into the enemy's lines, but succeeded in returning to the Union lines, having captured two Rebel officers and two men. He still has in his possession a sword that he took from one of the said officials. He was honorably discharged June 13, 1864, at Philadelphia, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. He re-enlisted, July 20, 1864, to serve one hundred days, and was mustered into the service at Camp Curtin, Philadelphia, and commissioned captain of Company G, 195th Regiment Pennsylvania Volun-

teer Infantry, Colonel Joseph W. Fisher commanding. He veteranized to serve one year or during the war, and on Nov. 1, 1864, was transferred to command of Company C, of the same regiment, Colonel Fisher being still in command.

"On July 24, 1864, the regiment moved to Baltimore, Md., thence to Monocacy Junction, where it was engaged in guarding lines of railroad, and was thoroughly drilled, on the 1st of October proceeding to Berkeley county, W. Va., and was posted along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, with headquarters at North Mountain station. In February, 1865, the regiment was re-organized and shortly afterward ordered to Charleston, where it formed part of the command of Gen. T. W. Egan. On April 1st the regiment was detailed to guard the fords of the Shenandoah river, with headquarters at Cabletown, afterward moved to Berryville and Harrisonburg, performing guard duty and provost duty until ordered home for muster out, on the way participating in a number of skirmishes with bands of the enemy.

"Captain Sprecher was constantly with his respective commands during his three enlistments, and earned high commendations, as is evidenced by his frequent promotions. He received his final honorable discharge June 21, 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., by reason of the close of the war."

But one thing concerning the captain's army record should be added to the above, and that is that he was discharged with the rank of brevet major. Interesting as was his military career, however, his experiences in civil life have been quite as entertaining.

After the war Capt. Sprecher found employment as a salesman for the late A. W. Russell, hardware merchant, after which he clerked at the "Leopard Hotel" for a time, and in 1866 became superintendent of the "Lititz Springs Hotel," remaining in that capacity three years. For the following two years he was proprietor of the "Neffsville Hotel," and in 1873 we find him in the office of the chief of police of Lancaster, serving two terms under the administration of Capt. W. D. Stauffer. He then opened a detective bureau, having discovered a natural aptitude for work of this kind, and the wisdom of this departure was evidenced by the speedy reputation he made all over the State as a cool, collected, and wise determiner of criminal responsibility. The attributes which had made him a soldier par excellence, were in demand in his new line of work, and by applying them as occasion demanded he was enabled to make some of the most important arrests in the annals of Pennsylvania criminology. He captured John Frankford, the State's most desperate horse thief, and in this effort displayed unusual ingenuity. He followed the much wanted man's wife to Coatesville, boarding the train with her unnoticed, and without a weapon of any kind. Frankford was waiting at the railroad station for his wife, was fully armed, yet nevertheless surrendered to the Captain

after being informed that he would put a bullet hole through him if he refused to surrender. The desperado was much disgusted after boarding the train and being handcuffed, to learn that the Captain's arms were purely those of the imagination. This capture led to the conviction of the horse thief, and his sentence to nineteen years in the penitentiary. The Captain was also largely instrumental in securing the capture and breaking up of the notorious Buzzard gang of outlaws, and worked up the case that led to the conviction of James E. Pannell, the wife murderer, who, however, cheated the gallows by committing suicide.

After giving up the detective business Captain Sprecher entered the United States Internal Revenue service, in fact was twice in the service, from which he eventually resigned to remove to Franklin county. Here he found relief from the strenuous activity which had characterized his former life, and, purchasing a mill, managed the running of the same for about seven years. Upon returning to Lancaster he was a salesman in Diller's hardware store, afterward in Herr & Snively's establishment, and then became superintendent of the weaving department in the Lancaster county prison, a position which he is creditably filling at the present time.

Captain Sprecher married Mary Elizabeth Streaker, daughter of the late Benjamin Streaker. Of this union there was one son, Edward Diller, who died in March, 1898, at the age of twenty-eight. This son had been a bookkeeper in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster for ten years. Mrs. Sprecher died March 31, 1887. Captain Sprecher, whose residence is at No. 325 East Walnut street, Lancaster, is a quiet, unobtrusive gentleman, and only those who know of his splendidly directed life would suppose that his mind contained so many memories of great and important occurrences. Drawn out, he is intensely interesting, and his conversation is replete with the sparkle and conviction born of enthusiasm and direct knowledge of his subject. He is justly popular in military, political, business and social circles, and no man of whom we have any immediate knowledge in this neighborhood has greater strength of character, or exerts a more enviable influence.

WILLIAM C. PENNY. One of the thrifty and well-established farmers of Drumore township, is William C. Penny, who was born Feb. 29, 1848, son of Hugh and Sarah (Wentz) Penny, both of Drumore township, their extraction being Irish and English.

Hugh Penny, the father of William C., was born in 1812, a son of Joseph Penny, and died in 1882. He was one of the leading men of his township, well known and thoroughly respected. In 1836 he married Sarah Wentz, who was born in 1817 and died in 1889; she was a daughter of Joseph Wentz, of Martic township. Their marriage was blessed with these children: Mary M., who married Henry

Peagan, of Martic township, but is now deceased; Joseph, who is a farmer of Colerain township; Adelaide, the wife of Thomas Wilson, of York county, Pa.; Maria J., the wife of Aldus Aument, of East Drumore township; William C., our subject; Hugh J., of Chester county; and Laura M., who is the wife of William Overholt, a retired druggist of Baltimore, Maryland.

The Penny family in America can be easily traced to great-grandfather Hugh Penny, who came from Ireland at an early day and settled in the southern part of Lancaster county. He was a staunch Presbyterian and an uncompromising Democrat, and these two family beliefs have descended from father to son ever since.

Joseph Penny, the grandfather of our subject, reared these children: James; Hugh; Hannah, who married William Wentz; Sarah, who married John Wentz; Mary Jane, who married Thomas Wentz; and Harriet, who married Steele Morrison, all of these well known in their day, but all have passed away.

William C. Penny was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools of his native township, choosing farming as his life work. Although he was hampered in his early career by limited means, he has been careful and industrious, and now is the owner of a fine farm with good barns and improvements, and a most comfortable residence, as payment for his past labors. Their residence has some historic interest, having been built by the Calhoun Brothers, about 1815, they being the brothers of the great-grandmother of Mr. Penny.

On Dec. 21, 1882, Mr. Penny was married to Miss Mary J. Bockins, of Little Britain township, who was born Dec. 25, 1861, daughter of George and Sylvia (Wilson) Bockins, a family of English origin. Besides Mrs. Penny their children were: John L. of Little Britain township; and Fannie M., unmarried, a resident of Britain. Mr. Bockins was born in 1817 and died in 1889, his father having been Samuel Bockins, a member of one of the old families of this part of the State. His wife died in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Penny have no children of their own, but in the kindness of their hearts, they adopted five-year-old Charles R. Clark, who was born Aug. 4, 1885, and he has proven a dutiful and affectionate son, honestly grateful for the parental care he has received from Mr. and Mrs. Penny. Both Mr. Penny and wife are members of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church where they are highly valued. Mr. Penny enjoys the esteem of his neighbors and the affection of his friends, his estimable character being known through the locality. This is one of the truly representative families, in point of character and public respect, in Drumore township.

REUBEN K. SCHNADER, a prominent tobacco merchant of the city of Lancaster, as well as one of its keen, intelligent business men, was born Aug.

16, 1832, near what is now Terre Hill, East Earl township, this county, son of Jacob and Lydia (Clime) Schnader.

The Schnader family originated in this country with the great-great-grandfather of Reuben K., who emigrated, in the early part of the eighteenth century, to East Earl township, this county, settling on a farm which is still in possession of the Schnaders. It is not known where he is buried.

Jacob Schnader, the great-grandfather, was one of the organizers of the Centre Lutheran and Reformed Church, the site of which was the burial ground of one of his children. When Jacob settled four miles back from the Conestoga river, in the virgin forest, all the surrounding country was a wilderness, and he commenced to clear a farm with his axe. He worked with the energy of those men of iron, who seemed to know no fatigue, during his entire life, and at his death this sturdy pioneer was the owner of 1,000 acres of excellent land. Jacob Schnader was a most remarkable man, for he lived to his ninety-fifth year, being born in 1735 and died in 1829. He was married for the second time at the age of seventy-five.

Baltzer Schnader, son of Jacob and grandfather of Reuben K., was born in 1765, at the old homestead, where he resided until he married Barbara Kitzmiller, when he located in Franklin county, engaging in agricultural pursuits for a few years. He then returned to the township where he was born, became the owner of a fine farm of 270 acres, and erected a stone house for a place of residence. This was the first stone house built in the neighborhood; the roof was imported tiles, and the glass in the windows only four inches square.

Jacob Schnader, son of Baltzer and father of Reuben K., was born Dec. 25, 1800, and was one of a family of fourteen children. His death occurred Nov. 13, 1861, when he was sixty years, ten months and eighteen days old. He married Lydia Clime, who died Jan. 11, 1878, aged seventy-one years, nine months and twenty-three days. Both were interred in Terre Hill Cemetery. During his active life, the father was a farmer of Terre Hill, East Earl township, but retired before his death. Both he and his wife were consistent members of the Evangelical Church, and most worthy and excellent people. To them were born: Caroline, deceased, who married the late John Bowman of Mt. Joy; Sophia, deceased, wife of the late Jacob Flickinger; Davis, deceased; William, retired landowner of large means residing in Terre Hill, this county; Levi, a tinsmith of Adamstown; Reuben K.; and Lydia, who married Isaac R. Garman, an invalid retired from active business, residing at Reamstown, Pennsylvania.

The boyhood days of Reuben K. Schnader were similar to those of any hearty country boy, he working upon the farm in summer and attending subscription schools whenever opportunity offered. When he was nineteen, he went to Clearfield county to prospect for lime, and upon his return passed two

years in his native township, in company with his father operating a dry goods, grocery and grain business at Terre Hill. His next removal was to Brecknock township, this county, where for eight years he devoted himself to farming. In 1869 he located in Lancaster, and began handling leaf tobacco, in which line he has built up a large and constantly increasing business, and he also deals in cigars. His goods are reliable and some of his special brands of cigars have a large sale. In his establishment, he gives employment to thirty men, and all modern methods are used in the conduct of his business.

On Dec. 27, 1855, Mr. Schnader was married at Mechanicsburg, Pa., to Eliza Killian, born July 8, 1837, near Mechanicsburg, daughter of Philip and Nancy (Cunningham) Killian, farmers of Lancaster county. Mrs. Schnader died Nov. 27, 1896, and was buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery, Lancaster. Three children were born of this union: Walter R., Albert P. and John J., the latter of whom died in infancy. Walter R. resides in the adjoining house to his father, with whom he is in partnership; on June 21, 1882, he married Clara, daughter of Philip Schum, of this city, and they have one child—Roscoe. Albert P. is unmarried and resides with his father, he, too, being in business with him. Since his sons were taken into partnership, Mr. Schnader has transferred the greater portion of the business to their shoulders, and has partially retired.

Fraternally Mr. Schnader is a member of Earl Lodge, No. 413, I. O. O. F., at New Holland, and Lodge No. 68, K. P., at Lancaster. In political matters he is a Prohibitionist, and was school director in his native township six years, and occupied the same office for three years in the city of Lancaster, giving the most complete satisfaction, his interest in educational affairs being deep and intelligent. For twenty-five years he has been Sunday School superintendent of the Second Evangelical Church, now known as Bethany United Evangelical Church, of which he is one of the most honored members, and he is justly looked up to as one of the leading and generous supporters of that congregation.

FILBERT SMITH, one of the best known and most popular freight and passenger conductors in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was born at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, Jan. 3, 1851.

Mathias W. Smith, his father, was a well-known grocer and much respected citizen of Millersville, who for several years filled the office of coroner. He died Aug. 24, 1895, aged seventy-nine years, five months and twenty-eight days. He was an earnest Christian, and an earnest member of Bethel Church, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Rapp, who was born Jan. 8, 1818, and who died April 20, 1902, at the home of her daughter, Elizabeth, aged eighty-four years, three months and twelve days. By her marriage with Mr. Smith she became the mother of ten children: Simon and Eliza, who died in infancy; Mary (Mrs. Conrad Page);

Henry, who was drowned in the Pennsylvania canal; John, in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Filbert; Horace G., a railroad flagman living at Columbia; Sheaffer S., of York; Elizabeth, the wife of John Mathis, an iron molder of Royalton; and Edward, whose home is in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandfather of Filbert Smith was a farmer, and a life-long resident of Lancaster county. The family of Rapp were also Lancasterians, Mr. Smith's maternal grandfather, Jacob Rapp, being many years the sexton of the Lutheran Church at Elizabethtown.

On July 12, 1875, Filbert Smith was married to Mary C. Killinger, of Lancaster, the wedding taking place at Camden, N. J. Their union having been without issue, they adopted a daughter of his brother, John W. Smith, whose baptismal name was Pearl. On reaching womanhood she married D. Luther Black, a marble cutter of Columbia. Mrs. Smith was born June 10, 1858. Her father, John F. Killinger, was a hotel keeper of Harrisburg from 1875 until 1887, when he died, aged fifty-two years; he married Catherine Boot, who passed away in 1869, when a young woman of thirty-five years. Of their children Mrs. Smith was the third, the others being Anna, George, John, Edward, Emma, Salina, Sophia and Martha. Mrs. Smith, with her sisters Anna, Emma and Martha, are all that survive. Of these Anna is Mrs. Harry Reese, of Lancaster; Emma is the wife of Abel Barnett, of Philadelphia; and Martha also lives in Philadelphia. Sophia, deceased, was the wife of Harry Sanderson. After the death of Mrs. Smith's mother, her father married again, his second wife being Mary Peterman, who bore him one son, Valentine, since deceased.

Filbert Smith remained with his parents until his twenty-fourth year, and in 1875 came to Columbia. Long before that date he had become accustomed to hard work. When a boy of twelve he began driving along the towpath of the canal, and the next twelve years of his life were spent as a canal boatman. On reaching Columbia he found employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a brakeman, and eight years later he was given a position as flagman. His next promotion was to the post of freight conductor, and in May, 1900, he was transferred to the company's passenger service. He is of genial disposition, sunny temperament and generous heart, is faithful to his friends and charitable toward all. He is a member of various social and benevolent organizations, and among them are the I. O. O. F., the Order of Red Men, Knights of the Mystic Shrine, and the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. He is a Republican politically, and in religious belief an active member of the United Brethren Church.

WILLIAM MAXWELL. Few families in Sadsbury township enjoy a higher measure of esteem than the descendants of the late William Maxwell, who for many years was a prominent citizen

of Lancaster county, a successful merchant, excellent farmer and one who was ever interested in the advancement of all educational and moral enterprises in his locality.

The late William Maxwell was born in Stewartsville, N. J., some six miles from the town of Eastman, June 4, 1791, and after a busy and useful life of sixty years, passed away in his home on the farm now occupied by his daughter, in Sadsbury township, Feb. 4, 1851. His parents were Robert and Elenora (Salone) Maxwell, born in Ireland, but with a mixture of Scotch blood, a combination acknowledged to make the most robust and intelligent race of the present time. These parents came in their early married life to America, and settled in the State of New Jersey, where they engaged in farming and where they reared a large family. These were: Margaret, deceased, married Maxwell Kennedy, of Salisbury township, and had a family of twelve children; Elizabeth, deceased, married James Kennedy, and also resided in Salisbury township; Ellen, deceased, married Thomas Barton, and resided in Belvidere, N. J.; Anna, deceased, married Adam Ramsey; Jane died unmarried; Mary died unmarried; John married Mary Maxwell; and William.

William Maxwell spent his early years on a farm, but he was liberally educated, passing through college with honors, becoming a thorough classical scholar. He then embarked in the mercantile business, in association with his brother-in-law, Adam Ramsey, this partnership continuing until 1817. Prior to his marriage, William Maxwell came to the farm which is still in possession of his children, the estate originally consisting of 260 acres, from which ninety acres were sold some fifteen years ago. Although he was left an orphan at the age of eight years, he became a useful member of society, was noted for his industry and close attention to business, living a particularly unobtrusive life. This, however, did not prevent an active interest in educational and religious matters, his liberality assisting in the advancement of many beneficial enterprises. Although not connected by membership, he was a constant attendant and generous supporter of the Presbyterian Church. His political interest was with the Republican party.

On Feb. 20, 1817, William Maxwell was married in Sadsbury township, to Hannah Templin, and the children born to this union were: Ellen E., who was born Aug. 12, 1818, now resides on the old homestead; Henrietta T., born Jan. 3, 1820, died June 6, 1902; Jane T., born Dec. 13, 1821, died March 31, 1902; Robert, born July 13, 1823, married Mary Rea, and died in 1899, having been an elder in the Presbyterian Church for forty-five years; Richard T., who married Maria Stoner, died from a wound received during service in the Civil war; Henry, born July 2, 1830, died in 1856, unmarried; Mary T., born April 23, 1828, died June 25, 1890; Edward, born May 27, 1832, died in infancy; Han-

ford, born April 5, 1835, died Feb. 4, 1854, all of these having come into the world in the old homestead which has for the survivors the pleasant associations of a life-time. The three daughters of William Maxwell were all ladies of education, intelligence and refinement. Their memories of their parents were among their most precious recollections. They were universally esteemed through the neighborhood, and all were leading and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. J. R. Maxwell, only son of the late Robert Maxwell, has practiced medicine in Parkesburg, Pa., since 1888.

JOHN LEVERGOOD, M. D. The medical fraternity of Lancaster has numbered among its members some very prominent physicians in the past who have conferred great honor upon their noble profession. For four decades prior to 1891 Dr. John Levergood was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, and a man who was very prominent in its municipal and educational life. His surviving widow was the daughter of one of Lancaster's leading public men in past years, Judge Emanuel Schaeffer.

Dr. Levergood was born in Lower Windsor township, York Co., Pa., Feb. 13, 1826, and died in Lancaster July 5, 1891, the greensward of Woodward Hill Cemetery covering all that is mortal of him. He was the son of Jacob and Frances (Litzenberger) Levergood, the former of York, and the latter of Lancaster county, where Jacob died in 1850, his wife dying in Wrightsville, Pa., March 3, 1893, at the advanced age of ninety years. Jacob Levergood was an extensive farmer of York county and prominent in the public life of his community for many years. His children were: William, a retired school teacher of Philadelphia, Pa.; Jacob P., in the tobacco business, Wrightsville, Pa., where he is also justice of the peace; and John.

On Oct. 25, 1849, in Lancaster, Pa., Dr. Levergood was married to Margaret Louisa Schaeffer, who was born in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Hon. Emanuel and Elizabeth (Metzger) Schaeffer.

Emanuel Schaeffer was a native of this county, born Feb. 27, 1793. Having lost his father when young, his mother and her children became part of the household of his maternal grandfather, John Miller, an eminent citizen of Lancaster, once high sheriff of the county, and also a member of the State Senate. On March 14, 1781, John Miller was appointed by the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania, a commissioner of purchase for the county of Lancaster, and was active in the patriot cause; his descendants are, to-day, found in the McNeal, Schaeffer and Keller families in this county. At the age of fifteen, Emanuel Schaeffer was apprenticed by his grandfather to a harnessmaker, and after learning the trade, followed it until he had saved enough to go into business for himself. At the age of twenty-five he was married to Mary Metzger,

who died five years later, and he then married on March 8, 1827, a sister of his first wife, Elizabeth Metzger, who was born Sept. 3, 1803, and died Nov. 6, 1856, leaving the following children: Mary E., deceased wife of John Herr; Margaret Louisa, Mrs. Levergood; Emeline R., deceased wife of Henry Brady McNeal; and Emanuel W., a retired saddler of Harrisburg, Pa. The third wife of Mr. Schaeffer was Mrs. Winebrenner, a native of Ohio, and who died, leaving no children, in the State of Illinois. In 1841, Judge Schaeffer was appointed by Gov. Porter, associate judge of the courts of Lancaster, which position he held for the following five years, when he was reappointed by Gov. Shunk, and discharged his duties with great fidelity for four years more. He was prominent in municipal affairs also, having served for thirteen years in the City Council, besides filling many other offices of trust. He was also connected with one of the financial institutions of the town, having been in 1841 elected president of the Lancaster Savings Institution, and which position he held for many years. In religious matters he was exceedingly zealous. From the organization of the Church of God in Lancaster, he was an elder, receiving his election annually, and he also acted as Superintendent of the Sabbath School, and was a delegate to the East Pennsylvania and General Elderships for a number of years. His death occurred Nov. 13, 1864, in Newburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he was at the time in attendance as a delegate to the Eldership of his church denomination.

The early life of John Levergood was passed under the strictest of Presbyterian training. His father sent him at the age of eleven to the York Academy, the principal of which at that time was an old school Presbyterian preacher. Here he attended for three years, and then was entered as a student at Strasburg Academy, whose principal was again an old school Presbyterian, in the person of the Rev. David McCarter. Here he studied for the following three years, and then took up the study of his profession with Dr. Washington L. Atlee, of Philadelphia, Pa., and with whose family he resided during the term of his reading. He passed the examination and was licensed to practice his profession in 1847, but continued with Dr. Atlee until the spring of 1848, at which time he began active practice for himself in the town of Wrightsville, Pa. It was here he married, and soon after removed to Lancaster, where he practiced with the exception of two years and three months spent in the army as surgeon, until the date of his death. Before going into the army, he served his country loyally in the hospital service, being on duty in the Lancaster County Hospital, and resigning from that position to accept a surgeon's commission in the regular army offered him by Gov. Curtin. He went to the front and served faithfully to the close of the war in alleviating the sufferings of the noble "boys in blue." Returning to his home, he was appointed by President Andrew Johnson examining pension surgeon of the

Lancaster County District, in which position he served for two years.

Dr. I. evergood was a power in the municipal life of his community, and was found ever ready to sacrifice his valuable time and great executive ability in the furtherance of her progress. He was a member of the common council during the years 1880 and 1881, during which time he acted as president of the same. One of the measures which he carried through while a member of that body, and which resulted in a great financial saving to the city, was a joint resolution instructing the Finance committee to refund city bonds to the amount of \$200,000 at a lower rate of interest. This measure was carried and resulted in saving to the city the sum of \$4,000. He also took an active part in the movement to abolish the old volunteer fire department, and to substitute the present efficient paid department. The public work of Dr. Levergood was probably more efficient in the line of his duties as a school director than in any other line, he having been a member of the board of education almost continuously from 1859 until 1889. In this body he is remembered as a splendid parliamentarian, and he left a code of rules governing that body which is in use at the present time. His decisions as president of the board were always just, and very rarely appealed from or reversed. In social life he was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., likewise a member of the Encampment. In political faith he adhered to the principles of the party of Jefferson, and was an active worker in the ranks of that organization. The history of Lancaster county could not be written without mention of the services of this eminent man.

HARRY S. STOLL, foreman of a section crew on the Pennsylvania railroad, has his home in Florin, where he is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Stoll was born in Elizabethtown, Pa., June 14, 1849, a son of John and Barbara (Harry) Stoll, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany.

John Stoll came to this country when a young man and settled in Elizabethtown, whither his wife had come the previous year. For forty-six years he was a section foreman for the Pennsylvania company, and at his death had been on the retired list for eight years. He died Nov. 12, 1897, at the age of eighty years; and his wife Dec. 15, 1895, at the age of seventy-five years. They were both buried in the cemetery at Florin, having made that borough their home since 1854. Mr. Stoll was a Democrat, and both were members of the Methodist Church. The following were their children: Mary married George G. Lindsay, who is in business at Marietta, Pa.; Harry S.; John H. is a passenger and ticket agent at Mt. Joy; Frank is a "boss" section foreman at Landisville; and Reuben is deceased.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Stoll was John Stoll, of Germany, where he spent his life in farming. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Stoll also lived and died in Germany.

Harry S. Stoll and Miss Lydia Geistwhite were married in Florin, Pa., Oct. 13, 1870, and they have become the parents of the following children: Edwin B., a telegraph operator at Pittsburg, married Mamie Winters, and is the father of two children, Leroy and Ruth; Elizabeth A. is the wife of Charles Warner, of Pikesville, Pa.; Mary is deceased; Harvey is also deceased; and Dora and Bertha are at home.

Mrs. Lydia (Geistwhite) Stoll was born in Mt. Joy township, April 23, 1850, a daughter of John and Mary (Hoffman) Geistwhite, natives of Dauphin county, and Mt. Joy township, respectively. Her father came to Lancaster county, settling in the township of Mt. Joy where his life was spent, and where he died in March, 1846, at the age of forty-six years. His remains now rest in the cemetery at Florin. His wife was born in 1829, and is now living with her daughter in Florin. Both Mr. and Mrs. Geistwhite were members of the Methodist Church. They were parents of the following family: Lydia, became Mrs. Stoll; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-three years, was working on the railroad; and Elizabeth married Henry Musselman, a coach trimmer of Florin. Mrs. Stoll's paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Winagle) Geistwhite, both natives of Dauphin county, but whose latter days were spent with their granddaughter, Mrs. Stoll. Her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Shaffer) Hoffman, both of Lancaster county, where he followed the occupation of a fence maker.

Harry S. Stoll spent his boyhood days on the farm, but for the past thirty-nine years has been in the employ of the railroad company. For five years he was assistant foreman, and for twenty-six years has been foreman of the section for the company. An alert and active man, he has an eye for every feature of the service, and is regarded as one of the most valuable on the line. Mr. Stoll is a member of the Methodist Church, and in his politics is a Democrat. Socially he is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and is highly esteemed in that fraternal order.

JOSEPH DICKINSON COATS POWNALL, a retired farmer of Christiana, was born in Solebury township, Bucks county, March 26, 1840, son of Hon. Moses and Susanna (Walker) Pownall.

Hon. Moses Pownall was born Aug. 5, 1815, and was a farmer and a merchant. From 1847 to 1849 he operated a store in Christiana, dealt in coal and lumber, and was interested in a planing mill in Columbia until 1851, when a fire destroyed about \$4,000 worth of lumber for him. He was associated in the firm of Pownall, Dickinson, John L. Wright & Son. The year he was married he moved to Bucks county, where he farmed until 1845, going from there to Christiana to take up a mercantile business as noted above. In 1850 he was elected a representative in the General Assembly, and was re-elected for

the succeeding term. While in Bucks county he held the position of justice of the peace and sustained a good reputation as a business man. His death occurred Feb. 12, 1854. His widow, whose maiden name was Susanna Walker, was born June 29, 1820, and died March 26, 1882. Both were buried in Old Friends Cemetery, Sadsbury township, they being members of the Society of Friends. They had only one child, Joseph D. C.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph D. C. Pownall were Joseph and Phoebe (Dickinson) Pownall, of whom the former was born Jan. 5, 1791, and died in 1870. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Pownall were Asahel and Sarah (Coats) Walker, being farming people of Sadsbury township.

Joseph D. C. Pownall was married Feb. 17, 1864, in Philadelphia, to Mary Haines Stubbs, by whom he had the following children: M. Wilmer, cashier of the First National Bank in Coatesville, Pa., married Phoebe Thompson, by whom he has two children, William J., and Malcolm Thompson; Susanna died in infancy; Vincent S., now in the hardware business in Coatesville, married Bertha Walton, by whom he has had one child, Ruth E.; M. Elizabeth married E. Clayton Walton, also in hardware business in Coatesville; S. Edna is at home. Mrs. Pownall was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, and is the daughter of Vincent and Mary (Haines) Stubbs, the father being a native of Fulton township, and the mother of Cecil county, Md. Mr. Stubbs remained all his life on a farm in Fulton township, where he died April 8, 1875, at the age of seventy-eight years. From 1854 he had lived retired from active work. His wife, the mother of Mrs. Pownall, died Feb. 28, 1874, being seventy-one years and nine months old. They were buried in the Friends Meeting House Cemetery in Penn Hill, Little Britain township. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs had the following children: Joseph died at the age of eighteen years; Rebecca is the widow of Steven Richards, and lives in Cecil county, Md.; Thomas is deceased; Elizabeth Oxford is the widow of Dr. A. P. Patterson; Verlinda married Thomas R. Neel, a retired farmer of Christiana, Pa.; Hannah is the widow of Samuel Parry, and has her home in Oxford, Pa.; Sophia married Thomas Smedley, and is deceased; Priscilla is the widow of Clayton Harland, and has her home in Oxford, Pa.; and Mary H. is Mrs. Pownall.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Pownall were Vincent and Priscilla (Cooper) Stubbs, farming people of Fulton township. Her maternal grandparents were Joseph and Rebecca (Reynolds) Haines, farming people of Cecil county, Maryland.

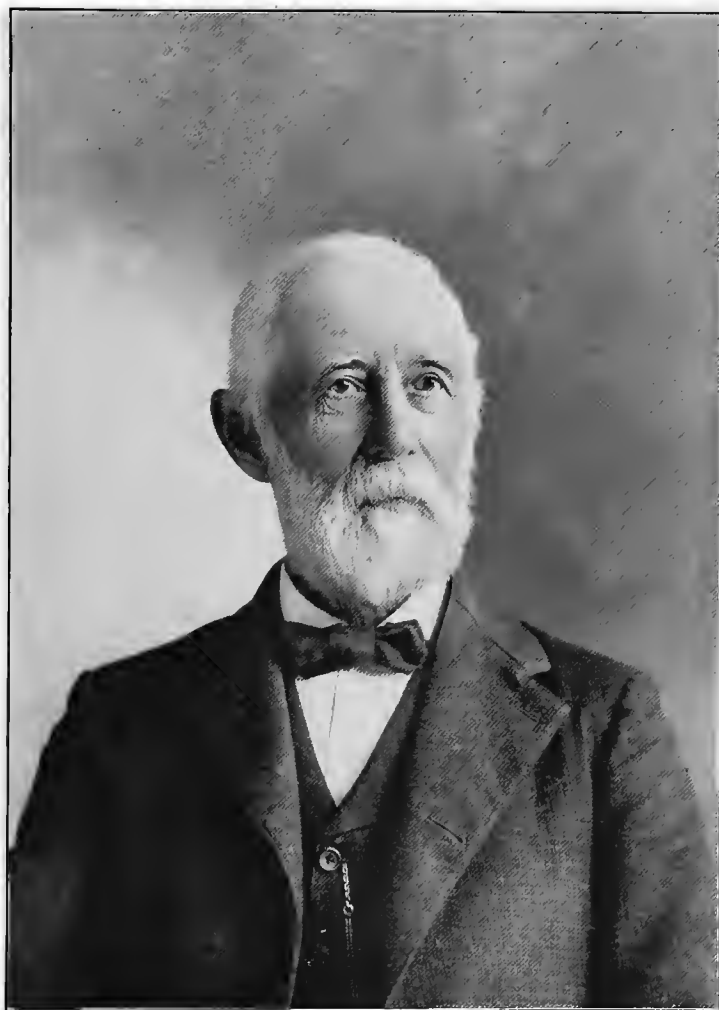
Joseph D. C. Pownall spent the first seven years of his life on the farm, and was then brought by his parents into Christiana. When he was eleven years of age he began clerking in the store of Mr. Coats, in which his mother bought a half interest, and remained there from 1851 to 1859. While engaged in that store he sold the powder that was used in the Christiana Riot of 1859. Mr. Pownall

was a student for a time in the State Normal School at Millersville. For a few years he was interested in a mercantile enterprise with T. B. Mercer, and for four years he was engaged in farming in Sadsbury township; but then returning to Christiana, where he became engaged in a general mercantile business, in which he continued until 1882. From 1880 to 1896 he was connected with brick and pottery manufacturing. With his family he belongs to the Society of Friends, and is counted among the solid and substantial citizens of the community. In his politics he is a Republican.

HENRY S. HERSHEY, general manager of the Chestnut Hill Ore Mines, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, where his residence is also located, was born on the banks of the Big Chickies creek, in the same township, March 16, 1827, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Strickler) Hershey, natives, respectively, of Donegal and Rapho townships.

Christian Hershey moved to Columbia, Pa., in 1846, and was there employed by a brother, Ephraim Hershey, in a mill. Christian Hershey became a man of considerable influence; was one of the board of directors in West Hempfield township, upon the adoption of the free school system; was county commissioner for Lancaster county prior to 1840; and was also tax collector for the borough of Columbia for several years. His death occurred in Columbia in 1883, when he was aged eighty-two years, and that of his wife, who was born in 1804, occurred in the same city in 1871. They were among the founders of the United Brethren Church in Columbia, and their remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery. In politics Mr. Hershey was a Republican. The children of Christian and Elizabeth Hershey were as follows: Henry S., who is mentioned at the opening of this sketch; Peter, who was killed on the Mississippi river in 1859, by the explosion of the boilers of the steamer "Princess;" Elizabeth, widow of Thomas P. Cooper, of Columbia, Pa.; Ephraim, deceased; David, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and residing in Philadelphia; Samuel, who was killed when six years old by a kick from a horse; Isaiah and Amos, who died young; and Wilhelmina, who died when an infant. The paternal grandparents of Henry S. Hershey were Peter and Anna (Brenneman) Hershey, the former of whom was a farmer; he fell from and was run over by his wagon and was killed.

Henry S. Hershey was born on a farm, and remained there with his parents until thirteen years old, when he went to Pittsburg and resided with an uncle and attended school until 1843. He returned to his native township in 1845, and followed milling until 1848, when he went West, passing the time in Illinois and Missouri until 1853. Returning home, he followed his trade until 1863, when he removed to Center county, Pa., and there followed lumbering for a year and a half. He next went to Columbia,



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where he held an official position with the Susquehanna Rolling Mill Company from 1864 until 1868, and then operated the Chickies Rolling Mill three years, after which he engaged in coach building until 1886.

In politics a Republican, Mr. Hershey served two terms as justice of the peace while engaged in coach-making, his last term expiring in 1896, and also served as borough councilman of Columbia several terms. In 1897 he was appointed to his present position, and in August, 1900, moved to his present home.

Henry S. Hershey was married, in Columbia, Oct. 4, 1855, to Miss Margaret S. Cox, and this marriage has been blessed with the following named children: Alice, wife of William B. Stephenson, a civil engineer in Tacoma, Wash.; Margaret, who died when fifteen years old; Mary E., widow of Frank H. Steacy, who was a chemist of prominence in Columbia; Anna B., who is unmarried, and lives with her father; Bertha, who died at the age of eight years; and Henry B., an electrical engineer, a graduate of the Lehigh University, and a resident of New York City.

Mrs. Margaret S. (Cox) Hershey was born in Lancaster, Pa., and died in Columbia in June, 1896, aged fifty-nine years; her remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery. She was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret Cox, of the State of Delaware, both of whom died in Columbia, Pa., where the father had been engaged in the coal business, and had also carried on the manufacture of stages and coaches in Lancaster.

Henry S. Hershey is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and in politics is a Republican. He has traveled nearly all over the United States, and has made friends wherever he has been. He is still healthy and strong, and remarkably active for his age, and no man in the township commands more profound respect than that which is freely shown to him.

JACOB L. RANCK. Among the prominent farmer-citizens of Strasburg township, Lancaster county, is Jacob L. Ranck, who was born on his father's homestead, in Paradise township May 27, 1842, a son of Jacob and Susan (Leaman) Ranck, both of whom are deceased, the father in 1876, passing away at the age of sixty-five, the mother surviving until 1883.

Jacob Ranck, the father of Jacob L., was a son of Jacob and Annie (Stuck) Ranck and was reared in Paradise township, under the watchful and careful eye of his mother, who was early left a widow, and was a woman of very superior attainments and great force of character. When an older brother took charge of the farm, Jacob remained for eight years on the home farm, and then began farming operations for himself, conducting an estate consisting of 110 acres, where he lived for some two years previous to his marriage, his sisters keeping house for him. It was remarked of Jacob Ranck that he al-

ways had an object in view and steadily worked toward it, and in this way he succeeded where many men would have failed. His life was a quiet one, as he loved his home and was domestic in his tastes, devoted to the interests of his family and friends. At the time of his decease he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had done his full duty toward his children, giving each one a farm which he had earned for them. Both he and wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church and none were more truly worthy of the esteem of their neighbors. The five children born to these good people were: Benjamin, a resident of Paradise township; John K., who was a farmer and a minister; Jacob L.; Annie, deceased, who was the wife of Bishop Abraham B. Herr, of New Danville; and Amos L., who resides on the old homestead, in Paradise township.

Jacob L. Ranck was reared on the old farm and was educated in the public schools, growing to sturdy manhood, alternating school with work on the farm. At the age of twenty-four he began operations on his own account on the farm his father had purchased for him, in Strasburg township, located about one mile northeast of Strasburg. When Jacob L. took charge of the place, it was sadly in need of improvement, as it had been much neglected, but in a very short time things put on a quite different appearance and it now ranks with the best in the county. For some thirty-two years he resided on this place, becoming one of the leading farmers and, following the example of his father, has provided farms in Strasburg township, for his three children. A stockholder and director in the Strasburg National Bank, he is reckoned one of the solid and substantial men of the county, and for ten years has been a member of the school board, always taking a deep interest in educational matters. In 1898 he erected a fine modern residence near Strasburg—one of the best houses in the neighborhood.

On Oct. 31, 1865, Jacob L. Ranck was married to Hettie Herr, daughter of Rev. Amos and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Herr, born in West Lampeter township, June 11, 1844, and the children born of this union were: a son that died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died at the age of twelve; Amanda, who died at the age of ten; Amos, who died at the age of twenty months; Reuben, who died at the age of thirteen months; Milton H., born June 2, 1877, a tobacco packer in Strasburg, who lives at home; Anna N., born June 28, 1880, living at home; and S. Etta, born April 5, 1883. The family are all members of the Old Mennonite Church, with which their ancestors and connections have been so closely allied, and are among the most esteemed of the congregation in Strasburg, where Mr. Ranck is one of the trustees.

MAHLON B. KENT, whose long and creditable career as a hardware merchant at Christiana abundantly deserves the well earned rest he is now taking, was born in West Fallowfield, Chester Co.,

Pa., Nov. 14, 1841, son of Daniel and Sarah (Brosius) Kent, natives of East and West Fallowfield townships, respectively.

Daniel Kent, who was a farmer, died in 1881, at the age of seventy-nine, proving himself a thoroughly competent and successful business man, and skilled in agricultural industry. He married Sarah Brosius, daughter of Henry and Mary (Roberts) Brosius, farming people of Chester county. She survived until 1894, dying at the age of eighty-six. They were members of the Religious Society of Friends. Their children were as follows: Mary B., who married, first, Caleb M. Brosius, second, Harry Perry, and third, Elihu M. Clark, is now deceased; Anna E., deceased, married Isaac D. Shoemaker; Agnes J., deceased, married J. Calvin Bickling; Henry B. married Jane W. Bailey, of Cambridge, Chester county; Ruthama married H. K. Cooper, of Chester county; William L. G. married, first, Elizabeth Shoemaker, and second, Anna E. Lofland; Mahlon B.; and Thomas E. and Sally A. both died young.

The paternal grandparents of Mahlon B. Kent were Daniel, Sr., and Esther (Hawley) Kent. Daniel Kent, Sr., was born in Limerick, Ireland, and came to this country in his twentieth year, on the brigantine "Asia." He bound himself by indenture, dated May 21, 1785, in the sum of £10, 10s. to the master, John Johnson, to pay for his passage. On his arrival in Philadelphia the indenture was signed over to Joseph Hawley in consideration of £14, 10s. paid by him. The young emigrant faithfully served his time, and afterward married Esther Hawley, a daughter of his benefactor. He engaged in farming in Chester county, though by trade a cutler, and attained considerable prominence in his new home, serving as justice of the peace for many years.

Mahlon B. Kent was twice married. In 1867, in Philadelphia, he wedded Maranda Brosius, who became the mother of one child, Wilfred M., who died at the age of four months and twenty days. Mrs. Kent was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, in February, 1842, and died June 12, 1872. She was a sister of the Hon. Marriott Brosius, whose sketch appears elsewhere. On Nov. 14, 1874, in Chester county, Mr. Kent married for his second wife Anna Roberts Walton, who was born in West Fallowfield township, Chester county, in 1835, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Walton) Walton, the former a successful farmer of that locality.

Mahlon B. Kent was reared on a farm, and there he remained until 1873. The following year he secured a position as Indian Agent, and was stationed at the government reservation in Richardson county, Neb. For seven years he well and faithfully fulfilled the arduous duties of this place, when he engaged in the hardware business at White Cloud, Kans., continuing same for five years. Following his stay at White Cloud, he was in the coal and lumber business for two years at Hockessin, Del., but this business did not prove congenial, and he came to

Christiana in 1893, to find a home, which he has maintained to the present time. For six years Mr. Kent has held a position in the borough council, for four years acting as president of that body. In religion he is a member of the Friends' Association, and in politics he is a Republican.

JOHN E. HERSHEY, a representative farmer in Lancaster city, belongs to one of the most highly respected agricultural families of this county.

John Hershey, his grandfather, lived and died near Bareville, this county, where his farm was one of the best cultivated and most productive. Through life a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, he lived a quiet, unostentatious life, devoted to his work, his religious duties and his family. His children were: Eliza, deceased, who was the wife of Everheart Weaver; Maria, who was the wife of John Landis; Annie, who was the wife of Peter Brown; Lydia, who was the wife of Samuel Groff; Andrew, who was a farmer near Bareville; Samuel, the father of John E.; and Jacob, who was a farmer and miller, near Leaman, this county.

Samuel Hershey was born on the old homestead, about 1813, and was devoted to the tillage of the soil during his long and useful life, which closed in 1873. In politics he was a Republican and held the office of school director a number of years. His religious connection was with the Old Mennonite Church. He was thrice married. His first wife, Nancy Groff, died leaving no children. By his second wife, Elizabeth Eby, five children were born, of whom the eldest died in infancy; Eby (deceased) was a farmer of Strasburg township; John E. is our subject; Mary is unmarried; and Milton E. is a farmer of Lancaster township. After the death of his second wife, Mr. Hershey was married to Fanny Lintner, who still survives. The children of this union are: Lintner, a farmer, residing with his mother; Aldus, a farmer of Lancaster township; Willis, of Lancaster township; and Ella, who resides at home.

John E. Hershey was born on the home farm, adjoining the place where he now resides, in February, 1846. His education was acquired in the public schools, and he remained with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age, beginning then his own career by taking charge of a farm adjoining, upon which he remained for three years, when he moved to his present location. Here Mr. Hershey has expended time, energy and labor, the result being one of the best eighty-acre tracts in this locality. Its value is enhanced on account of its location being partly within the city limits of Lancaster. This land originally belonged to his father, and was purchased from the latter's estate. Mr. Hershey has most comfortable and appropriate buildings, both for residence and for dairying, having been in the latter business for thirty-two years. During the past fifteen years he has been fattening horses for New York dealers.

Mr. Hershey was married to Annie Bausman, and six children were born to this union: Mary, at home; Clayton, who died at the age of five years; Albert, who died at the age of three years; Edith, at home; Laura, who died at the age of nine years; and Florence, who died at the age of seven years. Mr. Hershey is one of the most respected and substantial residents of the township, is well known through the city of Lancaster, and is a thoroughly representative citizen. His political support is given to the Republican party.

JACOB ZERCHER, a general farmer and a man of much character and standing in Mt. Joy, was born in Pequea township, Lancaster county, Dec. 25, 1840, a son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Johnson) Zercher, of Lancaster county. His grandparents were also natives and residents of Lancaster county.

Andrew Zercher died in Conestoga township in 1889 at the age of seventy-eight years, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Pequea Meeting House, in the township of that name. In his younger days he was a wagon maker, and from 1845 to 1866 he was engaged in farming. His last years were spent in retirement. Mrs. Elizabeth Zercher, who is still living in Conestoga township, was born in February, 1809. They were the parents of the following children: John J., who died at the age of thirty-two years; Benjamin, who died at the age of eighteen years; Jacob; and Elizabeth, who married Christ. B. Miller, a farmer of Conestoga.

Jacob Zercher was married in November, 1866, in West Hempfield township, to Lizzie S. Hostetter, and born to this union were: Ezra H., a farmer in East Donegal, who married Lizzie Hertzler; Lizzie, the wife of Jacob N. Hershey, who is in the creamery business in East Berlin, Pa.; Mary, married to Ezra H. Engle, a farmer; Fanny, who married Abigner Martin, a farmer of West Donegal; Andrew, at home; Anna, who died young; Naomi, who is at home unmarried; Jacob, deceased, twin to Naomi; and Martha and Ira J., at home.

Mrs. Lizzie (Hostetter) Zercher was born in West Hempfield township March 15, 1844, daughter of Rev. Jacob and Anna (Stauffer) Hostetter, natives of West Hempfield and Donegal townships, both of whom died in West Hempfield. Her father was a farmer and died in December, 1888, at the age of ninety years; her mother died the same year at the age of eighty-two years. Both were members of the River Brethren Church, and were buried in the Cross Roads Church Cemetery in Donegal township. The father was a bishop in his church for many years, and was a consecrated and devoted Christian. The following children were born to them: Abraham, a retired farmer in Rapho township; Catherine, who married Martin Musser, a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Jacob, now a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Martha, who married Michael Grove, a retired farmer in West Hempfield; Christian, a retired farmer living on the old

homestead in the township of Rapho; Mary, deceased wife of Eli Lindemuth; Anna, who is the widow of Abraham Engle, and is living in Donegal township; Susan, who married Benjamin Zeigler, a farmer in Providence, Lancaster county; and Lizzie.

Jacob Zercher remained with his parents until 1867, when he began farming for himself, leasing land of his father, paying his rent with a share of the produce. This he continued for six years, when he took charge of his present farm of two hundred acres. Here he has done well, both in general farming, and in the specialties of horse and cattle breeding to which he gives close attention. Mr. Zercher is a member of the Church of the River Brethren, and is regarded as one of the solid and reliable members of that communion. An energetic and progressive citizen, he has won a good place in life, and holds the confidence and respect of the community to a marked degree.

AMOS K. HERR, a retired farmer, and one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Lancaster, was born Nov. 15, 1839, a son of John and Fanny (Greider) Herr, the former a native of Strasburg township, and the latter of West Lampeter township, both of this county.

John Herr was engaged in farming until 1889, when he retired, removing to Lancaster, and occupied himself with cultivating some fifteen acres, all of which land was in excellent condition. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1894, when he was eighty-six years, ten months and twenty-two days old, and his wife died Aug. 26, 1878, aged seventy-eight years, one month and fourteen days. Both are buried in Longnecker Cemetery, and they were prominent in the Mennonite Church. The family born to them was as follows: Christian, who died Dec. 6, 1855, aged twenty-two years, one month and four days; Abraham K., who died Nov. 7, 1896, aged sixty-one years, seven months and twenty-one days; Anna, who died Feb. 21, 1886, aged forty-eight years and seven months, and who was the wife of Franklin Bowman; Amos K.; Fanny, who married George L. Buckwalder, a retired farmer of E. Lampeter township; and Susan, who married B. F. Herr, of Millersville, Pa., a prominent merchant and ex-physician. The paternal grandfather was Martin Herr, a prominent farmer of Lancaster county; he married Susannah Buckwalder.

The boyhood days of Amos K. Herr were spent upon a farm, and when he attained manhood's estate, he engaged in farming for himself, and also manufactured bricks at Strasburg, Pa., in 1876, becoming a partner of Jacob Lahr in the latter calling. This partnership continued seven years, when it was dissolved and for five years Mr. Herr continued the manufacture alone, then sold his interests, and in 1891 retired to Lancaster, where he has since resided, enjoying the fruits of his years of labor.

On Feb. 2, 1879, in Lancaster, Mr. Herr was married to Elizabeth Kohr, born Nov. 17, 1839, in

Conestoga township, daughter of Bishop John Kohr, Sr., of Manheim township. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr, John K., a machinist, who resides at home. For forty years Mr. Herr has been a member of the New Mennonite Church, and is a man of sterling integrity and uprightness of purpose, who enjoys the good will and confidence of the community in which he makes his home.

SAMUEL S. HIGH (deceased) belonged to that class of business men who leave an impress upon their day and generation, through the integrity of their dealings and the uprightness of their lives. At his death the city of Lancaster parted with one of her most useful and progressive citizens. Mr. High belonged to Lancaster county by parentage and birth, the latter taking place Nov. 28, 1839, in East Earl township. His parents were Jacob and Susan (Hoffman) High.

The early rearing of Mr. High was on a farm, and his education was obtained in the country schools. While still a young man he was engaged in storekeeping with his brother, ex-Sheriff John H. High, at Spring Grove, for a period of eight years. Moving then to Ephrata he embarked in a mercantile business, continuing at this point until 1872, when he came to Lancaster. Here Mr. High entered into a partnership with Isaac Stirk, the firm name being, Stirk & High, and the business was located on the present site of the large new store of Watt & Shand. This was called China Hall, and a very large and prosperous business was carried on here, the firm gaining friends and patrons for many miles in the vicinity of Lancaster. In 1875 Mr. Stirk retired and Mr. High took into partnership J. Charles Martin, his step-son, and the firm style was changed to High & Martin, and the business was located at No. 15 East King street.

The first marriage of Mr. High was to Harriet Geist, a native of Earl township, who died without issue. His second marriage was to Mrs. Catherine (Kinzer) Martin. By her first husband, John J. Martin, Mrs. High has two children, viz.: Laura, who married Landis Levan, a miller, in Lancaster township, and they have five children; and J. Charles, a retired merchant of Lancaster, who has one child. Mrs. High was born in East Earl township, daughter of Amos S. and Maria L. (Himes) Kinzer, of Lancaster. Mr. Martin was a farmer in East Earl township, where he died in 1852, aged twenty-seven years, and was buried in the Weaverland cemetery in that township.

Mr. High was a thorough and practical business man and was relied upon for his excellent judgment and keen insight. His prosperity was won through industry and honorable methods, and when he died, the community lost a valued citizen. His progressive character was shown in his connection with some of the leading enterprises of the city. He was interested in the Electric Lighting Co. and the Street Railway Co., and also the Steam Radiator

Co., of Lancaster, and was secretary of the Poplar Bluffs Lumber & Mfg. Co., of Missouri. Although he had so many business interests, he never forgot his religious duties and was an active worker in St. John's Lutheran Church, trustee in the same, and was chairman of the building committee. At various times he was trustee and elder, and for many years, superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was a man who lived up to his principles and thus won the sincere esteem of all who knew him.

ABRAHAM E. STAUFFER, a general farmer and highly respected resident of Silver Spring, in West Hempfield township, was born in Chickies, that township, Sept. 11, 1833, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Stauffer, both of whom lived and died in West Hempfield township.

Henry Stauffer was a farmer by vocation and was quite a prominent and influential citizen, and for some years served his fellow townsmen as school director and supervisor. His death occurred in 1890, when eighty-three years old; that of his first wife had taken place much earlier—in 1849, when forty-two years of age. To the marriage of Henry and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Stauffer were born the following named children: Anna, widow of Jacob Risser, of Maytown; Hettie, wife of Jacob Bowers, of Downersville; Elizabeth, who died young; Abraham E.; Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Barbara, deceased wife of Michael Schindle; Mary, the wife of John Fridy, a farmer of West Hempfield township; and Miss Susannah, deceased. Some time after the demise of his first wife, Henry Stauffer married Barbara Harnish, and to this union were born two children, both of whom died young. The paternal grandparents of Abraham E. Stauffer were natives of Lancaster county, and were farming people, and the same may be stated of the maternal grandparents.

Abraham E. Stauffer assisted on the home farm until he had attained his majority, then rented the home place for three years, and carried on agriculture on his own account. At the termination of this period, Henry Stauffer deeded the farm to his son Abraham, on the sole condition that the latter was to pay the former a limited sum annually during life. Two years later Abraham traded the old place for his present farm of forty-seven acres.

In October, 1854, Abraham E. Stauffer was joined in matrimony at Black Horse, this county, with Miss Adaline B. Hoffman, who was born in East Hempfield township in October, 1836, a daughter of John and Catherine (Ballmer) Hoffman, of Lancaster county. To this marriage have been born five children, viz.: Mary A., who married Andrew G. Shirk, a railroad flagman in Columbia, and has one daughter, Adaline S.; Miama H., who married Adam D. Heidlauf, of West Hempfield, and has a son, Phares S.; Hiram H., of Manor township, who married Frances Garber, and has two children, Clarence G. and Anna May; Catharine H., who married

Aram Lenhard, a farmer of West Hempfield, and has a daughter Saloma S.; and Milton H., unmarried, and living at home.

Abraham E. Stauffer has ever been a hard-working farmer and an upright man, whose course through life has been of that even tenor as to gain the respect unsought, of the entire community in which he has passed so many years of his useful life. In politics he is a Republican.

MARIS B. WEAVER. Among the energetic and successful business men, long and well-known in Lampeter, is Maris B. Weaver, a member of the old established family of that name, of whom this record has had much to say.

Maris B. Weaver was born in Conestoga township, Jan. 8, 1848, son of Simon R., and a grandson of Samuel Weaver, both old residents of the county.

Simon R. Weaver was born on the farm near Lampeter, which is now the property of Henry Shaub, and there he was reared and learned the blacksmith trade, which he followed some ten years, his place of business being at Conestoga Center, but he later engaged in farming for a number of years, returning to his trade, previous to his decease, which occurred at the age of forty-six. He married Hettie Bachman, daughter of John Bachman, of Pequea township, and to them were born: Maris B.; Annie, who married T. L. Stafford, of Colerain township; John B., a resident of Gordonville; Emma (deceased), who married William Sterling, a resident of Gap; Charles, of Leacock township; S. W., of Paradise township; Effie, who married Samuel Harting, of Germantown, Pa.; Frank B., of Paradise township; and Jennie, who married Philip Hottenstein, of Lancaster.

Maris B. Weaver was the oldest of the children and he was reared on the farm. After he had received his education in the public schools of his district, he entered his father's shop and soon became a very capable workman. When twenty-six years old, he embarked in the business for himself, opening a shop at Stonersville, where he remained for four years, purchasing his present excellent location in 1878, where he has, by close attention to business and a complete understanding of the farrier trade, built up a large and increasing business and has gained the confidence of the public. In 1899 he purchased a farm of forty-two acres, in West Lampeter township, where he is making valuable improvements, and he is also the owner of other real estate, consisting of a seven-acre tract at Lampeter, and his residence property. His rank is with the substantial men of the locality, and he is one of the stockholders of the People's Bank, at Lancaster City.

Being a representative Republican, he has taken an active interest in the public affairs of his district, and he has been called upon to serve as a delegate to the State conventions. In 1897 he was honored by the appointment as prison superintendent of Lan-

caster county, and served as president of the Prison Board in 1899, and has also filled all the local offices most efficiently.

Maris B. Weaver was married, in 1874, to Hettie A. Zittle, a daughter of Elijah Zittle, of West Lampeter township, and three children have been born of this union: Effie B., who remains at home; A. Mylin, a blacksmith by trade; and Esther, also at home. This family possesses the respect and esteem of the community and well represents the old and honored families from which it has descended.

HENRY B. HAINES. Among the prosperous business men of Maytown, who, by energy and ability, have done much to place this locality favorably before the public, is Henry B. Haines, the well-known cigar manufacturer.

Mr. Haines comes of worthy ancestry. His great-grandfather, Henry Haines, was born near Columbia, Pa., Dec. 3, 1759, and at an early age was apprenticed to a tailor, according to the custom of the times, his desultory education being acquired at a German night school. His eighteenth birthday came in a trying period of our country's history, and at that time he was one of the brave young men who came forward to help to uphold the banner of his country. Song and story have told the world the tale of the brave deeds done by the youth of the land during the Revolution, and in some of the most stirring events Henry Haines bore well his part. On account of his reliability he was one of the guards chosen to assist in the removal of the Hessian prisoners to Lancaster county, after the battle of Trenton, and later he was attached to Col. Bole's command, in the expedition up the Susquehanna, against the Indians. After the close of the war, Henry Haines settled down in the village of Maytown, where he became a prominent man. An ardent upholder of Democratic principles, he took a leading part in the politics of the day, and in 1810 and 1811 was a member of the General Assembly, being re-elected in 1825, and again in 1828, but failing health prevented any more public service. In this connection it is interesting to record that he was approached by members of the Anti-Masonic party, which was then agitating public matters in the country, with a proposition to become their Senatorial candidate, on account of his known popularity. This suggestion was met with scorn and contempt by the stern old Jeffersonian, his Democracy being so pronounced that at the age of eighty-three, feeble and blind, he still insisted upon casting his vote in favor of the party in whose principles he had so much faith. In 1797 he had been appointed a justice of the peace, and some time afterward was commissioned a captain of militia, by Gov. Simon Snyder. His death took place Feb. 1, 1842, and he left a mark upon his day and generation. Henry Haines' wife also bore the name of Haines, and to this union were born: Henry, Jr.; Thomas; Anthony; Catherine, who married Reuben Welschance; Elizabeth, who married George

Terry; Charlotte, who married Philip Shaffner; and Rosetta, who married Michael Miller.

Major Henry Haines, Jr., grandfather of our subject, married for his first wife, Elizabeth Barr, and their children were as follows: Ann, who married A. C. Reynolds, of Elmira, N. Y.; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. His second marriage was to Anna Barr, a sister of his first wife. Their children were, Henry A., and George B. For his third wife Major Haines married Mrs. Jacob Barr, and to this marriage there were no children.

Capt. Henry A. Haines was born Nov. 8, 1835, and died in Maytown April 7, 1896, at the age of sixty, his remains being reverently interred in the Union Cemetery of Maytown. In his death Lancaster county lost a popular veteran and one of its most prominent citizens. Early in life Capt. Haines had followed the trade of a shoemaker but in the course of time became manager of a large tobacco farm belonging to Hon. Simon Cameron. Having inherited from his father a talent and desire for public life he naturally entered therein, and for many years was more or less in the service of the public. For some time he was captain of the militia company known as the Maytown Fencibles, and at the outbreak of the Civil war he offered the service of himself and his company to the government. Their offer was accepted, and as Co. A, they were assigned to the 10th P. V. I. for the term of three months, Capt. Haines being the company's commanding officer. At the expiration of the three months for which they had enlisted, the company was mustered out of service, and Capt. Haines at once raised a company which became Co. B, 45th P. V. I. under Col. Welsh, which was raised in Lancaster and adjoining counties, and in which Capt. Haines was the ranking captain. When the battle of Antietam was fought, Capt. Haines, who was then in recruiting service, was commissioned major of the regiment, he being entitled to the vacant position as he was then ranking captain. The General commanding the brigade, with whom the Captain had had some differences, refused to indorse the appointment, and Capt. Haines at once resigned his commission as captain, although he was urged by men of prominence not to do so. Soon afterward he was made captain of Co. C, 184th P. V. I., and served with that regiment until his discharge at Annapolis, Md., in 1865. He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Cold Harbor, and was taken prisoner at Petersburg and was in rebel prisons eleven months. Until the Gubernatorial campaign in which Gen. Beaver was defeated for Governor of Pennsylvania, Capt. Haines was a Democrat. In that campaign the Captain took an active part in the interest of his beloved commander, and from that time until the close of his active life he was an ardent Republican, as a man of his positive character would naturally be. Under Collector A. J. Kauffmann he served as storekeeper and gauger in the revenue service. During the administration of Gen. Arthur, his serv-

ices to his party were recognized, and he was made postmaster of Maytown, holding the position until the election of Grover Cleveland in 1892 made a change in the office in favor of a Democrat. Fraternally the Captain was connected with Lieut. William A. Childs Post, No. 226, G. A. R., Department of Pennsylvania, and located in Marietta.

On Oct. 13, 1857, in Elizabethtown, Capt. Haines was married by Rev. Latzel, to Catherine A. Brown, who was born in Maytown, May 5, 1840. To this union were born: Anna L., who married Rev. J. F. Mackley, a minister of the Reformed Church, of Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa.; and Henry B., the subject of this sketch. Catherine A. (Brown) Haines was a daughter of John and Catherine (Murray) Brown, of Chester county, and of Maytown, respectively. John Brown had come to Maytown at an early day, in pursuit of his trades of wheelwright and chairmaker, remaining here until his death in 1852, at the age of sixty-one, his wife surviving until 1875, and dying at the age of sixty-nine. Both were interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Maytown; they had been devout church members, he of the Lutheran, she of the Reformed Church. Their children were Charles, Elizabeth and William, all three deceased; Fanny, of Stockton, Cal.; Henry, a shoe merchant of West Milton, Ohio; Rebecca, the widow of Abraham Geltmacker, of Maytown; John, who died in Andersonville prison, during the Civil war; George, a soldier, of Parkersburg, Va.; Mary, deceased; and the youngest, Catherine A., Mrs. Haines, who now resides in Maytown.

Henry B. Haines was born in Maytown, May 3, 1867, and was educated in the public schools. He assisted his father in the management of the tobacco farm until the age of fifteen, when he received an appointment as assistant express messenger, between Philadelphia and Pottsville, retaining this run for five months; at the end of this time, through the kindness of Gen. Cameron, he was appointed to a position in the Electric Light department of the Philadelphia postoffice, where he remained for eight years, leaving there as superintendent. At this time Mr. Haines is manufacturing cigars in Maytown, his output of cigars annually amounting to great numbers.

On Nov. 22, 1893, Henry B. Haines and Miriam L. Longenecker, a daughter of Christian Longenecker, of Maytown, were united in marriage, and to this union has been born one son, Henry L. Socially Mr. Haines is connected with the A. O. U. M. and the Sons of Veterans, is an active member of the Republican party, and is a valued and consistent member of the Reformed Church.

COL. WILLIAM COLEMAN HENDERSON. This gallant veteran of the Civil war, and retired farmer with his residence in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, on the old Lancaster & Philadelphia Road near White Horse, was born in Salisbury township June 22, 1827, a son of Thomas Gil-

fillan and Mary Ann (Jacobs) Henderson, of Salisbury and Colebrook Furnace, respectively, and the parents of nine children, namely: James S., who died in infancy; Maj. Samuel J., a retired farmer and ex-justice of the peace; Col. William C.; Mary S., who died when twelve years old; Anna W., unmarried and living with Col. William C.; James, deceased; Thomas G., who died aged twenty; and Rachel and Eliza, who died young.

Thomas Gilfillan Henderson, the father of this family, was extensively engaged in farming and was familiarly known as "King Tommy," from his owning an immense amount of land. He was a justice of the peace, and he died honored and esteemed in 1870, at the advanced age of eighty-two years; his wife was called away in 1863, and their remains were buried in St. John's Episcopal Churchyard at Compass, Chester county.

Col. William C. Henderson remained with his parents until seventeen years of age, when he went to New York City and clerked four years, when, on account of impaired health he returned to his home and farmed until 1860, when he sold his property and went to Whiteside county, Ill., where he was engaged in farming when the Civil war broke out. He at once offered himself in the defense of the integrity of his country's flag, enlisting in Co. B, 13th Ill. V. I., having himself raised the company; he was appointed quartermaster by Gov. Richard Yates, served at the front for three years, and bore a brave and gallant part throughout, and was finally honorably discharged for disability, his avoirdupois having been reduced from 235 at the time of enlistment to 104 at the date of his discharge at Vicksburg—rheumatism and diarrhoea having wasted his frame.

Prior to his enlistment Col. Henderson had been twice married: first, in 1852, at Fairfield, Conn., to Emma A. Phelps, who bore him one child, George P., now in the fruit business at Philadelphia, but residing at Parkesburg, Pa., and married to Lucy Essick. Mrs. Emma (Phelps) Henderson was born in Fairfield, Conn., a daughter of George A. and Eliza (Ayers) Phelps, and died in New York, in 1855, at the age of twenty-four years, her remains being sent to Fairfield for interment. The second marriage of Col. Henderson took place Oct. 17, 1856, in Chester county, Pa., to Jane B. Jacobs, and to this union has been born one son, Richard J., now a machinist in Newark, N. J., and who first married Anna Cross, and second Celestia Shaffer. Mrs. Jane B. (Jacobs) Henderson was born in Chester county, Pa., a daughter of Joseph B. and Anna (Bowen) Jacobs, of the same county, and died in Bellefonte, Pa., while on a visit in 1867, when thirty-seven years old.

To resume the record of Col. Henderson's life career from the point where the above digression was made: on his discharge from the army in 1864 he returned to Whiteside county, Ill., with the intention of recuperating his health, but found that his wife's health had become impaired; he therefore sold

his farm and returned to Pennsylvania and lived in retirement in Chester county until the death of his second wife (in 1867), when he returned to the old homestead, where he remained until 1871, when he went to Colorado Springs, El Paso Co., Colo., and dealt in horses, etc., for five years. Col. Henderson then came back to the old homestead in Salisbury township, lived there a few years, when he retired to his present farm.

In politics Col. Henderson is a Republican, and for twenty-five years served as township auditor off and on, finally declining further service; in religion he is an Episcopalian. His military title was not acquired through his service in the army, but from his having been appointed an aide-de-camp on the staff of Gov. William F. Johnson in 1852, on which he served his full time. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and a member of Thompson Lodge, No. 340, and also a member of Post No. 31, G. A. R., Westchester.

Col. Henderson, a brother, a sister and a granddaughter all reside together in domestic felicity. The Colonel is still compelled to use crutches on account of rheumatism contracted while in the army.

Thomas Henderson, great-great-grandfather of the Colonel, came from the north of Ireland to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1727, and settled in Salisbury township on the old Lancaster & Philadelphia Road, seventeen miles from Lancaster, forty-nine miles from Philadelphia, one-eighth of a mile from White Horse, and there engaged in farming and mercantile business, besides conducting a hotel. He had a family of nine children, to-wit: Matthew (born in 1733), Archibald, William, Thomas, Mary (who married John Skiles), Rebecca (who married John Griffith), Catherine (who wedded Robert Darlington), Margaret (wife of John Graham), and John.

The paternal grandparents of the Colonel, James and Mary (Skidmore) Henderson, were natives, respectively, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., and Long Island, N. Y. The grandfather was a prominent merchant and farmer, and died in 1822, at the age of sixty-six, but the grandmother was comparatively young at her death. They were members of the Episcopal Church and were interred in St. John's cemetery. They were the parents of three children, viz.: Thomas G., father of the Colonel; Rachel, who was married to Richard Suydam, of New York; and Abigail, who died young. The paternal great-grandparents, Matthew and Rachel (Clemson) Henderson, were natives of Lancaster county, and of whom the great-grandfather was a farmer and hotel keeper, being landlord of the "Three Crowns" Hotel (England, Ireland and Scotland), in Salisbury township. He was also a wealthy landowner. He had born to him ten children in the following order: James (grandfather of the Colonel), Sept. 12, 1756; Sarah H., Jan. 19, 1758; Thomas, Aug. 30, 1759; Mary, Dec. 17, 1761; Clemson, March 8, 1766; Archibald, Jan. 31, 1767; Matthew, Sept. 10, 1768; John, July 4, 1770; Barton,

Dec. 4, 1775; and Mary Ann, July 17, 1778. Of these children, James served in the war for American independence on the British side, as he had had six fine horses stolen by the Colonial troops; he fought all through the conflict, and for his services was granted land in Nova Scotia by the British government, but after a short residence there he settled on the Col. Atley farm, which he purchased in Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

MAJ. SAMUEL JACOB HENDERSON, brother of Col. William C. Henderson, was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 8, 1824, and is now living retired. He was formerly a farmer and a justice of the peace. He never married, but lived with his parents until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he was one of the first to enlist in Co. F, 25th P. V. I., in the ninety-day service, having assisted in raising the company. He was appointed on Gen. B. A. Shaffer's staff as major and quartermaster, and in time of peace has served in various civic offices for the past fifty years. In 1871 he went to Colorado and was engaged in prospecting for gold until 1875, when he returned to his home, a panic having occurred. He is a member of the Episcopal church, and politically is a Republican, and both brothers are greatly respected as among the most substantial and most public spirited citizens of Salisbury township.

AMOS RUTTER, who died Aug. 15, 1902, was a prominent coal and grain dealer in New Holland, where he also had an extensive feed and salt business. He was born in Leacock township, this county, May 24, 1830, son of Amos (Sr.) and Esther (Royer) Rutter.

The first representative of the Rutter family in Lancaster county of whom anything definite is known was Conrad Rutter, who left Rhenish Prussia in 1682, going to England to escape the French war, and came to America the following year, making his home in Philadelphia. He was one of a colony of thirteen families who under the leadership of Francis Danielson Pastorius took up the land which is now the site of the city of Germantown. There he remained until 1689, when he removed to Montgomery county, where he took up land and made his home until 1700, in that year going into Lancaster county with some English families by the name of Douglass, and settling in Salisbury township. Conrad Rutter still later moved into Leacock township, where he secured 580 acres of land in one piece. He had two neighbors, Peter and Henry Skiles. From this ancestor the line is through his son Andrew, who had a son Henry; Henry became the father of Joseph, whose son, Amos, Sr., was the father of Amos.

Conrad Rutter was instrumental in founding the first Episcopal Church in Lancaster county, one hundred and seventy-one years ago. In 1730 Sebastian Royer donated ground for a Lutheran and Reformed Church in northern Lancaster, which church was located in Brickerville, and became a hospital during the Revolution; in 1808 it was rebuilt. The German

Reformed Church built in 1747 was known as the Royer Church, and was also used as a hospital during the Revolution; it was rebuilt in 1813. Some of the soldiers who died in the church were interred in the church burying ground.

Joseph Rutter, the grandfather of Amos, was born and reared in Lancaster county. On Aug. 29, 1786, he was married, by Rev. J. Frederick Illings, to Margaret Besore, who bore him the following children: John, Joseph, Amos, Sr., Daniel, Henry, Mary (who married a Mr. Foltz), and Baltzer.

Amos Rutter, Sr., was born in 1791, and died in 1868. His entire life was passed in Leacock township, where he was first engaged in shoemaking, but later followed farming. For the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired. A man of unusually sound judgment, he was often called upon to settle estates and to fill other positions of trust. He married Esther Royer, who was born in 1795, daughter of Jonathan and Anna (Frick) Royer, farming people of Lancaster county, and died in 1859. The first of the Royer family in America was Sebastian Royer, who left two sons in Montgomery county, Pa., from whom sprang a numerous progeny in Chester and Montgomery counties. Sebastian Royer first located in Montgomery county in 1720, and the same year came to Lancaster. Mrs. Esther (Royer) Rutter was in the fifth generation from him. To Amos Rutter, Sr., and his wife were born the following children: John, who married Caroline Snader; Anne, who wedded Levi Good; Mary, who became the wife of Rudy Evans; Joseph, who married Henrietta Hartman; Catherine, who married Roland Wenger; Jeremiah H., who married Christiana Bear; and Amos, all these now deceased. The survivors are Jonathan, a retired farmer of Leacock township; and Esther, widow of Isaac Miller, of Paradise township.

Through his maternal grandmother, Anna (Frick) Royer, Mr. Rutter's ancestral line is traced to Jacob Frick, who was born in 1620 in Switzerland, where he held an official position in one of the Cantons. He suffered terribly in the persecution of the Protestants, being a convert of Menno Simon, the Mennonite reformer. He had one son, born in 1650, who had one daughter, Barbara, and two sons, Jacob and John.

Amos Rutter was reared on the farm, remaining there until he reached the age of twenty-three, when he entered a dry goods store in New Holland. There he continued until 1855, in which year he became a partner with D. Richwine and his brother, in a dry-goods and notions store in New Holland. Seven years later Amos and his brother, Jeremiah H., purchased the interest of the Richwines. Together they operated the store a few years, and then disposed of it at a good figure, buying the J. F. Seldomridge store, at Intercourse, where they remained eleven years, Amos Rutter being postmaster there during the time. In 1874 he came back to New Holland, and, building a warehouse, engaged in the



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grain, coal and feed business, in connection therewith handling second-class freight and tickets for the Pennsylvania Company, doing also an express business until 1892. Mr. Rutter was prison inspector of Lancaster county for three years, a position thrust upon him against his will, as he disclaimed all political ambitions. He had been a vestryman in the Lutheran Church from 1862, had been deacon and elder, and was a trustee in that body up to the time of his death. He belonged to the Lancaster County Historical Society and the Pennsylvania German Society.

On Sept. 2, 1856, in New Holland, Amos Rutter was married, by Rev. John Kohler, to Catherine E. Mentzer, and there were born to this union: Eugene M., of New Holland, who married Annie Geahr, and has four children, Lillian M., Mary E., Pauline K. and Emily G.; and Lillian, at home.

Mrs. Catherine E. (Mentzer) Rutter was born in New Holland in 1835, daughter of Paul and Sarah (Kurtz) Mentzer, who were born in New Holland and Lancaster, respectively. Paul Mentzer, who was a blacksmith by trade, died in New Holland in 1892, at the age of eighty-seven; his wife died Nov. 25, 1864, at the age of sixty years. Both were buried in the cemetery at New Holland, which is connected with the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: Catherine E., Mrs. Rutter, is the eldest; Jacob K., now a grocer of Lancaster, married (first) Margaret Schafer, and (second) Annie M. Leightner; Annie L. died at the age of twenty-four; Samuel J. died when a year and a half old; William H., a retired farmer of New Holland, married Jane Wilson. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Rutter were Jacob and Elizabeth (Johns) Mentzer; her maternal grandparents were Christopher and Magdelina (Martin) Kurtz. Mrs. Rutter has been a member of the Lutheran Church of New Holland for the last fifty years, and for many years has been a teacher in the Sunday-school. She is a woman of much character and ability, and was a worthy companion for Mr. Rutter.

JOHN W. KINARD, M. D. Among the successful physicians of Lancaster is Dr. John W. Kinard, who is recognized as a man of ability, wide and comprehensive study and large experience. Dr. Kinard is a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Olewiler) Kinard, natives of York county, Pennsylvania.

The great-grandfather of Dr. Kinard was a native of Scotland, who emigrated to this country at an early date, and settled in York county, Pa., engaging in farming to the time of his death. His son, the grandfather, as well as Simon Kinard, the father, were born in this prosperous region of the Keystone State, and became well known in that locality.

Simon Kinard owned and operated a fine farm of 120 acres near Wrightsville, Pa., residing upon it until the time of his death, which occurred in 1886, when he was fifty-six years of age. His wife survived him until September, 1896, when she, too,

passed away, aged sixty-six years, and is buried at East Prospect. She was a daughter of Jacob Olewiler, also a native of York, Pennsylvania.

Dr. John W. Kinard was born Feb. 15, 1858, at Wrightsville, York county, and grew to manhood upon his father's farm. Of the eleven children, six sons and five daughters, who lived to grow to maturity, Dr. Kinard is the eldest, and he has one brother, George C., who is also a physician of Lancaster county, and his other brothers are school teachers. Like many country boys, Dr. Kinard attended the district school, but he had the advantage of an academic course, after which he followed the calling of a school teacher for six years. During his vacations, however, he attended the Millersville Normal School for five years, and then took up the study of medicine, for which he had always had a strong inclination, with Dr. Bigler, of East Prospect. For a year he studied with this excellent physician, then continued his studies with Dr. J. Hay, of York, until 1879, when he was prepared to enter the University of Maryland at Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1882, with the degree of M. D.

Following his graduation, Dr. Kinard established himself at East Prospect, and for five years was successfully engaged in the practice of his profession in that locality, building up a large and wealthy list of patients. But feeling that he needed further experience and instruction, Dr. Kinard sold his practice to Dr. J. A. Stoner and went to New York, entering Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he was graduated March 11, 1888, with degree of M. D. Prior to this he had taken a post-graduate course in Philadelphia in the Polyclinic College and College for Graduates in Medicine. In the spring of 1888 Dr. Kinard located at No. 17 East Walnut street, Lancaster, where he has since remained, and during the years which have followed he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the people of the city, while his success demonstrates his ability to cope with disease. In politics Dr. Kinard is an ardent Republican, and supports the principles of that party upon every occasion. During his residence at East Prospect he served as school director, and held every office within the gift of the people from an inspector to chief burgess. His religious connections are with St. John's Lutheran Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Socially Dr. Kinard is a thirty-second degree Mason, and belongs to the F. & A. M., No. 276, Lamberton Lodge, Chapter No. 43, Knights Templar, and Harrisburg Consistory. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., East Prospect Lodge, No. 944; Jr. O. U. A. M.; A. & I. O. of Malta, No. 99; Eagles; member and ex-president and secretary of the Lancaster Pathological Society; president of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society; member of the State Medical Society and American Medical Association, and attended the last session of the American Medical Association at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., as a representative.

In September, 1883, Dr. Kinard was married to Miss Isabelle Weidman, of York City, Pa., and their children are: Kerwin W., attending the University of Pennsylvania, class of 1905; and Margaret C., at home. Mrs. Kinard, a most charming and accomplished lady, is a daughter of Jacob Weidman, a farmer of York county, and was born in York, where she was reared and educated. Dr. Kinard possesses more than ordinary ability, is successful in a marked degree, and, judging by the light of the past, his future is a bright and promising one.

JOHN KENDIG (deceased) was during a long life one of Lancaster county's excellent farmers and highly esteemed and substantial citizens. He was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Dec. 18, 1818, and his death took place on his farm March 4, 1896, his remains being interred in Longnecker's cemetery, in West Lampeter township.

John and Frances (Herr) Kendig, his parents, were natives of Lampeter and Manor townships, respectively. The former died in 1848, and the latter in 1856. They were members of the Methodist Church, but were interred in the New Mennonite cemetery at New Danville. Their children were as follows: Eliza, deceased, married John Hoover; Barbara is the widow of Martin Mylin and the mother of Hon. Amos H. Mylin, of West Lampeter township; Fanny died unmarried; John is the subject of this sketch; George is deceased; and Abraham is a farmer of New Carlisle, Ohio.

By birth and environment John Kendig was a farmer, his honored ancestors having successfully cultivated the soil for generations. He showed a natural aptitude for his vocation, and from the age of twenty-one years operated the farm upon which his quiet and upright existence was spent, until his retirement from activity in 1874. When Mr. Kendig resolved upon shifting the burdens to younger shoulders, he erected a separate home, which also was one of comfort and attractiveness. As a man of scrupulous honesty, highest integrity and financial responsibility, Mr. Kendig was prominent in Lancaster county. He was one of the directors of the Willowstreet Turnpike Co., and later president until his death.

On March 15, 1842, in Lancaster, John Kendig was united in marriage to Miss Mary Herr, born in West Lampeter township May 31, 1820, daughter of Martin and Mary (Herr) Herr, of West Lampeter township, the former of whom was born June 12, 1788, and was a farmer on the old Herr farm of that locality, and both of whom were members of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of the county. His death occurred when he was aged eighty years. Mrs. Herr died March 5, 1823, when only twenty-five years of age. Both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Frances, born March 28, 1818, died in infancy; Mary married John Kendig; and Martha, born August 23, 1822, is the widow of Gabriel

Wenger, of West Lampeter township. On the paternal side the family may be traced on back to Francis and Fanny (Barr) Herr, farming people of West Lampeter township, and still farther, to John Herr, of Lancaster county, father of Francis. Through intermarriages this family is connected with almost all of the leading families of the county.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Kendig: M. Frances, who died unmarried, at the age of fifty-five years; Addah L. and Martin H., twins, the former of whom married Frank Bare, and died March 14, 1901, the latter of whom is a farmer of Clark county, Wash.; John E., who died in infancy; John B., who resides on the old homestead in Willowstreet, married to Susan R. Brackbill; Mary, who is the widow of Christian Herr, of Manor township; Dr. Elizabeth, now a resident of Lancaster; and Miss B. Alice, also a resident of Lancaster. The removal of Mrs. Kendig from the farm to Lancaster was accomplished in April, 1896, and she is one of the most highly esteemed ladies of this city, and a most devoted and worthy member of the New Mennonite Church.

Dr. Elizabeth Kendig is one of the highly educated and successful practitioners of Lancaster. Her tastes early led her to begin the study of medicine, and under the able instruction and direction of Mrs. Dr. Mary Wilson, of Lancaster, she was prepared for entrance to the Woman's College of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia, from which she graduated with honors in 1886. She then located for practice in Reading Pa., where she remained until 1898, going thence to Chicago, Ill. Several months in the Windy City gave her needed experience, and she returned and located permanently in Lancaster. Here she has taken a leading position. She belongs to the Berks County Medical Society.

Miss B. Alice Kendig is a lady of independent means, and she and her sister, Dr. Kendig, have long resided together. Both ladies belong to the German Reformed Church, and mingle with the best social circles of Lancaster.

JOHN F. CHARLES. This prominent and respected citizen of Millersville is the son of Christian Charles, a well known and successful farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county. He was born Jan. 5, 1843, and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He remained with his father upon the farm until his marriage, which was solemnized Nov. 21, 1865, his bride being Miss Anna Denlinger, who was born May 2, 1844, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Denlinger. After their marriage Mr. Charles and his wife took up their residence on a farm of ninety-seven acres, near Little Washington, in the Susquehanna valley. This he continued to cultivate for eighteen years, when he removed to the paternal farm, which he managed for fourteen years. In the spring of 1898 he gave up active work and took up his residence in Millersville, where he owns a hand-

some, well-appointed home and six acres of land. His life has been a remarkably successful one, and the success is due chiefly to those sterling qualities of mind and heart which have distinguished him from boyhood. His ideas on public questions are fully abreast of the times in which he lives, and his influence in the community is widely felt. He is a stockholder and director in the Mountville Bank, as well as in the Mountville Manufacturing Co., and is regarded as one of the county's foremost and substantial citizens.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles three children have been born, two of whom, Henry D. and John D., are yet living, to do honor to their parents' name and to benefit the community in which they reside. Henry was born May 31, 1874, and John on June 29, 1878. Both are graduates of the State Normal School at Millersville, the elder in the class of 1891, and the younger in 1899, and both have had experience as teachers. Henry D. is a farmer, working the home place, and married Hettie Charles. John D. is attending Franklin and Marshall College, in Lancaster, from which he will graduate in the regular classical course leading to the degree A. B. in the summer of 1905. The entire family are Mennonites.

JOHN C. SEITZ, a retired farmer, ex-soldier and greatly respected citizen of Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, this county, March 9, 1835, son of Jacob Seitz, Sr., and a brother of Charles C. Seitz, whose sketch will be found elsewhere.

In Lancaster City, Aug. 15, 1859, John C. Seitz married Charlotte Herr, and to this union have been born six children, as follows: Jacob H., a farmer residing at Mountville, married Catherine Shuman; John H., a carpenter at the same place, married to Barbara Wriggle; Aaron H., a grocer at Mountville, married to Anna Copland; Susan H. is at home; Isaiah H., principal of the Pearl street school in Lancaster, married to Laura Myers; and Barbara H. is at home, but a school teacher by profession. Mrs. Charlotte (Herr) Seitz was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Lancaster county, Oct. 2, 1838, daughter of Rudolph, and sister of Aaron, Herr, mentioned elsewhere.

John C. Seitz lived on the home farm until twenty-three years of age, and then farmed on his own account in Manor township for thirty years, when he came to live in retirement in Mountville, doing only such work as suits his taste, occupies his mind and gives him necessary exercise.

On Aug. 24, 1864, John C. Seitz enlisted in Co. H, 203d Reserve Pennsylvania Volunteers, Birney's Sharpshooters, but his company later changed its commander, Capt. Charles Liman assuming charge. Mr. Seitz took part in many skirmishes, and in the bombardment and capture of Fort Fisher escaped being wounded or taken prisoner, and was honorably discharged in Raleigh, N. C., June 22, 1865, since when he has resided in quiet on his farm, or in re-

tirement in Mountville. Mr. Seitz is a Republican in politics, and his amiable wife is an active and faithful member of the Mennonite church.

HENRY WORST, the senior member of the mercantile firm of Worst & Shertz, of Springville, Salisbury township, was born in that village, March 20, 1835, son of Henry, Sr., and Mary (Kurtz) Worst.

The Worst family was established in Lancaster county about 1760, by three brothers of the name who came hither from Switzerland, one settling in Germantown, one settling in Cornwall, Lebanon county, and the third in Terre Hill, Lancaster county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Worst, of this sketch, were Peter and Barbara (Weaver) Worst, farming people of Lancaster county, who died on the old homestead in Springville.

Henry Worst, Sr., father, was born in the same house as was his son, and became a well known and respected farmer of Salisbury township. He was born in 1795, and died at the age of eighty-nine years. He married Mary Kurtz, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Showalder) Kurtz, of Lancaster. She died in 1843, aged forty-four years, and was buried beside her husband on a part of the old farm, in a private cemetery. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Barbara, deceased, married John Wanner; Peter, deceased, married Maria Good; Samuel married Nancy Kurtz, deceased, and is a farmer of Salisbury township; Elias, deceased, married Susannah Gaybill; Mary, deceased, married Joseph H. Bair; Miss Elizabeth resides on the old homestead; Susannah, who married Daniel Kurtz, resides in this township; Henry is the subject of this sketch; Leah died at the age of six years; and Catherine died at the age of eighteen years.

Henry Worst acquired a good, common school education and remained assisting his father on the farm until he was twenty years of age, at which time he embarked in a general mercantile business, opening up a stock of goods, in Springville, at his present location. In 1871 he admitted C. M. Shertz as a partner, and the business has been very prosperously conducted ever since. Both Mr. Worst and Mr. Shertz are men of business ability, and have made it their rule to buy and sell as suits the convenience of their large number of patrons. Their upright methods and careful selection of seasonable goods have attracted and retained a large trade.

In politics Mr. Worst is a Republican, and has held the office of postmaster since 1855. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is one of the representative citizens of Salisbury township.

In June, 1863, Mr. Worst was married in Providence township to Miss Susan Frailey, born in Earl township, Aug. 26, 1838, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Long) Fraileick, the former of whom was a blacksmith and died in Paradise township, in 1888, and the latter of whom died in 1886, aged sixty-one

years. They were respectively members of the Menonite and the Dunkard Churches, and they were interred in Mellinger's cemetery, near Lancaster. Their children were: Joseph, deceased; Daniel, a railroad baggage master in Harrisburg, married Lillie Herr; Anna married Henry Brown, of Paradise township; Rebecca is the widow of Elias Herman, of Lancaster; Abby married John Wright, of Lancaster; Susan is Mrs. Worst. Her maternal grandparents were Jonathan and Susan (Reno) Long.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Worst are as follows: Catherine, who is the widow of Clayton De Haven, resides at home and has four children; Clayton, who married Margaret Bowers and has one child, resides on the old homestead; Henry, who married Mazie Kurtz, has one child, and they live in Springville; and Miss Anna is at home.

PHILIP DIETRICH, the founder of the Dietrich family in Lancaster county, came hither from Alsace, Germany, and made his home in Manheim township, along the New Holland Pike road, buying land located within two miles of the city of Lancaster. This worthy German emigrant brought with him the provident habits of his native land, and at the time of his death left his heirs not only 600 acres of rich and improved land, valuable on account of its nearness to a flourishing city, but also a sum of \$75,000 in money. On account of some disagreement, litigation began over this estate, continuing until it was about consumed, making one of the most famous cases in the annals of Lancaster county. The family of the founder consisted of two sons, Henry and Michael, and several daughters. Two of his great-granddaughters who now reside in this county are Mrs. I. P. Mayer, of Landisville, and Mrs. B. W. Hershey, of the same place.

Henry Dietrich was a well known farmer, and he lived on the old homestead until the age of fifty-one years, marrying a member of the Diller family, later, after her death, marrying her sister, Sally Diller. The children of the first marriage were: Adam; Daniel; Samuel; Mrs. Gip; Mrs. Carpenter; and Mrs. Michael. The children of the second marriage were: Philip; Sallie, who became Mrs. Frissler; and Martha, who married Israel Groff. Both parents were worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

Adam Dietrich, son of Henry and father of Samuel Dietrich of Bamford, was born and reared on the old homestead, and in the course of time became the successor of his father in the administration of the large estate of his grandfather, Philip Dietrich. In early life Adam Dietrich was a farmer, but later he engaged in the hotel business, successfully managing hostleries in different localities until advancing years made it necessary for him to retire from activity. His life extended to the unusual age of ninety-six years, four months and twenty-six days. Adam Dietrich married Miss Mary Swope, who was born in Leacock township, and she lived to the age of

seventy-six years. They had a family of ten children: John, who is now deceased, but for many years was a hotel keeper; Catherine, deceased, married Martin Bombarger; Daniel, deceased in infancy; Adam, a drover, now deceased; Mary, who resides in Lancaster, and is the widow of Martin Musser; Henry, deceased, who was, like his father and brother, a hotel keeper; Samuel, of this sketch; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Rudisill; Sarah, the widow of Abraham Brown, and living with Mrs. B. W. Hershey; and Graybill, deceased.

SAMUEL DIETRICH, son of Adam and great-grandson of Philip the emigrant, was born Sept. 10, 1824, and is a resident of Bamford. Until the age of seventeen years he lived on the farm, and then became engaged in assisting his father in his hotel enterprise, remaining with him until he married. He then removed to Landisville, this county, and there he remained for the succeeding fourteen years, later occupying several other locations in East Hempfield township. It was about 1883 that Mr. Dietrich purchased the small property in Bamford, where he resided until the death of his wife, in 1897, broke up his home. Since that date Mr. Dietrich has made his home with his son. By occupation Mr. Dietrich is a fence-builder, and has constructed many miles of fencing in this and adjacent counties, and has also done the butchering, in the season, for his farmer neighbors, this being a very important branch of work on the farm. A man skilled in the art of preparing meats for winter consumption is always in demand through the rural districts.

In 1854 Mr. Dietrich was married to Miss Mary Steward, who was a daughter of Alexander Steward, who was born in East Hempfield township, and lived a most estimable life through sixty-six years, passing away in 1897. A family of six children was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich: Elizabeth, who married I. P. Mayer; Emma, who married B. W. Hershey; Henry, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Franklin, who makes his home in the West; and Adam, who is a resident of Bamford. The Dietrich family have always been supporters of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Dietrich was a member of the German Baptist Church. Both she and her husband enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE K. HERR, a resident of Pequea township, was born in West Lampeter township, near the mouth of Mill Creek, May 27, 1847, son of Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Herr (both deceased), and grandson of Christian and Catherine (Kauffman) Herr.

Jacob Herr was born Nov. 17, 1817, near Millersville, in what is now Lancaster township, where he was reared and educated in the public schools. He was married Oct. 13, 1846, to Mary, a daughter of George and Mary (Swarr) Kreider, a native of Pequea township (which then bore the name of Conestoga), where she was born Nov. 4, 1822. After their marriage the young couple located at the mill

in West Lampeter township, where Mr. Herr was engaged in the milling business some twenty-four years, and was familiarly known as "Sawmiller Jacob Herr." His attention was largely given to the manufacture of lumber until 1870, when he purchased seventy-seven acres of land, near Hollinger, in West Lampeter township. His death occurred Dec. 4, 1871, and his widow survived until Feb. 28, 1898. They were members of the old Mennonite Church, and had the following children: George K.; Christian, a resident of West Lampeter township; Jacob K., who died July 17, 1902; Miss Mary; Henry K., who died in infancy; Catherine K., the wife of Samuel Gochnauer, of West Lampeter; Miss Elizabeth; Barbara, the wife of John Herr, of Lancaster township; and Benjamin K., of East Lampeter township.

George K. Herr was reared to the sawmill business and received his education in the common schools. When he was twenty-six, in 1873, he married and took charge of the mill that had been so long operated by his father. He put in a chopping mill, and carried it on for twenty-one years. In 1895 he purchased a farm of ninety-one acres at Baumgardner Station, in Pequea township, which has been his home to the present time. Here he has made valuable improvements and brought the farm up to a high condition of cultivation. For three years Mr. Herr was a member of the school board in West Lampeter township.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Herr was married to Elizabeth Harnish, daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Buckwalter) Harnish, who was born in Conestoga township, June 10, 1853. They have been blessed with the following children: Jacob, who married Miss Barbara Huber, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Reinhart) Huber, operates the Martic mills in Pequea township; and Mary, Aaron, Annie, Lizzie and Barbara, all of whom are still under the parental roof.

ELIAS H. HERR, now living retired, was long one of the energetic and successful farmers of East Lampeter township, where his family has for many years been one of the most respected. He is a son of Solomon Herr, and a grandson of Abraham Herr.

Abraham Herr was born in Lancaster county and lived near Lancaster City all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and distiller. He was one of the Old Mennonites in Lancaster county. His family consisted of five children, as follows: Solomon, the father of our subject; Peter, Abram and Christian, all deceased; and Annie, wife of Henry Herr.

Solomon Herr was born in East Lampeter township, Jan. 6, 1806. He lived at home with his parents until he was of age, receiving a common school education, and he then began farming for himself on the place a part of which our subject now owns. He, too, was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Catherine Herr, daughter of John and Barbara Herr, of Manor township, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom

died in infancy; Emanuel H.; Abraham and Elias H., our subject, twins, of East Lampeter township; and Adam H., of Lancaster City.

Elias H. Herr, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in East Lampeter township, Aug. 12, 1842. He lived at home with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, received a common school education, and he then began life for himself. After living one year on the farm of his father-in-law, he took charge of that place, where he remained thirty-one years. He has since lived retired. Mr. Herr has ably sustained the reputation which all the members of his family have enjoyed for industry, honesty and upright living, and he ranks, decidedly, among the most valuable citizens of his section of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 5, 1863, Elias H. Herr was married to Mary L. Rohrer, daughter of John Rohrer, of East Lampeter township, and to this union have been born two children: Aaron R., who died when six years of age; and Elam R., who still lives at home. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

CHRISTIAN H. COBLE (deceased). Few men in Mt. Joy township were better known or more thoroughly respected through a long and successful life than was Christian H. Coble. He was born Feb. 22, 1836, in Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pa., just over the line of Lancaster county, Pa., and he died in February, 1896, in the village of Bellaire, which at one time was a portion of his farm. His burial took place in Risser's Meeting House cemetery, in Mt. Joy township.

Christian H. Coble was the second son of Christian and Eliza (Hoffer) Coble, farming people of Dauphin county, where Christian died in 1880, and his years had reached seventy-five. His second wife, Nancy Snyder, died in 1897, aged eighty years. No children were born to the second marriage, but those born to the first union were as follows: Barbara, deceased, who married Isaac Meckley; Isaac, who is a farmer in Dauphin county; and Christian H., John, Jacob and Samuel, all deceased. The parents were buried on a portion of their old farm, set aside for that purpose.

Christian H. Coble was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the district schools. He became an excellent farmer and continued to follow agriculture until the wheel of progress, in the shape of the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad, was turned across his land. After satisfactory arrangements were made with this road in 1880, Mr. Coble embarked in the grain, coal and lumber business, opening up a first-class general store, and he conducted this with success and ability until his death. His very capable wife still carries on the business, which is one of the prosperous ones in the village of Bellaire. Mr. Coble had the honor of being appointed the first postmaster of Bellaire, which position he most efficiently filled until his death, when its duties

were assumed by his son and wife. Mr. Coble was prominently identified with Republican politics, and faithfully served the county as one of its commissioners for a period of six years. He was a conveyancer and surveyor, was also justice of the peace, in fact, was one of those estimable, level-headed men who naturally become almost a necessity to a growing community. In every relation of life Christian H. Coble bore an honest, manly part, and won the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

In 1854 Mr. Coble was married, in Harrisburg, to Anna A. Eby, and a most estimable family was born to this union, as follows: Allen A., a farmer of Mt. Joy township, married Emma Keiper; Edwin E., who married Mary Meckley, is a jeweler in Elizabethtown and is president of the Electric Light Co.; Clara C. married Harry Bachman, the proprietor of a hotel in Campbellstown; Christian L., deceased, married Alice Ressler, of Bellaire; Samuel L. and Grant died young; Robert A., a grain and coal dealer, married Jennie Breneman, and lives at home; and Emlin W. died at the age of eleven years.

Mrs. Anna A. (Eby) Coble, who so efficiently manages the business left in her hands by her husband, was born March 17, 1836, in Derry township, Dauphin county, daughter of Peter and Mary (Wisler) Eby, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties. The former was a farmer in Dauphin county, where he died in 1846, aged forty-two years. The latter made her home subsequently with Mrs. Coble, where she died in 1894, aged ninety years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Samuel O., who is in the hotel business at Bismarck, Pa.; George W., who died in 1902; Henry B., a merchant in Bachmanville, Pa.; Anna A., the widow of Mr. Coble; Mary, deceased, wife of John Detwilder; and Peter, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Coble were Michael and Elizabeth (Oberholtzer) Eby, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were George and Anna (Breneman) Wisler, also of Lancaster. Mrs. Coble is a valued member of the Mennonite Church, and a lady who enjoys the friendship and respect of a very large circle of friends.

JOHN H. DIEM. The agricultural supremacy of some portions of Lancaster county can easily be explained when one considers the various classes of farmers who manage these interests. Good farmers are no more accidents of chance than are capable workers in any other line. To be a successful farmer every branch must be understood, from a knowledge of the properties of the soil, and its adaption to the vegetable and cereal growths, to the economical breeding and feeding of stock.

Among those who have thus succeeded in Salisbury township is John H. Diem, who is now retired from active labor, enjoying the ease won by earlier effort. He was born in Earl township, this county, March 21, 1842, son of Kennedy and Hettie (Brower) Diem, the former of whom belonged to

Salisbury and the latter to Earl township, by virtue of birth. Kennedy Diem was a miller by trade and died in Salisbury township, Jan. 21, 1891, at the age of seventy-eight years, the mother of John H. passing away Aug. 21, 1862, when but forty-five. Both these worthy people were consistent members of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, and they were buried in its shadow. For a number of years Kennedy Diem was the efficient supervisor of his township, and a prominent man in public affairs. The children born to Kennedy Diem and wife were: Mary, who died in 1896, first married George Sweigart, and second, Davis Weller; Catherine, who married Mansell Reed, of Salisbury township; Emma, who married David High, and lives in Philadelphia; John H.; Lavina, who married Joshua Roop, of Colerain township; Ellen, deceased; Kennedy, who is a machinist of Atglen, Pa.; Sarah, who married William Axe, of Salisbury township; Margaret, who married Harry Parker, of Parkesburg; Christiann, who lives, unmarried, in Philadelphia; Susan, who married Frank Hall, an attorney in Lancaster; Benjamin, who is a farmer in Kentucky; and Harvey, who lives in California. John Diem, father of Kennedy Diem, was a shoemaker in Salisbury township at the time of his death, although he had been born in Germany. His wife's maiden name was Kennedy.

Belonging to a large family, John H. Diem finished his public school education in order to become an earning factor in the family, at the tender age of eleven years leaving home to assist neighboring farmers. Until he was eighteen this was his custom, his ready and willing service always making him welcome. Then Mr. Diem learned the wheelwright trade in Salisbury township, and was engaged in this when came the stirring events of 1861. His services were with the transportation department, and as a driver and wheelwright he was in the service of the Government until the close of the war, often being placed in the most dangerous situations, but he returned to Salisbury township in safety.

For one year Mr. Diem engaged here in his trade, and then added to it a coach manufacturing business, continuing in this line for a period of thirteen years. In 1881 he moved upon his present farm, which consists of forty acres of well-improved land, and here he remained, also interested in his other enterprises, until 1891, when he retired. Formerly Mr. Diem was connected with a number of fraternal organizations, but resigned from them all, and for many years has been an Independent in politics, voting as his judgment directs, trying to select the best man for the position, irrespective of party ties.

In December, 1868, in Lancaster, John H. Diem was married to Miss Catherine Trego, and the family born to this union is one of the most highly esteemed in this township. They are as follows: Harlin, who operates the home farm; Dorothy, who married Christian Erb, a farmer of this township; Amanda, who married Harry Mullen, a livery keeper, of Christiana; Frederick, who resides in Lan-

caster; Rebecca, who is attending college in Philadelphia; Evanna, who is attending the Millersville Normal School; Brinton, a barber by trade, living at home; Scott, deceased; and Flora, deceased. All of these children have been afforded excellent educational advantages.

Mrs. Catherine (Trego) Diem was born in Salisbury township Jan. 25, 1843, daughter of Robert and Dorothy (Ely) Trego, the former of whom was a native of Chester county, and the latter of Lancaster county and Salisbury township. In his younger years Mr. Trego was a mason by trade, but later he purchased a farm and operated it until within two years of his death, when he retired from active work. The father of Mrs. Diem died April 15, 1880, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother at the age of eighty-three years, having survived until 1888. Both parents had been most worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, and they were laid to rest in the cemetery at Pequea, regretted by all who knew them as kind neighbors and reliable friends. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Trego were: Mary A., who married John Ream, a farmer of Salisbury township; George M., who is a retired farmer of Gap; Christiann, who died young; Catherine, the wife of John H. Diem; and John L., who is a farmer of Salisbury township. The grandparents of Mrs. Diem were Peter and Mary C. (Jenkins) Trego, farming people of Chester county, and George and Catherine (Pearl) Ely, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Diem is one of the substantial and respected citizens of this township, who built up a large business by the exercise of sound methods, and in connection proved himself a most excellent farmer and a representative citizen.

PARKE EDMUND SHEE, secretary of the International Cream Separator Co., whose works are located at the corner of Grant and Christian streets, is a Lancasterian by adoption, having lived here for the past three years, and has had business relations with our people for twenty years. One year ago, he became the organizer of the Cream Separator Co., of which he is secretary. The other officers are: Byron L. Dodge, of cork works and safety buggy interests, president; ex-sheriff John H. Myers, vice-president; and Charles H. Locher, president of the City Trust Company, treasurer. The cream separator which this company manufactures saves twenty-five per cent. over the old crock process. It is not strange, therefore, that the output of the company should find vast sales, not only all over the United States, but even in South Africa, Portugal, Spain, Venezuela, England and other foreign countries.

Mr. Shee has an exceedingly interesting history, and no man in the State—perhaps no man in the country—is descended from a more historical line of ancestry. These ancestors came from Westmeath, Ireland, and were the owners of Ardanogroh Castle. They left Ireland on account of the tea riots, and settled in Germantown, where their lands were

confiscated by the British. Mr. Shee's great-great-uncle is mentioned in the Encyclopedia Britannica as President of the Royal Academy of Arts, in London, and his great-grandfather, Walter Shee, who was a successful wholesale tea merchant in Philadelphia, was a brother of Gen. John Shee, who was commander of the Ninth Continentals in the Revolutionary war, and who afterward succeeded Muhlenburg as Collector of the Port at Philadelphia, to which position he was appointed by President Madison. Walter and John Shee, tea merchants, were among the first to sign the Non-importation Act in 1773, and their names hang in Independence Hall. Mr. Shee's great-grandmother, on his father's side, Cecilia Parke, was a sister of Col. John Parke, of Revolutionary fame, who carried to Washington the news of the surrender of the British in New York harbor, and the renowned John Parke Custis was a cousin. Few, indeed, among us, can boast of Revolutionary ancestry like this. His grandfather, Parke Shee, was one of the oldest paper manufacturers in Delaware county (near Media), and he was one of the most prominent Whigs in the State. He died about thirty-five years ago, aged eighty-six years, and the paper business descended to his son, Edmund Brooks Shee, the father of Parke E. Shee, of Lancaster.

Edmund B. Shee, who entered into rest at the early age of forty-two years, married Emaline D. Wayne, daughter of Joseph Wayne, a wholesale lumber merchant of Philadelphia, and a granddaughter of a brother of "Mad Anthony" Wayne. Four children were born of this union, one of whom, Frank, died in early childhood. The survivors are: Edward, in the insurance business, in Philadelphia; Anna, widow of William Thompson, a lawyer of New York, and now making her home in Maryland, near Washington, D. C.; and Parke Edmund, of Lancaster.

Park Edmund Shee was born in Philadelphia Aug. 8, 1855, and was educated in the public schools of that city. He began his business career as a clerk in a sugar refinery, afterward held the position of time keeper for the Wharton Railroad Switch Co., for two or three years. He then passed three years as assistant superintendent of the Riverside Oil Works, and six years with the Seaboard Oil Works. Two years more were spent with Thomas P. Conard, dealer in rails and equipment, boilers, engines and machinery, after which he engaged in the same business for himself, in Philadelphia, for three or four years. In 1898, Mr. Shee came to Lancaster, and is very comfortably located, with his family at No. 552 West James street, College Heights.

Mr. Shee has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Marguerite Bonsall, daughter of Job T. Bonsall, of Middletown, Delaware county. Five children were born of this union, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Parke B., a machinist in Philadelphia, married and has one child; Emma and Mary, both attending Maryland College at

Lutherville, Md.; and Warde attending school in this city. The mother of these children died at Chester, in 1897, and on April 2, 1899, Mr. Shee married Miss Sarah Roberts, daughter of the late Samuel Roberts, of Lancaster. Religiously Mr. Shee is of the Episcopal faith, although his ancestors, paternal and maternal were Hicksite Quakers. Politically he is a Republican, but he never held any office save that of census enumerator, in Delaware county in 1880. Socially he is a member of the B. P. O. E. He is a thoroughly wide-a-woke, progressive and liberal minded business man and citizen.

JOHN B. STROH, who is serving as justice of the peace in Manheim, has filled that position for twenty years with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He is thoroughly impartial in meting out justice, his opinions being unbiased by either fear or favor, and his fidelity to the trust reposed in him is above question.

Mr. Stroh was born in Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., May 22, 1847, son of John and Leah (Booser) Stroh, both of whom are deceased. Being left motherless in infancy, he was reared by his maternal grandmother and an aunt, Elizabeth Booser, and was educated in the common schools and the Annville Academy, attending the latter institution during the summer months. At the age of sixteen he began teaching in the public schools of Dauphin county, and taught eight years in the same township, working on the farm during vacations and in the evenings. He devoted all his spare moments to study, and by close and continuous application gained a large fund of practical knowledge.

In 1872 Mr. Stroh came to Manheim, Lancaster county, where he purchased property, and at once secured a position as teacher in the public schools. Each spring he also assisted in the Manheim National Bank for some four weeks. At first he had only a county certificate for teaching, but in 1880 he secured a State certificate, signed by J. P. Wickersham. He always took a great interest in his pupils, and through his devotion to them turned out some fine scholars. On first coming to Manheim he had charge of the secondary school; later served as assistant principal one term; and then had charge of the grammar school. In 1879 he taught the high school, but after his election to the office of justice of the peace he returned to the grammar school, with which he was connected until 1898, when, on account of his increasing duties in his private affairs, as well as his official work, he retired from school teaching, having been re-elected justice of the peace at each succeeding election. He is now serving his fourth term in that office, has been notary public many years, and has also been a member of the town council and auditor of his borough, as well as deputy coroner for Manheim and vicinity for eight years, having just been reappointed for another term. Mr. Stroh assisted in establishing the city water works, was also one of the promoters of the Manheim Heating &

Manufacturing Co., of which he was secretary and treasurer, and is engaged in the fire and life insurance business, while in a legal capacity he does a large business in executing deeds, etc.

In 1867 Mr. Stroh married Miss Susan Stern, a native of Lancaster county, and to them were born seven children, of whom two died in infancy. Those living are John Jacob Uriel, a graduate of the high school and Union College of Lancaster, and now chief bookkeeper in a wholesale house in Philadelphia; Mary Ann, wife of A. K. Huber, of Crete, Neb.; Elizabeth, wife of W. C. Enck, of Beatrice, Neb.; Susie Maud, a graduate of the Manheim high school, now at home; and Florence Bell, also at home.

Fraternally Mr. Stroh is an honored member of Manheim Lodge, No. 587, F. & A. M.; Chapter, No. 43, R. A. M., of Lancaster; Lancaster Commandery, No. 13, K. T.; Manheim Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F.; Ridgely Encampment, No. 217, of Lancaster; Canton No. 25; Kittanning Lodge, No. 25, A. O. U. W., of Lebanon; Washington Camp, No. 590, P. O. S. A.; Manheim Council, No. 154, O. U. A. M.; Steigel Castle, No. 166, K. G. E.; and the Manheim Volunteer Fire Company. At present he is serving as senior warden in the Masonic Lodge. He attends the Lutheran Church, has been a member of the choir for the past twenty years, and also takes an active part in Sunday-school work, teaching the Bible class. Since 1878 Mr. Stroh has taken quite an active and influential part in political affairs; is at present a member of the Republican committee of his ward; of the Republican county committee, in which he is serving on the executive board; and has been a hard and constant worker in the party ranks. He is a recognized power in his community, and has always been alert and active in advancing any enterprise for the public good of Manheim and Lancaster county in general. He has erected a nice modern home in Manheim, complete in all its appointments.

MARTIN WITMER. One of the representative citizens of whom all speak with respect and esteem, in Strasburg township, is Martin Witmer, a member of one of the oldest and most honorable families of Lancaster county.

Martin Witmer was born July 6, 1836, and was reared on the farm of his father, the well-known Jacob Witmer, of West Lampeter. With others of his age, Martin attended the district schools and acquired a very fair education, remaining with his father until the age of twenty-four, since which time he has been operating upon his own responsibility. Until 1892 he was the efficient manager of one of his father's farms, consisting of forty-nine acres, and when it came into his possession at that date, he added a small tract to it. Much interested in all agricultural pursuits, he has been a very successful farmer, and is so regarded by his neighbors, and has also shown himself a public-spirited and progressive citizen, interested in all the affairs for the good of the county.

The first marriage of Mr. Witmer was on Sept. 2, 1862, to Lizzie Huber, a daughter of Levi Huber, of Willowstreet, who died in 1871, at the age of thirty years, four months and seventeen days, leaving four children: Ida L., born May 27, 1863, married J. Frank Herr, of Paradise township, and they have four children, Ivan, Edna, Myrtle and Miriam; John H., born Oct. 3, 1864, a resident of Strasburg township, married Barbara Irvin, and they have six children. Clara, Irvin, Lizzie, Clayton, Cora and Irene; Catherine, born Dec. 22, 1865, was the wife of Isaac Hostetter, of Paradise township, and died May 2, 1893, aged twenty-seven years, four months, and ten days; and Martin, born March 11, 1868, a resident of Lancaster, married Naomi L. Finnisfrock, and has one son, Howard; the youngest of the family, Abraham, born Jan. 12, 1870, died on Sept. 7th, following. The second marriage of Mr. Witmer was on Nov. 13, 1873, when Mary Mowrer, a daughter of Adam and Mary Mowrer, became his wife. She was born near Strasburg Oct. 14, 1836. To this union were born five children: Adam, born June 29, 1874, resides in Strasburg, and married Lizzie Groff; Aaron, born Oct. 20, 1876, resides in Strasburg, married Florence McClune, and they have two children, Nora and Sarah; Amos, born Oct. 27, 1879; Mary, Aug. 27, 1881; and Enos, born Oct. 6, 1883, all these younger children still remaining at home. The family is one which has long been connected with the Old Mennonite Church, and in it and in the community at large it enjoys the esteem of all. In 1892, Mr. Witmer took possession of his property at Strasburg, adjoining the borough on the north, this place containing twenty-eight acres, and on account of its close proximity to the town it is very valuable and desirable.

MARTIN M. FIELES, a retired hotel man of Christiana, Pa., who bears well the weight of many years, was born in Warwick township, Feb. 20, 1823, a son of Peter and Magdelina (Manderbach) Fieles, natives of Duesseldorf, Germany, and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Peter Fieles came to this country alone when only eleven years of age, and was sold for his passage, serving out its cost in Lancaster county, for a man named Batterman. He worked in the distilling business near Lititz, Pa., and for over forty years operated a distillery in Warwick township at the same stand. After a successful career he lived retired, and died near Berlin, Lancaster county, in 1850. He took an active part in county politics, and on several occasions served as a delegate to the Democratic conventions, though he would not accept office. His wife died in 1853, at the age of fifty-six. They were members of the Moravian Church, and had the following family: Elizabeth, deceased, married Samuel Bricker; Catherine married Isaac Kline, and is now deceased; William is also deceased; Maria married John Shirk and Abram Bair, and has entered into rest; Henry is deceased;

Matilda, deceased, married Nathan Sole; Lucy Ann, deceased, married Jeremiah Rhodes; Reuben and Henrietta are both deceased; Martin M.; Thomas B. is a retired butcher at Amboy, Ill.; William (2) was a resident of Haysville, Pa., but has passed away.

Martin M. Fieles was married in February, 1848, to Ellen R. Rogers, who was born in Leacock township, Dec. 26, 1830, a daughter of William and Margaret Rogers. This union was blessed with the following children: Martin L., deceased; Mordecai M., a hotel man in Christiana; Margaret C., and Kansas M., who both died young; William R., a hotel man in Christiana, who married Cecilia Peters, by whom he has two children, Myrtle and William; Mary E., who married Giles Rush, and lives in Washington (They have lost one child); Maggie, who died at the age of twelve years and two months; Carrie B. and Harry P., twins, who both died young; and two sons and two daughters that died in early infancy.

Martin M. Fieles remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-eight years of age, for three years being in partnership with his father in the distilling business in Warwick township. In 1851 the distillery was sold, and Mr. Fieles then engaged in the hotel business in Williamstown, Lancaster county, being located there for some three years. At the end of that period he spent several years on a small farm in Leacock township. For seven years he was in the hotel business at Georgetown. This hotel was destroyed by fire, and for about twelve months he was out of business. For the ensuing seven years he was in a hotel at Paoli, Chester county, after which he lived retired at Lititz some seven years, and then removed to Baltimore, to take charge of a hotel, which he conducted for ten years. In the spring of 1887 he came back to Christiana, and bought a hotel for his two sons, which they have continued to carry on to the present time.

Mr. Fieles takes a Democratic view of the politics of the country. He recalls with satisfaction the fact that in all his busy life he was never before a court, that his fees and dues as a hotel man were promptly paid, that he maintained the most friendly relations with his servants, and that he never sold a drink on Sunday. The hotel at Christiana is a four-story brick structure, containing twenty-five rooms, and is furnished with baths and electric lights.

William Fieles runs a livery and feed stable in connection with the hotel, and also handles trained hunting dogs. In Baltimore he was an extensive shipper of pigeons.

PLANK REESER. Agriculture has found in the person of this gentleman an able exponent of its theories as scientifically understood, and as a demonstrator of its actual value through practical labor, although he is now living in retirement in his na-

tive township of Salisbury, Lancaster county. He was born April 4, 1838.

John and Elizabeth (Mast) Reeser, his parents, were born, respectively, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and in Berks county, Pa., and in Salisbury township the mother, who was born in 1804, was called to rest in 1869, and the father, who was born in 1800, died in 1887. Both were members of the Mennonite church, and their remains were interred in the Old Road Mennonite cemetery. Their children were eleven in number, born and circumstanced as follows: Jacob, a retired railroad man and living in Philadelphia; Christian, who lost his life at a barn-raising; Barbara, living in Berks county, the widow of Christon Mast; John, deceased; Nicholas, a retired farmer in Chester county; Susanna, wife of David Wanner, also a resident of Chester county; Plank, in whose interest this biography is prepared; Martha, deceased, but who was twice married, first to Amos Kurtz, and secondly to Milton Coffroad; Joseph, a retired merchant in Lancaster City; and Samuel and Amos, retired farmers of Salisbury township. The paternal grandparents of Plank Reeser were Jacob and Barbara (Plank) Reeser, of Lancaster county.

Plank Reeser aided in the cultivation of the homestead until his marriage, Dec. 8, 1865, in Salisbury township, to Miss Mary Ann Wanner, who has borne him six children, viz.: Samuel J., a farmer; Mrs. Amanda Eby, who is the mother of one child; John A., still at home; Elias P., a farmer, and married to Sarah A. Reeser; Harry W., also a farmer and married to Lena Metzler; Martin H.; and Anna E. The three last named still reside under the parental roof, and the others reside elsewhere in the township. Mrs. Mary Ann (Wanner) Reeser was born in Salisbury township April 13, 1845, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Kurtz) Wanner, the former of whom followed agriculture from boyhood until within twelve years of his death, which occurred in May, 1898, at the well advanced age of eighty-one years; his wife died in 1869, when she was but forty-eight years old. The remains of both, however, now rest side by side, in the Old Road Mennonite cemetery, they having been life-long members of the Mennonite Congregation. They had born to their union five children, namely: Mary Ann, wife of Plank Reeser; Elias, a farmer in Salisbury township; Margaret, wife of Moses Hershey, a farmer in Leacock township; Lydia, deceased wife of Frank Kurtz; and Elizabeth, who died in infancy. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Reeser were David and Susannah (Garber) Wanner, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Mary (Whitzel) Kurtz, both families being of German extraction and of old Pennsylvania parentage, whose pursuit through life was entirely of an agricultural nature.

At his marriage, Plank Reeser and wife located on a farm adjoining the Reeser homestead, on which they resided and then settled on an adjoining farm

of 114 acres, which has since been their home. To this they have since added another adjoining farm of 114 acres, and own besides a farm of 119 acres and one of 107 acres, both in Salisbury township. Mr. Reeser has been one of the best agriculturists that Salisbury township has ever had within its limits, and he has won for himself the competency that he now so deservedly enjoys.

In politics Mr. Reeser has been a life-long Republican, has been very popular with his party, and has served seven years as township auditor. He has been very liberal in his contributions in aid of the public improvements of the township, and in the maintenance of the Mennonite church, of which he and wife are devout members, and the teachings of which they unswervingly follow.

WILLIAM HAMILTON. The pursuit of agriculture, although at times vexatious and disappointing, is as a rule not unpleasing, and if understandingly and persistently followed is sure to reward the pursuer with returns adequate to the time and labor expended, as the retired gentleman whose name heads this brief biography can testify, he having been born and reared to the vocation of farming. His birth took place in Leacock township, Oct. 23, 1818, but his home is now in Salisbury township. He is a son of William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton, natives of Bart and Paradise townships, and, respectively, of Scotch-Irish and German extraction.

William Hamilton, the father, was a carpenter by trade and died in 1828, at the age of forty years, his remains being buried in the old Presbyterian churchyard in Leacock; the second marriage of Mrs. Hamilton was to Eli Jackson. To William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton were born seven children, named as follows: James, now deceased; Margaret, who died young; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-six years; William, whose name opens this article; Joseph, deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Marron, and residing in Philadelphia, and Sarah, widow of Michael Murr, and now living in New Holland, this county. To Eli and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Jackson were born two children: Sabilla, deceased wife of James Miller; and Mardula, widow of Benjamin Weaver of Lancaster. The mother of these children was called away in 1879, at the well-advanced age of eighty-six years, and her remains now lie at rest in the Episcopal cemetery in Leacock township.

William Hamilton, whose name heads this sketch, aided his mother on the home property until he was twenty-two years old, and then worked out among the neighboring farmers until he was twenty-nine. On March 4, 1847, in New Holland, he married Sarah Miller, and began farming on his own account in Salisbury township. This marriage was crowned with the birth of five children, namely: Maria, who is married to Jacob Rife, a farmer in Salisbury township, and has four children: Elizabeth, wife of James High, also a farmer in Salisbury township,

has five children; Veronica, twin of Elizabeth, died in infancy; Susannah, also died in infancy; Lydia, who is married to Winfield Ramsey, farmer in East Lampeter township, has three children.

Mrs. Sarah (Miller) Hamilton was born in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, Feb. 22, 1822, and died in 1866, when she was about forty-four years old, her remains being interred in Christ Church cemetery in Leacock. Her parents were George and Mary (Ronk) Miller of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a carpenter and died in 1857, when eighty years old; his wife died in 1855, at the age of seventy-nine years, and their remains were interred in West Leacock Dunkard cemetery, they having been members, respectively, of the Christian Lutheran and German Reformed churches. They were the parents of the following named children: Emma A.; deceased wife of William Anderson; Henry, deceased; George, deceased; Maria, deceased wife of Michael Wise, and Sarah, the deceased wife of William Hamilton, of this biographical memoir.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. Hamilton has made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rife, although he has ample means to pay his way anywhere; here he is at home, with loving hands to attend to his every want. Mr. Hamilton and his family are members of the Episcopal church. In politics he is a Democrat. Remarkably active and well-preserved for his years, very generous in all things and charitable in the broadest sense of the word, he is looked upon as one of the best natured men in the county. He has many friends, and there is not an individual in the township that does not respect and honor him.

HERMAN W. GRAYBILL. The founder of the Graybill family in Lancaster county was Daniel Graybill, who came from Switzerland to America, and made his home in the new land, upon a fine farming tract in the locality of what now is Pennville—the original purchase of 100 acres, made more than a century ago, still being in possession of the same family. Two farms have been made of this productive land, upon which succeeding owners have been honest and energetic tillers of the rich soil ever since. The early members of the family were among the founders of the German Baptist Church in this locality.

Daniel Graybill had three sons: David, who removed to Ohio, and was the founder of a family there, which has many descendants; Samuel, who settled down near his birth place and engaged in farming, rearing a worthy family; and the second son, Daniel, was the grandfather of the Graybill family of this vicinity.

In 1813 Daniel Graybill, son of the founder, came into possession of the old homestead, and thereon erected a residence which still is fit for occupancy, and remained on the place until his eldest son was ready to marry and form a home for himself, when

he purchased some 200 acres of the old Hershey estate at Petersburg, removed to it, and gave up the homestead to his son. There he died, at the age of seventy-two, having been during his entire life a farmer. His wife was Mary Hollinger, and to them were born: Joseph, Daniel and Isaac, deceased; Jacob, who died at the age of seventy-seven years; and Benjamin, Martha, Elizabeth and Barbara, all deceased.

Daniel Graybill, the third of the name, was born in 1814, and died in 1890. He always followed a pastoral life. Politically he belonged to the Republican party, but ever set an example of the value of a quiet life, devoted to his family and his religious duties, and reared a family which possesses the respect of the community in which it holds a prominent place. He married Elizabeth Witmer, the daughter of Herman Witmer, who died in 1886, and Daniel Graybill died at the age of seventy-six. Their children were: Martha, the wife of Daniel Kreider, resides on the old Graybill homestead, near Petersburg; Herman W. is our subject; Amos W. died while on his way to California, from his home, in Kansas, where he had located, at Morrill, and was a well-known carpenter, farmer and undertaker; Benjamin W. is a farmer and stock raiser of Oregon; and David W. is a tobacco dealer of Petersburg.

Herman W. Graybill was born Sept. 15, 1842, and was reared as a farmer boy, early learning the duties and pleasures of agricultural life. He received his education in the most excellent schools of his district, his farther educational career being interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. H, 47th State Militia, and faithfully served for three months. Mr. Graybill had advantages superior to the ordinary farmer boy, as he was able to spend two years in travel, visiting in this tour seventeen States, and gaining much experience and seeing life under many phases. Upon his return to Petersburg, he engaged in the coal and lumber business, also doing some farming, but public affairs have claimed a great portion of his time ever since he reached his maturity. Of a progressive and energetic nature, he has been identified with almost all the matters of public interest and improvement, and has been particularly prominent in all educational movements. For twenty-four years he has served on the school board, for sixteen years being its efficient secretary, during which time many needed reforms have been made in the conduct of the schools, and in the erection and management of buildings, the demands of increasing population making the labors no light task. Mr. Graybill has filled almost every local office in the gift of his party, and was a delegate to the Republican County Convention, as early as his twenty-first year, has been judge of elections, and is now serving his fourth term as director of the poor, the confidence of the whole county being placed in him. Many estates are satisfactorily settled by his good judgment and knowledge of law; for the past twenty-five years probably four or five

have been in his hands at one time. No man stands higher in the community, and no one is better fitted worthily to represent it.

Mr. Graybill has been married three times. His first marriage was to Martha Landis, a daughter of Henry Landis, of Petersburg, but her death, with that of her infant, occurred in 1868. Mr. Graybill was married second in 1869, to Mrs. Kate Minnich, a daughter of Jacob Swarr, but her death occurred about one year later, and on Oct. 21, 1873, he married Fannie A. Bassler, the estimable daughter of John Bassler. To this union were born four children: Nora, who is the wife of John M. Groff, an attorney of Lancaster City; John B., who lives at home, a brilliant young man, who, after graduating with honors from the Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster City, in the class of 1900, was immediately appointed a justice of the peace for Petersburg; and Daniel and Kathryn, at home. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Church, where it is much esteemed. Mr. Graybill is a man who deserves the high favor in which he is held by his fellow-citizens, and in the many trusts that have been placed in his hands, he has acquitted himself with credit and to the satisfaction of all.

JOHN G. ZOOK, publisher of *The Express*, Lititz, was born in Manheim township, on the farm now occupied by James Purvis, on the Conestoga, a mile north of Binkley, May 30, 1853. He obtained his education in the common schools, with an elementary course at the Millersville Normal school from which he graduated in 1875. While attending Normal school in summer, he taught school in winter, teaching six terms in all. In 1877 his father, John Zook, moved to Lititz, where, in connection with E. Z. Ernst, the subject of this sketch started the printing and publishing business, the first publication being *The Sunbeam*, a literary and educational monthly. In 1879 Mr. Ernst withdrew from the firm and went West. In September, 1881, in connection with C. N. Derr, Mr. Zook changed *The Sunbeam* to the *Lititz Express*, and it has been published now for twenty-one years. Mr. Derr withdrew in February, 1895. *The Express* has been politically mainly independent. The publisher was a Republican until 1889, when he espoused the Prohibition cause, and voted the ticket as a matter of conviction of the righteousness of the cause. In the same manner he examined the Socialist program, and is now a conscientious advocate of the public ownership of the means of production and distribution as the best way to secure social and economic justice. He has held no public office except that of school director in 1887-89, and from which he retired because he was a candidate on the Prohibition ticket. He said he would rather be right than school director. He is a member of the Moravian Church, the congregation's treasurer and assistant superintendent of the Sunday School.

In 1879 Mr. Zook was married to Alice Carey,

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wolfe, of Marietta. Their children were: Harry W., with the Pennsylvania Steel Co., at Steelton; Ethel, assisting in the bookstore of her father at Lititz; Herbert, employed in *The Express* office; and Alice and Edna, at home. Mr. Zook's mother, who has attained the advanced age of four score years, is now an honored member of his home at Lititz, but his father passed away in 1880, at the age of sixty-seven.

Our subject's grandfather, John Zook, lived in Chester county during the Revolution, and the fences on his farm were taken down before the battle of Brandywine. As far as Mr. Zook can gather from tradition the great-grandfather, Christian, was one of three brothers Zug (changed to Zook) who emigrated from Zug, Switzerland, early in the 18th century, and from whom all the Zooks descended. The name is now spelled four ways, Zug, Zuck, Zuch and Zook.

BENJAMIN M. BARR. Among the old and well-known families of East Lampeter township, that of Barr takes a prominent place, having been founded in Lancaster county many years ago by German pioneers. The name of Benjamin has been a favorite one in this family, and there are many who still recall the father of Benjamin M., also Benjamin, who was a son of Benjamin, the grandfather. The latter had his residence near Willowstreet, where he was known as a distiller and prosperous farmer; he married Catherine Mayers, a member of another old family, and to them were born: Samuel, who married Maria Stauffer; Harry, who died at the age of twenty-one; Benjamin; Elizabeth, who married John Hernley; Mary, who married Jacob Kreider; and David and Katie, both of whom died in childhood. The burial of the grandparents was in the cemetery at the Old Brick Church, near Willowstreet.

Benjamin Barr, son of Benjamin, was born near Willowstreet, May 10, 1796, and died Jan. 29, 1890. His life was passed in agricultural labor, in which he was very successful, as he accumulated land and means, and was one of the highly esteemed residents of the township. He married Mary Mayley, and the children of this union were: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Isaac Hostetter; Catherine, who is the widow of Isaac Weaver; Martha, born in June, 1826, now the widow of John Landis; Martin, who married Elizabeth Parent, and resides in Darke county, Ohio; Mary, who married Jacob Denlinger; Benjamin M., of this biography; Fanny, who married Henry Groff, both of whom are dead; and Susanna, who resides at Fertility, on the Strasburg pike road, a lady who is known far and wide, in the neighborhood, as a pious, Christian woman, full of good deeds and kind acts, and one of the most devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The parents of this family of children were reverently interred in the cemetery at the Longenecker Meeting House.

Benjamin M. Barr was born in Manor township Dec. 9, 1831, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Mayley) Barr, and was reared on the farm. Until he was twenty years of age, he attended the schools of the district, although his tendencies were not of a literary bent, being more inclined to learn something of the world by observation, than from books. At the age of twenty-four he accompanied his father on a trip to Darke county, Ohio, and he had some idea of remaining in that State, with his brother Martin, but at the termination of six months, he became homesick and returned to Lancaster county. Before settling down permanently on the old farm, he made another short trip to Ohio, and then went on a prospecting trip, at the instance of his brother-in-law, John Landis, into West Virginia, but likewise returned from the South, well contented with Lancaster county as a home.

On Oct. 9, 1860, Benjamin M. Barr was married to Lydia, the estimable daughter of Thomas and Leah (Urban) McMullan, of Pequea township, and they began housekeeping upon a small farm of nineteen acres, on the Wilmington pike road, this now being included in the farm of Samuel Burkhardt. On that farm Mr. Barr and his family resided until in 1873, when he purchased the present farm, consisting of thirty-eight acres. In 1878 he bought a fine farm adjoining, but sold it seven years later.

To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barr were born these children: (1) Ellis G., the capable manager of the home farm, has been twice married, the children of the first marriage being: Ada E., Lydia May, Benjamin E., and Martin B. (who died in early childhood); his second wife, Ida Andrew, has borne him one son, Martin McKinley, born January 1, 1898. (2) Benjamin Franklin, familiarly known by his second name, Frank, is one of the well-known and active young business men of Lancaster, where he is engaged as a florist.

Although Mr. Barr has never connected himself with any religious denomination, he stands very high in the community, and is regarded by his neighbors as an upright man, and a useful, charitable and honorable citizen.

SAMUEL N. ROOT. Among the well-known citizens and highly respected residents of East Hempfield township, who now makes his home in Landisville, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he is engaged in the tobacco business, is Samuel N. Root, whose birth took place in East Donegal township. While but a babe he was taken by his parents to East Hempfield township, and there reared, and there received his preparatory education in the public schools. Later he took a business course at the well-known Eastman Business College, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and then engaged in farming.

Prior to his attendance at College, Mr. Root had been for a year engaged in the implement and feed business in East Petersburg, but after his return he settled on a farm about one mile north of Petersburg,

and there continued agricultural labors until 1900, when he moved into the town of Landisville, erecting there a three-story building for a warehouse, with dimensions of 102x40 feet, managing the tobacco business in connection with farming. He is a man of business ability and owns several fine farms, one of forty-two acres in East Hempfield township, and another in Drumore township, consisting of eighty-five acres, both of them well cultivated and finely improved.

Politically the neighbors of Samuel Root know just where he is, for he is a staunch Republican, and as becomes a good citizen, never fails to cast his ballot. On Aug. 2, 1887, Mr. Root was married to Amanda Swarr, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Norwich) Swarr, who was born in East Hempfield township on the old family homestead situated along the Harrisburg Pike road. Both Mr. Root and wife are prominent members of the German Baptist Church, where they are highly valued for their Christian character.

ABRAHAM HARNISH. Agriculture is the noblest, as well as the most essential, of all the employments to which the hand of man can be turned, and when to this industry its follower adds the art of building, which in its higher branches may be termed a fine art, he is indeed fortunate. Abraham Harnish, whose brief biography is herewith presented, can justly lay claim to title of expert in both callings, being a stone mason, brick-layer and farmer, with his residence in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa. He was born near Conestoga Centre, this county, March 19, 1837, son of Elias and Fanny (Urban) Harnish, of Swiss descent.

Elias Harnish was a distiller in his younger days, but later became a farmer, and was very successful. He died in February, 1877, when sixty-nine years old. Mrs. Fanny (Urban) Harnish was called away in August, 1853, at the early age of thirty-nine years. The remains of these parents were buried in West Lampeter township, they having been members of the New Mennonite church. Their nine children were born in the following order: Sabanah, who married Levi Eby of Lampeter township, and died in 1898; Lydia, who died single in 1900; George, a farmer in West Lampeter township; Abraham, whose name stands at the opening of this biographical notice; Anna, wife of Jacob Eshleman of Strasburg, Lancaster county; Catherine, deceased wife of Abraham Herr; Frances, unmarried and living in Strasburg; Elias, deceased; and Amanda, deceased wife of John C. Kaylor, a school teacher in Strasburg.

Abraham Harnish was united in marriage May 9, 1869, in Lancaster with Miss Frances Dieffenbaugh, who has borne him eight children, in the following order: Enos, who is a plumber at Stevens Point, Wis.; Avzula, wife of Howard Kemmer, a shoemaker in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Pa., and the mother of three children; Adelia, mar-

ried to Duffy Folk, a bricklayer in Strasburg; Alta, unmarried and at home; Chester L., a farmer in Leacock township; Morris, Lizzie and Harry F., all three at home.

Mrs. Frances (Dieffenbaugh) Harnish was born in Willowstreet, Lampeter township, Sept. 4, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Urban) Dieffenbaugh, the former of whom was a prominent farmer, but died in 1852, at the early age of thirty years; the latter survived until 1895, when she was called to rest at the age of sixty-four. Their remains were interred in Lancaster. They were the parents of the following children: Harry, a farmer in Oklahoma; Martha, wife of Adam Lefever, a machinist in Milwaukee; and Frances, Mrs. Harnish. The mother, however, was twice married, her second husband being James Kern, and to this union were born: James, a horse trader in Trenton, N. J.; Anna, deceased; Augustus, of New York; Charles, deceased; and Ada, unmarried and living in New York City. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Harnish were Henry and Anna (Bressler) Dieffenbaugh, of Tannery, Pa. [Further particulars concerning this respected family will be found in the biography of Mrs. Jason K. Eaby, of Leacock township.]

Abraham Harnish remained with his parents until his marriage and then located at Intercourse, Leacock township, where he conducted a general store seven and a half years, and finally settled on his present farm in the spring of 1881, filling in several intervals by working at his trade. In politics he is a Democrat. He is strictly upright, and bears a name that is respected wherever known.

HON. JEREMIAH ALBERT STOBER, whose residence is in Schoeneck, Lancaster county, represents the 14th Senatorial District in the State Legislature.

Jacob Stober, his grandfather, was of German-born parentage. He is supposed to have been the first of the family to settle in Lancaster county. His home was in Clay township, and there he followed farming. His life was brief, as he was called away when he was but forty-two years of age. He was interred in the Brickerville Lutheran cemetery. His wife belonged to the Zartman family, prominent in Lancaster county for many years; after the death of her husband she made her home with her only son, Elias, until her death.

Elias Stober, the father of Senator Stober, was born on the old Stober place in 1816, and made it his home until 1842. In 1837 he was married to Sarah Zeigler, a daughter of Dr. Charles Frederick Wolfgang Zeigler, who had come from Stuttgart, Germany, when a young man. After his arrival in this country Dr. Zeigler was married to Mary Regar, and became the father of a family whose home was at Reamstown. For many years he practiced medicine at Reamstown, and died at Akron, in 1841. The first child of Elias and Sarah Stober was the subject of this sketch, who was born Jan. 20, 1842, on the

old homestead, the birthplace of both his father and grandfather.

About 1842 Elias Stober removed with his family to near Lincoln, then named New Ephrata, in Clay township, where he was engaged as a clerk in the general store of Levi S. Hacker, and became quite prominent in the community, being elected a school director soon after the establishment of the free school system. Another son and three daughters were here born to Mr. and Mrs. Stober, but not one of them survived the perils of childhood, and Senator Stober remained their only living child. It was in this community that Elias Stober acquired sufficient means to enter upon a business career for himself, and he accordingly established a general store in a building which is now occupied by the Lincoln National Bank. Some eight years later he bought the general store run by Allen W. Mentzer, and established himself at Schoeneck, where he continued in business until 1893. Mrs. Sarah Stober died Dec. 31, 1899. Both were devout members of the Brickerville Lutheran Church, where they had attended from early youth.

Jeremiah Albert Stober, whose name introduces this sketch, is well known in the political circles of the northern part of Lancaster county, as Senator "Al. Stober." He spent his early boyhood in the vicinity of Lincoln, Clay township, and attended the local schools. One of his early teachers, William Oberly, is still living in Ephrata, and another, the Rev. Isaac Keller, is the present pastor of the Baptist circuit, of which Springville is the center. When about fourteen years old Mr. Stober attended the famous "Ephrata Academy," then conducted in the Cloister buildings at Ephrata, as a private enterprise under Prof. Hill, and a little later under Prof. Yeager, the father of the present editor and proprietor of the *Ephrata Review*. Here Senator Stober completed his common school education. His next step was to take a clerkship in the general store of S. P. A. Weidman, under whose efficient eye he acquired a practical knowledge of business in many of its most familiar forms. At the end of two years he entered his father's store as a clerk. Shortly after this he married Harriet Musser, and moved to Schoeneck. Mrs. Stober was a daughter of William Musser, of Lincoln, and a sister of Edwin Musser, the present auditor of Lancaster county. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Stober was about twenty-four years of age. About a year after coming to Schoeneck, Mr. Stober was appointed postmaster, his commission bearing the name of President Grant. His first presidential vote was cast for the re-election of President Lincoln, and from that day to this he has always been a staunch Republican. After serving as postmaster for about a year, Mr. Stober resigned to take the position of justice of the peace of West Cocalico township. For twenty-eight years he has been justice, except when he represented his district in the House of Representatives. In 1875 he was elected a member of the Legislature from the Third

district of Lancaster county. He was re-elected and served four continuous sessions of the Lower House. At the expiration of this period he was again elected justice of the peace, and continued to serve in that capacity until his election to the State Senate in 1898, from the 14th Senatorial District.

Senator Stober is an efficient member of the Upper House, and keeps a vigilant eye on everything that might affect the interests of his constituents. He was active in securing the appropriation of \$5,000 for the erection of a monument to the memory of the Revolutionary soldiers, who were buried at Mt. Zion, near Ephrata, and he delivered the historical address to an immense audience at its unveiling. Senator Stober served his country during the late war, and was a volunteer in the 50th Regiment, Pa. Militia. He is now a member of Major Ricksecker Post, No. 152, G. A. R., at Lincoln, and was a delegate from this post to the last State Encampment.

Senator Stober is prominent in fraternal circles, being a master Mason, and a member of Ashara Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M., at Marietta; a past grand of Lodge No. 408, I. O. O. F., at Reamstown, a member of Lodge No. 253, K. of P., at Lititz, in which order he was deputy grand chancellor, of Lancaster county; a member of Camp No. 13, P. O. S. A., at Denver, in which order he has served two terms as District president for Lancaster county.

From a poor boy Senator Stober has risen to a condition of independence, and has accumulated a fair competence. In business life he is as prominent as he is in politics. In Schoeneck he has a modest but attractive home, and is in business as a dealer in leaf tobacco and a manufacturer of cigars. During his long service as justice of the peace, scrivener and surveyor, he has deeply impressed himself upon this section of the county, and he has made a name for himself above reproach.

WILLIAM BRINTON, in his life time a successful farmer, was born in November, 1785, and he died in the present home of the family, which is situated on the Newport Pike, about half way between Gap and Christiana, Lancaster county, Feb. 10, 1878. His remains are resting in a private burying ground on the family homestead.

The Brintons are of English descent. William Brinton, a native of England, came to America in 1684, and settled in Chester county, Pa. Moses Brinton, son of the emigrant and grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Chester county in 1725, but in 1747 he located on land in Leacock township, Lancaster county, given him by his father. He married Eleanor, daughter of Hattel Verman, a native of Ireland, and died in 1789.

Joseph Brinton, son of Moses and Eleanor, was born Nov. 22, 1754, and died in 1809. He was married in 1784 to Susanna Rigbe, and their children were: William, whose name introduces this article; James and Samuel, both deceased; Mary, who married (first) Joseph Cole, (second) David Town-

send, and died at the age of ninety years; Sarah, born in 1793, who married Joseph Cooper, and died in 1858.

William Brinton engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, and in 1858 located on the place yet occupied by his family. In Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, in 1823, he wedded Gulielma Cooper, by whom he had the following children: Cassandra R., who married Thomas Harvey, and died the mother of three children; Jane, who married Parvin Smith, became the mother of eight children, and is now deceased; Joseph, who married (first) Mary Howland, and (second) her sister Anna; Susanna; and Mary B. who married Joseph J. Hopkins, a farmer in Sadsbury township. Mrs. Gulielma (Cooper) Brinton was born in Chester county, Pa., and died Dec. 29, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-six. She was a daughter of James and Mary (Paxton) Cooper, of Chester and Berks counties, respectively, and a granddaughter of Calvin Cooper, of England. James Cooper was a fuller by trade, and spent his entire life in Chester county; his children were; Joseph, Gulielma, Cyrus and Aaron.

William Brinton was a man of pronounced Abolition convictions; he took an active part in freeing slaves, and helping them on their way North. All the Cooper family belonged to the Society of Friends. Miss Susanna Brinton, who occupies the old home, has ample means to gratify her charitable inclinations, and has given among other substantial public benefits, two large iron fountains for watering horses to the borough of Christiana.

SAMUEL McNEAL, a retired carpenter, of Gap, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Sept. 27, 1821, son of Archibald and Catherine (Corl) McNeal, both natives of this county.

Archibald McNeal, who resided in Sadsbury township, was a plasterer by trade, and while working, in 1850, when in his seventieth year, fell from a ladder, and died. His remains were buried at Georgetown. His widow, Catherine Corl, born in April, 1795, died in Gap, in October, 1886, her burial being in the Gap cemetery. The children born to this union were: Daniel, deceased; Samuel, of this sketch; Cyrus, a retired carpenter of Bart township; Jacob; John, deceased; Mary A., who died young; Henry, deceased; Archibald, a carpenter, in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, who died young; Abraham, a carpenter at Pottsville; Rebecca, who married Thomas Nixon, a blacksmith at Gap; and Margaret, wife of Jacob Wise, a farmer of Salisbury township.

Until his marriage Mr. McNeal remained at home working for his parents, and after that he lived with them, and for some years followed his trade, which he had already learned. In 1870 he moved to Philadelphia, where he lived until 1893, when he came back to spend his declining years among his old friends in Lancaster county. Mr. McNeal has been a successful man in his line of work and enjoys ample means. Both he and wife are consistent

members of the Methodist Church in which he is one of the trustees. In his political sympathy, Mr. McNeal is a Democrat, but has never sought office.

On Feb. 10, 1846, Mr. McNeal was united in marriage in Lancaster, to Miss Elizabeth Groff, and the children born to this union were as follows: William, a minister in the M. E. Church, resides in Monroe county, Pa., married Isabella Guthrie and they have one child; Cyrus is a machinist in Philadelphia, married Anna Baldwin, and they have had six children, three of whom are deceased; Mary died unmarried at the age of forty-seven years; and Susan married William B. Williams, a miller in Chester county, and has four children.

Mrs. McNeal was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, Sept. 10, 1825, a daughter of George and Mary (Myers) Groff, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a well-known brick manufacturer, who was born in Lancaster in 1789, and died in 1842. His widow died in November, 1876, aged eighty-four years, and they were both interred in the cemetery of the German Lutheran Church, being consistent members of that religious body. Their children were: Samuel, George and Angelica, deceased; Kate, deceased, the wife of James Brady; Elizabeth, who became Mrs. McNeal; Michael, deceased; John, who is a painter in Oxford; and Susan, deceased, who married William Strine.

RICHARD BLICKENDERFER, proprietor of the general iron foundry and machine works at Lancaster, is one of that city's prominent business men and highly esteemed citizens.

The Blickenderfer family originated in Switzerland, from which country came Christian Blickenderfer, born in 1751, to join his two brothers, who had previously come to the United States. One of these located in Maryland, and the other settled in the western part of Pennsylvania, where he became conspicuous later as an Indian fighter. Christian, who was the grandfather of Richard, located in Lititz, Lancaster county, where many of his countrymen of the Moravian faith had made their homes, and there he passed his life.

Henry Blickenderfer, father of Richard, was born in Lititz August 17, 1808, and in 1832 married Elvina L. Beitle, who was born in Nazareth, Northampton Co., Pa. He settled down in his birthplace to the business of manufacturing cigars, a line in which he engaged very extensively until 1849, when he moved to Neffsville, where he spent one year as manager of a hotel. From there he moved to Lancaster, taking charge of the "Washington House," a hotel which occupied the site of the present "Northern Market House," and there he remained until 1864, when he retired from activity. For a long period Mr. Blickenderfer was prominently identified with public affairs in Lancaster county. During the administration of President Buchanan he was census enumerator, and with efficiency filled various offices in the gift of the Democratic party. He was par-

ticularly well known as a Free Mason, being a member of both Council and Commandery (treasurer of the latter), and he belonged also to the Odd Fellows and Red Men. His religious training was received in the Moravian Church, of which he was a birth-right member. He died Jan. 31, 1897, and his widow still resides in Lancaster City; although she was born in 1812, she still retains her faculties in a remarkable degree. Mr. and Mrs. Blickenderfer had children as follows: Ellen, born Feb. 14, 1834, married the late Judge Henry Starbuck, of Salem, N. C., whose son is now notable as being the youngest judge of the Superior Court in North Carolina; James, born August 20, 1835, is now a resident of Colorado; William, born April 5, 1837, is a grocery merchant in Lancaster (he served in the Civil war with credit to himself and his country); Edward, born Feb. 27, 1839, was in the dry-goods business in Lancaster, and died Nov. 20, 1887; Richard is mentioned below; Mary, born May 9, 1842, married Emanuel Weidler, of Reading, Pa.; Harry, born Feb. 26, 1846, served in the Civil war, was later, as a skilled machinist, a foreman in his brother's foundry, and died Jan. 12, 1891; Jacob, born March 8, 1845, is postmaster at Farmington, Wash. (he was also a soldier in the Civil war); Miss Emma, born August 5, 1848, resides with her venerable mother, in Lancaster; two died in infancy.

Richard Blickenderfer was born in Lititz, Lancaster county, Feb. 3, 1841. His education was acquired in the public schools, and at the age of eighteen years he entered a cabinet shop in Lancaster. There the first call for troops reached him, at the outbreak of the Civil war, and with loyal enthusiasm he assisted in forming Company B, of the 1st Reserves, for three years' service, but owing to an accident he never served in that company. On Oct. 14, 1861, he enlisted at Pitts, Pa., in Company K, 79th P. V. I., and was under Capt. Dysart until his death, in Kentucky, when Capt. Boone took charge. Mr. Blickenderfer remained with his company until Oct. 8, 1862, when, at the battle of Perryville, he was seriously wounded, a minie ball passing through his right leg. Although he was taken to hospital No. 8, Louisville, Ky., gangrene set in, and he was mustered out of the service at Louisville on March 27, 1863. A truly brave as well as loyal man, the following June found him engaged in forming Company D, of the 50th Emergency Regiment, in which he was commissioned second lieutenant. This regiment was engaged in guard duty along the Susquehanna river, at Williamsport, Md., and on the Potomac river, and was finally discharged, in 1863. Then Mr. Blickenderfer went to Washington, D. C., where he served in the Quartermaster's department until all danger of invasion was over. Returning to Lancaster, he re-enlisted, entering the 3d Heavy Artillery, with which he was stationed at Fortress Monroe for two months, later taking a transfer to Company E, 188th P. V. I., 24th Army Corps, and serving in the James River campaign. He was hon-



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orably discharged June 18, 1865. After this long, varied and faithful service Mr. Blickenderfer returned to Lancaster, but did not remain idle. He apprenticed himself to Arburger, McCollough & Co., for one year, and worked for them as a journeyman until April 1, 1866, as a patternmaker. In April, 1867, he started a brass foundry. After three months of such experience, the opportunity presented itself for him to enter into an iron foundry business, which he purchased from Marsh, Bank & Martin, and he operated the same at Duke and Chestnut streets until May 11, 1879, at which time his plant was destroyed by fire. Mr. Blickenderfer was not to be discouraged in this way, and after looking about a short time purchased his present valuable plant. This was built by William Diller, in 1855, and is located at Water and Marion streets, extending back to Arch street; the establishment comprises a general foundry and machine work shops, and employs a force of fifty-five men. By July following his loss by fire he had his new business in fine running order. He has continued its operation ever since, and through energy and ability has placed it in the front rank among the industries in this part of the State.

In August, 1866, Mr. Blickenderfer married, in Lititz, Miss Clara A. Kryder, and to this union have been born these children: Minnie O. married H. L. Zook, a leather merchant and dealer in shoe findings in Lancaster; Charles H., who married Bessie Manby, is a patternmaker with his father; Bertha M. married H. L. Forry, who fills a clerical position in Lancaster; Miss Mabel E. is at home.

Mrs. Clara A. (Kryder) Blickenderfer was born in Lititz, Pa., daughter of Charles H. and Olivia Kryder, the former of whom was a tailor, but later engaged in the wholesale liquor business. For four years he operated a hotel in Neffsville, but his later years were spent in Lancaster, his death occurring in 1897, at the age of seventy-eight years. His first wife died in 1863. They had these children: Adelaide (deceased), who was the wife of Martin Groff; Theodore (deceased), who married Fanny Miller, of Washington, D. C.; Mary (deceased), who married George Wisner, a box manufacturer of Lancaster; and Clara A., wife of Mr. Blickenderfer. By his second marriage, to Sarah Christ, Mr. Kryder had one daughter, Sarah, now deceased. Mrs. Kryder lives in Lancaster.

In politics Mr. Blickenderfer is a staunch Republican, but he always declines to accept office. He is justly valued as a comrade of the G. A. R. post in his city, and also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, of Lancaster, and to the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in Blue Lodge No. 43, Lancaster; Chapter No. 43; Council No. 19; Commandery No. 13, Lancaster; and Harrisburg Consistory, 32d degree. Like his forefathers, Mr. Blickenderfer belongs to the Moravian Church. Coming of a family which has taken an honorable part in the history of Lancaster county, full of energy and business acumen,

he has fulfilled the expectations of his friends, who have with interest watched his upward career. Mr. Buckenderfer is regarded as a strong man in business, a most admirable citizen, and a representative factor, in many ways, in the progressive industrial life of this city.

ISAAC W. SLOKOM, president of the Christiana National Bank, of Christiana, Lancaster county, and one of the most prominent men in his section of the State, comes of a family which has been represented in Lancaster county for over a century.

The Slokoms are of English origin, and four generations of the family rest in a private burying-ground in Lancashire, England. Isaac Slokom, great-grandfather of Isaac W., came to America from his home in Lancashire after his marriage. He first came to Pennsylvania, and located in the Wyoming Valley, about two years before the famous massacre, carrying on farming there until a short time prior to that event, when he removed to Jefferson county, W. Va. There he passed the remainder of his days, and his family of three children grew to maturity in that section: Thomas was the grandfather of Isaac W.; Jane married James Heath, and after his death made her home in New Holland, Lancaster county, where she died; Nancy married Isaac La Rue, after whose death she moved with her family to Ohio, settling at Skeel's Crossroads, in Washington township, Mercer county, where her son, Uriah La Rue, still resides.

Thomas Slokom migrated to Pennsylvania in 1798, and first resided in Providence, Lancaster county, in 1810 settling in Sadsbury township. There he carried on farming, and he also conducted the old "Red Lion Hotel," which he erected, until his death, Aug. 1, 1833. His remains rest in Sadsbury graveyard. Thomas Slokom married Susanna Miller, and of the eight children born to this union Samuel, father of Isaac W., was the last survivor. Mrs. Slokom died in 1842, at the home of one of her daughters, Mrs. Cross, in Redford, Mich. She was a descendant of Jacob Miller, who was born in 1663, emigrated to America from Germany, and purchased a large tract of land in the Pequea Valley, in Strasburg township, this county. His son Samuel was the first child born in the Swiss colony. Henry Miller, a descendant of Jacob, was a member of the convention that framed the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Slokom was born Feb. 5, 1817, in Sadsbury township, where he spent his entire life. When his father died he fell heir to the hotel and forty acres of land connected with that property, and he carried it on for six years. In 1841 he sold this place and purchased an improved farm in Wayne county, Mich., intending to settle there, but deciding to remain in his old home he bought a farm of 108 acres in Bart township, and worked the same for about six years. His next purchase was a farm of thirty acres near Christiana, and during his three years' residence

on that place he carried on the Noble foundry in the village. During the last year he was in partnership with William F. Baker, to whom he sold his interest in 1853. He then invested in a farm at Coopersville, consisting of 102 acres, with three residences, a store and a blacksmith shop, and resided there for one year. The next year he carried on the Boone farm, of 108 acres, which he had purchased. In 1857 Mr. Slokom removed to the old Pownall farm at Christiana, comprising 128 acres, which he purchased of Junius P. Marshall, and there he spent the remainder of his life, which closed in 1889. As may be inferred from the various transactions in real estate referred to, Mr. Slokom was a man of keen judgment in land values, and he dealt largely in real estate, having executed over three hundred title deeds for lands. As a business man he was recognized by all who knew him to possess superior ability, which, combined with wonderful energy and industry, was the means of bringing him a fine competence. His judgment in the ordinary affairs of life was unusually sound, his practical common sense and wide knowledge of human nature, applied to every problem which presented itself, enabling him to foresee clearly many results to which others were blind or indifferent. As was natural for a man of such strong character, he exerted considerable influence in his section, and he was respected wherever his name was known. Mr. Slokom was chiefly instrumental, in 1882, in the organization of the Christiana National Bank, of which he was elected president, and he held that position until his death. For over twenty years he was a director in the Lancaster County Mutual Insurance Co., of which he served as president a number of years prior to his decease. Mr. Slokom acted as justice of the peace fifteen years, and was county commissioner one term. In 1855 he lacked but one vote of receiving the nomination of his party for the State Senate. His political affiliation was originally with the Democratic party, but he voted for Fremont, and from that time was an active worker in the Republican party.

On Jan. 4, 1837, Samuel Slokom married Mary Walker, who was born April 6, 1806, in Sadsbury township, daughter of Isaac and Deborah Walker, and they had four children who grew to maturity, Susan, Dora D., Isaac W. and Mary R. Susan is the wife of Thomas J. Houston. Dora D. married William H. Sproul, and they have two children, Samuel E. and William C. Isaac W. is mentioned below. Mary R. is the wife of James Sproul, and they have three children, Dora, Anna and Mary. Mrs. Mary Slokom died in 1892, and she and her husband are buried in the old cemetery of the Society of Friends, in Sadsbury township. Both were Friends in religious connection, Mr. Slokom joining the Society in 1844.

Isaac W. Slokom was born June 26, 1841, in Sadsbury township, and attended the district schools until he was eight years of age, after which he went to school in Christiana. He was also a student in

the Christiana high school and at the Millersville Academy, from which he was graduated in 1862. Following this he read law for a year with Judge Livingston, and on leaving his office entered the Chester Valley Bank, as teller, remaining there until he entered the army for service in the Civil war, in 1863. He was clerk at Gen. Sheridan's headquarters to the close of the Rebellion, and after his return home served one year as deputy county treasurer. His next position was in the Mechanics Bank of Lancaster, where he was paying teller for two years, and for the two years following this connection he was chief clerk and assistant superintendent of the Lancaster Mfg. Co., which conducted what is now known as the Penn Rolling Mills. He was then internal revenue collector for a year and a half, at the expiration of which time he went to Washington, D. C., to take a position in the Treasury Department, where he was a clerk for two years. From this time until 1889 Mr. Slokom acted as cashier of the National Bank of Christiana, in the latter year succeeding his father in the presidency of that institution, which he has ever since retained, so managing the business that it has been successful far beyond the expectations of its founders. He has also been president of the Christiana Water Co., since its organization, in which he was one of the prime movers. He was also instrumental in the formation of the Christiana Building & Loan Association, in 1890, and has been one of the directors from that time to the present.

Mr. Slokom was the first burgess of Christiana borough, resigning that office after three years' service. He served another year after the death of his successor in that incumbency, but resigned again, and he has steadfastly refused all offers of official honors since, though it is not saying too much to assert that he could have any office in the gift of his fellow townsmen. He is popular in the Republican party, and popular in his locality irrespective of party, and the nomination to such high position as representative in Congress has been urged upon him, but he has so far resisted all the efforts of his friends and enthusiastic townsmen to get him to assume public duties. His business affairs occupy a large share of his time, and though he began life under very favorable circumstances he has made good use of all his talents, has worked as industriously as any man in his community, and has managed his affairs so ably as to materially increase his heritage. His property holdings in Christiana and Sadsbury township are extensive, and well looked after. Mr. Slokom needs no higher praise than the simple statement that he is a worthy successor to his father, whose standing in Lancaster county, both as a business man and as a citizen generally, is too well known to need remark here.

In February, 1867, Mr. Slokom was married, in Winchester, Va., to Laura V. Shyrock, and two children came to this union, Samuel and Charles S., both of whom are in the Christiana National Bank, the

former as cashier, the latter as teller. Samuel married Anna Gibney, of Chester county, Pa., and they have two children, Samuel and Virginia. Charles is unmarried, and lives with his parents. Mrs. Slokom was born in Newtown, Frederick Co., Va., daughter of Col. Charles E. and Martha Shyrock, who still live in that State. Col. Shyrock was a large land owner before the Civil war, which all but broke down his fortunes, and he was a prominent man in his section during his active years. He served as a colonel in the Confederate army during the Civil war. Mrs. Slokom's paternal great-grandfather was a colonel under Washington during the Revolution, and her maternal great-grandfather was also an officer under that leader in the same struggle.

Mr. Slokom is a member of the Society of Friends, to which his wife and sons also belong.

JOSEPH K. BRENNEMAN, a well-known farmer of Manor township, residing two and a half miles south of Millersville, where he owns fifty-three acres of what was formerly known as the old Stehman farm, was born Sept. 30, 1845, on the Breneman homestead, of which full mention is made in the Breneman Family sketch, to be found elsewhere.

Joseph K. Breneman was reared to farming on the parental homestead, southeast of Creswell, and was educated in the common schools of his district. At the age of twenty-five years he started in business for himself by cultivating the home place for two years, and he then moved upon Reuben Garber's farm, where he conducted general farming for twenty years. In 1891, Joseph K. purchased his present home, and in 1892 took possession, making many valuable improvements and now owning one of the best farms of its dimensions in the township, if not the county.

In 1869 Joseph K. Breneman first married Mary Eshleman, daughter of Martin Eshleman, and to this marriage were born four children, viz: Elizabeth and Annie, deceased; Christian, at home; and Ella, wife of John Hoover, of Manor township. Mrs. Mary (Eshleman) Breneman passed away in 1880, and in 1882 Joseph K. Breneman married Miss Fannie M. Neff, daughter of Jacob Neff, and this union has been blessed with three children, namely: Emma and Phares, deceased; and Amanda, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Breneman are Mennonites in religion, and are classed among the county's most worthy citizens.

JACOB C. KREITER, a progressive farmer of Warwick township, residing one mile from Lititz, comes of a family which has long been prominent among the agricultural citizens of Lancaster county.

Christian Kreiter, his grandfather, was born Jan. 3, 1789, and lived and died in Lancaster county, passing away Jan. 1, 1874. He was a farmer for the greater part of his life, but at one time was interested in a brewery at Lititz. He belonged to the Old Whig party and served as a school director for some

time. He married Catharine Behmer, and they became the parents of one child, Solomon, who was the father of our subject.

Solomon Kreiter was born April 16, 1827, near where our subject now resides. He, too, was a farmer, and followed that calling until his death, which occurred May 8, 1863. He was baptized in the Moravian Church, but eventually joined the Lutheran Church. Mr. Kreiter married Maria Grossman, and they were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in childhood; Jacob C. is our subject; John S. is a physician in Akron, Pa.; James E. died in 1885; David H. and Henry D. are twins, the former living in Fairland, the latter in Ephrata, this county; and Martha M. is the wife of Levi H. Wissler.

Jacob C. Kreiter was born May 20, 1849, in Warwick township, on the farm of which he now owns a part, and where he resides. His father died when he was a mere lad of fourteen years, and he remained at home with his mother until he was twenty-three years old, receiving his education in the common schools of the county, with one term in the State Normal at Millersville, and two in the Lititz Academy. He then began life for himself at farming on the place adjoining the one whereon he now lives. He purchased his home place in 1879, and is one of the respected citizens of Lancaster county, broad-gauged, public-spirited and fully alive to all the needs of his community. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and he has held the office of assessor since 1891.

On Nov. 14, 1872, Mr. Kreiter wedded Miss Mary A. Brunner, who was born Dec. 12, 1853, daughter of Peter and Susan Brunner. To this union came one child that died in infancy.

DAVID W. KURTZ (deceased). Reverence for the memory of departed loved ones is an instinctive attribute of human nature, and it is often intensified with the lapse of time. At the contemplative mind in its hours of solitary retrospection throws back the portals of memory on their resting hinges, and peers into the caverns where lurk the recollections of former relations, friends and associates, a brighter and more hallowed light seems to enshroud the objects of the mental vision and to give to them a coloring before unnoticed, or at least but dimly seen, and through which new characteristics, so to speak, become perceptible and add to the melancholy interest felt for the departed loved one, unavailing though that interest may be; practically such, however, are the conditions that pervade the recollection of the late David W. Kurtz.

David W. Kurtz was born Feb. 5, 1830, on the farm still occupied by his widow and surviving child in Salisbury township, and died on the same farm in October, 1884, his remains being interred in the United Evangelical Church cemetery. His parents, Christian and Anna (Weaver) Kurtz, were also natives of Lancaster county, where Christian was all

his life a farmer, and where his remains after death were buried in a private cemetery beside those of his wife, both having been devout members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of seven children, born in the following order, but all now deceased, including the youngest, David W., himself. To-wit: Maria, who was married to Moses Sharp; Susannah, married to Moses Eby; Jonathan, who married Prudence Good; Elizabeth, married to Peter Eby; Joseph, who died in young manhood; Lydia, who was married to Christopher Umble; and David W., whose name is mentioned above.

In January, 1853, David W. Kurtz was married at the parsonage in Salisbury—the ceremony being performed by the late Rev. John Wallace—to Miss Maria Hurst, a most amiable young lady, who was born June 5, 1829, in Leacock township, a daughter of Henry and Mary (Varnes) Hurst. To this union were born two children, namely: Harry H., who married Sallie Hamilton, had two children, Guy (deceased) and Alta M., and is now living retired with his mother, Mrs. David W. Kurtz; Laura E., who married Luther Mentzer, a farmer in Salisbury township, and has had five children, viz: Herbert, Helen (deceased), Luella, Ruth and Guy.

Henry Hurst, father of Mrs. David W. Kurtz, was a native of Leacock township, was a farmer by vocation, and a prominent and well-known citizen. His death occurred Jan. 5, 1856, at the age of sixty-two years and ten months, and that of his wife in June, 1848, when forty-two years old—the latter being of German parentage. The remains of this honored couple were buried in a private cemetery in Leacock township, the mother having been a pious and consistent member of the German Reformed Church, while the father, although not a member, was a constant attendant at the same, and a liberal contributor to its support. To the marriage of Henry and Mary (Varnes) Hurst there were born seven children in the following order: Martin, who died young; John, who married Julia Dorsey, and lived to be seventy-two; Hannah, who was married to David Brisben, and died at twenty-eight; Henry, who died young; Maria, now Mrs. David W. Kurtz; Rebecca and Susan, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kurtz were John and Annie Hurst, of whom more may be learned by reference to the biographical sketch of M. S. Hurst, of Leacock township.

The late David W. Kurtz was all his life a farmer, and passed his entire life on the 133-acre homestead on which his birth took place, and which came to him by inheritance. While his wife was and is an earnest member of the United Evangelical Church, Mr. Kurtz could never be induced to join, but he was, nevertheless, a sincere Christian and a constant attendant at the services of the congregation. He freely contributed financially toward the maintenance of this, as well as other religious bodies, and to the very deserving work of charity that

was brought to his notice. In promoting works designed for the convenience, comfort and happiness of the public he was ever foremost, often taking the initiative in such measures and aiding them promptly with his capital. He was also prompt and reliable in all business transactions, and was quiet and domestic in his home relations. He possessed a handsome competence, which has passed into the hands of his widow, who is making such use of it as she feels would have pleased her late husband. Mr. Kurtz was a truly beloved and honored citizen, whose acquaintance extended all over the township and into the adjacent country, where his pleasant ways and cheerful countenance are still cherished in the memory of his former associates.

M. G. SCHAEFFER, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, is a son of Martin Schaeffer, of Bareville, whose sketch and ancestry will be found elsewhere among these annals.

Mr. Schaeffer was born in Earl township July 30, 1868, and after studying in the schools of the district, went to Muhlenberg College, from which he was graduated in 1890. After his graduation, he entered the law office of the late Judge Brubaker, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county, in November, 1893. Two years later he was admitted to the Supreme Court, and now practices in that court as well as the local courts, the Superior Court, and the United States District Court. During the three years' term of office of District Attorney W. T. Brown, Mr. Schaeffer acted as assistant district attorney, proving a most painstaking, efficient and popular official. An ardent Republican, he has been a local campaign orator since 1891, doing most effective service for his party's cause. He was slated by the Republican State Central Committee for State campaigning, but never took up the work, preferring the local field.

On May 6, 1895, Mr. Schaeffer was married to Miss Anna M. Light, daughter of Bishop H. E. Light, of Mountville, a well-known clergyman of the German Baptist Brethren. Two children have been born of this union: Elizabeth Dorothy and Anna Martha. Mr. Schaeffer's law offices are at No. 13, North Duke street, and his home is at No. 137 East James street, in the city of Lancaster. As one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, Mr. Schaeffer has been very successful, enjoying the absolute confidence of a large clientage, and we bespeak for him continued success, and a constantly increasing practice in his chosen profession, as the well merited fruits of industry and close attention to business.

JACOB EABY. The general farming interests of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, have a fitting representative in the person of Jacob Eaby, an ex-soldier who although in but the prime of life has attained prominence in the pursuit of agriculture and has secured for himself a competency. He

was born May 18, 1846, in Intercourse, Leacock township, a son of Moses and Susannah (Kurtz) Eaby, the former of whom had been a merchant in that village for forty years.

Jacob Eaby passed his boyhood days in aiding his father in his business and in attending school until a little over seventeen years old, when, seeing that the slavery propagandists of the South were determined to disrupt the Union rather than see their pet institution perish for want of new territory in which to nourish it, he enlisted, March 24, 1864, for three years, as a defender of the integrity of the States, provided the war was not sooner brought to a close. He was assigned to Co. C, Lieut. Cyrus L. Eckert, 79th P. V. I., and although he had a part in several skirmishes did not have an opportunity of being engaged in a regular battle, and was honorably discharged, unhurt, at Alexandria, Va., July 12, 1865, about three months after the close of the war.

On returning from the army Mr. Eaby re-entered his father's store, where he remained three years; he then went to Kansas and entered 160 acres of land which, four months later, he abandoned. He then returned to his old home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, worked three years among the farmers, added to his savings and purchased his present home of fifty acres. At Lancaster, Oct. 10, 1871, Mr. Eaby married Miss Lucie E. Murr, the accomplished daughter of Isaac and Anna (Glouner) Murr, of East Earl township, but her own birth took place in Leacock township March 31, 1854. Isaac Murr was a blacksmith by trade, was greatly respected in his community during his long and useful life, and died March 27, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years; his wife died in 1865, when she was but forty-two years old. The remains of both were interred in Roland's Church cemetery, in Earl township. To Mr. and Mrs. Murr were born five children, namely: Lucie E., now Mrs. Eaby; Joseph, a blacksmith, in Leacock township; Maria, wife of Harry Grover, a milk dealer at Long Branch, N. J.; Anna, wife of Newton Hoar; and Ida, married to Henry Hoar, a blacksmith at Intercourse, Lancaster county. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eaby was Jacob Murr, a farmer of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna Glouner, natives of Lancaster county, Pa., and Germany, respectively.

To the marriage of Jacob and Lucie E. (Murr) Eaby have been born a family of thirteen children, all with the exception of Isaac W. still living, viz: Moses, a farmer in South Hermitage, Salisbury township, married to Anna Ayers, who has borne him four children; Cora, wife of Frederick Heim, of Lancaster, is the mother of one child; Miss Cecelia M. lives in Philadelphia; Anna M. married J. Willis Martin, a jeweler, and is living in Savannah, Ga.; Miss Mary E. resides in Philadelphia; Isaac W. died young; David K. lives in Lancaster; Gracie M.; Jason K. and A. Amanda are twins;

Susan C.; and Samuel S. and Nellie B. are twins. The six last named are all at home.

Mr. Eaby is an up-to-date agriculturist, and although his farm comprises but fifty acres it is one of the best tilled and most productive in the township of Salisbury. He thoroughly understands his calling and has always been industrious and thrifty. He is a genial, good-natured gentleman and counts his friends by the score, who all hold him in the highest esteem and admire him for his personal merit and his upright walk through life. In politics Mr. Eaby is a Republican.

JACOB C. SEITZ comes of an old Lancaster county family, his grandfather, John Seitz, with his wife, Annie Garber, having settled in Manor township in early days. John Seitz was a hard working farmer; he was the father of one son, named Jacob G., who in turn was the father of Jacob C. John had three brothers, Michael, Jacob and Henry.

Jacob G. Seitz was born in 1814, and died in 1892. He cultivated a farm of three hundred acres, but ceased active work several years before his death. He was a man of progressive ideas, stimulated by native shrewdness and close observation, and was noted for his enlightened public spirit. No well-matured scheme for the general welfare was ever submitted to him without commanding his hearty approval and liberal support. In early life he was an Old Line Whig, but after the formation of the Republican party he affiliated with that organization. His fellow citizens attested their confidence in his ability and integrity by elevating him to various positions of honor and trust. In educational and sociological matters he cherished a deep interest. He served as prison inspector and as a member of the school board, and after the passage of the new State school law officially aided in carrying it into execution. He was a man of means, and for many years was a director in the First National Bank of Columbia. He married Barbara Charles, who died in her forty-first year. She was the mother of nine children: Anna, John, Jacob C., Charles, Amos, Barbara, Elizabeth, Christian and Henry. The two last named died in early childhood. Anna married Henry W. Mann, of Manor. John is a resident of Mountville, as are also Charles and Barbara and Amos, none of whom are married. Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob R. Myers, of Manor township.

Jacob C. Seitz was born in Manor Oct. 30, 1836. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming on his own land, and is today one of Lancaster county's most successful agriculturists, owning 123 acres of choice, highly cultivated land, within a mile of Mountville. Like his father, he is a man of broad, advanced views on all questions of public import, and like him he has made his influence felt in the community at large. For nine years he served upon the school board, and he succeeded his father in the directorate of the First National Bank of Columbia.

Genial and generous, with a heart lenient toward the failing of others, he is deservedly popular, numbering his friends by scores. He is an enthusiastic sportsman with both rod and gun, and his home is filled with trophies of his prowess. He is an expert taxidermist, and has himself mounted his specimens with his own hands. He is no less dextrous in wood-carving, and he exhibits to his friends numerous specimens of his skill in the form of walking sticks, embellished with figures symbolic of the achievements of the sportsman in field and stream, executed with a boldness and delicacy which might well awaken envy in the breast of a professional artist.

Mr. Seitz has been twice married. His first wife was Lucy Ann, a daughter of Joseph Stoner, to whom he was united in 1857. The issue of this marriage was two sons, Joseph and Clayton, both of whom are Manor township farmers. On Sept. 30, 1866, Mr. Seitz was married to Elizabeth, a daughter of Benjamin K. Lehman; her mother, before marriage, was Elizabeth Newcomer. One daughter has been born to them: Mary E. L., who graduated from the State Normal School, at Millersville in 1899, and lives with her parents. Her first actual experience as a teacher was during the winter of 1899-1900. Mrs. Seitz is a member of the Mennonite Church.

BENJAMIN W. HERSHEY, who entered into rest Feb. 3, 1902, aged forty-nine years, four months and twenty-two days, was a contractor and builder of Landisville, Pa., and was one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. He was born on a farm in West Hempfield township, this county, Sept. 11, 1852, son of John N. and Mary (Witmeyer) Hershey, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John Hershey, Sr., his grandfather, married Mary Nolt, and they reared a large family. Mr. Hershey was not an industrious farmer, preferring the pleasures of hunting and kindred sports, but having inherited a large fortune, it was not a necessity for him to till the soil.

John N. Hershey, son of John, Sr., and father of Benjamin W., was born on the farm near Silver Springs, in West Hempfield township, where he remained for twenty-one years, removing then to the Hoffman Hershey farm in West Hempfield township, where he lived six years. He then came to his farm of eighteen acres in East Hempfield township, within one mile of the village of Landisville, and here he lived until his death, in 1883, at the age of sixty-five years, his birth having been in 1818. John Hershey was married to Mary Witmeyer, and she still resides in the village of Landisville. They had a family of thirteen children, and Benjamin W. was the third in order of birth.

Benjamin W. Hershey acquired his education in the public schools, and remained at home until the age of twenty-three years, beginning then a trade in which he afterward attained such marked success.

For two years after finishing his apprenticeship to the carpenter trade he worked as a journeyman, and then, at his father's request, returned home, renting what was known as the John Hess farm. This he operated in connection with his trade, and by his industry and energy became the owner of considerable property, and reared a family of seven children in comfort, giving them educational advantages, and at his death he was considered one of the substantial citizens of the county.

Mr. Hershey owned his residence tract near Landisville, and also a valuable building lot in Rohrerstown. He assisted in the erection of many of the most substantial and imposing buildings in the beautiful city of Lancaster, his work being seen in the Western Market house, also in Rohrerstown; the Mennonite Church and the school building, while a great number of the commodious and convenient barns which make Lancaster county known to the tourist as a prosperous agricultural section were erected by his skill and mechanical knowledge. Mr. Hershey was one of the examples of capable industry who are always found where prosperity reigns, for when the winter settled down, and both farming and carpenter work were at a stand-still, he assisted his farmer neighbors in their butchering, this being a very important branch of agricultural industry. Few men in this locality displayed more energy or industry than did Mr. Hershey, and few men were more thoroughly esteemed. Mr. Hershey was a devoted and consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and in 1899 he was ordained a deacon, an honor which was well deserved, as he was a sincere and conscientious man.

On Dec. 5, 1878, Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Emma Dietrich, and a family of seven children were born to this union: Dora, who is a teacher in the public schools; Milton, a brakeman; Samuel, a clerk in a store; Franklin, Emma, Mary and John, at home. Mrs. Hershey was born on the old Andrew Kauffman farm near Landisville Dec. 17, 1860, a daughter of Samuel H. and Mary (Stewart) Dietrich, the former of whom is still surviving at the age of seventy-six years, in Bamford, the mother having died Jan. 12, 1898, at the age of sixty-six years, two months and twenty-six days. She was a most worthy member of the German Baptist Church, a devoted mother, excellent wife and kind neighbor. Mr. Dietrich is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE L. BUCKWALTER. Prominent among the leading citizens of East Lampeter township is George L. Buckwalter, a popular and progressive member of an old and honored family of the county. Although now living a retired life, he formerly was well and favorably known through this locality as a successful stockdealer, and an excellent man of business.

George L. Buckwalter was born on the farm of which he is the present owner, located in East Lam-

peter township, on the Williamstown pike road, locally known as the old Philadelphia road. His parents were Martin and Ann (Lefever) Buckwalter, the former of whom was a son of John Buckwalter, Sr., and a brother of John Jr., and Eliza. One daughter of John Buckwalter, Sr., Susanna, deceased, married first Hugh Moore, and later became the wife of Tobias Leaman, who now lives retired at Millersville, with his son's widow; and Elizabeth married Abram Leaman.

The original title, in the Buckwalter family, to the lands now owned by George L., was held by grandfather John Buckwalter, who improved the property with out-buildings, and who also erected two stone dwellings, facing from opposite sides of the road, this location being formerly of some note, being famous under the name of "Running Pump Hotel," and the first proprietor of this comfortable hostelry was John Buckwalter, Sr., and at his death he was succeeded by his son, John.

The children of Martin and Ann Buckwalter were: Maria, the widow of Christian Rohrer; Susan, deceased wife of Isaac Bushong; Sarah, the wife of Henry Leaman; Eliza, deceased wife of David Lefever; Annie; and George L. The parents of this family were buried in the old Mellinger burying ground. They were good and consistent members of the German Reformed Church.

George L. Buckwalter grew to manhood on the farm, with only common school advantages, and he has been a very successful agriculturist and has been identified with much of the progress of East Lampeter township. Politically he is a staunch Republican. In 1874 he wedded Eliza E. Esbenschade, whose death occurred in 1878. For his second wife he married Miss Fanny Herr, fifth child of John and Fanny (Kreider) Herr, both of whom were of the Reformed Mennonite faith. They now rest in the old Longenecker cemetery.

The brothers and sisters of Mrs. Buckwalter were: Christian K. died unmarried in 1855, at the age of twenty-two; Abraham K. married Serena Diller, and died in 1896, at the age of sixty-two years; Anna, who died March 21, 1886, aged forty-eight years, was the wife of Franklin Bowman, and left one daughter, Annetta H., a charming and accomplished woman; Amos K. married Lizzie Kohr, daughter of John Kohr, and has one son, John K.; and Sue A. married Dr. B. F. Herr, of Millersville, and has one daughter, Fannie M.

WITMER. The name of Witmer has long been known and respected in Lancaster county. David Witmer passed a long and useful life there, leaving behind him the record of an exemplary life, as a minister in the Old Mennonite Church, as an excellent and industrious farmer, kind neighbor and devoted care-taker of his family. For a number of years he officiated at the Mellinger meeting house, well known in his locality. He married Annie Rutt, and they became the parents of eleven children, all

but two of these reaching maturity: Jacob, a retired farmer, lives in East Lampeter township; Abram was a farmer and tobacco dealer; David; Hettie is unmarried; Annie is the widow of Christian Kendig; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Emanuel Herr; Elizabeth died unmarried; Barbara, deceased, the wife of Christian Frey; and Benjamin R.

Benjamin R. Witmer was born in East Lampeter township in 1838, and during a life that reached to 1888 he devoted his time to agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most successful farmers of this locality. His well-tilled fields and excellent improvements testify to his thrift and good management. His most estimable wife was Mary Kreider, and ten children were born to them, two of whom died in infancy, the others attaining maturity and becoming some of the most highly esteemed residents of this part of Lancaster county. These are: Annie K., the wife of Elias Myer; John K., the farmer on the old homestead; MARY K.; Amos K., a farmer of East Lampeter township; Benjamin K., a farmer also of East Lampeter township; David K., a farmer of Leacock township; Daniel G., a farmer of Lancaster township; and Esther K., at home. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church, and no family in the township is held in higher esteem.

AMOS A. WEAVER, one of the progressive and substantial farmer-citizens of Lancaster county, who owns and occupies the old family homestead in Strasburg township, was born March 9, 1852, a son of Henry K. and Christianna (Hoover) Weaver.

Henry K. Weaver was born Sept. 7, 1823, in Juniata county, Pa. His father died when he was a small boy, and soon after this affliction the mother with four of her children moved into Lancaster county. After some residence in Providence township the mother married Tobias Kreider, and the children of her first marriage became scattered. These were: George; Samuel, who married the daughter of Simon Groff; Catherine; and Henry K., the father of the subject of this sketch. A man by the name of Yordy took Henry K. as an apprentice on his farm, and there he was reared and later learned the tailoring trade, with John Raub, in Martinsville, working at this for some eight years, and gave it up in order to give his attention to farming, which had always been a favorite occupation. In 1878 he bought a farm of seventy-nine acres of fine, valuable land, located three miles south of the borough of Strasburg, and here he spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring March 15, 1891. Through life he had been a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. On Oct. 16, 1845, he was married to Christianna Hoover, a daughter of Abraham Hoover, who was born in Strasburg township Oct. 1, 1822, and died Aug. 1, 1883, the mother of eleven children: Mary Emma, born in July, 1846, resides on the old homestead; Gideon, born in September, 1848, died in 1852; Ada, born in January, 1850, mar-

ried John E. Lantz, of Strasburg township; Amos A., born in March, 1852; Hettie, born in November, 1853, married Jacob Weaver, a machinist; Barbara, born in October, 1855, resides with her brother, on the old homestead; Milo H., born in September, 1857, is a farmer and stockraiser of Strasburg township; Catherine Amanda, born in November, 1859, died in February, 1878; John F., born in November, 1861, a miller by trade, resides in Providence township; Samuel Albert, born in April, 1863, is a resident of Easton, Md., where he manages a creamery; and Enos George, born in February, 1867, died in July, 1889.

Amos A. Weaver, who resides upon the old homestead, has devoted the greater part of his life to farming interests, although he learned the blacksmith trade, when younger. His line has been general farming, and since taking charge of the old place he has added land until he now owns ninety-two acres, and this he has improved until he possesses one of the best properties in the neighborhood. Both he and his sisters are devoted and consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, where they are valued for their Christian life and character. The family is one of the most highly respected in Strasburg township.

ALBERT ROSENSTEIN; the senior member of the well-known business corporation known as the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, manufacturers of umbrella, parasol and cane mounts and fine natural sticks, with a New York office at No. 89 Franklin street, is one of the leading and substantial citizens of Lancaster.

Albert Rosenstein was born in Lancaster June 29, 1854, a son of Levi and Caroline (Strauss) Rosenstein, the former a native of Hanover, Prussia, and the latter of the vicinity of Frankfort. Both came to Philadelphia in 1850, where they met and were married, and later located in Lancaster, where Mr. Rosenstein engaged in the grocery business for a period of forty years, living retired thereafter until his death, which occurred in February, 1897. His burial took place in Lancaster. Mr. Rosenstein was one of those careful, quiet, conservative business men, whose excellent methods and untiring industry invariably bring them success. His widow, now aged seventy-five years, is an esteemed resident of Lancaster. The children born to these most estimable people are among the most respected residents of Lancaster county: Albert is one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Silver Plate Company; Rosalie married M. H. Marx; Miss Hattie conducts a millinery establishment in Lancaster; Morris is a cigar manufacturer of Lancaster; Emma married Isadore Goldberg, a cigar manufacturer and jobber, of Coatesville, Pa.; Isaac represents the Silver Plate Company in New York.

Albert Rosenstein was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, attending up to the age of thirteen years, when he went to New York City, and

there entered the employ of J. Rosenthal & Co., importers of fancy goods, with which firm he continued until he was twenty years of age. Then he returned to Lancaster to engage in business for himself, embarking first in a wholesale notion business, but soon changing to merchant tailoring, in which for five years he was a leader in Lancaster. Mr. Rosenstein attracted the very best and most critical custom of the city, and conducted the business until the present company was organized, when he sold his former establishment to Robert Pierce.

In 1887, with a force of thirty hands, Mr. Rosenstein, in partnership with M. W. Fraim, organized the Lancaster Silver Plate Company, which has gradually increased in magnitude until employment is now given to 250 hands, and a New York office is necessary to handle the constantly increasing trade, which extends all over the United States and Europe. In 1894 occurred the death of Mr. Fraim, and Mr. Rosenstein continued alone until 1898, when he sold a half interest to H. Z. Rhoads, who is the other member of the present firm. Theirs is the largest umbrella, parasol and cane mounting establishment in the world, and they not only sell but purchase choice goods and raw materials in every land.

In February, 1875, Mr. Rosenstein was united in marriage with Hannah Rosenthal, who was born in Philadelphia, a daughter of Jacob and Lena (Ettinger) Rosenthal, natives of Germany who came to America in 1845, and engaged in the manufacture of clothing in Philadelphia. Mr. Rosenthal becoming one of the largest manufacturers of his day. He died in 1887, aged seventy years; he had been retired from business for some time. His widow survived until 1892, dying at the age of sixty-eight.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rosenstein have been born three children, namely: Edwin I., who is in his father's employ; Florence, who married Isadore Rosenthal, Esq., an attorney of Lancaster; and Miss Helene, at home. Mr. Rosenstein is of a social temperament, genial and affable, and is identified with the following fraternities: K. of P., I. O. O. F., I. O. B. B., Royal Arch. In politics he supports the Republican party. His religious membership is with the Temple Shairry Shomaim.

Mr. Rosenstein lives a busy life, looking carefully after his business interests, as befits one with so large a capital at stake, while his civic pride and social obligations also command much of his time and attention. In every way he ranks with the leading citizens of Lancaster.

EZRA PFAUTZ. When death removed Ezra Pfautz, at the early age of twenty-four years, there passed out of life one of the most honorable and esteemed citizens of Warwick township, Lancaster county, a quiet, just and unassuming man, who lived a most estimable life in the discharge of his daily duties, leaving behind him a memory that will long be tenderly cherished.

Ezra Pfautz was a son of John and Mary (Roy-



Albert Rosenstein

er) Pfautz, of Warwick township, the former one of the most prominent men of Lancaster county, and the latter connected with one of the old and honored families, both paternal and maternal names being known among the earliest settlers.

John Pfautz, the grandfather, was of German origin, and became one of the wealthiest farmers of Lancaster county. He reared a most estimable family of children, these being: Daniel, Mary, Joel, John, Ephraim, Lydia, Leah and Annie, all of them being consistent members of the German Baptist Church, and all of them having now passed out of life.

John Pfautz (2), son of John and father of Ezra, was the father of four children: Elias, Joseph and Ezra, deceased; and John Jr., who lives in Elstonville, Manheim township, where he is a thrifty farmer.

Ezra Pfautz was born May 10, 1845, and died Jan. 21, 1870, in the flower of his youth, leaving behind him a devoted wife, Susanna (Rupp) Pfautz, whom he had married Nov. 7, 1867, and an infant daughter, Matilda, born March 25, 1869, she being now the representative of the sixth generation of the name in America.

Thirteen years ago Mrs. Pfautz and her daughter removed to Ephrata, buying at that time the valuable property located at No. 32 West Main street, where they established themselves in handsome style. They are regarded as not only among the most substantial, but the most highly respected, among the residents of the borough. They are highly valued and consistent members of the German Reformed Church, at Ephrata, giving liberally to its support, and are interested in its benevolent and charitable enterprises.

During life Ezra Pfautz was an honest, industrious and God-fearing man, a kind husband and father, and one of the best of neighbors and most excellent of citizens. Such men are an honor to a neighborhood, and at their death are deeply deplored.

PRESTON E. HANNUM, who is postmaster at Christiana, where he has been engaged for many years as a cattle dealer, was born in Aston township, Delaware Co., Pa., Sept. 27, 1851, a son of William and Anna (Eyre) Hannum, both natives of Delaware county.

William Hannum was a son of Aaron and Sarah (Mercer) Hannum, farming people of Delaware county. He, too, was in his earlier life a farmer, but became a miller when he was about forty years old, making milling his occupation for the rest of his active life. He died in August, 1884, at the age of sixty-three. His widow, whose maiden name was Anna Eyre, survived until 1900, when she too passed away, at the ripe age of seventy-three years. William Hannum held various township offices, was justice of the peace, and school director, and in his time a very active and public-spirited citizen. Both he and his wife were members of the Friends Association. To them were born the following children:

Sally, who married Hayes Clark, a farmer of Chester county, Pa.; Preston E., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Belle W., a teacher in Bucks county; Rebecca E., who married George Hoopes, a farmer in Chester county; Harriet W., who married J. Edson Shallcross, a resident of Coatesville, Pa.; Frank M., in the lumber business at Christiana; Walter, in Chester county; and George W., with our subject.

On April 18, 1878, Preston E. Hannum was married, in Atglen, Chester Co., Pa., to Lottie E. Philips, by whom he has had the following children: John P.; Sarah and Anna, who are dead; William; and Caroline B. Mrs. Lottie E. (Philips) Hannum was born in Atglen, a daughter of John M. and Sarah (Jones) Philips, both natives of Chester county. Her father, who was a farmer, died in Chester county, and her mother, born July 28, 1819, died July 19, 1902.

Mr. Hannum remained on his father's farm until he was thirteen years old, when he entered the mill, and learned the milling trade under the parental care and direction. He was engaged in the operation of the mill until 1884, when he sold it, and turning his attention to the cattle business, soon built up a very good trade. He was appointed postmaster June 1, 1897, and by his genial disposition, business abilities and accommodating disposition he has made a host of friends since his accession to the postmastership. Mr. Hannum has been school director for thirteen years, and clerk of the borough since its incorporation. For the past ten years he has been on the County committee. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Baptist Church. His standing in the community in every way is beyond question, and he is numbered among the leading citizens of Christiana.

JACOB PICKEL, one of the successful and representative farmers and dairymen of Sadsbury township, was born in Bart township, this county, Sept. 1, 1845, son of Leonard and Mary E. (Miller) Pickel, natives of Bart and Pequea townships.

Leonard Pickel was a man well and favorably known in this county, and was equally at home in the trades of farmer, cooper, carpenter and horse dealer. His business connections were extensive, and it was while he was attending to some large transaction in Ogden, Utah, in 1881, that he died, at the age of sixty-five years. The mother survived until Sept. 2, 1895, dying at the age of seventy-two years. For many years Leonard Pickel was a prominent man in Lancaster county, was poor director and county commissioner for some years. The children born to Leonard Pickel and wife were: Ross M., who died at the age of sixty years; Ephraim, who is a farmer and carpenter, in Paradise township; Jacob; Samuel G., a farmer of Sadsbury township; Ellis, a grocery merchant of Lancaster; Saminah, deceased, who married James Martin; Elizabeth E., who married Jonathan Hoke, of Illinois; and Flora, who married Ray Reed, a bookkeeper, in Lancaster.

Until his marriage Jacob Pickel remained with his parents, assisting his father in his various lines of business. The seventeen months succeeding his marriage were employed in the smelting furnace in Paradise township, and then he accepted the management of a farm of 218 acres, in Salisbury township, for Joseph Warton, and continued with him, as his reliable and efficient superintendent, for a period of thirty years. In 1899 he moved to his present well-cultivated and valuable farm, purchasing the same from Samuel Fogle. Here Mr. Pickel has made many valuable improvements, and now owns one of the best farms in this locality.

In February, 1869, in the Presbyterian parsonage, in Bart township, Jacob Pickel married Mary E. Smith, and the children born to this union are: Esther M., who graduated from Millersville State Normal School in 1892, married William P. Hoar, a lumber merchant of California; Leonard C., who married Cora Wise, daughter of Jacob Wise, has one child, and is a farmer in Chester county; Mary F., who married William Virtue, a farmer of Sadsbury township, has two children; Leeta M., is a music teacher, at home; and Emma R. is at home.

Mrs. Pickel was born in Paradise township July 6, 1848, a daughter of Stewart and Mary A. (Worth) Smith, both of Chester county. Shortly after their marriage they settled in Paradise township, where they became farmers, and there he died in 1885, at the age of seventy-six years, her death also being in April, 1885, at the age of sixty-four years. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church, and both were buried in the cemetery at Octoraro. Their children were: Susannah, the widow of Jesse Pickel, of Chester county; Hester, the widow of Lewis Pickel, of Sadsbury township; Emma, who married Miller Mendenhall, of Bart township; Robert, of Sadsbury township; Miller, deceased; Phoebe, who married Aaron Harnish, of Chester county; Joseph, of Philadelphia; and Mary E., Mrs. Jacob Pickel.

Mr. Pickel is a leading member of the M. E. Church in this locality, and has long been prominently identified with the Republican party. His upright dealing and kind neighborliness have made him many friends in the township, and he is much respected.

DAVID HUBER. In its farming community is found the bone and sinew of a State's prosperity. Questionable is it if any other profession is so well represented in the legislative bodies of the State, and her prominence in the Union is gauged not by her population, but by the value of her agricultural products. In Lancaster county are located a number of old and wealthy agricultural families who have for many years done worthy service in placing their section favorably before the country, and among these is the Huber family, well and favorably known all through the county.

Henry Huber, the grandfather of David Huber,

of whom this biography is written, was reared on Beaver Creek, south of Strasburg, where he owned and operated a large property. He spent his whole life there, engaged in its improvement. His wife was Ann Herr, a granddaughter of Rev. Christian Herr, who came from Switzerland in 1709, with his father, Hans Herr. Henry and Ann (Herr) Huber had a family of nine children: Henry, John, David, Christian, Jacob, Abraham, Fannie (who married John Rush), Ann (who married Jacob Herr), and Maria (who died single). The mother of this family lived a long and eventful life, her birth taking place far back in the 18th century, and her experiences being those of early pioneer days. For seventy years she was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, and was noted for her Christian piety. At the age of ninety-two she passed away, leaving behind her an example worthy to be emulated by her descendants.

Henry Huber, the eldest child of this family, was born near Strasburg in 1773, and his death occurred in 1849. Early in his business life he engaged in teaming, his route being between Wilmington and Philadelphia to other points of more or less distance, as at that time the most of the transportation had to be accomplished in this way, but previous to his marriage he located on a farm in Lampeter township, consisting of 120 acres, which belonged to his mother. There he made many valuable improvements in the way of fences, planting of orchards, draining and the erection of commodious and suitable buildings, and as this property later came into his possession, he remained upon it until his removal to the fine estate now owned by David Huber, this location taking place in 1822. This fine property was originally owned by Hans Herr, and descended in line to the son, Rev. Christian Herr, and ever since has been in the family, with the exception of a few years, when it was owned by the Withers family. The father of David Huber purchased and restored it to the family. Henry Huber lived upon this place until the time of his decease, a quiet, domestic man, at peace with his neighbors, and a worthy member of the Mennonite Church.

Henry Huber married Veronica Buckwalter, of near Muddy Creek, Lancaster county, and her life extended over seventy-six years, filled with good deeds. She was also a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. Eight children were born to this worthy couple: Mary, deceased, married David Hess, a deacon in the Mennonite Church; Susan, deceased, married Peter Huber; Christian became an extensive farmer on the place in West Lampeter township, on which his father had settled, and is now deceased; Ann, deceased, married Nathaniel Harnish; Fannie, deceased, married Jonathan Stauffer; Elizabeth, deceased, married first John Harnish, and second, Adam Gochbauer; Martha, deceased, married Samuel Burkholder; and David.

David Huber was born Sept. 4, 1822, and was reared on the farm which he now occupies, receiving

his education in the public schools of his locality. As his father was the owner of large properties, young Huber found sufficient work to engage his attention as soon as he had finished his school days, and in the course of time came into possession of the home farm of seventy-five acres, which he has managed, since proving himself to be one of the successful agriculturists of the county. In connection with this estate, David Huber also owns other valuable property, both in this county and in some of the Western States. A man of recognized probity, he has been entrusted with the management of many estates and has administered them with judgment and justice. By the rectitude of his life he has won the confidence and esteem of all, being called upon to identify himself with some of the most important public interests of the place. For many years he was a business leader, for twenty years was a director in the Lancaster County Bank, in which he is also a stockholder, and was one of the promoters of the Southern Market House.

David Huber has twice married. his first wife having been Elizabeth Good, a daughter of Christian Good, of Pequea township, and three children were born of this union: Frank, who is an extensive farmer and stockraiser in Missouri, located twenty miles south of Kansas City, near Belton, in Cass county; Catherine, who married Amos Good, of West Lampeter township; and one that died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1848. The second marriage of David Huber was to Maria McCartney, a daughter of John McCartney, of Pequea township, and to this union four children were born: Amos, an extensive farmer of Cass county, Mo.; John, who resides at home, engaged in the tobacco packing business, and who is one of the directors in the Southern Market House of Lancaster city; Mary, who married Martin Hess, of Pequea township; and David H., a farmer of West Lampeter township, and a member of the school board. For many years David Huber has been a member of the Mennonite Church, and is one of its most esteemed and consistent attendants. Although advanced in years, he is still possessed of much of the keen business ability of youth, and is quite capable of attending to the business which his large property entails. The family is one of honor and respectability in Lancaster county.

JAMES P. MARSH, a general merchant and highly esteemed citizen of Gap, Pa., was born in this town Oct. 22, 1846, son of Jehu and Rosanna Marsh, more extended notice of the family being found elsewhere.

Mr. Marsh was reared in his native village and acquired his education in the district schools. He early manifested an inclination for a business life, and began his successful career in the capacity of clerk in the employ of Coates & Thomas Marsh. In 1869 he went to Smyrna, in Sadsbury township, where he was engaged in clerking, when he was ap-

pointed postmaster by President Johnson. In 1873 he left Smyrna and spent one year as a farmer in Sadsbury township, and then became traveling representative for R. J. Houston. On year later he returned to his clerical work, in the employ of the Nickel Mine store, which was then under the management of Hon. Milton Heidelbaugh, in which situation he continued for three years. He then was engaged on the mine farm for a period of eight months, when he took charge of Esquire Frees' store which was located in Georgetown, Pa. In 1878 after this varied experience, Mr. Marsh returned to Gap, and in partnership with his father, engaged in a general mercantile business, and since the death of his father has operated it alone.

Since assuming sole charge of this business, Mr. Marsh has enlarged its original scope and proportions fully one-half, and now carries a large and varied stock, second to none in quantity or quality, in this locality. Under the first administration of President Cleveland, Mr. Marsh was postmaster at Gap, having been a stanch Democrat at that time. With many others of his political faith, he changed his views when Bryan was the nominee for President, and cast his vote for the late President McKinley. For a long period Mr. Marsh was a leading member of the Old Democracy in this locality, and very often was sent as a delegate to the county and State conventions. Mr. Marsh is a liberal supporter of the Methodist Church, to which his whole family belongs, and he is a leader in all public movements looking to the advancement of his town.

Mr. Marsh was married (first) in 1871, in Sadsbury township, to Miss Julia Rockey, and two daughters, Anna and Ida, born to this union, both died in infancy. Julia (Rockey) Marsh was born in Sadsbury township, a daughter of Leonard Rockey, a farmer in the township, and she died in 1875, at the age of twenty-five. The second marriage of Mr. Marsh occurred Sept. 5, 1876, in Bart township, when Miss Sally J. Johnson became his wife. She was born near Oxford, Chester county, Aug. 3, 1854, daughter of William and Mary (Speakman) Johnson, the former of whom was a wheelwright by trade and a resident of Chester county all his life; there he died Feb. 20, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years. The death of the mother of Mrs. Marsh occurred in 1893, when she was aged sixty-two years, and both parents were interred in the cemetery connected with the Union Methodist Church at Nottingham, of which they were members. Their children were as follows: Rev. Charles B., who is a minister located at Strasburg; Mary A., who married Frank Thompson, a farmer near Des Moines, Iowa; William B., who resides at Andrews Bridge, in Lancaster county; Harry, who is the foreman of the Pullman Car shops at Wilmington, Del.; Harvey, who is a carpenter in Philadelphia; and Frank, who is a carpenter in Strasburg; Mrs. Marsh being the second of the family. Her paternal grandparents were James and Jane (Alexander) Johnson, natives

of England who came to America and lived out their lives in Chester county, engaged in farming. The maternal grandparents were Joshua B. and Sarah (Mahlan) Speakman, who were English Quakers who settled for life in Chester county. The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Marsh have all been spared to them, and are as follows: Alice F., who acceptably taught school for one year, and is now in her father's store; Mary A., who has graduated with high honors at Millersville, and has been a successful teacher for the past four years; and Mabel E., James G. C., Frances F. and Sarah H., all remaining at home. Socially the family is prominent, and all number a wide circle of friends.

HENRY C. MILLER, of Rohrerstown, is one of the leading business men of his section of Lancaster county. He was born March 2, 1850, in East Hempfield township, this county, son of Andrew Miller, and grandson of Henry Miller.

Henry Miller was a land owner in Lancaster county, where he was born and where he spent his entire life. He was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, and all who knew him respected him for the faith which he so earnestly upheld. He married a Miss Shenck, and to them were born six children: Andrew, Henry, John, Jacob, Adeline and Anna. The last named married Philip Hottenstein, now deceased.

Andrew Miller was born in East Hempfield township in 1812, and received a practical education in the public schools. Like his father, he followed agricultural pursuits, owning a valuable tract of 200 acres. In politics he was a Republican after the formation of that party, and loyal to its principles, but he never sought office, content to use his influence in a quiet way. Mr. Miller married Susan Greider, daughter of Jacob Greider, a farmer of East Hempfield township, and to this union came seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, Phares, Adeline, Clara, Annie, Andrew and Henry C. The father died March 28, 1861, and was followed to the better land by his good wife in July, 1892, when she was in her sixty-sixth year. Mrs. Miller was also a member of the Mennonite Church.

Henry C. Miller was reared on his father's farm, where he received a thorough training to agricultural work in all its branches. During his boyhood he attended the local school. On starting out for himself he engaged in farming, carrying on a good sized place until 1885, when he purchased a gristmill in the township. In 1890 he took up the business of a coal and feed merchant, succeeding Jacob Mauk in this line. Mr. Miller still continues in both enterprises, having from the start met with success which exceeded his highest expectations. The business has doubled within the last ten years, and is still on the increase. All this has been brought about by Mr. Miller's unfaltering desire to please his patrons, to deal honorably with all, and to retain the esteem of those with whom he is associated, whether in com-

mercial or private life. His business interests have naturally received the greater share of his attention, but though he has given up the active work of farming, he still owns forty-two acres of fine land. The busiest citizens of a community, those who come in daily contact with every phase of its life, know best the public needs and are most concerned in the general progress. Mr. Miller is no exception to this, and he has ever taken a deep interest in the advancement of his town and county. Though not an office seeker, he has consented to serve as township auditor, which incumbency he has filled, it is scarcely necessary to say, satisfactorily, for the past ten years. In political opinion he is still a strong Republican.

On Nov. 9, 1875, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Elenora Binkley, daughter of William Binkley, of East Hempfield township, now deceased. This union has been blessed by one daughter, Alice B., who in 1898 became the wife of W. Scott Bushong; they have one child, Blanch. Mr. and Mrs. Bushong occupy a fine residence erected by Mr. Miller, with whom he is associated in business, as clerk and part owner.

JOHN M. WADE presents in his own life an illustration of the value of natural intelligence, grit and honorable and persistent effort.

John Wade, his father, was born in the North of Ireland, but came to the United States when a young man, landing in Philadelphia, and eventually settling in Butler county, where he entered into the life of a farmer.

John M. Wade was born July 20, 1861, and he acquired his education in the neighboring schools. When he was thirteen years of age he went to Parker City, in the oil regions, there securing employment with a furniture dealer and undertaker. At the age of seventeen he came back to Butler county, and attended the district school for two winters, and for a time he attended the North Washington Academy, later engaging as a teacher. He attended Curry University and Union Business College, Pittsburg, Pa., where he took two courses, and then engaged in teaching in Michigan. His schooling was finally completed at the Northern Indiana Normal School, Valparaiso, Indiana, sustaining himself by teaching and tutoring among the students there attending, until he could graduate. This occurred in 1884, and for five years after he was a teacher in a business college at Wilmington, Del. From there Mr. Wade went to Wilkesbarre, where he purchased a half interest in a business college, which he held for a year, and then selling it, located in Lebanon, where in July, 1895, he established the Pennsylvania Business College, and in June of the following year the College was removed to Lancaster, and located in the Eshleman Law Building. At once the College sprang into prosperity, and its increased patronage demanded a more commodious location in the Frey Building, Nos. 2 and 5 East King street, whither it was re-

moved in the early part of 1899. By the following spring the school demanded the use of the entire second, third and fourth floors of that great building, and there, ending with July, 1900, one hundred and seventy-five young men and women were graduated in the studies of bookkeeping, commercial law, stenography, and similar work usually done in a first-class college, in less than twelve months. This college practically never closes, but is in continuous session the entire year. Mr. Wade is assisted in his work by his two brothers, William J. and Robert M. Wade, the first, a thorough teacher of all commercial branches, and the latter an expert in shorthand. In addition to the above, able assistants are engaged in each department. The yearly enrollment is about one thousand. The Pennsylvania Business College has proved a blessing, and hundreds of young men are prospering to-day through its instruction.

Mr. Wade is an active member of St. Andrews Reformed Church, where he serves as an elder. In all that he undertakes to do he is conscientious and thorough. Aside from his school business he is accomplished and skilled in a number of lines of work; and he is the author of valuable text-books on commercial subjects which he publishes. Mr. Wade's knowledge is largely of the self-acquired kind, and very practical and serviceable. His versatility is due to continuity of effort.

ISRAEL P. MAYER, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Sycamore Hotel," of Landisville, Pa., has been one of the main factors in the progress and development of his section. He was born on a farm situated one mile from Rohrerstown, Lancaster county, Feb. 25, 1850, son of Henry and Anna (Hoefgen) Mayer, both of whom were natives of this county, and both of whom have passed from life.

Jacob Mayer, his grandfather, was a native also of this county, and was a prominent and successful farmer of his time.

Henry Mayer, son of Jacob, and father of Israel P., was for a number of years a laborer, becoming a section boss for the Pennsylvania railroad. He was also an auctioneer, and in his later years retired to a farm, passing his last days thereon, and dying when about seventy-one years of age. His wife passed away at the age of sixty-seven. They had a family of fourteen children: Emanuel, deceased; Eliza, deceased, first married John Rudisell, and second, Isaac Hurtz; Jacob, deceased; Maria, the wife of Jacob Gerbach, of Lancaster; Christian, of Lancaster; Henry, deceased; Abraham, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Sarah Ann, who died unmarried; John, of Trinidad, Colo.; Israel P., of this sketch; Annie, a Mrs. Smith, of Indianapolis; Samuel, of Indianapolis; Emma, the wife of John Lichty, of Columbia; and Sally, deceased.

Israel P. Mayer was educated in the public schools of his township, and at the age of eighteen

years learned the carpenter trade with William Bowers, at Landisville, and entered the employ of Israel Brinkheiser of the same place, remaining three years, and later worked with John D. Roering for one year. Mr. Mayer then moved to the country and purchased a farm, continuing in its operation for three or four years, and working in the meantime at his trade. Mr. Mayer then moved to Lancaster, and there, after one year of journeyman work, began contracting and building, following this for a period of eighteen years, becoming the heaviest contractor in Lancaster City. Specimens of his handiwork and skill can be found all over the city, some of the notable buildings erected by him being: the Lancaster Hotel, the Northern Market, the First M. E. Church, the West Chestnut street school, the Western M. E. Church, Rathvan & Sons establishment on North Duke street, the residence of Henry Cochrane, of James and David Rose, on West Chestnut street, of Henry Rathborn, the row for Myers & Rathborn on East Chestnut, the Lancaster Planing mill, houses on West James street, the Green stone row, on North Duke street, the famous Northern Hotel, and many others that might be cited, among these being a large warehouse on North Queen street, also Jacob Shirk's warehouse, this being the first warehouse erected in Lancaster City which has remained solid on account of its proper construction. Other builders have since followed Mr. Mayer's plans.

Mr. Mayer was the first man to lay cement pavement in Lancaster and he was the principal factor in securing the northern end sewer system for the city. His business operations amounted to hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly, while the value of his work in building up the permanent improvements can not be computed. His employes numbered fifty men at times, and he became one of the heaviest taxpayers in the city. Always a man of public spirit, in 1884, Mr. Mayer accepted an election to the city council and served as a capable member of the board for several terms, declining a last election. In 1896 he removed to Bamford, and there was engaged for a time in the mercantile business and was the means of having a postoffice established at that point, Mrs. Mayer being the first postmistress. Two years later Mr. Mayer removed to Landisville, and took charge of the "Sycamore Hotel," becoming one of the most popular hotel keepers in this section. His wide acquaintance through the county and also through the State attracts to his hostelry all of the traveling public in this section, and in this well appointed and modern inn both friend and stranger are hospitably entertained.

In 1871 Mr. Mayer wedded Elizabeth Dietrich, the estimable daughter of Saul Dietrich, and to this marriage was born one daughter, Annie E., who has been thoroughly educated, and who resides at home. Few men in this locality have displayed more energy and ability than has Isaac P. Mayer. His business tact and judgment have been only equaled by his public-spirit, and many sections have had cause to

feel grateful not only for his progressive ideas, but also for the ability which he showed in carrying them out for the benefit of the public. Mr. Mayer is peculiarly well qualified for the position he now holds, his genial personality and true hospitality making his house one of the favorite resting places for a large part of the traveling public.

JOHN L. GROFF, of Strasburg borough, is one of the leading and representative citizens and belongs to an old and prominent family of Lancaster county.

John L. Groff was born in the old Groff homestead March 12, 1847, a son of Emanuel Groff, and was reared on the farm, early becoming skilled in agricultural labor. His education was pursued in the common schools of the district, and at the age of twenty-four he took charge of his father's farm, conducting it on shares for a period of eighteen years, and then purchased it. This most valuable property has been under his care for thirty years, and contains 112 acres of some of the best land in the county. In 1900 he removed into Strasburg, where he erected a fine, modern residence, which is probably just as complete as any in the town, being equipped with electric lights, and hot air heating, in combination with all improvements which are designed to make life comfortable.

On Nov. 10, 1870, John L. Groff was married to Barbara Leaman, a daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Denlinger) Leaman, who was born Feb. 21, 1851, in East Lampeter township, and one son, Aaron L., born April 7, 1873, blessed this union. Aaron L. married Lizzie Groff, and they reside in Leacock township, where he is a successful farmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Groff are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and the family is one of the most highly respected in the community.

JOHN R. FRANTZ, junior member of the milling firm of Frantz & Son, of Millersville, is a worthy representative of an honored old family which has been identified with the business interests of this county for over a century.

Jacob Frantz, his great-grandfather, when a young man, about 1815, purchased property near Leaman Place, east of Lancaster, consisting of a farm of 200 acres and a flouring mill, for which he paid \$40,000. Locating here, he devoted the remainder of his life to the operating of his farm and mill, and being a keen, shrewd business man he accumulated much wealth. He was one of the leading and influential citizens of the county, and an active worker in the Mennonite Church. He died in 1840, at the age of seventy years, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Hershey, died at the age of ninety-five. Of the children born to them two died in early childhood. The others were as follows: (1) Jacob received the mill property and eighty acres of the home farm, where he remained throughout life, dying there at the age of seventy years. He

operated the mill and was often called upon to settle estates for his neighbors. He married but had no children. (2) Joseph is mentioned below. (3) Annie married Sem Eby, now deceased, and she died at the age of over eighty years. (4) Henry secured a part of the old homestead, where he followed farming for a time, but finally sold out and moved to Baltimore county, Md. He spent his last years, however, in Rock Island, Illinois.

Joseph Frantz, grandfather of John R., was born near Lititz, Lancaster county, Nov. 1, 1807, and died Aug. 25, 1897. After his marriage he located in East Earl township, where he purchased 113 acres of land and engaged in farming, but finally sold that property and bought eighty-seven acres of land and a mill in Salisbury township. He added to the farm sixteen acres, and operated the mill three years, after which he lived a retired life, while one of his sons conducted the farm until it was sold in 1899. He was a Mennonite in religious belief, was a man of good business ability, and was called upon to settle a large number of estates. He was twice married, his first wife being Annie Martin, his second Barbara Kreider, also deceased. In his family were twelve children, seven of whom reached mature years, three of these by the first marriage, and four by the second. They were David, father of John R.; Jacob, who died at the age of nineteen years; Elizabeth; Hettie, wife of John Brackbill, of Soudersburg; Joseph, who is director of the poor of Lancaster county, and a retired resident of Soudersburg; Ezra, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad and a resident of Harrisburg; and Barbara, deceased wife of Adam Eby.

David Frantz, senior member of the milling firm of Frantz & Son, of Millersville, was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Dec. 9, 1830, and there grew to manhood on the home farm, attending the public schools of the neighborhood. At the age of twenty he commenced learning the miller's trade at the Brook Mill, in East Earl township, with David Martin, where he spent two years, and then assisted his father in the operations of the farm until he was married in 1863. Later he rented a farm at Goodville four years, and one in Salisbury township seven years, after which he had charge of his father's mill for twenty-six years, or until 1900, giving his whole attention to the milling business. With his son John R. he then leased the Groff Mill, or what is more familiarly known as the Normal Mill, at Millersville, which they are now successfully conducting. Since boyhood he has been an active and consistent member of the Mennonite Church, and while a resident of East Earl township served as a member of the school board. He married Maria Rohrer, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Landis) Rohrer, and by this union five children have been born: Ida; John R.; Jacob, a miller of Fairton, N. J.; Anna E., who has been teaching in the public schools of Lancaster county since 1897; and Benjamin, who died at the age of seven years, five months and twenty-five days.

John R. Frantz, whose name introduces this review, was born May 24, 1865, in Goodville, but was only two years old when the family moved to Salisbury township, where he was reared and educated. On account of his father being a miller he early became familiar with that business, assisting him in his labors until he started out in life for himself. In 1889 he entered the mill of Michael Moore at Columbia, as assistant, but as the position was not congenial, remained there only a short time, and in 1890 commenced working in the mill of E. E. Hunsecker, with whom he remained three years. During the following three years he was assistant miller for Levan & Sons in Lancaster township, and for two years had charge of the plant as head miller. In 1898 Mr. Frantz leased the John D. Myer's mill at New Danville, a custom and merchants' flouring mill, which he conducted until 1900. On April 7th, of that year, he formed a partnership with his father, under the firm name of Frantz & Son, and leased the Normal Roller Mills, of Millersville, which is also a custom and merchant mill with a capacity of 100 barrels. In this undertaking they are meeting with well-deserved success, for they are thorough millers and capable, enterprising business men.

On Aug. 15, 1889, John R. Frantz was united in marriage with Annie S. Eby, a daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie (Hoover) Eby, and to them have been born six children, namely: Ira E., Roy E., Eva Amanda, Marie Elizabeth, Lillie May and Willis E. The family are members of the Mennonite Church, and Mr. Frantz is a staunch Republican in politics.

GEORGE HIBSHMAN. In the northeastern portion of Lancaster county but few family names date farther back in the settlement thereof, and none that has been connected with it is more of historic interest than the name of Hibshman, of which George Hibshman is a proud and worthy representative—proud in knowing that his ancestors served the State and nation prominently and ably in both civil and military capacities in the early days of our country's history.

John Gerhard Hibshman, the founder of the family in America, was a native of Switzerland, and left the land of his birth in 1732, at the age of nineteen. Five years afterward he returned to his native land for his wife, returning with her to America Sept. 24, 1737, in the ship "Saint Andrew," which sailed on that date from Rotterdam, Holland, bound for New York. Upon landing in the New World, where he was to make for himself and family a home, he came to Lancaster county, and, allured by the natural beauty of the country and the richness of the soil, he purchased the tract of land which is now the farm of Israel Miller, four miles north of the borough of Ephrata, and thereon made his home. He and his wife were blessed with four children, viz.: Wendel is mentioned below; Henry married and moved to Lebanon county, Pa.; Catharine married an Albrecht,

and moved to Selins Grove, Pa.; Elizabeth married Conrad Mentzer.

Wendel Hibshman became the owner of the farm upon the death of his father. He married Hannah, daughter of John and Elizabeth Heffley, who were also among the early settlers of Ephrata township. The farm owned by John Heffley passed to his daughter, Mrs. Hibshman, and from her to her son Jacob, through whose son John it descended to George. To Wendel and Hannah Hibshman were borne five children, viz.: Jacob, Henry, John, Hannah and Mary. Wendel Hibshman was a man of marked ability, and naturally became a leader among the people of eastern Pennsylvania. On the breaking out of the Revolutionary war he espoused the cause of the Colonies, and as major of the 3d. Battalion of Pennsylvania troops did good service in the war which ended in the formation of the Republic. After his marriage he became the owner of the farm which had belonged to his wife's family, but on the farm he first bought he passed the remainder of his days, an honored and influential citizen of the commonwealth whose soldiers he had commanded in the struggle for independence. He and his wife were both interred in the family burying-ground on the home farm.

Jacob Hibshman, eldest son of Wendel, became a man of prominence, and added luster to the family name. At an early age he entered the field of politics as a Jeffersonian Democrat, and for years wielded an influence second to none in his part of the State. He was a scrivener, and for many years a justice of the peace. He was a distinguished member of the XVIth Congress, having defeated James Buchanan, afterward President of the United States, in the Congressional election of 1820. At one period he was surveyor general of his district, which was composed of the counties of Lancaster, York and Dauphin, and was twelve years associate judge of the Lancaster county court. In 1824, when Gen. LaFayette visited the United States, Mr. Hibshman, then a member of Congress, was chairman of the committee appointed by the citizens of Lancaster county to receive and entertain him, and had the honor of introducing the distinguished Frenchman to the people who met to do him honor. Mr. Hibshman was also prominent in the military affairs of his State, and reached the rank of brigadier general. He married Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, daughter of Thomas and Saloma Atkinson, who bore him the following children: Polly, Lydia, Edward, Jacob, Elizabeth, Amelia and John. Jacob Hibshman inherited the home farm which is now owned by his grandson, George Hibshman, and on which he died May 19, 1852. He was a man of noble qualities and upright character, and passed away honored and esteemed by a wide circle of friends and fellow citizens. His wife's death took place May 4, 1811, and both sleep their last sleep in the Hibshman family burying-ground.

Henry Hibshman, a younger son of Wendel Hibshman, was also a man of prominence in his day

and generation, and held offices of honor and trust in his native State, the most important of which was that of member of the State Legislature. Like his brother, Jacob, he took an active interest in the State militia for many years, and retired from its service with the rank of general. He married Miss Catharina Miller, who bore him two children: Wendel and Elmira. For his second wife he married Hanna Sweitzer, and their children were Lewis Harrison and Mary.

John Hibshman, son of Gen. Jacob, and father of George, was born on the home farm March 7, 1807, and grew to manhood there. His education, like that of all farmers' sons of the time, was obtained in the district school of his neighborhood, and was deemed sufficient to fit him for the avocation marked out for him, that of tiller of the soil, which he followed and honored through a long and well spent life. In time he became the owner of the Hibshman homestead, which he successfully managed, and which at his death, Oct. 14, 1871, became by purchase the property of his son George. In early life he was a Whig in political belief, and when the Republican party sprang into life under the oaks near the city of Jackson, Mich., he became, and until his death remained, a staunch member thereof. But although he was always active in the support of his party and its principles, he was not an office seeker, but was content to be a private in its ranks. In March, 1838, Mr. Hibshman was joined in marriage to Miss Magdalena Shirk, who was born Aug. 4, 1813, daughter of John and Annie (Eberly) Shirk, residents of West Calico township, where they were well-to-do and prominent agriculturists. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shirk were Magdalena, Leah and Michael. Mrs. Hibshman passed from earth June 18, 1898, at the ripe old age of eighty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. John Hibshman were born eight children, as follows: Annie, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Dr. D. Rhine Hertz, of Ephrata; Jacob, deceased; John (deceased), who married Hannah Boyer, and had five children, all of whom died in infancy except Harry, the present cashier of the Ephrata National Bank; Henry, deceased; Isaac, deceased; George, mentioned below; and Amelia, who married J. Craig, of Chester, Pa. In the family cemetery on the farm where he was born, and where all his life was spent, John Hibshman and his wife Magdalena are sleeping the sleep that knows no waking until the dawn of the resurrection morning.

George Hibshman, like his father and grandfather before him, was born on the farm of his ancestors, which is now his own. Like them, he grew to manhood thereon, and obtained his education in the district schools, and he too selected as his vocation the life of a farmer, having been content to till in an intelligent and successful way the beautiful farm any man might be proud to own. Year by year he adds to his wealth, and the beauty and comforts of his surroundings, thus setting an example some of the sons of his farmer neighbors will surely follow. In

politics he is a Republican, and one as to whose position there is never any questioning, and who sees no shame in being called stalwart. He is active in the interests of his party, but has no time to seek and no desire to hold public office. He is a member of the Republican township committee, and was a delegate to the Republican State convention held in Harrisburg in June, 1902.

On Dec. 3, 1874, Mr. Hibshman married Miss Mary Kratz, who was born Oct. 18, 1852, daughter of David and Mary (Bear) Kratz. Their union has been blessed with two children: Alice, born Sept. 16, 1884, who died June 27, 1897; and Edward, born Sept. 9, 1887.

David and Mary (Bear) Kratz were natives of Bucks county and Bareville, Leacock township, Lancaster county, respectively. Mr. Kratz was born Aug. 12, 1824, and died June 27, 1892. Mrs. Kratz was born July 27, 1829, and resides in Ephrata, in the home which has been hers for thirty-five years.

HON. HENRY K. BLOUGH, M. D., prominent in the professional, political and social circles of Elizabethtown, is a native of South Hanover township, Dauphin Co., Pa., born Dec. 29, 1844, son of George and Mary (Keller) Blough, natives of New York State and Dauphin county, respectively.

George Blough accompanied his parents to Dauphin county, Pa., shortly before his marriage. He was a bricklayer and stonemason by trade, and followed these callings all his life. He married Mary Keller, who was born in 1823, a daughter of Michael Keller, a farmer of Lancaster county, Pa., who died in Dauphin county at the age of seventy-four. Of the children born to this union, Sarah is unmarried and at home; David H. is a stock dealer and farmer of Dauphin county; Hon. Henry K. is mentioned below. The parents were both faithful members of the United Brethren Church.

Henry K. Blough was educated in the public schools and at Palmyra Academy. In early manhood he learned the miller's trade, and followed it from the age of fifteen years—the time of his leaving home. At the age of twenty-three he began reading medicine under the direction of an uncle, Dr. D. C. Keller, of Union Deposit. By 1870 he had finished his medical studies, graduating from the University of Philadelphia, and began the active practice of that profession in Bachmanville, where he remained until 1872, at which time he located in Elizabethtown, his present home. He has been eminently successful in practice, and by his careful treatment of the afflicted, his kindly, sympathetic nature, and his ever bright and cheery manner, has won hosts of friends. He has found success not only in the professional world, but has taken an active part in the advancement of the material welfare of his town. In 1887 he helped to organize the Elizabethtown Exchange Bank, and has since continued as one of its directors. He is also president of the Elizabethtown Water Company, having served as



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such since its organization in 1897, and president of the Elizabethtown branch of the Lebanon Building & Loan Association, he having been one of the first to offer inducements for the establishment of such a branch.

In municipal affairs the Doctor has played a prominent part. For twenty-four years he has been a school director, and in 1891 and 1892 he served as a representative from his district to the State Legislature, of which he is also a member at present, having been again elected in 1902. Politically he has for years been an enthusiastic worker in the ranks of the Republican party. Socially he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M., while professionally he is identified with the city and county medical societies. He has also served on the staff of the Lancaster County Hospital. The Doctor is a great lover of fine horses, and is the owner of several, whose pedigrees entitle them to great consideration.

On Sept. 14, 1869, Dr. Blough was united in marriage with Elizabeth Shank, of Annville, Lebanon county, who was born in 1850, a daughter of Abraham and Leah (Moyer) Shank, both now deceased. Two children blessed their union: Albert S., a graduate of the Philadelphia Medico Chirurgical Institute; and Jennie, wife of Dr. D. Frank Kline, a prominent physician of Lancaster. Dr. Blough is an extremely popular man, and is held in high estimation for his upright life.

JACOB B. BRUBAKER, a general farmer in East Donegal township, was born in Rapho township May 7, 1857, son of Andrew and Mary (Brubaker) Brubaker, of the same township.

Andrew Brubaker was born Sept. 20, 1832, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Strickler) Brubaker, residents of Rapho township, where the former was engaged in farming all his life. Andrew Brubaker was a farmer and a man of considerable importance in the community in which his industrious and well ordered life was passed, and where he served six years as school director. He died June 17, 1892, in East Donegal township, and was buried in the Cross Roads cemetery, a well known burial place in that township. He married Mary Brubaker, who was born June 6, 1836, daughter of Benjamin and Maria (Lehman) Brubaker, farming people of Rapho township. She is now living in Mt. Joy, Pa. To Andrew and Mary Brubaker were born: Elizabeth, who married Peter Graybill, supervisor of Mt. Joy township, and a resident of Florin; Mary, who is at home with her mother; Jacob B.; William B., a professor in a polytechnic college in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Harvey B., in the United States Postal Service, at Florin. Benjamin Brubaker, father of Mrs. Mary Brubaker, married for his second wife Mary Landis, of York county.

On Nov. 13, 1884, Jacob B. Brubaker and Barbara Felker were married in East Donegal township, and to this union were born: Frances K., now deceased; Simon, deceased; and William, Amos, Ja-

cob B. and Mary, all of whom are at home. Mrs. Barbara (Felker) Brubaker was born in Rapho township, Nov. 6, 1863, daughter of Philip and Fanny (Kaufman) Felker, who were born in Rapho and Manor townships, respectively. Philip Felker was a farmer in East Donegal township, where he died Feb. 12, 1899, and his remains were buried in the Graybills Cemetery. Fanny (Kaufman) Felker, who was born in 1840, is now residing in Rapho, a faithful member of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: John and Amos, both of whom died young; Barbara; Amanda, who married J. K. Layman, a drover in Mt. Joy township; Abraham, a farmer in East Donegal township, Elizabeth, who married Christ Rohrer, a farmer in Rapho; Mary, of Lancaster; Philip, a school teacher in Mt. Joy; Frances, deceased; Anna, who is living in Elizabethtown; Samuel, a day laborer in Mt. Joy township; and Catherine, who is living with her mother. Both the Felkers and the Kaufmans were all residents of Lancaster county.

Jacob B. Brubaker remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he worked for the neighboring farmers until 1894. That year he purchased the farm on which he is now residing, where he has achieved a decided success in his agricultural labors. He is a thrifty and energetic farmer, with a good place and a reputation for thorough and careful work. In his politics he is a staunch Republican.

WILLIAM B. BRUBAKER, who is mentioned above as a professor in a polytechnic school in Brooklyn, was born in the township of Rapho, March 14, 1866, where he spent his early life on the farm, and began his education in the district school. At the age of sixteen years he began a course in Millersville Academy, from which he was graduated in both branches in 1887. During this time he also attended the old Franklin and Marshall Academies. For four years he taught district school, and for eight years was a teacher in the Millersville Academy, achieving such a reputation as an instructor and a valuable all-around teacher that in September, 1899, he was taken on the teaching force of the Polytechnical Institute in Brooklyn, where he is now engaged. Prof. Brubaker thoroughly understands the work he has in hand, and is an earnest and inspiring teacher.

CHRISTIAN KINDIG, JR. The baptismal name of Mr. Kindig's father was Christian, and his mother's maiden name was Alice Milan. He was one of the substantial and influential citizens of Lancaster county in his day, and first saw the light in Conestoga township, on Dec. 29, 1815. His long and useful life of eighty-three years came to an end at Millersville on July 21, 1898. While he died at Millersville, his life was passed in Conestoga and Manor townships, chiefly in Conestoga. He was a successful farmer, owning 120 acres of his own, and was a prominent and influential citizen, a man of broad and enlightened public spirit, and he filled various local offices. One of the early Whigs, he cast his first

presidential vote for General William Henry Harrison, and his last for Benjamin Harrison in 1888. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. Mary Frantz, his wife, died in 1881, at the age of sixty-eight years. A family of nine children was born to them: E. J., Mary, Barbara, Elizabeth, Annie, Christian, Adeline, Maggie and Amanda. E. J. occupied the old homestead, and became a man of influence in public affairs. Mary married Abraham Eshleman, of Millersville. Barbara became the wife of Jacob Herr, of New Danville, in Pequea township. Elizabeth married Amos Harnish, of Lancaster. Annie married Jacob Miller, of New Danville, and is deceased. Adeline married Abraham Nissley, of South Hempfield. Maggie became the wife of the Rev. Daniel Lehman, of Manor. Amanda, the youngest of the family, is unmarried, and lives at Millersville. Christian, Jr., lives in Manor township.

Christian Kindig, Jr., was born May 15, 1848. He grew up on the old homestead in Conestoga and attended the common schools of his native town. On Dec. 12, 1871, he married Mattie L., daughter of John Hess and Elizabeth Landis, his wife, of Manheim township, who was born Oct. 2, 1849. Mr. and Mrs. Kindig are the parents of six children, one of whom died in infancy. The others—Ivan H., Minnie H., Mary H., Lizzie H. and Annie H.—live at home with their parents.

After his marriage Mr. Kindig settled upon a farm of 138 acres, bought by his father in 1863, and situated one mile west of Millersville. There he still lives, although he has added to his original holdings by the purchase of seventy-five acres adjoining on the north. The land is under high cultivation, and the improvements, nearly all of which have been made by Mr. Kindig, are extensive and modern in character, such as might be made by a farmer of progressive ideas and keen, close observation. As a citizen he is broad minded and public spirited, esteemed and influential. As a husband and father he shows estimable virtue, and as a Christian his life is without reproach.

Mrs. Kindig's paternal grandparents were Christian and Barbara (Hoover) Hess. Her father, John Hess, was born May 31, 1815, and died Jan. 20, 1891. He was a man of substantial means, and a devout member of the Mennonite Church. In early life he was a farmer, but later owned and operated the Oregon mill in Manheim for nearly a quarter of a century. His marriage to Elizabeth Landis occurred Oct. 18, 1838. She was born Oct. 7, 1820, daughter of Benjamin L. Landis and Anna Lang. Mrs. Kindig was one of a large family of children: Annie, the eldest, married Peter G. Hershey, of Lancaster; Benjamin L. lives in Manheim; Barbara died while a child of four years; David L. is a resident of Manheim; Lizzie L. died in childhood; Mattie L. is Mrs. Christian Kindig. Maria L. is unmarried and lives with her mother. Fannie died in childhood, as did also an infant son. Isaac L. is a missionary in China, laboring under the direction and care of the

Christian Alliance, in the province of Quangsai, where he has been stationed since 1896. Amelia L. is a practicing physician in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hess, the mother of Mrs. Kindig, is yet living, a lovable old lady, hale and well preserved, despite her four score years of active, patient toil; her father, Benjamin Landis, died in his fifty-ninth year, while her mother lived to be nearly eighty-five.

DAVID FRANCIS MAGEE, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, enjoys the somewhat unique distinction of having practically built in Lancaster county an enterprising village—White Rock, where, he still retains extensive business interests.

James Vincent Magee, father of David Francis, was born at Kennett Square, Chester county, where he was a farmer and, following in the footsteps of his father, James Magee, a cattle dealer. Later for a few years James V. Magee kept a hotel in Wilmington, Del., afterward moving to Lynchburg, Va., where he died. He married Mary Ann Bradley, a daughter of John Bradley, who came from Ireland in 1806, settling in Phoenixville, where he became a well-known farmer and cattle dealer, and where he died in 1860. To James V. and Mary Ann (Bradley) Magee came eleven children, two of whom died in infancy and three after reaching maturity. The survivors are: Margaret, Ann, Kate and Mary, all living in Philadelphia; Laura, the wife of John Frerren, a farmer by occupation, and at present a member of the board of county commissioners of Chester county; and David Francis, of Lancaster.

David Francis Magee, familiarly known as Squire Magee, by reason of his having been justice of the peace so many years, was born in Wilmington, Del., in December, 1854, his parents removing to Virginia during his infancy. There they remained until 1868, when they came back to this State, settling in Hopewell, Chester county. Mr. Magee remained with his parents until 1880, when he removed to White Rock, Lancaster county, at that time a mere country cross roads, with one dwelling house and a small store. Mr. Magee completed his schooling in Georgetown College, but he has always been a student, and has followed out the study of political economy to such an extent that he is one of the best posted men on that subject in the State. For five years he was a school teacher, but on his removal to White Rock became an active business man, building a warehouse, a creamery, a smithy, a wagon-maker's shop and six dwelling houses. His enterprise has opened the way, and White Rock is to-day a hustling and energetic village. Mr. Magee still owns considerable property there, though living in Lancaster. For thirteen years he served as a justice of the peace, and was three times elected in a Republican district, though he was and is an uncompromising Democrat. During his long service as a justice of the peace he had fully seven hundred cases before him, and every case stood as he decided it. In 1894 Mr. Magee was nominated by the Democrats for Auditor General of

the State, and made a handsome run, speaking in almost every county in the State. Mr. Magee began reading law with Theodore K. Stubbs, but stopped only to begin reading again with J. A. Coyle, and was admitted to the Bar in 1888. Before he was eligible, on account of the time limit, he argued a case in the Supreme Court, to which he was formally admitted just as soon as the two years had expired.

Mr. Magee is a ready and fluent speaker, and challenged the prominent Republicans of the State for a discussion of the tariff question. This discussion was with many of the best-posted Republicans of the State, and extended over some twelve years. It attracted much attention and demonstrated the fact that Mr. Magee was thoroughly informed as to all matters under consideration. After being admitted to the Bar Mr. Magee retained for several years a silent partnership in all his business enterprises, including that of the White Rock Warehouse property, which he had greatly improved, and a store of considerable magnitude. He was an organizer, a director and the first counsel for the Octoraro Telephone Co., which proved a great local success.

Mr. Magee was married in 1878 to Miss Lewrainer Twaddell, a daughter of John Twaddell, a farmer of Chester county. From this union were born: Lewrainer T. and Mary T., both graduates at Emmitsburg, and now at home with their parents; D. Frank, a graduate of the Lancaster high school, and now a clerk with Reilly Brothers & Raub; James F., Helen A. and Charles Albert, all three at school.

Mr. Magee is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of this city, and is grand president of the Pennsylvania Catholic Beneficial League, whose headquarters are in Lancaster, and of which he was one of the principal organizers. Mr. Magee is quite an enthusiast in cycling, and is president of the Lancaster Cycling Club, entertaining the members annually at his country home, and going along with the "boys" when they make the run to his elegant mansion at White Rock. Although Mr. Magee tips the scales at 220 pounds he rides the wheel with more than ordinary ease, and is so much interested in the exercise that he has taken up the matter of good roads, writing a series of articles on the subject for the Lancaster press, which have since been brought together and published in book form.

ABRAHAM H. MECKLEY, a trusted and popular engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia, was born on a farm in Conoy township, Lancaster county, Jan. 21, 1851, the seventh of ten children born to Benjamin and Barbara (Halderman) Meckley, the former of whom was first a farmer and then sawmill proprietor, but his latter years were passed in retired ease. He lost his wife in 1859, when she was forty-five years old, and his own death took place in 1895, at the age of seventy-five. They were members respectively of the Mennonite and United Brethren churches and the remains

of both were interred in Conoy cemetery. Their ten children were born in the following order: Jacob, who is a lumber merchant in Bainbridge, Pa.; Anna, wife of Benjamin Fink, a carpenter in Conoy; Christian, a cigarmaker in Lock Haven; Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Shenk, of Bainbridge; Barbara, with her brother in Bainbridge; Mary, who died young; Abraham H.; Benjamin and Samuel, deceased; and Martin, of Conoy.

Abraham H. Meckley assisted his father on the home farm until eighteen years old, and then learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until 1880. He then made two trips on the railroad as brakeman, spent six years, nine months and nineteen days as fireman, and was then promoted in 1887 to engineer.

On April 13, 1884, Mr. Meckley was married, in Elizabethtown, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Goss, and to this union has been born one child, Cora. Mrs. Elizabeth Meckley was born in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, April 29, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Erb) Goss, natives respectively of Hanover, York Co., Pa., and Conoy township, Lancaster county. Their family comprised nine children, viz.: Amos, who died young; Elizabeth; Christian, school-teacher, farmer and justice of the peace in Conoy township; Joseph, in Elizabethtown; Mary, who died in infancy; Anna M., wife of David F. Gable, of Mt. Joy; Ella married to John Shireman, a farmer in Conoy; Emily, married to Harrison Brenzer, a school-teacher in Bainbridge; and Myra, wife of Joseph B. Martin, a school-teacher in Middletown, Pa. Joseph Goss, the father, was a farmer by vocation and died in Conoy township in May, 1899, aged seventy-four; and his wife, who was born in November, 1831, now resides in Elizabethtown. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Meckley were John Goss, a farmer, and Elizabeth (Haldeman) Goss, both of Lancaster county; her maternal grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Grable) Erb, who moved to Ridgeville, Conoy township, when they retired from business. Mr. Erb was a justice of the peace.

Abraham H. Meckley is a Democrat in politics, and religiously he and his wife and daughter are members of the Church of God; socially they stand very high in the esteem of their neighbors.

REUBEN SHAUBACH, one of the representative young men of Strasburg township, resides upon his farm one mile north of Martinsville, this county. He was born in West Lampeter township, Dec. 31, 1853, son of Andrew Shaubach, and he was brought up on a farm and educated in the common schools. Until he was thirty years old he remained assisting his father, but after marriage located in the village of Refton on a farm of 139 acres, which he rented for two years, and he then removed to the desirable place where he has since lived, and which, since it has come into his possession, has been transformed into one of the finest in this locality. The farm owned by Mr. Shaubach comprises fifty acres and upon it he

has made many improvements, erecting all of the buildings except the residence; and he has shown himself to be one of the progressive farmers who, by industry and good judgment, become the substantial men of the future. In 1898, Mr. Shaubach, in association with his brother Martin, purchased a farm of 112 acres in Providence township, and this is in charge of Martin Shaubach.

On Nov. 15, 1883, Reuben Shaubach was united in marriage with Miss Susan Barge, daughter of Witmer J. Barge, who was born in Strasburg township Dec. 25, 1849. Three children have been born to this union; Annie B., born May 6, 1885, and two sons who died at birth. The whole family are valued and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and none are more highly respected in this neighborhood.

FRANK R. FOLMER, who conducts a thriving butcher business in Columbia, is a native of Lebanon county, Pa., born Nov. 4, 1858.

John Folmer, his father, was the only son of John Folmer, Sr. Both were coachmakers by occupation. John Folmer died in 1861, in his twenty-sixth year. He married Miss Angeline Gerhart, who was third in the family of five children born to Henry H. and Sabina (Carl) Gerhart, namely: Cornelius C., a Union veteran of the Civil war, lives in Lebanon; John, who also served in the Civil war, is deceased; Milton, a resident of Lebanon, also served in the Union army during that conflict; and Sarah married Isaac Docker, and both are now deceased. Henry H. Gerhart made his home in Lebanon county, and he died in Lebanon in 1847, in his thirty-sixth year. His widow made her home with her daughter Angeline during her latter years, and died in Columbia in 1882, in her sixty-sixth year. Both were members of the Reformed Church. To John and Angeline Folmer were born three children, of whom the eldest, Phillip H., is a yardmaster in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Columbia; he married Bridget Welsh. Frank R., whose name opens this sketch, is mentioned below. John, the youngest, died in childhood. In May, 1864, Mrs. Folmer became the wife of Hugh Donnelly, who is mentioned elsewhere, and by that union had two children: Mary E., now the wife of Gordon W. Blakesley, a grocer of Lansing, Mich.; and Alex. C., who died in childhood.

Frank R. Folmer received his education in the public schools, and was but ten years old when he commenced work, being employed three summers in a brickyard. He then learned the butcher business, with C. W. Minich, with whom he continued fourteen years, at the end of that time embarking in business on his own account. He has been engaged thus up to the present time, with uninterrupted success, and has met with substantial reward, which he justly deserves. Mr. Folmer owns some valuable property, and, as a result of industry and good business methods, is now comfortably situated. In 1885 our sub-

ject was married, in Columbia, to Miss Alice M. Rupp, a native of Cumberland county, Pa. They have no children. Mr. Folmer is a Republican in politics, and fraternally unites with the I. O. O. F. In religious connection he is identified with the M. E. Church.

Daniel Rupp, father of Mrs. Folmer, was born in Cumberland county, Pa., son of George Rupp, a native of Germany, who came to this country and settled in that county, remaining there until his death. Daniel Rupp was a carriage maker by occupation. On May 27, 1855, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., he married Elizabeth Moler, who was born Oct. 8, 1836, also a native of Cumberland county, where her parents, Samuel and Rachel (Miller) Moler, passed all their lives. Mrs. Rupp now makes her home in York, Pa. She is an Adventist in religious belief. Mr. Rupp died Jan. 13, 1886, in Shiremanstown, Pa., aged fifty-four years. To this union were born children as follows: Samuel; Laura and Sarah E., both of whom died young; Benjamin H., of Lancaster; Alice M., Mrs. Folmer; Barbara A., Mrs. Charles H. Hock, of Columbia; Abraham L., Jennie E. and Emma G., all of whom died young; Lillian R., wife of Amos H. Groff, of Columbia; Maggie I., wife of Harry Cornish, of York, Pa.; Daniel E. and Idella D., both of whom died young; and Mirvin S., a resident of York, Pennsylvania.

MENNO MARTIN FRY. Among the prominent and representative citizens of Lancaster is Menno Martin Fry, who is not only the leading business man in his line in that city but is also one of the largest dealers in leaf tobacco in the State.

Mr. Fry was born at Millport, Warwick township, Sept. 3, 1854. After finishing his course in the public schools of his district he entered the State Normal school at Millersville, and so well did he improve his opportunities that he was accepted as a teacher at the age of sixteen years, and followed that profession through four terms. He then began the manufacture of cigars at Rothsville, and continued in that business for three years, removing at that time, to Lititz, enlarging his scope by adding leaf tobacco to his trade. Here he remained for the succeeding twelve years. Mr. Fry desired still larger fields of operation, and then removed to Lancaster, where in partnership with his brother, Phares W. Fry, he began trading in leaf tobacco, under the firm name of M. M. Fry & Bro. Their first location was on Market street, but the business increased to such a degree that a change was soon necessitated, and the fine warehouse at the southeast corner of Grant and Christian streets was built for their use. After four years of partnership the brothers dissolved the connection, and for a time each conducted business in the same warehouse, but it was not long before the quarters again became too contracted, this resulting in Phares Fry withdrawing to another warehouse and Menno Martin employing all of this building for his own use. How-

ever, by July, 1900, Mr. Fry found it necessary to secure a still larger building, and he completed arrangements by which he secured the Steinmetz building, at the northwest corner of Grant and Christian streets, the most complete tobacco warehouse in this section, if not, indeed, in the whole State. This building is six stories in height and has a storage capacity of 7,000 cases of tobacco. In addition to these buildings, Mr. Fry has a large warehouse at Landisville, in this county. His business is one of large proportions, consisting in selling in large quantities to the jobbers and to all of the important cigar manufacturers in the United States.

Mr. Fry was married to Miss Anna Hess, the accomplished daughter of the late Capt. Hess, of Safe Harbor, who fell in battle during the Civil war, a brave young martyr to his country. No children have been born to them. In social circles both are prominent, and generous hospitality is shown in the elegant home at No. 624 West Chestnut street, Lancaster. Although an ardent Republican, Mr. Fry has never taken any very active part in politics, his large business interests requiring his close attention. For a number of years he has been a leading member of the First M. E. Church, where for six years he served as trustee, and where he is a liberal contributor to all benevolent and charitable enterprises. He is widely known and is esteemed as a man of integrity and high business principle.

HARRY LIGHTNER TROUT, proprietor of the leading book bindery in Lancaster, and the present clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, is a native of that city, born Oct. 28, 1853.

Mr. Trout is connected with one of the oldest and best known families in this locality, and his father, Adam Trout, is well remembered by many of the older citizens as a genial, popular man. He married Salome Lefever, who died in 1857.

Harry L. Trout received a liberal education at the public schools of Lancaster, completing his studies at the age of fifteen years. In 1870 he went to Philadelphia, for three years was there engaged in the queensware business, and then returning to Lancaster commenced a four years' apprenticeship to the trade of bookbinder, by diligence and application thoroughly mastering all the details of the business. In 1881 he commenced for his own account in the city, his first bindery being in Centre square, whence, his business having rapidly increased, he removed to more commodious quarters on North Christian street, in rear of the New Era building, and at a considerable pecuniary outlay equipped his establishment with the very latest and best appliances for efficiently carrying on a first class bindery. Mr. Trout soon established a reputation as an expert and reliable bookbinder, and he does much of the finest work for the county offices, besides enjoying patronage from all over the State, and from even far distant localities.

On Sept. 2, 1875, Harry L. Trout was married to

Miss Sarah E., daughter of Joseph Y. Colby, at one time prominently identified with the cotton mill industry in Lancaster. One child has blessed this union, Maude, now the wife of James Wesley Harvey, a lawyer of Baltimore.

In politics Mr. Trout is a stalwart Republican, and for years has been recognized as a leader in the ranks of the party. For nearly a dozen continuous years he represented the Fifth ward of Lancaster in the city council, and for three terms served as president of the Common branch; but these incumbencies he had to resign in order to take the office of clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions, to which he was elected in November, 1899, entering upon his duties Jan. 1, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Trout are identified with the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster. Socially he is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M. A whole-souled, generous man, with a friendly nod and a pleasant word for everybody, faithful in his friendship and open and manly in his political or other differences with men, Harry L. Trout is personally one of the strongest men in the community in which he lives.

ELI L. NISSLEY, a noted packer of leaf tobacco, and very successful dealer in this line of farm produce, was born on the paternal homestead in the township of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, July 11, 1862, a son of Christ H. and Barbara (Lindesmith) Nissley.

Christ H. Nissley was born on the family homestead where the Nissleys had long lived, and he died in Florin, Pa., Sept. 12, 1894. He had operated the old Graybill mills for years, but in 1880 sold out to Levi R. Nissley, and moved to Florin. In his day he was an experienced miller and farmer, and engaged along both lines in Mt. Joy township for many years. In local and county affairs Mr. Nissley had long held a prominent position. From 1866 to 1869 he was county commissioner, county auditor for three terms, prison inspector for two terms, and school director of Mt. Joy for many years. Mrs. Barbara (Lindesmith) Nissley was born in West Donegal township, and died Jan. 12, 1899, at the age of seventy-four years, and was buried in the cemetery connected with the Graybills church. Mr. and Mrs. Nissley were the parents of the following family: Martin, who died in infancy; Mary L., who married J. G. Hershey, a farmer in the township of East Donegal (mentioned more fully elsewhere); Amanda L., who married Henry Meckly, of Mt. Joy township; Christ L., a retired farmer; Jacob, who died at the age of fourteen years; Elizabeth N., who married L. R. Nissley, of East Donegal township, where he is engaged in milling; and Eli L.

The paternal grandparents of Eli L. Nissley were Martin and Elizabeth (Hershey) Nissley, the former born on the old Nissley homestead in Mt. Joy township. Martin Nissley was a miller on the old homestead, and operated a mill of his own construction.

His death occurred after he had reached his sixty-ninth year. Mrs. Elizabeth Nissley died in 1829 at the untimely age of thirty years, and was buried in the burying ground at Graybills. They had the following family: Nancy (who is living a widow in Dauphin county, Pa.), Fanny, Barbara, Maria, Katie, Christ H. and Martin.

The maternal grandparents of Eli L. Nissley were Jacob D. and Barbara (Zeigler) Lindesmith, of West Donegal. Mr. Lindesmith was a prominent and successful farmer, and at the time of his death was worth more than \$100,000. The long life that was given him measured more than eighty years, and his wife lived four years longer. Both were buried in Boslers burying ground in West Donegal. Their children were: Martin, deceased; Martha, deceased wife of John Engle; Fanny, who married John Brenner, and is deceased; Betsy, deceased, who married John B. Meyers; Barbara, twin of Betsy; Leander J., deceased; and Mary, who married Jacob W. Nissley.

On Sept. 27, 1883, Eli L. Nissley was married in the township of East Hempfield, Lancaster county, to Lizzie R. Shenk, by whom he became the father of the following children: Henry Roy, Eli Jay, Christ Lloyd and Walter S. Mrs. Lizzie R. Nissley was born in Hempfield township, Sept. 29, 1863, only daughter of Henry K. and Mary (Rhodes) Shenk, who were born in Manheim and Manor townships, respectively. Henry K. Shenk is now living in East Hempfield the honored life that belongs to a farmer who has worked hard all his years and seeks rest and peace at the close of his days. Mrs. Shenk died in 1893, at the age of sixty years, and was buried in the Lutheran Church Cemetery at Maytown.

Eli L. Nissley was reared on the home farm, where he remained with his parents until he was fourteen years of age, and then accompanied them in their removal to Mt. Joy township and to Graybills, spending three years at each location. When he was seventeen years of age he came to Florin, and six years later became engaged in the leaf tobacco business, which has continued his occupation to the present time and in which he is remarkably successful.

Mr. Nissley is a Republican, and has taken a leading position in the community. In 1901 he was elected a school director for a three years' term. In 1899 he was made a director of the First National Bank of Marietta, and his business judgment, always good, is making itself felt throughout the county. Mr. Nissley is a pushing and energetic character, bound to make progress, and is widely known as an enterprising and thoroughly reliable man.

BENJAMIN F. BYERS. The ancestors of the Byers family, in Lancaster county, came from a country which has given the world some notable men, and whose people, the country over, are considered among the best of American citizens.

John Byers, his grandfather, was a native of Germany, and in that country he was reared and there

married, soon after emigrating to the United States and locating in Pequea township, Lancaster county. Here he purchased a large tract of land which was situated north of Baumgardner Station, and on this property was built what is known as the Byers Church, the Byers family contributing a tract for that purpose. John Byers came upon this land as a pioneer, being one of the first settlers, finding the locality unimproved, and when viewing the extraordinary change that has been made, one can not but admire and comment upon the zeal, intelligence and energy that has so successfully made of this region one of the best improved in the county. John Byers lived to advanced age in spite of the exacting life of the pioneer, and was noted for his progressive spirit and force of character, rearing a large and excellent family, many of whom located in the West, and have established family branches there.

John Byers (2), son of the pioneer, was born in 1807, and died in 1852, having been reared on the homestead in Pequea township. After his marriage he came to West Lampeter and located on a farm about one mile south-east of Willowstreet, where he bought and operated over 100 acres, and there pursued agricultural activities all his life with excellent results. He was highly esteemed, being made supervisor and for a long time serving as school director.

John Byers (2) married Kate Johnston, daughter of Abraham Johnston, of Pequea township, who died in 1879 at the age of sixty-three. They had a family of ten children: Barbara married Samuel Minney, of West Lampeter township; Henry died at the age of forty-four, unmarried; Jacob is a farmer of Quarryville, Lancaster county; Mary is the widow of Peter Sicor; Sarah is the wife of Henry Barr, of Pequea township; John died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving a wife and two children; David is a resident of Whiteside county, Ill.; Annie is the wife of John Huber, of Willowstreet; Benjamin F.; and Amaziah died in childhood.

Benjamin F. Byers was born July 16, 1853, and was reared on the home farm, attending the public school of his district, until the age of twelve. At this early age he started from home with the intention of taking care of himself, engaging in farm work by the month, and thus he continued until he was twenty-five. At this time he saw a favorable opening in the butchering business, at Lampeter, and since that time has been engaged in that line, very successfully, being both a wholesale and retail merchant. Mr. Byers has the best of facilities for his work, having erected a large slaughter house, and supplying the Lancaster City markets, as well as the country trade. Being a live business man, his future success is assured, the public having learned to repose confidence in his integrity. As a staunch Republican, he has filled a number of the local offices in the gift of the party, serving efficiently under all circumstances.

Benjamin Byers was married in 1886, to Elizabeth Eshleman, a daughter of Christian Eshleman of West Lampeter township, and three children have

been born of this union: Willis, Myrtle and Harold. This is one of the representative families of the township, and by his energy and industry, Mr. Byers has place his business in a front rank in this part of Lancaster county.

WILLIAM B. DETWILER. Prominent in the realty business, in Mt. Joy, Pa., and one of the most progressive and enterprising business men, is William B. Detwiler, a native of Rapho township, where he was born in 1851, a son of Joseph and Anna Detwiler. The name is one well known in financial and business circles, carrying with it the suggestion of uprightness of character, combined with sound business ability.

Mr. Detwiler remained with his parents until his marriage, and then engaged in farming on the old homestead in Rapho township, successfully operating a large farm, for fourteen years. Since that time, his residence has been in Mt. Joy, the varied and increasing interests of his father, requiring his assistance in their management. Aside from the vast amount of work entailed in successfully managing his father's estate, he is also engaged in the real estate business, for which he has shown great capacity.

The marriage of William B. Detwiler occurred in Conoy township, when Emma Hoffman, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Hoffman, of Manor township, became his bride. They now reside in Conoy township, where Mr. Hoffman is one of the most extensive farmers and tobacco merchants in that locality. They are pious and worthy people, members of the River Brethren and the Church of God, and are the parents of ten children. Mr. and Mrs. Detwiler have four children,—Parthenia A., who married Dr. B. E. Wright, a dentist of Harrisburg; Joseph H., Jr.; Mabel; and Beulah.

For the past six years, Mr. Detwiler has been a member of the city council, and is one of the leading politicians in this section.

JAY BACHMAN. The Bachman family, of Lancaster county, possesses an old and honorable ancestry, its members having been identified with the advancement of the county since as early as 1746, when its founder in the United States located in West Lampeter township. His son, Jacob, became the grandfather of Jay Bachman, the immediate subject of this biography.

Jacob Bachman was born April 25, 1782, and died May 10, 1849, and on March 31, 1814, married Barbara Eshleman, who died at the age of seventy-eight years, eight months and three days. Jacob Bachman was a farmer, but possessed a natural aptitude for working in wood, and the family still possesses some valued examples of his cabinet work. Both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and both were of quiet, domestic habits of life. Under their roof grew up a large and intelligent family, many members of it having made homes for themselves in other States, everywhere being known as

quiet, well-ordered citizens and worthy of their name. To Jacob Bachman and wife were born: Maria, born in 1815, married William Parker and removed to Illinois, where she died, May 13, 1854; Susan, born in 1816, died single; John, born in 1818, died Sept. 15, 1894; Anna, born in 1820, married David Longenecker and removed to Maryland, where she still survives, a widow since Feb. 5, 1889; Jacob, born in 1825, married Elizabeth Eshleman, resided in Strasburg township, and died March 8, 1888; Fannie, born in 1827, married John Jameson, and in 1855 removed to Quincy, Ills., where she died in 1893; Benjamin F., born in 1829, removed to California when a young man, and spent his life in that State; and Elizabeth, born in 1832, died in infancy.

John Bachman, son of Jacob and father of Jay Bachman, was born in West Lampeter township, and when a small boy accompanied his parents in their removal to Strasburg, when location was made upon the fine farm now occupied by Jay Bachman. Here John Bachman was reared and sent to the public schools, later being given educational advantages in both select schools and an academy. About the time of his legal majority he purchased a farm in Ohio, which he cleared and worked for a period, remaining until his father's death called him home, when he returned to the homestead, and with his brother Jacob undertook the management of the estate. Until his marriage this arrangement continued, at which time he took full control and made it his home.

For many years John Bachman resided in the old homestead, engaged in farming, but when his son Jay had reached manhood he turned the farm over to him and retired from active life, remaining in the old place, however, until his days ended. For a long period John Bachman was one of the prominent, as well as one of the most substantial men of the locality, a man of more than ordinary intelligence and superior education. His services were frequently required in the settlement of estates, on account of the known probity of his character. He was one of the original directors in the Strasburg Bank, so continuing for many years.

On May 11, 1869, John Bachman was married to Lizzie B. Rohrer, daughter of Christian and Maria (Buckwalter) Rohrer, who was born Sept. 29, 1844. Four children were born to this union: Minnie, born Feb. 13, 1870, married Morris Bachman, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Jay, born Oct. 21, 1871, resides on the old homestead; Ed, born Dec. 10, 1874, died April 16, 1876; and Park, born Nov. 12, 1879, was a student of mechanical engineering at the Western University, at Pittsburg.

Jay Bachman, who is one of the most progressive young farmers of Strasburg township, and a son of John and Lizzie (Rohrer) Bachman, was reared on the farm he now occupies and which he is improving with modern buildings and stocking it with high-grade stock and cattle. His education was acquired in the excellent public schools of Lancaster county,

which he has supplemented with reading and scientific studies in relation to his agricultural and stock interests. The Bachman homestead farm contains 108 acres of some of the most valuable land in Strasburg township, located three miles southwest of Strasburg, and is one of the oldest, although the stanch old buildings, almost a century old, give no such impression. Mr. Bachman has remodeled and modernized them and put them into proper condition to accommodate his growing operations. In connection with his farming industries, he also conducts one of the best and largest dairies in the vicinity, the butter from which commands the highest market price and is in much demand.

On Oct. 5, 1898, Jay Bachman was married to Edith Musser, daughter of Dr. Harry Musser, of Lampeter, and one little son, Harry M., was born, Nov. 3, 1899. In his political affiliations Mr. Bachman is a Republican, and he is one of the most esteemed citizens of Strasburg township. His respected mother resides in Strasburg, enjoying a peaceful old age, beloved and esteemed by all who know her.

HENRY S. IMMEL, an extensive cigar manufacturer at Mountville, Lancaster county, employing forty-three men, began business here in 1890, and has made an unequivocal success of it. He was born in Millersville, this county, Feb. 26, 1860, a son of Henry B. and Catherine (Stauffer) Immel, of Manor township, where the parents resided until 1891, when they came to Mountville. Of their ten children, Elvina died young; Henry S. is our subject; Emeline is married to Joseph Froelich, a carpenter of Mountville; Calvin, John, Edwin, Franklin and Ida all died young; and two others died in infancy.

Henry B. Immel, father of Henry S., was born in Millersville, July 12, 1831, was a blacksmith and carriage builder, and after 1891 carried on his calling in Mountville. Henry B. was a son of John and Elizabeth (Berk) Immel, who were born and who lived and died in Manor township, the latter event occurring in Millersville. John Immel was a blacksmith by trade, and was a very popular citizen, holding many township offices in the early days. His death occurred in 1851, when he was fifty-seven years old, but the wife survived until 1873, when she died at the age of seventy years. They were members of the Reformed church and their mortal remains were interred at Millersville. They were the parents of eight children, born in the following order: Levi, now of Reading, Pa.; Henry B.; Martin, a merchant in Nebraska; Adeline, wife of Emanuel Lehr, of Millersville, Pa.; Jacob, deceased; Mary, deceased, was first married to Jacob Brenner, and next to Sebasten Nestle; Rebecca, deceased wife of Christ Keller; and Catherine, deceased wife of Christ Hartman.

On Feb. 14, 1856, Henry B. Immel married Catherine Stauffer, who was born in Manor township in October, 1833, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Wit-

mer) Stauffer. John Stauffer was a distiller in his younger days, then became a farmer, and finally retired from active life. Henry B. Immel is a consistent member of the German Reformed Church, and in politics is a Republican.

Henry S. Immel worked in his father's blacksmith shop, off and on, until he had attained his majority, but in the meantime, when but seventeen years of age, had begun learning cigar making and tobacco raising, and finally engaged in business for himself in that line in Millersville, where he had resided for thirty years. After five years' experience in the cigar trade in that town, he came to Mountville, and established his present extensive business. He has since erected a large factory where he manufactures his cigars.

On Sept. 16, 1884, Henry S. Immel was joined marriage, in Mountville, to Anna Shookers, and to this union have been born two children, Elizabeth May and Luella. Mrs. Anna (Shookers) Immel is a native of Mountville, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shookers, well known residents of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Immel are members of the U. B. Church, and fraternally Mr. Immel is a Knight Templar Mason, belonging to Commandery No. 43, Lancaster; a Knight of Malta; and a member of the O. U. A. M. Politically he is a Republican. In 1890 he purchased his residence property in Mountville, and has one of the pleasant homes of that village.

SAMUEL B. KOSER, M. D., a rising young physician and surgeon at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born at Junction, Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 28, 1866, and is a son of William and Mary A. (Behn) Koser, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

William Koser was born in 1836, and was reared a farmer. The family lived in Lancaster township, where Mrs. Koser died June 4, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years, and in 1899 the father retired to Lancaster, where he lives at ease and free from care. To the marriage of William and Mary A. Koser were born seven children, in the following order: Elizabeth, wife of Tinlow Long, a shoe merchant of Lancaster; Samuel B.; John B., deceased; William, a farmer on the old homestead in Manheim township; Jonas, a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster; Mary, residing with her sister, Mrs. Long; and Martin, also a cigarmaker in Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of Dr. Koser were Frederick and Rebecca (Young) Koser, of Lancaster county, the former of whom, a farmer, died in Manheim in 1872, and the latter still resides there. Frederick was a son of Frederick, a native of Switzerland, who settled near White Oak, Lancaster county. The Doctor's maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Behn, of Campbelltown, Lebanon Co., Pa., where they lived on a farm for more than forty years.

Samuel B. Koser lived on the home farm until sixteen years old, and then attended Millersville Nor-



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mal School two seasons. He was then employed in the drug business in Columbia, Pa., for five years, and was later engaged in the same business for two years in Baltimore, Md. In the meantime he had been assiduously studying medical works, and had prepared himself for entrance to Baltimore Medical College, in which he took a full course, and was graduated with the class of April 15, 1891.

Dr. Koser began the practice of his profession in Columbia, where for six months he met with gratifying success, but there was a more inviting field opened up to him in Mountville, of which he at once availed himself, and has there since enjoyed a large remunerative and constantly increasing patronage. The Doctor is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, the State Medical Society, the National Medical Association, and the College of Physicians & Surgeons, of Columbia, Pa., and keeps well abreast of the progress made in the art and science of medicine.

Fraternally Dr. Koser is a Freemason of the seventh degree (Royal Arch); is a member of the K. of M., and likewise of the I. O. O. F. Religiously he is a member of Trinity Reformed Church. In politics a Republican, the Doctor has been a school director for the past eight years, now serving his third term. Socially he mingles with the highest classes in Mountville, by whom he is highly esteemed as a gentleman and as a physician.

REUBEN J. MYERS, Superintendent, and a member of the firm, of the Grey Iron Casting Co., of Mt. Joy, Pa., one of the most important industrial institutions in this part of Lancaster county, belongs to an old and prominent family of Pennsylvania.

Jacob and Esther (Strickler) Myers, the paternal grandparents of Reuben J. Myers, were well-known and highly regarded residents of Lancaster county, where the former taught school and also followed the trade of stone-mason, residing in the house in Mt. Joy which is now occupied by the beloved mother of our subject. These good people reared a large and estimable family, but nearly all have passed away. These were: Eliza, who died unmarried; Mary, deceased wife of David Stoner; Henry, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Anna, deceased wife of Augustus Walton; Esther, deceased wife of Henry Zell; and Catherine, widow of Thomas McFalls, who resided in Quincy, Ill., until her death in July, 1901.

The maternal grandparents of Reuben J. Myers were no less prominent in Lancaster county, and were Isaac and Anna (Martin) Hershey, of Penn and Rapho townships, respectively, who died in Mt. Joy borough and East Donegal township. Their children were: Fanny, who married Jacob Myers; John, living retired; Eliza, deceased, who married Daniel Lehman; Andrew, living retired; Ephraim, deceased; Christian, deceased; Anna, the widow of Frederick Stettler, of Jersey City, N. J.; George, a retired farmer of Iowa; Reuben, a resident of Illinois; Sarah, who married Reuben Risser, who

conducts a steam laundry in Mt. Joy; and Naomi, who married Ely Fletcher, a retired Illinois farmer. The maternal great-grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Snyder) Hershey, the former a son of Christian Hershey, an old settler of Lancaster county.

Reuben J. Myers was born in Mt. Joy Aug. 9, 1854, son of Jacob and Fanny (Hershey) Myers, the former of whom followed the business of cabinet-making in this locality until his death in 1869, at the age of fifty-one. During life he was prominently identified with the temperance movement and was a consistent member of the Church of God, known as the Bethel. Mrs. Fanny (Hershey) Myers, who resides in Mt. Joy, was born July 30, 1821, and became the mother of these children: Regina, a successful educator in the Mt. Joy schools; Emma, the widow of John Singer of Mt. Joy; Hershey, who died in 1871; Mary, the wife of J. D. Boyce, a wagon-maker of this place; Reuben J.; Ezra M., yardmaster for the Pennsylvania railroad, in Philadelphia; Allen, a contractor and builder, in Lincoln, Neb.; and Harvey, a baggage master on the Pennsylvania railroad, and located in Philadelphia.

Reuben J. Myers, whose name in Mt. Joy stands for great business sagacity as well as financial responsibility, was reared and educated in that town, finishing his school days at the age of fourteen. With inclinations in the direction of machinery and iron work, he entered a foundry where he remained some time, and then made his way to Harrisburg, in 1870 completing his instruction in one of the great foundries of this city, and remaining engaged in work until the spring of 1871. Thoroughly proficient and well aware that this proficiency would always secure him lucrative employment, Mr. Myers left home, intending to see something of the country, and traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, working at his trade, and learning much which in later years benefited him in many ways. In 1874 he returned to Mt. Joy, and there remained during the succeeding two years, thence going to New York city, where for five years he was connected with business firms in his line. Upon his second return to his old home, he opened up a foundry and galvanizing plant, which he successfully operated until 1892, when he became a member of the great firm of the Grey Iron Casting Co. This business was established in 1882 by Stauffer & Eby, for the manufacture of novelties and castings, also shelf hardware, and, as now conducted, employs 120 men, and is one of the most important industries of this locality. The present firm which is composed of the well-known solid and responsible business men, T. B. Himes, president; J. W. Eshleman, secretary and treasurer; and R. J. Myers, superintendent. They purchased this business in February, 1891, and have conducted it ever since with signal success.

In December, 1879, Reuben J. Myers was married to Miss Helen Brennessoltz, and to this union have been born: Edith, Ralph and Ethel. Mrs. Myers was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1859, a daughter of

Peter P. and Helen (Johnson) Brennesholtz, who were residents of New York, where he conducted a business as newsdealer. The political affiliations of Mr. Myers are with the Republican party, although his busy life leaves him no time for office-holding. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Masonic order, and is connected with the F. & A. M., No. 147, Cope Stone, N. J.; and he also belongs to the I. O. O. F., No. 277, of Mt. Joy. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Bethel Church, where he is active in all benevolent and charitable enterprises. Mr. Myers is a self-made man, and one who has won his prominence and the respect and esteem of the community through his own efforts.

HARRY K. RUBY, one of the best known and most highly respected railroad conductors residing in Columbia, Pa., was born in York, this State. March 1, 1858, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Barnhart) Ruby, natives of Somerset and York, respectively.

Joseph Ruby, a cabinetmaker by trade, who served as constable for several years, was born Jan. 20, 1809, and died in York, Dec. 11, 1871. His wife, Sarah Barnhart, was born April 19, 1811, and died Nov. 23, 1895, the remains of both being interred in the York cemetery. She was a loving wife and devoted mother, and for seventy long years was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death her eldest child was sixty-five years of age, and the youngest thirty-seven. During her girlhood she was one of several young ladies, who, dressed in white, received General LaFayette on his last visit to this country, and had the honor of shaking hands with that distinguished gentleman when he passed through York.

Harry K. Ruby is the youngest in a family of nine children. The others in order of birth are as follows: William, editor of the *Maryland Journal* at Towson, Md.; Susan, who married Henry R. Ruby, a cousin, and is now a widow living in Chambersburg, Pa.; Adeline, widow of J. S. Boyer and a resident of York; Frank, a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad and a resident of Columbia; Walter, who is now conducting a restaurant in York; Emma, wife of a Mr. Gingrich, a railroad engineer of Philadelphia; Emerson, a railroad engineer of Chicago, Ill.; and Kate, wife of Harry Flayhart of Towson, Maryland.

Until he attained his majority Harry K. Ruby remained a resident of York, Pa., and in the meantime worked at anything which he could find to do. He then went to Philadelphia, where he clerked in a grocery store for six months, and during the following two years worked in the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad freight house at Chicago, after which he returned to Pennsylvania and spent one year in Harrisburg. Since then he has made his home in Columbia, and has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., first as brakeman eight years, as flagman fourteen years, and as conductor since that time.

In Chicago Mr. Ruby was married, Nov. 16, 1879, to Miss Catherine Westhaffer, a native of York county, Pa., where her parents, Emanuel and Sarah (Strine) Westhaffer, were also born, their early home being in Strinestown. The father, a farmer by occupation, is now sixty-five years of age, while the mother is fifty-nine. Mrs. Ruby is the oldest of their children, the others being Emma, wife of William Wise, of York; Daniel, deceased; and Minnie, wife of Frank Deamer of Lebanon, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ruby have four children, namely: Maud, now the wife of Clarence E. Lloyd of Columbia; Joseph, Harry and Addie, all at home.

Fraternally Mr. Ruby is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; the Pennsylvania Relief Department; and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and religiously he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, and never withholds his aid from any enterprise which he believes will prove of public benefit.

JOHN H. HOOK, who is a prominent citizen of Lancaster, Pa., and one who has long been identified with the material improvement and growth of the city, was born April 5, 1858, in Lancaster, a son of John and Catherine (Klaus) Hook, natives of Greiss, Gross-Gerau, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, although they met and were married in Lancaster, Pa. John Hook emigrated to America in 1831, while the date of his wife's emigration was one year later. They have their pleasant home in Lancaster, where he is employed as a stone-mason and stone-cutter. He was born in October, 1823, a son of Jacob and Christiana Hook, natives of Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, the former of whom was born on April 14, 1804, came to America in 1831, and died March 2, 1871. Mrs. Christiana Hook died in Germany, in 1850, aged fifty-six years, four months and twenty days. Mrs. Catherine (Klaus) Hook was a daughter of Ernest and Margaret Klaus, of Dreiburg, Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, who came to Lancaster county, in 1834, where he died, and was buried at Strasburg, Pa. John and Catherine (Klaus) Hook are members of the German Lutheran Church. In politics he is a supporter of the Democratic party. They had born to them these children: John H.; Elizabeth, who married Frank Witmer, of Lancaster; Henry, who resides at home, unmarried; Adam P., who died of yellow fever in Havana; Catherine, who married William Zercher, a tobacco merchant of Lancaster; Frederick, who is a barber; and William F., unmarried, who lives at home.

John H. Hook was reared in a home where he was early taught the value of industry. Until he was thirteen years of age, he attended school and then became water boy on the railroad, retaining his connection with railroad work, from 1871, when he made this humble beginning, until 1898, when he quit the road. From 1884 to 1889 he was master stone-

mason for the Frederick Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. In October, 1889, he made his beginning in contracting with J. F. Kellar and until his health failed, in June, 1898, he continued at that work. During that time Mr. Hook was engaged in building and contracting on a large scale, in Lancaster City, and in 1898, in association with Dr. M. L. Davis, began the building of garbage crematories, and in 1898 built a 100-ton crematory for the United States Government at Havana, Cuba. It would be a task to name all the work which has been completed by Mr. Hook in the building line, but a few of the notable constructions are: No. 13 bridge over the Juniata River, near Altoona, Pa., containing 10,700 cubic yards of masonry, built at a cost of \$107,000, on the Middle Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and for the same, a bridge over Stone Creek, at Huntingdon, Pa., containing 4,000 cubic yards of masonry; also a bridge for the same over Shaver's Creek, at Petersburg, Huntingdon Co., Pa., containing 3,500 yards of masonry. It was at this point that Mr. Hook was stricken with paralysis, the heavy demands made upon his physical strength being more that he could endure. His present business includes contracting and grading, and probably there is no more competent man in his line in Lancaster county.

In September, 1884, Mr. Hook was united in marriage with Mary E. Boud, who was born at Barren Hill, Montgomery Co., Pa., a daughter of James and Sarah (Fisher) Boud, natives of that county. The former was a son of James and Elizabeth Boud, natives of New Jersey. Mrs. Hook's father was a contractor and builder, and he died in 1879, at the age of sixty-seven years. Her grandfather was a cooper. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hook were George and Elizabeth Fisher, farming people of Montgomery county. Mrs. Hook's mother was born in January, 1821, and now resides at Audubon, Pa. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Boud were: William H., who keeps a hotel at Audubon; Kate F., who married Clinton Custer, and lives at Audubon, where he is engaged in brick manufacturing; Mary E., who became Mrs. Hook; and Margaret, who died unmarried. The children born to Mr. Hook and wife were: Adam, deceased; Henry B.; Irene M.; Josephine; Mary E. L.; John F.; and Paul R.

Mr. Hook has led too busy a life to have taken a very active part in politics, although no citizen of this locality is better qualified. For six years he consented to be judge of elections, but finally resigned the office. Until the silver question agitated the Democratic party, he had always adhered to its principles, but since that time, has been identified with the Republican party. For the past twenty-three years he has been an Odd Fellow, and also belongs to the order of Seven Wise Men. Mr. Hook was reared in the Lutheran Church, and is a most liberal contributor to its support, his family being regular attendants on its services and active in its work.

Although somewhat hampered by ill-health, Mr.

Hook has retained in a very remarkable degree his energy, and still is the active and intelligent head of his business. It is to Mr. Hook that the city is indebted for the very satisfactory electric plant, erected at Slack Water, which supplies Lancaster with its light. He is also president of the South Mountain Kaolin Co., capitalized at \$250,000, and president of the Cline Stock Car Co., capitalized at \$100,000. Mr. Hook is one of the reliable, energetic and progressive citizens, who leave worthy monuments behind them, when called from life, and who can be but illy spared. He enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens, and also has a large circle of personal friends.

HENRY W. GIBSON, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., at Lancaster, has done such a noble work for the uplifting of the men and boys of his native city, that his name is entitled to most honorable mention on these pages devoted to the notable men of this community. He comes from an old family in this county, and is in direct descent from the Gibsons who were early settlers in Lancaster county, so early that Gibson's Corners has a history that runs back farther than the establishment and naming of the city of Lancaster. The Gibsons came from Ireland, and the great-grandfather of Henry W., with two brothers made his appearance here at a very early day. His wife died when our subject was about ten years old. Their son, Michael Gibson, married Mary Shertz, who died a few years ago.

John Gibson, the father of Henry W., was a carpenter in Lancaster, and he married Rebecca J. McCann, of York county, Pa. From this union three children were born: Henry W., of Lancaster; Sadie J., the wife of David J. Dailey, cigar manufacturer; and John, who died in infancy.

Henry W. Gibson was born in Lancaster, Oct. 21, 1867, and obtained his education in the city schools. Leaving school at the age of twelve years he entered a shoe store, where he remained four years, and then secured another engagement with a second shoe store, where he was employed three years. His next move was to Harrisburg, where he began work as an assistant secretary of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A.; after a year he went to Chambersburg, where he was called to fill the office of secretary of the local association. There he spent a year and a half, and on Sept. 1, 1891, came to Lancaster, to assume the office of secretary of the Lancaster Association, and to become the organist of the First Presbyterian Church. He remained in charge of the organ until 1897, when the increasing duties of the Association work demanded all his time. Mr. Gibson is still singing in the choir, and is noted as one of the finest tenors in this city; he is also director of the Amphion male quartette, whose work is confined to classical music, and whose services are in much demand abroad. This organization, which took shape as late as 1898, largely through the work of Mr. Gibson, has already won an enviable reputation. The church, the Sunday

School and the Association are his world, and music is his recreation and delight. When only twelve years old he was given charge of the organ at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, and for eight years officiated there.

Mr. Gibson may be said to have two hobbies, boys and music. When he began his work in Lancaster, there were only five young men who were paid-up members of the Association; now there are 667. The library has been largely increased; the old building was enlarged and remodeled, and the new and magnificent building at North Queen and Orange streets erected, at a cost of \$200,000, by the tireless worker and enthusiastic Secretary, whom the people have learned to love. Mr. Gibson effected the organization of the Junior branch, and this may be said to be a pioneer in the field. Secretary Gibson is in demand in other cities to speak on various phases of his successful work, and he has managed and accompanied six camps of Juniors and Seniors at Sheibley's Grove, and at Mt. Gretna; with never an accident to mar the joy of these gatherings. In the summer of 1900 at Mt. Gretna, Mr. Gibson presided over a tri-state camp, which was named "Camp Shand," after the beloved president of the Y. M. C. A., with 114 representatives present from Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York. In addition to all this Mr. Gibson is the assistant to the Chancellor; and a director, of the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, whose summer school is held at Mt. Gretna, Pennsylvania.

FREELAND L. DENLINGER, who occupies the old home farm of his father in East Lampeter township, was born there March 23, 1865, son of John L. Denlinger.

Jacob Denlinger, the grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Lancaster county. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, but in the latter part of his life followed farming in East Lampeter. In his religious connection he was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. He married Miss Mary Landis, by whom he became the father of seven children, namely: Anna, deceased wife of David Weaver; Martha, wife of Joseph Swartley, of Ohio; John L., deceased, mentioned below; Benjamin L., deceased, of East Lampeter; Jacob, of Ohio; David, of Salunga, Pa.; and Mary, deceased wife of George Wisler.

John L. Denlinger was born in East Lampeter township in 1824, and he began farming in early life, continuing same until his death, which occurred in 1886. He married Miss Elizabeth Harnish, and they were the parents of seven children: Mary A., wife of Cyrus Weaver; Naomi, who died in infancy; Elam H., of Lancaster City; Frank, who died in his twenty-first year; Jacob, who died aged thirty-seven years; Freeland L., our subject; and Miss Lizzie F., unmarried, of Lancaster City.

Freeland L. Denlinger was educated in the public schools, and lived at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began life for himself, farm-

ing one year on the farm of Mrs. Elizabeth Fralish. Then his father died, and he inherited the home farm, on which he now resides, and where he has continued farming ever since. He takes a deep interest in the general welfare of the community in which he resides.

On Nov. 24, 1885, Mr. Denlinger wedded Miss Amanda Fralish, daughter of David and Elizabeth Fralish, and to this union have been born two children, J. Cletus, Nov. 27, 1887; and Miriam E., March 27, 1894.

DANIEL H. DENLINGER. The Denlinger family is of Swiss extraction, but has long been domiciled in Lancaster county. Daniel H. Denlinger was born in Leacock township May 23, 1855, son of Daniel and Margaret (Hershey) Denlinger, natives, respectively, of Paradise and Salisbury townships.

Daniel Denlinger, the father, was a prominent and successful farmer. In his early manhood he was a miller, operating in Salisbury township what is now known as Hunsecker's mill. During the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired from active farm labors. He died in 1884, aged sixty-nine years, and is buried in Hershey's Mennonite cemetery. His widow, the mother of Daniel H., survives and is a resident of Leacock township.

Daniel H. Denlinger remained on the home farm until his marriage in Leacock township, in October, 1878, to Miss Anna M. Kreider, who was born in that township in 1860, and who died July 19, 1882, aged twenty-two years, leaving two children, Anna E., who married Landis O. Brackbill, of Gap, Lancaster county; and John K., who lives at Coatesville, Pa. For his second wife, Daniel H. Denlinger married, Jan. 30, 1884, Fanny K. Landis, who was born in East Hempfield township, May 9, 1858; daughter of Rev. John B. and Anna (Kreider) Landis, of East Lampeter township, and granddaughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Brenneman) Landis, of Lancaster county, and of Jacob Kreider, of Lancaster county.

Rev. John B. Landis has been a Mennonite minister for the past fifty-two years. He was born March 10, 1819, and retired from active farming in 1871. He is a man of prominence and unusual mental vigor. His wife died in 1880, aged sixty years and twenty-four days, and is buried in East Petersburg Mennonite cemetery. To Rev. John B. and Anna (Kreider) Landis were born children as follows: Elizabeth, who married Israel F. Root, and is now deceased; Mariah, widow of Martin P. Swarr, of East Hempfield township; Anna, wife of Christ F. Charles, a farmer of Rapho township; Catherine, wife of Benjamin F. Charles, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Hettie, wife of John M. Denlinger, a farmer of Manor township; Fanny K., wife of Daniel H. Denlinger, subject of this sketch; and Jacob A., of Los Angeles, California.

To Daniel H. and Fanny K. (Landis) Denlinger have been born five children, namely: Lillie L.,

Daniel L., Fanny M., Margaret R. and Jacob L., all at home.

Following his marriage in 1878, Mr. Denlinger settled upon his farm of 115 acres in Salisbury township, which he still occupies. He is a successful and progressive farmer and one of the prominent citizens of the township. For ten years he served as school director, and in various ways has demonstrated his enterprise and public spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious affiliation himself and wife are active members of the Mennonite Church.

AMOS H. HOFFMAN. Had the biographer the time and space it would be most interesting to compare the appearance of the land and the surrounding conditions of life, with those of the present, when, many years ago, Christian Hoffman, the founder of the Hoffman family in Lancaster county, established here a saddlery business, upon the large farm of which he became the owner. It was during his youth that he located in East Hempfield township, and this locality has the honor of having been the home of a real inventor, the teamster whip, which he first invented and then manufactured in large numbers, being a successful article, and one which found ready sale, as at that time the volume of business in the way of transportation, was done along the highway, by teamsters. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, and for that time and locality, he was rated a very substantial man. His marriage united him to Magdalena Geezy, and they reared these children: Henry; Christian; John; Susan; Emanuel; Levi; Magdalena, who married Michael Goch-nauer; and Annie, who married A. Harlacher.

Henry Hoffman, who purchased the home property, lying one mile east of Landisville, was born and reared on the place, his birth occurring in 1813, and his death, in 1894. Farming was his chief occupation, in connection with the saddlery, succeeding to this business after his father's death. He did much to improve the land, as at the time he took charge of the property, much of the native forest still remained. In his political affiliations he was a Democrat, and although he took an active part in the deliberations of his party, he never consented to hold office. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. His interment took place on the old homestead burying ground, where his parents long had slept. His wife, Elizabeth Hiestand, was born in 1824, a daughter of Christian Hiestand, of Landisville; she died in 1896, the mother of the following children: Christian, a farmer and produce dealer, of East Hempfield; Annie, the wife of Benjamin Nolt, a prominent miller and drover, of this township; Levi, who died unmarried, at the age of thirty-five; Maggie, deceased wife of Jonas E. Witmer; Lillie, deceased, who married F. L. Nissley; Harry, who was connected with the establishment of Hager Bros., and died in Lancaster, leaving a widow and one child; John, deceased; and Amos H.

Amos H. Hoffman, who resides on the old home-

stead, was born Feb. 21, 1867, and was reared on this pleasant old farm, receiving his preparatory education in the common schools, later becoming a student at the State Normal school at Westchester, immediately after entering the profession of teacher, satisfactorily pursuing that for six sessions. About this time he received an appointment as U. S. storekeeper and gauger, and served in that capacity in the Ninth Revenue district for four years, resigning the position, however, to take charge of the homestead farm he had purchased in 1895, since which time he has engaged in farming rather extensively.

Mr. Hoffman has been an active member of the Democratic party, has served on the County committee and has been a frequent delegate to Democratic county and State conventions.

On Dec. 20, 1896, Mr. Hoffman married Lestella M. Foust, a daughter of William Foust, a well-known distiller, of York county, and to this marriage two children, Ruth and William have been born. The Hoffman family is one of the most highly respected in the county, and Amos H. Hoffman is a worthy representative of it.

BENJAMIN BARR, a paper-hanger and water-color decorator, of Lancaster, was born Feb. 2, 1872, on his father's farm, in Pequea township. He served his apprenticeship with J. B. Martin, beginning in August, 1888, and he has remained with the same employer ever since, having taken up the work as a master workman on the completion of his apprenticeship service.

In April, 1897, Mr. Barr married Miss Sue Diefenbach, who was born in Erie, Pa., a daughter of John Diefenbach, a railroad engineer who was killed while on duty in Kentucky, in 1885. Mr. Barr purchased his present home, No. 212 South Ann street, three months after his marriage—a substantial indication of his industry and thrift. His political affiliations are Republican, and his social with the Knights of Pythias, and his fine qualities are appreciated at home and afar.

John Barr, now deceased, the father of Benjamin, was a farmer. He was born in Pequea Nov. 10, 1813, and died there on his farm, Feb. 13, 1884, and his remains are buried in the cemetery in Pequea. He was married in Lancaster in 1860 to Elizabeth Good, and the following is a list of their children in addition to Benjamin, above mentioned: Maurice, who died at the age of four years; John, living with his mother; Aaron, who died at the age of nine; Maurice (2), now an engineer living in St. Louis, Mo.; Lizzie, now of Steelton, Pa., and the wife of Frank Loy, by whom she has two children; and Abraham, now at home with his mother. Mr. Barr, the father of this family, was brought up to farming and tanning, under his own father, who in 1841, retired in his favor, the successor then being twenty-eight years of age. Thenceforward until his death he continued both industries, a period of over forty years, and achieved a competency for his family,

leaving it prominent in the community, prosperous and comfortable. He was always a liberal supporter of the church, but not a member, and he could never be induced to accept political office. His widow sold the farm and tannery, and moved to Lancaster in April, 1888. She was born in February, 1837, in Martic township, daughter of John and Fannie (Miller) Good. Her father was a farmer who died in 1884, at the age of eighty-two; her mother having preceded him in 1881, aged seventy-five. Both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and both are buried in the Byrland Church cemetery at Pequea. Their children besides Elizabeth, were as follows: Barbara married Abram Harnish, and both are deceased; Jonas is now deceased; Miss Fanny, of Lancaster; Susan, now Mrs. Benjamin Martin, of Lancaster; Miss Mary, of Lancaster; and Leah, now Mrs. Samuel Rissel, wife of a retired farmer of Lancaster. Mrs. John Barr's grandparents were Jacob and Barbara (Shenck) Good, farmers of Lancaster.

Benjamin Barr's grandfather was also Benjamin Barr; his grandmother, Barbara (Miller) Barr; and they were both of Lancaster county. We have already told that this Benjamin Barr passed his farming and tanning business on to his son John, and retired in 1841. He was a man of prominence in the community, and was well-to-do. He and his wife were both members of the Mennonite Church. Their sons and daughters were: John, already mentioned; Fanny, who died unmarried at the age of seventy-three; Eliza, deceased wife of Benjamin Snaveley; and Benjamin, a farmer of Landisville, this county.

HENRY RESSLER. For many years the milling interests of one section of Lancaster county, have been efficiently looked after by members of the Ressler family, and that name is known far and wide for excellent and satisfactory work. Henry Ressler, the owner and operator of one of the most complete and best conducted mills in this part of the county, inherited from his father a great faculty for, and understanding of, the business, and he is regarded as an authority on the subject.

Henry Ressler was born in Upper Leacock township, Jan. 9, 1870, son of William and Mary (Martin) Ressler, the former of whom was a native of Berks county and was born in 1819. When he first decided to leave home, in order to learn a trade, William Ressler chose that of shoemaking and became apprenticed to a local cobbler, but later resigned the position to an older brother and went to learn the milling business with David Ressler, at what is now known as Rupp's mill, on Conestoga creek, a short time later entering the employ of David Binkley, at Binkley's Bridge, and thus formed a friendship which lasted through the life of Mr. Binkley and had much to do with the shaping of some years of Mr. Ressler's career. After finishing his apprenticeship with this employer, he became his chief miller and remained with him for nine years.

About this time occurred the marriage of William Ressler and following this event, he rented the mill which is now known as Zook's mill, on Cocalico creek, and this he operated for two years, and then engaged with Isaac Rohrer, in the management of what is now called Snaveley's mill, but before he had become thoroughly identified with the business here, David Binkley died, and in his will he requested that Mr. Ressler return and take charge of his mill property, to conduct until his youngest son had reached his majority. Some dissatisfaction arose, owing to a misunderstanding between Mr. Ressler and the eldest son of Mr. Binkley, and after seven years the former gave up the mill. Not long, however, could he remain out of his favorite business, and soon after this, he leased Frey's mill, on Lititz creek, this now being known as Kafroth's mill, where he remained for two years. Shortly before the expiration of his lease a desirable mill property near Lancaster came into the market, and of this Mr. Ressler became the owner, paying for this \$20,000.50, but he never operated this mill, selling it, at the same figure, on the day of purchase, and on the same day, bought another mill property, in Upper Leacock township, for which he paid \$20,000, and this is now known as the Ressler mill. Not being able to gain immediate possession of the property, he pursued farming for the following year. He died in 1892. His children were: Joel, of whom nothing is known; Jacob K., the owner and operator of the Ressler mill, who married, Dec. 21, 1881, Annie M. Groff, a daughter of Levi Groff, at one time a well-known distiller and large land owner; Dora L.; Lizzie, who married W. S. Reidenbaugh, of Lancaster; J. Light, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and now a practicing physician of Bird-in-Hand; Henry; and Mary, wife of Samuel Herr, residing at Bird-in-Hand.

Henry Ressler lived upon the farm until he attained his majority, and his first business venture, when he was between nineteen and twenty-two years of age, was in the auctioneer business, and he became well and favorably known through the township in that capacity. However, the milling instinct was but dormant, for, in 1894, he began operations in the family business, in that year purchasing what is known as the Seldomridge mill, which he successfully operated from April, 1895, to November of the same year, at which time he sold it to C. E. Seldomridge, who is the present owner. The following year Mr. Ressler passed quietly in Ephrata, but in the spring of 1896, he leased his present mill property, known as the Bushong mill, located on Mill creek, and on Oct. 4, 1899, became its owner. Here Mr. Ressler has an excellent grist and custom business and also here manufactures lumber. This desirable property includes thirty-five acres of fine land, and a commodious two-story brick residence.

On Dec. 22, 1896, Mr. Ressler wedded Miss Emma E. Ranck, a daughter of Rev. David W. Ranck, of West Earl township, and to this union one daughter, Emma E., was born, but Mr. Ressler was

bereaved by the death of his wife, Oct. 8, 1898. As a business man and practical miller, Mr. Ressler has gained the confidence of the community, and is one of the reliable and substantial citizens of East Lampeter township. In politics he is a Republican, and in February, 1902, he was elected township auditor, succeeding Dr. A. N. Miller, who had held the office for thirty years.

B. FRANK WALTER, the enterprising proprietor of a popular establishment at Christiana that is devoted to the sale of coal, lumber, fertilizers, and other goods in demand by the farming community, was born in Sadsbury township, Jan. 14, 1856, son of George H. and Hannah (Brown) Walter, natives of Chester county.

In 1854 George H. Walter came to Lancaster county, and located in Sadsbury township. In early life he was a merchant in Russellville, but after arriving in Lancaster county he devoted himself to farming. He became prominent in local affairs, and served as school director and as supervisor. Both he and his wife died in Sadsbury township in 1889, he at the age of eighty-one, and she at seventy-five, and they sleep in Bart Cemetery. Mrs. Walter was a member of the Society of Friends. They had the following family: Brinton, a resident of Christiana, is engaged in business in Parkesburg; Jesse died in the army; Lydia married William L. Jackson, a farm of Christiana; Mary married Francis Whitson, who is living retired in Christiana; Georgianna is deceased; Louisa married Dr. L. W. Pownall, of Altoona; and B. Frank.

The paternal grandparents of B. Frank Walter were Brinton and Mary Walter, of whom the former was a farmer and a hotel man in Chester county, near Avondale, and he died in 1818, at the age of fifty years. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Walter were Thomas and Hannah Brown, farming people of Chester county, who have entered into rest.

B. Frank Walter was married in 1883, in Chester county, to Sarah Linvill, by whom he has had the following family: Laura L., Maurice and Margaret. Mrs. Walter was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, in 1860, daughter of Sylvester D. and Sarah Walker Linvill. Sylvester D. Linvill was a school teacher in his early life, and later a farmer.

Mr. Walter lived with his parents until the age of twenty, when he engaged as assistant to his brother Brinton in the business, and so continued until 1892, in which year he purchased his brother's business, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Walter was elected borough councilman, and in February, 1901, was chosen president of the council. In his political views he is a Republican. In religion he is a member of the Society of Friends, and he lives an upright and consistent life.

JOSEPH BARR McCASKEY, D. D. S., the oldest and most prominent practitioner of dentistry in Lancaster, whose commodious and comfortable

office is located at No. 11 East King street, over the First National Bank, is one of the best-known men in Lancaster city and county.

William McCaskey, father of the Doctor, owned and conducted a farm in Leacock township, this county, and in early manhood married Miss Margaret Piersol, who belonged to a well-known family of Compass, this county, near the Chester county line. To their union the following named children were born: J. P., Ph. D., the veteran principal of the Boys' High school, of Lancaster; Joseph B., of this biography; Kate, who is the wife of James H. Marshall, ex-postmaster, and now assistant postmaster, of Lancaster; Col. William S., of the United States army, who entered the volunteer service at the age of seventeen years, distinguished himself during the war of the Rebellion, and since that time achieving lasting fame as a soldier; Cyrus D., in the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad service; Maggie (deceased), who was the wife of Wellington Spoon, a passenger conductor on the Reading railroad; and J. Newton, a dentist, now following his profession in Harrisburg.

Joseph B. McCaskey was born on his father's farm in Leacock township, this county, in 1839, passed his early boyhood days there and in 1843 came to Lancaster. Here he was educated in the public schools, finishing in the Boys' High School, and then began the study of dentistry, in 1854, his preceptor being Dr. William Whiteside, a soldier of the Civil war, who ranked high in his profession. About 1861 Dr. McCaskey went to Hanover, York county, practicing dentistry there for three years, at the end of which time he returned to Lancaster and opened up the office where he has remained ever since. Here he has enjoyed one of the largest and most substantial dental practices ever known in the county, and all these years has been a close student, never being satisfied with what he has already accomplished in his profession, but ever striving after the mastery of the latest scientific methods and discoveries. No man has ever lived in the city who has enjoyed so high a reputation in his business, and he was the pioneer in introducing to people the idea that it is better to save than to remove teeth. His crown and bridge work is unexcelled, and his patrons are numbered among the best and most prominent people in the city and county.

In 1857 Dr. McCaskey married Miss Fannie Connell, a daughter of the late Mark Connell, of Mechanicsburg, this county, who was a prominent farmer and live stock dealer. This union was blessed with three children: Harry and Joseph B., Jr., both of whom are dentists, the latter being associated with his father; and Clothilda, at home. The family residence has been at No. 320 North Duke street for twenty-seven years.

Dr. McCaskey comes of strong ancestry, being of Scotch-Irish stock of the Presbyterian faith, noted for their tenacity of purpose and their will

power, as well as their ability.' Many of these traits have come down to him, and he has been called upon to occasionally make use of them. If the Doctor confesses to a fad it is for horses and tests of their speed, and many times has he been urged to act as judge of such trials, but he has refused. As an owner of many fine animals, and fond of many sports, he has done much toward elevating the amusements in his community, but he is not a sporting man, and only looks to racing as a mere agreeable pastime. The main business of his life still continues to be, as it has been in the past, the successful practice of dentistry.

HARRY S. BEATES, one of the prosperous young farmers of East Donegal township, was born in West Donegal township March 4, 1872, a son of William Christopher and Barbara Anna (Myers) Beates, both of whom belonged to old Lancaster county families.

Samuel Beates, his grandfather, was a son of Rev. William and Anna M. (Herst) Beates, of Philadelphia, who moved to Lancaster county, where Mr. Beates ministered in the Lutheran Church. Samuel Beates had once been a drug merchant in Philadelphia, and later engaged in the mercantile business in Lancaster, but he lived a retired life thirty years prior to his death, his last three years being spent in East Donegal township. He died in East Donegal township in June, 1889, at the age of sixty-seven. He married (first) Elizabeth Brenner, a daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Crider) Brenner, the former of whom was a farmer and hotel keeper in Lancaster. She died when her son, William Christopher, was but eighteen months old. Both Samuel Beates and his wife were buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, Lancaster.

William Christopher Beates was born in Lancaster Sept. 9, 1847, and after the death of his young mother was taken to the home of his grandfather Beates, where he remained for thirteen years, and then went to work on a farm near Londonderry, in Dauphin county, where he continued for five years. By this time he was prepared to purchase a farm, and this he operated for the following five years, and then changed his residence to Lancaster county, and farmed in East Donegal township for twenty years. In 1894 he retired from active life and now resides in Marietta. In politics Mr. Beates voted with the Republican party, and in religious matters he is an active member of the Lutheran Church, in which he is a trustee. In December, 1869, Mr. Beates was married to Barbara Ann Myers, and two children have been born to this union: Harry S., of this sketch; and Sarah, who married John D. Orth, a meat merchant of Marietta. Mrs. Beates was born in Dauphin county, Pa., July 30, 1844, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Coble) Myers, of Lancaster county, but both died in Dauphin county, just over the line of separation, the father in 1890, aged eighty-six, the mother in 1848, aged thirty-five, and both

were buried at Conewago, Lancaster county. They had lived irreproachable lives, consistent members of the United Brethren and Dunkard Churches. Their children were: Christian, a resident of Running Pump, in this county; Eli, deceased; Barbara; David, a carpenter, in Elizabethtown; Catherine, who died young; and Sarah, the wife of Harry Shoap, a farmer of Dauphin county. Henry Myers married second, Maria Zimmerman, who bore him two children: Simon, a machinist of Elizabethtown; and Ellen M., who married Ephraim D. Shenk, a farmer of Dauphin county.

Harry S. Beates was brought by his parents to the East Donegal farm when he was but two years old, and that was his home for many years. Farming was his chief occupation, and he has always been regarded as one of the most promising and progressive among the younger agriculturists of this section.

Mr. Beates was married first in January, 1894, in Columbia, Pa., to Miss Frances Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller, of West Hempfield township. She was born there in 1871, and she died in 1897, and was buried in Silver Spring cemetery. On Jan. 28, 1898, at Oberlin, Pa., Mr. Beates wedded Miss Ellen S. Bishop, and to this union two interesting children have been born, Bertha and Alvin H. Mrs. Beates was born Sept. 6, 1872, at Oberlin, Dauphin county, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Metz) Bishop, farming people of that locality, the former born in 1833, and the latter in 1843. They both are members of the Lutheran faith, and are among the esteemed citizens of Oberlin. Their children are: Albert G., who resides on the old homestead; Oliver C., who is the principal of the Oberlin Schools; Ida B.; Ellen S., Warren J., Katie E., Hiram E. and Norman D., all of these residing with their parents, with the exception of Mrs. Beates and Albert G., the latter having the old homestead, which is located one-half mile from where the family reside. The paternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Millicen) Bishop, of Lancaster county, who died in Dauphin county, having moved there following their marriage. The maternal grandparents were George and Sarah (Fisher) Metz, of Dauphin county.

Following the death of his first wife, Mr. Beates went to Marietta and worked for one year in a planing mill, in that place, but later returned to the farm, where the family enjoy every comfort of life and extend a generous hospitality to their numerous friends. The political faith of Mr. Beates is that of the Republican party, while his religious connection is with the Lutheran church.

JACOB STONER, the efficient treasurer of Lancaster county, comes from old Mennonite ancestry who fled to this country at an early day, to escape bitter religious persecution in their native land. Jacob Stoner, his grandfather, was a farmer of Dauphin county, Pa., but removed to Lancaster county in middle life.



Jacob Stoner

Jacob Stoner, father of Jacob, was born in Dauphin county in 1804, and died in Manheim township, this county, in 1881. Susanna Funk, his wife, born in 1813, died in 1889. She was the daughter of a well-known farmer of Manor township. They had twelve children, four of whom are now living: Jacob, who is mentioned below; Barbara, wife of Martin B. Herr, a machinist of Lancaster; Fanny, wife of Jacob P. Hollinger; and Susan, wife of Christian Haverstick, a farmer of Manor township.

Jacob Stoner was born in Indiantown, Manor township, Feb. 19, 1842, and received his education in the public schools of Lancaster township, to which section his father had removed when he was a child of only one year. After leaving the district school young Stoner attended the State Normal School at Millersville for a time, but after teaching school two terms he returned to farming, which he has made his principal business in life. In 1901 he put his farm into the care of a tenant, and has given up hard and laborious farm work, feeling that he has richly earned a few years of ease and comfort. For twelve years he was a member of the board of school directors, and for some seven or eight years has been on the Republican county committee. He is prominent in Masonic circles, having risen to membership in the commandery.

Mr. Stoner was elected county treasurer of Lancaster county in 1899 by a good majority. He is a man of fine social qualities and generous impulses, and his integrity is beyond question. He enjoys the esteem of the public, and his election to the responsible position of treasurer of this wealthy county is a tribute to his integrity and ability.

T. B. ACHESON, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Eden township in October, 1839, son of Cuningham and Anna (Markley) Acheson.

Cuningham Acheson was born in Ireland in 1811, son of George Acheson, who came to this country and made his home in Philadelphia, where he died leaving two sons, Charles and Cuningham, who settled on farms in Lancaster county, where they lived and died. Frank and Ross Acheson, sons of Charles, still live in this county.

Cuningham Acheson, father of T. B., settled on the present Acheson home in East Drumore township, where both he and his wife spent their lives. He died in 1887, and his widow in February, 1889. Among the improvements he made were only small buildings, the present large and handsome structure having been put up by his son, T. B. One of the old-time Presbyterians, he was a helpful and devout member of the Church. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. and Mrs. Cuningham Acheson were the parents of six children: (1) Mary, born in 1838, is unmarried and lives in Harrisburg with her sister. (2) T. B. is mentioned below. (3) George, born in 1841, learned the carpenter's trade, and settled in Philadelphia, where he married Miss Ella Kelly,

by whom he has had six children, May, James, John, Robert, Agnes and Anna (who died in early womanhood). (4) Isabell, born in 1842, married Benjamin Finley, of Harrisburg, where she died in 1901, leaving one daughter, Laura. (5) Robert, born in 1846, married Sadie Goodman, of Philadelphia, where they were living at the time of his death, in 1880. He was a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, and was killed in an accident, leaving a widow and one daughter, Catherine. (6) Emma, born in 1849, became one of the successful and accomplished teachers of Lancaster county, and married Mahlon Erb, of Martic township; they have the following children—Annie (who married Amos Patton, of Columbia), Oscar, Mahlon, Robert and Alma.

T. B. Acheson received his early education in the home schools, and remained with his parents until they died. In 1891 he married Alice Trimble, who was born in Drumore township in 1874, daughter of John and Amanda (Connelly) Trimble; her mother died when she was a child, and she made her home with the parents of her husband. They settled on his father's homestead, where Mr. Acheson put up a new house in 1890. There he has engaged in farming very successfully to the present time. They have four living children: Mary E., born in 1891; Anna G., born in 1893; Ruth, born in 1895; and Mabel A., born in 1899.

Mr. Acheson has always been a Democrat politically. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith, and socially he belongs to Drumore Lodge, No. 509, I. O. O. F. A few years ago Mr. Acheson suffered a serious accident, and has not been able to engage in active work for some time. Notwithstanding his sore affliction, he has a cheerful disposition, and looks upon the brighter side of things. To those who know him well his finer nature stands out bright and clear. He is proud of his devoted wife and family.

JOHN M. BOWMAN, a retired farmer of Providence township, Lancaster county, is a well-known resident and estimable citizen of that locality. He was born Aug. 5, 1830, in Strasburg township, son of Isaac and Ann (Musser) Bowman, both of whom are deceased.

Isaac Bowman, the father, was a son of John Bowman, who had a large family, of whom Joseph, Isaac and Maria were the only ones to grow to maturity. Isaac Bowman was born in 1802, and died in 1880, and the record of the intervening years is that of a worthy citizen and good man. About 1829 he married Ann Musser, daughter of John Musser, and the following children were born to them: John M.; Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, who lives in Dauphin county; Susan, who is deceased; Isaac, a resident of Lancaster county; Joseph, who lives in Philadelphia; Amanda, and Benjamin, both deceased; and Ann, who is the wife of Abraham Brubaker, a minister of the Mennonite Church.

In 1853 John M. Bowman was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Overly, of Camargo village, who died in 1859. They had children as follows: John F., of Lancaster city; Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Daniel M. Stauffer, of Lampeter township; and Charles J., of Lancaster city. On March 28, 1866, Mr. Bowman was married (second) to Mrs. Martha (Boreman) Starr, born in 1840, and this marriage has been blessed with eight children, namely: Catherine, born in 1866; Benjamin G., in 1868; Elinora, in 1870; Martha, in 1872; Enos E., in 1873 (deceased); Rheubine H., in 1875; Ezra A., in 1878; and Sarah, in 1880.

Mr. Bowman passed his early life on the farm, and has followed agricultural pursuits, combined with sawmilling, all his active life. His career has been a very successful one, although he has depended upon his own resources from the age of twelve years. Of careful, frugal habits, and endowed with energy and determination, he soon accumulated means, and now, in the evening of life, is most comfortably situated. His farm in Providence township is valuable and well improved.

In his political views Mr. Bowman is a member of the Republican party, and he takes an interest in all its movements. Although he is not formally connected with any religious body, he upholds the Christian religion, and gives of his means to further worthy enterprises. Mr. Bowman is one of the honorable and upright men of Providence township.

HENRY MICHAEL SHREINER is the son of Martin Shreiner, and the grandson of Martin Shreiner. His great-grandfather came from Germany, and settled in Lancaster county at a very early period in its history, and here the ensuing generations have been born and nurtured.

Martin Shreiner, the grandfather of Henry M., was the manufacturer of the celebrated eight-day Shreiner clocks, the "grandfather" clocks once so popular, and now coming into favor again. Henry M. Shreiner is the possessor of the first of these clocks, the handiwork of his grandfather, bearing the inscription, "Martin Shreiner, No. 1." It is as good as the day it was made, and would command an immense price if offered for sale, instead of being preserved as an heirloom. The total number of these clock made by the elder Shreiner, so far as has been discovered, was 317, that being the number the family has been able to record. Every clock was numbered in the order of its manufacture. This Martin Shreiner helped while he was still an apprentice, in 1784, to build the town clock of Lancaster, which was in constant use until about two years ago, when it was removed from the court house to give place to a clock of modern design. Martin Shreiner was the founder and owner of Shreiner's cemetery, a beautiful burying ground in the western part of the city. It was named "Concord Cemetery," and in that silent and unpretentious city of the dead lie the mortal remains of Thaddeus Stevens, known

in the history of his times as the "Great Commoner." This place was selected by himself as his final home, because there was inscribed on its gateway, "The only Cemetery in Lancaster where there is no distinction as to race, color or religion."

Martin Shreiner, father of Henry M., was also a watch worker and a jeweler, and had his shop in an old-fashioned building, long since torn down to make way for the Lancaster Trust building. The site on which this building stands had been in the Shreiner family for three generations, and in that time there had never been a dollar of incumbrance placed upon it, an instance almost unparalleled in the history of the State of Pennsylvania.

Henry Michael Shreiner was born in Lancaster Oct. 3, 1832, and is the oldest surviving member of this historic family in the city. When a boy he entered the jewelry and watchmaking establishment of his uncle, Michael Zahn, at No. 30 North Queen street, and there he has remained fifty-five years, with good prospects for many years longer, as he presents a remarkably healthy and robust appearance. Beginning as an apprentice, he learned his trade, and then worked on journeyman's wages, finally becoming, with his brother, owner of the business, and then for some years being the sole owner. A year or two ago he sold out the contents of his store by auction, and rented the room for another purpose, retaining for himself, however, a small corner of the room for his bench and stand, that he might still care for his patrons, some of whom had given him their trade for half a century, and would have no other watchworker so long as he was alive and willing to attend to them.

HENRY SANDER, one of the leading agriculturists of East Earl township, worthily represents an old and highly respected family of Lancaster county. He was born in 1820, and is a surviving son of Peter Sander, long since passed out of life.

Henry Sander was reared to agricultural pursuits and has followed farming all his life. Soon after marriage he purchased a farm of ninety-nine acres near Terrehill, and there he lived for a period covering forty years, moving then to a small place adjoining the family homestead, which he continued to cultivate for fifteen years. In 1895 Mr. Sander came to make his home with his son Isaac, three-fourths of a mile south of Terrehill. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican, and has successively served his township as supervisor, and as a member of the school board.

Henry Sander was married to Miss Nancy Miller, who was a daughter of Isaac Miller, born in 1824, in Cocalico township, and still survives. Both Henry Sander and his wife are consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Their children are: Mary Ann, who is the wife of John Weaver, of Terrehill; David, who is a farmer of Brecknock township; Hettie, a cigar-maker; Henry M., a farmer on the old homestead; Peter, a bridge-builder in the West;

Isaac, a farmer in this township; and Lizzie, the wife of Samuel Zinn, a carpenter in Martindale.

HENRY M. SANDER, one of the prosperous and representative farmers of East Earl township, was born on the farm of his residence, Oct. 13, 1851, a son of Henry and Nancy (Miller) Sander. He obtained his education in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-three took charge of the old homestead farm, containing nearly a hundred acres of fine land, and located one mile south of Terrehill. Some two years later, he purchased the old homestead and has devoted much care, time and money, in making it one of the most attractive country homes in this locality. General farming has been carried on in progressive lines, with improved machinery and his success has been very gratifying.

On Nov. 19, 1874, Henry M. Sander was married to Mary M. Hershey, who was born Nov. 7, 1851, a daughter of Deacon John and Magdalena (Musser) Hershey, of Salisbury township. Three children have been born of this union: John H., born Feb. 10, 1876, married Fannie Zimmerman, and resides in Martindale, in this township, their three children being, Mary, Jacob and Francis; Maggie, born July 2, 1879, is an accomplished seamstress and resides at home; and Annie, born Feb. 25, 1884, also lives at home. All the members of this family belong to the old Mennonite Church, and are very highly esteemed in this neighborhood.

HON. HIRAM PEOPLES, ex-member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania, and the proprietor of the most extensive fish hatcheries in this State, is a typical Pennsylvanian, and is known far and wide for his public spirit, his liberal promotion of all interests promising to be of lasting benefit to his State or locality, and for his progressive ideas along many lines.

The home of Mr. Peoples is in the commodious and comfortable dwelling house at New Providence, this county, which was erected here by his father, John Peoples, and which was the scene of his birth, on Feb. 14, 1835. His grandfather was a native of Chester county, but lived in Martic township, Lancaster county, for a considerable period retired from activity, and there he died prior to the birth of his grandson.

John Peoples was also born in Chester county, but moved to Providence, Lancaster county, about 1822, where he became one of the most active and energetic men of his locality. In the building trade he was particularly active, erecting as additions to the village of New Providence, a large storehouse, four dwelling houses, a blacksmith and a wheelwright shop and other structures, doing more in this line than any other man in the vicinity. John Peoples was prominent in public affairs in his community, faithfully served the county as director of the poor, and his efforts were always to be counted upon to assist in any public enterprise. He married Susan Miller, thus connecting two honorable families.

Their children included three sons and four daughters: Abner, Hiram, John M., Annie, Mary, Amanda and Leah P., and of these, Annie married George Witmer; Mary married John Rohrer; Amanda married John Tweed; and Leah P. married Dr. John K. Raub. Abner married Martha, the daughter of John Hess, of Strasburg township; John M. married Maggie Royer, of Pottstown, and he became professor of mathematics in the State Normal school at Lock Haven, Pa. The Miller family was one of the oldest in the State, its early settlers having been the founders of Millersville, which in after years became the seat of the widely known and justly celebrated State Normal School.

Hiram Peoples, who for many years has been in the public eye, was carefully educated, receiving instruction in the public schools of his district, and later at White Hall Academy, going from there to the Millersville Normal school, where he attained distinction as an apt and appreciative student. After leaving the latter institution, he engaged in teaching for one term, but as he was gifted in a musical line, he decided to put his ability to practical use, and for a considerable time he instructed pupils in vocal music, and also taught both organ and violin. His attention was then engaged in the mercantile business, but later he took up agricultural pursuits, locating on the old homestead, and for more than thirty years this has been his delightful home. This farm comprises ninety acres of land, but it is not operated for the cultivation of grains or vegetable products alone, his energies having developed other possibilities which he has brought to be certainties.

It was in 1881 that Mr. Peoples began the propagation of fish, introducing the German carp to this section, continuing its cultivation until 1900, since which time he has directed his efforts to the hatching of black bass and gold fish, finding a ready and eager market all over the country. Philadelphia, Atlantic City, Reading and Lancaster are his nearest large consumers, but his business has far outgrown all local lines. Mr. Peoples owns the largest fish hatchery in the State, having twenty immense fish ponds on his estate, and it is from his fishing grounds that the State Fish Commission obtains its bass. It has required much business sagacity to inaugurate successfully and to conduct a business on these lines, and only a liberally educated man could have prospered as has Mr. Peoples. Both in public and private life he has shown his interest in this subject, in which he is most justly regarded as an authority, as well as a pioneer in this locality.

Politically Mr. Peoples is a Republican, and he has long been an important factor in that party. For five terms he was honored by his fellow-citizens of Lancaster county with election to the House of Representatives, being chosen for his last two terms, practically without opposition, so great is his popularity. His first term began in 1877, his second in 1881, his third in 1887 and his next in 1896, and he was re-elected in 1898, at the close of which term

he declined to be again a candidate for the coming election. During his long service, he was a member of many important committees, and chairman of three, notably the committees on Agriculture, on Roads, and on Game and Fish, and his efforts were instrumental in obtaining some very desirable legislation on these important matters. When the Fish Commission Bill was before the Legislature, the attitude which Mr. Peoples took, attracted attention and much favorable comment all over this and other States. This was that the bill should provide more liberally for the management of fish culture, and less harshly in its prohibitory and protective features, advancing arguments and statistics in support of this position.

Mr. Peoples was united in marriage with Miss Maria Brackbill, a daughter of the late John Brackbill, who was a prominent farmer of Strasburg. She is a descendant of Hans Herr, who was the founder of the Herr family in the United States, one of the largest and most influential families of Lancaster county, prominent alike in agricultural and religious circles. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peoples, all of whom still survive: Capt. John B., the eldest, is the popular owner of the yacht the "Lady Gay," proprietor of "Peoples Bathing Resort," manager of the Woolworth Roof Garden, and he is also widely known in connection with the Northwestern Life Insurance Co.; Ida S. married Dr. Charles E. Helm, of Bart township; Angie Winona is at home; Annie Carlotta, who has inherited great musical gifts, is an artist on the violin, and resides at home; and Maria married Martin Rush, who was formerly a farmer, but who later became a leaf tobacco dealer of Willowstreet.

This brief sketch but incompletely presents a few of the leading characteristics, interests and accomplishments of a citizen of Lancaster county, who numbers among his friends and well wishers the majority of those whom either the demands of business, the claims of public affairs, or the gentle amenities of social life have brought within his radius. Upright, honest and public-spirited, his devotion to his locality is well known, and the people of Lancaster county point to him with pride as a representative citizen.

REV. JACOB K. NEWCOMER, a devoted servant of his Master and earnest worker in the Mennonite Church, was born on a farm two miles south of Mountville, Oct. 18, 1832, a son of Jacob Newcomer and his wife, Barbara Kauffman.

Jacob Newcomer, the father, was a native of Manor township, and died in 1861, at the age of sixty. As he was the eldest son at the death of his father, there entailed upon him grave responsibility and weighty care for one so young—he being then a lad of twelve years. It devolved upon him to assist his mother in the care of the farm, and he passed his life in the old homestead. He was a man of deep and earnest piety, and an active member of the

Mennonite church, and for many years a deacon in that organization. His wife died in 1858. She was the mother of ten children, nine of whom reached the age of maturity. Elizabeth, the eldest, married Abraham Sanders and is deceased. Barbara died unmarried. Christian was the husband of Elizabeth Mellinger, and he, too, has died. Jacob K., the subject of this brief biographical sketch, was the fourth child. Joseph, the next in the order of birth, is a farmer of Manor township; he has been twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Rohrer, and his second Elizabeth Seitz. Mary became the wife of Jacob Snively. Catherine is the widow of Jacob Lindeman, of Manor. Abraham resides in the same township; he married Mary Rutt. Isaac died a bachelor. Anna was taken away from earth in childhood.

Jacob K. Newcomer received his early education in the common schools, and passed his youth upon the paternal farm. At the early age of twenty-five he began farming on his own account, and is still engaged in agricultural pursuits. His first farm embraced one hundred acres, and to this he has added thirty-one. It has been occupied and cultivated by his son since 1885, in which year he removed to another farm—of fifty acres—also owned by him, and on which he still lives. In 1887 his home was destroyed by fire, and he at once erected a new and modern residence of handsome architectural appearance. He has thoroughly improved both properties. He also owns twenty-one acres in Manor township, formerly the property of his brother Christian—a part of the old homestead.

Born of devout, God-fearing parents, and reared in the Christian faith from infancy, he early became imbued with an earnest desire to be actively identified with church work. In 1884 he entered the Mennonite ministry, and since then has labored earnestly among the churches of Habecker's, Masonville and Mountville. His life also has been a living sermon by way of godly example, while he and his devout wife have reared their large family "in the fear and admonition of the Lord."

Rev. Jacob K. Newcomer was married, Nov. 25, 1856, to Anna Buchwalter, who was born May 30, 1838, near Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, daughter of Jacob and Fannie (Eschbauch) Buchwalter, both of whom are deceased, each dying at the age of fifty-six years. This union has been blessed with twelve children, and their grandchildren number twenty. (1) Aaron B., born March 12, 1858, died March 1, 1899; he was a farmer, and married Elizabeth Witmer. (2) Susanna B., born Nov. 25, 1859, is the wife of Benjamin Shertzer, of Millersville. (3) Anna B., born June 28, 1861, married Levi Brubaker, of New Danville. (4) John B., born Oct. 16, 1863, died in infancy. (5) Elizabeth B. (Mrs. Henry Haverstick), of Washington borough, Lancaster county, was born Jan. 15, 1865. (6) Amanda B., born Feb. 23, 1867, married Amos Martin, of Manor township. (7) Ida B., born Jan. 31,

1869, is unmarried, and lives with her parents. (8) Jacob B., born Jan. 27, 1871, is a prosperous farmer of Manor township; he married Sallie Greider. (9) Catherine B., born March 27, 1873, died in her seventeenth year. (10) Mary B., born Feb. 7, 1875, lives at home, unmarried. (11) Harvey, born June 30, 1877, died at the age of eighteen years. (12) Christian B., the youngest of the family, born Dec. 23, 1879, lives with his parents.

REESE H. DAVIS, long time a resident of Terrehill, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and belongs to one of the time-honored families of this section of the State.

Isaac Davis, his grandfather, was a minister in the Albright Church, although he was reared a Presbyterian. From him the Lancaster Davises are all descended. Isaac Davis died in Caernavon township Jan. 5, 1838, at the age of eighty-three years and nine months. He was a farmer, and his home was in Earl township, in which he had very extensive real estate holdings, which have since been divided into three farms. In religion he was deeply interested, and was a local minister in the Albright Church. His wife, Lydia, died Oct. 5, 1821, at the age of sixty-three years. They were blessed with a large family of children, of whom Richard, the father of Reese H., was one.

Richard Davis was a farmer in early life, and was later engaged in a mercantile business, in connection with farming in Brecknock township, Lancaster county, where he died. He was one of the leading Republicans of that part of the county, and held various local offices, such as member of the school board, and other positions. He was a liberal contributor to the churches, as well as to any project for the public good. He married Catherine (Strohm) Yundt, who by her first husband was the mother of three children: Harriet, who married Moses Wenger, is dead; Mary married Samuel Slick, and is dead; John died in Franklin county. To Mr. Davis she bore the following children: Ann, born in 1818, and was the wife of Jacob Manderbosh, died in Ohio, May 15, 1860; Isaac, born Jan. 23, 1821, died April 23, 1830; Henry, born Sept. 10, 1822, died April 10, 1853; Richard, born May 15, 1824, died Sept. 8, 1859, at Naperville, Ill.; Lydia, born Oct. 21, 1825, is the deceased wife of John W. Oberholtzer; Elmira C., born Sept. 18, 1829, died at the age of seventeen; Reese H., whose name appears at the opening of this article, was born Feb. 5, 1828; and Samuel B., born Jan. 1, 1832, is retired, and has his home in Terrehill. The father died Oct. 10, 1861, at the age of seventy-two years and six months. His widow passed to her rest March 31, 1868. He was a successful man, and became one of the most prominent citizens of his native county.

Reese H. Davis was reared on the farm, and educated in the common schools. When a lad well in his teens, he learned the carpenter trade, following it, however, only a short time, and about the time

he attained his majority, in company with his brother, Richard N., he became engaged in stock dealing, handling horses and cattle for some five or six years. After this the two brothers went into Illinois, but sickness, however, compelled Reese H. to return to Lancaster county, and to go from this State to California via the Isthmus route. He spent some five years in that State, prospecting and conducting a stock ranch. His career in the Golden West was not devoid of the discomforts that attended the pioneer life of the early days, and among other dangers and perils, he had several narrow escapes from the Indians.

Mr. Davis returned to Lancaster county a second time, where he married and located at Terrehill. Here he became prominent locally, and served three years as supervisor, and three years as a member of the school board. He was engaged in a cigar manufacturing business at Terrehill for some twenty years, and at one time employed as many as thirty or forty hands in his factory. Since his retirement from the cigar shop he has devoted himself to his private affairs, and to the discharge of his duties as director in the New Holland Bank.

Mr. Davis was married, in 1863, to Miss Mary Clime, a daughter of Abner Clime. To this union have come two children: (1) Dora, who died Aug. 14, 1866, at the age of one year and seven days. (2) Richard B., who was born Nov. 4, 1868, belongs to the firm of Davis & Watts, at Terrehill, where they are extensively engaged in the mercantile business; he married Miss Margie Weaver, and is the father of two children: Mary and Reese H. Both Richard B. and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, of Terrehill, he being one of its trustees.

CHRISTIAN F. HOSTETTER, a highly esteemed and prosperous farmer of the township of East Donegal, Lancaster county, was born in Mannheim township, Aug. 9, 1837, son of Christian (2) and Catharine (Franck) Hostetter, who were born in the townships of East Donegal and Warwick, respectively.

The history of the Hostetter family begins with Jacob Hostetter, a Swiss Mennonite, who arrived in the province of Pennsylvania with his wife Anna, in 1712. They made a home on the north side of the Conestoga, within the present limits of the city of Lancaster, where he died in 1761. They had the following children: Anna, who married John Brubaker, and died in 1787, two years after her husband, John; Jacob, who died in Manor township in 1796; Barbara, who married Christ Hershey; Elizabeth, who married Christ Bomberger; Abraham, who married Catherine Long; Margaret, who married John Kreider; John, who married Elizabeth Shenk; and Catherine, who died unmarried in Manor township.

John Hostetter, son of Jacob the immigrant, married Elizabeth Shenk, as above stated. They

became the parents of the following children: Jacob, who married Maria Bachman; Ann, the wife of Christ Kauffman; John, who married Ann Kreider; Barbara, the wife of Michael Kreider; and Christian, the grandfather of our subject.

Christian Hostetter, son of John, lived in East Donegal township, and there married Catherine Kreider, who died in May, 1844, aged seventy-five years. He died Nov. 20, 1847, at the age of eighty-two years, six months and eighteen days. They were both buried in Eberly Cemetery, Mt. Joy, Pa. Their children were: Michael, who married Catherine Kauffman; Jacob, who married Anna Stauffer; John; Christian (2), the father of our subject, who was married to Catharine Franck; Catherine, who married Jacob Newcomer; Anna, who married Henry Nissley, and on his death David Brubaker; and Benjamin, who married Elizabeth Heistand.

Christian Hostetter (2), son of Christian and father of Christian F., was born Feb. 19, 1805, and was a farmer by occupation. He died in Manheim township, Jan. 28, 1879. His wife, Catharine Franck, was born Sept. 2, 1807, a daughter of John and Maria (Bournage) Franck, farming people of Warwick township. She died Dec. 20, 1886, and was buried in East Petersburg. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hostetter were members of the Mennonite Church, and were thoroughly honorable and respectable people. The following children were born to them: Michael, born in September, 1832, is a retired farmer in Penn township; John is a carpenter in the city of Lancaster; Christian F.; Catherine is the widow of Isaac Stoner, Penn township; Henry is living on the old Manheim township homestead; Benjamin, born May 15, 1844, died March 18, 1862; Anna married Joseph Gochnauer, a farmer in East Hempfield township; and David is a farmer in Manheim township.

Christian F. Hostetter, the subject proper of this sketch, remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he began for himself by working some time among the neighboring farmers, and was in Whiteside county, Ill., for about seventeen months. After this visit in the West he came back to Lancaster county and continued working out among the farmers around him until after his marriage, when he came to his present place. Here his adult years have been spent, and here he is watching the shadows lengthen behind him, knowing that he has lived a good life, honest, manly and square with all. Never has he sought for show, place or power, but has been ever willing to stand in his own place, and to do the work given him.

On Nov. 28, 1867, by Bishop John Brubaker, Christian F. Hostetter was united in marriage with Barbara K. Nissley. This union was blessed with one daughter, Catherine, who married Rohrer Stoner, who farms the home place; they have had a bright little family, consisting of Ellen H., Ada H., Christian H., Mary H. (deceased), Esther H. and Isaac H.

Mrs. Barbara K. (Nissley) Hostetter was born in her late home March 4, 1840, and there she died Sept. 16, 1888, aged forty-eight years, six months and twelve days, and her remains are now resting in the Graybill Meeting House Cemetery in East Donegal township. Mrs. Hostetter was the daughter of the Rev. Peter and Catherine (Kreider) Nissley, the former a son of Christian and Anna (Snyder) Nissley. Rev. Peter Nissley was born July 22, 1802, and died Jan. 16, 1890, aged eighty-seven years, five months and twenty-four days. He was a farmer and Mennonite preacher, and moved to the present home of our subject in 1825, and passed the rest of his life there. His wife, Catherine Kreider, born Sept. 28, 1809, died July 31, 1852. Both were buried in the Graybill Meeting House cemetery. To Rev. Peter and Catherine Nissley were born the following children: Mary, who married Solomon Schwartz, and is deceased; Esther, who died single; John K., deceased, who married Mariah Reist; Leah, who married David L. Miller, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy borough; Christ W., who died unmarried; Barbara K., Mrs. Hostetter; Catherine K., who died unmarried; and Anna K., who also died unmarried.

HENRY FISHER (deceased). The history of a community is made by the substantial, public-spirited citizens of that locality, and whenever a record is made, mention must consistently be made of those who, although no longer living, still speak in the memory of their deeds. Such a man was Henry Fisher, of Lancaster, who passed away in this city, Sept. 11, 1879, and is now buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery.

Henry Fisher was born May 2, 1825, in Gearsdorf, France, a son of John G. and Catherine E. (Helsel) Fisher, also of Gearsdorf, but who came to America, in 1820, with their children, one of whom died on the voyage and was buried at sea. The other children were: George, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., deceased; Lewis, of York, Pa., deceased; Michael, who died in Lancaster; Henry; and Charles, a tailor of Lancaster, Pa. The father died in 1847, aged sixty-eight years, while the death of the mother occurred in 1872, when she was seventy-five years of age, and both are buried in Woodward Hill Cemetery. By occupation, the father was a tailor, and he taught his trade to all his sons.

Henry Fisher was reared in Lancaster, Pa., and learned the trade of a tailor under his father, following this calling until he purchased a grocery store, and operated it until his death, being very successful in his enterprises, and gaining the respect and esteem of all with whom he had business relations.

On Oct. 19, 1848, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage, by Rev. John C. Baker, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth Flood, born in that city, June 4, 1826, daughter of George and Anna (Messenger) Flood, of Ireland and Germany, respectively, who died when Mrs. Fisher was quite young, and who were buried in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and

Mrs. Flood were: Alexander, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Fisher; Mary, now deceased, who was the wife of Rudolph Shultz, a now prominent cigar manufacturer of the city; Margaret, deceased; and George, deceased. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fisher were: Henry M., a printer of Lancaster, who married Susan C. Snyder; William F., of Lancaster, and George L. (married to Kate Steever), both engaged in the grocery business established by their father, under the firm name of Fisher Bros.; and Mary E., of Westchester, Pa., married to Frank P. Thomas, a printer.

Mr. Fisher was a prominent member of all the Masonic bodies and of the order of Odd Fellows, and took an active part in these fraternities. In religious matters he was a life-long and consistent member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He always took a deep interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the city, serving at various times as a member of the city council and as school director.

Mrs. Fisher resides in her pleasant home, with her son William, surrounded by the comforts of life, and looked up to and loved, not only by her children, but eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, as well as the whole community, where she is recognized as a lady of high Christian character, a kind neighbor and a devoted mother and grandmother.

ROBERT A. SCOTT. Lancaster county numbers among its citizens many influential and progressive farmers, and a good representative of this important class is Robert A. Scott, of Little Britain township, who was born June 26, 1847, a son of Robert and Martha J. (Gibson) Scott.

Alexander Scott, great-grandfather of Robert A., was a native of Ireland, and was one of the first settlers of Little Britain township, where he purchased the home now owned by Robert A. Scott.

Alexander Scott, Jr., son of the emigrant, was reared to manhood on the farm in Little Britain township.

Robert Scott, son of Alexander, Jr., and father of Robert A., was born on the old home farm in 1805, and followed farming as an occupation until his death in 1882. He married Martha J. Gibson, who was born Sept. 5, 1816, and who passed away Aug. 19, 1900. Twelve children were born of this union, eight of whom reached mature years, as follows: Mary Ann, wife of Alexander Ewing, of Oxford, Pa.; Eliza, who married Joseph Wood, of Erie, Pa., but is now deceased; Martha J., wife of James Clendenin, of Little Britain township; Harriet G., who married J. L. Walker, of Little Britain township, and is now deceased; Emma G., wife of Ellis Brown, of Little Britain township; Robert A.; Amelia, who married William Risk, of Drumore township; and Alice, wife of E. P. Housekeeper, of Fulton township.

Robert A. Scott was reared upon his father's farm, and attended the district school during the

winter months, as did all farmer boys of his day. As he grew to manhood, he continued farming, and has made that calling his life work. The homestead, which he now owns, is a fine one, consisting of 150 acres, all of which is in an advanced state of cultivation, and Mr. Scott has made many improvements. Thoroughly understanding his business, Mr. Scott has made a success of farming, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of the township.

On Sept. 2, 1874, Mr. Scott was married to Miss Mary G. Cauffman, a daughter of Christopher and Emeline (Gibson) Cauffman, of Fulton township. Mrs. Scott was born Sept. 2, 1853, and was one of a family of seven children born to her parents: Lena, wife of Jeremiah Haines, of Philadelphia; Mary G., wife of Mr. Scott; Ida, wife of Fred Paxson, of Britain township; John, of Britain township; Emma, wife of Amos Nesbitt, of Fulton township; Fred, of Fulton township; and William, also of Fulton township. The parents of Mrs. Scott are of German descent and they still reside in Fulton township, where they are highly respected.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott: Blanche, born July 25, 1875, is the wife of William Hambleton, of Fulton township; Leiper, born July 24, 1878, married Florence Herr, of Fulton township, a daughter of Silas Herr (see his sketch elsewhere in this volume); Robert C., born Dec. 18, 1882; Fred L., born Jan. 8, 1885; and Frank G., born Jan. 20, 1887. Mr. Scott is a staunch Republican, and has served his party as auditor, discharging the duties of his office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church, of which he and his wife are members, and they attend the Church of that denomination in Little Britain. Having always lived uprightly, being an honorable man in all his dealings, and kind and liberal in his home, Mr. Scott has gained in the highest degree the respect and esteem of his neighbors, and the friendship of the best men of the county, and the records of this locality would not be complete without a sketch of so representative a citizen.

JAMES H. FERRY, a retired mechanic of Cole-rain township, Lancaster county, was born in Bart township, same county, May 10, 1820, his parents being Patrick and Catherine (Dugan) Ferry, both of whom were born in Donegal, Ireland.

Patrick Ferry was the son of Patrick Ferry, Sr., who came from Ireland in 1780, and located at Georgetown, Lancaster county, where his son Patrick grew to manhood. The younger Patrick followed peddling until he earned money enough to buy a farm in Bart township, where he lived until his death in 1827, at which time he left a wife and three sons, his daughter, Margaret, being born three months after his death. His widow later married Samuel Sharp, and moved with him to Kansas, where she died leaving two sons by her second marriage, Isaac, a noted lawyer now practicing his profession,

in Washington, D. C.; and J. L., still unmarried and living in Kansas.

Of the children of Patrick and Catherine Ferry, James H. was the eldest. Samuel B., born in Bart township, in 1823, married in Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked some years as a machinist, and where he died; he was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, and served three years at the front, being a member of a corps of engineers formed at Philadelphia. Joseph F., the third son, born in Bart township in 1825, was sent to West Point, from which he graduated in 1846, receiving an appointment as lieutenant of artillery; during the Mexican war he was at the front, and was killed while leading the assault of the battle of Molino del Rey, known as the "Forlorn Hope," being only twenty-two years of age, and a youth of much promise. Margaret Ferry, the only daughter, born in Bart township, in 1827, married William Laughan, of Gettysburg, Pa., where he was then engaged in the coach making business. Some years later, with his wife, and two children, he started on a journey to Illinois, where he intended making a home in Joliet, but with all his family was killed in a railroad wreck.

James H. Ferry received a very fair district school education, and was numbered among the bright and scholarly youths of his native town. When a young man he took up teaching, and followed it as a business for some years. In 1842 he was married to Mary M. Montgomery, daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Baily) Montgomery, one of Colerain's old families, and represented in that township since 1780. Mrs. Ferry was born in 1822. Mr. and Mrs. Ferry settled in "Dry Wells Hotel," Lancaster county, where he kept hotel until the building was destroyed by fire, when he moved to Lancaster, to take up his trade of tailoring, at which he worked in the summer season, and taught school during the winter. In 1858 he bought land and built a home. He worked at different trades, being good at tailoring, carpenter work and at stone masonry.

Mr. Ferry enlisted as a soldier in the Union army, becoming a member of Co. I, 122nd P. V. I., which regiment received its arms at Harrisburg, and was at once moved to the front under command, at first, of Gen. McClellan, and later of Gen. Burnside. It participated in the great battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and in the fighting along the Weldon Railroad, beside many skirmishes that in less important wars would rise to the dignity of noted battles. Mr. Ferry was promoted to second sergeant, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg.

Mr. Ferry returned to his wife in Colerain township, where he has maintained his home to the present time. In these years he has won a high standing for personal probity and business ability. His wife died in March, 1901, leaving him no family. They had three children, but they all died in infancy. She was long a member of the Baptist church, and lived

an upright and Christian life, and was much beloved by all who knew her.

Mr. Ferry has always voted the Republican ticket, and belongs to Byerly Post, No. 511, G. A. R., at Quarryville. He is a member of the Masonic lodge at Christiana, and of the lodge of Odd Fellows at Kirkwood. Mr. Ferry is one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of Colerain township, and is much respected, alike for his learning, industry and character. In his long and active life he has displayed a kind heart, and is possessed of a host of lasting friends where he is known the best.

WILLIAM HARM, the enterprising and successful grocer of Columbia, was in the Fatherland, during his youth, a school teacher, having acquired a good education, and possessing a fondness for intellectual pursuits. Emigrating to America, mercantile business claimed him, and he became one of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Columbia, public-spirited, influential and forceful as a man of his character should be.

Mr. Harm was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, May 6, 1835, a son of John and Catherine (Wolf) Harm. The father was a lifelong farmer in Germany, and died in 1852, aged sixty-five years. His wife survived him until 1873, passing away at the age of seventy-four years. Their children were: Fred, who died in Germany; Leonard, a coal merchant, who died in Harrisburg, Pa.; John, who farms the old homestead in Germany; Christian, a machinist of Steelton, Pa.; and William.

William Harm attended school during his youth, and at the age of eighteen became a school teacher. He taught for a term of seven months, and then came to America, where a bright and prosperous future awaited him. Locating in the city of Philadelphia, he soon obtained employment in a bakery, in which he worked steadily for nine years. He then started in business for himself, and conducted a bakery at Philadelphia successfully for three years. Then removing to Columbia, he opened a grocery store, and soon became one of the reliable, substantial business men of the borough. He remained continuously in trade until 1895, when he transferred his grocery business to his son George. Upon the latter's death, in 1898, Mr. Harm again assumed control of the business, which he now conducts with the assistance of his sons Harry and John. In 1896 the Columbia Brush Company was organized as a stock company, of which, the concern failing in 1898, Mr. Harm and Thomas Edwards became the successors; they at once changed the name to the East Columbia Brush Company, which they have thus far run successfully, and not only reap wealth from it, but also give employment to a hundred men in the works and a number outside, who take material and work it up in their own homes. Mr. Harm was one of the original stockholders in the Columbia Trust Com-



W^m Harm

pany, and is now one of its directors. In politics he is a Democrat, but he is in no sense an office seeker. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and one of its liberal supporters. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias.

In 1863 Mr. Harm was married, in Columbia, to Miss Barbara Greene, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, Aug. 15, 1845, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Greene. Her mother died in February, 1846, and four years later the father, with his two young children, Jacob (a farmer of St. Cloud, N. J.) and Barbara, came to America and settled in New York, where he died in 1871. To William and Barbara (Greene) Harm were born the following children: Emma, wife of Charles Rochow, of Columbia; Katie, who died young; Lizzie, deceased; William, who married Effie Seasholz, and is manager of the East Columbia Brush Co.; George, who married Mary Wolf, of Lancaster, and died in 1898; Rosa; Charles, deceased; Harry; Albert, a traveling salesman; John; Minna; Bertha; Mary; and Huber. Mr. Harm is another instance of the industrious, prosperous American citizens the Germans become in the land of their adoption. He not only has a beautiful home and a competency, but he has gained an enviable position as a citizen and a business man in the borough where he has resided for the past thirty-six years.

JOHN S. NAUMAN (deceased), was born in Manheim, Lancaster county, Aug. 23, 1818, and died at Elizabethtown April 7, 1894, his remains lying at rest in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Showers) Nauman. The father, who was a farmer, died in Manheim, and the mother's death occurred in Mt. Joy. They were members of the United Brethren Church. They had the following children, all now deceased: Susan D., who married Henry Shaffer; Mary, wife of Henry Shaffner; Rebecca; Annie; Elizabeth, wife of John Dyer; and John S.

John S. Nauman was married in Lancaster, July 19, 1842, to Annie R. Reese, by whom he had the following children: William H., of Elizabethtown; Miss Annie E., who resided with her mother in Elizabethtown; J. Wesley, who married Sophia Lehman, and is a resident of Mt. Joy township; Francis, a carpenter of Florin, this county, who married Sallie Menaugh; Sampson R., who married Fanny Brown, and is a produce merchant of Topeka, Kans.; Charles J., who married Laura Harding, and is a farmer near Topeka, Kans.; Carrie A., wife of Henry Straub, of Harrisburg; James R., who married Christiana Kuhn, and is a lumberman in Elizabethtown; and George W., a farmer in Mt. Joy township, who married Lillie Wademan. Mrs. Annie R. Nauman was a native of Mountville, Pa., born Nov. 22, 1825, daughter of Sampson D. Reese, and a sister of S. D. Reese, whose history appears elsewhere.

John S. Nauman followed the honorable and la-

borious life of a blacksmith until 1892, when he retired from active labor, moving to the home where his widow resided until her death, to spend the last two years of his life. In his active days he was a man of considerable prominence in Mount Joy township, where he was engaged in farming and blacksmithing for many years. He served as tax collector there. For thirteen years he lived in Mt. Joy borough, prior to his removal to East Donegal township, where he farmed six years, and then located in Mt. Joy township, where he farmed thirty-nine years.

Mrs. Nauman's grandfather Reese was drowned at the age of forty years. Her great-grandfather Reese, who lived to be one hundred and eleven years old, passed his life near Frederick, Md. Mrs. Nauman was a lady of much character, highly esteemed by all who knew her for her industrious and exceedingly useful life, as well as her amiable disposition and kind heart. She passed away March 17, 1901.

ABRAHAM S. RHOADS. Among the prominent, substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Maytown was Abraham S. Rhoads, who was born in Conestoga township, a son of George and Elizabeth (Sweiger) Rhoads, of Rapho township, both of whom died in East Donegal, the former on the farm to which he had moved, in 1841, and the mother in Maytown. The father was born in 1801, and died in September, 1854, while the mother survived until June, 1885, dying at the age of eighty-four years. Both were worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and are buried in the old Maytown cemetery. Children, as follows, were born to their marriage: Abraham S.; Fanny, who married George M. Lutz; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Hoffman, a farmer of Conoy township; Mary, who married Henry Shenk, deceased; Levi, a farmer of Eden township; and Susannah, widow of Christ Brandt (he died Oct. 7, 1891, aged fifty-three, and she resided in Maytown with her brother Abraham); and George, a farmer of East Donegal township.

Abraham S. Rhoads was reared on the farm and attended the schools of his district, remaining with his parents as their comfort in their declining years. After the death of his father he conducted the farm for ten more years, and then moved into Maytown, in 1865, where he lived retired until his death, Sept. 28, 1901. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and was one of the leading members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Rhoads was known as an upright man and excellent citizen.

NATHANIEL S. GROFF, whose home is in Manheim township, a mile and a quarter east of Petersburg, was born March 25, 1841, in the old homestead. When eight years of age he went to live with his sister, Mrs. George Shriner, on the farm where he has since made his home, until he was ready to begin operations for himself. His education was

gained in the common and Normal schools. When he was fifteen he went West with his brother Samuel, who bought a drove of cattle in Ohio, which they drove through to Lancaster county, young Nathaniel walking the most of the way, and leading an ox at the head of the herd.

When he was nineteen Mr. Groff formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, Mr. Shriner, and went alone to Ohio, to buy a drove of cattle, which he brought back unassisted. This was the laying of the foundation of a prosperous career, as the venture was quite a success. His entire attention was given for some years to the droving business, bringing cattle to the Lancaster markets. After a few years in the cattle business he associated himself with his brother-in-law in farming. Farming and stock dealing have seemed to go so well together that Mr. Groff has combined them all his life. With his brother Abraham he bought the family homestead, and has purchased his own farm of 113 acres, which is one of the fine places of the county. Mr. Groff buys and packs tobacco, and has a warehouse on his farm, handling much stock yearly. He also grows tobacco extensively, and has met with success in this branch of farming.

A public-spirited man, he has been a stockholder in several of the banking enterprises of the county, and also in other enterprises, such as the Penn Turnpike Company. A stanch Republican, he takes an active interest in politics.

Mr. Groff was married, March 25, 1871, to Miss Mary, daughter of Israel Groff, of Eden, and they have one child, George, who married Miss Mary Haverstick, by whom he has two children, Paulina and Leon. Mrs. Groff and the son are members of the Lutheran Church.

AARON EDWARD REIST, cashier of the Conestoga Traction Company, and sole manager of the Conestoga Park Amusements, is one of the best known figures in Lancaster. His ancestors came to America from Germany, and were among the very earliest settlers of Lancaster county. But one family of Reists came across the water, and from them all the Reists in this section are descended.

Abraham Reist, grandfather of Aaron E., was born near Manheim, Lancaster county, where he died, on the old homestead where his father had lived before him. His son, Aaron E., father of Aaron E., of Lancaster, is now living between Manheim and Lititz, where he is leading a practically retired life. He married Anna Zook, daughter of John Zook, a farmer, and to them came three sons: Nathan E., a school teacher in Lititz; Amos E., a contracting builder, of Pittsburg; and A. Edward, of Lancaster.

Aaron Edward Reist was born in Manheim, in 1859, and was educated in the public schools of the district. Leaving school when sixteen years of age, young Reist became a clerk in the dry-goods house of George S. Danner, of Manheim. When he had

clerked there a short time he took a business course at the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., after which he engaged with Stawbridge & Clothier, at Philadelphia. For two years he remained with them, and then spent eleven years in the dry-goods house of Givler, Bowers & Hurst. At the expiration of this prolonged period he connected himself with Watt & Shand, at the New York Store, Lancaster, but failing health compelled him to give up his work and seek an out-door life. When he had partially regained his health Mr. Reist entered the service of the Traction Company, and by the advice of his physician ran on the line four months. By this time his health was again normal, and he was taken into the office of the company, where he has been cashier for nine years, and for the past four years manager of the Conestoga Park Amusements, which are under the auspices of the Traction Company. All the money of the company passes through his hands, and all employees are paid by him. As a manager of attractive amusements his ability is known to the community, and in every position in which he is placed those whose interests he serves are delighted with his able and attentive management of the duties intrusted to him.

Mr. Reist was married, in 1884, to Miss Rettie, daughter of William Laverty, the principal employe of the Pennsylvania railroad at Leaman Place for forty years. To this union were born two children, Anna and Georgia, both attending the Girls' High School at Lancaster.

Mr. Reist is a Presbyterian, belonging to the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and fraternally is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Malta, the Royal Arcanum, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. In these and in various other circles he is most highly esteemed.

EMANUEL H. ZERCHER, a resident of Conestoga Center, was born April 17, 1854, and was a lad of nine years when his father died. He lived with his grandfather until he arrived at the age of fourteen, when he started out in life for himself. For one year he worked for his uncle, David Nissley, and then went to work on his mother's farm, where he remained two years. From there he went with Milo Herr, and worked for him one year, when he again returned to his mother's place in Providence township and did general work. He then went with Abraham H. Schock to learn the tinsmith's trade, and worked for him four years. After farming Benjamin Kneisley's farm for three years, he bought out the business of A. H. Schöck at Safe Harbor, and carried on the business for one year, when he removed to Conestoga Center to engage in the same line, and he still carries it on.

On Dec. 2, 1877, Emanuel H. Zercher married Mary A. Kneisley, daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca Kneisley, residents of Conestoga township. Mr. and Mrs. Zercher had eight children, as follows: Benjamin F., at home single; John C., of Conestoga

Center; Emma L., wife of Charles Kreider; Bertha M., who died in infancy; Clara A., at home, single; Andrew and Ezra, deceased; and Anna M., at home.

Mr. Zercher is a Republican, and has always taken an active part in the political affairs of the county. He was a county committeeman for three years; a school director for six years, from 1893 to 1900; and was appointed justice of the peace in 1898, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of P. C. Hiller. He is a member of O. A. K. of M. C., Conestoga Lodge, No. 178, in which he has passed all the chairs, and is now recording scribe. Mr. and Mrs. Zercher are consistent members of the United Evangelical Church, and have been such since 1879. They are highly estimated in their community and enjoy the friendship of a wide circle.

HENRY H. WITMEYER, a general merchant and representative citizen of Penryn, Pa., is a descendant of one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.

David Witmeyer, the great-grandfather of Henry H., was an emigrant to America from Germany, and he founded the family in Lancaster county. His son, David, was born in the western part of this county, Jan. 31, 1800, and became a carpenter by trade, and also understood the intricacies of watchmaking. The greater part of his life was spent in carpenter work, and his death occurred April 7, 1851. He married Miss Elizabeth Hummer, and they were the parents of eight children: John, deceased; David; Jacob; Aaron, a watchmaker in Indiana; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Shaffer, of Shafterstown; Priscilla, the wife of Jacob Shue; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Plasterer; and Anna, who died at the age of twenty years.

David Witmeyer, the father of Henry H., was born on April 13, 1832, and early in life he learned the trade of watchmaking, following this all his life, and being recognized as a very skillful workman. His death occurred on July 28, 1861. His wife, Susanna Hummer, bore him three children, the oldest one dying in infancy; Jeremiah H., a miller in White Oak, Pa., and Henry H.

Henry H. Witmeyer was born at Penryn, Nov. 17, 1857. When he was four years old, his father died, and he lived with his mother until he was twelve years of age, attending school. At this time he began to learn the cigarmaking trade with David Kauffman, continuing for one year. From there he went to Manheim, where he worked at cigarmaking for three years during summer seasons and attended Manheim high school during winter seasons. At this time he accepted a position as clerk in the general store in Cornwall, conducted by David Kauffman. Here he remained for two years, and spent the two following years at Millway, in the store of Simon Eisenberger, going from there to Clay, where he was the valued clerk for George Steinmetz for three years.

Mr. Witmeyer then returned to his native place

and embarked in the cigar business, also opening up a mercantile line, three years later purchasing the business where he is now located. His long experience in the mercantile business, under wise and successful merchants, enabled Mr. Witmeyer to become thoroughly instructed in this business, both as to buying and selling. This has been demonstrated by his success, and he has now one of the most complete general store stocks in the county, and a lucrative trade. In politics Mr. Witmeyer is an ardent Republican, and in 1889, he was appointed postmaster, efficiently filling the office at the present time, holding also the position of deputy coroner. Mr. Witmeyer is one of the most progressive citizens of this community, taking a just pride in adding to the prosperity of this section, in proof of which, he has erected some ten of the finest residences in the town, worthy in every way to decorate a much larger borough.

The marriage of Mr. Witmeyer was to Miss Dora A. Gross; to them were born six children: David, who died at the age of fourteen years; Sadie S.; Elsie G.; Gertrude G.; Chester G.; and Harry G.; a family of beautiful and intelligent young people who reflect credit not only upon their parents, but also upon the prosperous village of their birth.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LANDIS, the widely known shoe merchant at Nos. 28-30 South Queen street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family.

Jacob D. Landis, the father of Benjamin F., was a son of Benjamin Landis, a farmer in Montgomery county, where he died full of years and honor. Jacob D. Landis is still a well preserved man, and bears his years so lightly that he is able to render his son assistance in his business. He came to Lancaster when he was only nineteen years of age, and made a home in Manor township. Later in life he married Elizabeth Conrad, the daughter of Daniel Conrad, a hotel keeper at New Danville, the place bearing his name because he owned the land on which it was established. The union of Jacob D. Landis and Elizabeth Conrad was blessed with eleven children, of whom now survive, as follows: Jacob H., shipping clerk for Long & Davidson, of Lancaster; Mary S., the wife of Daniel Volrath, a salesman for the A. & P. Tea Co., of Lancaster; Sarah, the wife of Henry Brennerman, of Pequea; Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Fager, of Columbia; Elvina, the wife of Henry Killian, of Lancaster; Emma, unmarried and at home; and Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin Landis was born at Slackwater, Pa., April 3, 1857, and acquired his education in the public schools of Pequea. When he was eighteen years of age he left school to become an apprentice at shoemaking in a shop at New Danville, in which he spent three years. When he had mastered his trade he worked at it a year and a half in Lansdale, Montgomery county, and for three years in Millersville. Mr. Landis was connected with the

shoe house of Shaub & Brother in Lancaster, for seven years, where he developed so much ability as a salesman, and won so many friends by his genial ways and accommodating disposition, that he felt warranted in starting in business for himself. In the fall of 1889 he opened a shoe store at No. 37 South Queen street. His business was transferred after a year and a half to Nos. 12-14 South Queen street, where it remained five years, and was then removed to its present commodious quarters at Nos. 28-30 South Queen street. The entire building is occupied by Mr. Landis, both as a store and a residence, and here he enjoys a most excellent trade.

Mr. Landis was married to Mary D., a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Shuman, the former of whom is now deceased. One child has blessed this union, Edna, who is now at home with her parents. Mr. Landis belongs to the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Knights of Malta, the Jr. O. U. A. M., the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion he is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, of which he was a trustee and steward for several years. He is a thorough business man, prompt in all his dealings, and courteous and kind to all with whom he comes in contact.

JOHN H. BLETZ (deceased), a popular conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, and an honored resident of Columbia, was born in that city, March 19, 1849, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Mellinger) Bletz, also natives of Lancaster county, the former born in Mountville, the latter in Manheim. Soon after their marriage they located in Columbia, where the father conducted a grocery store. He died March 6, 1865, aged forty-one years, his wife, April 6, 1867, also aged forty-one. To them were born six children, namely: Mary J., who died young; Harriet A., wife of James Crowther, manager of the Columbia Opera House; John H.; Susan B., deceased wife of John Hernizer, a railroad man; Benjamin F., who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Anna L., who died at the age of thirty-one. The grandparents of John H. Bletz were Jacob and Mary Bletz, and David and Susan Mellinger, all residents of Lancaster county.

During his boyhood John H. Bletz clerked in his uncle's store at Columbia, and later spent some time in the West. Subsequently he accepted a position as conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad running from Philadelphia, and remained a trusted employe of the company up to the time of his death, which occurred March 26, 1898. Politically he was identified with the Democratic party, fraternally affiliated with the Order of Railway Conductors and the Knights of Malta; and religiously was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He commanded the confidence and respect of all with whom he came in contact either in business or social life, and had a host of warm personal friends.

On Nov. 25, 1875, in Columbia, Mr. Bletz mar-

ried Miss Naomi Hart, by whom he had one son, Ira M., who is clerking in a foundry in Columbia and resides with his mother. Mrs. Bletz is a native of Drumore township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Newport) Hart, of Pequea, same county. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, died in 1877, aged sixty-seven years, the mother, in 1895, aged eighty-one, and their remains were interred at Clearfield, Pa. Religiously they were active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were Hester, wife of Frank Binds, of Frenchtown, Md.; Susan, wife of Washington Walker, of West Hempfield township, this county; Mary, widow of Eland Crider and a resident of Wilmington, Del.; Sarah, wife of John Grable, of Drumore township, this county; John, who is living retired in that township; Barbara and Harry, both deceased; and Naomi, now Mrs. Bletz.

JOHN F. HAINES. It is a happy conjunction of callings which combine farming and hotel keeping, inasmuch as in the latter capacity a person has the constant demand for the delicacies produced from the garden, and in the former a ready means of supplying such demand, as was the case with John F. Haines, ex-hotel keeper and retired farmer of Spring Garden, Salisbury township.

John F. Haines is a native of Salisbury township, born Aug. 20, 1853, son of Stephen and Mary A. (Place) Haines, the former of whom was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 21, 1817, was a farmer by occupation, and died Oct. 8, 1864. Mrs. Mary A. Haines was born Dec. 20, 1818, and died March 7, 1889. Stephen Haines was a highly respected and popular citizen, served as township supervisor for many terms, and was classed with the solid men of his locality. The remains of Stephen and his wife were interred in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery, of which church they were members. Their children were ten in number: Christian, who died in infancy; Hannah E., wife of Frederick B. Wilson, a retired marble manufacturer, of Covington, Ind.; George W., deceased; James S., also deceased; William D., a farmer at Newport, Ind.; John F., of this sketch; Alfred A., a farmer in Salisbury township; Clement H., deceased; Minnie F., deceased, wife of William Stirck; and Eva J., unmarried, and living in Lancaster.

At the age of twenty-two years John F. Haines rented a farm in Salisbury township and cultivated it until 1899, when he abandoned the calling and rented the "Spring Garden Hotel," which he conducted one year and then retired to his present home. His marriage took place in New Holland, Pa., Feb. 13, 1883, to Miss Sallie Shirk, and to this union have been born six children, in the following order: Chester S., Lida M., Ruth J., Mable F., Elva M. and Minnie E.

Mrs. Sallie (Shirk) Haines was born in West Earl township, Lancaster county, Jan. 25, 1853, daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Beltz) Shirk,

prominent agricultural people of Lancaster county. Samuel Shirk retired from the cares and duties of agricultural life somewhat late in life; his wife died Sept. 11, 1882, at the age of fifty-seven years, after which Mr. Shirk resided with Mr. and Mrs. Haines, until his death in 1897, at the ripe age of seventy-four. Mr. Shirk and his wife were devout members of the Blue Ball German Baptist Church, and their remains were interred in its cemetery. Seven children were born to them, as follows: Wilson, who died in infancy; Anna E., who is married to W. A. Warner, of Reading; Sallie, now Mrs. John F. Haines; Kate, wife of Isaac Taylor; Isaac, a farmer in Earl township; John, a carpenter in Philadelphia; and Harry, a traveling salesman of Butler, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sallie (Shirk) Haines were Peter and Martha Shirk, prominent people of Lancaster county.

John F. Haines is a substantial and honored citizen of Salisbury township, and has secured for himself an ample competency. He is a Republican in politics, and in 1897 was register of his township.

GEORGE W. WALTON, who is at once the merchant, postmaster and telegraph operator at Falmouth, Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born in that township, Feb. 22, 1853, son of David C. and Anna (Kinney) Walton, natives of New Holland, York county, and of Lancaster county, respectively.

David C. Walton was a farmer until the last five years, when he became a track walker for the Pennsylvania Railroad, and was killed while engaged in the performance of his duty, Sept. 17, 1899, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Falmouth. His widow, Anna Kinney, who was born in 1849, is living in Falmouth. Early in life they became connected with the Bethel Church, and their industrious habits and upright character cast no discredit upon their faith. The children born to them were: George W., of whom mention is made later in this sketch; Mary M., widow of Daniel Bryan, living at home; and Edgar W., a mail agent, living at Harrisburg.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Walton were Hiram and Mary (Dunkel) Walton, natives of Chester county, who died in York county, where they had long followed an agricultural life. Mr. Walton's maternal grandparents were George C. and Anna Kinney, who were born in York county, but moved to Lancaster county in 1848, and there near the village of Bainbridge, in Conoy township, engaged in farming.

George W. Walton and Mary B. Keller were united in marriage June 11, 1884, in Harrisburg. Mrs. Walton was born in Lock Haven, Pa., a daughter of John and Mary (Bricker) Keller, both born in Bainbridge, Lancaster county. For many years her father was a merchant, and in his later years an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in

Harrisburg in 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. Mrs. Keller is still living, and makes her home with Mrs. Walton. Both father and mother were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: Frank, a railroad man in Harrisburg; Mary; Elmer, also in the railroad employ; Harvey, a manufacturer and wholesale dealer in medicine; Bertha, wife of Louis Bridgeon, a merchant in Harrisburg.

Mr. Walton's grandparents were all farming people, and natives of Lancaster county, where their entire lives were spent.

George Walton remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-eight, when he established his own home. At the age of nineteen years he began learning the art of telegraphy, and spent his first year in that study in Bainbridge, and then worked at the telegrapher's desk in Parkesburg, Ronks, Dillerville, Harrisburg, Highspire, Steelton and Middle Town Branch, effecting a permanent location at Collins in the spring of 1884. In 1886 he was appointed the village postmaster, a position he has retained to the present time, and one in which he is very popular.

Mr. Walton is affiliated with the I. O. O. F. and the K. of G. E., taking much interest in the successful working of these orders, and holding from time to time various official positions. In his politics he is a Democrat, and is one of the leading citizens of this part of the county.

JACOB H. ENGLE (deceased), was born in Rapho township, June 14, 1850, and came to the farm where his family now reside March 27, 1899, and there he died March 13, 1900. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township.

Rev. Henry and Fannie (Hoover) Engle, his parents, were of East Donegal township, and moved to the present Engle homestead in 1860. There the father lived retired for forty years, a successful and prominent farmer, and for about fifty years an active and influential minister of the Brethren in Christ. When he died Jan. 12, 1896, he was aged eighty-eight years, two months and six days. His wife died in 1881, and they were buried in the cemetery connected with the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township. Rev. Henry and Fannie Engle had the following children: Noah H., a farmer in Abilene, Kans.; Mary H. died in 1891, unmarried; Michael H. is a retired farmer in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Sarah H. lives in Maytown, the widow of Christian Hershey; Ann H. is unmarried, and has her home in Mt. Joy; Eli H. is a farmer in Mt. Joy; John H., who is engaged in the butcher business at Mt. Joy; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Engle was married in January, 1871, in Rapho township, to Harriet Missemmer, by whom he had the following family: Norman M., a farm foreman at Woodland, Cal., and as yet unmarried; Dr. Howard M., of San Francisco; Walter M., at

home; Joseph M., deceased; Henry J., at home; Robert M., deceased; Fanny G., M. Lena, Bertha M. and Bruce Q. C., all at home.

Mrs. Harriet Engle was born in Rapho township, a daughter of Jacob and Magdelina (Gantz) Missemmer. They were both born and reared in Lancaster county. Jacob Missemmer followed the milling business until his death in 1883, at the age of sixty-six; his widow died in 1890, at the age of sixty-seven. Their remains rest in the burying ground of the Cross Roads Meeting House in East Donegal township. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Susan, who married Rev. David Wohlgegnuth, now a retired farmer and a Dunkard preacher at Florin; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Gruber, a farmer in Rapho township; Kate, widow of Henry G. Snyder, with her home in Mt. Joy; Henry, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married Henry Martin, a farmer in East Donegal township; Mattie, who married David Brant, of Mt. Joy township; Anna, wife of Samuel Witmer, of Rapho township; Jacob, Henry, David, Adam, William, Joseph and Frederick, who all died in infancy; Harriet, Mrs. Engle; Louise, who married Dr. W. B. Thome, of Mt. Joy township, whose sketch may be found on another page; and Mary, who married Edward Boyd, of Manheim.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Engle were Jacob and Lena (Hoeman) Missemmer, who were born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Lancaster county in an early day. Jacob Missemmer married, for his second wife, a Miss Kraybill, of Lancaster county.

Jacob H. Engle, who was a farmer all his life, remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he removed to a farm in Chiques Creek, where he remained twenty-seven years. His next move was to the farm where his family is now living. Mr. Engle was in his life time a man of character and standing in the community, where his industry, integrity, and simple and unaffected manliness commanded ready recognition, and won a host of friends. For three years he was a school director. For many years he followed tobacco buying, and met with much success. Connected with no church, he was a man of fine character and absolute integrity, much beloved and esteemed by all who knew him. His legacy to his children was, above all, a good name and a spotless reputation.

ROBERT C. LINTON, an elderly farmer in Colerain township, was born in East Drumore township, in September, 1844, a son of Alexander and Margaret (Glackin) Linton.

Alexander Linton was born in Ireland, and his wife, who was a daughter of John Glackin, in Drumore, Lancaster county. After his marriage Mr. Linton settled on a wild wooded farm in East Drumore township, which is now owned by his son, James, and good buildings and thorough cultivation have made this one of the fine farm homes of that

section. Here Alexander Linton died in 1865, and his widow in 1899. They were members of the Presbyterian and Catholic churches. Mr. Linton was a staunch Democrat, and a Union man during the war. Of their family of six sons and two daughters, four are living: Mary and Rachel died young; John and Augustus died in early manhood; Sylvester, the eldest living son, married Eliza Linton, of Lancaster county, and they now reside on his farm adjoining the old homestead, and have a family of four children: John, Mary, (who married Benjamin Draucher, of Bart township), Augustus and Anna; James, who is now living on the old homestead, where he was born, is still single; Jasper, born at the East Drumore home, went to Iowa, when a young man, where he married and settled (he is the father of three sons); and Robert C.

Robert C. Linton was born and reared on the old home, attended the district school after the usual farmer fashion of the time, working on the place during the summer season, and attending school in the winter. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Co. G, 1st Battalion, P. V. I., at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, where the command was drilled and prepared for service. They did duty at Chambersburg, and were then marched to Hagerstown, Md., where they went into camp until assigned to special duty at Philadelphia, being set to guarding deserters and drafted men in that city. They were mustered out in Harrisburg, Jan. 4, 1864.

Mr. Linton returned home and worked on his father's farm until his marriage, Feb. 24, 1870, to Miss Fannie Boohar, a daughter of Jacob and Angeline (Mercer) Boohar. Mrs. Fannie Linton was born in November, 1848, and when she was still young her parents moved into the city of Lancaster, where their children might be educated. Mr. Boohar was a miller, and worked at his trade in different mills in the county until 1861, when he moved to the Puseyville Mills, where he was employed until 1871, when he died. His widow survived until 1891. Of their family of seven children, six are living: Handford died in Christiana; Ross W., born in Chester county, lives in Christiana; Walter E., born in Chester county, married and resides in Philadelphia; Henrietta married Thomas Carpenter (deceased), of Philadelphia, and they had one daughter, May; Josephine married Joseph Barkley, of Chester county; Adaline married Bayard Stott, and lives in Philadelphia; and Fannie married Mr. Linton.

Mr. and Mrs. Linton settled on the old Linton homestead, where they lived for seven years. In 1870 he bought the Dr. Dare farm in Colerain township, where he has since erected a large bank barn, wagon sheds and other outbuildings, improving the house, also, and making the place one of the most desirable homes of this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Linton have come seven children: Lina, born in December, 1870, married Walter Scott, of Bart township, and they live in Strasburg township; they have no family. Oliver J., born in 1872, married Miss

Sadie Eckman, of Quarryville, and lives in Christiana; they have one son, Claude C. Margaret, born in August, 1873, died Dec. 6, 1902. Ada N., born in July, 1877, married Harry Groff, of Georgetown, and had one son, Uhler, who died Oct. 17, 1901. Edgar A., born in August, 1879, is single, and at home. J. Clyde was born in May, 1881. Robert G. was born in August, 1884.

Mr. Linton has always taken an independent position in politics. Both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Church. They are well-off, highly respected and have always been closely identified with the best interests of East Drumore and Colerain townships. The farm shows a thrift characteristic of the Linton family.

WILLIAM O. MARSHALL, one of the best known and most popular men in Lancaster, is one of the oldest surviving members of a family that has long been associated with the city's business interests. For many years he was associated with his father in the shoe trade in Centre square, and, after his father's death, conducted the business himself, but he is now living retired—that is, retired from active business pursuits, although he is kept well occupied in looking after his private interests, as well as the interests of the church, of which he is so devoted a member. Mr. Marshall was born in Philadelphia Oct. 12, 1840, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall. His grandfather Marshall, with two of his brothers, came to Lancaster at an early day.

James Marshall was a shoemaker. He married and located in Philadelphia, in which city he worked at his trade until 1844, when he returned to Lancaster and became a manufacturer and retailer. In 1865, his son, William O., became a partner, the firm name being J. Marshall & Son. James Marshall, now deceased, but who lived to advanced age, was an active member of St. John's Free Episcopal Church for many years. His wife, whose maiden name was Maria Okeson, was a native of Lancaster, a daughter of John Okeson, who came from England. The mother died at the age of seventy years, leaving a family of six children, three of whom are living: William O., George A. and Lizzie C.

William O. Marshall obtained a good common school education, and at the age of thirteen was apprenticed to learn the printer's trade. He served five years, and then became foreman in the composing room of the *Evening Express*, which position he held for two years, at the end of which time he entered Franklin and Marshall College. He remained in college three years, until the close of the Sophomore year. This was during the war of the Rebellion, and he enlisted in the Union army. After the war he took up his trade on the *Express* and other journals.

In 1868 Mr. Marshall wedded Miss Mary Richards, daughter of the late Luther Richards, of Lancaster, who was one of the founders of the *Examiner and Herald*, and was prominent not only as a journalist, but as a Republican, that party having

elected him to some of the most important positions in the gift of the county. By his marriage with Miss Richards, Mr. Marshall became the father of two children: Elizabeth R., a graduate of the high school, who married John S. Thackeray, of Philadelphia; and Charles L., also a graduate of the high school, and business college, and now bookkeeper for the extensive clothing house of S. M. Myers & Company. Charles L. Marshall married Miss M. Louise Stamm, daughter of Frederick Stamm, the inventor, whose interesting sketch will be found elsewhere. He is a Mason, being senior warden of Blue Lodge, No. 43, and he belongs to the chapter, council and commandery.

William O. Marshall is a Republican in politics, and served two years in the common council from the Third ward. In 1877, he was elected a member of the school board, and two years later he moved into the Fifth ward, and was re-elected. In 1879 he was made treasurer of the school board, and held that position for more than twenty years. He was also the receiver of school tax for many years. He is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery, and has held all of the chairs, and was at one time Deputy District Grand High Priest. In religious connection he is a member of St. John's Free Episcopal Church, and has been one of the vestrymen for an ordinary life time.

PETER O. ELSER, one of the representative citizens of Clay township, was born March 18, 1851, in this township, a son of Samuel and Catherine Elser, both deceased.

Peter Elser, the great-grandfather of Peter O. Elser, was born in 1760, and he left a son, also Peter, the grandfather from whom our subject takes his name. Grandfather Elser was a farmer in Elizabeth township, and was twice married. Two sons, John and George, were born to the first union, and one son, Samuel, and four daughters, by the second marriage, these being: Catherine, Rebecca, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Samuel Elser was born in 1812, and died May 4, 1879. He married in Clay township, and had a family of ten children, as follows: Miss Mary Ann; Rebecca, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Solomon Eberly, of Clay township; Catherine and Susan, twins, the latter of whom died at the age of fifty-two years, the former the wife of William Ramig; Peter O.; Hannah, the wife of Henry Mellinger, a resident of Brickerville, Pa.; Fannie, the wife of Zocher Fory, of Clay township; John, a resident of Harrisburg; and Adeline, deceased.

Peter O. Elser was reared on the farm, and was educated in the public schools. Although he has engaged in farming to some degree all his life, he has also had other important lines of business. He learned the carpenter's trade, and for several years worked as a mill carpenter. All of his ventures in a business line have prospered, as he possesses the

proper qualifications to insure success. Mr. Elser is one of the leading Democrats in his township, and has most efficiently filled a number of the local offices. He has been a delegate to State conventions a number of times, and is an effective party worker. Mr. Elser has performed the duties of supervisor and school director with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the tax payers in his township.

On Nov. 26, 1871, Mr. Elser was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Weit, daughter of Henry Weit, of Clay township, and two children were born to this union: Lillie, the wife of J. W. Gerhert, of Clay township; and Samuel W., living unmarried, at home, the carrier of the U. S. mail between Ephrata, Clay and Hopeland. Mr. Elser and family are highly esteemed in Clay township. He is known as one of the reliable and honored citizens who truly represent this important portion of Lancaster county.

FRANK SHILLOTT, deceased. Germany has given to America many of her most estimable and prominent citizens. Biographical records in the United States present many examples of young men from the Fatherland who to better their conditions have come strangers to a strange land, and, with no advantages, have by the mere force of their native talents won success and a prominent place among the people of their adopted land. Prominent among these must be mentioned the late Frank Shillott. He was never a shirk. The eminence he attained was the result of honest and untiring effort, and he was a most highly esteemed resident of Columbia, where he lived retired from active business duties. He was born in Rheinpfalz, Germany, June 21, 1827, son of Frank and Victoria (Glaubeau) Shillott, natives of Germany of French extraction, and grandson of John Shillott, a native of France.

Frank Shillott, who was a butcher and drover by trade, came to America in 1842, and settled in New Orleans, La., but within a year he fell a victim to fever and died at the age of forty-one years. His widow, Mrs. Victoria (Glaubeau) Shillott, emigrated to America in 1853, the year after her son Frank had crossed the ocean. She settled at Columbia, Pa., and died of cholera in 1854, aged fifty-three years. The family of Frank and Victoria Shillott consisted of the following children: Victoria, widow of Joseph Kelp, of Columbia; Charles, who died at Columbia; Frank, whose name opens this sketch; Katie, who married Michael Thomas, and died at Columbia; John, a butcher at Marietta, Lancaster county, now deceased; and Thesbia, widow of Peter Dersch, a blacksmith.

Frank Shillott, at the age of ten years, entered his father's butcher shop in Germany. In 1849 he entered the German army, but after three years' service, having tired of military life, he ran away. Coming to New York friendless and alone, he secured employment in a butcher shop in that city, and three months later came to Columbia, Pa., accepting for a time whatever employment he could secure. Then

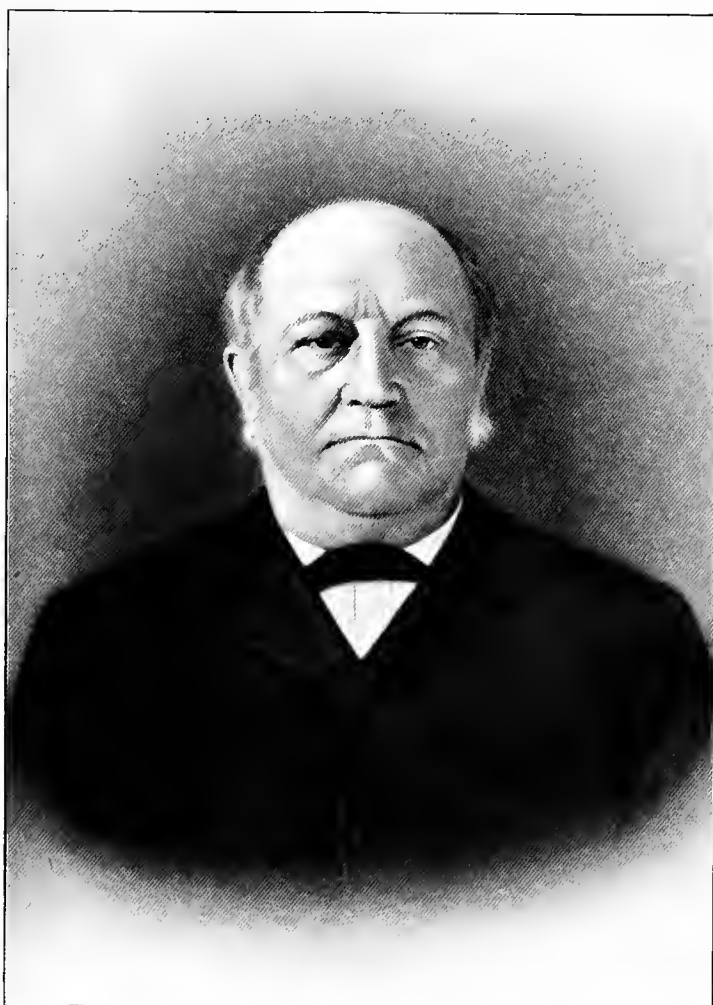
for three years he worked at the butcher business for Harry Minnich, after which he embarked in the business for himself, continuing thus most successfully for seventeen years. Mr. Shillott then conducted a general store at Columbia for three years, at the end of which time he withdrew to a farm, and in addition to agricultural pursuits he also followed butchering for fourteen years. He subsequently lived in retirement, enjoying the leisure which he had so well earned, until his death, which occurred June 5, 1902. Mr. Shillott was one of the organizers of the Central National Bank of Columbia, of which he served as a director from the beginning until his decease. He was highly esteemed in the locality where he had passed the greater part of his useful life.

In February, 1855, Mr. Shillott married Catherine Schroeder, who was born in Baiern, Germany, in April, 1825, daughter of Andrew and Barbara (Schwautz) Schroeder, of Marksteinhock, Germany, and granddaughter of Andrew Schroeder. Her father, who was a brickmaker, died in 1821; Barbara, his wife, lived until 1840. Their children were: John, who died at Baltimore, Md.; Barbara, deceased; George John, who came to America and has not since been heard from; and Catherine, widow of Frank Shillott. Mrs. Shillott came to America in 1851, and settled at Columbia. To Mr. and Mrs. Shillott were born four children, namely: Caroline, of Newark, N. J., is the widow of H. L. Snyder; she has two children, Katharine M. and Florence P. Franklin, proprietor of a hotel at Columbia, married Katie Ament, and has eight children, Martin, Elizabeth, Cecilia, Charles, Stella, William, Edward and Regina. Catharine M., widow of John W. Swartz, a prominent butcher of Columbia, has one child, Lillian Marie. Charles died in Denver, Colo., Aug. 28, 1901.

Mr. Shillott was a member of Trinity Catholic Church. In politics he was always a Democrat. By his many sterling qualities and industrious application to business he gained a goodly competence, and was a representative citizen and a typical self-made man. His increased means, however, were not followed by ostentatious display. He retained the plain, simple manners of his early years, and held the esteem and regard of all who knew him.

JEREMIAH H. WITMEYER, one of the well-known and highly respected citizens of Penryn, Pa., now engaged in the milling business, is a worthy descendant from an honorable Lancaster county family.

David Witmeyer, his great-grandfather, came to America from Germany and settled in Lancaster county at a very early day. His son, David (2), the grandfather of J. H., was born in this county Jan. 31, 1800, and he combined the trades of watchmaker and carpenter, working principally at the latter trade. His death was on April 7, 1851. His wife was Elizabeth Hummer, and they had a family of eight chil-



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dren: John, who died young; David, who was the father of J. H., of this sketch; Jacob; Aaron, a watchmaker in Indiana; Elizabeth, the wife of Dr. Shaffer, of Shafferstown; Priscilla, the wife of Jacob Shue; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Plasterer; and Anna, who died at the age of twenty years.

David Witmeyer (3), was born April 13, 1832, and in early life he learned the trade of watchmaker and followed the same through life. On Oct. 11, 1855, he was married to Susannah Hummer, and his death took place on July 28, 1861. Their children were three in number, the two survivors being Jeremiah H., of this sketch; and Henry H., the successful merchant of Penryn.

Jeremiah H. Witmeyer was born in Penn township Dec. 24, 1859. He was but one and one-half years old when his father died, and he remained with his mother until he neared twenty. His education was obtained in the district schools of the township. Later he learned the cigarmaking trade with his brother, continuing to work at it for over five years, becoming then associated with his brother in the mercantile business in Penryn. Here he remained until 1900, since which time he has been occupied in milling and farming. In 1894 he purchased the mill property at White Oak, and has since resided there. Mr. Witmeyer is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and is one of the leading citizens of his neighborhood. His friends are numerous and he is known to be a man of the highest integrity as well as a citizen of public-spirit.

The marriage of Mr. Witmeyer was to Miss Lizzie Arndt, who was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Arndt, and to this union were born ten children: Lillie A., Emma A., Susan A., Mary A., Aaron A., Lottie A., Annie A. and Bessie A., and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Witmeyer have these bright young people with them yet, all receiving the best of educational advantages. Few families in this locality are more highly esteemed.

JOHN S. KREITER, M. D. Prominently identified with the interests of Akron borough where he is known and most highly esteemed, is Dr. John S. Kreiter, who was born near Lititz, Pa., Nov. 25, 1852, and for many years has been the faithful and successful physician in the majority of the old families of this part of the county.

Christian Kreiter, his grandfather, was a prosperous farmer who was located near Lititz, and near this place Dr. Kreiter was born and reared, a son of Solomon and Maria (Grossman) Kreiter.

Solomon Kreiter was born in April, 1827, and died on May 8, 1863, at the early age of thirty-six. In November, 1847, he married Maria Grossman, and to this union eight children were born: Jacob, the present assessor of Warwick township, resides at Lititz; Catherine, born in 1851, died in childhood; John S.; James E., born in 1855, died in 1884; David Henry and Henry David, twins, born in 1858, are thrifty farmers of Lancaster county; Martha mar-

ried L. H. Weisler, of Clay township; and Solomon, Jr., died in infancy.

Dr. Kreiter was reared on a farm and passed his boyhood there, attending the common schools, Lititz Academy and later the Normal Schools at Millersville and Indiana, Pa. In 1879 he began the study of medicine, under Dr. J. C. Brobst, graduating from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York city in 1882, the same year locating at Akron, where he has since practiced his profession with success.

On Oct. 15, 1885, Dr. Kreiter was married to Miss Carrie L. Zentmyer, of Lititz, daughter of Benjamin and Caroline (Sands) Zentmyer, and to this union have been born two sons and three daughters: Irene A., born Dec. 28, 1886; John E., born Nov. 6, 1888, died Jan. 20, 1889; Robert Ellsworth, born Jan. 28, 1890; Maud Victoria, born Nov. 22, 1892; and Josephine Alberta, born July 11, 1901.

In his political belief the Doctor is an ardent Republican and has taken a great interest in public affairs. Socially he is connected with the Lancaster City and County Medical Society, also with the State Medical Society, and is an efficient member of the board of health of Akron. Always interested in educational matters, he has frequently served as school director, and at all times gives his time and means to measures which promise good to the community. During the years of his residence in Akron, he has not only built up a fine practice by his skill, but he has gained the confidence and esteem of the whole locality by his display of the characteristics of a true citizen.

ELLA M. WINTER, of No. 14 South Queen street, is the only representative in Lancaster, bearing the family name of one of the oldest and best known families of Lancaster county. Her ancestors settled in this county early in 1700, and they have lived for generation after generation in Providence township. Her great-grandfather was a very extensive land owner of Providence, and possessed, at the time of his death, eight fine farms, bequeathing one to each of his eight children. Miss Winter's grandfather, Christopher Winter, and her father, Silas Winter, were both born on the old homestead. There, too, Miss Ella was born, as were most of her brothers and sisters. Her mother was Miss Catherine Marks, daughter of Nicholas Marks, a storekeeper, potter and farmer of West Willow. Ten children were born to Silas and Catherine Winter, of whom seven are living, as follows: Miss Ella M., of South Queen street; Mary A., wife of Martin Lefevre, a farmer of Chestnut Level; Augustus, a farmer of East Drumore; John F., of Pittsburg; Catherine, wife of Martin K. Reese, a milk dealer of Lancaster; Laura, wife of J. Albert Rockey, a traveling salesman of Atglen; and Walter H., a farmer of East Drumore. Silas Winter died in this city June 27, 1900, having retired six years before his death, and his wife entered into rest on March 21, 1895.

Miss Ella M. Winter was born, as stated above, on the old homestead in Providence township. She was educated in the schools of that district, and came to Lancaster in 1875. Here she at once began dress-making, a pursuit in which she has been more than ordinarily successful. For six years she conducted dressmaking parlors over Rogers's confectionery store, West King street, and then for about four years was located in the Metzger & Haughman building in the same block; in March, 1895, she took possession of the large building at No. 14 South Queen street, subletting some portions, but retaining enough room for her business and residence. She has been eminently successful, and in her busy seasons, frequently employs half a dozen or more expert dressmakers. Her work is noted for its reliability, and the artistic creations from her establishment are much prized by the ladies of Lancaster. Miss Winter is very intelligent and well-informed on all general subjects. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and popular alike in business, church and social circles.

JOHN C. THOMPSON, an industrious, successful and highly esteemed farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in the borough of Strasburg Feb. 3, 1842, his parents being Jacob B. and Mary (Clayton) Thompson. The father was born in Steelville, Chester county, Dec. 5, 1792, the mother, in Maryland, July 6, 1818.

Jacob B. Thompson was a son of James and Lydia (Bailey) Thompson, both of whom were born in Sadsbury township, this county, he in 1745, and his wife in July, 1750. The Thompsons were of Scotch-Irish extraction; and the Claytons of English blood. James Thompson, grandfather of John C., was a soldier in the Revolution, and the sword he carried is now in the possession of his grandson, John C., in a good state of preservation. James Thompson lived for a time in York county, where he began his business life as a merchant, but later moved to Steelville, Chester county, where he bought a large body of land. There he erected a gristmill, cleared up a farm, and did a general trading business in flour, feed and such goods as were usually carried in a country store, his goods being conveyed on wagons from Philadelphia. He died at his home in Steelville in 1807, and his wife passed away in 1806. They left a large family: Elizabeth, born in York county, in 1774, married James Paxton, of Lancaster county; William died young; Robert was born in 1778; Andrew was born in 1781; Francis, born in May, 1785, died in 1820; James died in childhood; James (2), born in October, 1786, died in March, 1809; William (2), born in March, 1790, died in 1793; Jacob B. is the father of John C.

Jacob B. Thompson was reared at home, and was married in March, 1840, to Mary Clayton, a daughter of John and Harriet Clayton, both of whom were natives of Maryland, and early settlers of York county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson made their

home in Strasburg borough for several years, and there he began business as a merchant. After a time they removed to Nobleville, on the line of Chester and Lancaster counties, where he conducted a general store for many years. It should be noted that upon his marriage he kept store some ten years at Buck, in Drumore township. At one time he was a very prosperous and successful merchant, but his brother being in difficulties he endorsed for him—an unfortunate move, as much of his savings were swept away. He died at his home in March, 1855, and his widow came to Bart township, where she purchased the present home of the family in 1857, making her home with her son until her death, July 26, 1898. Both she and her husband were members of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He was a Whig in political sentiment, and a thoughtful and public-spirited citizen. They had a family of seven children, of whom (1) John C. was the eldest. (2) Lydia Thompson, born April 28, 1844, married Charles H. Tyson, of whom a sketch appears elsewhere. (3) James A., born in May, 1845, married Miss Ella Whiteside, of Colerain, and located on a farm near Collins, in that township, where he died April 14, 1899, leaving his wife with four children—John B. and Charles, of Bartville; William N., at home; and Violet, who graduated from the high school, and was just entering upon a bright and promising young womanhood when she was called to the Better Land, in September, 1900. (4) Harriet, born in May, 1847, married Milton Heidelbaugh, a member of the Pennsylvania Senate from Lancaster county, and they have four children—George Ferree, a train dispatcher in Philadelphia; Mary Blanche, wife of Rev. William B. Anderson, now a minister in India (they have had two children); and Jacob and Willie, at home. (5) Robert, born in October, 1849, married Miss Martha Gilliland, of Lancaster county, and lives in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in business as a commission merchant. (6) William D., born in March, 1851, married Miss Ella Baughman, of Bart township, and resides in Christiana, where he is a clerk in a store. They have four children—Mary L., wife of Frank Pickle, of Bart township; Maud, wife of Amos Fickning, of Bart township; Clyde, who married Miss Lillie Groff, and resides in Bart township; and Harry, who married Marian Helm, and has his home in Georgetown. (7) Jacob G., born in July, 1853, married Miss Clara Miller, a daughter of William and Sarah L. (Gilliland) Miller, and lives on his farm in Bart township. Their six children all live at home, James, Charles, Marvin, Frank, Anna G. and Robert M.

John C. Thompson was reared and educated at home. His father died while he was still a boy, leaving him to care for his mother and manage the family estate. He has lived at home, and has remained unmarried. While the other children married and established homes of their own, he lived with his aged mother until her death. Since that time he has

continued on the home farm, his mother's estate, and he has taken high standing as an industrious and upright citizen. He has many warm friends in his locality, who cherish him for his kind acts and benevolent spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and he has held the office of township auditor. The Thompsons have mostly been associated with the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, and have held a high place among the families of the section.

HACKMAN. The Hackman family is prominent in Manheim township, Lancaster county, and its oldest representative in that township is Jacob W. Hackman, who was born April 29, 1824, son of Jacob and Susan (Wise) Hackman, both natives of Clay township, where their lives were passed. The great-grandfather of Jacob Hackman is supposed to have been Henry Hackman, who came from Germany and settled in Clay township, where some of his descendants are still residing. The first of the family to come to this county was a farmer and probably a clergyman of the Mennonite Church.

Jacob Hackman, the grandfather of Jacob W., was one of the extensive farmers of Clay township. His son, Jacob, the father of Jacob W., was reared in Clay, but after his marriage removed to Rapho township, where he spent some twenty years in farming, then moving to Stark county, Ohio, and from there to Indiana, where he died at the age of sixty-five. His wife died when only about thirty years of age. They were the parents of four children: Peter, who was a farmer, had his home at Millport, Warwick township, where he died at the age of seventy-two; Elizabeth died unmarried; Jacob W. is mentioned below; Susan married Samuel Ruhde, and died in Upper Leacock township.

JACOB W. HACKMAN was reared in Rapho township and educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one years he engaged in farming in East Donegal township, where he remained two years, and then rented a farm in Millport, Warwick township, for twenty years being engaged in cultivating rented property in that township. In the meantime he had purchased a farm of 117 acres near the borough of Akron, which he cultivated for a time in connection with his rented property, and then sold it to buy a farm of 110 acres, lying in both Clay and Warwick townships, on which he lived for some nine years. He then bought a farm of 138 acres near Oregon, Warwick township, which became his home for more than twenty years. He is now retired from active farming labors, and is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. A. S. Lutz, of Warwick township.

When Mr. Hackman was a young man of some thirty-five years he united with the German Baptist Church, of the West Conestoga district, and in 1862 was ordained to the ministry by Bishop Christian Bambarger. After his ordination he was assigned to the West Conestoga district, where he served as a faithful and God-fearing minister in active labors until within a very few years. Advancing years and

the infirmities of age had made the duties of the head eldership burdensome to him, and after a long and devoted service he resigned its labors to younger men. Throughout the church he is much beloved and highly esteemed for his long and faithful ministry. He is a venerable gentleman, and bears his years well.

Mr. Hackman was married, Oct. 9, 1845, to Miss Elizabeth Stauffer, daughter of John and Julia Ann (Kinsey) Stauffer. Mrs. Hackman was born in the east part of Lancaster county, Feb. 24, 1821, and is still living. To this union came five children: Julia Ann, wife of A. S. Lutz, of Warwick township; Franklin S., a resident of Manheim township; Jeremiah, residing in Mastersonville, Rapho township, where he is engaged in business as a merchant (he was a director of the Manheim Bank for about ten years, when he opened the store, and his directorship was then transferred to his brother, Jacob S., who continued to serve for some years); Jacob S., a resident of Rapho township; and Fianna, who died at the age of nine years.

FRANKLIN S. HACKMAN was born Aug. 24, 1849, and was reared on the home farm, receiving his education in the public school and in the State Normal at that point. About 1872 he began operations as a business man on his own account, being engaged in various enterprises until his marriage. After that event he followed farming. For four years, however, his farming operations were interrupted by his connection with the Rossville mill. His home was in Warwick township until 1889, when he removed to his present beautiful home, three miles north of Lancaster city, where he has a fine farm of 152 acres. He had previously lived on rented property. On this farm he has made extensive improvements, and the place bespeaks the ownership of a thrifty and successful farmer. The house has been thoroughly remodeled, and Mr. Hackman has built a fine barn. He is a public-spirited man, ready to co-operate in movements for the general good. While in Warwick township he was a member of the board of education for six years.

Mr. Hackman was married, Nov. 20, 1874, to Miss Mary G., daughter of Joseph and Martha (Graybill) Pfautz, of Warwick township. She was born near Lititz, and is the youngest of the family, her birth occurring Jan. 16, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Hackman have five children, Clayton P., Gertrude, Ada B., Franklin P. and Mabel. Gertrude is teaching in the county schools. The family have musical tendencies, and the home gives evidence of taste and refinement. The family belong to the German Baptist Church, and stand high in the community.

AMOS SHAUBACH. Since about 1844 the name of Shaubach has been known in various parts of Lancaster county, and has always represented respectability, honesty and industry.

The family originated in Germany, Andrew Shaubach, the father of Amos, having been born

about 1826, at Hessen-Darmstadt, near the beautiful Rhine, the river of song and story, where he was reared, and learned the trade of turner. When eighteen years old Andrew Shaubach came to America, and found his way to Lancaster county, where he knew he would find countrymen. His first employer was Henry Mussleman, of Strasburg, with whom he remained several years, learning all of the details of farming. His means were limited, but he applied himself so industriously that when he wished to set up a home for himself he had the money and the knowledge to enable him to start farming on shares, and the succeeding two or three years were spent in that way. In the meantime Andrew Shaubach had purchased a small property in the vicinity of Herrville, comprising thirty-seven acres and for five years he worked this place, later disposing of it, as it was too small for his energies. Until 1871 he rented a large farm, at which time he was able to purchase one of his own, consisting of 152 acres, located in Strasburg, along the Beaver Valley pike road, near Refton, upon which place he made his home until his death. An accident terminated the life of this excellent and worthy man, on Dec. 19, 1889. As an example of the success which attends earnest effort the life of Andrew Shaubach deserves wide consideration, and the universal opinion of the community was that the township had, in his death, lost a good citizen and a kind neighbor. In politics he was a member of the Republican party; he never held office.

Andrew Shaubach married Christianna Wirth, who was also born in Hessen-Darmstadt, in 1829, daughter of Paul Wirth, coming to the United States when ten years of age; she passed away Feb. 26, 1898. To this union came a family of six children: Amos, the subject of this article; Reuben, of Strasburg township; Annie, wife of Jacob S. Harnish, of Strasburg township; Andrew, a stockman of Lancaster city; Maggie, wife of Adam Hornig, of East Lampeter township; and Martin, a farmer of Providence township. The parents of this family belonged to the religious body called Dunkards.

Amos Shaubach was born Oct. 16, 1850, and was reared a farmer boy, attending, in season, the district schools of his neighborhood. When he decided to marry, at about the age of twenty-six, he rented an excellent farm in Strasburg township, and continued at general farming for six years, at the end of that period finding a property for sale which he desired. This land is situated two and one-half miles southeast of Strasburg, and contains eighty-eight acres, which under his excellent management compare favorably with any other tract in the county. A part of the success which has attended his efforts is no doubt due to the fact that Mr. Shaubach is a progressive man, and believes thoroughly in the use of improved machinery and modern methods of tillage. His buildings testify to his taste and good management, while his cattle and stock speak well for the manner in which he cares for them. No new im-

provement is introduced in the locality that does not find him an investigator of its merits, and if he finds it sensible and desirable he is often one of the first to put it into operation.

Amos Shaubach was married, Dec. 7, 1876, to Elizabeth Lutz, daughter of George and Sarah (Nagle) Lutz, who was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Dec. 24, 1853. To this union have been born seven children: George, who died in infancy; Enos, born May 16, 1879; Jennie May, Aug. 5, 1881; Sarah Ella, January, 1884; Park, July, 1887; Amos, January, 1890; and Elizabeth, September, 1896.

EDWIN H. BROWN. Few residents of Lancaster have left a more enviable reputation in the wake of their tireless activity than did Edwin H. Brown, for thirty-two years connected with the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, of which institution he was cashier for twenty-eight years. An innate public-spiritedness dominated the career of Mr. Brown, an earnest endeavor to advance the best interests of his native town, along lines approved by latter day thought and achievement. He was born in Sterling, Oct. 28, 1830, and died among the scenes which had profited by his business sagacity and unquestioned integrity, Oct. 17, 1889.

John Brown, the father of Edwin H., was a watchmaker by trade, and through his union with Deborah Herman, reared to years of usefulness four children. Of these, Mary was the deceased wife of Jacob Rathfon, of Lancaster; Gilbert, also deceased, was at one time editor of a magazine, and was also coroner of Philadelphia; Edwin H.; and William, deceased, lived in Baltimore, Md. The children of John Brown received as good an education as the circumstances of their father permitted, and in his youth, Edwin H., especially, improved the chances that came his way. After quitting the public schools he gained his first business experience in the dry goods establishment of David Bair, with whom he remained for five years, and then resigned to accept a similar position for one year in Shamokin, Pa. He then returned to Lancaster and was employed in the postoffice, in charge of Mrs. Mary Dixon, and continued his position under the administrations of G. W. Hammersley and Henry M. Reigart. He resigned from the postoffice to enter the employ of Reigel Brothers, dry goods merchants, of Philadelphia, in which capacity he continued to serve until his return to Lancaster, Jan. 12, 1854. As bookkeeper of the Farmers' National Bank he worked his way into the good graces of the bank authorities, and proved himself so thoroughly in touch with advanced business methods that his promotion was from the first an assured thing. He soon became general bookkeeper, was after that receiving teller, and was elected cashier Oct. 1, 1858, succeeding Henry R. Reed. At that time he was the youngest man ever assigned to so important a responsibility. Upon his resignation and retirement, Nov. 22, 1886, he was succeeded by C. A. Fon Der

Smith, the present cashier. Mr. Brown was noted for his faithfulness to every trust that came his way, for his devotion to his friends, and for his conservative and wise characteristics. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, in which he was an active worker, and he was for many years librarian of the Sunday school. He was a Republican in politics, but as became so broad-minded a citizen, believed rather in personal fitness than in political creeds. He was very prominent in the general affairs of the town, was highly esteemed by his business and social associates, and exerted a progressive influence in the various avenues of activity to which nature and inclination called him.

In his home relations Mr. Brown was particularly happy. His first marriage, which occurred in 1857, was with Susan Widmyer, born in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Christian and Harriet M. (Brown) Widmyer, natives, respectively, of Germany and Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Widmyer came to America when eighteen years of age, and settled in Philadelphia for a few years, later removing to Lancaster, where he was the pioneer cabinet maker and undertaker of the town. He died in 1892, at the age of eighty-six, his wife having pre-deceased him in 1886, aged seventy-eight years. He is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and filled many positions of trust in the community, including that of director in the Farmers' National Bank. He built the first four-story building in Lancaster, his old home being on the present site of the court house. To himself and wife were born the following children: Susan A., deceased wife of Mr. Brown; Clara H.; Mary E., the wife of Daniel S. Bursk, a prominent grocer of Lancaster; Emily F., living with Mrs. Brown; J. Harry, a deceased undertaker of Lancaster; and Christian H., a real estate dealer of Philadelphia, Pa. To Edwin H. Brown and his first wife were born two children, of whom Christian H. is a physician of Philadelphia; and Clara is the wife of Harry Williamson, a dry goods merchant of Lancaster. In 1884, two years after the death of his wife, Mr. Brown was united in marriage with Mrs. Clara H. (Widmyer) Kauffman, widow of Daniel M. Kauffman (and sister of the first Mrs. Brown), by whom she had one son, Harry S., deceased when eighteen years of age. Mr. Kauffman was a jeweler of Lancaster, and died in 1861, at the age of twenty-five. He is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery.

JOHN C. BROOME, contractor and proprietor of plaster and cement works, and a specialist in laying granolithic pavements, with his works and residence in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Windsor township, York county, Pa., Jan. 17, 1847, son of Isaac and Mary (Frey) Broome, natives of Chester and York counties, respectively.

Isaac Broome was a brickmaker at Black Horse, Chester county, but after settling in York county became a charcoal burner. He died in the latter county

in 1879, at the age of eighty years, and his wife died in Columbia, in 1892, aged seventy-two, both in the faith of the United Brethren church. To their marriage were born the following children: George D., deceased; Esther, wife of Isaac B. Uhl, of York county; Maria, deceased wife of David Tarbert; Catherine, deceased wife of George W. Johnson; Elizabeth, who was married to John C. Kingbell, but is now deceased; Harriet, also deceased, who was the wife of Orril Kettlers; John C., whose name heads this article; Isaac, a contracting plasterer in Columbia; Stephen, deceased; and Mary, who became the wife of Dr. Wilmont Ayres, of Harrisburg, and died Nov. 7, 1902. The paternal grandfather of John C. Broome was named Isaac, and was a native of Chester county, and the maternal grandparents, Frey, were natives of Bavaria, Germany.

John C. Broome remained with his parents until he was twelve years old, and then worked on an outside farm until fourteen; for two summers he worked on the canal. On Aug. 27, 1861, he enlisted for three years in Co. C, 87th P. V. I., and was first under Capt. Andrew J. Fulton, and later under Capt. Findley Thomas, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, taking part in all its marches and engagements as a brave and gallant soldier until April 4, 1864, when he was veteranized in the same company. A synopsis of his service, though necessarily brief, is here given: His company joined its regiment at York, Pa., Sept. 11, 1861, and Sept. 28th was stationed at Cockneyville, Md., on the Northern Central Railroad, where it remained until May 19, 1862, when it was transferred to Baltimore; June 22nd it was sent forward to New Creek, Va., and Aug. 22nd was started out in the real activities of war. Its line of march was for Elkwater, Va., via Rowlesburg, St. George and Beverley, in quest of the notorious Imboden; Sept. 12th it marched for Clarksburg and other points, and arrived in Winchester Dec. 24th, after having had a skirmish with the enemy at Strasburg. On June 23, 1864, in a charge on the Weldon Railroad, he was wounded in the right thigh and was confined to the hospital from that date till January, 1865, but still suffers from the injury, as it was a suppurative wound. On Feb. 1, 1864, he took part in battle, and May 1st was promoted to be corporal; June 23d, he was wounded at Petersburg; later he fought at Winchester, Front Royal, Wapping Heights, Kelley's Ford, Locust Grove, Mine Run, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Bermuda and Petersburg (both battle and siege). Mr. Broome received an honorable discharge, and was mustered out of the service at Danville, Va., June 12, 1865. He returned to his home in York county, but in September, 1865, came to Columbia, and began the plaster business, and in 1872 began his present extensive contracting operations.

On Feb. 22, 1865, John C. Broome was married at York, Pa., to Miss Mary J. Laucks, and to this union have been born thirteen children, viz.: Charles

F., at home; Maggie A., wife of Samuel Arms, merchant in Columbia; Belle, at home; Samuel L., married to Maggie Fisher, and still living in Columbia; Essie, Helen, Nelson and Esther, all four deceased; J. Garfield; Edward S.; Lulu; Melvin and Lillian, all still under the parental roof.

Mrs. Mary J. (Laucks) Broome was born in Windsor township, York county, Pa., June 10, 1846, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (McGuigan) Laucks, of Chester county, but for more than fifty years residents of the county of York, where the father was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, which took place in 1887, at the age of seventy-two years; his widow lived to be eighty-three years old and passed away in 1896. Their children were born in the following order: John, a plasterer; Elizabeth, wife of John Schenberger; Samuel, a carpenter; Philip, a farmer; Margaret, married to Henry Gilbert, a farmer; Mary J., now Mrs. Broome; George, a merchant; and Mattie and Hettie, both of whom died young. With the exception of Mrs. Broome and the deceased children, the others reside in York county, and all were reared in the faith of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Broome is a contributor to the support of the United Brethren church, although not a member. He belongs to the K. O. T. M., and G. A. R., and is a Mason of high degree. In politics he is a Republican, and as a citizen is honored and respected wherever known.

SIMEON W. SWISHER, Esq., a much respected and retired farmer of Colerain township, was born in the home where he still lives, Sept 11, 1835, son of Uriah and Eliza (Coulter) Swisher, born in Colerain and Bart townships, the father in 1802, and the mother in 1801.

John Swisher, grandfather of Simeon W., was born in Colerain township in 1762, and his wife, Rachel Woodrow, in 1769. They were married in 1789, and settled on the farm which is now owned by our subject, and there Mr. Swisher died in 1840, and his wife passed away in 1851, aged eighty-two years. They had a family of eight children, of whom all the sons except John settled in Colerain township: (1) John married Rebecca McConnell, and settled in Cecil county, Md., where he lived and died; his family are also all deceased. (2) Simeon Swisher, born in 1792, married Elizabeth Pennington, and lived on a farm in Colerain township, until his death in 1859. (3) Henry. (4) Jeremiah Swisher, born in 1796, married Mary Pennington, and located on the farm now owned by his son, Samuel, and later in his life he bought property in Kirkwood, where he lived until his death, leaving a family, three of whom are living: Samuel, a farmer in Colerain township; Eliza, who married Hiram McClelland, and has her home in Ohio; and Hannah, the wife of Hiram Pierce, of Kansas. (5) Martha Swisher, who was born in 1799, died unmarried in 1818. (6) Uriah

was the father of Simeon W. Swisher. (7) Ellen Swisher, born in 1807, married John Coulter, and settled in Bart township, where they both died, leaving two children: John, who lives on the old homestead; and Rachel, who married John Homsher, a merchant in Bartville. (8) Eliza Swisher, born in 1809, married Henry Keylor, and both are deceased; they left a family as follows: Rachel, who married Charles Rynear, of Bart township; Martha, who married Joseph Clark, of Chester county; Betsey, who married Robert A. Ferguson; John J., a resident of Mechanicsburg; and Jacob, a farmer in Bart township.

Uriah Swisher was reared at the old home where he received a good education in the subscription schools, there being no free school system at that time. Remaining on his father's farm all his life, he took care of his parents in their old age, and displayed qualities of a high order. The farm was deeded to him. He was married in September, 1824, to Eliza Coulter, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Caughey) Coulter. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Coulter were as follows: John, Jr., married Ellen Swisher, and died in Bart township; Mariah became the wife of Matthew Scott, removed to Iowa many years ago, and is deceased; Martha died unmarried; Hugh married Anna Ross, of Chester county, who moved to Iowa, where he died; and Samuel married a Miss Caughey, and moved to Ohio, where he died. Uriah Swisher died in February, 1871, and his widow, Jan. 4, 1893. They were worthy and consistent members of the Presbyterian church, which they supported many years. In politics he was a Democrat, and was one of the first members of the school board after the establishment of the free school system in Pennsylvania. In the county conventions of his party his face was familiar, and he was a leading politician of his day. Several local positions were filled by him, including that of township treasurer, and he was much respected in the community in which he lived. To Uriah Swisher and his good wife were born the following: John H., born in 1825, died in 1844; Marshall E., born in 1827, died the following year; Jeremiah F., born in 1829, died in 1844; William M., born in 1832, died in 1843; Martha A., born in 1839, died in 1844; and Simeon W.

Simeon W. Swisher was reared on the farm and was given such educational advantages as the times afforded. In 1850 he entered the store of Thomas Ferguson, at Bartville, where he proved himself a capable and reliable clerk. Four years later he entered the employ of Graham & Wilkinson, at Georgetown, but did not long remain there, going back to the old homestead where he took charge of the farm in his father's declining years. In 1857 he was married to Anna L. Pennington, of Chester county, daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Starr) Pennington. Mrs. Swisher was born at Coatesville, Chester county, Aug. 12, 1836, and was reared to young womanhood in a Quaker family. Her people had

always been prominent in the Friends' Association. Mr. and Mrs. Swisher settled on the old homestead, where have been born six generations. The modern improvements on this farm are the result of the labors of both the present and late owners of the place, and it is regarded as one of the most desirable pieces of property in Colerain township.

Mrs. Anna L. (Pennington) Swisher died Aug. 18, 1900. She was a faithful and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Her husband and a family of six children survive: (1) Mary E., born in 1858, received her education in the county union high school, and is at home with her father. (2) Leonora, born in September, 1859, received a classical education, and married Lewis Ferguson, of Colerain township, where they reside on his farm, with their two children, Thomas W., and Charles L. (3) R. Luella, born in September, 1861, was educated in the Millersville Normal School, and for ten years was a successful teacher in the schools of Lancaster and Chester counties; she is now the wife of Dr. E. Hogg, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., and has three children, Marian R., Edwin, and Orion. (4) Clement P., born in July, 1863, died in childhood. (5) Charles P., born in October, 1864, was given an education in the home school and in the high school at Union and at Pennington (N. J.) Seminary. In young manhood, he engaged in farming the home place with his father, and for the last twelve years has taken its management in his own hands. He was married in March, 1890, to Maud L. Patterson, the daughter of T. L. and Elizabeth Patterson, representatives of old and prominent families in Little Britain township. For three years they lived on a part of his father's home, and later moved into the present home of the family, where his wife died Nov. 27, 1895, leaving two children, Harold P., born in 1891; and Mary A., born in 1894. Mr. Swisher has remained at the home of his father, and is now engaged as manager and treasurer of the Southern Telephone and Telegraph Co., of which he is a stockholder and a leading spirit in its construction. He is a young man of fine business ability, and is a devoted church man, being an elder in the Union Presbyterian Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school. (6) Anna A., born in January, 1867, was educated in the Westchester Normal, and the Fernwood Ladies Seminary, and was a successful teacher for some seven years; she is now the widow of Howard P. Harvey, of Pomeroy, Chester county, who on the night of Nov. 22, 1901, was shot by an unknown hand, his body being found the following morning. (7) Minnie B., born March, 1873, was educated at the high school, and at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, and is at home, unmarried.

Simeon W. Swisher is a Democrat, and has long taken an active part in politics. For over twenty years he has held the office of justice of the peace, as well as other positions, such as school director and treasurer of the township. He has often been

a delegate to county conventions. Mr. Swisher and his family are connected with the Presbyterian Church. He is a charter member of Lodge No. 417, F. & A. M., at Christiana (with which his son also affiliates), and was also a charter member of Lodge No. 544 I. O. O. F. He is the second oldest past master of the Christiana Masons now living. For twenty-seven years Mr. Swisher has been president of the Southern Mutual Insurance Fire Co., and for forty-seven years has been an auctioneer in Lancaster county, where he is one of the leading and popular citizens, much esteemed for his solid and substantial character.

FREDERICK HOEFEL (deceased) was for many years a prominent business man of Lancaster county, where he left many evidences of his ability in the shape of buildings of his construction.

Mr. Hoefel was born July 22, 1847, in Wurtemberg, Germany, son of Christian and Magdalena (Wagner) Hoefel, who passed all their lives in the Fatherland. The father was a cooper by occupation. Frederick was one of a family of five children, namely: George, who is in the coopering business in Wurtemberg, Germany; Michael, who died in Wurtemberg; Frederick; Magdalena, whose husband is engineer on a railroad in Germany; and Christian, a carpenter of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Hoefel was reared and educated in his native land, and there learned the trade of cabinet-maker. At the age of nineteen years he came to the New World, locating at once in Lancaster, Pa., where he entered the employ of Philip Dinkleberg, contractor and builder. After four years' work with that gentleman, he in 1873 commenced business on his own account, and was actively engaged thus until his death. In all he erected some five hundred houses in Lancaster City, among which we may mention the Maennerchor Hall, a square of buildings on Lime street, another on Frederick street, and a full square on New street from Duke to North Queen, besides many others. All testify to his skill and thoroughness, which brought him so large a patronage. Honesty and integrity were his marked characteristics, and when Mr. Hoefel undertook a piece of work it was a guarantee that it would be well done. He gave his entire attention to his business, and though often solicited to accept office by his fellow citizens invariably refused. He acquired a well-deserved competence, and though a comparatively young man at the time of his demise, which occurred April 16, 1890, at the home in Lancaster now occupied by his widow, had gained a substantial position in his adopted home. He is buried in Lancaster cemetery. Specially Mr. Hoefel was a member of the Maennerchor and the Schiller Verein, and in religious connection he united with Zion Lutheran Church, in which he was an active worker. His political support was given to the Democratic party.

On May 4, 1871, Mr. Hoefel was married, in Lancaster, Pa., to Elizabeth Hoffman, a native of Hes-

sen-Darmstadt, Germany, and children as follows blessed this union: Elizabeth is the wife of W. T. Killinger, who is in the stone business in Lancaster. Frederick is a tinsmith in Pottsville, Pa. George is a carpenter in Lancaster. Lena is the wife of Clifford Funk, a grocer in Lancaster. Harry is deceased. Christian, who was a telegraph operator, died May 30, 1902, at the age of twenty-one years; he was accidentally killed while on an outing with his club. William, Mary and Philip are at home with their mother.

George and Catherine (Hoerr) Hoffman, parents of Mrs. Hoefel, were natives of Germany, and passed all their lives in that country. The father was a coach builder by occupation. They had children as follows: William, deceased, who was a coachmaker in Germany; George, who is a school teacher in Germany; Philip, deceased, who was a resident of Lancaster; and Elizabeth, widow of Frederick Hoefel.

JOSIAH BEYER, a retired farmer of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township, April 15, 1830, son of David and Mary (McElwain) Beyer.

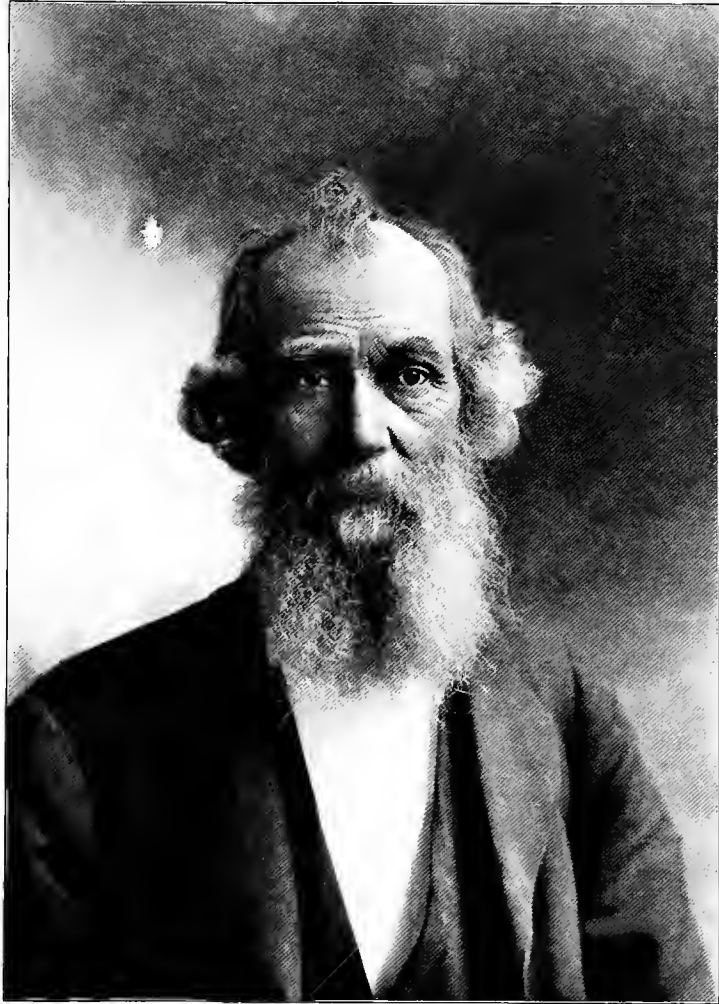
The Beyer family came originally from Germany. Daniel Beyer, the grandfather of Josiah, was born in Montgomery county, Pa. He was a millwright by trade, and pursued that work in a number of mills in Lancaster county, and was the owner of a farm in Colerain township (which is still in the family), where he died. He married Rebecca Woodward, also a native of Montgomery county. The Woodwards were of Welsh origin. To Daniel and Rebecca Beyer were born: One child that died in infancy, before their removal from Montgomery county; Henry, who lived and died in Colerain township; Andrew, a resident of Colerain township, where he lived and died; Daniel, born in Colerain township, where he married, lived and died; Rebecca, who married John McElwain, a farmer of Colerain township, where one of their children yet lives; Robert, of Colerain, who married a Miss Johnston, and had a family, two of whom are still living—Mrs. William Jacks, of Colerain, and Mrs. Joseph Carheart, of New Jersey; David, father of Josiah; and Thomas, born in Colerain, who spent his life in his native town, and died leaving a widow and five children, of whom one son, W. F., is a noted lawyer of Lancaster.

David Beyer, father of Josiah, was born in Colerain township Dec. 26, 1803, and engaged in farming there. For some years he was also engaged in cutting wood for the iron company, to be used for charcoal. In 1832 he purchased the farm now owned by his son, and two years later moved upon it, erecting a house and barn, as well as making other substantial improvements: he devoted the rest of his life to its tillage, and died there in July, 1865. He married Mary McElwain, who was born in 1797, daughter of Patrick and Mary McElwain, who were

born in Ireland and London, England, respectively, and who located in Colerain township soon after the close of the Revolution. Mr. McElwain crossed in the ship "Faithful Steward." He came to this country to escape military service in the British army, and with others had been obliged to remain in hiding in his native country in order to escape fighting against the American Colonies in the Revolution. Mrs. Beyer died in 1874. Both she and Mr. Beyer were members of the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church. In politics he was a Democrat. To David Beyer and his wife were born the following named children: Rebecca, born in Colerain township, married Milton Keyler, a highly respected citizen of this county, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Mary, married William McElwain, and both are now deceased; David, born in 1838, lived to be eighteen years of age, when he was called to the Promised Land; and Josiah is mentioned presently.

Josiah Beyer was reared to manhood at the present home of himself and family, and secured his education very largely by attendance at the winter schools while he was growing to manhood. He continued to remain at home throughout the lifetime of his parents. In December, 1860, he was married to Miss Hannah, daughter of Henry and Julia (Baughman) Heidelbaugh, prominent and respected farming people of Bart township, the former born there Dec. 6, 1802, and the latter in 1804. Of the eight children of Henry and Julia Heidelbaugh, two are living, George, Peter, Elizabeth, Mary A., John and Margaret being deceased; Susan is the wife of Samuel Keen, of Bart township; and Hannah is Mrs. Beyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Beyer went to live on the old Beyer homestead after their marriage, and there they have remained to the present time. He has made his influence felt in the community, as a good citizen, a successful business man, and a thoroughly competent farmer. In the past forty years he has greatly improved the old place, and converted what was always a good farm into one of the best in the county. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Beyer: (1) Laura, born in June, 1862, was reared and educated at home, receiving her instruction at the local schools, and proving one of the bright and capable young women of the day. She married Edward H. Johnston, of Chester county, and they live on her father's farm in Sadsbury township; they have one daughter, Lillian May. (2) David H., born in November, 1863, married Anna E. Shimp, and they have their home on one of his father's farms in Bart township; they have two sons, David S. and Ralph S. (3) John D., born in 1866, lives at home. He belongs to the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church, of which he is one of the elders. (4) Anna M., born in 1872, was given a collegiate education, and is a fine musician and instructor in the art of music. She is now the wife of Amos Pickle, and they have their home near Cochranville, Chester county. Josiah Beyer and his family are all mem-



Josiah Beyer

bers of the Middle Octoraro Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for more than thirty years. In politics he has been a Democrat. He is a kind and pleasant Christian gentleman, and a thoroughly competent and reliable agriculturist.

JOHN N. LEHMAN. The family of Lehman is one of the oldest and most deservedly esteemed in Lancaster county.

Joseph Lehman, the great-grandfather of John N. Lehman, was a farmer of West Lampeter township. He was a Mennonite in faith, and a man held in reverence for his many virtues, dying at an advanced age. He was the father of five sons and two daughters: John, Joseph, George, Samuel, Abraham, Elizabeth and Charlotte. All the sons were farmers, and Charlotte married a Mr. Bruneman, who was also a farmer.

John Lehman, the grandfather of John N., was born in East Lampeter, Nov. 2, 1782, and died Dec. 2, 1870, having reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Elizabeth Kreider, was born July 7, 1780, and entered into rest April 21, 1857. Their three sons were named Joseph, John and Benjamin K., of whom Joseph was born Aug. 22, 1812, and died in 1899, aged eighty-seven years; and John, was born June 15, 1814, and died in 1897.

Benjamin K. Lehman, the father of the gentleman whose life forms the subject of this biography, was born Nov. 8, 1817, in West Lampeter township. He was an infant of some eighteen months when the family removed to Manor, where his father was for some years a farmer in a small way. He lived at home until he had passed his twenty-fifth birthday, when he secured a farm for himself, and made a home for his parents until their death. His filial devotion was in consonance with his character, which was at once gentle and robust, tender yet firm. He continued to cultivate the farm until 1874, when he gave up active physical labor, and removed to his present home, two miles south of Mountville. At the age of forty-five he entered the Mennonite ministry, and in this field of Christian effort he has ever since been an earnest, zealous, self denying laborer. The Habacker and Masonville churches have been the chief objects of his pastoral care, he conducting services in these places on alternate Sundays. His influence in the community has been potent for good, and it is not surprising that men admire his devotion and seek to follow in his footsteps. In 1840 he pledged his marital troth to, Elizabeth Newcomer. She was born April 25, 1818, daughter of John Newcomer and his wife, Elizabeth Eshleman. She entered into rest eternal in her seventy-fifth year.

To the Rev. Benjamin K. Lehman and his wife were born ten children: Elizabeth, John N., Anna, Amos, Benjamin, Leah, Daniel, Catherine, Sarah and Emma. Elizabeth, born Dec. 3, 1841, married Jacob C. Seitz, of Manor township. John N., the subject of the present sketch, was born Oct. 9, 1843,

and a somewhat extended account of his life and work may be found in the succeeding paragraphs. Anna, born in 1845, is the widow of Abraham Shellenberger, of West Hempfield. Amos, born April 14, 1847, is a Manor township farmer. Benjamin, born May 4, 1849, is a resident of Philadelphia. Leah died in infancy. Daniel, born Oct. 12, 1852, is a Mennonite minister and stationed at Millersville. Catherine, born Nov. 24, 1855, is the widow of Cyrus Neff. Sarah, born Sept. 18, 1857, is now Mrs. Peter Kreybill, of West Donegal. Emma (Mrs. Henry Haverstick), was born July 11, 1860, and died in July, 1887.

John N. Lehman, as has been said, was born Oct. 9, 1843. The first thirty years of his life were spent upon the homestead farm, and it was while living there that on Oct. 15, 1868, he was married to Enily S. Mann, whose parents were Bernard and Mary Ann (Staner) Mann, of Manor township, where she herself was born Aug. 1, 1845. Six years after his marriage Mr. Lehman purchased the property known as the Berger farm, comprising seventy-five acres, and there he and his wife took up their home. There, too, they remained for twenty years, the energy, sound sense and probity of our subject rendering his success a certainty in both general farming and market gardening. In 1894 he surrendered the management of this property to his son, and retired to his present home, which is situated two miles south of Mountville. There he owns a plot of five acres, in the cultivation, improvement and beautifying of which he takes great pleasure. He has enlarged, renovated and practically remodeled the house standing on the land when he purchased it, and has erected barns and outbuildings of a substantial character and ornate appearance, rendering his place one of the most attractive in that section of Lancaster county. He has been an investor in various enterprises. Among them are the Mountville National Bank, the Columbia Stove Works, and the Mountville Manufacturing Co. He is thoroughly well informed on public affairs, and takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to public interests, and calculated to promote the general welfare. In religious matters, also he feels a vital concern, both he and Mrs. Lehman being active, devout and consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Their marriage has been blessed with two sons—Harvey M. and Cyrus. The younger died while a youth of seventeen years. Harvey M. Lehman manages his father's farm; he married Miss Florence Sherrick, and has had three children, of whom two, Carrie S. and John S. are living. Mr. and Mrs. John N. Lehman have also taken to their home and hearts a little one named Amanda C. Schultz, to whom they have given parental love and care since her babyhood.

HENRY WOLF. For the past thirty-six years Henry Wolf has been identified with the business interests of Lancaster, winning the esteem and con-

fidence of his fellow-citizens. He is one of the most highly respected German-American residents of this city, and was born in Baden, Germany, June 3, 1845, son of Henry and Philipena (Gaberdiel) Wolf.

Henry Wolf, the father, came from Germany to America in 1851, settling with his family in Lancaster, Pa., where he engaged in the manufacture of rope, but his career was stopped by his death about six months later, in April, 1852, at the age of forty years. His wife was born in 1810, and died in 1893. Both parents of our subject were most worthy members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains lie in the Old German Lutheran and Lancaster cemeteries. The mother's second marriage was to Christian Hug, but no children were born to that union.

Henry Wolf, subject of this sketch, was one of three children born to his parents, and the only one who survived infancy. He accompanied his father and mother to Lancaster, in 1851, and was educated in the German schools. He began to learn the cabinetmaking trade with Anthony Iski, of this city, remaining with him two and one-half years. In January, 1863, he entered the army and worked as a wheelwright for the Government, at Falmouth, Va., for four months. On his return he was again employed by Mr. Iski for a few months, prior to going to Philadelphia, where he followed his trade a short time, later doing carpenter work in Washington City, in this way seeing considerable of the country, and at the same time gaining valuable experience in his trade. Upon his return to Lancaster, Mr. Wolf worked at his trade for a short time, but then accepted a Government offer and returned for ten months to Washington. When he again took up work in Lancaster, it was for himself, opening up a business in cabinetmaking and furniture dealing, also undertaking, continuing until June, 1899, when he retired from the last named line, and in November, 1901, gave up business activity, deeming it time to take the rest his long years of industry had so well earned.

Although deeply engrossed in his business, Mr. Wolf has always found time to perform the duties of a good citizen. Politically he is a Democrat. For one year he was a very efficient member of the common council, and for two years belonged to the select council. His interest in educational matters has been shown by a membership of ten years on the school board. He has been liberal minded and public-spirited and possesses in a high degree the respect of the community. Mr. Wolf has been prominent in fraternal circles, being a Commandery and Chapter Mason, while in the order of Odd Fellows he was a representative of the order to the Grand Lodge for twenty years, and was trustee also for many years. In the order of Knights of Pythias he has also been very active, and has passed all the chairs with the exception of the Seven Wise Men. He belongs to Zion Church.

On Oct. 16, 1866, Mr. Wolf married Anna Hoff-

man, born in Hessen, Germany, in December, 1845, daughter of Christian and Mary (Kreighbaum) Hoffman, who came from Germany to America in 1847, and carried on a tailoring business in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were: Anna M., who married J. Henry Gerhart; Mary, who died at the age of four years; Wilhelmina, who married William L. Marshall, a clerk in the Farmer's Bank, in Lancaster; Henrietta, who died young; Louisa, who died young; and Ella and Elizabeth, at home.

ELI L. KREIDER, a successful farmer of East Lampeter township, comes of a family which has been long established in Lancaster county.

Jacob Kreider, his grandfather, was born and reared in West Lampeter township. When a young man he purchased a farm near where our subject now lives, in East Lampeter township, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits during his entire life. He married Miss Lizzie Denlinger, of Lancaster county, and they were the parents of the following children: Polly, the wife of John Buckholder; Barbara, the wife of Joseph Frantz; Tobias, a farmer of West Lampeter; Jacob, a farmer of Leacock township; Lizzie, wife of Benjamin Landis; Hettie, wife of Isaac Stoner; Annie, wife of John Landis, a preacher in the Old Mennonite Church; Abraham, the father of our subject; Catherine, wife of Benjamin Landis; and Isaac, a farmer of East Lampeter township.

Abraham Kreider was born in East Lampeter township, Aug. 5, 1821, and followed farming all his life on a place of which our subject now owns part. He died Feb. 20, 1899. On Jan. 14, 1845, he was married to Elizabeth R., daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Landis. They had a family of eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Lefever; Anna, wife of Jacob Bernheimer; Eli L., our subject; Amanda, wife of Levi Weaver; Barbara, wife of Harry Denlinger; Mary, unmarried; and Amos L., a resident of East Lampeter township. The parents were both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Eli L. Kreider was born in East Lampeter township, May 12, 1851, and lived at home until about 1887, since which time he has continued on the place where he now resides. He has also conducted his father's farm. He owns a place of about twenty acres, on which he and his father have made extensive improvements. Mr. Kreider is one of Lancaster county's progressive men and most respected citizens.

HENRY TERRY, a retired and highly respected farmer and citizen, was born Sept. 10, 1829, in his present home in Maytown, East Donegal township, son of George W. and Elizabeth (Haines) Terry, the former a native of Bucks county, Pa., and the latter of Maytown, Lancaster county.

George W. Terry, a shoemaker by trade, came

to Maytown a single man, was here married and here died in 1837, at the age of forty-three years, his widow surviving him until February, 1870, when she passed away aged seventy-seven. They were members of the Reformed church, and their remains were interred in the cemetery of that denomination at Maytown. The children born to George W. and Elizabeth Terry were four in number, and were as follows: Anthony, who died at the age of forty-three years; George, also deceased; Elizabeth, who died unmarried when twenty-two years old; and Henry, whose name opens this sketch.

The paternal grandfather of Henry Terry was a farmer by calling and was of Scotch descent; the maternal grandparents, Henry and Elizabeth (Haines) Haines, were natives, respectively, of Maytown and the lower part of Lancaster county.

Henry Terry, at the age of thirteen years, entered a tailoring establishment in Philadelphia, learned the tailor's trade, and at the age of eighteen went to Caledonia, Tenn., where he worked for a brother two years. He then went to Mills Point, next to Memphis, which latter city was his headquarters for a year and a half while he worked at his trade up and down the river. After an absence of two years Henry Terry returned to his home, and went on the road as a salesman, clearing about \$1,800 for his employers in a year and a half, and with his own share of the earnings paid for his schooling at the high school in Maytown for two years. Later, he attended the Millersville State Normal School, in which he was a member of Page Literary Society. Of this Society, in 1863, including Mr. Terry, 101 members formed a military company (under Captain J. P. Wickersham) and offered their services to the Nation for the protection of its flag and the preservation of the Union, but the company was never mustered into the service, although for seven days it was stationed before Wrightsville, whence it was returned to Lancaster and dismissed. On his return from this little military duty, Mr. Terry taught school seven sessions, then engaged in the agricultural implement business for eleven and a half years, and then in farming in East Donegal township for fifteen years, retiring in 1894.

Henry Terry has been twice married, his first wedding having taken place in Manheim, in 1854, to Caroline P. Arndt, to which union was born one child, Cyrus, who died in infancy. Mrs. Caroline P. (Arndt) Terry, a native of Manheim, Pa., was called away in 1856, at the age of twenty-two years. She was a daughter of George and Mary A. Arndt, who are among the most respected residents of Manheim borough.

In December, 1864, in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Henry Terry, married Susan E. Deemy, a record of whose antecedents will be given later on. To this happy union have been born six children, in the following order: Ion E., druggist at Millville, N. J., and married to Sally Troyer; Hiester C., married to Tenah Harmon, a molder of Maytown, Pa.; Edith T., mar-

ried to Adam Kautz, farmer of East Donegal township; Laura E., married to Wilson McMullen, also a molder; Virginia E., married to Charles Evans, bricklayer, of Maytown; and Blanche C., married to Albert Johns, a molder of the same town.

Mrs. Susan E. (Deemy) Terry was born in Cumberland county, Pa., Feb. 10, 1841, and is the seventh of the eight children born to Jacob and Mary (Page) Deemy, of Dauphin county, Pa., where they resided many years, and whence they removed to Cumberland county, where the father died in 1868, when seventy-four years of age, in the faith of the Lutheran church; his wife had passed away in 1857, when fifty years old. The eight children alluded to as constituting the Deemy family were born in the following order: Christ, William and Jane, deceased; Emanuel, a physician of Mechanicsburg, and formerly a surgeon in the army; Daniel, a farmer in Kansas; Samuel, deceased; Susan E., now Mrs. H. Terry; and Martha, deceased wife of John Schaffer.

Politically Henry Terry is a Democrat. In religion he is a member of the Reformed Church, was the first vice president of the Nevin Missionary Society in Maytown, and is a remarkably moral and abstemious gentleman. He has never sworn an oath in his life, nor has he ever been under the influence of strong drink. He is extraordinarily spry for his years, and his chirography is both elegant and free from nervousness.

SAMUEL ESHLEMAN. Among the old, honored and substantial families of Lancaster county, none are held in higher esteem than that of Eshleman, and one of its worthy representatives was Samuel Eshleman, of Strasburg township, who entered into rest Jan. 2, 1902, aged seventy-one years, two months and twenty-nine days.

Samuel Eshleman was born on a farm adjoining the one upon which he died, Oct. 3, 1830, son of Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Eshleman, both of whom were highly regarded in that locality. Samuel grew up on the farm and attended the common schools, remaining at home until the age of twenty-one, when he began agricultural operations on his own account, on the place he last occupied as a home. When he first took charge of this property, the farm consisted of seventy-two acres, but with the additions he was afterward able to make it now comprises 103 acres. Mr. Eshleman owned other desirable property, consisting of a farm of seventy-one acres which adjoins the home farm, and another of sixty-two acres, located in Providence township. In addition he owns several tracts of timber land in Providence and Martic townships, ranging from four to eighteen acres, and a farm of forty-two acres in Strasburg and one of twenty-one, which adjoins the farm, east of the homestead.

Mr. Eshleman devoted almost his entire time to his farming interests, operating the homestead and the adjoining farm, carrying on a general line and also raising considerable stock. Some years ago,

Mr. Eshleman took a rest from active labors, but later resumed operations. Through life he was industrious and made a success of his business, because he paid such close attention to it, and his life was an excellent example of what can be accomplished by one who has sufficient energy and determination, as most of Mr. Eshleman's property was acquired by his own efforts.

In 1870, Samuel Eshleman was married to Miss Annie Eshleman, a daughter of Elijah and Christiann (Barr) Eshleman, and they became the parents of ten children: Enos J., born June 28, 1871, lives at home, and is the executor of his father's estate; Ira S., born April 7, 1873, married Miss Matilda Stively; Edith Annie, born April 17, 1876, died Feb. 15, 1883; Mary Emma, born Oct. 24, 1877; Ellis Miller, born March 8, 1879, died Jan. 2, 1883; John Henry, born Aug. 19, 1880; infant son, deceased; Clara Susan, born Jan. 15, 1884; Anna Elizabeth, born March 17, 1885; and Emlin Franklin, born on June 3, 1889. Mrs. Eshleman is a valued and consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, of which Mr. Eshleman was also a member, and in which he had been a deacon since 1888. The family is one of the most worthy and respected in this part of Strasburg township.

ISAAC BUCKWALTER, a well-known resident of West Lampeter township, belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster county, being the fifth generation of the Buckwalters.

John Buckwalter, his father, was born on the old family homestead in East Lampeter township, about a half mile north of Greenland, in 1815, son of John Buckwalter, Sr., also a resident of East Lampeter township. John Buckwalter was reared on the farm where he was born, and after his marriage located on a farm of seventy-nine acres in West Lampeter, two and a half miles southeast of Lancaster, what was known as the Yordy Farm, which he greatly improved, remodelling the house, and making the place one of the most desirable in the township. All his life he was a farmer, and was known as a man who never sought, or would accept, a public office, much preferring the peaceful and happy life his family and friends afforded. John Buckwalter was married to Fannie Resh, daughter of Henry and Judith (Buckwalter) Resh, who lived north of Bird-in-Hand. She was born in 1815, and died in 1884, her death and that of her husband occurring in the same week. They were both members of the Mennonite Church and were the parents of a family of seven children: Annie is the wife of Jonas Harnish, of Strasburg; Jacob lives in East Lampeter township; Martha is the widow of Henry H. Herr, of New Providence; Judith is single; John died in April, 1900, when fifty years of age; Isaac; and Lizzie is unmarried. In 1872 Mr. Buckwalter retired from active life, and removed from the farm where he had passed so many industrious years to another property which he owned in the same township, where he

lived retired, and in due time died full of years and honor.

Isaac Buckwalter was born Aug. 31, 1854, on the farm where he is now living, and which he is engaged in cultivating. His education was secured in the public school, and when he was twenty-four he was married. At this time he began farming operations on his own account, taking charge of the farm where he is now living. His entire attention has been given to farming and dairying. For nine years he had a milk route in the city of Lancaster, his dairy being known as the "Crystal Springs Dairy." In 1899 he retired from the milk business, and is now giving his entire attention to the conduct of his farm, on which he has made some very valuable improvements. Both as a man and a citizen the worth of Isaac Buckwalter is conceded, and he has been chosen to administer several large estates.

On Nov. 25, 1877, Isaac Buckwalter was married to Mary Stauffer, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1859, daughter of Benjamin and Annie (Kreider) Stauffer, and who died in the spring of 1881, at the early age of twenty-two years, leaving two children, Benjamin S. and Fannie. Benjamin S., who married Cora Seaboldt, and has one child, Paul, lives in West Lampeter township; Fannie died in infancy.

On Nov. 22, 1884, Isaac Buckwalter was married to Annie Kreider, daughter of Benjamin and Lizzie (Good) Kreider. To this union have come five children: John K., Elias K., Mary K., Annie K. and Lizzie K. All the Buckwalters belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and are reckoned among the most substantial people of this section of the county.

DAVID LEFEVER. Among the old and highly respected families of East Lampeter township, is that of Lefever, whose numerous descendants have scattered over many parts of the Union, and with the name have established reputations for thrift, honesty and uprightness of life. David Lefever, a much esteemed farmer of this township, was born in East Lampeter township, Oct. 15, 1824, son of John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever, and grandson of John and Betsey (Howry) Lefever.

To John and Betsey (Howry) Lefever were born four children: Daniel, who married Barbara Neff; George, who married Barbara Denlinger; John; and one child, who died in youth.

John Lefever, the father of the subject of this biography, was born Feb. 27, 1792, and died in 1856. He married Magdalena Neff, who was born Nov. 19, 1797, and who died in 1831. Their children were: Susanna, born Jan. 11, 1819, is the widow of Henry Kreider, and lives in Illinois; Henry, born April 7, 1820, died April 6, 1900, leaving his widow, Charlotte (Blair) Lefever, a resident of Sterling, Ill., where he was engaged as a merchant, miller, dealer in lumber, etc.; Daniel, born June 19, 1821, married Frances Martin (deceased), and died April 3, 1898; John, born Jan. 26, 1823, married Mary



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Douer and lives retired, in Millport; David; Jacob, born Dec. 19, 1826, married Annie Kreider, and is a retired farmer, of East Lampeter township; Barbara, born July 25, 1829, first married Benjamin Diffenbach, and is now the widow of Levi Howard; George N., born July 25, 1829, a twin brother of Barbara, married Annie Landis, and resides in West Lampeter township.

This family has a very remarkable record of longevity, the first death in the family circle of children being that of Daniel, on April 3, 1898, on which date the youngest in the family had reached the age of seventy. The parents of these children reared them in the religious atmosphere of the Old Mennonite Church, of which they were consistent members, and they rest in the cemetery connected with the Mellinger Church.

David Lefever was reared on the farm and was but seven years of age when his kind mother was removed by death. Until he was nineteen years old, he was able occasionally to attend school some sixteen or seventeen days in a term, if the threshing or corn planting did not have to be done, and as he was a studious lad, made all the progress he could. The school house at Mellingers, he remembers as being equipped with slab seats and the light admitted through windows of four or five panes of glass, 6x8, and all of the other surroundings were of a similar nature. However, in making any comparison with the superior advantages afforded the children of to-day, we should pause and question whether the probabilities are that the latter will fit for the battle of life any class of citizens more likely to adorn every station of life, than those who obtained their desultory education under such adverse circumstances.

At the age of twenty-one, David Lefever was married to Eliza Buchwalter, a daughter of Martin Buchwalter, and at once began housekeeping, renting a farm belonging to his wife's grandfather, John Buchwalter. For the succeeding three years he operated this farm, but in 1848 purchased a farm in Bareville. It required much good management and economy to pay off the indebtedness on this place, but his energy and industry were untiring and he soon had improvements under way and was prospering, when he had the misfortune to lose his barn by fire. This he replaced by a better one and later sold this farm to advantage, buying his present most desirable farm in 1880, and taking possession of it in 1881. This is one of the model farms of the county, all of the improvements being of the most substantial and modern character, and all of the surroundings indicating the thrift and prosperity which prevails.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lefever, were: Sarah; Martin, who was given an excellent education and taught school for several terms; Amos; twins, both of whom died; David, a student of Annville College, who taught school for ten years and is now publisher of a newspaper at Ephrata;

Eliza, the twin of David, born Jan. 5, 1855; Elias, who is a Baptist clergyman, in Ephrata; Martha, a deceased twin sister of the latter; John; and Emma. The beloved mother of this family died Sept. 10, 1894, having been a devoted Christian, a member of the Old Mennonite faith, a kind neighbor and a woman of the most exemplary character. David Lefever is also a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, and is a man who possesses the respect of the community in which he has lived so long. His influence is always given in the direction of education, charity and temperance.

F. W. WOOLWORTH, the millionaire owner of seventy-five Ten Cent Stores, all east of Pittsburg, and who has erected the finest business block in Lancaster, and one of the finest in the State, practically began his business life in that city, as it was there he achieved his first pronounced success. The store which he established here June 21, 1879, was a small affair 14x35 feet, at No. 170 North Queen street, but it was a success from the moment he opened its doors. In recognition of the encouragement which the Lancaster people had given him at the beginning of his career, Mr. Woolworth put up the magnificent structure on North Queen street, known as the Woolworth Building, which was opened to the public just before the Christmas holidays of 1900. This gentleman is regarded as a Lancastrian, not only by adoption, but by feeling, sympathy and loyalty. Although modest and unassuming to a marked degree, there is that about him which indicates the strength of purpose and execution of a giant. In the *New York Tribune*, Jan. 6, 1901, appeared a half-page article, accompanied by pictures of himself, his Lancaster building, and his palatial residence at Fifth Avenue and 80th street, New York City, of which F. W. Woolworth was the subject. From this lengthy and interesting article the substance of the following paragraphs is taken:

"In the old Stewart building, on the corner of Broadway and Chambers street, New York, a capacious suite of rooms is occupied as the headquarters of the Woolworth stores. From this private office Mr. Woolworth keeps his hand upon the large commercial structure which he has reared. With the telephone he talks with his seventy-five managers whenever the occasion requires, hears their verbal reports and gives orders for their guidance. Each store has a local manager; there is one man who does nothing but look after the various fixtures of the different properties; two inspectors, who keep constantly on the move, and arrive when least expected; a financial manager; five buyers of domestic goods, and two of foreign goods; and a large force of office employees.

"Mr. Woolworth's buyers go abroad on business every year, and the population of several considerable German towns is entirely occupied in filling his orders. This plan goes far to explain the large value received by the purchasers of the Woolworth goods.

Cash is paid, and there is no middle profit. Mr. Woolworth imports a larger tonnage of toys and tree ornaments than all other United States buyers put together, more than one-half the product of the world. In the holiday season he employs more than 5,000 people in this country, while in midsummer his employes may not number more than 1,800. His salary list last year exceeded half a million dollars."

F. W. Woolworth, the proprietor of the Woolworth stores, is typical of the Americans who see the road to success through original ideas, who have the courage and pluck to follow that path. Still on the sunny side of fifty years, erect, clear-eyed and vigorous, direct of speech and manner, it is not difficult to see in him the qualities that have made American trade and commerce synonymous with enterprise and pluck the world over. Mr. Woolworth comes of an English and Irish stock, and was born in Rodman, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on his father's farm, April 13, 1852. He had ten years' schooling, walking two miles back and forth for it in the hard winter weather of that country, and in the summer helping his father on the farm. The elder Woolworth moved to Great Bend, N. Y., in March, 1859, where he bought another farm. Here, the boy led the life of a farmer until he was twenty-one years old, in the meantime completing a thorough course at the Watertown Commercial College. This was done by the exercise of the strictest economy, young Woolworth and his chum boarding themselves, while his mother not only made his clothes, but drove in the old mare from the farm ten miles away, every week, and brought them a basket of "board."

Following his graduation young Woolworth went to work in the dry-goods store of Augsburg & Moore, which became Moore & Smith, of Watertown, N. Y., who introduced a five cent counter where Woolworth got the idea of a five cent store. For six years he remained at Watertown, displaying such business ability that his employers backed him with a small line of credit for the establishment of a store in Utica. This was in February, 1879, and the enterprise was practically a failure. Undaunted and undiscouraged his former employers extended the credit of Mr. Woolworth, and he came to Lancaster, Pa., to open a store near the corner of North Queen and Chestnut streets. This was a success, and from it Mr. Woolworth has gone on to a brilliant career.

Mr. Woolworth was married June 11, 1876, to Miss Jennie Creighton, then of Watertown, N. Y., her father, Thomas Creighton, being a farmer of Picton, Ontario, Canada. This union was blessed with the birth of three children, Helena, Edna and Jessie, the latter still at school. They all display marked musical talent, and enjoy the best opportunities of the great metropolis.

EDWARD J. KNOX, who is now a retired farmer at Christiana, where he has in former days ably filled the position of justice of the peace, is one of the prominent citizens of this part of Lancaster coun-

ty. He has a well-earned reputation for ability and character. Mr. Knox was born in Leacock township, this county, Dec. 20, 1844, son of David S. and Anna (Jacobs) Knox, also natives of that township.

David S. Knox, who was a prominent and wealthy farmer, began life with nothing to help him but his strong arm and good clear mind, and he left at his death an estate of over \$60,000. His later years were spent in Salisbury township, where he lived retired from business cares and activities, and where he passed away Dec. 8, 1898, at the age of seventy-nine. His wife, Anna Jacobs, died in 1888, at the age of sixty-seven, and both were buried in Bellevue Cemetery at Gap, Pa. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. To them were born the following children: Edward J., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Robert N., a drover and cattle dealer at Gap; Martha A., on the old home farm in Salisbury township; John D., a farmer in Sadsbury township; Eva M., married to Harry Reeser, a farmer in Chester county; and Clara, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Edward J. Knox were Robert and Martha (Sterling) Knox, farming people of Leacock township, where they spent their lives. His maternal grandfather was Edward Jacobs, also a farmer of Leacock township.

Edward J. Knox remained with his parents until he was twenty-one, when he took charge of one of his father's farms, which he carried on for six years before he was married. After that event he continued to live on this place for a few years, and then settled on another farm in Sadsbury township. After a time he purchased a farm in that township, on which he made his home until 1900, when he gave up active work and located in Christiana, where he lives retired. Shortly before his removal to his present quarters he was elected justice of the peace at his home in Sadsbury township, for a term of five years.

On Jan. 9, 1873, Edward J. Knox was married, in Sadsbury township, to Frances A. Williams, a daughter of Zachariah B. and Hannah (Dolby) Williams. He and his wife belong to the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, and are highly respected for their many good qualities. In his political views he is a Democrat, and has proved himself a good and upright citizen.

HENRY B. BUCH, an enterprising and prosperous coachmaker in Lititz, was born Oct. 23, 1835, at Kissillhill, Lancaster Co., Pa., and is a son of Jacob and Maria (Brubaker) Buch, also natives of Lancaster county. Jacob Buch was born at Kissillhill in 1810, was a blacksmith and coachmaker, was a Democrat in politics, and died in 1877; his widow is now eighty-six years old. Their children were: Henry B., whose name opens this article; Jonathan B., deceased; Sarah, wife of Joseph R. Bollinger, of Lititz; Jacob A., in the lumber business in Reading,

Pa.; and Franklin B., manager of the Knitting Mill, but a coachmaker by

Henry B. Buch was reared at Kissill, was educated in the common schools and at an academy in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county. He first learned the blacksmith's trade under his father, and then woodwork and painting under Isaac Hollinger. At the age of twenty-two years he married and started in business at Kissillhill, and for twenty-four years did an extensive business, employing a large number of hands. In 1879 he came to Lititz, and for a time was connected in business with his son-in-law, and later with the Grosh Carriage Co. In 1890 he started in business on a small scale, on his own account, and now does quite an extensive business in coach manufacturing and in repairing.

On May 12, 1857, Mr. Buch married Miss Catherine L. Stehman, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Stehman, and to this union have been born five children, of whom two only reached the years of maturity, viz.: Elizabeth Ida, wife of Joseph B. Wissler, a farmer in Clay township; and Ellen, married to John M. Amer, manager of Barney McGran's farms, at Lancaster. Mr. Buch is a member of the Evangelical Church. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and is very popular with his party and with the public, as is evidenced by the fact that he has been twice elected a burgess—a body which stands four Republicans to one Democrat. He has also been a member of the Democratic county committee, and has often been sent as a delegate to Democratic conventions. He is a useful and public-spirited citizen, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand in promoting the prosperity of his borough and township.

GEORGE H. ROATH, patternmaker and general machinist for the Marietta Casting Co., and residing in East Donegal township, West Marietta borough, was born in this township Sept. 26, 1850, son of Hon. E. D. and Susan W. (Hipple) Roath, of whom a full biography is given on another page in this work.

George H. Roath lived on a farm from 1860 until 1865, then located in Marietta and worked at various occupations until 1868, when he entered a coachmaker's shop and there worked two and a half years. He was next employed by his father, who was conducting a machine shop in partnership with a Mr. Stibgen, learned the trade, and became an expert mechanic, but in 1873 the father sold out his interest. George H. then went to Middletown, Pa., for a few months, and thence to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he worked in a steam-engine foundry a few months longer. Owing to the panic in the fall of 1873, he thought it prudent to return to Marietta, Pa., where he worked at coachmaking until 1874, then as a machinist until 1875. In 1876 Mr. Roath and Henry Stoner leased a foundry in Drumore township and operated it until 1878, when Mr. Roath returned to Marietta, and for two and a half years conducted a machine shop for R. J. Clark & Co. His next em-

ployment was on the road as engineer for the American Steam & Heating Co. From 1884 until 1889 Mr. Roath worked in a sash and door factory, and then accepted his present position with the Marietta Casting Co., giving the greatest possible satisfaction, as he is a natural-born mechanic, and can make almost anything that can be made from iron or wood.

In June, 1887, Mr. Roath married, in Marietta, Maria Fisher, and to this marriage came one child, who died young. Mrs. Maria (Fisher) Roath was born near Birmingham, England, daughter of Edwin and Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher. Edwin Fisher, who is now living in retirement in East Donegal township, was born in Smethwick, Staffordshire, England, July 2, 1818, son of Joseph and Mary (Johnson) Fisher, the former of whom served seven years in the British army, participating in the war in the Spanish peninsula, the battle of Waterloo, and on his discharge was decorated with four bars by the Government. To Joseph and Mary Fisher were born: Edwin, father of Mrs. Roath; Eliza, Salina, Mary, Matilda, Hannah and Sarah, all of whom were married and all deceased, save Edwin. Joseph Fisher died in England in 1855, and his wife in 1871, at the age of seventy-two years. Of the children, Edwin, Salina and Mary came to America.

To the marriage of Edwin and Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher were born the following children: Sarah A., who was married to Joseph Mason, but both of whom are now deceased; Joseph, a machinist in Marietta; and Maria, now Mrs. George H. Roath. Mrs. Louisa (Marrifield) Fisher, daughter of Isaac and Ann Marrifield, died in 1876, at the age of seventy-six years, and her mortal remains were interred in Marietta. Edwin Fisher was a glassblower in England, and came to America in 1872 with the intention of becoming a farmer, but changed his mind after arrival. He settled in Marietta and worked in the hollow-ware works until 1888, when he retired, and now, with George H. Roath and wife, has his pleasant home in the city of his adoption.

Mr. and Mrs. Roath are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Mr. Roath is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Red Men and the Knights of Malta. In politics he is a Republican, and socially the family are universally respected.

AMOS F. HERR, one of the old and honored citizens of West Lampeter township, was born on the old homestead that lies adjacent to the Longenecker Church (which in fact occupies a part of the farm), May 18, 1818, a son of Francis and Fannie (Neff) Herr, natives of West Lampeter and Strasburg townships, respectively. The grandfather of Amos F. also bore the name of Francis Herr.

Francis Herr, the father of Amos F., was born in West Lampeter township, and there passed his life following the occupation of farming, and possessing such fine business qualifications that he was often called upon to settle estates. In local politics he was much interested, and took a forward position

in the community. For many years he was a director in the Farmers' National Bank at Lancaster. Several farms in the two townships belonged to him, and he ranked among the successful men of his day. When he died he was sixty-nine, and his wife lived to be eighty. She belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church, and was the mother of the following children: Cyrus N., Franklin J., Amos F., Elizabeth, Anna, Fannie, Charlotte and Amanda.

Amos F. Herr was reared on the farm of his birth and educated in the common schools. Remaining at home until his marriage in 1848, he then located on the property where he still makes his home. It belonged to his father, and comprises 122 acres along the Strasburg pike, at the Longenecker Church. This is one of the most desirable and attractive homes of Lancaster county, and the residence, which was erected in 1810 by John Longenecker, has been greatly remodelled since it came into his possession. He also owns fifty-six acres in Martic township, and a six-acre tract of timber land in Drumore township. His attention has been given to farming, and by his industry and integrity he has won the warm regard of a wide circle of friends.

On Oct. 22, 1848, Amos F. Herr was married to Anna Frantz, who was born in East Lampeter township in 1828, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Miller) Frantz. The following family has blessed this union: Homer A. is a mechanical engineer in Philadelphia; Francis C., a physician in Ottawa, Kans., graduated from the University of Pennsylvania; Willis C. is a traveling salesman for the Keystone Manufacturing Co., of York, and has his home in Strasburg; Harry N. is a civil engineer in Lancaster, and a graduate of Lehigh University; Ida E. is the wife of Amos R. Frantz, of York, Pa.; Mary F. is unmarried and lives at home; Anna A. is the wife of A. Lincoln Moyer, of the Conestoga Bank, of Lancaster; Edith C., the wife of J. Elmer Frantz, of Waynesboro, Pa.; and Lottie L. is unmarried and at home.

Amos F. Herr and his wife early became members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and their industrious and useful lives have placed them among the most respected people of the county.

LEVI S. RHOADS. Among the prominent and successful farmers of Eden township is Levi S. Rhoads, a highly respected citizen of Lancaster county. He was born in Manor township, this county, June 11, 1835, son of George and Elizabeth (Sweigert) Rhoads, both of Neffsville, this county, and both born in 1801. John Rhoads, the grandfather of Levi S., was also a native of Lancaster county, but of Canadian parentage. His family consisted of four sons,—Jacob, John, Henry and George. The three elder brothers moved to Ohio, in which state they all married and established homes.

George Rhoads learned the trade of blacksmith when a young man, and followed same for twenty-five years. He became a citizen of prominence in

the community, and was known as Capt. Rhoads, being the commander of a company of State Militia. He was very prosperous in the pursuit of his trade, but finally bought a farm in Manor township, on which he settled, some years thereafter moving to East Donegal township, near Marietta. There he purchased a large farm upon which he resided until the time of his death, in 1859. Following his decease his widow sold the farm and removed to West Donegal township, later to Maytown, where her death took place in 1879.

A family of seven children was born to George and Elizabeth Rhoads, as follows: Abram S., born in this county, died in Maytown at the age of seventy-seven years, ten months, eleven days, unmarried; Fannie (deceased) was the wife of George Lutz, of Manor township (they left no family); Elizabeth married Benjamin Hoffman, has a family, and resides near Bainbridge; Mary (deceased) was the wife of Henry Shenk, of East Donegal township, and left one daughter, Elizabeth, who is the wife of Eli Nissley, of Maytown; Levi S. is the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch; Susan, born in 1837, married Christian Brandt, of Maytown, where they reside (they have no family); George, born in 1840, married Annie Groff, of Maytown, and they reside in Maytown; they have one son, George S., now a young man, who resides at home.

Levi S. Rhoads was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the local district schools and in Marietta. Commencing before the death of his father, and until his marriage, he engaged in farming on the home place. He and his wife settled first near Columbia, where for two years he cultivated a farm. Then he removed to Mountville, where he bought a large farm, upon which he resided for seven years, at the end of that time selling the place advantageously, and removing his family into the village of Mountville. One year later he took charge of a farm in Conoy township, continuing there for two years, and then returned to Mountville.

In 1881 Mr. Rhoads purchased the well-known Jacob Bushong farm, in Eden township, which consists of 143 acres of finely cultivated, fertile land. It is by far one of the best farms in that part of the county, and Mr. Rhoads has spared neither labor nor money in its improvement.

In 1864 Levi S. Rhoads and Miss Frances Herr, of Lancaster, were united in marriage. She was the estimable daughter of Abram H. and Maria Herr, prominent old settlers of the county, and was born in Salunga, West Hempfield township, Jan. 24, 1845, received exceptional educational advantages, and is a lady of education and culture. She is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Rhoads ten children have been born, as follows: Mary, born in this county Jan. 21, 1866, married A. B. Collom, a machinist of Philadelphia, where they reside; they have no children. Abram H., born July 25, 1867, married Miss Mary Herr, a native of Drumore town-



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ship, who was a daughter of Benjamin Herr, and they reside on a farm in Eden township; they have three children, Irwin, Jerome and Mary E. Benjamin F., born July 19, 1869, married Miss Jessie McClure, of this county, and they reside in Eden township, where they purchased the Harding Gilbert farm and are farming people; they have three children, Abram T., Francis M. and Margaret I. Levi H., born Jan. 13, 1871, married Miss Katie Groff, daughter of John Groff, a prominent citizen of this county, and he purchased a farm in Eden township; their two children are Edith E. and John L. Lillie F., born Oct. 9, 1873, married Benjamin F. Yunginger, a resident of near Martinsville, and they now live on his farm in Strasburg township; their three children are Jay R., Marion R. and Francis M. Emma S., born March 31, 1876, was educated in the home schools and is a talented and cultivated lady, living at home. Charles H., born August 21, 1880, is unmarried, and is the very capable manager of his father's farm; he stands high in the public esteem. Bertha M., born May 7, 1883, was educated in the home schools, and also in Quarryville high schools, and is a very talented and cultured young lady, an ornament to the home circle. Elsie O., born June 21, 1885, died Sept. 5, 1889. George S., born July 16, 1887, resides at home. This domestic circle has been invaded but once by Death, and is one of the most closely bound and most highly esteemed families of Lancaster county.

In politics Mr. Rhoads has always been identified with the Democratic party, and has most efficiently served as school director for a period of three years. The daughters are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and the unmarried ones manage the home, in which comfort and simplicity reign.

Mr. Rhoads has always been interested in advancing the agricultural interests of his section, has kept thoroughly posted on modern methods, and has not hesitated to make use of them when his judgment assured him of their value. His fine farm is a testimonial to the soundness of his views and methods.

ANDREW F. SHROM, justice of the peace at Vogansville, is one of the representative men of Lancaster county, and a son of Frederick Shrom, who is now deceased.

Frederick Shrom was a native of Bavaria, where he spent his earlier years, and served in the Bavarian army. Soon after his discharge from the army, he came to this country, and made his home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he entered the employ of Rev. Henry Lantz, a farmer, and a minister of the Amish Church. With that gentleman he made his home until his marriage, when he located in the neighborhood, and worked for the neighboring farmers some years. In 1855 he moved to Illinois, and bought a tract of thirty-six acres near Decatur. The land was covered with timber, and Mr. Shrom set himself to clearing it and making a home for his family, but he died the same year, at the early

age of forty-eight. Coming of Scotch-Irish ancestry, he was in religion a Catholic. Anna Frank, his wife, was a daughter of Jacob Frank, and her ancestors, the Franks and Shaeffers were old settlers and honored residents of Lancaster county. She is still living at the advanced age of eighty-two. After the death of Frederick Shrom, his widow brought her four children back to Lancaster county. They were Andrew F.; John F., a mechanic of Reading; Frederick, a blacksmith of Lancaster; and Susan, who is unmarried, and lives with her mother. Three children of this worthy couple died in infancy.

Andrew F. Shrom was born Feb. 17, 1845, and received but a limited schooling, as he was reared among the Amish. When he was eighteen he struck out in the world for himself. For a time he worked on a farm, and then learned the trade of a brick and stone mason. When he had accomplished this, he began a contracting and building business, in which he has achieved a large success. In the county he has had many large and important contracts, and has employed many men. His work has stood the closest inspection, among his most important constructions being the Ephrata school building, the warehouse, the United Brethren Church, and George W. Kinzer's residence at New Holland. He is not only deeply interested in his business, but is a broad-minded and public-spirited citizen. In politics he has filled the offices of assessor and justice of the peace, holding this last position eleven years. At first he was appointed justice of the peace, and has been re-elected three times. It is a rare compliment to his judicial spirit that none of his decisions have been reversed on appeal to the higher courts. In the Civil war he served during its closing scenes in the Union army, enlisting Feb. 20, 1865, in Co. I, 195th P. V. I., being mustered out Jan. 31, 1866. Much of the time from 1862 he had been out with the forces as a teamster. His patriotic spirit was profound, and he would have been in the ranks before, but was deemed ineligible.

In 1868 Mr. Shrom was married to Miss Lydia Garra, who was born in Earl township, a daughter of David H. and Lucy (Shaffer) Garra. Five children blessed this union: David G., a farmer, married Miss Emma Sensenig, and is the father of three children, Ruth, Blanch and Amos; Anna, the wife of Jacob Fritz, of Reading, Pa., has two children, Jacob and Andrew; Lilly wife of Augustus Lescher, of Reamstown, Pa.; Edgar W. is a teacher in the county schools; and Mabel is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Shrom are members of the Reformed Church, he taking an active part in the church work, and while in New Holland served as deacon and elder. The eldest son is a member of the Evangelical Association. All the family stand high in the community.

LEWIS FRANKLIN SIEGLER, M. D., whose cozy home and offices are at No. 115 South Queen street, is a familiar figure in Lancaster, where his entire life has been passed.

Ludwig Siegler, his father, came from Gruorn (Oberampt Urach), Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1851, and settled in York county, removing to Lancaster the following year. Here, for years, he operated an establishment for the manufacture of bone dust, knife and fork handles, etc., and in 1873 embarked in the hotel business, from which he retired in 1888. He entered into rest March 27, 1894, aged seventy-five years and one week. His widow, who in her maidenhood was Regina Hollinger, was also a native of Wurtemberg, Germany. She died Sept. 25, 1901, aged seventy-seven years and seven months. Thirteen children were born to this couple, but only three are now living, namely: Matthias C., a cigar maker, and at one time an efficient member of the police force of Lancaster; Rosie, wife of John Ripple, superintendent for Siegler Bros., cigar manufacturers; and Dr. Lewis Franklin.

Lewis Franklin Siegler was born in Lancaster Sept. 8, 1866, and, after receiving a good education in the public schools of the city, read medicine with the late Dr. Henry Carpenter, one of Lancaster's most prominent physicians. He was graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1886, and immediately after graduation, he began the practice of his profession in Lancaster—first in an office in East King street, later in East Orange street, and finally in South Lime street, where he bought a home. In 1891 Dr. Siegler removed to Reinhold's Station, this county, where he practiced medicine and surgery until 1898, at which time he returned to Lancaster, and, abandoning the practice of his profession, became the general agent for Lancaster, Dauphin and Lebanon counties of the American Relief Association, an organization which not only pays a benefit at death, but which pays a weekly amount in case of sickness or accident. This system of insurance is so admirable that it commends itself to all intelligent people, and Dr. Siegler is so able and effective in his furthering of its interests, that his name appears monthly on the "roll of honor" in the monthly publication issued by the association, no man's name appearing on that roll unless he has written twenty applications during the month. The Association had received 23,543 applications up to Dec. 1, 1902, and had paid \$80,536.38 in benefits up to that date—a most remarkable showing. So conspicuous have been the Doctor's services that he was elected a director of the Association in 1899, and re-elected in 1900, 1901 and 1902.

Dr. Siegler has been twice married. His first wife, Ellen Lutz, of Ohio, died May 12, 1898. On Oct. 20, 1899, the Doctor married Margaret L. Miller, of Bridgewater, Va., and three children have been born of this union: Lewis F., Jr., born in 1900; Anna Marguerite, who passed away Aug. 30, 1901, aged ten weeks; and Reinhold Richard, born Sept. 30, 1902. During Dr. Siegler's active practice in Lancaster, he served two years as health commissioner, and two terms as physician to the Lancaster county prison. Politically he is a staunch Republi-

can and active in party work. In religious belief, a Lutheran, he is affiliated with Trinity Church. While practicing his profession he was a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, and of the State Medical Association of Pennsylvania, to which latter organization he was one time sent as a delegate from the local society. Dr. Siegler has always been active and enterprising, and so positive in his convictions that there is never an uncertainty as to his position.

MICHAEL HARNISH (deceased) was in his life time one of the well-known residents of West Lampeter township, where he was born Jan. 7, 1798, and where he died in September, 1881.

Jacob Harnish, his father, was a farmer of West Lampeter township, and cultivated his father's farm as long as he lived, dying at the age of fifty-two years, his father surviving him four years. Jacob Harnish left a family of six children: Michael, whose name introduces this article; Jacob, who moved to Cumberland county, Pa., where he died; John, who moved to Ohio, where he died; Emanuel, who moved to Cumberland county, where he died; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Hershey, of Mt. Joy township; and Mrs. Coyer, who moved to Ohio. Jacob Harnish and his wife were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Michael Harnish was reared and spent his life in West Lampeter township, where he owned the old homestead farm of 118 acres, which at present belongs to George Lampeter. He also owned a farm of eighty-two acres, which is now owned by David Kendig, a son-in-law. A timber lot of six acres, which belonged to him, is now the property of Benjamin Harnish.

Michael Harnish was an industrious and honorable man, who possessed the confidence of the people to a very unusual degree. Susanna Hess, who became his wife, died in 1883, at the age of eighty-five years. To this union were born: Catherine married Benjamin L. Denlinger, who preceded her to the grave; Ann married Henry Zindt, of East Lampeter township, and is now dead; Benjamin; Mary, the wife of Amos Weaver, of East Lampeter township, is now deceased; Susanna is the wife of David Kendig, of West Lampeter township; Michael is now living in Lancaster; and Jacob is also a resident of Lancaster. The parents of these children belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

BENJAMIN HARNISH was born Dec. 14, 1828, and was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the common school. When he was twenty-two he began farming operations on his own account, cultivating his father's place for a year, and then went into the country north of Lancaster, where he remained four years. Returning to West Lampeter township, he again engaged in the cultivation of his father's farm, and continued with him some five years. At the expiration of that time he bought a farm of seventy-seven acres from his father-in-law,

Martin Harnish, in East Lampeter township, and there for more than twenty years he made his home, and it is now owned by his son, Elam. In 1882 Benjamin Harnish moved to the farm he has since occupied in West Lampeter township, containing twenty acres at the time it passed into his possession. Since buying it he has added seventeen acres to it, and greatly improved it. Adjoining this he owns a tract of fifty acres, and both of these are being conducted by his son, Michael, an expert young farmer, while Mr. Harnish himself has lived retired since 1890. He also owns sixty-two acres in East Lampeter township, which his son, John A., manages and cultivates. Mr. Harnish has ever been a leading farmer, and his integrity and industry have won for him a large circle of friends.

Benjamin Harnish was married Nov. 7, 1850, to Susanna, daughter of Martin and Martha (Weaver) Harnish, who was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 11, 1831, and is still living. To this union were born: Benjamin, a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Emma Groff, by whom he has had eight children; Elam, a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Emma Froelich, by whom he has had four children; Emma, the wife of Samuel Eshleman, of Strasburg township, is the mother of four children; John, who is a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Miss Catherine Frye; Martin is living at home; and Michael, who lives on the home place, married Miss Lizzie Nolt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harnish belong to the Reformed Mennonite Church, and are people highly esteemed for their good works and excellent character.

HENRY F. McCANNA, of Columbia, and a well-known conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Gordonville, Lancaster county, May 2, 1850. John and Elizabeth (Starr) McCanna, his parents, were natives of Lancaster county, where they resided until 1859, when they removed to Chester county. John McCanna had been employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for many years as foreman of construction and died in Chester county, Feb. 13, 1885, when seventy-two years old. His widow, who was born July 21, 1814, now has her home with her son, Henry F., in Columbia. To this venerable couple were born eleven children, in the following order: Mary J., widow of Harry Whitman, of Cumberland county, Pa.; Kate, William and James, deceased; Sue, married to David Boyer, of Harrisburg; John, deceased; Emma, residing in Harrisburg and unmarried; Henry F.; Cecelia, wife of Joseph Quinn, of York, Pa.; Alice, deceased; and George, a brakeman at Harrisburg.

The paternal grandparents of Henry F. McCanna came from Ireland and settled in Lancaster county, when children, and there the grandfather plied his trade of carpet weaver until his death; the maternal grandparents were natives of Chester county and early settled in Lancaster county.

Henry F. McCanna lived on the farm with his

parents until twenty years of age and then began braking on the Pennsylvania Railroad; two years later he was made a flagman, and two years afterward was promoted to a conductorship.

On May 20, 1874, Mr. McCanna married Miss Salome A. Knipe, and their family of children were six in number, viz.: John M., a physician in Philadelphia; Harry A., a telegraph operator in Philadelphia; William K., deceased; Charles B., a clerk at Columbia; Maria M., deceased; and George R., baggage master at Lancaster. Mrs. Salome A. McCanna was born in Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1855, a daughter of Henry C. and Maria (Knipe) Knipe, of Lebanon county. Henry C. Knipe was a blacksmith and died April 25, 1865, aged thirty-six years. To his marriage were born six children, viz.: Henry and John, who died in infancy; Salome; Kate, wife of John Welsh, of Philadelphia; and Ida and Anna, deceased. Mrs. Maria Knipe, some five and a half years after the death of her husband, married John Ross, who died in March, 1893, and to this marriage was born one child, Laura, wife of Luke Lederman, a merchant in Los Angeles, Cal. The mother resides in Philadelphia, at the age of seventy years. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. McCanna were Henry and Elizabeth (O'Connor) Nipe, and the maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Farmer) Nipe, all of Lebanon county, Pa. The two grandfathers were brothers, and the change of the name from Nipe to Knipe came during the war, when Gen. Knipe, a brother of Mrs. Ross, began spelling his name with the "K," and the family adopted that spelling.

Henry F. McCanna is a member of the O. of R. C., and of the Church of God, and in politics is a Republican. Socially he and family are held in very high esteem by their neighbors, and as a conductor Mr. McCanna has the implicit confidence of his Company.

MAJOR MICHAEL BRENNEMAN STRICKLER, a retired farmer and a gallant ex-Union officer of the war of the Rebellion, was born in West Hempfield township, Oct. 10, 1831, and West Hempfield township is still his home.

Henry H. and Ann (Brenneman) Strickler, his parents, were born, respectively, on this homestead in West Hempfield township and in the township of East Donegal. Henry H. Strickler was an extensive cattle dealer, who made trips to Virginia each fall, bought stock, fattened it and shipped it to market. Mr. Strickler was the owner also of a fine farm of 138 acres, which was always under a high state of cultivation, and which was utilized also for fattening live stock. On this homestead he passed away June 18, 1841, at the early age of thirty-eight years, but his widow lived to be eighty-one years old, and she died Oct. 8, 1885. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and their remains were interred in the family burying ground on the present homestead. In politics Mr. Strickler was an old-

line Whig. To Henry H. Strickler and wife were born four children, of whom Catherine E. died in infancy; Sarah J., deceased, was married to John S. Given; Jacob H. died on the homestead; and Michael B. is the gentleman in whose interest this sketch is chiefly prepared. The paternal grandparents of the Major were Jacob and Sarah (Wilson) Strickler, the former of whom was born on the West Hempfield homestead, and the latter in York county, and to their union were born three sons and eight daughters. Jacob Strickler was very wealthy, owning 3,000 acres of land in this community. He and wife died on the farm now owned by the Major.

Henry Strickler, paternal great-grandfather of Major Strickler, came from Switzerland to America in 1727, sailing on the ship "Friendship" from Rotterdam, Capt. John Davis, and coming via Cowes, England, which port he left June 30, 1727, with 200 other passengers, and eventually reached Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of Major Strickler were Michael and Catharine (Snyder) Brenneman, of Donegal township, now Conoy township and to their union were born two children only: John, deceased; and Ann, mother of the Major, also deceased.

Michael B. Strickler remained on the home farm until 1857, and then traveled a year in Virginia. Upon his return North he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman at Columbia from 1858 until 1861, when in the fall he enlisted, in Philadelphia, in the 8th P. V. C., was mustered in as chief, or regimental, bugler, and remained with the regiment until February, 1863, when all musicians were mustered out by special order. Ex-Bugler Strickler now raised a company of cavalymen, which was assigned as Co. B to the 20th P. V. C., with himself as captain, and at the expiration of six months the company veteranized, re-enlisting for three years or during the war. The Captain had in the meantime been promoted to Major, and took part in all the marches and engagements and skirmishes in which his regiment had a share and served until honorably discharged at Cloud's Mills, W. Va., June 20, 1865, with the rank of Major, although he had frequently acted as Colonel of his regiment.

On returning home the Major purchased two teams and hauled stone for the furnaces in his vicinity for two years, and was then re-employed by the railroad company as brakeman for a few years. Renting a farm adjoining that which he now owns, he farmed it for five years, and then worked for the railroad company a year and a half. Finally, in 1879, by reason of his mother's age and his brother's ill health, he settled on his present farm, on which he was born.

In August, 1866, at Philadelphia, Major Strickler married Marian Virginia Corbit, who was born in Harrisburg, Pa., in 1846, daughter of William and Mary L. (Sprigman) Corbit, the former of whom was the State printer at the time, but who later died in York, where he had been engaged in printing,

book binding, publishing, etc. No children have been born of this union.

Major Strickler is a member of Post No. 118, G. A. R., at Columbia, and in politics is a Republican. He and wife are members of the Reformed Church, and socially stand with the best circles in Lancaster county.

MARTIN WEAVER. The name of Weaver in Lancaster county is well-known, and represents integrity, morality and wealth. Hanns Weber, or in English John Weaver, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, was a native of Switzerland, who came to America in 1717, locating in Lancaster county, where he took up a large tract of land, consisting of 370 acres in West Lampeter township, one mile northeast of Lampeter Square. Here he engaged in farming and spent the balance of his life, leaving at death one son, Jacob, who inherited the property, and in turn transmitted it to his descendants, and the greater part of the original estate is still in the possession of the family. Many changes have been made, divisions and sub-divisions, but could the original owner return to view his old home, he would find in place of the wild land and forest trees, great fields of waving grain and lush meadows where sleek cattle browse, and also eleven residences and a school house in which his children's children are instructed. Surely he would feel satisfied that it was indeed a "goodly heritage."

Jacob Weaver, son of the founder, had twin sons born to him, on July 4, 1750, and at his death he divided the estate equally between them. His marriage was to Magdalena Barr, and the family consisted of four children: Jacob and John, twins; Magdalena, who married Jacob Rohrer; and Barbara, who married Abraham Herr. John Weaver married Ann Landis and died in 1832.

Jacob Weaver, son of Jacob, born July 4, 1750, died July 25, 1824. He married Esther Neff, who was born Sept. 27, 1756, and died Feb. 2, 1817, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Brackhill) Neff. They reared the following family of children: (1) John, born Oct. 3, 1777, died Nov. 10, 1779. (2) Susannah, born Nov. 23, 1779, died April 30, 1805. (3) Jacob, born Sept. 12, 1780, died Nov. 1, 1872; he married Mrs. Anna Mylin, daughter of Francis and Fannie (Barr) Herr, and had a family of six children, all of whom died young. (4) Samuel, born March 8, 1782, died Oct. 23, 1840; he married Magdalena Rush, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Kendig) Rush, and they had seven children. (5) Ann, born March 28, 1784, died Oct. 24, 1865. (6) David, born Nov. 25, 1785, died Oct. 2, 1817. (7) Martha, born May 16, 1787, died Dec. 10, 1864; she married Martin Harnish, son of David and Lizzie (Gross) Harnish, and they had three children. (8) John, born June 12, 1789, died Aug. 24, 1869; he married Elizabeth Kreider, who was born Jan. 23, 1797, daughter of Christian and Ann (Harnish) Kreider, and who died May 26, 1886, the mother of nine chil-

dren. (9) Rev. Joseph, born April 5, 1792, died April 5, 1872; he married, first, Barbara Barr, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Kendig) Barr, by whom he had seven children; on March 5, 1843, he married, second, Mrs. Esther Brubaker, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bowman) Stehman, and they had two children. (10) Elizabeth, born March 10, 1794, died Sept. 20, 1820; she married Rev. Henry Bowman, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Herr) Bowman, and they had one child. (11) Hettie, born April 5, 1798, died July 3, 1881; she married Jacob Lantz, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rodaker) Lantz, and they had twelve children. The parents of this family belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

John Weaver, the eighth child of the above family, was born on the old homestead in Lampeter township, where his father and grandfather had first seen the light, and was reared to be a good farmer and worthy citizen. A portion of the old farm came to him by inheritance, and here he spent his life in the peaceful pursuit of agriculture, and here he and his good and pious wife worthily reared a family of nine children: (1) Martin, born Aug. 6, 1820, married Nov. 28, 1843, Annie C. Herr, who was born Jan. 26, 1816, daughter of Francis and Fannie (Neff) Herr; she died Sept. 7, 1882, the mother of four children. (2) Christian, born May 14, 1823, married Nov. 6, 1849, Rebecca Brubaker, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Steaman) Brubaker; she was born Feb. 14, 1831, and became the mother of ten children. (3) Amos, born May 22, 1825, married, Dec. 10, 1850, Mary Harnish, who was born Feb. 16, 1831, daughter of Michael and Susan (Hess) Harnish; she died April 11, 1894, the mother of seven children. They were residents of East Lampeter township. (4) Elizabeth, born May 2, 1827, resides in Strasburg. (5) Ann, born March 25, 1829, died Feb. 24, 1899. (6) John K., born March 15, 1832, married Rebecca Frantz, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Miller) Frantz, and they have one child. (7) Cyrus J., born March 2, 1835, married Oct. 7, 1856, Mary Witmer, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Newcomer) Witmer, and they have four children; they reside near Lenover, in Chester county. (8) Francis J., born April 7, 1838, married Mary Buckwalter, a daughter of Benjamin and Betsy (Mylin) Buckwalter, and they have four children; they reside on a part of the old estate in Lampeter township. (9) Dr. Jacob G., born April 9, 1840, married Dec. 31, 1873, Lizzie Shultz, daughter of Christian and Maria (Dieffenbach) Shultz, who was born July 28, 1846, and they have six children. All of these children were reared in the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Martin Weaver, eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Kreider) Weaver, was born on the old homestead. His education was acquired in the common schools of his district and he prepared himself for an agricultural life. His first essay for himself was on the old homestead, which he successfully managed for two years, and then rented a farm in

West Lampeter township from his father, where he remained three years, and spent the succeeding three on a farm in Strasburg township, finally settling down upon a fine farm of 107 acres, located in East Lampeter, some six miles east of Lancaster. Until his retirement from activity, in 1875, this was his home, but at that date he purchased a comfortable little property at Midway, on the Strasburg and Lancaster Pike road, and made his home there until 1899, when he removed into Strasburg, where he and his sister Elizabeth, reside together. For the past fifty-four years, Mr. Weaver has been one of the leading members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, while for fifty years his sister has also been a member of that beautiful faith.

In 1882 Mr. Weaver lost his wife, leaving him four children: (1) Frances E., born June 8, 1846, was married Dec. 1, 1872, to John H. Weaver, son of Rev. Henry and Anna (Howery) Weaver, and they have three children, Elmer G., Charles M., and Cora. (2) Anna M., born Sept. 19, 1849, was married, Dec. 10, 1876, to Daniel D. Girvin, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Dieffenbach) Girvin, and they have three children, Meta, Anna, and Emily. (3) Enos H., born Aug. 3, 1851, was married, Oct. 8, 1879, to Mary N. Musser, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Naomi (Herr) Musser, who died Oct. 6, 1895, leaving six children, Myrtle, Annie, Maud, Martin M., Mary and Ruth. The second marriage of Enos Weaver was to Annie Esbenschade, and they have one daughter, Catherine. (4) Ida Naomi, born Aug. 27, 1854, married Dec. 26, 1875, Rev. John Kohr, a son of John and Hettie (Denlinger) Kohr, and they have one child, Enos W., born in 1879, and they reside in Manheim township. This numerous and long-lived family is connected by marriage with many of the other old and prominent families of the county, and very generally belongs to the Mennonite faith.

LANDIS LEVAN, a merchant miller of Lancaster township, is a member of an old and highly respected family of this section of country.

George Levan, his father, was born in Berks county Feb. 7, 1817, and came to Lancaster county, when a boy of thirteen. At this early age he engaged with a Mr. Bowman, of Ephrata, and learned the fulling trade. About 1843 he began the manufacture of woolen goods, near Bareville, where he remained for two years, and then located at Intercourse, continuing the manufacture of woolen goods for a number of years. In 1857 he moved to Wabank, where he took charge of a woolen mill, and two years later he assumed control of a flour mill, running the two establishments in conjunction. There he remained, successfully engaged in his work until 1863, when he removed to what is known as the Willow Grove mills, Manor township, and for five years operated that concern. At the expiration of this time he located in Lancaster City, and operated a woolen mill on Prince street, continuing there until 1870, when he erected the works known as the Levan mills, about

a mile south of Lancaster City, on the Lancaster and New Danville pike, and conducted a woolen and flour mill until 1877, when he abandoned the woolen mill and converting the whole building into a flouring mill, operated it until his death, which occurred May 19, 1892. George Levan was a very worthy man, beloved by his friends and trusted by all who knew him. For twenty-five years he was trustee of the State Normal school at Millersville, and was chairman of the building committee when the beautiful chapel was erected. In his religious affiliations he was a member of the German Baptist Church, and took an active part in its work. He married Nancy Landis, and to them were born: Samuel L., now in partnership with our subject; Mary A., who died unmarried in 1900; Sallie A., wife of J. J. Ross, of Seaford, Del.; and Landis.

Landis Levan was born at Ephrata, June 20, 1855, and remained with his father until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education at the district schools, and at the State Normal School at Millersville. A partnership was then formed, the members of the firm being George Levan and his two sons, Samuel and Landis, under the style of Levan & Sons, which name is still retained. The mill has a capacity of two hundred barrels per day, and they export considerable of their product to Scotland. Landis Levan has since that time devoted his entire attention to the merchant milling business, and has attained a success that is enviable. For thirteen years he was secretary of the State Millers' Association, and has been its treasurer for twenty-two years.

Landis Levan was married to Miss Laura E. Martin, daughter of John J. and Catherine Martin, and to them five children were born: S. High, of Lancaster City; George K., Catherine E., Marie L. and John J., all at home. The beautiful home erected by George Levan in 1877 is now the property of Landis Levan, and is considered one of the finest residences in the entire township, and is conveniently located to the works. Mr. Levan is justly regarded as one of the representative and leading men of Lancaster county, and has always given his support to all measures calculated to prove of benefit to the community, where he has passed all of his business life, and in which he and his family have so many friends. His political principles are those of the Republican party.

GEORGE HEIM. No better illustration of the characteristic energy and enterprise of the typical German-American citizen can be found than that afforded by the career of this gentleman, who at present is practically living a retired life in Columbia, Pa. Coming to this country with no capital except his abilities, he has made his way to success through wisely directed effort, and can now look back with satisfaction upon past struggles.

Mr. Heim was born Feb. 13, 1832, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, where his parents, Adam and Catherine (Yorhann) Heim spent their entire lives.

In his younger years the father followed the shoemaker's trade, and later worked as a lumberman. He died in 1857, aged seventy-five years; his wife died aged ninety-five years. Their children were: Peter, who died in Germany; John, a shoemaker of York county, Pa.; Leonard, a millwright of Germany; George; and Catherine, who married George Beitsel, a miller, and died in Germany.

During his boyhood George Heim attended school until fourteen years of age, and then commenced learning the shoemaker's trade, which he has made his life work. On Dec. 23, 1852, he came to America, and first located in East Prospect, York Co., Pa., where he followed his chosen occupation four years, but since then his home has been in Columbia. There he has met with success, and is now quite well-to-do, being able to lay aside active labor. For the past five years he has practically lived retired, though he does a little work now and then. For twelve years he has been a director of St. Joseph's Building Association, and he is also a director of the Home Building & Loan Association, which was founded in 1899. The Democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he is an active member of Salem German Lutheran Church.

On May 29, 1856, in Columbia, Mr. Heim married Miss Christina Gussler, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and a daughter of George Gussler, a mason by trade, who spent his entire life in that country. Mrs. Heim came to America in 1854, and died Feb. 9, 1895, at the age of sixty-four years. She left four children, namely: George, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia, married Ella Carter, and has four children, Rosa, Charles, Clara and Lillie; John, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and a resident of Columbia, married Lizzie Ambrose, and they have three children, Edgar, Harry and Walter; Charles, a baker of Prospect, Pa., married Emma Leber, but they have no children; and Lillie is the wife of Edwin Marley, a bricklayer of Columbia, and they have two children, George and May.

MARTIN HUBER. Although each man builds his own character, it is a satisfaction to belong to a family whose name in one locality has stood for honor and respectability for generations, and such is the case in the present instance. Martin Huber, one of the most highly respected citizens of West Lampeter township, is a worthy representative of one of the best and most favorably known agricultural families in this locality.

Henry Huber, his grandfather, with his wife Anna, were, during life standard bearers in the Old Mennonite Church, and hospitable and esteemed residents of one of the excellent farms of this region.

Jacob Huber, son of Henry, was also a farmer. He died at the age of forty-one, while his wife, Mary Herr, lived to be sixty-one, rearing a family of five children; Jacob, a farmer of the county, died near Beaver; Henry moved to Illinois, where he

died; Susanna; Eliza, who married Cyrus Zittle, is deceased; the only members of the family surviving being Martin and Susanna, the latter now about seventy years of age.

Martin Huber was born on the old family farm near Big Springs, July 23, 1823, a son of Jacob and Mary (Herr) Huber, and was reared and educated in the common schools of the district. At the early age of ten years he left home, and went to live with an uncle, with whom he remained until he was eighteen years old. At that time he began to learn the the wheelwright trade under the instruction of Jacob Hoover, and completed his apprenticeship when he was twenty-one. This business Martin followed for fourteen years and then began farming in West Lampeter township, between Lampeter and Strasburg, operating an eighty acre farm for ten years, at the close of that period selling it, and returning to his trade in Willowstreet, which he followed for the succeeding twenty-five years, being industrious and worthy of all confidence. Since that time he has lived in retirement, enjoying a competency which he has earned. Aside from the home property, Martin Huber owns a fine farm of eighty-six acres and both places are well improved, the home dwelling being erected in 1869.

On Nov. 15, 1847, Martin Huber was married to Maria Hoover, daughter of Christian Hoover and Anna (Shaub) Hoover, who was born in Strasburg township Sept. 18, 1825, and four children were born to this union: Aaron, who died in childhood; Anna M., who died young; Emma, who married David A. Huber, of West Lampeter; and Frances E., who married Henry Shenk, a farmer of this township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Huber are respected and esteemed in the community, are worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church and well known to a wide circle of friends. Among her neighbors Mrs. Huber is known for her kindness, and also for her skill in care for the sick, being most successful in alleviating whooping cough, by means of some of her own medicines.

JOHN MARTIN BACHMAN, the widely-known contracting house carpenter and builder whose beautiful residence is at No. 830 Columbia avenue, is descended from one of the oldest families of Lancaster county, the Bachman family to which he belongs having come to America from Germany with Hans Herr, the progenitor of all the Herrs in this country.

Mr. Bachman has several Bibles in his possession that came to him through his ancestors among the Rohrsers, and one of these bears an inscription, which shows it was in the possession of Mr. Bachman's ancestors as early as 1640.

It is very natural for our subject to be a carpenter by trade, for his father, grandfather and great-grandfather were carpenters, and all of them were born in Lancaster county, where they carried on their trade and died. All of them were named John, and all lived

in the vicinity of Willowstreet, where Mr. Bachman's father died in 1876. The mother of our subject was Annie Herr, a daughter of Benjamin Herr, a farmer of Lampeter. To our subject's parents eleven children were born, of whom the following are living: Abraham, a carpenter of Lampeter; Hattie, widow of Simon Weaver, of Lancaster; Hannah (whom her brother John M. has not seen for thirty-eight years), wife of Christian Zercher, a carpenter of St. Louis, Mo.; Amanda, wife of Benjamin Weaver, of Lancaster; and John Martin, of Lancaster.

John Martin Bachman was born at Pequea, this county, Aug. 6, 1841, and was educated in the public schools of the district. When fifteen years old he became an apprentice at carpentering, learning his trade with his brother Benjamin, at Willowstreet, where he remained until 1895. In that year he built a model dwelling on Columbia avenue, Lancaster, and removed to that city. For more than thirty-five years he has engaged in contracting as a builder, and during that time has erected many hundreds of dwellings, in the city and county, and also in other sections. Some years ago he had a very large contract for the erection of buildings at the well-known sea-side resort of Oceanport, where he put up twelve large structures, including one that covered seven acres. He built eight public school houses in Lancaster county, and was the contractor who built three model barns for the Lancaster County Almshouse—the first in 1883, and the second in 1886; the third in 1902; all were destroyed by fire. He rebuilt the Lancaster County Insane Asylum some years ago, after it had been partially destroyed by fire. Mr. Bachman is a Republican in politics, and served as a justice of the peace for West Lampeter for ten years.

Mr. Bachman has been twice married, his first wife having been Mary B. Harnish, daughter of Jacob Harnish, the retired dry-goods merchant of West King street. After her death he married Susan Harnish, her sister. Four children were born of the first union, only one of whom survives, Jacob, who served in the Spanish American war. To the second marriage have been born four sons, all of whom are living, namely: Benjamin Franklin, a carpenter, who is assisting his father at house-building; John Ira, a plumber, of Pittsburg; Leroy, a watchmaker, employed in the Hamilton Watch Factory, Lancaster; and Arthur Garfield (born on the day that James A. Garfield was nominated for the presidency), who was in the class of 1902, Lehigh University.

A model builder and a model citizen, Mr. Bachman enjoys the highest regard of the entire community, and we honor him—as well as the patriotic deed—by closing this sketch with a deserved tribute to his soldier brother, Amos W. Bachman. The record of this gallant soldier, who gave up his studies at the State Normal School at Millersville, to enlist as a soldier for the Union, is as follows: Private of Co. C, 99th P. V. I., mustered in Aug.

8, 1861; promoted to corporal, sergeant and first sergeant; commissioned second lieutenant, to rank from Feb. 3, 1863; first lieutenant, May 17, 1864; captain, July 8, 1864. Service: 1862, assigned 2nd Brigade, 1st division, 3d Army Corps. Kettle Run or Bristol Station, Aug. 27th; Grovetown and Gainesville, Aug. 28th and 29th; Bull Run, Aug. 30th; Chantilly, Sept. 1st; White Ford, Sept. 15th; Fredericksburg, Dec. 13th. In 1863: assigned to 2nd Brigade, 3rd division, 2nd army corps, Army of Potomac. Chancellorsville, May 1-3d; Gettysburg, July 1-3d; wounded slightly June 2d; Wapping Heights, July 23d; Auburn, Oct. 14th; Kelly Ford, Nov. 7th; Mine Run, Nov. 26-28th; Wilderness, May 5th, wounded; Spottsylvania, May 11th, wounded; North Anna, May 22-27th; Tolopotomy, May 29-31st; Cold Harbor, June 1-12th; Petersburg, June 16-23d; Deep Bottom, July 27-28th; mine explosion, July 3d; captain of Co. A, 203d P. V. I., mustered in September, 1864; lieutenant colonel, Feb. 14, 1865; colonel, June 15, 1865. Assigned to 2nd Brigade, 2nd division, 10th Army Corps, Army of the James. Service: Darbytown Road, Oct. 7th; Fair Oaks near Richmond, Oct. 27th; Fort Fisher, Jan. 15th; advance on Wilmington, Sugar Loaf Battery, Feb. 11th; Fort Anderson, Feb. 18th; capture of Wilmington, Feb. 22nd; mustered out June 22, 1865. Such is the record in brief of Col. Bachman's gallant service in the Civil war. He died at the home of his brother John M. Bachman at Willowstreet, in the prime of manhood, in his fiftieth year. His remains were interred in Fernwood cemetery, Philadelphia, where a grand memorial tablet was erected to his memory. The ceremony of unveiling this tablet was a memorable one, and the Philadelphia papers contained lengthy account of the exercises. No more gallant soldier than Col. Bachman could be found among all the brave men who fought that this country might live.

ANDREW R. SHELLENBERGER, a retired farmer residing in West Hempfield township, was born a half-mile distant from his present farm, Aug. 25, 1836; son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Shellenberger, natives of the same township, the former of whom was born on the same farm on which his son was afterward born.

Jacob Shellenberger was a life-long farmer, and was quite prominent in his day, being supervisor of his town when still a young man. His death took place in February, 1877, when he was seventy-six years old, but his wife, who was born March 17, 1809, survived till Jan. 22, 1890. They were members of the German Baptist Church, but their remains were interred in Habekers Mennonite Churchyard. Their family consisted of eight children, viz: Susannah R., who was born on the old homestead June 11, 1832, and has never married; Daniel, born Feb. 23, 1835, died Aug. 23, 1835; Andrew R., is the gentleman whose name opens this biographical notice; Abraham, born June 10, 1838, died Jan. 10,

1898; Jacob R., born March 9, 1841, a physician in Germantown; Elizabeth R., born May 15, 1844, lives in Mountville, and is the widow of Abram Mellinger; Sarah, born Nov. 15, 1847, died Nov. 17, 1847, and Mary, born Oct. 26, 1848, was married to Amos N. Lehman, of Manor township, and died Nov. 22, 1873.

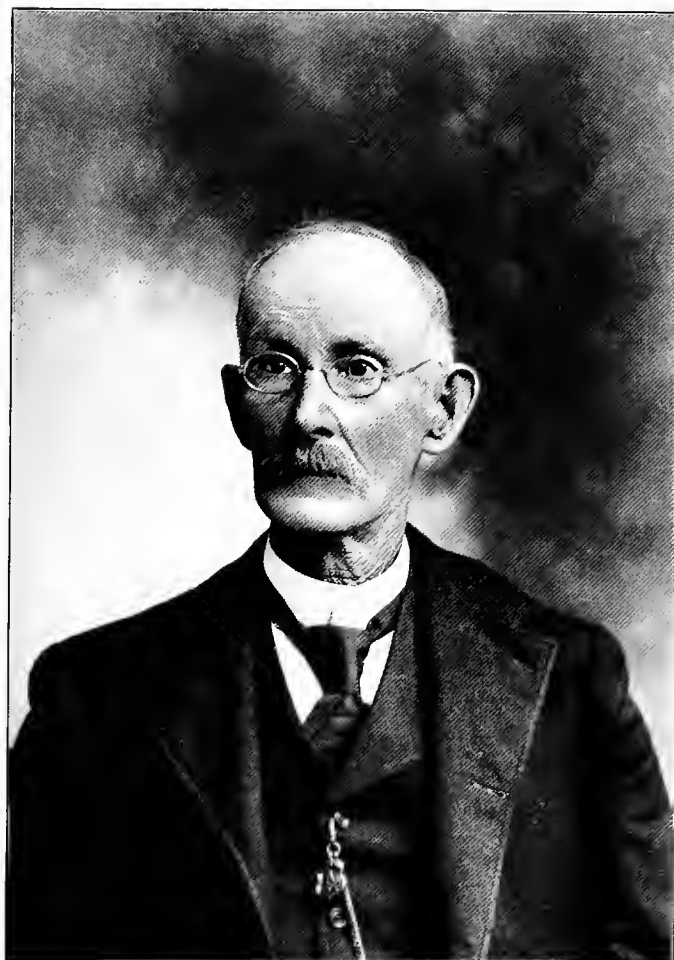
Andrew R. Shellenberger lived in the old homestead until the spring of 1869, and then came to his present farm of eighty-four acres, where he is engaged in raising tobacco. Abraham Shellenberger, brother of Andrew R., was born on this farm, and here died. This farm was granted from John, Thomas, and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn, Sept. 17, 1746, to Ulrick Shellenberger, an ancestor of the present family. Further allusion to Abraham Shellenberger's family will be made a little further on.

On Nov. 22, 1868, Andrew R. Shellenberger married Martha Mellinger in Lancaster City, and to this union have been born three children as follows: Ella M., April 7, 1873, died Aug. 22, 1875; Jacob C., born July 9, 1876, is still unmarried; and Edward M., born Feb. 28, 1882. Mrs. Martha (Mellinger) Shellenberger was born in Manor township Feb. 15, 1841, daughter of Christian and Susan (Hertzler) Mellinger. The family are Mennonites. Andrew R., the father, has served as township auditor, being elected by the Republican party of which he is a staunch advocate.

On Jan. 14, 1872, Abraham Shellenberger, spoken of above, married Anna N. Lehman, a native of Manor township, a daughter of Benjamin Lehman and sister of Amos N. Lehman, of whom further may be read on another page of this volume. To Abraham and Anna N. Shellenberger were born three children, viz: Elizabeth L., Mary L., and Daniel L. The father, Abraham had a fine farm of 140 acres, on which he passed his entire life. A Mennonite in religion, he was a Deacon in that church at the time of his death; in politics he was a Republican.

THOMAS F. McSPARRAN, a member of one of Lancaster county's leading families, was born in Fulton township Nov. 20, 1837, son of James and Amelia F. (McCullough) McSparran, of Lancaster county. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin.

James McSparran, the grandfather of Thomas F., was a son of pioneers of the county, and was born here, on the family homestead now owned and occupied by his grandson, Thomas F. This place, which stands near Peach Bottom, will be one hundred years old in 1904, and is still in a good state of preservation. The foundation was commenced about 1800, and the house was completed in about three years. James McSparran was the father of fifteen children, of whom James, Jr., father of Thomas F., born in 1801, died in 1864; he was a twin brother of Isabell, the wife of John King, both of whom are deceased; Elinor is deceased; Thomas, now (1903) eighty-three years old, resides in York county; William, twin of Thomas, is deceased; Miss Rachel, now over



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seventy, resides in Drumore township, and she and Thomas are the only survivors of this large family.

James McSparran, father of Thomas F., was married in 1832 to Amelia Fraiser McCullough, a daughter of Hugh McCullough, of Lancaster county, and eight children were born of this union: James and Hugh, both deceased; Thomas F.; Miss Mary E., who died in April, 1902 (she lived in Fulton township); Eleanor, who died in infancy; Grace B., widow of Rev. Alonzo Michael; Sanders; and John K., deceased. Mrs. James McSparran died in 1900, at the age of eighty-six years.

Thomas F. McSparran married Miss Ada Berta McClure, of Philadelphia, Feb. 15, 1897. She was born Dec. 6, 1858, of Scotch-Irish parents. Thomas F. McSparran has traveled extensively. He was in the West from 1868 to 1882, and owned a large farm of 280 acres in northwestern Missouri. In 1882 he returned to Lancaster county, to manage the family farm of 240 acres, which he purchased at the death of his mother, in 1900. Half of this farm lies in Fulton township, with the farm buildings, and half in Drumore, where he resides. His place has first-class improvements, and is in a high state of cultivation. In politics Mr. McSparran holds to the old Jeffersonian doctrines, and is a leader in his party. Altogether he occupies a prominent place in the community, and he is greatly respected for his many sterling traits of character.

FRANKLIN DILLICH. The ancestors of Franklin Dillich, one of the well-known business citizens of Lampeter, Lancaster county, were of German origin, his parents, Martin and Mary (Snyder) Dillich, both having been born and reared in Bavaria, Germany, where they married, coming soon after to the United States. Many of their countrymen had already settled in Lancaster county, and hither they came, locating in Strasburg township, but soon after removing to Paradise township, where Martin Dillich purchased a small farm, and until his death, at the age of seventy-five years, his principal avocation was farming. His last days were spent in the home of his son Franklin, at the "Lamb Hotel," in West Lampeter township, his death occurring in 1876. His wife had passed away seven years previously. They were both devoted adherents of the Catholic Church, and piously reared a family of three children: Franklin, who lives in Lampeter; Charles, a carpenter by trade, who for sixteen years was in the employ of the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., and now lives in Lancaster; and Martin, also a resident of the city of Lancaster, a blacksmith by trade, in the employ of The Champion Blower & Forge Company.

Franklin Dillich was born March 4, 1837, and was reared on a farm, receiving his education in the public schools of his district. At the age of twenty-two, he decided to learn the blacksmith's trade, and with this end in view, entered the shop of Peter Eberly, at Strasburg, where he remained until he was competent to open up a business of his own. Purchasing the

Rudy Shaub property, located in Strasburg borough, he conducted a blacksmith business in that place for the following seven years, and then took charge of the "Lamb Hotel," at Hollinger, conducting this hospitable and popular house for five years in connection with his other business. Upon selling this property he removed to Lampeter, where he has since been actively engaged in the conduct of his smithy, and also does some farming, owning a tract of fourteen acres, which is highly cultivated and well improved. Mr. Dillich proves that he is not only an excellent blacksmith, but also one of the best farmers in this locality.

The first marriage of Franklin Dillich was to Kate Yeager, a daughter of Christian Yeager, who died without issue. His second marriage was to Mary Ann Finefrock, a daughter of Peter Finefrock, and to this union were born two children: Frank J., who is a blacksmith by trade and is associated with his father in business; and Anna, wife of F. Gertz, of Lancaster City. The mother of these children died in 1883, and Mr. Dillich married Martha Crawford, a daughter of George Crawford, and one child has been born of this marriage, George M. The whole family are devoted members of the Catholic Church, and Mr. Dillich is justly regarded as one of the representative business men of Lampeter.

DANIEL MUSSER, a retired farmer of Lancaster, was born in West Lampeter township, this county, June 18, 1829, son of Martin and Anna (Hostetter) Musser, of Lampeter and Manor townships, respectively.

Martin Musser was a farmer and physician and died in West Lampeter township in 1847, aged fifty-six, while his wife died in 1862, aged seventy-two, and both are buried in Longeneckers Church Cemetery. They were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Jacob; Benjamin; Henry; Martin; Daniel; Gideon, who died in childhood; Martha, deceased, who married John F. Herr; Anna, deceased, who married Theodore W. Herr, of Denver, Colo.; Susan, deceased, who married Daniel K. Herr; Emma, second wife of Theodore W. Herr.

The boyhood days of Mr. Musser were spent like those of ordinary country boys, working upon the farm and receiving such educational advantages as lay within the means of his parents. When he attained to manhood's estate, he began farming for himself, operating a fine farm in Locust Valley, Strasburg township, this county, until 1891, when he retired from active business life, and has since then lived in Lancaster, enjoying leisure earned by years of toil and thrifty management.

On Nov. 7, 1858, in Longenecker's Church, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Susannah Herr, born March 17, 1836, at New Danville, Lancaster county, daughter of Henry and Mary (Rohrer) Herr, of this county, where the father was a farmer and miller until 1877, when he retired and removed to Lancaster,

and there died in 1895, aged eighty-one; his wife died in 1838, aged twenty-four. Both are buried in Longenecker's Cemetery and both were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. Two children were born to the parents of Mrs. Musser: Daniel K., now a florist of Lancaster; and Susannah. After the death of his wife, Mr. Herr married Fanny Herr, who died in 1857, aged sixty-two, leaving no children. Mr. Herr married a third time, his choice being Charlotte Herr, who bore him one child, Lizzie, who died unmarried in 1890. Mrs. Charlotte Herr is still living, and resides in Lancaster. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Musser was Martin Herr, a farmer and a very prominent man of his locality, who married Susan (Buckwalter) Herr, of Lancaster county.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Musser: Mary A., and Susie, who died in childhood; Martin H., a dentist of Lancaster, who married Mary Herr, of Strasburg, Pa., but has no children; and Emma E., now deceased, who married Hiram Dellinger, of Paradise, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Musser are consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and are highly esteemed in Lancaster, being possessed of true charity and Christian kindness which wins them many trusty friends.

CHRIST G. LONGENECKER. Among the well-known and reliable business men of Maytown, and identified with its best interests all his life, is Christ G. Longenecker, the capable and efficient manager of the Hoffman Bros.' cigar manufacturing plant, of Maytown.

Christ G. Longenecker was born in that town April 4, 1851, son of Jacob and Mary (Grove) Longenecker, the former of whom was a farmer of East Donegal township, who was a man of means, a school director many years and who died June 14, 1879. Mrs. Mary (Grove) Longenecker survived until Aug. 8, 1888, dying at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried beside her husband in East Donegal cemetery. Both had been most worthy members of the Church of God. Eight children were born to this worthy couple, as follows: Elizabeth, who married John C. Swiler, and resides in Philadelphia; Amanda, who married W. W. Shireman, and is now deceased; Anna, who married A. M. Casel, of Denver, Colo.; John, deceased; Christ G.; Mary, deceased; George, manager of Watt & Shand's store, Columbia, Pa.; and Ella, who married J. W. Parkerson of Denver, Colorado.

The Longenecker family originated in Switzerland, leaving that country on account of the prescription laws, and settled in Lancaster county at an early day. The paternal grandparents of Christ G., the subject of this biography, were John and Elizabeth Longenecker, farmers of East Donegal, and the maternal grandparents were Christ and Elizabeth Grove, whose ancestry was also Swiss.

Christ G. Longenecker was reared on the home farm where he remained until he was fifteen years old, and then went to Philadelphia where he learned

the trade of bookbinder, remaining four years, and then returned to his old home. A favorable opening presenting itself, Mr. Longenecker entered the manufactory of the S. B. Francis Cigar Co., as foreman and manager, continuing as their efficient and faithful employe for a period of twelve years. On July 1, 1900, he accepted a similar position with Hoffman Brothers.

On Dec. 24, 1874, Mr. Longenecker was married to Miss Harriet Johnstin, and to this union have been born: Miriam J., who married H. B. Haines, of Maytown; Sarah J., who married John H. Miller, of Marietta, Pa.; Howard J.; Mary J.; and Ruth M. In politics Mr. Longenecker is a leader in the Republican party, and fraternally is connected with the American Mechanics. He has long been influential in the Lutheran Church. As a citizen he stands well before the people of his town, and possesses the esteem of all, both in commercial and social circles.

SHENK. One of the old and influential families of Lancaster county is that bearing the name of Shenk. Among its worthy representatives several generations ago was Martin Shenk, a native of Manheim township. His wife, Elizabeth, was a native of West Hempfield township. They were life-long, industrious, honest toilers of the fertile soil, and reared a large family of children.

John Shenk, one of their sons, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster county, about 1808. John was reared on the farm and followed farming as his vocation in life. He married Mariah Kauffman, daughter of Jacob Kauffman, one of the sturdy settlers of Manheim township. They were devout members of the Mennonite Church, and lived in West Hempfield township through life. John, in his later years, was a Republican in politics, and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-five years, passing away in 1894. His wife, Mariah, died in 1870, aged sixty-six years. They are buried at Marietta. Six children were born to John and Mariah Shenk, namely: Henry K., a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, whose sketch appears below; Martha, who married John Minnick, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Jacob, who lives retired in Myerstown, Lebanon county; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Royer, a farmer of Lebanon county; Christian K., farmer and tobacco merchant of West Hempfield township, whose sketch also appears herewith; and Mariah, of Lewistown.

HENRY K. SHENK, one of the old and highly honored citizens of West Hempfield township, for almost half a century, has lived on the farm which he now occupies. He came to the farm when twenty years of age, and his earnest, active, influential and successful career is known to all men in that locality. He is the son of John and Mariah (Kauffman) Shenk, and was born on the old homestead in Manheim township, Feb. 27, 1833. He married Dec. 25, 1862, in East Donegal township, Mary S. Rhoads, who was born in Manor township, April 8, 1833, daughter

of George and Elizabeth Rhoads, residents of East Donegal township, where George Rhoads was widely known as an industrious and skillful blacksmith, and as an enterprising farmer. To George and Elizabeth Rhoads were born six children, as follows: Abraham, who lived retired in Maytown, Lancaster county, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Hoffman of Conoy township; Mary, deceased wife of Henry K. Shenk; Levi, a retired farmer of Quarryville; Susan, widow of Christian Brant of Maytown; and George, a farmer of East Donegal township. Mary, the wife of Henry K. Shenk, died Dec. 23, 1893, aged sixty years. The only child of Henry K., and Mary S. (Rhoads) Shenk is Elizabeth, who married Eli L. Nissley, a tobacco merchant of East Donegal township, by whom she has a family of four children. In politics Henry K. Shenk is a Republican. His well cultivated farm comprises ninety-eight acres, and as an agriculturalist he has been progressive, wide awake and eminently successful. As a public spirited citizen he ranks high, and he holds the deep esteem of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

CHRISTIAN K. SHENK is one of the most active and prominent citizens of West Hempfield township, —a man who has engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits for many years, latterly in connection with the tobacco business, and prospered to a marked degree. He was born in Manheim township, March 5, 1840. He remained on the home farm with his parents, assisting in the arduous agricultural pursuits of the times until his marriage, which occurred when he was twenty-nine years old. He was married at Columbia, in December, 1869, to Miss Anna Heidler, and by this marriage had two children: Oliver, who married Elizabeth Hostetter and lives in Manor township; and Laura, who married Benjamin Koch, Dec. 27, 1900, and lives in Conshohocken, Pa. The wife died in March, 1876, aged thirty-five years, and for his second wife, Christian K. Shenk married at Columbia in December, 1881, Martha Heidler, sister of his deceased first wife.

They were the daughters of Levi and Martha (Hougendobler) Heidler, who individually represented two of the oldest families in Lancaster county. Levi was the son of William and Nancy (Forry) Heidler, natives, respectively, of Bird-in-Hand, and of West Hempfield township. Both died comparatively early in life, while residents of Marietta. William Heidler was drowned in 1826, at the age of thirty-five years, while fishing in the Susquehanna river. His wife died in 1829, aged thirty-three years. They left five children as follows: Levi; Nancy, who married Samuel Johnson and is now deceased; Hannah, deceased wife of Harry Heise; Cyrus, deceased; and William who became a miller and went West. Levi, who was a prominent retired farmer of Cordelia, was born Aug. 26, 1815, and died in October, 1901.

Levi Heidler married in Lancaster, Jan. 9, 1838, Martha Hougendobler, who was born in West Hempfield township April 1, 1820, daughter of Nich-

olas and Barbara (Geldmaker) Hougendobler, and granddaughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Peters) Hougendobler. Isaac and his three brothers emigrated from Germany, and were among the earliest settlers of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, buying the land from William Penn. Nicholas, son of Isaac Hougendobler, was born in West Hempfield township, and was a weaver by trade and later a distiller. He died in Indiana in 1880, aged eighty-seven years. He married three times. By his first wife Barbara Geldmaker, who died in 1827, aged thirty years, he had four children: Barbara, deceased wife of Jacob Bard; Nancy, deceased wife of Michael Crider; Martha, who married Levi Heidler; and Henry, a tailor of Manheim. By his second wife, Mary Conklin, Nicholas Hougendobler had one child, Samuel, a tailor, now deceased. By his third wife, Mary Eston, he had eight children, namely: Sarah, who married Amasiah Young, of Manheim; Jacob, Amos and Abraham, who live with their mother in Indiana; and Harriet, Lizzie, Franklin and Harriet (2), who died young.

To Levi and Martha (Hougendobler) Heidler were born eleven children, as follows: Anna, who married Christian K. Shenk, and is now deceased; William, who married Mary Bart, and lives in Cordelia; Henry, of San Diego, Cal.; Barbara; Harriet, wife of Henry Brennehan, a veterinary surgeon of Mt. Joy; Cyrus, proprietor of a bakery at Mountville, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Dr. Charles McAuley, a physician of Petersburg; Martha, wife of Christian K. Shenk; Mary who died young; Samuel, who married Adelia Bunn, and is a school teacher of Springfield, Ill.; and Horace, a telegraph operator of Chickies, Lancaster county. Levi Heidler retired from active farming in West Hempfield in 1887, after which he lived in Columbia and Cordelia, successively. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious faith he was for many years a member of the English Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belongs.

After his marriage Christian K. Shenk operated his father's farm for ten years on the shares. He then engaged in the tobacco business in connection with farming and trucking and is now one of the prominent tobacco merchants of the county. In politics he is a Republican. His wife is a member of the Lutheran Church. They are prominent in the social life of the township, and most highly esteemed for their many estimable qualities. Christian K. Shenk has proved himself a successful business man, and his keen business judgment integrity and energy have placed him among the foremost citizens of West Hempfield township.

CLOYD R. COLLIER, one of the most reliable engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad and now residing in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Pa., March 23, 1845, son of James and Margaret (Tyson) Collier, who had a family of nine children, namely: Cloyd R.; Elizabeth J., wife of William A. Partner, a farmer

of Mifflintown; Alice A., married to George Kelley, a railroad engineer of the same place; Lucian W., Loran McG., and John M., deceased; Harvey F., a brakeman; Charles, of Columbia; and William A., of Harrisburg. The father died at the age of fifty-three years, and the mother in 1899, at the age of seventy-three, the former in the faith of the Baptist Church, and the latter in that of the Lutheran.

Cloyd R. Collier was reared on a farm, but at the age of sixteen years he left home to become a defender of the integrity of his country's flag. He enlisted for three years or during the war, in August, 1862, in Co. F, 16th P. V. C., under J. Robinson, who went out as captain and returned as colonel. During his service he took part in some of the severest battles that occurred in the Army of the Potomac, and in skirmishes innumerable. He was mustered out at Richmond, Va., and honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Aug. 23, 1865.

Mr. Collier, on reaching home, was employed as a laborer on the tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. until 1867, then went to Gettysburg, where he farmed until 1871. He then returned to Lancaster and resumed work in the furnaces. He continued to be thus employed until 1874, when he began as fireman with the Railroad Company, and in 1882 was promoted to engineer.

On July 2, 1868, in Chickies, Lancaster county, Mr. Collier was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Lochard, who was born in Newtown, Pa., a daughter of John and Margaret (Hammonds) Lochard; she died March 25, 1899, at the age of forty-eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Lochard were the parents of the following children: Margaret J., wife of George W. Humble, engineer at Columbia; James W., who died young; Cloyd R., boilermaker for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., at Columbia, and married to Katherine Hougontogles; John F., a brakeman at home; Saloma C., wife of John L. Madden, a machinist at Columbia; and Alice F. and Charles C., at home.

John Lochard, the father of Mrs. Collier, is a retired stationary engine manufacturer, and was born in March, 1824. He lost his wife March 4, 1888, she being sixty-four years of age at the time she died, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lochard nine children in the following order: Saloma, wife of Joshua Collier, a lumberman of Marysville, Pa.; Sarah A., the deceased wife of Cloyd R. Collier; Emma F., married to J. K. Snyder, a street-car conductor in Philadelphia; John B., of Columbia; Samuel, in the West; Anna M., Maggie J., and Ulysses G., deceased; and Clara B., wife of George White, a tinsmith in Columbia.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sarah A. Collier were John C. and Anna (Conklin) Lochard, of Newtown, where the grandfather was engaged in farming, and also conducted a temperance hotel; the maternal grandparents came from Chester county to Lancaster county, where grandfather Ham-

monds also conducted a hotel, and here he and wife passed the remainder of their days.

Cloyd R. Collier is one of the most trustworthy engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and with the children that now form the home circle is in the enjoyment of the highest esteem of all his neighbors. They are consistent members of the English Lutheran Church, and Mr. Collier is a member of the B. of L. F., the Relief, and the K. O. T. M. In politics he is a Democrat.

LEMUEL CHEW EBY, the popular and successful local representative of the American School Furniture Co., of New York, is a conspicuous and welcome figure in this community. He comes from a prominent and long-lived family, his great-grandfather having died at the age of eighty-three years; his grandfather at eighty-four; his father at eighty-one; his mother at eighty-four. The line of ancestry is a lengthy one. The paternal great-grandfather and grandfather bore the name of John.

John Eby, the grandfather, lived in Brickerville, Lancaster county, and the father, Christian Eby, was a fruit-grower of Conestoga Center. Mary Eby, the mother of Lemuel C., was a daughter of John Kendig, a well-known hotel keeper of Conestoga Center. To Christian and Mary Eby were born six children, three of whom are living. Lemuel C., of Lancaster; L. H., of Philadelphia; and Elmina, the widow of Aldus Groff, of Philadelphia.

Lemuel C. Eby was born in Conestoga Center, Sept. 2, 1843, and was educated in the district schools until he reached the age of eleven years. In 1854 he came to Lancaster to take a position as a newspaper carrier, and was then employed in the book store of his uncle, the late Elias Barr. He remained seven years, in the book store of John Bears' Sons when he took a position with the American School Furniture Co., of New York, where he soon became a very successful traveling salesman. There is not a school probably in Lancaster county that does not possess some article which it has bought from this gifted and energetic representative of the great firm. In the spring of 1900 he placed 600 chairs in the Lancaster Court House, and in October of the same year he secured the contract to supply 1000 opera chairs for the main auditorium of the Y. M. C. A.

Lemuel C. Eby was married, in 1868, to Miss Mary, a daughter of the late David B. Hostetter, one of the most respected citizens of Lancaster. By this marriage he became the father of two children: Edward G., who is now at the head of the notion department of the New York Store of this city; and David Charles, who is at the head of the shoe department of J. R. Foster's Department Store.

Mr. Eby was elected by the Republicans of the Sixth ward to a seat in the common branch in the city council, but was obliged to resign, after serving two terms, on account of the fact that his headquarters are now in Philadelphia, and he is able to spend only Saturday and Sunday with his family in their

elegant and new home on East Chestnut street. From boyhood he has been a member of the First Methodist Church, and was at one time a member of the board of trustees of the Church, but his absence from Lancaster during the week compelled him to retire from the Board; for seven years he was superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Eby is a member of the Knight Templar degree of the Masonic Fraternity. As a representative of a great business house he has won hosts of friends by his genial manners, unfailing courtesy and honorable methods. Liberal in his views and acts, and indefatigable in his efforts to promote the interests of his house, all who know him wish him success in an unmeasured degree.

WILLIAM H. GUTHRIE, a leading contracting painter and decorator, Lancaster, with place of business at No. 38 West Walnut street, comes of a long-lived rugged Scotch ancestry, some of whom were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania.

Joseph Guthrie, grandfather of William H., came to America from Scotland, settling in Chester county, Pa., where he founded the now thriving village of Guthriesville, becoming prominent in all the affairs of the locality, and first postmaster of the village. From Chester county he removed to Franklin county, and here passed the rest of his days. Of his family three are yet living, viz.: William D., in Chambersburg, Pa., aged eighty-three years; and two daughters aged, respectively, eighty and eighty-two, one residing in Chambersburg, the other in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Allen Guthrie, father of William H., was for many years the leading house painter in Lancaster, coming to the city in 1848, after having followed the business in Chester and Franklin counties. He married Miss Mary A. Garrett, a native of Chester county, born of Scottish ancestry, and seven children were the result of their union, five of whom are yet living. The father passed away Feb. 17, 1893, in the sixty-ninth year of his age, and no man in the city died more deeply lamented. The mother was called from earth in 1882, mourned by a wide circle of relations and friends. They were active and consistent members of the Methodist Church, and interested in everything looking to the uplifting of their fellow creatures.

William H. Guthrie was born near Guthriesville, East Brandywine township, Chester Co., Pa., and was a small boy when the family moved into the city of Lancaster. Here his earlier education was secured, and for a time he attended Franklin and Marshall College. In 1864 he commenced an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist in the Norris Locomotive Works, now known as the Pennsylvania Iron Works; but after three years he abandoned this line and took up the painting and decorating business, under his father's excellent tuition. In 1882 his father admitted him into partnership, under the firm name of Guthrie & Son, which continued

until 1892, since when William H. has conducted the business alone. That he has made a success goes without saying, and the many fine residences and public buildings he has painted and decorated testify to his skill. Among the latter may be mentioned the Duke Street M. E. Church, the "Hotel Lancaster," and the Folmer & Clogg umbrella factory, all in Lancaster; the Industrial School and Soldiers' Orphan School, at Scotland, Franklin county; the new Chester County Insane Asylum, besides many other buildings, while, year after year, he and his expert painters, grainers and decorators are kept busy nearly the whole time at the ancestral home of the Grubb family at Mount Hope, Lancaster county. In March, 1901, Mr. Guthrie had the contract for painting a large building in Coatesville, Chester county, which was among the lesser contracts he had secured for the spring work of that year.

In April, 1882, William H. Guthrie married Miss Mary S. Etter, daughter of Josiah Etter, a prominent farmer of Franklin county, Pa., and four children have blessed this union: Mary (a graduate of the Girls' High School, Lancaster, class of 1900), Roswell, Helen, and Allen Herschell. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie are members of Grace Lutheran Church, of which he is serving as vestryman.

Socially Mr. Guthrie is a member of the Odd Fellows, being a past officer in Herschel Lodge, No. 123, and its representative to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, including Harrisburg Consistory 32nd degree. A Republican in politics, he was elected on that ticket to the city council, and has served in same with his well-known zeal and ability. He enjoys a wide and influential social and political connection, while personally, no man stands higher in the community than William H. Guthrie.

ADAM WISMAN. Among the prominent, successful and self-made men of Marietta is Adam Wisman, one of the well-established business citizens who is held in high esteem. His business is that of tin-smith, plumber and jobber, and on account of his reliability he has a large patronage which is steadily on the increase.

The birth of Adam Wisman occurred in Hesselndarmstadt, Germany, Oct. 27, 1846. His parents, Adam and Anna M. (Erhardt) Wisman, came to America in 1847 and settled at York, Pa., where the mother died in the same year; she was born in 1799. The bereaved husband continued to live in York, and remained there as a laborer until his second marriage. He wedded Catherine Dysert, making a comfortable home in York until his death in 1882, when seventy-nine years old. During life he was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. The children of the first marriage were: George, who died in Baltimore, Md., in 1897; Barbara, who married Henry Bernstock, a plumber of Wrightsville; and Adam, of this sketch. The children of the second

marriage were: Lewis, of York; Mary, who married Andy J. Nickey, of Illinois, where she died; John, who was killed on the railroad in 1881; and William.

The home life of Adam Wisman was not a happy one for the little lad, after the death of his mother, and at the tender age of eight years he ran away, securing work with a kind farmer who lived four miles from the city of York. There he remained for two years, and then went back to the city, entering in the employ of Capt. John Hay, with whom he remained until 1859, and then acted as an errand boy for six months or until the opening of the Civil war. Among the striplings who enlisted Nov. 25, 1861, in Co. B, 3rd. Md. V. I., was Adam Wisman, but he was soon discharged on account of being too light for the service. Nothing daunted, the brave boy enlisted then in Co. I, 130th P. V. I., as a drummer boy, although it was his intention to carry a gun instead of a drum, and he efficiently served through nine months, re-enlisting in Co. B, 13th P. V. C., under Capt. H. H. Gregg, and served with gallantry until November, 1865, taking part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and other great battles, and was in thirty-two engagements, but did not escape unharmed. His first wound was received from a gun shot, on the field of Chancellorsville, again a gunshot at Charles City Cross Roads, and a third wound was from a sabre on nose and chin, at Sycamore Church, where he was obliged to escape from the enemy in his underwear, as he was on his way to take a message to Gen. Grant. Mr. Wisman displayed his courage and endurance by never entering a hospital for care, but submitted to the rude and bungling assistance which the members of his company gave him.

After his return from the war Mr. Wisman entered as an apprentice in a shop some three miles from York, and received \$40 for that year, and then went to York and worked for D. D. Dowdell for three years, under instruction. He then passed nine months in the Pennsylvania railroad shops, going from there to Goldsboro, Pa., where he opened up a tinsmith and plumbing business. This did not prove a good location, and he returned to York and worked there and in Wrightsville, at his trade, also doing some work in Lancaster, until 1874, when he came to Marietta and engaged for one year as a workman with Sterritt & Spangler, this association lasting for twelve years. In 1886 Mr. Wisman opened up a business of his own and since that time has done the principal business in tinsmithing and plumbing in this town.

On Jan. 26, 1868, in the village of Dillsburg, York county, Mr. Wisman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Ziegler, and the children of this union are: Harry, who married Susan Starr; Lotta, who married John H. Smith, and lives in Marietta; Sarah J., deceased; Walter, who married Elizabeth Westenhoeffer, and resides in Marietta; Laura, at home; Mamie, who married Joseph C. Kline, of Klinesville,

this county; George; Maud; Area; Horace; and James, Anna and William, deceased.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Ziegler) Wisman is a native of York, Pa., born in 1847, a daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Danner) Ziegler. The former was a man of prominence, a saddler by trade, and the treasurer of York county for three terms. His death occurred in January, 1867, at the age of fifty-eight, and that of his widow, in 1872, at the age of fifty-two. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler were: James B., an attorney in York; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Jonas Neice; Jacob, deceased; Emma, who married James B. Mundorff, postmaster at Mount Holly Springs, Pa.; Sarah J.; Samuel, deceased; Laura, who married William H. Lewellyn, of Marietta; Catherine, who married J. Krurg, of Hanover; Edward; and Daniel, of Hanover.

Mr. Wisman has taken a prominent part in Democratic politics in the county and city, and has been a member of the council for two years, his sensible and sound advice being of great value in civic affairs. His fraternal connections are with the G. A. R.; the I. O. O. F., Encampment No. 176; the Red Men, and he is president of the Pioneer Fire Co., an organization of much merit. The religious connection of the family is with the M. E. Church. Mr. Wisman is a man of large charities and generous impulses.

ISAAC HERR, an industrious carpenter in the township of West Lampeter, was born in the community where his life has passed since May 29, 1837, a son of Abraham and Anna (Stoner) Herr, and a grandson of Joseph Herr.

Joseph Herr was a native of Pequea township, and in his time an extensive farmer. His last years were spent in West Lampeter township. He was a man of fine character, of great liberality and broad charity. He married Miss Maria Forrey, by whom he had the following children: Abraham, the father of Isaac; Martin, a hotel keeper; Joseph, an undertaker and a carpenter at Willowstreet; David, who followed farming in Pequea and in Leacock townships, and died in the last named township; Barbara, who married Isaac Houser; Maria, who became the wife of John Harnish; and Anna, who married John Stoner.

Abraham Herr, the father of Isaac, was born Dec. 19, 1803, and he mastered the milling trade when a young man. After his marriage he located at the mill now known as Pugh's mill, between Lancaster and Hollinger, which he operated as long as his wife lived, when he took up farming and tobacco handling, going into cigar making on a small scale. On Jan. 26, 1832, he married Anna Stoner, who was born Feb. 9, 1806, and died Nov. 30, 1838. Abraham Herr died Feb. 18, 1885. Four of their children grew to maturity: Fannie, who married John K. Bender; Anna, who married George Leaman; Abraham S., living in Leacock township; and Isaac. The father of these children was a member

of the Mennonite Church, and a man of character and standing in the community.

Isaac Herr learned the cabinet-making trade with his uncle Joseph at Willowstreet, beginning at the early age of fifteen years. On the completion of his apprenticeship he attended school a year, and then resumed his trade as a journeyman. After his marriage in November, 1860, he began operations for himself, and the following year he bought a half acre of land, where he erected a shop and a small house in which to live. As time passed and his family increased, his means grew larger, and from time to time his home was improved, increased and modernized, the shop having been moved to make room to meet the needs of the larger residence. Here Mr. Herr and his wife have lived for forty years, and reared a good family in peace and tranquility. Mr. Herr gives his attention to undertaking and carpenter work. In the years that have passed he has laid to rest many of the prominent people of this community, and his sympathizing spirit and kind heart, together with his unquestioned integrity and industrious ways have won him the confidence and esteem of the community. His sons, Abraham L. and Benjamin L., are now associated in business with him, under the firm name of Isaac Herr & Sons.

Mr. Herr was married Nov. 29, 1860, to Miss Mary H., who was born in East Lampeter township, April 28, 1837, a daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Heller) Leaman. This union has been blessed by a numerous family, of whom two are deceased: Barbara L., Jan. 30, 1862, is a seamstress, giving special attention to the making of burial robes, and for the past twenty years she has been a blessing to the community for her sympathetic services in the laying-out of the dead; Annie L., born Aug. 26, 1863, died Sept. 10, 1864; Lizzie L., born April 6, 1865, is the wife of Martin S. Zimmerman, of East Lampeter township; Hettie L., born June 7, 1866, is the wife of Frank S. Lefever, of West Lampeter township; Abraham L., born Aug. 29, 1867, married Miss Amanda Herr, and has his home in West Lampeter township, where he is engaged as carpenter and is also associated with his father in the undertaking business, being a graduate of the Philadelphia School of Embalming; Mary Ann, born June 18, 1870, is at home; Isaac L., born Aug. 22, 1871, graduated from the State Normal School at Millersville, class of 1895, lives at home, and is a teacher in the county schools, having begun the work in 1893, and he is also the township assessor; Samuel L., born Feb. 17, 1873, is a farmer at home; Emma L., born July 6, 1875, married Abraham D. Metzler, and lives in East Lampeter; George L., born Nov. 13, 1877, graduated at the State Normal School at Millersville in 1898, and has been a teacher in the public schools since 1898; an infant daughter, born Nov. 7, 1878, died unnamed; Benjamin L., born Jan. 29, 1882, was a student at the Millersville State Normal, and in 1901 was graduated from the Renouard School for Em-

balmers, is also associated with his father in the undertaking business.

Isaac Herr owns a fine farm of forty acres, on which he makes his home. Beginning his career with no capital save his strong heart and ready hand he accumulated with the assistance of his wife and the help of his children, a good property, and is classed among the well-to-do people of the county. The father, mother and all the children belong to the Mennonite Church.

SAMUEL SPRECHER. This gentleman was prominently identified with the industrial and civil life of Lancaster for a number of years prior to his decease in 1888. He was a civil engineer of note, having during his life time been connected with some of the largest enterprises in this part of the State, and being also identified with the Pennsylvania Railroad in the laying out of a good many of its feeders. He died from a severe attack of pneumonia, Oct. 15, 1888, in Denison, Iowa, while on his way to California for the benefit of his health.

Samuel Sprecher was a native of Lancaster, where he was born Nov. 5, 1850, son of Lewis and Lavinia (Baer) Sprecher. The Sprechers are one of the oldest and most prominent families in Lancaster county, the name having been a landmark in Lancaster on account of the old "Sprecher House," which for long years was the chief hostelry of the city. This was built by Lewis Sprecher, who was also the owner of the "Leopard Hotel," and a large amount of other city property. The old "Sprecher House" still stands on Duke street, and is still the property of the Sprecher family. The parents of Mr. Sprecher were leading citizens in the public and social life of Lancaster during their life time, and were identified with the Trinity Lutheran Church, of which they were active members. The following children besides Samuel were born to them: Jonathan, deceased at the age of thirty-five; Amanda, the wife of Enos Sheaffer, a farmer living in Leacock township; Solomon; Elizabeth; and Mary A., who died young. For further matter concerning the early history of the Sprecher family, the reader is referred to the sketch of George Sprecher.

Samuel Sprecher was reared amid the refining influences of a Christian home, and his early education was received in the private schools of his native town. He later entered Tuscarora Academy, where he was prepared for Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., from which institution he graduated in the course of civil engineering in the year 1874. For several years thereafter he was in the employ of the large contracting firm of Keller & Reilly in Lancaster. He then opened an office for himself, which he conducted until he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad. One of his early more important enterprises was the running of the boundary line between Chester and Lancaster counties. It was in the year 1878 that he was first in the employ of the Pennsylvania

Railroad, and for the next five years he was busied in the laying out of branch lines. In the year 1883 he became superintendent of Robert H. Coleman's Conowingo Ore Mines, which position he held until they suspended work in 1884. He remained in the employ of Robert H. Coleman until his death. He was, during this latter period, interested in converting the mountain wilderness of Mt. Gretna, then the property of Mr. Coleman and since famous as a summer resort, into one of the most beautiful summer residence places in the State. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Sprecher was taken down with pneumonia, and partially recovering, a trip to California was advised by his physician, from which he returned much improved. In 1888 he again started for California to remain permanently. But he was not able to make the trip in his weakened condition, and he died as stated. Mr. Sprecher was a leading member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, and in political life voted the Republican ticket, although he took but little part in politics.

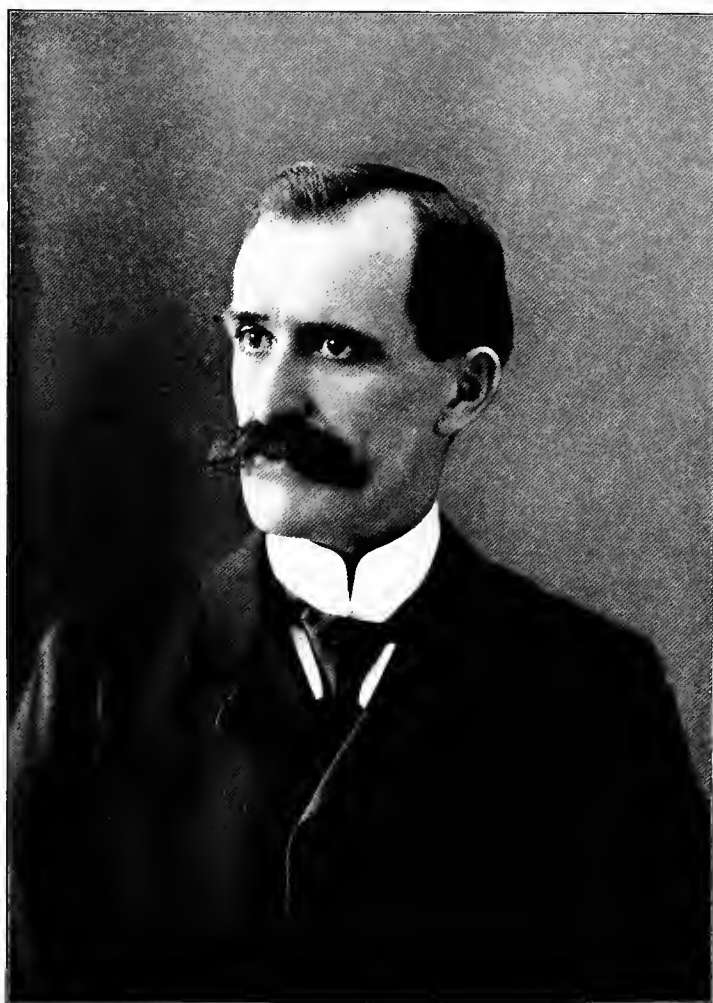
In 1875 Mr. Sprecher was married near Landisville on the present site of Bamfordville, Lancaster county, to Miss Lottie S. Buch, who bore him two children, and who still survives him: Lewis B., a shoe merchant of Lancaster; and Clay, mechanical engineer of Pittsburg, Pa. The mother of these children was born at Neffsville, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Grube) Buch. Benjamin Buch was for long years connected with the cattle industry of Lancaster county, being a drover of large property. He died in the home now occupied by his daughter Aug. 22, 1899, at the age of seventy-three years, and now lies buried in Woodward Cemetery. He lived in Lancaster from 1869. His wife still survives, living in the home of her daughter; she was born Feb. 28, 1835, and is still hale and hearty, with the exception of some little rheumatic afflictions. She became the mother of Lottíe S., Mrs. Sprecher; Ada M., deceased; and Harvey M., now residing in the West. The Buch family were also pioneers of Lancaster county. Peter and Mary (Leib) Buch, the parents of Benjamin, were born and reared in Lancaster County. On the maternal side the grandparents, David and Martha (Stoner) Grube, were also natives of this county. Mrs. Sprecher and her mother are ladies of many gentle traits of character, and are much esteemed in the more exclusive circles of Lancaster, where they have passed a great part of their lifetime.

HON. DAVID W. GRAYBILL, one of the leading citizens and most influential men of Lancaster county, well known in both public and private life, and identified with some of its most important industries, is pleasantly located in the village of East Petersburg, where he manages a large tobacco business, of which he has made a great industry, which gives employment to a large force of men, and has opened up commercial relations with many other sections, much to the advantage of his locality.

David W. Graybill was born in East Petersburg, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1853, and there he has resided all his life, with the exception of two advantageous years spent in study at the State Normal School at Millersville. His preparatory education was received in the public schools of his town, and after his return to his home from Millersville he engaged in business for some time prior to his marriage, in 1880, following which he set up a domestic hearth of his own and more extensively engaged in the tobacco business. Mr. Graybill has been a very active dealer in his line, and his progressive spirit has been of the greatest advantage to his locality, giving an impetus to other lines of trade. The years 1899 and 1900 were particularly prosperous, and Mr. Graybill found employment in his great warehouses for a force of 140 men. He has warehouses in both East Petersburg and Rohrerstown, three at the former place, and one at the latter, which was built in the fall of 1899.

Aside from his private interests, which are many and varied, for he is a keen, practical man, educated and alive to all that promises to conduce to prosperity, Mr. Graybill has always been animated by high ideals of business and civic life, and has probably done more than any other one citizen toward the permanent upbuilding of East Petersburg. His own residence is the most desirable in the village, and the creditable enterprise lately shown by the other citizens may, in a measure, be attributed to his example.

Mr. Graybill was one of the promoters of, and is also a stockholder and a director in, the Farmers' Creamery Company, of East Petersburg, and has taken a prominent position in the organization from the first. Politically he has been a strong man in the Republican ranks, taking an active part in all party matters, and was twice made a delegate to the State convention, first in 1883, and later in 1898. For some eighteen years he has served as a justice of the peace, having been elected to that position four different times. In 1879 he was made a notary, but resigned this office in order to accept the former one, which he also resigned in June, 1900, in order to accept the nomination from the Republican party for the State Legislature. During his service in the Legislature, in 1901-02, he served on the committees on Railroads, Senatorial and Representation Apportionment, Counties and Townships, and others. The bill known as Centralization of Public Schools received his hearty co-operation, and was passed largely through his efforts, and it was in favor of this bill that he made his maiden speech. He firmly opposed the bill for the removal of the State Capitol. He has received the nomination for a second term in the Legislature, by nearly 5,000 majority, at a primary election held March 15, 1902. For three years Mr. Graybill most efficiently served as township assessor in East Hempfield township, and for the fifth time he has had the honor of being chosen chairman of the Republican County Committee, an honor never before conferred, in his district, upon the same indi-



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vidual twice in succession. Mr. Graybill throws himself heartily into whatever he undertakes, and, where his judgment and sagacity sanction it, knows no such word as fail.

Fraternally Mr. Graybill is as prominent as he is in both public and private life, being identified with Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., and also Lancaster Lodge of Perfection; is a past grand of Selah Lodge, No. 657, I. O. O. F., of Manheim; also a member of Meridian Sun Commandery, No. 99, Knights of Malta; Lancaster Castle, No. 126, Knights of the Mystic Chain; Red Rose Co., No. 20, Military Branch of Knights of the Mystic Chain, serving as assistant inspector general of the State, with the rank of brigadier general; past regent of Conestoga Council, No. 463, Royal Arcanum, and past councillor of the Loyal Addition; he is also a member of the Annual Annuity of the Mystic Circle, and was the first representative of this lodge to the grand lodge; and is consul commander of Cherry Camp, No. 83, Woodmen of the World. These many connections have made him better known through various parts of the State than almost any other citizen of his vicinity, and he is everywhere regarded as a high-minded, honorable man in whatever capacity he may be found.

David W. Graybill was married April 27, 1880, to Miss S. Alice Martin, a daughter of William K. and Susan C. (Getz) Martin, residents of East Hempfield township. To this union have been born three interesting children, all sons, Guy M., Reid M. and David W.

The religious connection of the family has been with Trinity Reformed Church, to which Mr. Graybill has been a most generous contributor, and in which both he and his estimable wife are highly valued for their many excellent traits of character. Mr. Graybill possesses the esteem of his neighbors, and is looked upon in the county as one of the progressive and honorable citizens who are, by sound business sense and individual application, the men who build up and prove of most value in any community.

JOSEPH G. KAUFHOLD, a grocer and one of Columbia's prominent business men and influential citizens, was born in that town Aug. 27, 1856, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Geislar) Kaufhold.

Jacob Kaufhold was born in Prussia, and his wife in Bavaria. The latter emigrated to this country in 1848, and Mr. Kaufhold's feet first touched American soil two years later. They were married in Columbia, where he was employed in a blast furnace. Jacob Kaufhold died in 1881, aged sixty, and his widow still survives, her home being in Columbia. She was born July 12, 1836. Jacob Kaufhold and his wife were the parents of nine children. The eldest, Sarah, is the widow of L. Bitner, of Columbia; Anna married Edward Pordahl, of Lebanon; John, the third child and eldest son, is a resident of Columbia; George J. is in the monument business in Columbia; Bartholomew and William have both

seen service as United States soldiers, the former having done duty in Cuba, and the latter being at present stationed in the Philippines; Margerie, the youngest daughter, is at home and unmarried. Joseph Kaufhold's paternal grandparents were Joseph and Helen (Mockenruts) Kaufhold, of Germany. The former died in 1846, in his sixty-seventh year, and the latter in 1831, aged forty. Their children were Conrad, Lawrence, Duridale, Jacob and Joseph (second). The grandfather married a second time, after the death of his first wife. His second wife was Catherine Artleb, and the issue of the marriage was two children: John, who died in the Fatherland; and Bartholomew, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Kaufhold's maternal grandparents were George and Anna (Stegar) Geislar. They emigrated from Germany to America in 1848, and settled in Havre de Grace, Md. At that time they were youth and maiden, and no word of troth had passed between them. Two years thereafter they were united in marriage, and removed to Columbia, Pa. He worked in an iron furnace, and died in 1891, after reaching the ripe age of four score years. His wife died in 1897, aged eighty-six. Their children were four in number, Mr. Kaufhold's mother, Catherine, being the eldest. The others, all of whom are deceased, were Sarah, Margaret and John. Sarah married Martin Eppley, and died in May, 1900. John died in 1899, and Margaret in childhood.

In October, 1886, Mr. Kaufhold was married to Miss Elizabeth Hagel, at Columbia. The issue of the union has been four sons and eight daughters: Clara, Mary, Frank, Bartholomew, Anna S., Beattie, Gertrude, Margaret, Charles, Sabina, Joseph and Lucy. Gertrude and Joseph are both deceased, as is also Charles, who was Margaret's twin brother.

Mrs. Kaufhold was born at Chestnut Hill May 12, 1860, daughter of Peter Hagel and his wife, Sabina Spangler. Both her parents were Bavarians, and were married in the country of their birth, and both are now deceased. They emigrated to America in 1850, and, coming to Lancaster county, settled at Chestnut Hill. He was a farmer, but also a miner as well. Mr. Hagel lived to the age of sixty-nine, and died Jan. 25, 1881. His wife passed from life April 1, 1895, having reached the same age as her husband at the time of his demise. They were both Catholics, and sleep in the cemetery at Columbia. Mrs. Kaufhold was the sixth of seven children born to this union. Joseph and May, the two eldest, are both deceased; Mary is the wife of Anthony Seebower, a furniture dealer of Columbia; Anna is deceased; and Catherine, who is unmarried, makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Kaufhold.

Joseph G. Kaufhold faced the world in early life. That he has struggled successfully against its temptations and won the battle of life, alone and unaided, is chiefly due to his indomitable pluck, his tireless energy, and his unassailable probity. At

the early age of twelve years he began working in a grocery store. For two years he followed this toil, being able to attend school for only six months. From 1871 to 1883 he found employment in a rolling mill. Industry, sobriety, patience and integrity enabled him to embark in the grocery business then on his own account. The same sterling characteristics have won for him a steady, uninterrupted success. He believes in the faith of his ancestors, and is a devout and practical Catholic. Politically he is a Democrat. He is a member of St. Joseph's Society, and of the P. C. B. L.

ALBERT M. HERR, wholesale florist and carnation specialist, located at Rider avenue and Elm street, Lancaster, is one of the prominent business citizens of the city.

Henry Herr, the grandfather of Albert M. Herr, was both a merchant and miller in Strasburg township, retiring from activity in 1861, and dying in 1894, at the age of eighty-one years. He married (first) Mary Rohrer, who died in March, 1838, at the early age of twenty-four years, leaving two children, Susannah, who is the wife of Daniel Musser, a prominent retired farmer; and Daniel K., the father of Albert M. The second marriage of Henry Herr was to Fanny Herr, widow of Samuel Herr, and his third marriage was to Charlotte, daughter of Francis Herr. The paternal great-grandparents of our subject were Martin and Susan (Buckwalter) Herr, farming people of Strasburg township, of Swiss ancestry.

Daniel K. Herr, son of Henry and Mary (Rohrer) Herr and father of Albert M., was born in New Danville, Pequea township, Dec. 2, 1837. Prior to his thirty-seventh year he engaged in milling in Strasburg township, and then began gardening, which business he followed for three years, the business developing into market-gardening and finally into that of florist, Mr. Herr being for twenty years one of the best-known and most successful wholesale florists in this part of the county. For the past four years he has made his home in Lancaster, but prior to that lived in Lancaster township. Mr. Herr has a large business for which he has most excellent accommodations, comprising four hot houses with dimensions of 100x18 feet, and with some 8000 feet of glass. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster. In December, 1859, Mr. Herr was married in Lancaster township, to Miss Susan Musser, born in West Lampeter township, daughter of Dr. Martin Musser, who died March 3, 1870, at the age of thirty-five years, and was buried in Longenecker cemetery, in Lampeter township. The one child born to this union was Albert M., of this sketch.

Albert M. Herr was born July 19, 1862, in Strasburg township, and resided there with his father until his fourteenth year, accompanying him then to Lancaster. He became interested in his father's business, first assisting him and then thoroughly

learning the same, and in 1881 began the business for himself. Mr. Herr's greenhouses cover an acre of ground, and he has 60,000 square feet of glass, his first building being done in 1888. At various times since he has made additions, and has introduced all of the latest improvements in floriculture, and his carnations and other specialties have gained for him a wide and deserved notoriety.

Mr. Herr is prominently identified with all of the Masonic bodies in Lancaster, and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine in Reading; is a member of the B. P. O. E., being one of the original fifteen members in Lancaster, and serving as secretary of the lodge for five years. He belongs to a number of horticultural societies, is secretary of the American Carnation Society, and is treasurer of the Florist Hail Association. In politics he is a Republican. Few men are better or more favorably known to the trade than is Mr. Herr, the deep interest he has taken in his line having enabled him to advance the science of floriculture very much.

On Feb. 24, 1897, Mr. Herr was united in marriage, in Philadelphia, to Miss Elizabeth Irwin, born in Sadsbury township, Chester county, daughter of Andrew and Mary (Clendenen) Irwin, the former of whom is a railroad carpenter, residing with his family in Philadelphia. One son, Daniel Irwin, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr. The family is held in high esteem in Lancaster.

CONRAD Z. HESS, one of the intelligent, progressive agriculturalists of Pequea township, was born there, Nov. 5, 1856. He comes from a family of Lancaster county whose members have always commanded the highest respect, being a great-grandson of Michael Hess. The last named bought a farm of 115 acres for five shillings—the place now occupied by the father of our subject.

Abraham Hess, the grandfather, was born in Pequea township, and there passed his entire life. He married Elizabeth Musser, and to this union three sons were born, one dying in infancy; Benjamin died at the age of eighteen months; and Abraham M. is the father of our subject. He was born in Pequea township in 1829, was educated in the common schools of the county, and began life for himself when twenty years of age, taking up farming which he has always followed. In the fall of 1850 he married Elizabeth Hess, and one son was born to them, Emanuel, who died in infancy. The mother died in the fall of 1851, and Mr. Hess afterward married Anna Zigler, of East Donegal township, by whom he had seven children: Conrad Z.; Benjamin, of Fulton township; Abram, of East Donegal township; Noah Z.; Ezra, deceased; Ezli, who died in infancy; and Mattie, wife of Paris Engle, of Columbia, Pa. Mrs. Anna (Zigler) Hess died in July, 1868. Abraham M. Hess then married Barbara Herr, who became the mother of four children: Annie, wife of Graybill Mann, of Manor township; Enos, of State College, Pa.; Barbara, who died in

infancy; and Lizzie, who is at home. Mr. Hess is a member of the Dunkard Church, better known as the River Brethren Church, and he has been a deacon in same for a number of years. He has settled up a number of estates, and has been guardian for several families, a fact which testifies forcibly to the estimate placed upon his character and ability by those who know him well.

Our subject lived at home with his father until he was twenty-one years of age, meantime receiving his education in the common schools of the county. He then went to live with his uncle on a farm in East Donegal township for two years, returning home again for one year, after which he went to Quarryville, and engaged in raising tobacco for one year. He then purchased a farm of his father, in Quarryville, and conducted same for nine years, at the end of that time coming back to his old home and taking charge of his father's farm. Here he has remained to the present time.

Mr. Hess represents the Agricultural Insurance Co., of Lititz. He has proved himself in the management of his fine property, an able business man, and he is regarded by all who know him as a valuable citizen, one who works for the good of the community, as well as for his own advancement in life.

On Jan. 19, 1882, Mr. Hess married Ada Sue Keen, daughter of David Keen, of Eden township, and they are the parents of eleven living children and have lost two by death. Those living are: Anna Martha, Abraham Musser, Alice May, Ada Mary, David Avery, Martha Ann, Emma Rhoda, Ruth Lizzie, John Zigler, Beulah Viola, and Verna Pauline, all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Hess both belong to the Dunkard Church, known also as the River Brethren in Christ.

CHARLES EDGAR SHREINER, a well-known native citizen of Lancaster was born Oct. 1, 1863, son of the late Charles F. and Eleanor (Cox) Shreiner, more extended mention of the family being found in another part of this volume. Charles F. Shreiner passed away in July, 1865, and his widow, who was a native of New Jersey, in 1883. The children of their marriage were nine in number, the survivors being: William M., who is a printer in Sioux City, Iowa; Sallie A., and Charles Edgar, the well-known advertising man.

Charles Edgar Shreiner was given an excellent common-school education in Lancaster, and then spent five years in the grocery establishment of the late George Wiant, and the succeeding eight years in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, in Philadelphia. Returning to Lancaster in 1893, he organized the Shreiner Advertising Co., with offices at No. 43 East Marion street, near the post-office. Although this company makes a specialty of outdoor advertising, it also engages in the business in other lines, much of its work commanding attention and admiration. That it has proved such a success is due to the energy and ability of its founder, and in

it he supplies a want that has long been felt in this community.

In August, 1887, Mr. Shreiner was married to Miss Alice A. Hale, a daughter of John Hale, who is now a retired contracting carpenter, of Georgetown, Mass. Mrs. Shreiner came of distinguished ancestry, one of her forefathers being a Spofford, and belongs to the same family as A. R. Spofford, so long the librarian of the Washington Library. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shreiner are: Helen Spofford, Sallie Agnes, Carl Hale and Anna Frances.

Fraternally Mr. Shreiner is connected with the Knights of Malta, while politically he is an ardent and active Republican. His religious rearing was in the Moravian faith, but Mrs. Shreiner is a Congregationalist, her ancestors long having been prominent members of that body, in New England. Few young men have made better business showings in the same time than Mr. Shreiner, his pleasant personality winning him friends, while his upright methods, and the excellent work turned out by his company, have gained him the confidence of even a critical public. It is no small matter to control a trade in which so large a city as Philadelphia attracts on account of its proximity. This Mr. Shreiner has been able to do, and his prosperity reflects not only credit upon him, but also upon the public spirit of the community.

JOHN RUPP BURKHOLDER, a wholesale grain dealer in the Northern National Bank Building, Lancaster, and at one time manager of the broker business of his father-in-law, Hon. A. H. Summy, belongs to a family long and favorably known in Lancaster county. His grandfather was Jonas Burkholder, who lived and died in the eastern part of this county.

Isaac Burkholder, father of John R., died in 1882, in West Earl township. He married Maria Rupp, daughter of Samuel Rupp, a well-known farmer of West Earl township, and they had fourteen children, thirteen of whom are living at the present writing; Samuel R., a farmer in Kansas; Joseph R., a horse dealer in Manheim township; Jonas R., a traveling salesman from Lancaster; Isaac R., a traveling salesman in Ohio; John R., our subject; Elizabeth R., wife of Wayne Carpenter, a farmer of Warwick township; Maria, wife of Frank Stauffer, a farmer of West Earl township; Susan, wife of Amos Dillman, a carriage builder at Farmersville; Annie, wife of J. Musser, a farmer of Lititz; Barbara, wife of J. M. Sheaffer, a merchant of Ephrata; Hattie, wife of B. Hoover, a farmer of New Holland; Emma, wife of Diller Sheaffer, a farmer of Bird-in-Hand; and Sarah, at home with her parents.

John Rupp Burkholder was born in West Earl township Jan. 25, 1856, and was educated in the public schools of the home district. Leaving school when sixteen years of age, he entered his father's

flour mill, where he remained until 1880. For a period of about twelve years following he was engaged in the milling business in different mills along the Conestoga. In 1892 he came to Lancaster, and entered into a partnership with H. K. Keller, in the wholesale grain business, trading under the firm name of H. K. Keller & Co. In 1895 this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Burkholder opened an office in the Northern National Bank Building, where he has since continued his grain business. In 1901 Mr. Summy bought out the broker business, which had been established on the second floor of the Northern National Bank Building, and Mr. Burkholder became his manager, conducting the broker business in connection with his grain offices. The broking is done through J. B. Fleschman & Co., of Philadelphia, with whom direct telegraphic communication is had. Genial and clever in his intercourse with the public, Mr. Burkholder has built up a handsome shipping trade, and is well and favorably known.

Mr. Burkholder was married, in 1883, to Miss Annie Summy, a daughter of Hon. A. H. Summy, whose history appears elsewhere. To this union has come one child, Guy Summy, born in 1886, who is now a pupil of the Boys' High School, Lancaster. Mr. Burkholder is of Mennonite descent. Politically he is a Republican, as are all the members of his family.

HENRY WEILL, dealer in driving, heavy draft and fine coach and saddle horses, with sale and exchange stables at Nos. 200-216 West Orange street, Lancaster, and also extensive dealer in leaf tobacco, was born in Alsace, France, March 16, 1860, son of Benjamin and Esther (Woertenslock) Weill, the former of whom was born in Alsace, the latter in Strasborg, France.

Benjamin Weill, the father was engaged in the horse business for a great many years, but retired in 1892 and resides in Alsace at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The mother of our subject died in 1873, at the age of forty-nine years. They had these children: Solomon, who engages in the horse business in the old home in France; Benjamin, also in the horse business in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Myer, also in the same business in France; and Henry, the subject of this sketch.

When our subject was but thirteen years of age he was deprived of the love and care of his mother by her death, and he left his home, working at various kinds of labor in his native country, until at the age of twenty years he found himself in Paris. After one year in that great city, he determined to reach America and make a career for himself. In 1881 he reached Lancaster, and with his brother Benjamin, began the buying and selling of horses, the partnership lasting for ten years, since which time he has carried it on with increasing success on his own account.

Mr. Weill is a self-made man, and has accumulated large means and established great business connections by his own efforts. The horse business is one with which he is thoroughly acquainted, being one in which several generations of his family have successfully engaged. Until 1899 he dealt both wholesale and retail, but since that year has retired from the retail business. In 1892 he built at a cost of \$10,000, his fine sale stable to accommodate 100 horses, and has been a large horse exporter, exporting as many as 2,000 horses to London each year. Since 1897 he has been extensively engaged in the leaf tobacco business, and employs about fifty men in his warehouse. Few men in this locality have displayed better business judgment than has Mr. Weill.

On Aug. 26, 1884, in Lancaster, Mr. Weill married Julia Pioso, born in Alsace, France, who died May 24, 1895, at the age of twenty-nine years. Her children were. Adeline P., Beatrice P., Blanche P. and Rosa P. Mrs. Weill was a daughter of Lathrase Pioso, who came from Alsace with his family to Lancaster in 1881, and engaged in the horse business. He died in 1887, aged forty-five years. His widow resides with our subject at the age of sixty-one. On April 3, 1900, Mr. Weill was married to Rose Hirsh, born in Lancaster, daughter of Abraham Hirsh, a retired millinery merchant of Lancaster. Mr. Weill is a well-known and highly respected citizen of Lancaster, where he is liberal in his support of all public-spirited enterprises. He belongs to no political party. He is a member of the Jewish Synagogue, and is generous in his support of its work.

NOAH Z. HESS. Among the most esteemed residents of Pequea township is Noah Z. Hess, who is descended from a family of Lancaster county, whose members have always commanded the highest respect. Michael Hess, his great-grandfather, bought a farm of 115 acres for five shillings and the place is now occupied by the father of our subject.

Abraham Hess, the grandfather, was born in Pequea township, and there passed his entire life. He married Elizabeth Musser, and to this union three sons were born, one dying in infancy: Benjamin died at the age of eighteen months; and Abraham M. is the father of our subject.

Abraham M. Hess was born in Pequea township in 1829, was educated in the common schools of the county, and began life for himself when twenty years of age, taking up farming, which he has always followed. In the fall of 1850 he married Elizabeth Hess, and one son was born to them, Emanuel, who died in infancy. The mother died in the fall of 1851, and Mr. Hess afterward married Anna Zigler, of East Donegal township, by whom he had seven children: Conrad Z., of Pequea township; Benjamin, of Fulton township; Abram, of East Donegal township; Noah Z.; Ezra, deceased; Ezli, who died in infancy; and Mattie, wife of Paris.

Engle, of Columbia, Pa. Mrs. Anna (Zigler) Hess died in July, 1868. Abraham M. Hess then married Barbara Herr, who became the mother of four children: Annie, wife of Graybill Mann, of Manor township; Enos, of State College, Pa.; Barbara, who died in infancy; and Lizzie, who is at home. Mr. Hess is a member of the Dunkard Church, better known as the River Brethren Church, and he has been a deacon in same for a number of years. He has settled up a number of estates, and has been guardian for several families—a fact which testifies forcibly to the estimate placed upon his character and ability by those who know him well.

Noah Z. Hess was born in Pequea township, Jan. 15, 1861, and was educated in the common schools of the county, remaining at home until he was about twenty-six years of age, when he married Miss Ada Eckman, of Pequea, and began life for himself. After farming on his father's place for three years he purchased the place where he now resides, and continued in agricultural pursuits in which he has met with gratifying success. He owns a farm of 138 acres, one of the finest places in Pequea township, and he holds a high place among the best citizens of his community. Mr. Hess was admitted to the ministry of the River Brethren Church by Bishop Henry L. Heisey, in May, 1897, and officiates at the churches in Lancaster, Strasburg and Pequea.

Mr. and Mrs. Hess are the parents of four children: Mamie E., at home; Ira E., who died in infancy; and Ada E. and Roy Noah, at home.

JOHN JOHNS BAIR, the genial head of the coat and wrap department of Watt & Shand's big establishment, Lancaster, comes from a family who settled in Lancaster county early in the eighteenth century. Three brothers Bair came to America and secured from William Penn, a large land grant along Mill creek, extending from Spangler's mill to Hoover's mill, near the Welsh mountains. This tract extended for a distance of perhaps five miles, and the road which these three Bair brothers laid out was originally only an Indian foot path.

Of the descendants of these pioneers, John Bair became a prominent drover and farmer, and his son Levi E., was for many years a farmer, but is now living retired, by reason of ill health. Levi E. Bair married Josephine Johns, a daughter of the late Jacob Johns, a farmer of West Earl, and who, like the Bairs, came from an old and honored family. The marriage was blessed with six children, only two of whom are living: Levi R., of the class of 1902, Franklin and Marshall College; and John J.

John Johns Bair was born in Upper Leacock township, Oct. 12, 1867. His parents removed from that section when he was only two years old, and his education was obtained at Honey Brook, Chester county (where he was graduated from the high school), and at the State Normal School at Millersville. After leaving the State Normal, Mr. Bair returned to his father's farm, and, after spending

two years there, entered the service of Messrs. Watt & Shand. This was in 1886 and he has remained there ever since. After mastering the details of a general mercantile business in the ever popular New York store, Mr. Bair took charge of the cloak department—a department which, largely through his exertions, has become noted all through the community. Mr. Bair does all the buying, and superintends all the selling of that important part of this big establishment. He is accepted as an authority on ladies' wraps by many of the best dressers of Lancaster.

Socially Mr. Bair is a member of the Knights of Malta, and Odd Fellows, being a past officer of the latter; politically he is a Republican; and religiously a Lutheran, being identified with Grace Lutheran Church. In all the walks of life he is a courteous, intelligent and conscientious gentleman.

WILLIAM S. GROFF. There are many lines of business successfully carried on in the large cities of the country, by those who have been reared in quiet country homes and there taught by excellent parents those principles which have contributed much to their later prosperous careers. Such is the case with William S. Groff, one of the well known fruit and produce merchants of Philadelphia.

Abram Groff, his grandfather, was a farmer and miller in West Earl township, where he died March 4, 1885, at the age of seventy-eight. His wife, Hettie (Wenger) Groff, died in 1852, at the age of thirty-five years, both of them being buried in the Groffdale cemetery. Mr. Groff had been long a leading man in his community, and for many years served as school director. His children were: Daniel W., deceased; Abram W., deceased; Maria W., who is the widow of John Graybill, of Upper Leacock township; Martin W., deceased; Samuel W., the father of our subject; Christian W., a farmer of West Earl township; and Hettie W., of Reading, Pa., who is the widow of Peter Snyder. The second marriage of Abram Groff was to Mrs. Catherine (Bare) Good, and one son was born to this union, Elam, now a retired farmer of Bareville.

Samuel W. Groff was born in West Earl township, May 19, 1839, and he remained with his parents until he had reached his majority, at that time taking charge of a farm in West Earl township, where he remained until his purchase of his present farm in 1886. On Dec. 22, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Susannah Sprecher, and to this marriage was born one son, William S., who is the subject of this biography.

Mrs. Susannah (Sprecher) Groff was born in Earl township, Nov. 3, 1841, a daughter of William and Susannah (Wenger) Sprecher, who were natives of Earl and Upper Leacock townships, respectively. Mr. Sprecher died in 1878, aged sixty-eight years, his widow surviving until 1898, dying at the age of seventy-eight, and both were buried in the cemetery attached to the Lutheran Church of

New Holland, of which they were consistent members. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher were: Elizabeth, of New Holland; Susannah, the wife of Mr. Groff; Maria, the wife of George Groff, of Bareville; George, a farmer and supervisor in Brecknock township; William, a farmer of West Earl township; and John, Amanda and Louisa, deceased. William Sprecher was a son of George Sprecher, and his wife, Elizabeth Sheaffer; and Susannah (Wenger) Sprecher was a daughter of Joseph Wenger, of Lancaster county.

William S. Groff of this sketch was born in Earl township, Oct. 23, 1867, son of Samuel and Susannah (Sprecher) Groff. He was educated in the public schools of his district, and until he was ten years old he remained with his parents in his native township, and then accompanied them to Upper Leacock, where he continued until the age of sixteen. At this period he entered the store of J. D. Buckwalder, as a clerk, remaining with him for eleven years. When Mr. Stump purchased the business, he continued with the new proprietor for the succeeding two years, going then to Philadelphia where he engaged in his present business, which he has most successfully conducted ever since. Mr. Groff resides at No. 2223 Columbia avenue, Philadelphia, and is known as a highly esteemed citizen and upright man of business. Politically he is a Republican, and he takes a very active interest in public affairs.

On May 10, 1899, William S. Groff was married in Philadelphia to Miss Eva M. Myer, a daughter of the late Rev. Samuel and Amanda (Evans) Myer, of Upper Leacock township.

WILLIAM DAVID KING, a well known business man of Lancaster city, is descended from a very old and influential family of this county. His grandfather, Jacob King, was one of the pioneer coopers of the section, and his father, the late David King, was a leading grocer of Lancaster for thirty-five years. David King married Miss Margaret Ann Lewars, who belonged to a well known family of this city, and eight children were born to them, four of whom are deceased. Among those who have passed beyond was Dr. George A. King, for many years one of the most prominent physicians in Lancaster. The surviving children are Walter E., a telegrapher in the Western Union service, New York; W. Newton, extra cashier in the Third National Bank of Baltimore; C. Henry, who is assisting his brother, William D., in the wine and liquor business; and William David, our subject proper.

William David King was born in Lancaster thirty-eight years ago, and was educated in the public schools of this city. At an early age he entered his father's grocery store as clerk, remaining there several years, and then passing ten years as a clerk in the grocery store of Capt. J. L. Binkley. Leaving the Binkley establishment, Mr. King spent one year with D. S. Bursk, grocer, one year with Sam-

uel Clark, grocer, and two years with A. A. Shaeffer, wine and liquor merchant, and on April 1, 1900, purchased and took possession of the extensive wholesale and retail wine and liquor establishment of the late S. G. Gensemer. It is located at No. 253 North Queen street. Mr. King has greatly increased the business since taking possession, for he has given it the closest personal attention, and had added largely to the trade.

Politically Mr. King is a Republican, but he takes no active part in politics. Religiously he is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. Mr. King owns and occupies a beautiful cottage on the Philadelphia turnpike, in the eastern suburbs of the city, and his venerable mother, to whom he is devotedly attached, makes her home with him. His wife was Sadie Fisher, daughter of Henry Fisher, millwright of Salisbury township, Lancaster county.

WILLIAM L. SHOEMAKER, a farmer of Fulton township, was born Dec. 20, 1843, son of Jesse and Sarah (Lukens) Shoemaker (deceased), of Martic township. The father and mother originally resided in Montgomery county, Pa., and removed to Martic township during their younger days.

Jesse Shoemaker was a son of Joseph Shoemaker, who was a native of Montgomery county. Joseph Shoemaker was the father of four children: Abraham, Jesse, Charles and Lydia, all deceased. Jesse Shoemaker was born in 1796. His first wife was Miss Sarah Ambler, to whom he was married in 1825. One child, Hannah A., was born to this union and is now deceased. Mr. Shoemaker married (second) Miss Sarah Lukens, in 1828, and six children were born of this union, namely: Joseph, born July 9, 1829, is deceased; Enos, born Nov. 19, 1830, is deceased; Abraham, born May 12, 1832, is a farmer in Martic township; Martha Ann, born April 1, 1837, is deceased; Charles, born Nov. 2, 1840, is deceased; and William L., born Dec. 20, 1843.

William L. Shoemaker married Miss Alice A. Lamborn, daughter of Smedley and Margaret (Bolton) Lamborn, on Jan. 20, 1870. Mrs. Shoemaker's parents were of English origin. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker has been blessed with children as follows: Winona E., born Dec. 7, 1870, and is the wife of Harry J. Drennen, of Fulton township; Jesse, born Sept. 19, 1880, and died in childhood; and Lula M., born Oct. 30, 1888. Mrs. Shoemaker was reared on a farm and was one of eleven children. Her father, Smedley Lamborn, was born Jan. 6, 1807, and married, Dec. 22, 1830, Miss Margaret Bolton, who was born Aug. 26, 1810. He died Sept. 26, 1851, and his wife died Nov. 21, 1855. They had children as follows: George S., born Nov. 24, 1831, resides in Martic township; Aquilla B., was born Feb. 23, 1833; Emeline, born Sept. 30, 1834, is the wife of Joseph Shoemaker, of Martic township; Elwood, born Aug. 4, 1836, is deceased;

William L., born Jan. 6, 1839, is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, born June 22, 1840, is the wife of Thomas B. Hamilton; Sarah, born Nov. 8, 1842, is the wife of Jacob Brown, of Fulton township; Priscilla, born Jan. 19, 1844, is deceased; Alice A., was born April 14, 1847; Lucinda, born Aug. 22, 1849, is the wife of Benjamin Tennis, of Drumore township; and Lydia S., born Oct. 29, 1851, is the wife of Amos Smith, of Drumore township.

William L. Shoemaker was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the public schools of his district. He chose farming as a vocation, and has followed that occupation ever since. His farm of 113 acres is finely improved and shows every evidence of careful care and cultivation. Mr. Shoemaker is also half owner in the old homestead, consisting of eighty-nine acres, in Martic township. He is a Republican in politics, and at present holds the office of president of the school board of Fulton township (he has been a member of the board for sixteen years), a position which is of considerable importance in the educational interests of the neighborhood. He and his family are members of the Society of Friends. He stands as one of the foremost men of Fulton township, on account of his well known probity of character and kindly disposition.

FRANCIS L. HERR, one of the prominent business men of Lancaster, treasurer and bookkeeper of the Lancaster Cork Works, was born near Strasburg, Pa., Aug. 3, 1844, son of Benjamin G. and Mary Emma Herr, and remained with his parents on the farm until his sixteenth year, in the meantime improving his educational opportunities to the extent of graduating from the high school and attending the State Normal School. Mr. Herr then located in Lancaster, and for three years was employed in the office of the clerk of Sessions court. Afterward he secured a position in the First National Bank at Strasburg as clerk and teller, but in June, 1863, at the time of the invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederate army, he enlisted in Company D, 50th P. V. I. Three years later he assumed the management of a cotton plantation in Arkansas, owned by a Lancaster firm. Owing to ill health Mr. Herr was obliged to cut short his plantation experience at the end of a year and a half, and, in the hope of restoring his health, settled on the old homestead and farmed for several years. In 1870 he was employed by Jay Cadwell in his cork works, and from the position of bookkeeper rose to manager of the works, which position he held until 1874, when he resigned for the purpose of associating with others to establish the Lancaster Cork Works. This factory subsequently passed into the hands of George W. Dodge & Son, and was operated by them until 1891, when it was purchased by the Armstrong Cork Co., of Pittsburg, and has since been operated by this company in connection with their works in Pittsburg, Pa. These two works furnish four-fifths

of the corks manufactured in this country. The Lancaster branch moved into their present factory in 1881, which has been enlarged from time to time, and now employs five hundred men and girls. Mr. Herr has been identified with the works during the whole time since they were first established.

In 1874 Mr. Herr was married to Sarah A. Myers, daughter of David and Elvina Myers, of Lancaster city. Mrs. Herr died Feb. 2, 1882, leaving two daughters, Mabel E. and Alice A. Mr. Herr is well and favorably known in business and social circles of Lancaster, and he has many friends to appreciate his financial ability and admirable personal characteristics. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

EPHRAIM H. REITZEL, SR. Mr. Reitzel is now in his sixty-second year, having been born Feb. 4, 1842. His life has been an active and useful one, and he is one of the honored veterans of the Civil war. He is a grandson of Conrad Reitzel, a weaver by trade, who emigrated to America from Switzerland, and settled in West Hempfield township, where he died. Mr. Reitzel's father was named Joseph. He, too, learned the carpet weaver's trade in early youth, and in later years that of a miller, but toward the end of his life embarked in business as a butcher, in which line he continued until his death, which occurred in 1867, after he had attained the age of four score years and four. He was distinguished for patriotism and personal courage, and carried a colonel's commission during the war of 1812, and settled in Lancaster county in 1825. While not a professing church member, he was a man whose standard of moral conduct was regulated by deeply seated Christian principles. He was twice married. His first wife's maiden name was Boner. She bore him four sons and two daughters, none of whom are living. Their names were: Jacob, Joseph, John (a teamster in the Union army during the Civil war), Samuel, Margaret and Elizabeth. His second wife, who has also passed away, was Elizabeth Mann, of Chester county, a brief sketch of whose family history may be found in a succeeding paragraph. She was a member of the Winebrennerian denomination, and died June 15, 1893, at the same age as her husband.

Ephraim H. Reitzel was the third child of his father's second marriage. The others were: William, Harrison, Augustus, Calvin and Sarah. William, now deceased, served as captain of Co. G, 2nd Reserves, P. V. T., during the Civil war, and was wounded in his country's service. Sarah is unmarried, and resides with her brother, Ephraim. The other children died before reaching mature age.

The first twenty-one years of Mr. Reitzel's life were passed in Mountville. At the age of nine he began working on a farm, and when fourteen years old found employment as a lime burner in the stone quarries. In his nineteenth year he commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith, but in 1862 entered

the Pennsylvania Company's repair shops, remaining there until Feb. 15, 1864. He then enlisted in Co. G. 186th P. V. I., commanded by Capt. D. P. Billington, and remained in the service until he was mustered out, Aug. 13, 1865, at Philadelphia. On his return from the army he re-entered the service of the railroad company in his former position. After a few years he took the position of brakeman, and after eighteen months was made flagman. A year and a half later he was promoted to a conductorship, the duties of which post he continued to discharge with marked ability and unwearied fidelity until 1896. In that year an accident, caused by a defect in the air brakes, incapacitated him for further work as a conductor, he having sustained a fracture of several ribs, as well as other serious injuries. On his recovery he accepted the post of watchman, and in that capacity he is still in the employ of the company, which he has served so long and faithfully. He is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Brotherhood of the Union, having been deputy grand chief Washington of the order in Lancaster county.

Mr. Reitzel was married in August, 1862, at Lancaster, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Andrew and Catherine (Fair) Sheriff. Her father was a successful farmer of Perry county, where she was born Feb. 13, 1843. She was the youngest of a family of seven children. John, the eldest, lives in the old homestead. Isaiah and Mary (who married Christian Hauss) are deceased. Conrad and David are farmers in Cumberland county. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel has been blessed with five daughters and seven sons. The eldest two, Lydia and Andrew, died in childhood. Henry married Anna English, of Columbia. Sarah is the widow of Joseph Schleif, who lost his life in a railroad accident, and lives with her brother Ephraim. Mary is the wife of Lewis Ibaugh, a brakeman, and resides in Columbia. Edward is a brakeman, and married Ida Witman; he, too, lives in Columbia. Adam died before reaching mature years. Albert and Ephraim are both railway brakemen, whose homes are in Columbia. The first named married Lillie Harman, and the latter lives with his parents. George is deceased. Catherine and Lucy are both unmarried and live at home.

Ephraim H. Reitzel's mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Mann, belonged to a family distinguished for ardent patriotism, as well as noted for the longevity of its members. Her paternal grandfather was William Mann, of Fallowfield township, Chester county. He married Jane Brown, a first cousin of the noted general, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, from which relationship it may be inferred that she came of fighting stock. She had four brothers, who served in the patriot army. John, David, Matthew and Eli. The two latter lost their lives in the massacre at Paoli. David was wounded and carried an English bullet in his body until his death. He and his brother John returned from the

war and settled in Ohio. To William and Jane (Brown) Mann were born eight sons: James, John, Jonathan, William, Joseph, Samuel, Ezekiel and Eli. John Mann, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Reitzel, was also a Revolutionary hero. His wife was Anna Devine, a daughter of William Devine and Isabella Moore, who emigrated from Scotland to the American colonies during the troublesome times of the Revolution. Isabella (Moore) Devine lived to the very old age of one hundred and seven years, and sleeps in the burying ground of Upper Octoraro township, in Chester county. Jane Brown, the wife of William Mann, and the great-grandmother of E. H. Reitzel, lived to be one hundred and two years old. Her dust rests in a grave at Fallowfield. John and Anna (Devine) Mann were the parents of four sons and seven daughters, Mr. Reitzel's mother being the seventh child in order of birth. The others were Jacob, William, John, Samuel, Anna, Jane, Mary, Sarah, Hannah and Margaret. The warlike spirit of their ancestors fired the hearts of the sons, and two of them, although beyond the maximum limit of age for enlistment, entered the Union army. Anna married Emanuel Baughman, and three of their sons also fought under the Stars and Stripes throughout the Civil war, two of them dying upon the battlefield. Mrs. Baughman died in 1896 at the age of ninety. Jane Mann became the wife of John Mowrey, and removed to Michigan. She was the mother of three daughters, two of whom married soldiers who followed the flag South, and one of whom lived to mourn a husband who never returned. Mrs. Jane Mowrey is still living.

FRANK BURROWS TROUT is one of the most prominent figures in the business and social life of Lancaster, and is a brother of H. L. Trout, Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Trout was born in Lancaster, and was educated in the public schools of that city. After graduating from the high school he became an apprentice at bookbinding with the late George Wiant, and at the close of his apprenticeship was recognized as an expert finisher. He took charge of the State Bindery, at Harrisburg, Pa., and after six months there removed to Washington, D. C., where he became one of the heads of departments in the Government book bindery, remaining there ten years. His next move was to Philadelphia, where for three years he was connected with the noted J. B. Lippincott Publishing Company. Then he came back to Lancaster, and, under the firm title of Trout & Shank, established a gents' furnishings store, shirt factory and laundry in North Queen street, where the Northern National Bank is now located. Continuing this until 1888, Mr. Trout bought the old Gruel Confectionery property, Nos. 166-168 North Queen street, which he completely remodeled, and he has now erected the handsome building known as the Trout Building on that



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site. In 1898 he closed out the gents' furnishing business, but still retains an interest in the laundry business, which is now a company concern. However, he has practically retired from business pursuits, and spends his time in looking after his varied interests.

Mr. Trout is a staunch Republican in politics. He is a member of the board of school directors of Lancaster from the First ward, now serving his second term. Fraternally he belongs to the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, Hamilton Club, the County Golf Club, and the Lancaster Road Drivers' Association, of which latter he is an enthusiastic member, for he not only loves a good horse, but always owns one. Socially he is popular everywhere; in brief, no man in Lancaster is more popular than Frank Burrows Trout. Religiously he is a Presbyterian.

JOHN LUTHER HAYS. In every community may be found representative citizens, who, as they begin to feel the weight of advancing years after an active life, have settled down in comfort to enjoy the fruits of former activity. Prominent in this class in Maytown, Pa., is John Luther Hays, who was born there Oct. 11, 1843, son of John and Elizabeth (Garst) Hays, natives of Adams county and of Marietta, respectively.

In young manhood John Hays came to Maytown, and here conducted a saddlery business, also engaged in raising tobacco, being among the first to believe in its successful culture. In the course of time he became one of the prominent men of the community, served as assessor for the township, upheld the principles of the Lutheran Church, and died in 1893, at the age of eighty-one; his wife survived until 1899. To this worthy couple were born: George, deceased; Maggie, who married Samuel Klair, and resides in Columbia; John; and Alice R., who married A. R. Houseal, a retired manufacturer of Maytown.

John Luther Hays remained under the parental roof until of legal age, assisting his father in the raising of tobacco, and then learned the carpenter trade, which became his principal business through life. Much of the excellent work to be seen in the building line in this vicinity testifies to the workmanship of Mr. Hays, and even yet he can show skill in the use of the tools of his trade.

Mr. Hays was married in Cumberland county, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Johnstin, and to this union were born: Nellie J., now occupying the important post of matron of the Columbia Hospital; Maggie M., who died in 1897; Charles B., who died in infancy; and Rosella. Mrs. Hays was born in Maytown Oct. 11, 1841, a daughter of James and Leah (Lightner) Johnstin, of Maytown and York county, respectively, the former of whom was a mercantile clerk, and died at the age of thirty-three; the mother still survives, although an invalid, and resides with Mrs. Hays. The children born to Mr. and Mrs.

Johnstin were: Elizabeth; Harry, of London, Ohio; James F., a farmer of East Donegal; and Winfield S., of Middletown, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hays were Francis and Catherine (Hawk) Johnstin, natives of Scotland; and the maternal grandparents were William and Esther (Brenneman) Lightner, of Greencastle, Pa., and of Lancaster county, respectively, the former a wealthy man who was said to have spent two fortunes, while the father of the latter was the noted Dr. Hans Brenneman.

In politics Mr. Hays is a Democrat, and has been one of the progressive and leading men in the vicinity. In 1864, with H. H. Klugh, he enlisted in the 195th regiment for service in the Civil war, and he was also a member and sergeant of Co. B, 114th P. V. I. His life has been a busy and useful one, and he well deserves the ease which he is able to take, surrounded by the respect and affection of friends.

WILLIAM B. MOORE, who has followed the carpenter trade very successfully for many years in Christiansburg, Pa., was born in Sadsbury township 4mo. 20th, 1846, son of Walker and Anna (Smedley) Moore, natives, respectively, of Sadsbury and Little Britain townships, this county.

Andrew Moore, the great-great-grandfather of William B., came from the town of Armagh, County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1723, and settling in Sadsbury township, Chester county, built the first mill to be erected in that part of the county. There he purchased land to the extent of a thousand acres, lying partly in Chester and partly in Lancaster counties. He was one of the Friends active in having the Meeting for Divine Worship established at Sadsbury in 1724.

John Moore, son of Andrew, grew to manhood, and became prominent in the agricultural and religious life of Chester county. He married Sarah Downing.

John Moore (2), son of John and Sarah, made his home in Sadsbury township, where he engaged in farming and blacksmithing. After his marriage he moved across the line into Lancaster county. He married Mary Walker, who was born in 1782, and died 9th mo. 5th, 1843. He died the 5th mo. 14th, 1864, at the age of ninety.

Walker Moore, son of John (2), and father of William B., was born 1st mo. 14th, 1810, and he died at the present home of our subject 9th mo. 29th, 1890. He married Anna Smedley, who was born 9th mo. 4th, 1818, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Balance) Smedley, natives of Chester county, who removed to Lancaster county at an early day, and took a prominent place in the life of the times. Anna (Smedley) Moore died 1st mo. 10th, 1876, and was buried in Bart Cemetery, as were also the remains of her husband. Both were members of the Orthodox Society of Friends. Their family consisted of the following children: Rachel, who married William Wickersham, a farmer in London

Grove township, Chester county; Sarah and Susanah, who both died young; William B.; Joseph S., a bookkeeper at Galena, Kans., who married Clara Thoren, of Philadelphia; John W., deceased; Anna, who married Howard Webster, a farmer of New London township, Chester county; Asahel, a farmer and surveyor, who lived and died in Lancaster county, and who married Hannah Mendenhall, of Chester county; Pascal, a carpenter, who married Anna Mendenhall, of Chester county, and is now deceased; Caleb, a carpenter in Quakerville, Kans., who married Mary Harvey, of Spring River, Kans.; Joshua, who died young; and Mary, who married Eugene Scott, a grocer at Malvern, Pennsylvania.

William B. Moore lived with his parents until 1864, when he began the carpenter trade with a cousin, Truman C. Moore, with whom he remained twelve years. He then bought a farm in Sadsbury township, on which he remained sixteen years, and which he still owns. In 1891 he gave up farming, and moving to Christiana, he has since followed carpentering, although practically living retired. For five years he efficiently served as supervisor, one year as tax collector, and at the present time he is treasurer of the Christiana Fire Co., and of the Christiana Building and Loan Association. His political faith is that of the Republicans. In his religious belief he adheres to the faith of his fathers and belongs to the religious Society of Friends. Photography has furnished him a pleasing recreation, and he has many fine views of old buildings and interesting scenes in Lancaster county.

William B. Moore has been twice married. On 5th mo. 28th, 1874, in New London township, Chester county, he wedded Phoebe J. Moore, who was born in Sadsbury township, Chester county, in 1847, and who died 4th mo. 10th, 1876, the mother of one child, Anna E., born 12th mo. 6th, 1875, and died 7th mo. 10th, 1876.

Phoebe J. (Moore) Moore was a descendant of Andrew Moore, a farmer of Lancaster county. In 1762 he built a stone house, in what is now Christiana, as a home for his family, and this house stood until 1894, when it was taken down by Isaac Slocum, and the present house built on the site of the old one. Andrew Moore died in Harrisburg while on his way to Center county, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Moore, son of Andrew, was born in Sadsbury township. He was afflicted with lack of power of speech and hearing from birth, but although thus afflicted he made a success of life, and proved himself a good business man, being both a millwright and a manufacturer. His wife, Phoebe Jones, was born in Chester county.

Jeremiah Moore (2), son of Jeremiah and father of Phoebe J., was born 5th mo. 12th, 1803, in Chester county. When he was four years old he was brought into Lancaster county by his parents, and remained in this county until his marriage, when he settled in Chester county. By occupation he was a farmer and undertaker. He married Elizabeth W.

Ely, of Solebury, Bucks county, who died 2nd mo. 12th, 1874, at the age of seventy-one. He died 1st mo. 11th, 1887, and was laid to rest beside his wife in New West Grove cemetery in Chester county. They were both members of the religious Society of Friends. Their children were: Mary E., who married Benjamin McFadgen, of Chester county; Sarah M., who married M. P. Wilkinson, and after his death Joseph J. McFadgen, both of Chester county; Anna M., who married David Balderson, of New Hope, Bucks county; Levi P., who married Elizabeth L. Paxson, of Chester county, and is deceased; Elizabeth E., who is the present wife of William B. Moore; and Phoebe J., deceased wife of William B. Moore.

On 5th mo. 28th, 1878, William B. Moore married for his second wife, Elizabeth E. (Moore) Michiner, born 3d mo. 7th, 1843.

JOHN K. DIEM, who has lived retired since 1891, was for thirty years one of the most energetic business men of Intercourse, Lancaster county, engaged in several lines of industry. Mr. Diem deserves special credit for the unusual success he achieved, as he commenced life with no financial assistance, and he is a self-made man in the truest sense of that often misused term.

Our subject is a native of this county, born April 6, 1842, in Salisbury township, and is of German descent in the paternal line, his grandfather, John Diem, having been born in Germany. The latter married Hannah Kennedy, a native of Lancaster county. William Diem, father of John K., was born in Lancaster county, and here passed his entire life, dying in Salisbury township in 1880, at the age of seventy-two. He was a shoemaker by occupation. He married Maria Moyer, also a native of Lancaster county, who died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years, and both rest in the Pequea Church cemetery in Salisbury township. Their religious connection was with the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Diem was one of the respected men in his community, and was active in local affairs, serving as township assessor. Of his children, Catherine married Daniel D. Warfel, and lives in Salisbury township; Elizabeth, of Philadelphia, Pa., is the widow of James Ayres; Mary, Mrs. David Kurtz, is deceased; John K. is mentioned more fully below; Ellen, Mrs. Foreman, resides in Lancaster; Hannah is the wife of Edward Ranck, of Salisbury township; William is a contractor and builder in Chester county, this State; Hettie is the widow of William Cofroth, of Salisbury township; Bellmina lives in Philadelphia; Christ, a contractor and builder, is a resident of Malvern, Chester county.

John K. Diem received his education in the common schools, and remained under the parental roof until he was eighteen years of age, since when he has fought life's battles on his own account. Having served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, he followed same for a quarter of a century, from

1860 to 1885, in time taking up contracting and building. He also engaged in the undertaking business, conducting a large number of funerals in his locality. Meantime, in 1884, he added coal and lumber dealing to his other interests, and continued in that line until his retirement, ten years ago. Mr. Diem's patrons found him uniformly reliable and straightforward in every transaction, and this fact, taken into consideration along with a faculty for good management and sound judgment, accounts for the abundant success which rewarded him in all his undertakings. In the accumulation of a comfortable competence he has retained the respect of all his associates, and he is passing his days among friends gained by years of upright living and devotion to duty. Mr. Diem owns a fine farm, which his son cultivates. Since 1901 he has been engaged in the wholesale tobacco business, packing, etc. His strict attention to business has prevented him from taking any active part in public affairs beyond the casting of his vote, by which he usually supports the candidates of the Republican party.

Mr. Diem has been twice married. His first union, with Miss Margaret Parmer, was celebrated in 1863, in Salisbury township, and was blessed with children as follows: (1) Alfred E., of Philadelphia, is an undertaker; he has married twice, first to Miss Susan Hoar, subsequently to Miss Phoebe Betz. (2) Henry W. is married and living in Wellsville, Ohio, where he is foreman in the Pennsylvania Railway Shops. (3) John W., a butcher of Lancaster, married Anna Bowermaster. (4) Mary A. is the wife of Ulysses Musser, of East Lampeter township. (5) Walter S., married and living in Gordonville, is a cigar box manufacturer. (6) Edgar E., a farmer of Leacock township, married Carrie Mowery. (7) Margaret married Amos Brubaker, a farmer of Upper Leacock township. (8) Emma is the wife of Jesse Bowermaster, of Lancaster. (9) Susie married Daniel Bork, a boot and shoe merchant of Lancaster. (10) Annie E. married Milton Woodward, of Coatesville, Chester county. The mother died in 1881, aged thirty-seven years, and was buried in Leacock cemetery. She was born in Earl township, this county, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bowers) Parmer. In 1884 Mr. Diem married, in Upper Leacock township, Miss Emma Bender, and they have had four children, Nettie V., Elsa G., Estella L. and Lloyd F., all still living at home. Mrs. Emma Diem was born in 1854, in Upper Leacock township, a daughter of Kinzer D. and Leah (Berkenbine) Bender.

Kinzer D. Bender first married Mary Weidler, and of the children born to this union, Franklin is a retired farmer, now making his home in Mechanicsburg; John, deceased, was a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Henry died young; Mary married Jacob Burkholder, of Upper Leacock township; and William K. is a resident of Strasburg. The second marriage of Mr. Bender was to Susan Weidler, the sister to his first wife, and one son was born of

this marriage, Weidler, who died when grown to maturity. The third marriage of Kinzer Bender was to Leah Berkenbine, and to them were born: George, of Lancaster; Emma, who married John K. Diem; Kinzer, of Upper Leacock township; Anna, who married Edward Sutton, a traveling agent; and Salome, deceased. The father died in September, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years, and was buried in Heller's Church cemetery. The mother is still living in Lancaster City. She is a member of the Evangelical Church, as was also her husband.

JACOB C. PFAHLER (deceased). By their lives men win the imperishable respect, affection and gratitude of their fellow citizens, if deeds and daily habits are of noble type. When the name of Jacob C. Pfahler is spoken, it is with kindness, respect and true regard. The career of Mr. Pfahler at Columbia was one of earnest endeavor, crowned with deserved success. For more than half a century he was a prominent citizen of that borough. As a youth of sixteen years, about 1831, with hope and ambition to live a worthy life, with principles of rectitude and righteousness firmly implanted in his nature, he came to Columbia, and there he continued to reside, one of the borough's most estimable citizens, until his death, Sept. 10, 1899.

Christopher Pfahler, his father, migrated from Germany, his native land, to America when a lad, and in 1803 settled in York county, Pa. There he followed farming and the trade of turner, which he had acquired in the Fatherland. He married Catherine Hilderbrand, and of their five sons Jacob C., born Jan. 13, 1815, was the eldest. Henry, late a resident of Columbia, was the last survivor.

As was common sixty or seventy years ago, Jacob C. Pfahler acquired a trade, that of a saddler, and that vocation he followed at Columbia for a period of sixty-five years. The most estimable character which he developed won him the friendship and affection of all who knew him. During the war he served as burgess, and for several years was councilman. For a period of forty-two years he was treasurer of the Columbia Public Grounds Co. He was also treasurer of the Mt. Bethel Cemetery Co., of the Columbia & Marietta Pike Co., and of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, holding these offices at the time of his death. In his younger years he was a Democrat, but later in life supported the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Pfahler was a man of deep and sincere religious convictions. Early in life he became connected with the Presbyterian Church, and in 1870 became an elder in the church, continuing in that official capacity until his death.

The marriage of Jacob C. Pfahler and Sarah J. Schnaeder was solemnized at York, Pa., in 1839. The wife died March 23, 1868, aged forty-nine years. Two children were born to them: Charles H., who died unmarried in 1891; and Mrs. Jemima M. Truscott, who died July 5, 1901, and who was

the solace of Mr. Pfahler in his declining years. Ill health had obliged him in 1881 to retire from active life, and his later years were made pleasant by the ministrations and care of his daughter. She succeeded him as treasurer of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Jacob Pfahler possessed those charitable and broad views of life which distinguished the true nobleman. His business talents and application had gained for him a deserved competence, but financial success only deepened and mellowed the governing principles of humanity and charity which marked his entire career. His loss has been keenly felt not only by his immediate friends but by the wide circle of acquaintances with whom his memory will linger long as an inspiration to that which is best and highest in mankind.

PETER FOREMAN. The history of the Foreman family in America begins with the coming of Frederick Foreman from Germany, to make his home in Berks county, Pa., where he worked as a day laborer, and lived to be over eighty years old. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran Church, and his career in life, though lowly, was in every way honorable.

Peter Foreman, his son, and the grandfather of Peter Foreman, whose name appears above, spent the most of his life in Berks county, where he was born. A few years before his death at the age of seventy-two, he came into Lancaster county to make his home. A shoemaker by trade, he followed that occupation the most of his life. Elizabeth Styer, his wife, was a native of Lancaster county, and became the mother of a large family of children: John, the father of Peter Foreman; Samuel, a collier in Caernarvon township; Daniel, who is living at Morgantown, Berks county, where he followed the carpenter trade for many years; Katie, who married Adam Styer, of Caernarvon township; Eliza, who married Nona Quaintance, of Reading, Pa.; Mary, wife of Charles Thomas, of Philadelphia; Sarah, who wedded Thomas Murphy, and lives in Illinois; Rebecca, wife of William Conway, of Caernarvon township, and who now has her home in Philadelphia; Ellen, a twin sister of Daniel, and who died unmarried.

John Foreman was born Nov. 4, 1816, and died Oct. 2, 1893. Although born in Berks county, the most of his life was spent in Lancaster county, where he owned an eighty-acre farm two miles northeast of Churchtown. A successful farmer and a self-made man, he was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of the community, taking a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his locality. His farm was wild and uncultivated when it came into his possession, but under his industrious and practical management was thoroughly improved, and equipped with buildings, machinery and everything needed for its perfect cultivation.

Mr. Foreman was married March 14, 1837, to

Rachel Pierce, a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Pierce. Mrs. Foreman was born in Lancaster county Nov. 6, 1816, and died April 20, 1898. They had a family of twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth died unmarried; Catherine is the widow of Thomas Nelms, of Chester county; Martha and Margaret, twins, of whom Martha married Wash Woods, of Pittsburg, and Margaret became the wife of John Menzer, of New Holland; Elizabeth (2) died unmarried; Peter; Abraham is a laborer at Morgantown; Sarah is the wife of Frank McClellan, of Pittsburg; John died young; Mary Jane married J. L. Black, of Morgantown; Clement lives in Birdsborough, Pa.; and Abner died young.

Peter Foreman was born Dec. 25, 1844, and spent the first sixteen years of his life on the farm, receiving his education in the public school. At that age he began working for wages, and was engaged in this way until he was twenty-five years of age, when he married and rented a farm, beginning that career in which he has passed his life. For some years he operated rented property; but in 1884 bought his present farm, consisting of seventy acres just north of Churchtown, which he has greatly improved with fine farm buildings, making it one of the fine country homes in this part of the county. Mr. Foreman and his worthy wife began at the bottom with little resources, and they have, by patient persistence in industry, thrift and integrity, risen to an enviable standing among the leading and influential people of the county. While following general farming in the main, Mr. Foreman has made a specialty of tobacco culture, and is said to be the most extensive tobacco grower in the eastern part of Lancaster county. The Havana Seed is raised by him, and he furnished the tobacco for the Lancaster county exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago. Mr. Foreman also deals in fertilizers in connection with his farming. In his politics he is a staunch Republican, and takes a deep interest in the welfare of the party. He is a member of the township board of education, and has served as supervisor. He has also been a member of the Republican county committee.

Mr. Foreman was married Feb. 8, 1870, to Miss Susan Foreman, a daughter of John and Mary (Bartman) Foreman, natives of Lancaster and Montgomery counties, respectively. Most of their married life was spent in Lancaster county, but their last years were passed in Chester county, where the father died at about the age of seventy years, and the mother at about sixty-five years. The father was a forgerman in the iron business. They were both members of the Methodist Church. Jacob Bartman, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Foreman, was an undertaker and cabinet maker, and also owned a farm in Montgomery county. Of the children of John Foreman, Henry is a resident of Safe Harbor, Lancaster county; Matilda is the widow of John Slater, of Philadelphia; Catherine married the Rev. Ben Christ, and died in Minnesota; William

was a soldier in the Civil war, and was killed in the Seven Days' battle in front of Richmond; Mary is the widow of Isacher Freeman, and lives in Chester county; Susan is Mrs. Foreman; Edward is in Philadelphia; Mahlon is in Philadelphia; and two children died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Foreman have seven children: Walter, at home; Henry, a hat finisher at Reading, who served in the Spanish-American war for eight months, being in the front in Porto Rico, and mustered out a corporal (he married Miss Agnes Ober); Bessie, at home; Mary, a seamstress at Philadelphia; John, at home; Rachael, a student at the Reading Hospital Training School; and James, at home. The Foremans are all Methodists, and Mr. Foreman is a trustee of the Church. The good lives of the various members of this notable family well entitle them to honorable mention in this book of men who have done things, and who have lived for the good of their kind in Lancaster county.

PHILIP D. REA. Among the leading and prosperous farmers of Drumore township is Philip D. Rea, a son of the late William and Sarah Ann (Dranker) Rea, of Sadsbury township.

William Rea, the father, was born March 5, 1811, while his wife was born in 1819; he died Oct. 14, 1881, and she passed away Nov. 8, 1899. William Rea was a son of James Rea, and James Rea had the following family: William; Henry; Eben; Jefferson; Robert; Louisa; Eliza; Mary; and Hannah. The great-grandfather, also James Rea, was born on board ship in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, while his parents were on their way to America, and he was of Scotch-Irish descent.

William Rea was a farmer by calling and the father of the following family: Amor, a farmer of Bart township; Mary, the wife of Samuel Fogle, of Christiana; Miss Hannah, on the old homestead; Philip D., of Drumore; Adam T., unmarried and residing on the home farm in Sadsbury; Miss Sarah, a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; Elizabeth, wife of Gilbert Smith, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Miss Emma, at home; James, of New York City, a teacher in a business college and the youngest of the family. The father was a stone mason and bridge builder by trade, and helped to build the old Georgia Central railroad bridge that was destroyed by Sherman's army on their march to the sea.

Philip D. Rea was married, on Feb. 11, 1876, to Miss Eliza McGowen, a daughter of John and Catherine (Nott) McGowen, of Sadsbury township, and they were also of Scotch-Irish descent. Mr. and Mrs. Rea have had the following children: Catherine, wife of Charles Evans, of East Drumore township; E. Noble; and Hiram M.

Philip D. Rea was educated in the common schools of his township, and at the Academy of Christiana. He early began life for himself, and he now owns one of the best farms in southern Lan-

caster county. In politics he is a Republican, and throughout the neighborhood he is highly respected and esteemed as a good citizen and obliging neighbor, and as a man worthy the confidence of his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM KAHL. The wealth of encouragement emitted from the life of William Kahl, former brick manufacturer of Lancaster, is perhaps the greatest legacy left by this intrepid and remarkably successful man. His life story moves with steady and unswerving persistency from the unwilling bound-child of tender years to his marriage with fifty cents in his pocket, and on through a splendid soldier service in the Union ranks, to the possession, at the time of his death in 1888, not only of an honored and influential name, but of eighteen houses in Lancaster, besides one of the largest, best equipped, and best paying brick manufactories in the county.

A native of Marietta, Pa., Mr. Kahl was born in 1821, and was third in the order of birth of the children of Frederick S. and Elizabeth (Boas) Kahl, also born in Lancaster county, Pa. Of the other children of the family, Henry is deceased; John was for years the partner of his brother William, but is now deceased; Mary married John Kuhns, a tobacconist, and is deceased; and Lavinia became the second wife of Mr. Kuhns, and is also deceased.

When very young William Kahl was bound out to service, but was dissatisfied and ran away. He finally brought up in a comb factory, where he remained for several years, and in 1847 entered the brick yard owned by Jacob Shirk, in time advancing to the position of manager. During the several years thus employed he gained a fair knowledge of the business which was to stand him in such excellent stead in later life, and in 1855 started a like business for himself with his brother, John, as a partner. He purchased the site of the present home of his widow, one block extending from Lemon to James streets, Mary and Pine streets having since been opened through it, and there he built his kilns and general appurtenances, his brother having a half share in the whole. During the war the brother managed the business, and upon the return of William from service, he purchased his brother's interest, and continued until the brick possibilities of the land were completely exhausted. He therefore purchased another tract of ground, and erected larger and more modern manufacturing appliances, and for the remainder of his life made brick by steam power, and in increasing quantities. In the meantime the land comprising the site of the former plant was undergoing a change from a manufacturing center to one of the residence parts of the town, for Mr. Kahl erected many houses thereon, and in fact was responsible for the upbuilding of the greater part of the northwestern portion of the town. He furnished brick for many of the prominent buildings in Lancaster, and the quality of his product was as superior as skill and long experience could

produce. At the time of his death he had an order for a million brick, which order was necessarily cancelled.

No more gallant and enthusiastic soldier left growing and responsible interests to shoulder arms in a just cause than Mr. Kahl. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., and served until his discharge at the end of three years, Oct. 3, 1864. After a short visit to his home he re-enlisted March 1, 1865, in Co. A, 87th Regulars, was attached to the 1st Brigade, and discharged after the Grand Review up Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, June 25, 1865. He saw much of the terrible and grewsome side of warfare, and participated in most of the historically interesting battles. Among other adventures he was wounded by gun shot in the calf of his leg, and his eyes were weakened by sap from the cedar trees. Thrice captured, the third time he escaped with no clothes on, and swimming the river, succeeded in joining his regiment. He was promoted to the position of wagon master.

On July 19, 1846, in Lititz, Pa., Mr. Kahl married Anna E. Edgerley, a native of Lancaster, and sister of Capt. Edward Edgerley. Mrs. Kahl, who died Jan. 17, 1902, at the age of eighty years, was the mother of six children, viz: Fred S., deceased; William E., deceased; Jacob, deceased; Sarah L.; Gideon S., of Lancaster; and Charles, deceased. Mr. Kahl was identified with the I. O. O. F., the K. P., and Post No. 405, G. A. R., and he was a member of the Lutheran church. He was a man of large heart, and practical generosity, and the nobility and usefulness of his life appealed to all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred just one day previous to the forty-second anniversary of his marriage.

HENRY E. MUSSER, M. D. For four generations the name of Musser has been identified with the history of the successful practice of medicine in Lancaster county. According to the best authenticated reports, the first of the family to settle within that shrievalty was Dr. Benjamin Musser, who took up his home in Manor township about the middle of the eighteenth century. Details as to his career are wanting, but the fact that he was twice married is well established. His first wife was a Miss Nicely, and seven children were born of this union. After her death he married Maria Souders, the issue of their marriage being three sons and two daughters: Benjamin, Jacob, Martin, Martha and Lizzie. Dr. Benjamin Musser was the great-grandfather of Dr. Henry E., and Martin (his second son) was the grandfather. Mention of the latter is made in the succeeding paragraph, but a brief reference to collateral genealogical lines is of interest. Jacob, the eldest son of the second marriage of Dr. Benjamin Musser, was born Jan. 8, 1771; he married a daughter of John and Catherine Nissley, and died March 4, 1840. Benjamin, born Aug. 5, 1799, died March 7, 1824; he married a daughter of

Christian and Barbara Kendig. Martha and Lizzie married John and Abram Hess, respectively.

Following down the direct genealogical line of Dr. Henry E. Musser, the historian finds it necessary to pursue the fortunes of Martin, the third son of Benjamin, and the direct antecedent, in the third generation, of this successful and popular physician. Martin Musser was born March 5, 1793. He read medicine under the enlightened, kindly tutelage of his father, and at the age of twenty-two began the practice of his profession. To his duties he brought both skill and patience; yet the life of a country practitioner, with all the care and toil incident to it in those (comparatively) early days, was not to his liking. He followed the life for twenty years and then resolved to seek a more quiet mode of existence. Accordingly, in 1835, he purchased a farm, on which he passed his remaining years, dying Aug. 9, 1849. His wife's maiden name was Ann Hostetter, and his children were nine in number, named Jacob, Benjamin, Henry, Martin, Daniel, Martha, Susan, Anna and Emma. All the sons, with the exception of Daniel, followed family tradition, and treading in ancestral footsteps, became students of the divine art of healing. The home of Jacob was in Smoketown, where he built up a large and successful practice, and where he died; there, too, he married Martha Herr. Benjamin practiced in Strasburg township, and died there; he was three times married; first to Letita Neff; second to Naomi Herr; and third to Catherine Buckwalter. Henry was the father of Dr. Henry E. Musser. Martin (the fourth son of Martin, Sr.) practiced medicine successfully in Cumberland county, but died in early manhood. Daniel is the husband of Susan Herr, and is leading a retired life at Lancaster, Pa. Martha married John F. Herr, and both she and her husband are deceased. Susan (deceased) became the wife of Daniel Herr. Anna married Theodore Herr; of Denver, Colorado, and died in the West. Her younger sister, Emma, is the wife of Theodore Herr.

Henry Musser, third son of Dr. Martin, and father of Dr. Henry E., was born in Lancaster county Oct. 5, 1822. He supplemented a good rudimentary education by a more or less desultory study of medicine, but never entered upon its practice. Instead, he became a successful farmer and was always a man of broad, progressive ideas. As a citizen he was public-spirited, with an eye ever open to the general good; while as an individual he closed neither his ear, his heart nor his purse strings to a tale of distress. His fellow citizens appreciating his character, regarded him highly, recognizing not only his moral worth but his natural aptitude for solving sociological and educational problems, as well. For three years he served as clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions (1868-71). He also served for several years as director of the poor, and no public man or private citizen in Strasburg township has proved himself a more ardent or better en-

lightened champion of public education than he. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Brenne-man. Two sons were born to them, Milton B. and Henry E. Both studied medicine, the elder receiving his diploma from Jefferson Medical College in 1868, and at once beginning practice in Philadelphia. His success was pronounced from the first; indeed, phenomenal for so young a man; but it was cut short by his death, which occurred in 1888. He married Caroline S. Swain.

Dr. Henry E. Musser was born Feb. 17, 1852. He enjoyed exceptionally good educational advantages, physical, intellectual and moral. His father, by both precept and example, instilled sound principles into his youthful mind, while the free untrammelled life of the farm aided not a little in developing to perfection a constitution which was naturally robust. He studied at Jefferson Medical College, and graduated from that institution in 1875. His first five years of professional life were passed in Centerville, Lancaster county, and in 1880 he removed to Smoketown, which has been his home for the past twenty years. Here he has built up a large and lucrative practice, being held in high repute, not less for his many virtues as a man, than for his recognized skill as a physician.

On Nov. 24, 1875, Dr. Musser married Myra, a daughter of John Musselman, of East Lampeter. Three sons have been born to them. The eldest, Charles Milton, is in the employ of the People's Trust Co., at Lancaster; while the second, Guy Musselman, is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy; and the youngest, Parke N., is in the Custom House at Philadelphia. Dr. Musser is a member of Lancaster Lodge, No. 252, A. O. U. W., and of the Masonic fraternity.

JULIUS PAUL SIEBOLD, the successful East End florist of Lancaster, is a conspicuous example of a self-made man. Born in Mansfield, Germany, he came to this country in 1877, landing on these shores with little other capital than energy, honesty and an ambition to succeed. At fourteen he commenced to learn locksmithing, and later became an expert machinist, studying that trade in Berlin. But not liking it, he came to America in May, 1877, and after working on a dairy farm in New York State for a time, came to Lancaster, in October, 1877. Although he had never before worked on a farm, he filled the bill as though born to the business. After paying two visits to the West and one to the Southwest, he concluded to locate permanently in Lancaster, and in May, 1888, he and his wife settled in that city.

After working for a local florist from 1889 to 1894, Mr. Siebold began business for himself in gardening and floriculture on East Orange street, where his growing trade soon took on such dimensions that he was presently compelled to seek other quarters. He then found another location on East Chestnut, where it terminates in the Groffstown

road. There he leased three acres, erected two large hothouses, and, making many other improvements, soon won the reputation of being the most progressive and foremost gardener of the city. Assisted by his wife, whose industry, intelligence and courtesy have contributed much to the business, he has built up a trade of great proportions, and commands a patronage from the very best people of the city. The Siebolds are successful growers of fine flowers and vegetables of every kind, and for years past their celery has been the standard of the market. They have celery on sale as late as May 1st, an achievement accomplished by no other gardener. Their celery sales are enormous, as they also have the choice of the product of Mrs. Siebold's uncle in Tioga county, who grows over 400 acres each year, and of a cousin in Chester county, who has 200 acres of this and other choice products, operating at the same time over seventy hothouses. During the winter of 1901 Mr. Siebold grew celery under glass, as well as tomatoes and other vegetables, making a great hit on the early spring market. Mr. Siebold has telephone connections, has stands in all the leading markets of the city, and no man, there or elsewhere, is more industrious and hardworking. In the fall of 1902 Mr. Siebold threw two hothouses into one, increased the length, and created one of the finest up-to-date hothouses in the interior of the State, this being in perfect keeping with the liberal and progressive work of Mr. and Mrs. Siebold in their chosen business—a business which they have reduced to a fine art, as can be attested by the hosts of people in this community who enjoy the products of their skilled labor. During the summer of 1900 they cultivated a dozen of the choicest and most beautiful flower beds in Woodward Hill cemetery ever seen in Lancaster.

Mr. Siebold was married, in 1885, to Miss Anna Theresa Mueller, a daughter of Charles Mueller, who passed away in his native Germany. Mr. Mueller lived for years in Carola, Mo., where his daughter, Anna Theresa, finished her education, which had been begun in Germany. She attended the Poplar Bluff high school, and secured an excellent education, to which her conversation and writing bear testimony. Her father returned to Germany because he could not sell his property there without a great sacrifice, and in November, 1901, entered into rest.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius P. Siebold are members of the Lutheran Church of the Advent, Mrs. Siebold being actively associated with the Ladies' Sewing Circle, and being a teacher in the main Sunday-school, while Mr. Siebold is a member of the church council and also treasurer.

The father of Julius P. Siebold was a master mechanic, and had his own works at Mansfield, when only twenty-one years old, employing twenty skilled workmen. He was later employed in Berlin, and worked for a time in the service of the Russian Government at Odessa, where he received a special gift

of 500 roubles and a diploma from Czar Alexander for his magnificent work in superintending the erection of docks, etc. His father, Carl Siebold, was a soldier under Napoleon the Great, and took part in the disastrous retreat from Moscow.

GEORGE KURTZ, a retired farmer of Providence township, is one of the most highly respected German-American citizens of his locality. He was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 23, 1824, son of John M. Kurtz, now deceased.

John M. Kurtz, the father, was also born in Wittenberg, and spent his whole life in Germany. He was the father of six children, these being: Rosa, Dora, Andrew, Barbara, Margaret and George, the latter being the only survivor of the family and the only one who ever came to America.

George Kurtz has had some unusual occurrences in his career since settling in America. He landed in New York on Nov. 4, 1854, and went directly to Philadelphia, thence to Lancaster. However, he soon went to one of the southern States and was residing in the South at the outbreak of the Civil war. This resulted in his conscription into the Confederate army, and he was forced to participate in some of the hardest fought battles of the war. Finally he escaped to the North, but it was with the loss of his five years' earnings. After remaining a time in Philadelphia, he went to Lancaster county, where, in 1867, he bought his farm of fifty-six acres of land in Providence township, and by great industry and frugality has accomplished much. Mr. Kurtz has been a hard-working man for many years, and has earned the comfort which he is now able to enjoy.

On March 24, 1864, Mr. Kurtz was married in Lancaster county to Miss Amelia E. Vollrath, born in 1833, in Germany, and a family of five children has been born to this union, as follows: Edward, who follows the carpenter trade in Philadelphia; Miss Mary, of Atlantic City, N. J.; Emma M., a resident of Lancaster; Bertha, who also resides in Lancaster; and Charles, who operates the home farm since his father has given up active labor, the farm being well-improved and productive.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz are valued members of the M. E. Church. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Republican. The whole family enjoys the respect of the community, while Mr. Kurtz is noted for his honesty, his truthfulness and his many acts of kindness and charity.

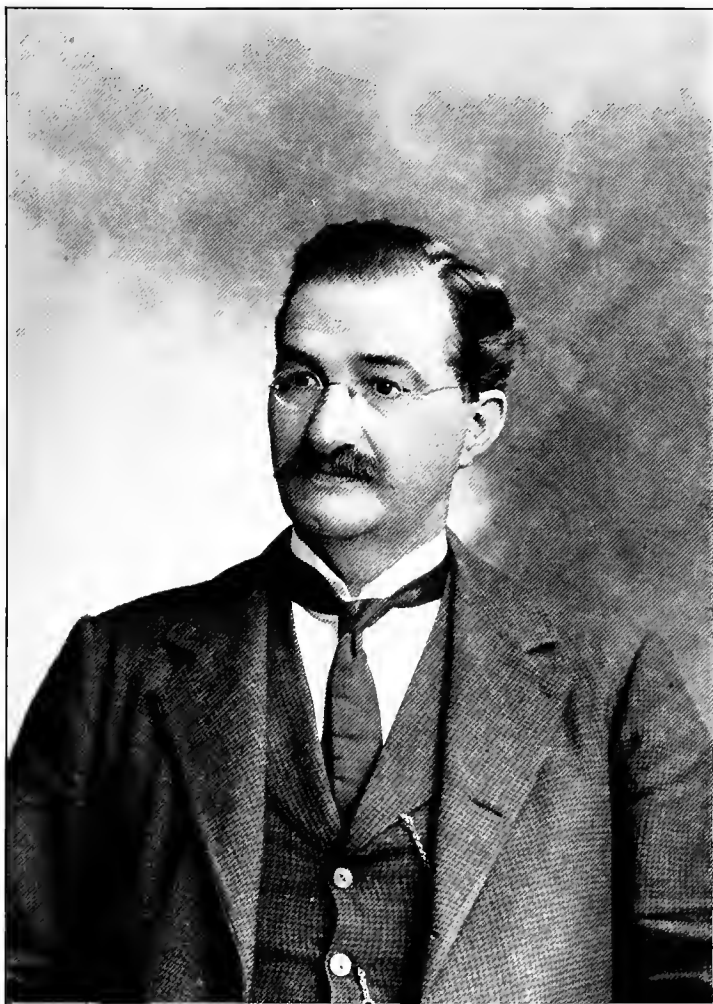
WILLIAM B. THOME, M. D., the leading physician in Milton Grove, Mt. Joy township, and one of the most highly respected and useful citizens of that section, was born Feb. 18, 1854, in Lebanon county, Pa., near Lawn, a son of Dr. Joseph S. and Sarah (Brown) Thome.

Dr. Joseph S. Thome was a native of Lancaster county, born in Manheim, and died in Mastersonville Jan. 8, 1890, aged sixty-nine years. In his younger days he assisted his father in surveying and as a

scrivener, later becoming a physician and making his home in Lawn, Lebanon county, for a period of forty years, returning to Lancaster county six years prior to his death. He was laid away in Milton Grove cemetery. Both he and wife were long members of the Lutheran Church. She was born in Lebanon county in 1824, and now resides with her son William B. They were the parents of four children, namely: John, who is an iron worker in Lebanon; Margaret, who died young; William B.; and May, who died at the age of two years.

William B. Thome was afforded excellent educational opportunities by a farsighted and intelligent father. He made his home with his parents until 1876, when he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania. After his marriage he settled for practice in Mastersonville, this county, remaining there for ten years, at the end of which period he came to Milton Grove, where he has remained ever since, becoming a leading citizen. Dr. Thome is widely known, and his practice is not confined to his immediate locality, his skill being in requisition over a wide extent of territory. In politics, like his father, Dr. Thome is a Democrat, but he has no political aspirations, and did not even seek the office of school director, to which he was elected. He belongs to the Lutheran Church, although his duties interfere with a very regular attendance.

On June 13, 1876, in Lancaster, Dr. Thome was married to Miss Louisa G. Missimer, and to this union were born two sons, Winfield M. and Arthur J., both of whom are attending Baltimore Medical College. Winfield M. was married, in 1902, to Miss Gertrude G. Engle, daughter of Simon H. and Mary (Graybill) Engle, of Conoy township, Lancaster county. Mrs. Thome was born in Rapho township, daughter of Jacob and Martha (Gantz) Missimer, of Lancaster county. Mr. Missimer was a miller by trade, and operated what was known as the Heistand mill, on the Chiques creek, for many years, following the example of his father, Esquire Jacob Missimer, who built the mill and operated it a very considerable time. Jacob Missimer was a prominent man, and served his district as school director for a long period. He died at the age of seventy years, in 1888, his widow dying in 1892, at the same age. They were buried in the Cross Roads River Brethren Church cemetery, in East Donegal township, although they were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Susan G. married Rev. David Wolgemuth, a River Brethren minister; Martha G. married David Brandt, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Sarah G. married Henry B. Martin, a farmer of East Donegal township; Catherine G. is the widow of Henry N. Snyder, of Mt. Joy township; Anna G. married Samuel G. Witmer, a farmer and trucker of Rapho township; Mary G. married Edward B. Boyd, a merchant of Manheim; Louisa G. is the wife of Dr. Thome; Elizabeth G. married Jacob Gruber, a farmer of Rapho township; and Harriet G. is the widow of Jacob Engle, of East Hempfield township.



W. B. Thorne M.D.

ABRAHAM H. HERR, one of the representative men of Lancaster county, was born on the farm he owns and occupies, Oct. 5, 1855, a son of Christian and Susanna (Hess) Herr. Reared on the home farm, and educated in the public schools, he remained at home with his parents, taking charge of the farm about two years before his father's death. The parents lived with him until their death, his father dying in 1883, and his mother in October, 1900.

Mr. Herr gives his attention to farming and dairying, keeping some eighteen head of cattle, and for seven years ran a milk route in Lancaster. At the present time he does no retail business. His farm which consists of 112 acres, is classed among the better places of the county. It has been considerably improved since it came into the possession of Mr. Herr, and is thoroughly cultivated. Mr. Herr is a public-spirited citizen, and is deeply interested in all propositions that affect the public good. He has never sought nor accepted public station, though frequently asked by his friends to take certain town offices. His home is under the charge of his sister Elizabeth, who with him is deeply interested in Sunday-school work. All the members of this numerous and widely scattered family are among the most orderly and industrious in the community, where their good character, integrity and honor have made them many friends.

CHRISTIAN HERR (deceased), in his life time one of the more prominent citizens of Lancaster county, was born March 25, 1807, a son of Joseph and Mariah (Frower) Herr, both of Pequea township. Christian Herr was born in Pequea township, where he was reared to farm life. He was married Nov. 30, 1839, to Susanna Hess, and located on the farm near Hollinger, where his son, Abraham, is now found. There he devoted his life to farming, and there died June 29, 1883. In his earlier manhood he was engaged in the milling business at what is now known as the Pugh Mills, being associated with his brother, Abraham. At one time he took much interest in the culture of silk worms, erecting a building for that purpose, and growing his own silk, but did not keep at it long, as the conditions were unfavorable to its success. The later years of his life were entirely devoted to farming, and he was well and favorably known throughout the county.

Mrs. Susanna (Hess) Herr was a daughter of Jacob Hess, of Pequea township, born April 27, 1815; she died Oct. 26, 1900. By her marriage with Mr. Herr she became the mother of seven children: Jacob H., of Willowstreet, born Aug. 26, 1840; Joseph, a resident of West Lampeter township, born Jan. 6, 1842; Maria, born Feb. 23, 1844, died in childhood; Christian H., born 1846, died Feb. 21, 1898, in Manor township, where he had followed farming, and at one time had been a school teacher; Barbara, born Oct. 28, 1850, now the wife of Jacob Lindeman, of West Lampeter township; Elizabeth, born Sept. 13, 1853, now housekeeper for her brother

Abraham; and Abraham H., born Oct. 5, 1855, residing on the old homestead. Christian Herr, the father of this family, was a Dunkard, but his wife belonged to the old Mennonite Church.

JACOB HERR, the oldest member of the above family, was born and reared on the old homestead and educated in the public schools, and in the high school in Cumberland county. Remaining at home until 1880, he then located at Willowstreet, operating a small tract of five acres, giving the most of his attention to the Lancaster and Willowstreet Turnpike Co., of which he has been superintendent and treasurer. The office of secretary is also filled by him. He married, Jan. 13, 1880, Mrs. Catherine, widow of Martin Kreider and daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Forrer) Mylin, born in Pequea township, July 8, 1835. They have one of the most pleasant homes found at Willowstreet. In religious belief they belong to the Mennonite Church, and they are highly respected for their many good qualities.

HENRY H. AMENT, who has followed carpet weaving and carpentering in Columbia for a number of years, was born March 19, 1835, in Manor township, this county. The Ament family is one of the oldest and most respected in Lancaster county, where our subject's grandparents settled on their emigration from Germany, their native country.

George Ament, the father of Henry H., was born Sept. 16, 1792. He did a prosperous teaming business in the early days, carrying goods between Philadelphia and Pittsburg, when railway connections between those two places was yet a dream of the future. He was a man of many resources. By trade a carpet weaver, in his later life he became a farmer, and at the same time carried on business as a butcher. He died May 3, 1873, aged eighty years, seven months and eighteen days. He married Catherine Herr, daughter of Christian Herr, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of nine children, namely: Christian; Catherine, who married Martin Manning, of Highville, this county; Benjamin, born Jan. 29, 1829, who died Sept. 22, 1870, aged forty-one years, seven months and twenty-four days, the father of nine children; Eliza, who married Christ Kaufman, of Highville; Elias and Mary Ann, both deceased; Henry H.; and Abraham and Fanny, twins, the former a resident of Highville, the latter the wife of Jacob Kaufman, the brother of Christ, of Lancaster. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ament passed away in 1885, aged seventy-four years.

Henry H. Ament was reared to farming pursuits, which he followed up to the age of nineteen years, meantime receiving a practical education in the common schools. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and he has also acquired a thorough knowledge of carpet weaving. Since 1888 he has been engaged at both trades, and he has prospered

well—industry and honest work bringing their own and just rewards. He resided at Highville until June, 1899, when he removed to Columbia, where he has since had his home. As a worthy member of one of the old respected families of the county, Mr. Ament is held in high esteem, and he is fully deserving of the substantial place he holds in the regard of his fellow men.

In November, 1856, Mr. Ament was married, in Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Catherine Schoff, a native of Manor township, and daughter of David and Susanna (Benedict) Schoff, of Lancaster county. Mrs. Ament died Aug. 1, 1896, aged sixty-one years. Of the children born to this union, Amos is a resident of Columbia, this county; Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Mellinger, of Columbia; Jonas and Franklin are deceased; Elias is a carpenter in Highville; David is deceased; and Mary married Elmer Eshleman, of Columbia. In religious connection Mr. Ament is a member of the Evangelical Church. He is independent in politics.

ADOLPH EFINGER, proprietor of the "Seventh Ward Hotel," is one of the popular and successful German-Americans of whom the citizens of Lancaster are justly proud. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, the home of his ancestors, Dec. 30, 1853, a son of Bernard and Caroline (Crim) Efinger.

Bernard Efinger was a man of more than ordinary attainments, and although he never wandered from his native land, he contributed not a little to the steady advancement of the locality in which he lived. In early life he took to surveying as a desirable means of livelihood, and so successful did he become, that he was given a public position as surveyor, the arduous duties of which he creditably maintained for more than half a century. He was interested in politics also, and his popularity and general fitness may be best estimated from the fact that he was burgomaster or mayor of Aixheim, Wurtemberg, for about thirty years. His death occurred in 1897, at the age of seventy-four; his wife died in 1881, at the age of fifty-four. They were members of the Catholic Church, and had the following children besides Adolph: Remius, who came to America in 1860, is a tinsmith in Philadelphia; Catherine, who died in Germany, married Francis Gruher; Otto is a farmer in Germany; Mary is living in Germany; and Anna is also a resident of Germany.

More ambitious than his sire, Adolph Efinger sought to enlarge his sphere of action by removal to the United States in 1871, his objective point being Lancaster, Pa., where resided an uncle, Jacob Efinger. Under this uncle he served an apprenticeship as a cabinet-maker for three years, following which he engaged as journeyman in his trade for six years. For twelve years he was employed in a planing mill, and in 1889 started in the hotel business, of which he has made a success. He has en-

tered actively into general town affairs, and as a staunch Republican has been a member of the city council since 1898. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons and Odd Fellows, but is not a member of any church, although his family attend the German Lutheran Church. His wife was formerly Mary J. Dinkelberg, a native of Lancaster, and who has borne him two children, Bertha K. and Philip C. Mr. Efinger is well adapted to the occupation in which he is engaged, his tact, geniality, and all around good fellowship, contributing in no small measure to his success as host to the traveling public. He is exceedingly well posted, has a thorough knowledge of human nature, and by virtue of his application and integrity has acquired a substantial place among the moneyed men of Lancaster.

REV. WILLIAM FRANCIS SHERO, A. M., rector of St. John's Free Episcopal Church, in Lancaster, is a gentleman of far more than ordinary literary genius, and is doing splendid work in the parish to which he has ministered since September, 1898, having officiated there for one year while filling the office of headmaster of Yeates' Institute. In the rectorship he is the successor of the late lamented Rev. J. E. Pratt.

Mr. Shero's paternal ancestors were French Huguenots, who left France at the time of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, going first to Germany, and from that country to America. His grandfather came to America, bringing with him an infant son, Lewis, who became the father of the Lancaster clergyman. Lewis Shero married Clarissa Francis, daughter of Egbert Francis, who was leading a retired life at Fredonia, N. Y. Of this union there were born seven children, all of whom are living.

Rev. William Francis Shero, A. M., was born near Fredonia, N. Y., in 1863, and was educated in the normal school in his native town, and in the University of Rochester, from which he was graduated in 1887. He then attended the Theological Seminary in New York City, from which he was to be graduated in 1890, but left in 1888 to engage in teaching. For four years he worked in the school room, in the meantime continuing his theological studies, while he was principal of the schools at Smethport, Pa. During this time he took a post-graduate course in the University of Rochester, writing a thesis on "The Dis-establishment of the English Church," and in the study of political economy was awarded the first prize—a sum of \$300 in money. Mr. Shero was ordained deacon Dec. 22, 1889, and priest, Feb. 22, 1891. His first call was to Angelica, N. Y., where he served one year and a half, and for four years was chaplain of DeVeaux Collège at Niagara Falls. At the end of that period he came to Lancaster to take the position of headmaster of Yeates' Institute, a position he filled with credit for two years, and then, as noted above, becoming rector of St. John's Free Episcopal Church.

The degree of Master of Arts was bestowed upon him by Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., in 1890.

Mr. Shero was married June 12, 1891, to Miss Lucy S. Rogers, a daughter of Col. Lucius Rogers, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion, and now serving as postmaster at Kane, Pa. In 1869 the Colonel was elected prothonotary of McKean county, and three years later he was elected a member of the General Assembly. For eleven years he was journal and reading clerk of the State Senate, and was elected county treasurer in 1889. Col. Rogers is a veteran journalist of much reputation, and by the dignity and candor of his work has made a name for himself that will long endure in McKean county. Col. Rogers has two other children beside Mrs. Shero, Fantine Livia, the wife of Dr. W. P. Bundick, of Mt. Jewett, Pa.; and H. Smull, a lawyer at Mt. Jewett, who bears the name of Mr. Smull, of "Legislative Handbook" fame. Mrs. Shero has Bishop Kidder, of Bath and Wells, England, among her more distinguished maternal ancestors, among whom is also found Noah Webster. From the union of Mr. Shero with Miss Rogers, were born two children, Lucius Rogers, and Livia Francis.

Mr. Shero has met with much success as rector of St. John's Parish, and his people are devotedly attached to him. Of a deeply spiritual nature, his fine social qualities render his work doubly effective, and with a fine pulpit presence and power he has all the elements which enter into the success of a priest. His record in Lancaster is a story of honest and honorable labor, of deep devotion, and of faithful effort for the improvement of his people.

SIMON PETER WAYNE, an old and well-known engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, with his residence in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Colebrook, Lebanon Co., Pa., on the old Robert Coleman estate, May 15, 1847, a son of David C. and Sarah (Knipe) Wayne, natives, respectively of Hanover, York county, and Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, in which latter place they were married.

David C. Wayne was a miller by trade, at which calling he worked from the age of fifteen to 1878, when advanced years precluded further work in the mills, and he then engaged in the patent medicine business until ten years prior to his death, when he retired. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. David C. Wayne were born the following named children: William H., who died from the effects of an injury received on the old State railroad; Mary A., widow of John Eyman, who was master painter at Pittsburgh for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co.; Catherine, deceased wife of Samuel Clair; Sarah, widow of Isaac Hogentogler, of Columbia; John, who was wounded at the battle of Malvern Hill, June 30, 1861, while serving in Co. I, 23d P. V. I., died in hospital at Washington, D. C., in October, 1861; David A., a locomotive engineer, was killed in a railroad wreck; Simon Peter was the next in order of

birth; Elizabeth married James Devine, a railroad engineer at Elizabethtown, Pa.; Emma is the wife of Milton Monahan, a railroad conductor at Philadelphia; Rebecca, of the same city, is the widow of Jacob Michael, who was a locomotive engineer; and Lydia married Amos Lewis, a railroad engineer at Shippensburg, Pa. Mrs. Sarah (Knipe) Wayne was very active and earnest in her work for the United Brethren Church, and in 1856-1858 collected the money with which was built the first church edifice of that denomination in Columbia, the first sermon having been preached in German in the dwelling of David C. Wayne, by the Rev. Christian Kaufman, to the embryo congregation of that faith. David C. Wayne was born Oct. 1, 1809, and died Jan. 1, 1888, and his wife was born Sept. 18, 1814, and died April 28, 1882, the family having come to Columbia about 1849.

Simon Peter Wayne, at the early age of eight years, was sent out by his parents to earn in part his own livelihood, and among the farmers of the neighborhood he found employment until fifteen years of age. He was then apprenticed to John Q. Denney, to learn the molder's trade, and was to receive fifty cents per day the first year; seventy-five cents per day the second year; and one dollar per day for the three following years. He was in the shop, however, but little over a year when the war of the Rebellion broke out, and all the molders in the factory, save one, went to the front. Young Wayne was then tested by his employers, and found to be capable of casting a molding, and his wages were fixed at \$2 per day, until the expiration of his apprenticeship. He next worked as a journeyman for Malby, Case & Co., and other foundrymen until January, 1874, when he was given a place, on the 15th of May, as fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., and six years later, Aug. 20, 1880, he was promoted to engineer, a position he still occupies. In 1891 he was transferred to Philadelphia, as passenger engineer, but in November, 1893, was returned to Columbia as freight and extra passenger engineer.

Mr. Wayne was united in marriage, March 13, 1867, in Lancaster, with Miss Kate Mayer, and to this union was born one child, William M., who died at the age of three years and twenty days.

Mrs. Kate (Mayer) Wayne was born in Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., March 13, 1848, a daughter of Gotlieb and Mary (Boyer) Mayer, natives of Germany and Berks county, Pa., respectively. Gotlieb Mayer came to America in boyhood, and learned the miller's trade under David C. Wayne, father of Simon Peter. To his marriage to Mary Boyer were born seven children, namely: Kate, now Mrs. Wayne; Anna, wife of Orrick Richards, paper-hanger in Columbia; Clara, widow of John Hinkle; Elizabeth, wife of H. P. Young, retired, in Middletown, Pa.; Ella, in Columbia; John, in Marietta; and Emma, who died young. Mr. Mayer died in Columbia at an advanced age in the faith of the

Lutheran Church, and his widow, who was born May 21, 1824, is also a Lutheran and still resides in Columbia.

Mr. Wayne is one of the kindest and most charitable of men. He has had educated in music several children not members of his family, and has reared three as his own. At present he has living with him a niece, Miss Bessie E. Young, whom he has reared from the age of two to seventeen years, although her father is quite wealthy, and is a resident of Middletown. Mr. Wayne is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, in which he holds three offices, those of corresponding secretary, chairman of the board of legislation, and chairman of the committee of adjustments. He is also a member of the general board of the Pennsylvania system. Mr. Wayne is a past grand in the I. O. O. F., a Knight of Malta, and past chancellor, K. P. He also belongs to the Columbia Fire Department. In politics he is a Republican, and has served in the borough council two consecutive terms as president, an honor never before conferred upon a president of the Columbia council. By appointment he also filled out an unexpired term of six months as chief Burgess of Columbia. From a business point of view Mr. Wayne is a self-made man, as he has through his integrity and industry, been given by the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., lucrative employment which has enabled him to acquire a competency for the years when old age will make his being able to sit under his own vine and fig tree, without a thought of the morrow, a blessing indeed. For the kindness and favors shown him by the company he has a feeling of gratitude, which grows deeper and stronger as the years go by. His elegant home on Chestnut street is an evidence of what a man may acquire by living an industrious and frugal life, and should be an incentive to the coming generations of railroad men to do likewise, and, like Mr. Wayne, to be honored and respected by all.

WILLIAM D. SNYDER has long been well and favorably known among business men in Columbia, where he has risen to special prominence in his important position of manager for the Keeley Stove Company.

Mr. Snyder was born Feb. 13, 1843, in Chillisquaque, Northumberland county, this State, son of John Frederick and Mary (Dehart) Snyder, also natives of the Keystone State. The paternal grandfather of our subject, John B. Snyder, was born in Montgomery county, where he spent the greater part of his life, following the trade of shoemaker. He was a Democrat in politics, and understood well the political issues of his day, taking an active part in the local affairs of his town. For three years he was a member of the town council, for eight years served as overseer of the poor at Milton, and in numerous other positions aided in the upbuilding of his community. He was a true Christian gentleman, greatly interested in the progress of the Re-

formed Church, of which he was a member. He participated in the Black Hawk war, serving as captain of a company that was sent to the front. John B. Snyder married Sarah Elizabeth Rumer, a native of Northampton county, this State, and they had three sons and one daughter, of whom J. Frederick, our subject's father, was the eldest. The others were Peter; Albert, who was killed during the Civil war; and Sarah. The grandfather died in 1875.

J. Frederick Snyder was born in Montgomery county, where he made his home until his marriage, and he was given a good education in the public schools. On reaching mature years he began clerking in a store, and continued to act as salesman from 1842 to 1860, after which he followed boating on the Pennsylvania Canal, which occupation he abandoned in order to accept work offered him in a sawmill, for which he received better pay. He passed away while residing in Milton, in 1887, when in the sixty-fifth year of his age, a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. J. Frederick Snyder was twice married, and by the first union were born five children, of whom William D. was the eldest; Sarah, the next in order of birth, is deceased; Mary is the wife of Jeremiah Datesman, and resides in Columbia; and the two remaining members of the family, twins, are deceased. The wife and mother passed to the land beyond in 1850, at the age of thirty-one.

William D. Snyder received his early education in the common schools of Milton, after which he took a course in the high school, and he subsequently received instruction from Rev. A. G. Dole, pastor of the Reformed Church of Milton, studying English grammar, rhetoric and geometry. At the age of eighteen he engaged in boating, continuing thus until he apprenticed himself to learn the trade of a tin smith. Mastering the business in three years, he followed it with fair success until 1872, when he formed a partnership with Mr. Overpeck, the firm name being Overpeck & Snyder. They carried on a thriving trade in tinsmithing and sheet iron work until the death of the senior partner in 1876, when the style was changed to W. D. Snyder & Co., and continued as such for the following three years. At the end of that time our subject disposed of his interest in the business, remaining with the new firm, however, until 1881, when he went to Middletown, becoming superintendent of Raymond & Campbell's mounting establishment in that place. After remaining there a short time, however, he located in Columbia in the employ of the Keeley Stove Co. On Thanksgiving day, 1891, Mr. Snyder was elected to the position of manager of the concern by the board of directors, and has remained in that capacity ever since, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a thorough business man, and whatever he undertakes is bound to succeed. The firm are doing a paying business, transacting over \$200,000 worth of business each year, and give em-

ployment in all departments to about one hundred and forty men. The factory is a large structure, five stories in height, including cellar, located on Maple and Second streets. They have also a sales-room at No. 21 South Charles street, Baltimore.

In his political views Mr. Snyder is a Prohibitionist, and believes that the time will soon come when that party will elect a president. He has been very active in church work since early manhood, and has served twelve years as superintendent of the Sunday-school and eight years as deacon. In social affairs he is a prominent Odd Fellow, belonging to Mutual Lodge No. 84, at Milton; and he is also a member of Milton Lodge No. 256, F. & A. M.

Mr. Snyder married, in February, 1865, Miss Sarah E., daughter of Peter Smith, of Milton, and to them was born one daughter, Mary, now the wife of Edgar Fager, of Columbia. Mrs. Snyder died in 1867, and our subject subsequently married Miss Nancy C., daughter of James McClosky, of Clinton county, this State. To them have been born four children: Zella, deceased; William Lloyd; Jennie B.; and one that died in infancy.

WILLIAM B. SCHNEITMAN, a well-known implement dealer of Elizabethtown, was born in West Donegal township April 3, 1854, son of Matthias F. and Regina (Brantley) Schneitman. The parents were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, where they remained after their marriage until 1844, when they came to America, locating in Elizabethtown. They remained in the borough a year, and then settled on a farm a mile from the town, where they lived and died, Mr. Schneitman passing away in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years, and his widow in 1884, at the age of seventy. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of the following family: Charles, who is deceased; Gotlieb, who lives in Lebanon county; Christianna, wife of Samuel Sherrer; Kate, wife of John Mashey, a farmer of Dauphin county; Henry, a furniture dealer in Casey, Iowa; Mary, wife of Israel Engle, of Lancaster county; William B.; and Louisa, who died young.

William B. Schneitman was married in November, 1881, in Elizabethtown, to Mary Rutt, and to this union was born one child, Harry R. Mrs. Mary (Rutt) Schneitman was born in West Donegal township April 3, 1856, daughter of Christian S. and Susan (Allison) Rutt, natives of West Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively. Her father farmed all his life on the farm where he was born. He died Feb. 21, 1882, at the age of seventy-eight years, ten months, and his remains are resting in the Rutt cemetery, on the old homestead, which has been in the family for more than 200 years. Christian S. Rutt and Susan Allison were married in Lancaster in 1851, and to their union were born the following children: Peter, who is deceased; Mary, Mrs. Schneitman; and Simon, who is engaged in

the cultivation of the old farm in West Donegal. Mrs. Susan (Allison) Rutt was born in Newtown, Rapho township, April 6, 1826, and is now making her home with Mrs. Schneitman. Her parents, Abraham and Susan (Kauffman) Allison, were natives of Ireland and Lancaster county, respectively, and both died at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Susan Rutt, being interred in the old Rutt cemetery. They were members of the River Brethren Church. The father was a mason by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Allison were the parents of the following children: Barbara, widow of John Cassel; John, who died in Kansas; Abraham, a farmer in Kansas; Benjamin, Fanny and Anna, all deceased; and Susan.

William B. Schneitman remained with his parents on the home farm until he was twelve years of age when he was bound out, working for his board during the winter, and receiving six dollars a month during the summer season. He made good use of the winter schools, and when he was twenty years old began teaching, in which capacity he was engaged for two years. For the next eight years he followed tobacco farming, and then took up the business in which he is now engaged. He moved to Elizabethtown in 1884, but also continued to carry on tobacco farming in West Donegal township. While in that township he was clerk two terms, and in 1894 he was elected school director in Elizabethtown and re-elected in 1897. He and his wife are both members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a Democrat. They are intelligent people, and enjoy an enviable standing in the community.

JACOB D. KOHR, who lives one mile northwest of Lancaster, belongs to one of the old families of the county, and well sustains the honor of the family name. His father, Rev. Bishop John Kohr, now deceased, was a noted man in the church; he is mentioned elsewhere.

Jacob D. Kohr was born April 14, 1845, on the place adjoining the one where he now makes his home. His education was gained in the public school, and when he was twenty-five years of age he began business for himself on a sixty-five acre farm belonging to his grandfather, in Manheim township, where he remained one year. His next location was in East Lampeter township, where he operated two rented farms of sixty-five acres each, remaining there only one year, however, when he moved to Lancaster to become the first steward of Harbach Hall, Franklin and Marshall College. At the end of a year he resigned this position, in which he had given good satisfaction, as he was needed at home to take charge of the farm. With his brother he carried on the family homestead for three years, and then established himself on the old David O. Shirk farm. The following year he located on a farm which his father had bought for him, consisting of sixty-seven acres, a portion of which he sold to the railroad company, and then operated the remainder

from 1876 to 1896. In the latter year he bought the home property, where this writing finds him retired from active farming. This property comprises three acres, and the place has been thoroughly remodeled to meet his ideas of what a neat and attractive home should be. Though not now engaged in active farming, Mr. Kohr is still in active business, putting up for the market Saratoga chips, fruit butters, catsups, and a similar line of toothsome dainties.

Mr. Kohr was married Dec. 24, 1868, to Miss Mary F., a daughter of Benjamin and Lydia Landis. She was born in Franklin county, Pa., near Waynesboro, Sept. 1, 1848. To Mr. and Mrs. Kohr have come the following children: (1) Frank L., born Jan. 3, 1870, married Miss Barbara Harnish, by whom he has had one child, Elizabeth, and is a florist. (2) Annie L., born Oct. 21, 1871, is the wife of Jacob L. Kreider, a grocer at the corner of Chestnut and Nevin streets, Lancaster, and is the mother of three children, Esther, Jesse and Mary. (3) Alice, born May 1, 1875, is the wife of Elmer J. Weaver, the florist, of East Lampeter township, and is the mother of one child, Lloyd. (4) Howard L., born Aug. 5, 1877, is a machinist employed at the Westinghouse airbrake works, in Pittsburg. (5) Esther, born Sept. 7, 1883, is at home. (6) Lydia was born July 8, 1885. (7) John was born Feb. 8, 1890. Mrs. Kohr is a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church and the family are among the Christian and highly intelligent people of this section of the county.

Frank L. Kohr, the eldest son, obtained his education in the public schools and in the State Normal, where he attended two years. In 1875 he established his greenhouse on the site where he has since built up a prosperous business, having removed his plant from the farm, where he was reared, and where he began the business in 1890. Beginning with 3,000 feet of glass, he now has 7,000. He makes a specialty of carnations, and also of bedding plants, such as geraniums, begonias and petunias. His product goes to Philadelphia and Reading. In 1892 he began trucking, and conducts a truck farm of five acres in connection with his floral business. He has some 300 peach trees, and watches the Lancaster markets very closely. In 1892 he bought his home, situated about a mile northwest of Lancaster city. Mr. Kohr belongs to the Society of American Florists, and is a member of the Page Society.

ABRAHAM HIRSH. The Hirsh Brothers may be justly placed in the front rank of the business men of Lancaster by reason of their pronounced ability in trade, their intelligent observation of commercial and mercantile matters, their wise discernment of the wants of the people, and their readiness to cater to the wants of the people as well as their uniformly satisfactory dealing with their patrons. These have been prominent factors in their success in building up a trade in the city second to none, and

in acquiring fortunes that have placed them among the heaviest taxpayers of Lancaster. They have been the architects of their own fortunes, earning what they owned, and in the afternoon of life are surrounded by happy families, in the full enjoyment of all the good things that wealth affords.

Like many other successful business men of Lancaster, the Hirsh brothers were not to "the manner born," but first saw the light in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, only a few miles from the famous city of Worms. Their parents, Meyer and Dora Hirsh, frugal and industrious villagers, reared their boys until they had attained manhood, when they were sent forth at their own request to the New World, with but small capital, to carve out their own fortunes.

Leopold Hirsh, the first of the brothers to come to America, arrived in New York in 1851, and there purchased a small stock of notions. He made his way to Reading, Pa., where he was joined the following year by his eldest brother, Abraham. The brothers united their little savings and worked hand in hand as peddlers of fancy notions, and within a year had made sufficient advance to be able in 1853 to open a store at Danville, Pa., where at the time was building the Catawassa railroad, and the Montrose Iron Works were in full blast. The young merchants rented a store and, vigorously pushing the jewelry and notion business, made money rapidly. Before they had been in business twelve months they rented another building, on the opposite side of the town, and fitted it up as a clothing store. Abraham Hirsh went to Sunbury, where he rented a room and began the watch and jewelry trade, having an old and experienced watchmaker from Germany as his assistant. He did a fair business. As times changed at Danville the brothers sought another location, selling the two stores in that place, and the Sunbury establishment passing into the hands of the German assistant. In 1854 the Hirsh brothers made their advent in Lancaster. They opened a small store on North Queen street, near Center Square, and there was the modest beginning of the extensive millinery and notion store of A. Hirsh. The place extended but half way through to Market Place, and one-half the front was occupied by another dealer. In this contracted space they began business, and soon afterward obtained the adjoining storeroom, which they fitted up as a clothing store. Their business rapidly increased to large proportions, and in 1857 they were able to purchase the Griel property, which they had rented. In 1861 they bought from John Farnum the property on the northwest corner of Center Square and North Queen street, extending it through to Market Place. In November of the same year they sold to Jacob Bowers the rear portion of this property for \$8,000. In 1884 they bought the property back for \$20,000, their expanding business demanding more room. The building was entirely remodeled to meet the wants of their trade. All

the partitions were taken out and each floor thrown into one room, the principal salesroom extending from North Queen street to Market Place, new fronts were put in, and the entire building was admirably heated and ventilated. From the ground up it is stocked with an immense amount of clothing, uncut cloth and men's furnishing goods. Before these improvements were made to the corner building equally extensive improvements were made on the Griel property. It had been extended through to Market Place, and the entire ground floor thrown into one large salesroom for the millinery, jewelry and fancy goods trade, the upstairs rooms being stocked with an extensive assortment of miscellaneous merchandise. The original firm of Hirsh Brothers, consisting of Abraham, Herman and Leopold Hirsh, was dissolved in 1874, Abraham Hirsh taking the millinery department, and Herman and Leopold taking up the clothing department, under the name of Hirsh Brothers. Leopold Hirsh died Dec. 1, 1901, at his home in Philadelphia.

Abraham Hirsh continued in the millinery business until 1899, and in 1900 disposed of the jewelry business, retiring at that time from active life. His was the guiding hand for this extensive business in its earlier days, and he was known as a shrewd and keen business man, his success well attesting his reputation in that respect. Personally he is an affable and courteous gentleman, and he has been one of the most enterprising men of Lancaster since the day of his arrival. He has always been a generous contributor to all the deserving charities of the city, without regard to age, creed or condition.

Mr. Hirsh has owned and controlled a large amount of real estate in Lancaster, both alone and in company with his brothers, and he is still the proprietor of a fine farm, as well as of valuable real estate in the city. He also has good property in the West, and was ever alert for a good business investment. In 1867, in company with his brothers, he established a manufacturing business in Philadelphia, putting on the market a very desirable umbrella, and this business was successfully conducted by them for more than ten years. Abraham Hirsh was one of the promoters and founders of the street railroads of Lancaster, as well as of the Quarryville railroad. He was largely interested in the successful establishment of the Lancaster *Inquirer*.

Mr. Hirsh belongs to the F. & A. M., holding membership in Kensington Lodge, No. 21, and he is one of the oldest members of the Jewish Synagogue in the city of Lancaster, having been its president for the last sixteen years. He was formerly a Democrat in politics, but now supports the Republican party. However, he is not active in party affairs. His residence is at No. 129 North Duke street.

Mr. Hirsh was born June 21, 1827. He married for his first wife Miss Fannie Greenwald, of

Philadelphia, by whom he had four sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Leopold, was a successful merchant in McKeesport, Pa., where he died March 21, 1895. David, the second son, is in the tobacco business in New York. Harry, the third son, is in the tobacco trade in Lancaster; he is married and has one child, Fanny. Benjamin, the youngest son, is in the livery business at Lancaster. Celia, the eldest daughter, married Morris Hockhimer, an extensive dealer in wool in Wheeling, W. Va., and has three sons and one daughter, Benjamin, Ellwood, Herbert and Florence. Rosa G., the second daughter, is the wife of Henry Weil, a leading horse dealer of Lancaster, and has one child, Hortense. Estella, the youngest daughter, is the wife of Henry Rider, a wholesale cigar dealer of Lancaster, and has two children, Fanny and Adrian. Mr. Hirsh married for his second wife the widow of Abraham Sussman, of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL A. SHELLEY, retired farmer of Rapho township, was born Sept. 27, 1846, on a farm adjoining the one he now occupies, and he still owns it.

Samuel Shelley, his father, died on the old homestead near by the farm of his son in 1886, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was buried on the farm. He married Maria Acker, who was born in 1819, and is still living with a daughter. Samuel Shelley was a member of the Brethren in Christ Church. For years during his life he was a director of schools for his district. The following children were born to him and his wife: Isaac A., a retired farmer of Sporting Hill; Emanuel A., a farmer of Rapho township; Samuel A., whose name opens this sketch; Anna A., wife of Henry Gible, a farmer; Maria A., wife of Daniel Wolgemuth, a farmer; and Aaron A., a farmer of Rapho township. Samuel A. Shelley's grandparents were Abraham and Lizzie (Brandt) Shelley, of Rapho township. The grandfather died at the age of ninety-two years, and his father, also named Abraham, lived to the age of ninety-four. The grandfather on the mother's side was Jacob Acker, of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 23, 1869, Samuel A. Shelley married Miss Fanny A. Erhart, of Lancaster county, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. T. Gerherd. To this marriage has come one daughter, Fanny E., now the wife of John B. Hossler, a farmer of Rapho township; they have four children, Jennie S., Clayton S., John S. and Henry S.

Mrs. Samuel A. Shelley was born in Rapho township April 7, 1849, daughter of John and Rebecca (Brubaker) Erhart, of Rapho township. The father is still living on his farm, but the mother died in 1881, at the age of fifty-five years. She is buried in Hernlev's Meeting House cemetery. She was of the Mennonite faith. Mr. Erhart retired from farming in 1880. He and his wife had children as follows: Benjamin, a retired farmer of Rapho township; Fanny A., wife of Samuel A. Shelley;

Samuel, a farmer of Rapho township; and Rebecca, who died at the age of thirty-six years. Mrs. Shelley's paternal grandparents were John and Fanny (Rohrer) Erhart, of Lancaster county, of Swiss origin. Her grandparents on her mother's side were John and Anna (Wenger) Brubaker, of Lancaster county.

Samuel A. Shelley remained on his old homestead until 1900, when he retired and moved to his present residence, turning over his former place to his son-in-law. The family are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Shelley votes with the Republican party. He is a prominent man in his district, and is respected and looked up to by all who know him for his many sterling qualities.

SAMUEL F. FREY, senior member of the well known firm of S. F. Frey & Son, furniture dealers and undertakers, at Marietta, is one of the most successful merchants and prominent citizens of Lancaster county. Many of the most prominent citizens of America, to-day, are self-made men—men who through poverty and obscurity have fought their way to prominence and honor. A volume of the biographies of representative men of Lancaster county would indeed be incomplete without a sketch of Samuel F. Frey, who strikingly illustrates the force of well-directed energy, steadfast purpose and persistent effort for the accomplishment of noble results, and the overthrow of those obstacles that beset the progress of the young man who, unaided and alone, combats with life's stern realities.

The Frey family has been long and honorably connected with the history of Pennsylvania, whither the original representatives came from France. They were identified with the Huguenots as early as 1629. Originally the home of the family was in Switzerland, Cantons Aargau and Fribourg having been the ancient cradle of this race. In the old town of Fribourg there are documents proving beyond a doubt the origin of the name of Frey. These records tell that because of the bravery displayed by the chief and his clans of Aargau, and the prominent part they had taken in the victory over Charles the Bold, at Morat, 1476, they were declared "Free" (German "Frei"), were authorized to adopt the name of Frey, and were constituted a free and separate principality in Switzerland.

Abram Frey, great-grandfather of Samuel F., was an ordained clergyman of the Evangelical Association, and was for many years connected with the itinerant service, continuing thus in the Master's cause until called to his reward, at the age of seventy-five years.

Samuel Frey, son of Abram, was born in Union county, Pa., and became a farmer by occupation. In his religious views he followed the faith of his father, joining the Evangelical Association. In politics he was a supporter of the Old-line Whigs. He married Anna Bowman, and they became the parents of two sons, Abram and Samuel, and one daughter, Anna,

who married Abram First, of Harrisburg, Pa.; all are now deceased. Samuel Frey, the father, died in Union county at the age of forty-nine, and his wife passed away at Florin, this county, Jan. 7, 1879, aged seventy-four years.

Rev. Abram Frey, son of Samuel, and father of Samuel F., was born in Union county, Pa., Nov. 14, 1823. He was a man of superior intelligence, and in early life engaged in teaching public school. Feeling called to consecrate his life to the work of God, he became a minister of the Evangelical Association, and filled pulpits at various points in Lancaster, Lebanon, Berks, Montgomery and Dauphin counties, continuing thus for eight years, or until his death, from typhoid fever, April 23, 1859, at the age of thirty-six. Besides his ministerial labors he had been extensively engaged in the manufacture of coverlids and counterpanes, and in dealing in wool at Mt. Joy, Lancaster county. These enterprises were managed by Joseph Classley, and were very prosperous until the panic of 1857. The heavy losses sustained then had not been overcome when Rev. Mr. Frey died, so that practically his wife and six children were left with nothing except a small home. On July 3, 1845, Rev. Abram Frey was united in marriage with Miss Mary Fauby, and this union was blessed with three sons and three daughters, as follows: Martha, wife of Joseph Heineman, of Philadelphia; Abram, an artist of note in Washington, D. C.; David, who died at the age of eleven years; Samuel F., whose name opens this sketch; Lizzie, wife of Dr. N. A. Saylor, of Philadelphia; and Emma, wife of O. G. Hull, of Kansas City, Mo. In his political faith the father was a Whig until the disintegration of that party, after which he affiliated with the Republicans. Mrs. Mary (Fauby) Frey, the beloved mother of this family, entered into rest, in New York City, May 5, 1898, at the age of seventy-five.

Abram Frey, son of Rev. Abram, and mentioned in the foregoing as an artist of note, made a trip abroad in 1878, sailing from Philadelphia, on an American Line steamer, April 18, 1878; he made an extended tour, and passed much time in France, and while in Switzerland saw the papers proving the origin of the family name.

Samuel F. Frey was born near Bloomfield, in Juniata township, Perry Co., Pa., Dec. 16, 1852. For some years he was a student in the public schools of Mt. Joy, and for one year was under the instruction of Christian Engle, a most capable instructor, near Mt. Joy. The condition of the family finances made it necessary not only that he support himself, but also that he assist in the care of the family. At the age of sixteen he left school and faced the stern realities of life for himself. On Feb. 1, 1868, he apprenticed himself to Henry S. Myers, of Mt. Joy, to learn the trade of cabinetmaker and undertaker, remaining thus employed for three and one-half years. On Jan. 3, 1872, he went to Marietta, and, finding a suitable opening, at once embraced the opportunity of embarking in business. Through close economy and



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hard work during extra time allotted him during his school days and apprenticeship, he had been able to save \$800. Renting a small cabinet shop and ware-room in the Welchans building, he bought a stock of furniture and funeral supplies. Success rewarded his efforts from the start, and he was obliged to move to larger quarters. In 1887 he purchased the Roath property, in the heart of the business district, and, after tearing down the old buildings, erected a substantial brick structure 50x80 feet, three stories and basement. This commodious building inspired Mr. Frey to hold religious services in it before using it for business purposes. With him, to think is to act, and he at once made known his intentions to the best citizens. His project met with great favor, and after the seats had been arranged a large number of people assembled to consecrate, as it were, the building to the services of God. Rev. A. B. Saylor, pastor of the United Evangelical Church of Mt. Joy, preached the sermon, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hickman, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Marietta.

Mr. Frey now conducts the business under the firm name of S. F. Frey & Son, his son Samuel L. having been admitted as a partner. As a business man Mr. Frey has not confined his interest to his store alone. He has been largely interested in real estate, and owns considerable property in Marietta and Columbia, also being interested in farming in the northern part of the county. With others he started the Marietta Manufacturing Company, and is one of its board of directors, as well as a stockholder in the Marietta Silk Mills, using his efforts to secure the location of same in Marietta. He is an owner of stock and president of the Home Building & Loan Association, and is a director of the First National Bank of Marietta.

Education has no warmer friend in Lancaster county than Samuel F. Frey. In 1897 he was elected school director, and is now serving his fifth year. In 1898 he served as president of the school board, and he was one of the prime movers in the erection of the present modern school building, which is a credit to the town. Mr. Frey has held many positions of trust, and has frequently been called upon to settle up estates, acting as executor and administrator.

In religious affairs the name of Samuel F. Frey is written high as a zealous and disinterested worker in the cause of Christ. He, with a few others, made it possible, in 1896, to build Columbia Grace United Evangelical Church, corner of Locust and Walnut streets, and was the advisory member of the building committee, and the one who helped them bridge over the financial part of the question. They moved forward with undaunted trust and courage, never giving a thought of failure with a man like Mr. Frey by their side, until they were able to make other arrangements and help themselves, and had established confidence in their community and elsewhere, proving that they were a truly devoted, loyal Christian people, and could, and certainly would, accomplish their purpose by the grace and help of their Divine Master.

It was a success. The church was completed, and to-day there is not a more thriving congregation. Mr. Frey is not narrow in his religious work, his sympathies being broad enough to embrace all denominations, and he has assisted financially and otherwise in the upbuilding of a number of other churches. As an example of his untiring efforts may be detailed the establishment of the United Brethren Church of West Marietta, in 1879. Rev. J. M. Leshar (afterward sent as a missionary to Africa) called upon Mr. Frey, and said, in substance: "I am looking for a place to hold services to preach the Gospel, and I think there is room here. I have been informed West Marietta is a very wicked place, and has room for missionary work; that the harvest is ripe, and laborers are needed. I understand there is an M. E. chapel in that part of the town that is seldom used. This is just what I want, if I can get permission to use it. I was directed to you, being a member of the United Brethren faith, and as I need a place to stay when here to preach." Rev. Leshar was misinformed as to Mr. Frey's religious connection, inasmuch as he had been reared in the Evangelical Church, but that was immaterial. He welcomed him into his home, enthusiastically entering into all his plans, and agreeing to assist him as much as was in his power. These two men, armed with faith and led by the Master, wrought wondrous changes in the locality unto which they ministered. Success crowned the cause in the salvation of many precious souls rescued by the routing out of sin and wickedness; the homes were thoroughly changed and sanctified, where the praises of God are now sung. A more radical change was never witnessed, and there are many witnesses living to-day who will be happy to testify to this. Thirty-eight were converted, and united with the church. Not only had Mr. Frey assisted Rev. Mr. Leshar in the spiritual part of this work, but there had to be a place provided for these people to worship regularly undisturbed. They were rich in courage, and in the spring of 1880 arrangements were made to purchase the M. E. chapel, Mr. Frey giving his own personal obligation as security for the payment. After a few years the debt was wiped out, and the church marched triumphantly forward without the aid of outside help. The following was contributed by Rev. William Yenser, pastor of Zion's Reformed Church, Marietta: "In church work Mr. Frey is as active and thorough as in business, and his activities are not confined to any particular part of church work, but embrace all its departments. This activity in church life is supplemented by an unstinted generosity, which is exercised not only in behalf of his own denomination and congregation but which is as freely given to Christ's church of other denominations, he having very generously aided other congregations in their need, one of which was our own congregation, and especially at this present time, in the building of our new church." In religious faith, as noted above, Mr. Frey clings to the faith of his fathers—the Evangelical As-

sociation,—now known as the United Evangelical Church.

On Sept. 5, 1876, Samuel F. Frey was united in marriage with Miss Anna H. Longnecker, eldest daughter of Rev. John B. Longnecker, of the Old Brethren in Zion, now located in Florin, this county. Five children blessed this union: Samuel L., who was educated in Albright College, and now, fully equipped for business, is his father's partner, and is adding a strong progressive spirit to the firm; Anna and Myra, both students at Albright College; and Cora and Wilbur, at home. Politically Mr. Frey is a Republican. The success that has attended his efforts has been richly merited, and his industry, integrity and perseverance make him an example well worthy of emulation.

JACOB K. HERR, who entered into rest July 17, 1902, was a son of Jacob Herr, who, in his lifetime, was one of the representative men of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, and who was born in Manor township, this county.

Jacob K. Herr resided on the farm his father purchased in 1869, some years before his death. It contains seventy-six acres, lying just south of Hollinger, and is one of the choice and model farms of Lancaster county, attracting attention by its neat condition and thorough cultivation. Before his death Jacob Herr put up a fine barn, and his son also made many valuable improvements.

Jacob K. Herr took a lively interest in the general welfare of his community, and was always responsive to any proposition that affected the public good, being ever ready to assist in any enterprise that looked to the advancement of his section. At his death he was aged fifty-one years, eleven months and twenty-two days.

Jacob K. Herr was married, Feb. 20, 1896, to Sarah, daughter of Jacob and Lydia Zercher. Mrs. Herr was born in West Lampeter township.

WILLIAM J. BELL, who since 1885 has been one of the efficient and trusted conductors on the great Pennsylvania railroad, is a native of Columbia, born Jan. 4, 1853. His parents were William and Mary (Welsh) Bell, natives of Ireland, from which country they came when young. William Bell was a carpenter by trade, and would undoubtedly have accumulated means, but he fell a victim to the cholera in July, 1854, when but forty years of age. William was bereft of his mother in November of the same year. They left a family of six children, only two of whom yet survive, James (a mechanic of Harrisburg) and William J. The others were: Anna, who married Michael Baumberger; Maggie, who married Jonas Leas; and Thomas and Mary, who died in infancy.

Bereft of both parents, William J. Bell, when a child, was taken by his kind aunt, Ellen Supplee, to her home in Montgomery county, Pa., where he grew up engaged in healthful exercise on a farm

until he was sixteen years old. At that date he went to Philadelphia, and served an apprenticeship at the painter's trade, which he followed until 1877, when he came to Columbia and was employed by the Pennsylvania railroad as a brakeman until 1882; he then served as flagman until 1885, when he received his promotion to conductor. Mr. Bell gained this position by proving his reliability, and receives, as he deserves, the confidence of his employers and the respect of the community.

Mr. Bell was married, April 22, 1879, in Columbia, to Miss Sally Adams, and to this union have been born seven children, the two youngest, John and Emil, passing out of life while young; the others are: William, who is a member of Company C, 4th Militia; Margie; Frederick; Harry; and Sarah. Mrs. Bell was born in 1862, daughter of John M. Adams, and a sister of Frederick Adams, of Columbia.

Politically Mr. Bell is connected with the Republican party, and socially with the orders of Railway Conductors and the P. R. Relief. He has long been associated with St. John's Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL SNYDER (deceased) was a reliable and progressive farmer in Leacock township, Lancaster county. He was born in Harristown, Paradise township, March 26, 1844, and died on the farm where his widow and sons are now living, Dec. 18, 1898. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with Christ Church in Leacock township.

Samuel Snyder was a son of Aaron and Hannah (Fenninger) Snyder, his father being a native of Germany, and his mother of Paradise township. The father died in 1864, at the age of sixty-one; and the mother in 1879, at the age of sixty-one. They were members of Christ Church, and were buried in the cemetery of that church. Their children were as follows: Sarah, who died at the age of forty-eight unmarried; Elizabeth, widow of John Slaymaker, and living at Gap, Pa.; Joanna, widow of Adam Groff, and residing in Lancaster; Jane, who lives unmarried in Lancaster, as does her sister, Rebecca; and Hannah, who married J. P. Herman, of Gordonville, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Snyder was married Jan. 7, 1874, to Anna M. Slack, of Leacock township. To them have come the following children: Elizabeth prepared herself for teaching by taking a course at the Millersville State Normal, and has now taught very successfully in the home schools for eight years; Anna R. died when a year old; John S. and J. Aaron, both single, operate the home place for the heirs of their father's estate. Mrs. Anna M. (Slack) Snyder was born in Leacock township, and is a sister of H. Slack.

Samuel Snyder came to the present farm home of his family in 1890, removing from Paradise township, where he had held the position of supervisor two years. He and his wife were members

of Christ Church, in Leacock township, where he had held the position of warden, and was a vestryman. In his politics he was a Democrat. In his earlier life he was a cabinet maker, but in 1870 turned to farming, spending the rest of his life in that vocation. Very successful in all his undertakings, he became quite well-to-do, and reared a family whose useful lives and high character do credit to his watchful care.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STAUFFER, insurance man, who is the district special agent of the great Northwestern Life Insurance Company, and also manager of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Coatesville, is one of the best-known and most successful men in his line in Lancaster county. Although still a young man, he has so thoroughly grasped the details of the insurance business that he has become an example to others who have spent a lifetime in the same.

Mr. Stauffer was born in Manor township March 30, 1861, son of Jacob and Maria K. (Forrey) Stauffer, both of whom were born in Manor township, in which are located the old family homesteads of both the Stauffer and the Forrey families. The father died in 1896 in Washington borough, after a retirement of one and one-half years, at the age of sixty-seven, and was laid away in the old Mennonite cemetery at the Habecker Meeting House. His active years had been spent as a farmer and drover. In politics he was a Democrat, and he was a man who won the respect of the entire community. The mother, who was born in 1830, resides in Washington. The children of this union were as follows: John J., who died in infancy, as did also Daniel; Emma, who married Joseph K. Shultz, of Washington; Benjamin Franklin; Albert F., who is a farmer of Washington; Elizabeth, who married Martin Strickler; Harry F., deceased; Milton F., who is professor of the short-hand department in Temple College, Philadelphia; Isaiah, who died in infancy; and Kate F., who resides with her mother. The older generation was represented by John Stauffer, who married a Charles, both coming of old families of Manor township.

Until the age of seventeen Benjamin Franklin Stauffer remained upon the farm where he had been born and reared, and then became a student in the State Normal School at Millersville, and, being unusually studious, he was able at the age of eighteen to accept a position as teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county. Until 1883 he alternated teaching and attendance at the Normal, where, in that year, he was graduated. His success in insurance lines has been very gratifying, and since 1898, when the business of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company was placed in his hands, he has found little time to look after other interests. Since assuming control of the latter business in this locality he has placed nearly \$2,000,000 in risks.

Although not a politician in the usual meaning

of the term, Mr. Stauffer is a Republican and always does a citizen's duty. His connection with the Lutheran Church has lasted through many years. On July 5, 1893, Mr. Stauffer was married to Miss M. Grace Jackson, and two daughters have been born to this union, Kathryn M. and Sara M. Mrs. Stauffer was born in Columbia in February, 1873, daughter of Newton and Sarah (Albright) Jackson, of Pequea and West Hempfield townships, respectively, now residents of Columbia, Mr. Jackson being a foreman in the roundhouse of the Pennsylvania railroad. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were: John W., of Columbia; William K., who is a clerk in the Custom House in Philadelphia; and M. Grace, Mrs. Stauffer.

MRS. ANNA B. WITHERS. The name of the most estimable lady of whom this short biography is given, carries with it through Eden township the weight of public confidence and high esteem. Her high Christian character, her devotion to her church, and her numberless charities and acts of neighborly kindness have made her not only beloved by her immediate family, but most kindly and affectionately regarded through the whole community.

Anna B. Withers was born in Lampeter township, this county, Nov. 26, 1824, the estimable daughter of John and Fannie (Erb) Bireley, an old and leading family of this county. John Bireley, the father of Mrs. Withers, married into the prominent Erb family, Miss Fannie Erb belonging to one of the best known families of the county. After marriage they settled in Leacock township, on a farm, remaining there until his death, and his widow also died there, the children, besides Mrs. Withers, being as follows: Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of William Good, of Lancaster county; Leah was the wife of William Good, deceased, of Leacock township; John became a brave soldier and served his country through the Civil war, later married Leah Yoder, of this county, and they moved to Cleveland, Ohio, in which city he died, leaving a widow and children; Susan, who was born in this county, is the wife of Reuben Clampson, who is a resident of Ohio, and they have a family; Fannie, born in this county, is the deceased wife of Thomas Wright, and lived in Eden township at the date of her death, when she left two children, Jeremiah and Annie; and Mary, now deceased, married David Graham, of this county, and her death left nine children motherless, namely: David, George, William, Samuel, John, Joseph, Leah (the wife of John MsGriggan, deceased), Lizzie (widow of Amos Shisley) and Mary (wife of George Struble, of this county).

Mrs. Withers grew up in her pleasant country home with her brothers and sisters, and was educated in the public schools of her neighborhood. In February, 1849, she was united in marriage to Abraham Herr, of this county, and they settled on

the present home farm, in Eden township, where the father of Mr. Herr had started in life himself. Three years later Mr. Herr died, and his bereaved widow was left with one son, Abraham B., who died in childhood. The second marriage of Mrs. Withers occurred in 1859, when she was united to Augustus Withers, a prominent and wealthy business man of Lancaster county, who was the founder of the Mount Eden furnaces. Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Withers settled on the present farm, and here Mr. Withers engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death, Oct. 25, 1868. Again was this estimable lady bereaved, but four children remained as her comfort and stay. These were: John B., born in October, 1860, married Miss Sallie Hall, and they reside in Hanover, York county, where he is successfully engaged in conducting a hotel, and has one son, Howard; Thomas A., born in this home, in November, 1861, married Miss Lizzie Hall, who was a sister to the wife of his brother, and their residence is in Lancaster City, where he is manager of the County Bending Works, and his seven living children are Jessie, Charles, Bertha, Mable, Jennie, Hazel and Grace; Mary H., born Dec. 17, 1862, and grew to womanhood in the old home, being well educated in the public schools, and in 1880 she was married to Joseph S. Groff, of Colerain township; and Howard H., born Oct. 2, 1865, is still unmarried, and follows railroading.

Joseph S. Groff was a son of John and Ellen Groff, the family being long a prominent one in Lancaster county. He and his family now reside at the Withers home, where they have the care and management of Mrs. Withers' farm. The four children of Mr. and Mrs. Groff are: John A., born in May, 1881, married Anna Strimbel, of Eden township, and they reside in Quarryville, where he is engaged as a barber, and they have one son, Howard; Eva B., born in August, 1884, is a student in Weidler's Business College, Lancaster City; Earl, born in October, 1888, is also a student; and Clyde, born Oct. 1, 1890.

Augustus Withers was born in Lancaster county Sept. 12, 1807, a son of John and Hannah (Henderson) Withers, who at an early date came from Germany and settled in Lancaster county. Their family consisted of four sons and one daughter, these being: Augustus; John, deceased, who was associated with his brother in the founding of the great industry of this township, known as the Eden furnaces, his death occurring in Virginia; William, who died in Lancaster county; Thomas, who died in the city of Williamsport, in this State; and Hannah, who died unmarried.

Mr. Withers was educated for a professional life, starting out upon what promised to be a successful medical career, but failing health made it necessary for him to give up the practice of medicine and turn his attention to other lines. As a business man he became very successful, and the flourishing industry of which he was was the founder lives as a rec-

ord and testimonial to his energy and sagacity. In politics Mr. Withers was long one of the leading Republicans of this section, and was active in the interests of his party. His devotion to the Episcopal Church was a marked feature of his life, and there he was highly valued as a most worthy and consistent Christian.

Mrs. Withers and her family are equally devoted to the Lutheran Church, in which she has been active through many years, and where she is a liberal supporter of charitable enterprises and mission work. Perhaps no individual in the township has more personal friends than this very lovable and estimable lady.

WILLIAM MABLE, who died in Columbia at the comparatively early age of fifty-four, was an Englishman by birth, having first opened his eyes in Northumberland, England, May 28, 1839. His father was christened John, and his mother's maiden name was Isabella Hendry. John Mable was a tenant farmer, and a stanch Calvinist. Several of his children settled in County Antrim, Ireland, and the history of the family is full of interest.

To John and Isabella Mable were born seven children, of whom William was the third in the order of birth. Margaret, the eldest daughter, married Alexander Henderson, and died in England. Thomas is a farmer in Ireland. Isabella died in Ireland, unmarried. Mary married Thomas Moore, and also passed from life in the Emerald Isle. The two younger sons, John and George, both emigrated to this country. The first named is a mechanic living in Columbia, and the other a merchant residing in Marietta.

William Mable passed his early years in farming in both England and Ireland. In 1869, then a young man of thirty years, he crossed the ocean, finding his way to Wisconsin, where he found employment on a farm. At the expiration of four years he returned to Ireland to claim his promised bride, Margaret Miller. They were married Jan. 7, 1873, and crossed the water together, to seek a common fortune in a strange land. They settled in Columbia, and young William, then strong and sturdy, went to work in an iron furnace. Two years later failing health compelled him to quit active work, and he continued an invalid until the time of his death.

His widow, Margaret (Miller) Mable, is still living. Some seven years before her husband's death, in 1886, she opened a grocery store in Columbia, in the conduct of which (her youngest son, John, acting as manager) she has been fairly successful. She has but one other child, a daughter, Margaret, who is unmarried and resides at home, but is now visiting relatives abroad. Mrs. Mable was born in County Antrim, Ireland, May 25, 1844. Her paternal grandparents were James and Rachel (Bowman) Miller, of Scotland. James was a farmer, and died in County Antrim, Ireland. Her

mother, whose maiden name was Margaret Service, was a daughter of William Service and Margaret Stewart. Her father died in January, 1892, after completing his eighty-second year. Her mother survived him until April, 1900, when she, too, fell asleep, after attaining the extraordinary age of ninety-one years. Her grandfather, William Service, died of old age, in his ninety-ninth year. She is the third child of a large family, the others being named William, Rachel, James, Samuel, John and Robert. William is a merchant in Ballymena, Ireland. Rachel is the widow of William Moore, of Belfast. James and Samuel are farmers in County Antrim, Ireland. John is the manager of a quarry in County Down. Robert, who was at one time a merchant at Antrim, is deceased.

AMOS BOWMAN. Among the worthy and representative citizens of Lancaster county is Amos Bowman, who lives a retired life on his fine farm of sixty acres, situated one mile east of Lampeter, in West Lampeter township. He was born in Providence township Sept. 25, 1849, a son of Rev. Henry and Mary (Baer) Bowman.

Rev. Henry Bowman was but twenty-eight years of age when he was chosen a minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and from that time until his death faithfully officiated in the capacity of minister and bishop. He was thrice married; his first wife, Elizabeth Weaver, bore him one son, Jacob. By his second wife, Susannah Weaver, he became the father of the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Henry Trout; Annie and John, deceased; Esther (Hettie), deceased wife of Christian Kreider; and Henry, deceased. For his third wife Rev. Bowman married Mrs. Mary (Baer) Brenne-man, widow of Jacob Brenne-man. Two sons blessed this union, Frank and Amos.

Amos Bowman was reared in Providence township, and was educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-eight years of age he engaged in farming operations in East Lampeter township, where he remained for one year, and then in 1868 purchased his present farm of Abraham Herr. Many valuable and permanent improvements have been made to this farm, and now all its surroundings testify to the thrift and excellent management of its owner. For many years he was well-known in the affairs of the township, but since 1870 has not taken an active part in either farming or public matters, enjoying the ease of ample means.

In 1867 Amos Bowman married Barbara Weaver, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Stehman) Weaver, the former of whom was a minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church. No children have been born to Amos Bowman and wife, but they gave parental care and affection to two little sisters, Emma and Catherine Sloat, whom they reared to maturity, and who now have homes of their own, Emma having married Rohrer Snively, of New Danville; and Catherine, G. H. Shirtz, of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman are most hospitable people, and none in the county possess the esteem of their neighbors in a higher degree. They are both active workers in the Reformed Mennonite church.

Rev. Joseph Weaver, father of Mrs. Bowman, was born on the old Weaver homestead in West Lampeter township, and is a direct descendant of the founder of the family who settled in this country in 1711. Rev. Joseph Weaver was born April 5, 1792, and for many years was a devoted and valued minister of the Reformed Mennonite Church in Lancaster county. Early in life he was a farmer, but later devoted his entire time to ministerial work and to the upbuilding of the Church. His was a beautiful Christian character, and all who came within his influence were benefited. He married first, Barbara Baer, and their children were: Isaac, Ephraim, Jacob and Eliza, all deceased; and Mary and Susannah, living. For his second wife Rev. Weaver wedded Esther Stehman, a daughter of John Stehman, of Strasburg township, and two children were born of this marriage: Barbara A.; and Annie E., who is the wife of John S. Kurtz, of Lancaster City.

LEVI MOHLER. Among the substantial retired agriculturists of Lancaster county, no one is better or more favorably known than Levi Mohler, who owns and occupies the old homestead which was established by the founder of the American branch of the family five generations ago.

Ludwig Mohler, the Swiss ancestor of the Mohler family, came to the United States as early as 1730, and here founded a family which has given many many sons and blooming daughters to the State of Pennsylvania, their descendants having settled throughout this and many of the neighboring States.

John Mohler, the father of Levi Mohler, was born in 1786, and about 1814 married Salome Gline, and they reared nine children: Amanda, born in 1816, married Harry Keller; Cyrus, born in 1819; John, born in 1820; Frederick, born in 1823; Levi, born in 1824; Reuben, born in 1826; Saloma, born in 1828; Isaac, born in 1830; and Samuel, born in 1835.

Levi Mohler, the subject of this biography, was born Oct. 25, 1824, and has had a busy although a quiet life. Pursuing farming exclusively, he has become possessed of large means, owning two of the finest farms in Lancaster county, one of these containing one hundred acres, and the other seventy-two acres, both of these being finely improved. In 1852 he was married to Miss Magdalena Bitzer, the estimable daughter of John and Elizabeth (Royer) Bitzer, and to this union five children were born: Elizabeth, born in 1852, married Nathan Fahnestock; Solomon, born in 1855, died in childhood; Louisa, born in 1857, died in girlhood; Fianna, born in 1859, married William J. Echart, of Berks county, Pa.; and John, born Feb. 1, 1862.

John Mohler married Jane Dinger, of Lebanon county, Pa., and manages the home place for his father, his family of children bearing these names: Lizzie, Alice, Levi, Urias, Ida, Emma, Hiram and Allen.

In politics our subject is a staunch Republican, and has long been a prominent member of the German Baptist Church. His declining years are spent in peace and contentment, esteemed and respected by the community, and he well represents the law abiding, upright citizens of which Lancaster county has cause to feel proud.

GEORGE BOWMAN BRESSLER, alderman of the Fifth ward, Lancaster, bears the name of a noted Methodist divine, and belongs to an old and influential family in his part of the State. He is the fourth George in the family since its settlement in America.

George Bressler, his grandfather, was born at Strasburg, this county, son of a native-born German who came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania. George Bressler was a farmer, and a man of character and standing.

C. H. Bressler, father of George B., of Lancaster, was born in Mill Hall, Clinton county, Pa. After receiving a thorough elementary education he determined to take up the study of medicine and surgery, for that purpose entering the office of the late Dr. Washington L. Atlee; the late Dr. Henry Mellinger was also a student under Dr. Atlee at the same time. C. H. Bressler was graduated from Jefferson Medical College with the degree of M. D., and from 1839 to 1849 practiced medicine in Lancaster. Finally becoming associated with the late Dr. Ely Parry, one of Lancaster's most noted dentists (father of Dr. H. B. Parry, the East King street druggist), and becoming himself proficient in dentistry, Dr. Bressler took up that branch in connection with surgery, removed to Center county, and in 1854 to York county, where he built up a very extensive practice in both lines. Dr. Bressler was an ardent Republican politically, and at one time was a candidate for Congressional honors, and later appeared on the State Republican ticket as a candidate for Congressman at large. In 1866 he was commissioned by Gov. Curtin sheriff of York county, to fill a vacancy. A devout Methodist, few stood higher in the estimation of his associates in the Church than did this zealous Christian gentleman.

Dr. Bressler married Miss Sarah A. Tonner, daughter of Rev. John N. Tonner, of the Methodist Church, who died at Canton, Ohio. Eight children were born of this union, seven of whom are living: Dr. John T., a dentist of Shepherdstown, Cumberland county; George B., mentioned below; Emma Barnett and Clara V., of York; Dr. Wilbur C., a dentist of York; Andrew Curtin, a traveling salesman of York; and Ella M., at home. The father of this family died in February, 1894, at the

age of seventy-four years; and the mother died in 1868, when thirty-eight years old.

George Bowman Bressler was born in Bellefonte, Center county, April 23, 1851. He was partially educated in the public schools of York, and after leaving the city schools took an academic course. When only fourteen years of age he tried to enlist in the Union army, at Harrisburg. The officer in command of the station, seeing that young Bressler, though much under age, was bright and trusty, made him a clerk at the recruiting station, where he remained until the close of the war. When he was seventeen years of age he became an apprentice at printing in the office of the *True Democrat*, at York, and in 1870 came to Lancaster to enter the employ of Pearsol & Geist, proprietors of the *Express*, where he remained until his entrance upon a clerkship in the post office in 1874, under Postmistress Hager. At a later period he became a letter carrier, but he was thrown out of service by a change in the National administration. After working for some time in the Lancaster Watch Works Mr. Bressler became a grocer, in the fall of 1885.

In 1892 Mr. Bressler was elected an alderman on the Republican ticket, from the Fifth ward of Lancaster, and so satisfactory was his administration of the duties of that position that in 1897 he was again elected, without opposition, and he was again honored with re-election in 1902.

George B. Bressler was married, Aug. 13, 1874, to Miss Eleanor Henry, daughter of the late Benjamin Henry, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Lancaster. To this marriage three children have been born: Eleanor, wife of W. Hayes Farley, a jeweler of Lock Haven; Charles H., at home; and Anna L., wife of William E. Dietz, of Sutton, West Virginia.

Mr. Bressler, like his father, is devotedly attached to the Methodist Church. Fraternally he is a member of Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, Royal Arch Masons, and of the Lodge of Perfection.

SAMUEL H. BOYD. Among the well-known business men of Columbia of established reputations is the present tax collector of that borough, Samuel H. Boyd, who for the past twenty years has been elected annually to that responsible position. A more direct evidence of general public esteem and confidence it would be difficult to find. Mr. Boyd was born in Columbia Aug. 20, 1850, son of John and Elizabeth (Stanley) Boyd, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. His paternal grandparents were James and Mary (Fisher) Boyd. The grandmother, a native of Columbia, died a victim of cholera. The maternal grandparents of Samuel H. were James and Catherine (Hinkle) Stanley, of York county, Pennsylvania.

John Boyd, father of Samuel H., was a life-long railroad man. For many years he was keeper of the warehouse at Columbia for Leach and for the Penn-

sylvania lines. He died in 1871, aged fifty-five years. His wife died in 1865, aged forty-five years. Both were buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Five children were born to them, namely: Mary A., who married David Welsh, of Columbia, died Dec. 29, 1902; James, deceased; Ella, wife of Dr. H. V. Gress, of York county, Pa.; Catharine, widow of Joshua T. Hughes, of Columbia, who was killed at the Electric Railroad plant during a cyclone in that borough in May, 1896; and Samuel H.

Samuel H. Boyd, the youngest of the family, has been a life-long resident of Columbia, and a life-long resident of the home he now occupies. He received a good education in the public schools, and in the earlier years of his manhood he entered the railroad service, for twelve years being employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in caring for the ware house at Columbia. In 1880 he was appointed tax collector by the school board of Columbia, and has been elected each term since, filling the duties of the office in a businesslike and satisfactory manner to the people of Columbia, and with credit to himself.

In politics Mr. Boyd is a Republican. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. Prominent in the fraternal orders of the borough, he is an active member of the I. O. O. F. of Columbia, and of the A. O. M. P. of Ridgely. Mr. Boyd has evinced excellent business qualities through life and possesses a good competence in consequence.

GEORGE W. BIRELEY. One of the leading men of Eden township, who has been prominently identified with the best interests of Lancaster county all his life, and who, now in his declining years, enjoys the high regard and esteem of his fellow-citizens, is George W. Bireley, a retired farmer, who was one of the loyal citizens who fought for his country's flag during the Civil war.

Mr. Bireley was born in Leacock township, this county, July 6, 1835, a son of George and Mary (Kunkle) Bireley, both of whom were born in Strasburg, in this county, the former in 1807, and the latter in 1813.

George Bireley, the grandfather of our subject, came of German ancestry, and Revolutionary stock. He settled in Strasburg, engaged in farming, and provided well for his three sons, John, who settled in Leacock township as a farmer, and died many years ago, leaving a family; Jacob, who settled for a time in Leacock township, later moving near Lancaster City, where he engaged in farming all his life, and left a family at his death; and George, the last named being the father of our subject.

George Bireley, son of George, and father of George W., settled in Leacock township, later moved to Strasburg, where he lived until 1859, and then removed to Chester county, in this State, making his home with his son, George W., who was living there at that time, returning with him to Eden township after the war, and lived with him until his death in 1886. He married Mary Kunkle, daughter of Hen-

ry Kunkle, of English parentage. She shared with him all the hardships of pioneer life, and survived until March, 1901, dying in Chester county, at the home of her son Zacheus, at the age of ninety years. These parents were blessed with seven manly sons, and one daughter, namely: (1) Christiana, born in 1828, in Lancaster county, married James Shields, a native of Ireland, and after marriage they settled in Leacock township, where she soon died, leaving one daughter, Mary J., a telegraph operator in Harrisburg. (2) Henry, born in Lancaster county, in 1830, married Maggie Hoover, of Chester county, and they reside in Sadsbury township. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to the call for soldiers, and after his return from serving his enlistment, he was made marshal of this district, and efficiently served as such until the close of the war, when he settled in Bart township, where he lived until the time of his death; his wife died some years later. (3) George W. is mentioned below. (4) Daniel, born in 1840, also offered his services to his country, enlisting in the 79th P. V. I., under Col. Hambright, of Lancaster, served three years, and then, re-enlisting, he filled out the period until the close of the war. At the battle of Chattanooga he and six others were all that remained of a company of one hundred men, and he took part in many other severe engagements, returning home, however, in safety. He married Caroline Ikerley, of Strasburg, and they settled in Lancaster county, but later removed to Kansas City, Mo., where they still reside and have a numerous family. (5) Jacob M., born in Lancaster county, in 1842, also came forward, like his brothers, and offered his life to his country in the trying days of 1861. After a service of three years he too re-enlisted and remained in the service until the close of the war, and participated in all of the battles in which his regiment took part, until near the end, when he was taken sick, was sent home and died soon after, as much a martyr as if killed on the field of battle. (6) Winfield Scott and (7) Zachary Taylor, twins, born in 1846, both enlisted for service in the Civil war, when less than sixteen years of age, entering Co. D, 203d P. V. I., at Camp Cadwallader, Philadelphia, but Winfield died in a hospital at Wilmington, N. C. Taylor served through the war, participating in many hard-fought battles and returned with so honorable a record that he has been State marshal since. After his return he was married to Emma Steel, of this county, and they reside in Chester county. Their children are: Annie, wife of William Clinton, of Chester county; Clara, wife of Thomas Hilton; Cora, wife of Frank Hilton; Winnifred; John B.; Marshall; and Roy. (8) William T., born in Lancaster county, was a soldier through the Civil war, belonging to the 122nd P. V. C., and from three enlistments had three honorable discharges. He, too, survived the dangers of war, and after his return was married to Mary Steel, of this county, and they settled in Eden township, where his death oc-

curred in 1891, leaving a widow and family who are residents of Chester county, the children being Lillie, who married Howard Alexander, of Chester county, and has two children, Bertie and Robert; Susan, who married Newton McGinnis, and has one son, William; George D. and Benjamin F., both unmarried, and both residents of Chester.

George W. Bireley, of this biography, was reared in the midst of a home where was taught industry and loyalty. His education was acquired in the district schools, and when his age warranted his engaging in work he soon found employment in the county in quarrying and lime burning. At that date this work was very extensively carried on in his locality. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Sarah J. Hoover, the estimable daughter of Mathias and Anna Hoover, prominent farming people of Chester county. Mrs. Bireley was born in 1835, and grew up in Lancaster county.

That George W. Bireley was roused to patriotic action when the call came for soldiers to defend his country, did not surprise those who knew him best. He became a member of Co. D, 203d P. V. I., and he took part in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated, until he was seriously wounded at Wilmington, N. C., and was placed in a hospital, where he remained until the close of the war. He also suffered from rheumatism and lumbago, as a result of the exposure and hardships endured in that great struggle.

At enlistment Mr. Bireley left his wife and two children in Chester county, and he returned there, but soon after removed to Eden and remained there until in 1890, when he purchased the Eden Furnace property. Mr. Bireley has been held in high esteem by his fellow-citizens for a long period, this being proven by his election for a season of sixteen years as supervisor of Eden township, while he has also efficiently served as county and school tax collector, and for nine years as county and township tax collector. Politically he is an ardent and active member of the Republican party.

In June, 1879, occurred the death of Mrs. Bireley, at which time she left five children, Anna M., born in Chester county, in May, 1860, who married Henry Wolf, of this county, and they reside in Eden township, their five children being Daniel J., George W., Lizzie S., Henry, Lena; and Daniel J., born Feb. 3, 1862, in Chester county, who married Sallie Hagan, of this county, and they reside on his father's homestead, and their two children are Letta I. and Dora M.; Barbara A., born in December, 1866, in this county, is the wife of Harry Frackman, of Georgetown, and their four children are Annie, Jennie, Virgie and Etna; Lydia P., born in July, 1870, is the wife of George Gaul, a farmer of Eden township, and their three children are Hilda, Enos and Myrtle; and Iva H., born in September, 1872, is the wife of William Althaus, a resident of Paradise township, and their two children are Walter and Earl.

On Dec. 29, 1881, Mr. Bireley was married to

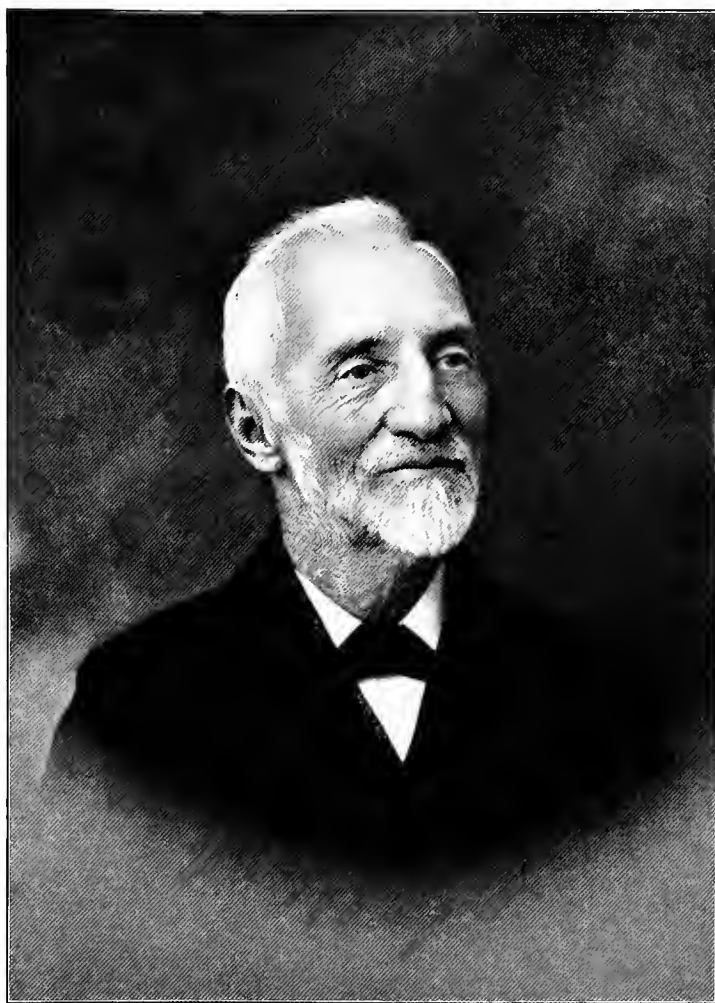
Augusta Louisa Kemmerly, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of Franklin and Christianna S. Kemmerly. The family came to America from Germany in 1862. Mrs. Bireley was born in Germany Aug. 3, 1860, and she grew to fair young womanhood and was educated in this county. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Catherine E., born in April, 1886; George H., born in August, 1888; Winfield S., born in April, 1891; and Agnes L., born June 9, 1895.

Few families in the country, and surely none in Lancaster county testified to their loyal love of country as did the honored one of which our subject is a member. Fitting, indeed, was it that the G. A. R. Post of this locality should be named in his honor, and that of the brave young brother who lost his life in the cause of his country. Mr. Bireley has taken a deep interest in this noble organization, and has been honored as its commander. Entirely aside from his war record, Mr. Bireley has won the confidence and esteem of the community by his honorable life, his public-spirit, and the interest and enterprise he has always shown in the advancement of his section and people. Both he and wife are leading members of the Lutheran Church, where he is a liberal supporter and regular attendant.

Mr. Bireley met with a misfortune in 1892 which has caused untold regret to his many friends. By accident he received a gun shot wound in the foot, which has necessitated his use of crutches, but it is the fervent hope of friends and acquaintances that time may remedy or mitigate the injury. Few men are more universally popular than is George W. Bireley of Eden township.

BENJAMIN P. MILLER. For nearly thirty years this well known retired merchant of Lancaster was engaged in the wholesale grocery trade in that city. He established the business, which under his supervision grew and prospered. Late in the afternoon of life himself and business partner transferred the valuable business to their sons and retired from active life. The career of Mr. Miller has been such that he is entitled to great credit. Handicapped in his early life by ill health, yet filled with determination, he did best that work which lay before him, changing the nature of his employment as he found it overtaxing his strength, until, in the creation of the wholesale house now so well and widely known, he found the vocation which has yielded adequate reward to his intelligence and well-directed application.

Mr. Miller was born in Lancaster April 2, 1827, son of Martin and Elizabeth (Mylin) Miller, early residents of Lancaster county, and was but a year and a half old when his father died. When a child of ten years he removed with his mother from Lancaster to a farm in Rockhill, where he remained two years. He then attended school at Lancaster for two and a half years, after which he began an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade. Owing to ill health he abandoned that trade a few years later, and embarked in



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1855 in business as a retail grocer at Lancaster, continuing thus until 1865. The confinement incident to that business also in time proved unfavorable to his health. He had conducted the store successfully for ten years, and after traveling some time, selling groceries, he engaged in business at Lancaster as a wholesale grocer. Two years later he admitted to partnership John I. Hartman, and for nearly thirty years the firm was prominently connected with the commercial interests of Lancaster. Wishing to see the business continued after their prospective retirement, their sons were thoroughly taught the details of the expanded trade, so that in the year 1895 the business was surrendered to them. Mr. Miller's business judgment is keen and accurate, his knowledge and interest in public affairs broad and thorough, and as one of the most prominent citizens of Lancaster he is held in the highest esteem by his numerous business and social friends and by all who know him.

Mr. Miller married, at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1862, Miss Mary C., daughter of Frederick Miller; she died April 5, 1885. To Mr. and Mrs. Miller were born seven children, two sons and five daughters; namely: Ella L.; Charles A., wholesale grocer at Lancaster, who married, in January, 1892, Mrs. Jennie Gardner, and has one child, Mary; Ora, who married, Oct. 5, 1893, David S. Widmeyer, furniture dealer and undertaker, of Lancaster, and has one son, John Henry; Mary; Benjamin P., Jr.; Mabel G., who married, Oct. 20, 1901, Christian Engle; and Edna M. In religious affiliation Mr. Miller is an old and prominent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, having joined the church in 1854. He has served as town councilman for two years, being elected by the Republicans. In early life he belonged to the I. O. O. F.

OLIVER CROMWELL BALMER, the genial and successful manager of the Lancaster city office of the Western Union Telegraph office, is a native of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, and comes of a long and useful line of manly and sturdy people. His ancestors were French Huguenots, who sought a refuge on these shores from bitter persecution, and have always been a hardy and long-lived race. Elizabeth (Haybecker) Balmer, the grandmother of Oliver C., attained the venerable age of ninety-five years. Samuel Balmer, his grandfather, was a school teacher and a contracting carpenter. His brother, Daniel Balmer, served the State as member of the Legislature many years ago.

William Henry Harrison Balmer, father of Oliver Cromwell, now resides at Carnegie, Pa. He was for many years a druggist and merchant of Elizabethtown, this county. He married Martha, daughter of Mrs. Daniel Shank, living near Elizabethtown, and to this union were born five children, four of whom are living: Samuel H., shipping clerk of the Steelton Flour Mill Co., Steelton, Pa.; Oliver C., at Lancaster; Elizabeth Haybecker, wife of A. T. Stewart, president of the A. T. Stewart

art Implement Manufacturing Company, at Carnegie, near Pittsburg; Mabel Blanche, wife of Henry Hamme, shipping clerk of the York Wall Paper Company, of York, Pennsylvania.

Oliver Cromwell Balmer was born at Elizabethtown Sept. 6, 1865, and was educated at Columbia, Pa., to which place his parents had removed. At the age of ten years he began carrying newspapers, and at eleven entered a store, becoming messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company when not thirteen years old. This place he held for three years, when he went to Harrisburg, in the employ of the same company, also as messenger. He was appointed operator at the old Pennsylvania railroad depot at Harrisburg, and filled that position for a year and a half. In 1883 he was appointed manager of the telegraph office in the "Brighton Hotel," subsequently taking charge of the main office at Atlantic City for a short time. In 1884 he was transferred to Lancaster, to hold an operator's chair, and there he worked for a year and a half, when he was transferred to Harrisburg, to remain a year and a half. He was then transferred to Birmingham, Ala., and remained in the Southern city nearly a year, when he was recalled to Harrisburg to fill the position of operator and wire chief, continuing in that place until 1892, when he became manager at York. There he was employed until the opening months of 1899, when he was appointed manager of the Western Union office in Lancaster, an unbroken service in the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company of nearly twenty-three years.

Mr. Balmer was married to Miss Lilly D., daughter of Prof. D. G. Williams, for nine years superintendent of the public schools of York county, and who is now a notary public engaged in the insurance and real estate business. To this union two children were born: Oliver Cromwell, Jr., and David Williams.

Mr. Balmer belongs to the First Methodist Church of Lancaster, and is a teacher in the Sunday-school. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to several benevolent organizations. As manager of the Western Union office he has made many friends by his unfailing courtesy and close attention to all business that passes through his hands.

G. J. P. RAUB, general insurance manager at Quarryville, was born in Eden township Aug. 15, 1852, son of Dr. John K. and Leah (Peoples) Raub. The parents were both born in Lancaster county.

John K. Raub, after his marriage, settled in Hawkessville, where he taught school for a time, and then took up the study of medicine, which he practiced for many years, becoming prominent both as a physician and citizen. He accumulated large means by putting the income from his practice in investments which returned good interest. He moved to New Providence, where he practiced up to a short time before his death, in 1867. His wife is still liv-

ing, and is now the wife of Edward Aston, of New Providence. Dr. John K. Raub left one son and one daughter: G. J. P., and Lillie. The daughter was educated at the Millersville Normal School, married Elam K. Herr, formerly of Quarryville borough, but now residing at Bloomfield, Iowa; they have two daughters, Ella and Miriam.

G. J. P. Raub was educated at the Millersville State Normal School and Kutztown Normal School. His early life was spent as a clerk in a country store, until he entered into partnership with F. W. Helm, in a general store at New Providence, at which place he continued for five years. He then moved to Quarryville, where he entered into a partnership with George W. Hensel, his father-in-law. The firm continued as Hensel & Co. until 1874, when Mr. Raub purchased Mr. Hensel's interest and continued the business until 1890. He then sold out and engaged in general insurance for the Northwestern Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., which he has continued until the present time. Since 1890 he has engaged in the insurance business, and he is now manager of the district, a position of honor and profit. He received a medal from the company for careful and judicious management of its affairs. When he first began in the insurance business his territory consisted of parts of Lancaster and Chester counties, but now he has charge, in addition to the foregoing, of the counties of Franklin and Fulton, and a part of Schuylkill, in Pennsylvania, and of Washington, Frederick and Montgomery, in Maryland. In point of business Mr. Raub stands first in the State of any representatives of his company, and has been awarded medals to that effect from the company.

In 1873 G. J. P. Raub married Miss Ella M. Hensel, daughter of George W. and Anna M. Hensel. He has two children: Florence H., who was born in 1875; and Charles H., born in 1879, who is a graduate of the State College of Center county, Pa., class of 1901.

In politics Mr. Raub is a Democrat, but he has never aspired to office. Fraternally he is a member of the order of Elks, Chambersburg Lodge. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church of Quarryville.

Mr. Raub is scrupulously honest, and his integrity is well known and esteemed by all. He is a man of more than ordinary ability, and his life has been one of active business, which he has made successful by giving it his entire attention and time.

M. H. GROFF. Among the leading and representative citizens of Drumore township is M. H. Groff, who is a native of Lancaster county, born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 24, 1847, a son of Eli and Susan (Herr) Groff, the former of whom was a son of Jacob Groff, a native of Germany, who became a highly respected and well-known farmer of Lancaster county.

Eli Groff married Susan Herr about 1840, and

three sons were born to them: Harvey H., whose young life went out on the terrible battle field in Virginia, in 1863, a member of Co. G, 21st P. V. C.; Aquilla, who died in Williamsport, Wyoming Co., Pa., in his seventeenth year; and M. H. Groff, of Drumore township.

Although in early life M. H. Groff possessed little in the way of worldly goods, he was full of energy and ability, and as the years passed on he accumulated means, and now is the fortunate owner of one of the best small farms in his township, which is improved with excellent and comfortable buildings. On Dec. 9, 1874, Mr. Groff was married to Miss Annie C. Rowe, of Drumore township, who was born on May 25, 1854, a daughter of Samuel and Annie (Tanger) Rowe, of Drumore, the former of whom was born July 3, 1826, and the latter April 22, 1827, and they both reside with M. H. Groff. Mrs. Groff has but one brother, Benjamin F. Rowe, who is a farmer of Drumore township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Groff: Samuel Chester, born in 1875, married Naomi Harnish, of Drumore, and they have one son; Maurice H. Groff; Annie Myrtle, born in 1877, died at the age of twenty-one years; and Iva S., born in 1881, resides with her parents.

In politics Mr. Groff has always been devoted to the interests of the Republican party, and he has been called upon at various times to serve his party as supervisor of roads and assessor, filling these positions with satisfaction to all concerned. In 1890, and again in 1900, Mr. Groff was appointed to take the census in Drumore township, and this duty was performed with carefulness and efficiency. Mr. Groff is a leading member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, and is now (1902) one of the trustees, and in every way he is a reliable and representative citizen of his township, in which he is universally esteemed.

OTOMER S. ECKERT. Prominent in West Earl township is Otomer S. Eckert, one of the prosperous and highly respected farmer-citizens. As a good farmer and liberal minded citizen, interested in all that promises benefit to his locality, he has won the esteem and confidence of the community where his home has been so many years.

Otomer S. Eckert was born Nov. 4, 1859, a son of Peter and Katherine (Johns) Eckert, both of whom belonged to old and substantial families of Lancaster county. Peter Eckert was born Feb. 20, 1828, and now resides on a fine farm in Manheim township. His wife was born Oct. 8, 1824, and died March 14, 1899. Their marriage was celebrated in 1850, and their family numbered four children: Mary, born in 1853, is the wife of Elias Bard, of Upper Leacock township; Levi C., born in 1855, is a farmer in Manheim township; Kate A., born in 1857, is the wife of George K. Diller, a farmer and drover of East Earl township; and Otomer S., of this sketch. Levi Eckert, the grandfather, was a

prominent farmer and large landowner of Leacock township, and was the father of these children: Caroline, the wife of John Bair, of Leacock township; Clara, wife of George De Haven, of East Earl; Elmyra, deceased; Peter C.; Otomer S., a farmer of Leacock township, now deceased; and Levi, who died in childhood. The great-grandfather of the Eckert family came to America from Switzerland, and was one of the early settlers of this part of the county.

Otomer S. Eckert was educated in the public schools, and grew up a farmer boy, early learning in the school of experience all the details of an agricultural life. From choice he has followed farming pursuits, and has become one of the substantial men of this locality.

Mr. Eckert was happily married on March 8, 1882, to Miss Mary J. Geist, who was born Dec. 28, 1859, a daughter of John and Charlotte (Harnish) Geist, of Upper Leacock township, and to this union have been born four daughters: Lottie, Katie, Clara and Minnie. In politics Mr. Eckert is a Republican, and the family have always been members of the German Reformed Church. In educational matters Mr. Eckert has continually shown his interest, and is now serving as school director. In the neighborhood the esteem in which he is held is very marked, and he may be justly regarded as one of the best representatives of the superior citizens who find their home in West Earl township.

JACOB G. STAUFFER, a lumber merchant of Elizabethtown, combines with his hardwood interests, extensive dealings in coal, flour and grain mill products, operates an important stone crushing enterprise, and contracts crushed stone in any quantity to cities and corporations. An enterprising and pushing business man of high character and deserved popularity, he is widely recognized as one of the representative men of this part of the State.

Mr. Stauffer was born six miles from Elizabethtown, in the township of Mt. Joy, May 29, 1850, son of Jacob and Mary (Groff) Stauffer, natives of Mt. Joy and Rapho townships, respectively. They died on the old family homestead which was the birthplace of their son, Jacob G. The elder Stauffer was a man of considerable prominence in his home community, and was supervisor for thirteen years, holding at the same time other local positions of more or less importance. He died at the age of sixty-eight years. Both he and his wife were members of the German Baptist Church, and their remains are at rest in the cemetery connected with the Chickies Meeting House. They were the parents of the following children: Fannie, the wife of Samuel Risser, of Lebanon county; Mary, the widow of David Moyer, of Mt. Joy township; Rebecca, deceased; John, a farmer of the township of Mt. Joy; Abraham, a farmer of Lebanon county; and Jacob G. Both the paternal and maternal grandparents of Jacob G. Stauffer were natives of Lancaster county,

and belonged to families long prominent in industry and business in this part of the State.

Jacob G. Stauffer was married in November, 1870, in Mt. Joy township, to Miss Lizzie Witmer, and the children born to this union were as follows: Amanda, who has been twice married, her first husband being Irwin Engle, and her second, John Binkley, a miller in Mt. Joy township; Anna, who died at the age of seven; Ada, who died at the age of two; and Harry, at home. Mrs. Lizzie Stauffer was born in Mt. Joy township, and died in 1892, at the age of forty-two years, and her remains are resting in Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry Witmer, and a lady of much character with those refined and womanly traits that command a host of friends.

Mr. Stauffer contracted a second marriage Nov. 30, 1893, in Elizabethtown, with Mrs. Mary H. Bentz, a daughter of David Huntzberger.

Mr. Stauffer remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority, when he rented a farm for a time and then bought it, only to sell after some four years of cultivation at a very good profit. After selling out his farming interest Mr. Stauffer moved into Elizabethtown, where he had bought a flouring mill, which he has operated to the present time. In 1886 he had achieved so much success as a miller that he felt warranted in branching out and taking up in addition to his mill work, coal and grain, as well as lumber, making many irons in the fire, but he is able to keep them all going at a white heat. Mr. Stauffer has served on the borough council six years, and has been a burgess ten consecutive years. He is a Republican, and an enterprising, thrifty man, as well as a prominent and public-spirited citizen.

DAVID A. HUBER. One of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, is David A. Huber, the owner and operator of a fine farm of forty-eight acres of rich, well-improved land in close proximity to the village of Willowstreet. His birth occurred on the old family homestead which has been in the possession of the Hubers for generations, on Aug. 11, 1860, and he was educated in the common schools of the district.

Until his marriage David H. Huber remained at home, engaged in agricultural pursuits, but when he established a home for himself, on Jan. 1, 1888, he located upon his present farm, where he made many permanent improvements and carries on a general line of farming. His marriage was to Emma S., a daughter of Martin and Maria Huber, of West Lampeter township. She was born Oct. 26, 1861, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Carrie May, born Aug. 13, 1891; Martin, born Aug. 25, 1892; and Christian, born Nov. 13, 1893.

This family is one of the county's most respected, and in every way David A. Huber is a man to be esteemed and highly regarded by his fellow-citizens.

Honest, industrious, energetic and home-loving, these are the qualities which form the character of typical Americans.

EZRA B. WOLF, owner and proprietor of *The Press*, of Denver, Lancaster county, is a native of West Cocalico township, where he was born Aug. 20, 1852, son of Christian and Susan (Burkholder) Wolf.

Christian Wolf, the father of Ezra B., was born and reared in Warwick township, son of Henry and Leah Wolf, the former of whom died when Christian was very small. The latter was reared to farm life, became a carpenter also, and was skilled in cabinet making, and had an undertaking establishment in the village of Schoeneck, where he died in 1881, at the age of fifty-eight years. As a cabinet maker and manufacturer of furniture he became well known and prosperous. He had a family of six children, namely: Salinda, deceased, who wedded John F. Harnish, of West Earl township; Henry, a carpenter and undertaker, at Lincoln; Ezra B., our subject; Susan, the widow of Jacob E. Shirk, of Stevens; Mary, the widow of J. M. Millinger, of Denver; Emma, the wife of J. G. Burkholder, of Denver. The mother of this family also resides in Denver.

Ezra B. Wolf was reared on the farm, and learned the cabinet-making trade, taking naturally to working in wood. He became his father's most skilled assistant. Before he was sixteen years old he had learned the details of the undertaking business, and had become so competent that his father regarded him as worthy of excellent wages. When about twenty-two years of age he succeeded to his father's business at Schoeneck and later established a branch at Denver, resulting in his removal to the latter place in 1883. Since that time Mr. Wolf has been prominently identified with the progress and development of this town, first engaging in the furniture and undertaking business which he carried on some years, but later dropped the furniture line and now conducts a first-class undertaking business, being a graduate of two embalming schools.

In 1895, in association with Dr. S. G. Burkholder, he purchased the leading newspaper in this section, *The Press*, which had been established in 1890 by Myers & Lutz, Mr. Myers succeeding the above named firm, and in turn being succeeded by our subject and Dr. Burkholder as stated. At that time it was a single sheet journal of some six or seven columns, which has been transformed into a double sheet paper of eight pages, which is issued weekly. In 1896 Mr. Wolf assumed entire control and has ably conducted it ever since, giving its patrons one of the best edited and most satisfactory papers of this locality. As a wise measure in a growing community, the paper is non-partisan and hence can comment without bias on general events of interest, while it can be made a power in the upbuilding of the borough. In 1900 the village of Denver was made a borough, and Mr. Wolf was a very important

factor in effecting the desired change. He is president of the board of education, and his public-spirited efforts meet with the commendation of the public.

The first marriage of Mr. Wolf was to Miss Lizzie Eberly, daughter of Isaac Eberly. Her death occurred in 1890, her two children preceding her. The second marriage of Mr. Wolf was to Mrs. Linda Yeager, widow of John Yeager, and daughter of John Fahnstock, of Warwick township. The three children born to this union are: Mary Esther, Raymond Hobson and Christian Herbert. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are members of the U. B. Church, in which he is trustee and steward, and to which he is a liberal contributor. Fraternally Mr. Wolf is connected with Chandler Lodge, No. 227, F. & A. M., of Reading; Cocalico Lodge, No. 408, I. O. O. F.; Cocalico Lodge, No. 400, K. of P.; Camp 13, of Denver, P. O. S. of A.; and Lodge No. 205, K. of G. E.

Mr. Wolf has done much for the borough of Denver in the way of improvement of real estate, and has erected a number of handsome edifices, among them being two dwellings, a store building, the building occupied by *The Press*, also offices for lodge rooms of various kinds, and others which are among the best in Denver. He was one of the principal contributors to the present U. B. Church building, and also to the public school. His commercial and personal standing is very high in the young city where he has chosen his home, and where he has many friends.

SAMUEL G. ENGLE, one of the well known and highly esteemed farmers and dairymen of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, is located one and one-half miles from Marietta, Pa., where he successfully conducts a most prosperous business. The Engle family is one of the oldest in the county, the early records reaching back to 1754, when Ulric and Anna (Brechtbill) Engle left their home in Switzerland and came to the United States, locating in Pennsylvania. Their numerous descendants have scattered over the Union.

Samuel G. Engle was born on the old homestead in East Donegal March 7, 1850, a son of Daniel and Mary (Kraybill) Engle, of Conoy and East Donegal townships, respectively. The two-story brick residence upon the homestead was built by Daniel Engle in 1874, and both he and his wife died here, the former in August, 1888, at the age of seventy-five, the latter in November, 1900, aged eighty-four. Both had been valued members of the religious denomination known as River Brethren. Daniel Engle was a very intelligent and progressive man, much interested in educational matters, and was one of the first school directors of his district, when the free school system was put into operation. He was the originator of the Marietta Nursery Co., of East Donegal, in 1853, locating it on the old homestead, and he conducted it successfully for many years, finally retiring and leaving it in the capable hands

of his two sons, Hiram G. and John G., it now being operated by the latter. The children born to Daniel Engle and wife were: Fanny, who married John B. Brenneman, a groceryman, of York; Barbara, who married Henry S. Garber, of Mt. Joy; Hiram, deceased; John G.; Samuel, of this sketch; and Daniel G., the postmaster of Marietta, Pa. The paternal grandfather of Samuel G. Engle was John Engle, of Conoy township, whose wife belonged to the Myers family; he was a farmer and died in 1861. The maternal grandparents were Christian and Mary (Nissley) Kraybill, farmers of Lancaster county.

Samuel G. Engle was reared in an agricultural family and neighborhood, and acquired his education in the public schools, remaining at home and farming on the old homestead for eighteen years, and coming to the present fine farm in October, 1896, where he has since conducted an excellent dairy in connection with his farming operations. For six years he served as school director, and has always cast his influence in the direction of morality in his neighborhood. In politics Mr. Engle is a pronounced Republican, but has never consented to hold political office.

The marriage of Samuel G. Engle occurred on Dec. 3, 1874, in East Donegal township, when Miss Mary B. Bossler became his bride. One daughter, Mary B., has been born of this union. Mrs. Engle was born in West Donegal township, a daughter of Christian and Ann (Brenneman) Bossler, the former of whom was a farmer of East Donegal township, where the family is well known. Mr. Engle is a worthy representative of an old and numerous Lancaster family, and possesses the respect of the community in which he lives, and where he has shown that he is an honest and upright citizen.

ELIZABETH M. KENDIG, whose attractive ice-cream and confectionery parlors are located at No. 132 North Duke street, Lancaster, can boast of having Revolutionary ancestry in both paternal and maternal lines.

Henry Kendig, her grandfather, was a veterinary surgeon of Lampeter township, where he lived and died, as did his father before him.

John Kendig, son of Henry, was a farmer of Providence township, and died in September, 1884. He married Elizabeth String, daughter of John String, a tailor of New Providence, and nine children were born of this union, five of whom are living, as follows: Hiram S., of Lancaster, a veteran of the war of the Rebellion; Samuel, a farmer and tax collector of the township of Providence; John B., a contracting painter of Covington, Ky.; Elizabeth M.; Louisa S., who makes her home with Miss Elizabeth.

Elizabeth M. Kendig was born on the old homestead near New Providence, and, coming to Lancaster, entered the confectionery establishment of George R. Erisman, later becoming connected with the confectionery of the late R. H. Anderson. After

the death of the latter Miss Kendig, on July 11, 1898, bought the confectionery store of Mr. Erisman, on North Queen street, and on April 1, 1899, she removed to No. 132 North Duke street, where her business soon increased to double its proportions. Miss Kendig's goods soon became noted throughout the community for their excellence; and this fact, coupled with her courtesy and promptness, has won a host of patrons, and the store is justly noted as one of the leading confectionery marts of the city.

WILLIAM H. WOLF, a favorite railroad conductor at Columbia, was born in York county Feb. 20, 1849, son of Hon. William W. and Agnes G. (Smith) Wolf, of New Holland, who were the parents of eight children, viz: Abner, who died in Fort Desula, Dak., while in the United States service as scout; Flora, deceased wife of Emanuel Hoppenstall; Agnes, widow of Jonathan Schenberger, who was killed on the railroad at 52nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.; William H.; Adam, carpenter at Wrightsville; John, killed on the Pennsylvania railroad at West Philadelphia; Mary, wife of George L. Fox, of Camden, N. J.; and Sarah, wife of James Patton, ticket and freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at Little Washington.

Hon. William W. Wolf, son of Adam Wolf, a farmer and general merchant in York county, also became a farmer and general merchant. He was the founder of Mount Wolf Station on the North Central Railroad, and was the agent of the Railroad Company at that station for many years. He was for a long time a justice of the peace, represented his district in the State Legislature one term, was commissioner of York county several terms, and at the time of his death, which occurred in 1865, at the age of forty-nine years, was serving as sheriff of York county. His widow died in 1892, aged seventy-six years. Both had been consistent members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Agnes G. (Smith) Wolf was a daughter of Philip and Mary Smith, of York county, where the former was a prosperous farmer, and one of the earliest pilots on the Susquehanna River.

William H. Wolf remained on the home farm until fourteen years of age, then attended Cottage Hill school at York four years. After leaving school he served an apprenticeship of two years at the tin-smith's trade, but relinquished it and ran ore cars for the Henry Clay furnace for two years. On Oct. 24, 1870, he came to Columbia, and for sixteen months was brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., was next a flagman until 1883, and was then promoted to conductor, a position he still holds.

Mr. Wolf has been twice married. He first wedded, in York, Pa., Jan. 9, 1870, Miss Melvina Peters, who was born in York county, a daughter of Jacob and Lillie A. Peters, the former a shoemaker. Mrs. Melvina Wolf passed away in November, 1884, the mother of four children, viz: John (deceased), Charles, Jeanette and

Edward (deceased). The second marriage of Mr. Wolf took place Sept. 16, 1891, at Camden, N. J., to Miss Sallie A. Milton, but no children have been born to this union.

Mrs. Sallie A. Wolf is a daughter of William and Louisa (Kennedy) Milton, natives, respectively, of Columbia and York counties, Pa. Her father was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. fourteen years, of which period he was eight years a conductor. He served three years in the 20th P. V. C. in the war of the Rebellion, and then received an honorable discharge. He was a member of the order of Red Men, and died in Columbia, June 24, 1878, at the early age of thirty-four years. His widow, who was born in August, 1849, still resides in Columbia, and is now the wife of Joseph L. Deemer, of that city.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Milton were born six children, viz: Sallie A. (Mrs. Wolf); Charles H., deceased; Mary A., widow of Thomas Donnan; Georgianna, deceased; Ida M., wife of Howard Clinton; and Alice C., who married George W. Kissinger, of Lancaster, and died leaving one son, Joseph F. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Sallie A. Wolf were Isaac M. and Mary A. (O'Freeold) Milton, of Kentucky, who came to Columbia in 1842, the former being then a manufacturer of oil-cloth. Here both passed the remainder of their lives. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wolf were Samuel and Sarah (Harman) Neff, of York county, where his death took place, but that of his wife occurred in Lancaster, and her remains were interred in Columbia.

William H. Wolf and his family are members of the Lutheran church, and in social circles are held in the highest esteem. Mr. Wolf is a member of the P. R. R. Relief, and also belongs to Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E., of Lancaster; and to Lodge No. 331, O. R. C., Columbia, besides several social clubs in the latter place. He is in politics a Democrat, but has never condescended to seek a public office.

WILLIAM MEHL, assistant yardmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at Columbia, Pa., was born in Odersbach, Weilburg, Province of Nassau, Germany, May 30, 1852, a son of John C. and Maria C. (Hoin) Mehl, who landed in New York City June 4, 1853, and came thence to Lancaster, Pa., remaining there until April 7, 1870, when they located in Columbia.

John C. Mehl was a stonemason and also carried on a marble and monument yard. He died in 1871, in the faith of the German Lutheran Church, at the age of forty-seven years; and his widow passed away in 1898, aged sixty-two. They were the parents of six children, the eldest of whom is William, whose name opens this sketch. The others are: Frank, who succeeded to his father's business at the old stand; Henry, who ran away when fifteen years old, made a trip around the world, returned home and started on a second trip, and it is supposed was lost at sea; Mary, married to Matthias Swartz, hotel-

keeper at Columbia; George, a clerk in Lancaster; and Miss Louisa, living on the old homestead.

William Mehl, in 1864, left school, and for two years worked in the cotton factory at Lancaster. He next served an apprenticeship of three years at cigarmaking, and in 1869 obtained a situation with the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. at packing tools for a crew of stone masons, so continuing until the spring of 1870, when he began stone cutting with his father, remaining until the death of the latter, when he took charge of and managed the business until October, 1876. He was next a brakeman for the railroad company until 1879, flagman until 1881, then a conductor for ten years. For several years he was employed in supernumerary work in the yards, and in July, 1897, was promoted to the position of assistant yardmaster.

Mr. Mehl has been twice married. His first wedding took place March 1, 1881, in Columbia, when he married Tillie Rethaiser, who was born in Columbia, and who died Jan. 10, 1882, at the age of twenty-one years, without issue. The second wedding took place Oct. 31, 1883, when Josephine M. Rethaiser, a sister of his first wife, became his bride. To this union have been born four children, viz: William H., Tillie R., John C. and Daniel R.

Daniel Rethaiser, the father-in-law of Mr. Mehl, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Jan. 15, 1839, a son of Jacob and Margaret H. Rethaiser, who came to America in 1840, and settled in Columbia, Pa. Jacob was a laborer and died in 1848, a member of the German Lutheran church, aged forty-one years, and the father of two children, Daniel, and William, of York county. Mrs. Rethaiser was next married to John Wonder, to whom she bore one child, John, a brakeman in Columbia. Mrs. Wonder was born in 1815, and died in 1865, also in the faith of the Lutheran church.

Daniel Rethaiser lived with his parents until he was seventeen years old, and then learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed until his death, June 9, 1902. He had always made Columbia his home, with the exception of five years, 1858 to 1863, passed in Driftwood, Pa. On Jan. 2, 1860, he married, in Ridgway, Elk Co., Pa., Theresa Berry, and to this union were born Tillie, deceased wife of William Mehl, whose name opens this article; Josephine M., now Mrs. Mehl; Annie, married to Harry Upp, a telegrapher in Philadelphia; Catherine, wife of Edward Seafalls, a compositor on the *New York Herald*; William, a machinist in the same metropolis; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Roche, a druggist in Frenchtown, N. J.; Jennie, wife of John Musser, assistant superintendent of a shirt factory in Scranton, Pa.; and Emma, also in Scranton.

Theresa (Berry) Rethaiser was born in Germany March 31, 1840, a daughter of Benedict and Margaret Berry, who came to the United States in 1846, and settled in St. Marys, Elk Co., Pa., where the father is engaged in farming.

William Mehl, like all the members of his fam-

ily, is a Lutheran in religion. In politics he is independent, being capable of thinking and judging for himself. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, by whom he is greatly respected, and he stands equally high in the esteem of the public at large.

C. H. HILTON, who is one of the successful farmers of Little Britain township, was born March 27, 1855, a son of William and Elizabeth (Warren) Hilton, of Drumore township, this county.

Joseph Hilton, his grandfather, was a farmer of Drumore township, and he reared a family of seven children, all of whom, with himself, were respected members of their various localities. The children were: Lewis, Joseph, Daniel, George, William, Mary and Elizabeth.

During life William Hilton, the father of C. H. Hilton, was an industrious, honest and upright man, for a number of years considered a most reliable workman at his trade of carpenter. His death occurred in 1882, and his widow resides with her son. Four children were born to William Hilton and wife: C. H.; Ella, the wife of Erastus Hastings, of Philadelphia; Laura, deceased; and Viola, the wife of Henry Clendennin, of Oxford.

C. H. Hilton, who now is one of the substantial and representative citizens of Little Britain, was reared to the duties of a farmer boy, and attended the district schools. From youth he has been very industrious, and he is now the owner of considerable valuable property, consisting of the home farm, comprising 102 acres, with excellent residence and commodious barns, and also a house, lot and paying blacksmith shop at Mechanics Grove, in East Drumore township. For a period of five years Mr. Hilton carried on a mercantile business, at Mechanics Grove, but in 1887 he came to the home farm, after a short time in Peters Creek, where he also had a general store. Until quite recently Mr. Hilton has been engaged in the creamery business, in connection with his farming.

On July 19, 1877, Mr. Hilton was married to Miss Mary Eberly, of East Drumore township, a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Herr) Eberly, and was born April 4, 1856. By trade Abraham Eberly is a wheelwright. In 1862 he was a volunteer in the service of his country. Retired from active life now, both he and wife are spending their advancing years in ease at their old home in East Drumore township. They reared a family of seven children: Susan, wife of Wilson Walker, of Providence township; Martha, wife of Morris Shoemaker, of Lancaster; Sarah, wife of Samuel Whitmer, of Quarryville; Daniel, who lives in Mount Hope; Mary, wife of Mr. Hilton; Henry, who lives in Providence township; and Catherine, wife of John H. Herr, of East Drumore township.

Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton: Linnie L., born Jan. 22, 1878; Laura Emma, born March 4, 1882; William Roy, born Aug.

1, 1887; Ada A., born April 10, 1889; Elsie May, born May 12, 1893; Grace Ruth, born June 21, 1896; and Eberly Frank Gillispie, born June 21, 1902.

Like his father, Mr. Hilton has been a life-long member of the Democratic party, and all of his family, including himself, are members in good standing in the Presbyterian Church at Little Britain. In Fulton township he enjoys the respect and esteem of his neighbors, where he is known as an honest, upright man, a good neighbor, a kind friend and an exemplary member of society.

DANIEL N. FORREY, a general farmer and much respected citizen of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 8, 1856, in the town where his honorable and useful life is passing, a son of John and Mary (Newcomer) Forrey. His father was born in 1815 in Manor township, his mother in Rapho; they are now living retired in Rapho township. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Forrey was for some years a director of the First National Bank of Columbia. His general reputation for integrity and ability has been well sustained through life, whenever he has come into contact with important business interests, and he is regarded as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Rapho township. To John and Mary Forrey were born the following named children: Catherine married Ezra Hostetter, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Lizzie married Jacob Snyder, and they live retired in Mt. Joy, Pa.; Anna N. is the wife of Harry Buckwalder, a farmer in Penn township; Isaac N. lives in East Donegal township; Amos N. is a farmer on the old homestead, where his father still resides; Harry N. is in the creamery business in York county; Mamie N. is the wife of Eli Garber, the proprietor of a creamery near Lititz, Pa.; Emma married John Minnich, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Daniel N. is the gentleman whose name introduces these lines.

Daniel Forrey, the paternal grandfather of Daniel N. Forrey, married a Kauffman; both were natives of Lancaster county.

Daniel N. Forrey was married Nov. 11, 1875, in Lancaster, to Catherine B. Nissley, by whom he has had the following children; all the survivors being at home: John N.; Simon N.; Daniel N.; Ellen N.; Lillie N.; Emma N.; Clayton N. and Norman N., deceased; Walter N.; and Oliver N.

Mrs. Catherine B. (Nissley) Forrey was born in West Hempfield township Dec. 2, 1854, daughter of Christian E. and Fanny (Borneman) Nissley. The father, who was born in West Hempfield township, was a retired farmer in Salunga; for the last ten years of his life, and there died Oct. 29, 1889, at the age of seventy years, nine months, seven days. The mother, who was born in East Donegal township, died in 1894, at the age of sixty-three years. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and people of much respectability and good standing in the community. At one time Mr. Nissley served very

acceptably as school director. Christian E. and Fanny Nissley had the following children: Henry B., a resident of East Donegal township; Samuel B., a farmer, living on the old homestead; Jonas B., a farmer in East Donegal township; Anna B., wife of John Stehman, a farmer located near Lancaster Junction; Catherine B., Mrs. Forrey; Fanny B., who married Amos Shelly, and lives at Mt. Joy; Emma B., who married Witmer Rohrer, a bookkeeper in Lancaster; and Ellen B., unmarried, who makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Shelly. Mrs. Forrey's paternal grandparents, Samuel and Catherine Nissley, were life-long residents of Lancaster county.

Daniel N. Forrey remained at home with his parents until after his marriage, and was reared to farming. When he married he was given part of the old homestead, consisting of a tract of seventy acres, and there he built a residence, farm buildings, etc. During the passing years he has become quite well-to-do, and holds a fine position as a man, a citizen and a farmer in the community in which he is passing his peaceful and useful life. In religion he and his family are members of the Mennonite Church, and in politics Mr. Forrey holds strongly to Republican views.

HENRY BARTON, deceased. Every locality has its list of well remembered names, representative of those of its esteemed and useful citizens who have passed out of life, and one of those long familiar in Upper Leacock township was Henry Barton, whose integrity of character and sterling worth made him conspicuous during life.

Mr. Barton was born Feb. 16, 1803, since which date the country and even the county he loved so well and served so faithfully have made great and wonderful strides. The Barton family is an old and honored one, far back to the time when three brothers left England and first located in Scotland, where they established shipyards. Later their descendants went to County Tyrone, Ireland, and thence in 1772 John Barton, the grandfather of Henry, came to America with his brothers James and Samuel. James settled in the Tuscarora Valley, Samuel settled in Virginia, and John made his permanent home in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county.

John Barton, son of John, married Isabella Vogan, who was a native of Vogansville, this county. By a previous marriage, to a Miss Redick, he had three children, John, Robert and Sarah, and to this second marriage the following children were born: Margaret, who married Mark Connell; Leah, who married Robert Connell; Rachel, twin of Leah, who died at the age of seventy-nine unmarried; Isaac; Samuel; Henry; James; Eliza, who married Archimedes Robbs; and William.

John Barton, the father of this family, was a native of County Donegal, Ireland, and came to America at the age of eighteen years, landing at New Castle, Del. There he remained five years, engaged in teaching school, and in 1787 came to Lancaster

county, taking up his residence in Leacock township. Farming did not occupy all of his time, and he became a drover, often driving his cattle all the way from his farm to Philadelphia. At the time of his death, in 1853, at the age of eighty-nine years, he owned two fine farms, was a wealthy and prominent man, and had served for a long period as county commissioner.

Henry Barton, son of John (2), was born on the farm in Upper Leacock township which is owned and operated by his son, William H. His entire life was given to agricultural pursuits and to the advancement of the material interests of his family, county and State, and in the meantime he also built up a reputation for honesty and integrity which will long reflect credit upon all who bear his name. Mr. Barton was particularly interested in educational matters, and consented to serve as school director for a period of six years. He died July 21, 1885.

Henry Barton was married Feb. 20, 1845, in Philadelphia, by Rev. Thomas Clark, to Miss Margaret L. Simon, and the following named children were born to this union: John C., who is in the life insurance business in New Holland, Pa., married Anna Rutter; William H., who is farming the old homestead, married Nellie Burwell; and Miss Lizzie I. resided with her mother until the latter's death, Sept. 21, 1901.

Mrs. Margaret L. (Simon) Barton was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 17, 1809, and at the time of her death was one of the esteemed residents of Mechanicsburg, this county. She was a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Ireton) Simon, the former a noted teacher of music, who instructed in one of the academies.

In politics Mr. Barton was a firm advocate of Democratic principles, but was no politician. Both he and wife were long leading members of the Presbyterian Church. The family is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed in the township, and Mr. Barton was recognized as one of its representative men.

CHARLES FONDERSMITH STAUFFER, one of the leading general contractors of Lancaster, and a man widely known throughout the State, was born Oct. 8, 1869, on the farm of his father, located near Florin, Mt. Joy township, consisting of one hundred acres, one of the most highly cultivated and substantially improved farms in the county at that time. He is the son of John Forney and Clara S. (Fondersmith) Stauffer.

John Forney Stauffer, who was at one time one of the most efficient Street Commissioners Lancaster has ever had, was born in Penn township Aug. 6, 1845, son of Benjamin Miller and Sophia (Forney) Stauffer. He was reared in his native place, educated in the celebrated Beck School at Lititz, learned the trade of miller, operated the Bossler Mill for two years, and retired from active life until 1872. In that year he removed to Lancaster and became a



Henry Barton

railroad contractor and sewer builder, being extensively employed throughout the State. On April 1, 1894, he was elected Street Commissioner, and held that office for four terms. At present he is actively engaged in the manufacture of electric fans and motors. His political opinions make him a stalwart supporter of the principles of Republicanism. Socially he is connected with the Royal Arcanum. He was Warden of Trinity Lutheran Church for three years, and is an earnest worker in and member of that body.

Johannus Stauffer, the great-grandfather of John F. Stauffer, and great-great-grandfather of Charles F., was a native of Switzerland, who came to America in 1790, built the large stone mill at White Oak, Penn township, and conducted it as long as he lived. Upon his death his son, John, inherited the property. His son, Benjamin M., in the course of time, came into possession of this mill, when twenty-one years of age. In 1856 he was elected Register of Lancaster county on the Republican ticket and so disposed of the property, purchasing a farm near Mt. Joy. He cultivated this farm with great success from 1859 to 1863, when he bought the old Bossler Mill near Manheim, on Chickies creek, but in 1868 he disposed of his interest therein and returned to Mt. Joy. He later resided in Lititz, where he died in 1897. He married Miss Sophia Forney, who was born in Earl township, daughter of John Forney, and was a cousin of John W. Forney, the founder of the Philadelphia Press. Her father was the proprietor of the "Forney Inn," on the Reading road, and there made his home for a number of years. Mrs. Benjamin M. Stauffer died in 1884, leaving two children: John F., the ex-Street Commissioner of Lancaster; and Benjamin, a member of the Board of Trade, Chicago.

On Nov. 25, 1868, John Forney Stauffer was married to Miss Clara S. Fondersmith, the youngest daughter of John and Catherine (Reed) Fondersmith, of Lancaster, and two children were born of this union, Charles F. and B. Grant, the latter secretary and treasurer of the Towle Manufacturing Company.

Mrs. John Forney Stauffer's great-great-grandfather was Ludwig von-der Schmitt, a descendant of the Royal House of Hessen-Darmstadt, who was a manufacturer of guns in Germany for the Government. He came to this country about 1749 and settled in Strasburg township, Lancaster county, where his son, John Fondersmith, manufactured guns for the war of 1812, at Fondersmithville. Gov. Pow-nall, in his journal, speaks of passing through Lancaster county in 1754, and of a manufactory of guns for which the county was celebrated, it being the business of John Fondersmith, a manufacturer of "defensive arms" for the Revolutionary patriots.

John Fondersmith, Esq., father of Mrs. John F. Stauffer, and grandfather of Charles Fondersmith Stauffer, was one of the most prominent and esteemed citizens of Lancaster. He died at his resi-

dence, No. 303 East King street, Sept. 27 1874. He was elected clerk of the court of Quarter Sessions in 1842 by the Republican party, having been a staunch Republican, and twice the nominee of that party for mayor. Although firm in his principles, he was much respected by men of all parties, being a man of superior intelligence, strict moral character and fine social traits. He was the owner of one of the pioneer stores of Lancaster, "Fondersmith's Corner," at East King and Shippen streets, having been as familiar to the people of Lancaster City and county as was Centre Square.

Charles Fondersmith Stauffer was taken from the farm, when but one year old, to Mt. Joy, and after two years to Lancaster, Pa., where he was educated first in the public schools and later at the Episcopal Parish School, Yeates Institute and the high school, from which he was graduated. After leaving school he entered the employ of Hager & Bro.'s carpet house, in Lancaster, and there remained for two years. In the spring of 1889 he became associated with his father in contracting, and eighteen months later engaged in business for himself, with offices in Penn Square, Philadelphia. Mr. Stauffer has built the roads and avenues and executed the landscape work on the Drexel tracts at Overbrook, Wayne Estate, at Wayne and St. David's, and Robert Smith Estate, at Strafford. He has also been extensively employed in railroad work, grading and bridge construction of various kinds, in many localities. Among the railroads for which he has employed his talents may be mentioned the Reading Terminal Company, Pennsylvania Railway Company, Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railway Company, Chambersburg & Gettysburg Railway Company, New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, and Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. He has in addition to all this notable work left specimens of his sewerage, street paving and reservoir work at York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Providence and Lancaster, and has laid out many of the beautiful landscape gardens to be found in and about Philadelphia. Many private country places along the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad owe their beauty of surroundings to Charles F. Stauffer's work. He erected the large boulder at Gulf Mills, marking the point at which the Continental Army, under Gen. Washington, ceased retreating, and reconstructed the landscape about the church at old St. David's, which Longfellow named "The Little Church Among the Graves," where Anthony Wayne is buried and Gen. Washington attended services during his stay at Valley Forge. The Continental and British armies both used this church as a hospital, the Continental army having cut the leaded windows out to make bullets. The Main street at Jenkintown; the landscape, drives and lawns, rustic walks and bridges, at the "Beachwood Inn," and the private grounds of country places of Philadelphia millionaires along the Philadelphia and Reading railroad all show his work. He is at present en-

gaged in the paving of some of the main thoroughfares and the constructing of sewers for the city of Lancaster, and is also constructing a large lake for boating and skating, and a general landscape work, incident to the making of a Park, for the Long's Park Commission of Lancaster. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Stauffer is Director of the Towle Manufacturing Company. In religious matters he belongs to Old Trinity Lutheran Church, of whose vestry he is a member. Like his ancestors, Mr. Stauffer is a staunch Republican, and takes an interest in local affairs, but has never desired or sought office, preferring to devote all his time and attention to his business. Socially he is a member of the F. O. E., B. P. O. E., the Lancaster Maennerchor, Hamilton Club, Young Men's Republican Club, Citizen's Republican Club and other like organizations, in all of which he is very popular.

Although a young man, Mr. Stauffer has already made a record in his business of which he may well be proud, and judging the future by the light of the past, his success in time to come will be even greater, for he possesses the requisite qualities—energy, foresight and ability—to grasp opportunities when offered, and a thorough knowledge of his work. Outside his business connections Mr. Stauffer has many friends, and is popular with all on account of the genial manner and pleasant attributes he possesses, and the kindly courtesy he accords those with whom he is brought into contact.

WILLIS GROSS KENDIG, Esq., one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, comes from old and honored stock. John Kendig, his great-grandfather, came to America from Switzerland and settled in Lancaster county, and there his son, Daniel Kendig, was an ironmaster, owning much landed estate at Safe Harbor, this county.

Dr. Benjamin E. Kendig, son of Daniel, is a popular practicing physician at Salunga. He married Barbara Stauffer, daughter of John Stauffer, a farmer of Manor township, and of this union seven children were born, four of whom are living, as follows: Jerome S., a physician of Salunga; John D., a dentist at Manheim; Willis G.; and Esther C., who conducts a private kindergarten at Marietta.

Willis Gross Kendig was born at Salunga Sept. 23, 1874, and was educated in the public schools of the district, at the State Normal School at Millersville, and at Franklin and Marshall College. Then he studied dentistry for two years with his brother, who was at that time practicing in Shamokin. Returning to Lancaster, Mr. Kendig taught school for four years, in Conoy and West Hempfield townships, and then became a law student with Eugene G. Smith, Esq., now Judge of the Orphans court of Lancaster county. He was admitted to practice March 30, 1901.

On June 19, 1901, Mr. Kendig was married to Miss Henrietta M. Hassert, daughter of the late John Hassert, a prominent grocer of Philadelphia,

and they live in a charming home at No. 232 South Ann street. Mrs. Kendig is a lineal descendant of William the Conqueror; the original name of the family was Hazzard, instead of Hassert, as now written.

Mr. Kendig belongs to no secret societies. His religious connection is with the First M. E. Church of Lancaster. Courteous at all times, devoted to his profession, and sterling in his character, he has every promise of a bright, useful and successful future.

ISAAC H. WEAVER, one of the prominent and well-to-do citizens of Lancaster, and one of the most extensive dealers of leaf tobacco in this part of the county, is indebted for his success solely to his own efforts, to sterling integrity and due regard for the best interests of those with whom he has to deal. He was born in West Lampeter, this county, April 17, 1864, and from his parents, Isaac and Martha (Hoover) Weaver, inherited habits of thrift and enterprise. The mother died in Fertility, East Lampeter, March 20, 1894, at the age of sixty-nine, and was buried in Longnecker's cemetery, connected with the Mennonite Church, of which she was a devout member. The father, a retired farmer, who owns several fine country properties, and was very successful during his active life, is living in East Lampeter at the age of seventy-eight, having been born in April, 1824. He also is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is prominent in the locality where he has lived for so many years. To himself and wife were born: Susan, who married Jacob L. Houser, a farmer of West Lampeter; Mary, deceased wife of E. H. Denlinger; Emma, who became the wife of S. O. Frantz, farmer and manager of the New Ideal Seat Company of Rohrerstown, Pa.; and Isaac H.

Until his twenty-fourth year Isaac H. Weaver lived on the paternal farm, assisting his father in the manifold duties there presented, at the same time acquiring a liberal education at the district schools. His first outside business venture was as a buyer of leaf tobacco, in which occupation he has since acquired such pronounced success. Until Jan. 1, 1890, he purchased for others in the business, but after that he bought a tobacco business in Lancaster and at Strasburg, which he has since continued to conduct, and, in connection therewith, two other branches, located respectively at Dayton, Ohio, and West Carrollton, Ohio, which have also profited by his admirable management. In March, 1901, he bought his present warehouse, on North Prince street, where he employs fifty hands. In his Ohio houses he employs as many as seventy-five hands. He handles great quantities of leaf tobacco annually, and is an expert in judging of the value of this popular weed.

Mr. Weaver is active in the general affairs of his city, and among his other responsibilities is that of director of the Conestoga National Bank, to which position he was appointed in 1900. He is a Repub-

lican in political affiliation, and fraternally is associated with the Royal Arcanum and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks.

On Sept. 26, 1894, Mr. Weaver married Edith, daughter of Christian and Barbara Bachman, and a native of Strasburg, Pa. Christian Bachman was born in Lancaster, Pa., and was an undertaker and furniture dealer of prominence during his active career. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Herbert B. and Edward B. Mr. Weaver is popular in business and social circles of Strasburg, and his many desirable and substantial personal characteristics have won and retained many friends.

CHARLES L. MOENCH, who has throughout his active years been active in the ministry of the Moravian Church, was born Feb. 20, 1855, in Lititz, Lancaster county, son of William N. and Louise M. (Schneider) Moench. When about three years old he removed with his parents to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he spent his boyhood days, receiving his early education in the public schools of that city, and later attending the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. He graduated from the latter institution in 1875, and after spending two years as teacher at Nazareth Hall took a post-graduate course at Union Seminary, New York City. In May, 1878, he was ordained to the Moravian ministry and served in pastoral charges at the following places: Blainstown, Iowa; Hopedale, Wayne Co., Pa.; Philadelphia Second Church; Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa.; and Philadelphia First Church, his present incumbency. In 1897 and 1898 he acted as Principal of Linden Hall Seminary, at Lititz. At the synod of the Church held at Lititz in 1898 Rev. Mr. Moench was elected and consecrated a Bishop, and besides discharging his duties as pastor and Bishop, he is at the present time serving as President of the Board of Trustees of Linden Hall Seminary, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary at Bethlehem, Pa. All in all he has proved himself an efficient worker in his chosen field, in the educational as well as the strictly spiritual interests of the Moravian Church, and his services have a distinctive value.

EDGAR FILLMORE FULTON, merchant and postmaster at McSparran, Lancaster county, is a well-known and leading citizen. He was born in Cecil county, Md., May 4, 1856, a son of Minshell and Harriet Cecilia (Osborn) Fulton, natives of Harford county, Maryland.

John Fulton, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster county and removed to Cecil county, Md., where he built the homestead where Edgar F., the subject of this sketch, was born and reared. The family is related to the great Robert Fulton, inventor of steamboats, and is of English origin. John Fulton, the grandfather, was the father of six children: Benjamin; Rachel, who is the wife of Theodore Marshall, resides in Cecil county, at the age of eighty-

one years; Cyrus and Mary, who died at about the ages of fourteen and sixteen years, respectively; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Brown, of Cecil county; and Minshell, who was born in Cecil county, Md., in 1823, and died in 1897.

Minshell Fulton was the father of a family of four children: John, who is a farmer of Fulton township; Edgar F., of this sketch; and William M. and Joseph, both residents of Cecil county.

Edgar F. Fulton was married to Miss Hannah L. Reynolds, of Fulton township, Jan. 24, 1884. They have no children. Her sister Sarah is the wife of William Bicknell, of Fulton township.

Mr. Fulton was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of Cecil county. After moving to Pennsylvania, he began, at the age of seventeen years to clerk in a country store in Kirk's Mills, Lancaster county. He remained there for three years, and then went back to Cecil county to engage in general merchandising for himself. He returned to Pennsylvania, and remained in Little Britain for four years, when he again moved, finding a home in McSparran, where he continues to reside. Mr. Fulton started out in life without a dollar, but by hard work and strict economy has accumulated a fair competency. He owns a good store property and stock of general merchandise; has a nice farm of ninety acres near McSparran, with first class improvements. In fact he is a leading business man of his neighborhood, and is regarded as a leader in the business and social circles of the entire section. He is a director and stockholder in the Oxford National Bank, at Oxford, Chester county, besides having other interests.

EPHRAIM HULL SHAUB, assistant highway commissioner of Lancaster, is one of the best known men of that city. His grandfather, Christian Shaub, was a veteran in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, having had charge of the station at Leaman Place for many years. His death occurred in Lancaster, in which city he had lived retired for a long period.

Jacob H. Shaub, father of Ephraim H., is now living retired in Lancaster. He, too, served many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company, a great part of the time as a conductor. He married Hetty Ann Hull, who was a daughter of the late Jacob Hull, a pump manufacturer of Strasburg. Her mother was Lydia Potts, a member of the large and influential family of that name in southern Lancaster county. Two of her uncles were in the Pennsylvania railroad service also for a great many years, and one of them received a gold watch from the road for making a phenomenal run upon one occasion.

Children as follows were born to Jacob H. Shaub and his wife: Two who have passed away; Harry, who is chief engineer of the fire department of Lewistown, occupying also a responsible position with the Standard Steel Company of that place; A.

A., who is connected with the Harrisburg Silk Mill; Lydia, who is the wife of William Keller, of Lancaster, a retired soldier, who served thirty-one years in the United States army, and was then retired as ordnance sergeant on two-thirds pay, the only instance of this kind in Lancaster county; Ella, wife of George Kauffman; Anna C., a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster; and Ephraim H. In November, 1901, the parents celebrated the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage, an event which created wide interest among their large circle of friends.

Ephraim Hull Shaub was born in Conestoga Center, Jan. 29, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster. His first employment was in one of the cotton mills in the city, where he remained for a period of five years, becoming then an apprentice in the printing business with Pearsol & Geist, and remaining in the employ of Mr. Geist for almost thirty-one years continuously, the connection being mutually pleasant and profitable. On April 1, 1901, Mr. Shaub was made assistant highway commissioner of Lancaster, which position he fills with fidelity and ability.

Mr. Shaub was married to Miss Susan B. Imhoff, a daughter of the late Jacob Imhoff, a distiller of Petersburg, and two children were born to this union: Leila M., at home; and Esther M., at school. The family residence is a most comfortable one at No. 25 West James street, Lancaster, where both Mr. Shaub and his estimable wife delight to dispense hospitality.

Fraternally Mr. Shaub belongs to the Order of American Mechanics and the Knights of Pythias. He is a generous supporter of Grace Lutheran Church. The family is well and favorably known throughout Lancaster, and personally, socially and politically, Ephraim H. Shaub is esteemed by his fellow-citizens.

C. S. ROWE, one of the well-known and respected citizens of Providence township, and the owner and operator of an excellent farm, was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 8, 1854, son of John B. and Ann (Shaub) Rowe, both natives of Lancaster county.

John B. Rowe, the father of C. S., was born in 1826, married, in 1852, Ann Shaub, who was born in 1831, and they had a family of six children, viz.: C. S., our subject; John M. of Drumore township; and Misses Emma L., Mary, Amanda, and Franklin, all of Eden township. John B. Rowe was a farmer all his life, and he was a son of Adam Rowe, also a native of Providence township, who had these children: Henry, John, Jacob, Elizabeth, Ann, Samuel and Adam.

C. S. Rowe passed his boyhood days on the farm and in attendance upon the public schools. He has always been known as an energetic and industrious man, and is now reckoned among the best farmers of Providence township. He is a Republican in his

political sentiments, and takes a deep interest in educational matters, serving for some time as one of the efficient directors of his township.

On Nov. 7, 1878, Mr. Rowe was married to Miss Harriet Lyne, daughter of Simon and Ann (Ressler) Lyne, of Strasburg township, and this union has been blessed with three children, namely: Annie M., born March 24, 1880; Daisy A., born May 29, 1882; and Myrtle E., born March 25, 1892. Mrs. Rowe was born June 8, 1853, the others of her family being as follows: Alfred, deceased; John, a farmer of Drumore township; Susan, the wife of Wesley C. Shirk, a carpenter of Providence township; Emma, deceased; Martha, the wife of Aaron Conckle, of Providence township; and George, of East Drumore township.

Mr. Rowe and family are held in high esteem in Providence township. He is notably honest and upright in his dealings with others, attends closely to his business, and carefully guards the welfare of his wife and children, living up to the high standard of Christian citizenship.

DAVID K. PATTON, general farmer and ex-horse dealer, of Cambridge, Salisbury township, and one of its prominent and substantial citizens, was born in Salisbury township April 19, 1855, son of Samuel and Anna (Mearing) Patton, of Salisbury and East Earl townships, respectively.

Samuel Patton was born in 1822, and was a carpenter by trade, but also followed farming and continued engaged in the latter occupation until his retirement from activity, in 1882. Through his active life he was much interested in public and educational matters, serving four years as school director, and he now resides on his farm in East Earl township. The children born to Samuel and Anna (Mearing) Patton were as follows: Newton C., who is a coach manufacturer at Sherman, Texas; Emma, who married Adam Sullenberger, resides in Salisbury township; David K., the subject of this sketch; Lizzie, deceased, the wife of Taylor Bair; Lydia, who married John Groff, a farmer near Des Moines, Iowa; Anna, who married Jacob Showalter, a farmer of New Holland; Cora, who married Addison Wanner, a farmer of Chester county, Pa.; and Miss Amanda and Miss Mary, at home.

The early life of David K. Patton was spent in farm work, and in attendance on the district schools of his locality. He remained at home until his marriage. In 1874 he began to learn the carpenter trade, with Josiah Hummel, in East Earl township, and followed this trade at various intervals for some six years, when he rented a farm of Levi Bard in West Earl township. This farm Mr. Patton retained for fifteen years, when he came to his present property. While living in West Earl township Mr. Patton dealt extensively in horses, and he is a very good judge of cattle and stock of all kinds. He was very prominent in township affairs, was school director and deacon in the Reformed Church. In

politics Mr. Patton is a Republican, and one of the most intelligent and well-read men of this locality. His interest in educational matters has always been deep, and he has given his children every possible advantage, his eldest daughter being afforded a collegiate education.

On Nov. 21, 1881, Mr. Patton was married to Emma A. Hahn, and the children born to this union were: Miss Mable B.; Mary A. H., who died young; Park H., who died young; Alma A., Pierce H. and Harold H., all at home.

Mrs. Emma A. (Hahn) Patton was born in Hinkletown, Pa., in 1854, daughter of Chambers and Eliza (Carpenter) Hahn, of Hinkletown and Earl township, respectively. By trade Mr. Hahn was a carpenter who lived in retirement during the latter years of his life, his death occurring Feb. 6, 1901, at the age of seventy-three years. His burial was in the Bergstrasse Church cemetery, in Ephrata township. The mother of Mrs. Patton died in 1875, at the age of fifty-two years. She was a worthy member of the Lutheran Church, her husband being connected with the Reformed Church. Their children were as follows: Frances, who married Elias Killean, of Reamstown; Harvey, who is a carpenter, contractor and builder at Ephrata; Emma A., who is Mrs. Patton; Alice and Missouri, twins, the former the wife of Rolandus Buck, and the latter the wife of Henry Miller, in the cigar business in Lancaster; Roberta, who married John Brubaker, of Earl township; Jacob, a prominent contractor in La Grange, Ill.; Elmer, an equally prominent contractor, in Cleveland, Ohio; Horace, deceased, also a skilled builder and contractor; and Hester, who died young. The paternal grandparents were Daniel and Frances (Shirk) Hahn, of Lancaster county, and those on the maternal side were Michael and Julia (Kline) Carpenter, also of Lancaster county, all of these names being associated with old and prominent families.

FRANK S. GROFF, one of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, is a well-known figure in the city of Lancaster. He is a descendant of Hans Groff, who settled near Groffdale, in West Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., where Christian Groff, the grandfather of Mr. Groff, was born.

Christian Groff married Susan, daughter of Valentine Ranck, who was one of the numerous family of that name living in Lancaster county. They had six children, Mary, Daniel, Jacob, Samuel, Christian and Isaac, of whom Mary is now the only survivor. She is the widow of James H. Robinson, and resides in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa. The Groffs and Rancks were members of the Mennonite Church.

Daniel Groff was born June 12, 1816, in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa., near Cambridge, and there spent his entire life. He married Rachael Edwards, daughter of David and Rachael McKinley Edwards, respected farming people of the

same township. Eight children were born to them, to wit: David McKinley Groff is superintendent of the wheel department of the Columbia Wagon Company, and resides in Lancaster city; he married Emma McCowan. Mary F. Groff (deceased) was married to George M. Robinson, of White Horse, Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa. S. Lavinia Groff is the wife of Owen Guiney, a farmer of Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa. James H. Groff is a cattle dealer of Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa; he married Annie Myers. Frank S. Groff is mentioned below. R. Josephine Groff is the wife of William Martin, of Parkersburg, Chester Co., Pa., who is in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad. Daniel Clarence Groff is a farmer near Haddonfield, N. J.; he married Katie Wanner. Jacob Brinton Groff is a farmer of Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa.; he married Annie Guiney. Daniel Groff, the father of this family, was a miller by trade, but of later years took up the occupation of farming. He died Jan. 9, 1894. The mother, who survives, makes her home for the greater part of the time with her daughter, Mrs. Guiney.

Frank S. Groff, whose name introduces this sketch, was born Aug. 13, 1861, at the old homestead in Honey Brook township, Chester Co., Pa., and received his education in the schools of Cambridge and Honey Brook. He afterward studied under private teachers, and when seventeen years of age became a teacher in the public schools, teaching eleven years in all, six years in Salisbury, two years in East Earl, two years in Earl and one year in Leacock townships, Lancaster Co., Pa. While a resident of Salisbury township he served two years as tax collector and nine years as a justice of the peace, being first commissioned in May, 1889. On Nov. 15, 1889, he registered as a law student in the office of Brown & Hensel, and after two years of assiduous study passed the final examination and was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county, Nov. 20, 1891. During the time he served as justice of the peace he transacted a great deal of civil and criminal business, and gained a practical insight of the law as practiced in justice courts. He resigned the office of justice of the peace in 1898, before the expiration of his last term, and located in Lancaster city, where he has devoted his time to the practice of law. He has been admitted to practice in the Superior and Supreme courts of Pennsylvania and enjoys a lucrative practice. He is a member of the Library Association and the Lancaster County Bar Association.

In 1898, in a triangular contest for District Attorney in the Republican nomination, viz.: W. T. Brown, Frank S. Groff and Thomas Whitson, Mr. Brown received the nomination and was elected. Mr. Groff polled 8,180 votes, the largest vote ever received by a defeated candidate in a triangular contest for that office. During the canvass he formed a wide acquaintance among the voters of

the county, and in the spring of 1901 he was nominated for the office of District Attorney by the Republican party of the county without opposition, and was elected in November, 1901, taking charge of the office in January, 1902. Mr. Groff is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and during the Presidential and gubernatorial campaigns he actively engages in the work of teaching the principles of his party from the stump.

Mr. Groff married Miss Ida R. Bowers, a daughter of Levi and Lydia Bowers, of Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1881. Two children have been born to them: (1) Lowell E. Groff, born Jan. 9, 1882, attended Franklin and Marshall Academy for two years, and prepared to enter the college of that name, but instead left the academy and went on board the school ship "Saratoga," from which he graduated in October, 1900. He is now in the employ of the New York Telephone Company, of New York City. (2) Ira P. Groff, who was born Aug. 10, 1886, is a student of the Lancaster City High School.

GEORGE B. MCGINNESS, now residing in Frederick City, Md., was a respected citizen of Columbia, where he was born May 25, 1862, and where he has spent the greater part of his life, honored by all who know him because of his many sterling qualities of mind and heart. He is a son of John J. McGinness and his wife, Sarah Adair.

John J. McGinness was a canal boatman, and was so highly esteemed by his fellow townsmen that for seventeen years he held the office of constable, discharging its duties with a courage, fidelity and intelligence which won for him unstinted praise. He died in May, 1875, shortly before completing his forty-ninth year. His wife had preceded him to the grave in 1869. Both were earnest Christians; he was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, while she was of the Lutheran faith. They were the parents of seven children, George B. being the fourth. John J., the eldest, as well as Grant and Sadie, the two youngest, are deceased. Alfonso, the oldest living son, is a carpenter, living in Denver, Colo. Irene, the first born daughter, married Page Brown, who successfully conducts a laundry at Seattle, Wash. Anna is the widow of the late Frank Butzer, of Millersville.

The marriage of George B. McGinness took place on Nov. 28, 1889, at Frederick City, Md., his bride being Miss Kate Jacobs, the eldest daughter of Emanuel and Louisa (Morgan) Jacobs, both of whom are yet living in Frederick. Mr. Jacobs was born July 11, 1845, and is a huckster. His wife came into the world Dec. 26, 1844. Both are members of the United Brethren Church. The younger brothers and sisters of Mrs. McGinness were Clara, John H., Ella M., Charles, Grover C. and Marshall. Clara is the widow of William J. Sturquel, of Baltimore, in which city John H. also has a home. Ella M. is Mrs. Robert Rippeon, of Frederick. The

younger children, with exception of Marshall, who died in childhood, live with their parents, neither of them being married. To Mr. and Mrs. McGinness four children have been born: Sarah L., Anna E., John A. and Clara M.

WILLIAM SPRENGER BARNHOLT, head of the firm of W. S. Barnholt & Co., correspondents of J. B. Fleshman & Co., commission and stock jobbers of Philadelphia, is one of the best known and most popular young men of Lancaster. He was born May 15, 1873, son of Edward Barnholt, who has been for many years past the leading detective of the city. In the fall of 1900 he purchased the "Mountville Hotel," of which he took charge the following spring. Edward Barnholt married Emma Winters, daughter of Cyrus Winters, a prominent merchant tailor of Lancaster, and they have had eight children: William S., Cyrus W. and Adam, all three of whom have learned the art of telegraphy, and have followed it at times; John S.; Hay Brown; Mabel; Emma; and Helen.

William Sprenger Barnholt was educated in the common schools of Lancaster. Leaving school at the age of fifteen, he spent some time in Fraim's Lock Works, and then in Brown & Hensel's law offices, finally entering the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company as a messenger boy. There he remained until he was twenty-one years old, becoming a thorough master of the art and science of telegraphy. For four years he was with the Postal Telegraph Company, serving as manager the last two years, and then returned to the Western Union, to take the position of manager, which he held until 1898. That year he resigned, and he and his brother, Cyrus, became the correspondents of J. B. Fleshman & Co., opening an office at No. 43 North Queen street. After two years of unusual success they removed to the magnificent quarters they now occupy, in the new Woolworth building, on the corner of North Queen and Grant streets.

Mr. Barnholt and Miss Maud Binkley were married Oct. 17, 1894. Mrs. Barnholt is a daughter of John L. Binkley, and belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster. They have become the parents of two children: Mary, who died in infancy, and Lewis, a bright little fellow of five years. Mr. Barnholt is as popular socially as he is in business circles, and has a host of friends. He belongs to the Young Republican Club, the Elks, the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the fraternal Order of Eagles. Both himself and his wife are associated with Grace Lutheran Church. A natural wit, a good singer and of a most genial nature, Mr. Barnholt is much sought socially, and his presence anywhere is a signal for good fellowship and enjoyment.

FRANKLIN M. HEISTAND, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township July 13, 1855, son of Christian J. and

Elizabeth (Moore) Heistand, of East Hempfield and Penn townships.

Christian Heistand, the father, who was born Nov. 24, 1821, died in Florin, Pa., Dec. 9, 1896, and is buried in the cemetery in Mt. Joy. He was a farmer during his early life, but for twenty years prior to his death was engaged in the milling business. For a number of years he was a director in the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy. His widow, who was born June 21, 1822, now resides in Florin. There were born to their union the following children: Daniel, a miller, residing on the family place in Mt. Joy township; Amos, a farmer of West Donegal township; Simon, deceased; John, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Franklin M., subject of this sketch; Harriet, wife of Samuel Myers, a farmer of Lebanon county; and Emanuel, who died in youth. Mr. Heistand's paternal grandparents were Christian and Catherine (Heistand) Heistand, of Lancaster county. The grandfather was during his lifetime a distiller of large means, being a director of a bank, holder of turnpike stock, and was a man of prominence in his district. He retired in the latter days of his life. Mr. Heistand's grandfather on his mother's side was named Michael Moore.

On Sept. 29, 1878, Franklin M. Heistand was married to Miss Barbara Shelley, of Rapho township. The following children have been born to this marriage: Elizabeth S., wife of Samuel G. Nohrenhold, who lives on the old Heistand homestead; and Emma S., Anna S., Fanny S., Amanda S. and Barbara S., all of whom reside at home with their parents. Mrs. Barbara (Shelley) Heistand was born Jan. 11, 1858, in Rapho township, daughter of Benjamin B. and Eliza (Shaub) Shelley.

Mr. Heistand lived with his parents until the time of his marriage. He received his education in the schools of the county, and was employed during a greater part of his time at work on the farm. After marrying he sought employment at various places for two years, after which he took a farm on shares for three years. He then bought his present farm and has prospered finely ever since. He retired from active duties in the spring of 1901, and since that time has taken life easily. The family are members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and are also prominent in the social circles of the township. Mr. Heistand is a man of more than the average ability, and has taken a prominent part in the economic affairs of his district. He is well regarded by the whole community.

JOHN MICHAEL SNYDER (deceased) was for many years a well-known citizen of Lancaster, and was the genial and popular host of several of the leading hotels of that city. His birth occurred in 1851, in Germany, and his death took place Dec. 22, 1889, in Lancaster, where he was interred. His parents were George M. and Anna M. (Snyder) Snyder, natives of Baden, Germany, who came to Lancaster in November, 1851. The father's busi-

ness was that of a tobacco grower. He died May 5, 1888, at the age of sixty-seven years, his wife surviving until Feb. 8, 1891, when she was also sixty-seven years old. They were buried in the Lancaster cemetery. Their children were as follows: John Michael; Martin, a hotel-keeper at Middletown, Pa.; Lawrence, deceased; J. Adam, a hotel-keeper in Lancaster; David, a cigar manufacturer at Newark, N. J.; and Mary, wife of John McGinnis, of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania.

On Jan. 31, 1875, John Michael Snyder was married, in Lancaster, to Mary Getz, who was born in 1852, in Lancaster, a daughter of George F. and Magdalena (Herzog) Getz, both natives of Germany. The Getz family is well known in Lancaster, as both parents came there in youth, prior to their marriage. Mr. Getz carried on a baker business, and was also a drover. In 1865 he removed his family to Lima, Ohio, where he died in 1870. The mother still resides on her farm near Lima. She was born July 16, 1832. Both were consistent members of the German Reformed Church. They became the parents of the following named children: Jacob C., who was killed in a gold mine in Colorado; George F., who died in infancy; George F. (2), who resides with his mother on her farm; John W., who resides in Los Angeles, Cal., and operates a greenhouse; Julius B., who served in the Spanish war; and Mary, who married Mr. Snyder.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder were as follows: Mary M., widow of Emil Holtz, who resides with her mother, and has four children, Emil H., Anna M., Lena E. and Lewis; John M., who resides at home; Harry M., a cigarmaker in Lancaster, who married Catherine Anderson; Charles D., deceased; James A. G., who is at home; George F., deceased; Anna M., deceased; and George M., who is at home.

Mr. Snyder was only four months old when his parents brought him to Lancaster, and there he attended school until the age of fourteen, when he began cigarmaking with Jacob Fry. He followed that trade in several States, until 1877, when he took charge of Schoenberger's Park, operating same for several years, and then went into the hotel business, conducting an inn on Manor street for several years, and the "Plow Tavern" very successfully for eight years. Mr. Snyder then retired to private life, moving to No. 803 Manor street, but lived only a few weeks to enjoy its comforts. He was a member of the social organization the Shilster Verein, and was also connected with the K. of P. and the Red Men, and in politics was identified with the Republican party. His religious membership was with Christ Lutheran Church.

The second marriage of Mrs. Snyder was to Robert E. L. Tomlin, who was a son of Robert Tomlin, and was born in Alexandria, Va. His business was tobacco packing. One daughter was born to this marriage, Ida Corinne M., who resides at home. Mrs. Tomlin is a lady of ample means, and

is very highly regarded in the community for her many most estimable traits. Her acquaintance is large and she numbers her friends by the score.

JOSEPH R. ROYER, a confectioner of Lancaster, was born on the family farm in Manheim township, Lancaster county, March 5, 1835, son of Joseph and Catherine (Royer) Royer, and grandson of Joseph Royer. Both father and grandfather were natives of Manheim township, while Mr. Royer's mother was a daughter of Joseph Royer, of Clay township.

Joseph Royer, father of Joseph R., died in May, 1843, at the age of forty-one years, and is remembered as one of the intelligent and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, having taken a leading position in his community. A man of broad and progressive ideas, he was the first farmer in Lancaster county to own a threshing machine, which was made by Kirkpatrick; it was the subject of much interest at the time of its introduction into the county. Mrs. Royer, who died in 1876, was a woman of gentle spirit, and was much beloved in the circle of her acquaintance. Both were members of the Dunkard Church. They were the parents of the following family: Israel, now deceased; Sarah, widow of John Batruff, of Perry county, Pa.; David, living in Lancaster; Catherine, deceased; Joseph R.; Frances, deceased wife of Clement Gritner, who went to North Carolina from Lititz; Martin, deceased; and Tobias, an ex-soldier, now living retired at home on Duke street, Lancaster.

Joseph R. Royer started out for himself when hardly ten years of age, and secured work on a farm at four dollars a month, then considered very high wages for so young a boy. Remaining on the farm until he was thirteen years old, and having accumulated seventy dollars, the enterprising young lad went to Mt. Joy, where he began at the trade of saddle and harness making under Christian Martin, with whom he finished the trade. For seven years Mr. Royer carried on his trade at Petersburg, Pa., and was there when the Civil war broke out, having become quite a prominent character, holding the position of postmaster, and being proprietor and manager of the village hotel. He was intensely interested in the Union cause, and in the spring of 1862 raised a company near Petersburg, of which he was commissioned second lieutenant; the command was organized for the defense of Chambersburg. Late the same year a company was organized at Petersburg, in which he was also second lieutenant. This command was attached to the 157th P. V. I., which regiment in March, 1863, was stationed at Washington for the defense of that city, where it was held until February of the following year. Upon arrival at Washington M. Royer was made quartermaster, and served as such until his capture by the Rebels, April 13, 1864. Mr. Royer, while still at Washington, had become first lieutenant, and accompanied the regiment to Fairfax, Va., where, as noted in the preced-

ing paragraph, he was taken prisoner while out for supplies at Gaines' Mills. For six weeks he was held at Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., was at Danville, Va., two weeks, and was then sent to Macon, Ga., from which point he was sent to Charleston, and kept under fire for six weeks. The breaking out of yellow fever necessitated their removal to Columbia, S. C., where they were confined in a stockade from November until the following February, being herded together like sheep, and were driven to Wilmington, N. C., at which point they were exchanged March 13, 1865. Mr. Royer on his return to the service was made quartermaster of the 191st P. V. I., and served in that capacity until the close of the war, being mustered out in June, 1865. When he was captured he was shot through the hand, was reported dead, and for six months was regarded by his people as lost.

For about a year after Mr. Royer's enlistment his wife conducted his business, but finding it too much of a burden she disposed of it, and gave up the post office as well. When Mr. Royer came home he rested for only about two weeks, and then took up the work of civil life as strenuously as he had his army work. Going to York, he bought a number of horses from the Government, and sold out at a good profit in about ten days. After the successful conclusion of this enterprise he came to Lancaster and bought out the confectionery store of Charles Eden, located at the corner of Prince and West King streets, where he was engaged for some two years, at the expiration of that time buying the Whiteside property, on West King street. This he rebuilt, and he became noted as the first merchant in Lancaster with a plate glass front to his store. It was of French plate, which at that time was very expensive, and attracted much attention to the business which he established at that point, and which became popular at once. Mr. Royer was also the first man in the city to put his name on his delivery wagon. He has the oldest business in his line in the city, and his name is known throughout the county by a host of friends and patrons. He was one of the first in this part of the State to make ice cream soda, advertising it as early as 1868, and was the first man in the city to open that line.

Mr. Royer is intensely devoted to his business, at which he works many hours a day, and calculates that if the time it had absorbed out of life were measured by ten hours a day labor he would have spent eighty years at it. He is still a young-looking man, and few would imagine him to be above fifty years. In disposition he is a warm-hearted and genial gentleman, with many friends throughout the county.

Joseph R. Royer and Miss Annie Shuman, of Manor township, daughter of Amos B. Shuman, were married in Manor, where her father was long a prominent farmer. This union was blessed with the following children: (1) Minnie, who was the wife of William Rush, died at the age of twenty-five. (2) Milton is associated with his father, having charge of the factory. He is married. (3) Joseph C. is



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married, and is a professional musician in New York. (4) Clarence de Vaux, a musical director, is a graduate of some of the most noted musical universities in Europe, where he studied under some of the most noted masters of the day. In 1881 the mother of these died, and Mr. Royer and Miss Leah Balmer, daughter of Andrew Balmer, of Lancaster, were married. She died in 1891, and on June 5, 1893, Mr. Royer married Miss Viola Smaling, daughter of Jacob Smaling, of Lancaster.

As might be expected from his long and creditable service at the front, Mr. Royer is deeply interested in the Grand Army of the Republic, being associated with George Thomas Post, No. 84, of that patriotic order. He is also a member of the K. of G. E.

JOHN BANZHOF. The larger number of the excellent farms of Lancaster county are owned and operated by descendants of German ancestors, and one of this class who possesses a valuable and most desirable farm in Strasburg township is John Banzhof.

David Banzhof, the father, was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, and came to the United States while still a young man, locating in the rich and fertile county of Lancaster, after a short sojourn in Philadelphia, where he engaged in his trade of cooper. His first home was in Montgomery county, but he made no long stop there, his inclinations leading him into Lancaster. His first employer in Strasburg was Samuel Brubaker, and from there he went to the shop of Samuel Eshleman, near Martinsville, quietly pursuing his trade and accumulating means, so that in 1859 he was prepared to buy a small place in the eastern part of Strasburg township, and there he established a coopering shop of his own. In connection with his trade he operated a small farm, and lived until Jan. 4, 1899, dying at the age of seventy-two years and four months. Both he and wife were consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. The latter was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1832, and she still survives. They were the parents of nine children: Jacob, who operates a planing mill in Lancaster; John, of this sketch; Annie, who married David Hornish, of Brownstown; David, who died at the age of nineteen; Christian, who lives on the old homestead; Katherine, a trained nurse, a graduate of the Philadelphia Training school, residing in Baltimore; Mary, who married Edwin Aulthouse, of Paradise township; Emma, who married Dr. W. J. Wilkinson, of Philadelphia; and Magdalena, also a trained nurse, a graduate of the Philadelphia Training school, and a resident of Baltimore.

John Banzhof, the second child of the family, was born in Strasburg township Aug. 7, 1859, and grew up on the farm and learned his father's trade. His education was pursued in the public schools, and he remained at home associated with his father, until about the age of twenty-two, when he began

the carpenter trade, taking his first instruction from John Johnson, but later was under his brother Jacob's teaching, and developed into a fine workman. For the succeeding five or six years he followed the carpenter's trade, but in 1889 located on his present farm, since then becoming its owner, and here he carries on a general line of farming. This is a tract of sixty-seven acres, and Mr. Banzhof has proved that he is not only a very reliable carpenter, but also a first-class farmer. As an indication that he has by no means forgotten the skill of his craft, he has made many very desirable and attractive improvements upon his farm, although he finds no time for such employment for others.

Mr. Banzhof was married on Dec. 11, 1890, to Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, a daughter of John and Frances (Hess) Brubaker, who was born in Strasburg township Jan. 9, 1864. They have a family of four children: J. David, born Dec. 11, 1891; Fannie Magdalena, born Nov. 11, 1896; Willis John, born Nov. 16, 1897, and Marie, born April 29, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Banzhof are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and the family is one which is greatly respected in Strasburg township.

HARRY BACKENSTOE ROOP., M. D. During the few years which Dr. Roop has practiced in Columbia he has amply attested his professional skill and has won a large and lucrative practice. He possesses those personal qualities which are essential in spheres of wide professional influence, and easily ranks among the foremost of the younger medical practitioners of his borough.

The paternal grandparents of Dr. Roop were natives of Germany, people of devout and industrious character. They emigrated to America and settled in Dauphin county, Pa., where the grandfather followed farming. He also officiated frequently as a local minister of the Gospel.

Henry J. Roop, his son, and the father of Dr. Harry B., was born in Highspire, Dauphin county, where he was reared, and where he received a good common school education. He engaged in agriculture for many years, on a beautiful farm of about 300 acres, part of which is the site of the borough of Highspire. In 1884 he built a fine residence, on a commanding part of his farm, in which he is living a retired life. He married Miss Justina Backenstoe, daughter of John Backenstoe. She died in 1883, aged forty-five years. To them were born five children, namely: Hervin U. Roop, A. M., Ph. D., who is president of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa.; Harry B., subject of this sketch; Della F., who married Prof. B. F. Daugherty, A. M., Ph. D., professor of Latin at Lebanon Valley College; Sarah, who is at home with her father; and William, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College. The father is a prominent member of the United Brethren Church, and a highly respected citizen of Highspire.

Harry B. Roop was born at Highspire, Dau-

phin county, Feb. 24, 1870. He was reared on the home farm, and there remained up to the age of eighteen years, when he entered Lebanon Valley College, graduating from that institution in 1892. Choosing medicine as his profession, he entered the office of Dr. H. McDaniel, at Highspire, as a student, and in the fall of 1893 matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his degree of M. D. in the spring of 1897. Dr. Roop located at Columbia, where he has since continued successfully in practice.

In religious faith the Doctor is a member of the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Republican. He is affiliated with the lodges of the I. O. O. F. and the K. P. at Columbia, and Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E., at Lancaster, and in social life is one of the leading spirits. However, his professional duties absorb most of his time, for his practice is large. His interest in his work amounts almost to enthusiasm, and he devotes a large share of his attention to the current progress-made in medicine and surgery.

JAMES HAWKINS SPOTTS, a member of the firm of S. M. Myers & Co., successors to Myers & Rathfon, merchant tailors and clothiers on East King Street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old family, whose first progenitors in America came from Germany and settled in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, where the grandfather of James H., who was a farmer, lived and died.

Joseph Spotts, his son, and the father of James H., was an undertaker, and lived for many years in Churchtown. For a time he was in the West, and then returned to Pennsylvania, locating in Chester county, where he made his home in Downingtown, and he built up a fine business. He came to an untimely and tragic end, being struck by a passing train and killed while crossing the railroad track. This occurred in 1875, when he was fifty-three years old. His widow, Mrs. Barbara (Ax) Spotts, belonged to the prominent Ax family of Churchtown. She still survives, carrying her years easily, and retaining all the faculties of body and mind in a serene and beautiful old age. She was the mother of ten children, only four of whom survive: Bertha, wife of George W. Lewis, of Philadelphia, a passenger conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, who has been in the service of that company for more than thirty-five years; Frances, wife of Allen S. Heller, a builder of Philadelphia; Hallie, wife of Milton H. Stanley, of Phoenixville, also in the Pennsylvania railroad service; and James H., of Lancaster.

James Hawkins Spotts has had a most interesting history. He was born in Churchtown March 25, 1868, and after being educated in Downingtown and New Holland came to Lancaster to take a position as clerk in the "Leopard Hotel," which he held for two years. For a year he was employed at the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania railroad in

Philadelphia, and then entered the Lancaster clothing house of Myers & Rathfon, where he has remained to the present time, and of which he is now one of the proprietors. It was in 1888 that he entered this house, and as the years have passed his worth has become manifest, as he personally superintends the manufacturing of clothing, doing all the purchasing of ready-made goods, and buying the material for the factory.

Mr. Spotts was married, in November, 1899, to Miss Adelle Dora Frankenfield, daughter of Prof. H. L. Frankenfield, a widely-known teacher of band music, as well as composer and publisher of music, who served in the 5th N. Y. Heavy Artillery as leader of a regimental band during the Civil war, the musicians who served under him being his devoted friends to the present day. From this union one child was born, Dorothy, a lovely little girl, who entered into rest April 19, 1902, in the sixteenth month of her age.

Mr. Spotts belongs to St. John's Episcopal Church, of Lancaster. His political relations are with the Republican party, and he served as a member of the Republican City Committee for three years, as a representative from the Second ward. He also belongs to the Young Men's Republican Club. Socially he is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Artisans, and the Mutual Benefit Association of New York. He is a genial, clever and well-rounded man, and deservedly enjoys the good-will of a host of friends.

GEORGE K. GARRETT, a well-known and respected farmer of Martic township, born March 14, 1858, was a son of Henry and Annie Garrett, of Conestoga township.

Henry Garrett, the father, died when our subject was but three years of age. He was the father of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, the wife of John Finnen, of New Danville, Pa.; Mary, deceased; Annie, deceased; Amos, a resident of Safe Harbor; Leah, the wife of Philip Mowery; Barbara, the wife of Walter Albright, of Lancaster; George K., of this sketch; and Catherine, the wife of Samuel Peters, of Colemanville.

George K. Garrett is an example of what may be accomplished by the exercise of perseverance, industry and economy. The early death of his father left the large family in reduced circumstances, and when he was but a lad it became necessary for him to begin his struggle with life for himself. It is a source of satisfaction for him to see how well he has accomplished this. His educational advantages were those provided in the district schools, and all his life labor has been along agricultural lines. He now owns a fine farm comprising 160 acres of valuable land, with excellent improvements. Some of this farm was purchased in 1895, when he secured it for \$20 per acre. He is known through the township as an excellent farmer, industrious and reliable, and he has a wide circle of attached friends.

In 1889 Mr. Garrett was married to Miss Alice Fawkes, of Philadelphia, daughter of Walker Fawkes, and the two children born of this marriage are: Mary and Walter. Mr. Garrett is one of the leading Republicans of Martic township and is a member of the board of school directors. He has the good of his community at heart, and generously supports all moral and educational enterprises looking toward its advancement. He is a useful citizen, a kind neighbor and an exemplary husband and father, in fact is one of the men of whom Martic township has reason to feel proud.

ROCHOW. The Rochow family of Columbia, Lancaster county, was founded in America by the late William Rochow, whose sad and tragic death occurred at his home in Columbia early on the morning of April 7, 1900.

William Rochow was born in Strelitz, grand duchy of Mecklenburg, Germany, Jan. 15, 1829, the only child of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Miller) Rochow, the former of whom was master and owner of a sail boat, handled freight, and died in 1852, at the age of fifty-three years; the latter came to America with her son, William, in 1857, and first located in Bridgeport, Montgomery Co., Pa., where William resided one year; he then passed a year in Norristown, a year in Philadelphia, and then came to Columbia, after six months assisting a friend in the dyeing department of a woolen factory. He here turned his attention to the junk trade, bought and sold hides, bones, cast-off articles of all kinds, did a lucrative business until 1886, and then retired in favor of his son, Charles. Mrs. Wilhelmina Rochow, mother of William, died in Columbia, Pa., at the age of seventy-one years.

William Rochow was first married in Berlin, Germany, to Emma Kaiser, and to this union were born the following children: William, a book-keeper in a hotel at St. Louis, Mo.; Charles, in the junk business at Columbia, Pa.; Ernest, a clerk for his brother, Charles; and Bertha, married to John Rensink, a contractor and builder in Chicago, Ill. The mother of the family was born in Berlin, was a daughter of Ferdinand Kaiser, and died in Columbia, Pa., in 1872, at the age of thirty-three years. The second marriage of William Rochow took place in Columbia in 1875, Rosa Knob becoming his wife. To this marriage was born one son, Albert, an attorney at York, Pennsylvania.

In alluding to the sad death of Mr. Rochow the *Columbia Daily News* of Saturday, April 7, 1900, gave the following account: "William Rochow died at his residence, No. 513 Locust street, shortly before two o'clock this morning, from the effects of burns received on Friday while taking a vapor bath. Mr. Rochow was burned in a shocking manner over his back, arms, hands and limbs, from which the skin hung in shreds and in some places his flesh was burned to a crisp. Everything known to medical science was resorted to, but the burns were

of such a character that little hopes for his recovery were entertained. During the afternoon he became delirious and it was with difficulty that he could be kept in bed and restrained from tearing the bandages from his wounds. At five o'clock last evening he grew very weak, and gradually sank into a state of unconsciousness, and remained in that condition until death came. His end was peaceful and apparently without pain."

In politics he was a Democrat, but would never accept an office. In religion he was a Lutheran and was a member of German Salem Lutheran Church. He was one of the substantial citizens of Columbia, and was a stockholder in the Central National Bank from its organization. He was public spirited, yet conservative, and acted only when he saw that the end to be accomplished was worthy of aid.

CHARLES ROCHOW, son of William and Emma (Kaiser) Rochow, was born in Columbia April 17, 1862, and is now his father's successor in business, dealing at wholesale (in scrap iron and metals). He has had experience in business elsewhere than in Columbia, but altogether in the tobacco trade, to wit: Six months in Philadelphia; two years in New York City; one and a half years in St. Louis, Mo.; and a year and a half in Chicago, Ill. In 1882 he returned to Columbia and joined his father, becoming proprietor as intimated above in 1886.

In August, 1885, Mr. Rochow was most happily united in marriage, in Columbia, with Miss Emma L. Harm, the accomplished daughter of William and Barbara Harm, the former a grocer in Columbia, the latter a native of Philadelphia. To Mr. and Mrs. Rochow have been born six children, in the following order: Rosa, Lillian, William, Walter, Charles and Robert. The family worship at the Salem Lutheran Church, of which Mr. Rochow is treasurer and member of the board of trustees. Mr. Rochow is an excellent man of business and ever alert and enterprising. He is a director in the Columbia Telephone Co., and was formerly its treasurer; he is likewise a director in the Central National Bank, and in the Loder Brewing Co., and energetic and fully up-to-date in all things. Socially he is very popular, and is a member of the Heptasophs, while in politics he is a Democrat, yet no office seeker.

AMOS SHELLY, a prominent and successful farmer, was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, July 30, 1857, and has always made his home in his native town.

David and Susannah (Herr) Shelly, his parents, were born, respectively, in Rapho and Lancaster townships. David Shelly was a son of Abraham Shelly, and was a farmer, who entered into rest in 1880, at the age of sixty-seven years, his remains being laid to rest in the Cross Roads Meeting House burying ground. The widowed mother, who now resides with her son in East Donegal township, was born in August, 1829. To David Shelly

and wife were born: Amos, whose name introduces this article; David, deceased; and Elias, a farmer in East Donegal township.

Previous to his marriage with Susannah Herr, David Shelly had wedded Susannah Engle, who became the mother of the following children: Martha, deceased, who married John M. Engle; Henry E., born July 18, 1839, now a farmer in Rapho township; Israel and Harriet, who both died unmarried; and Eli, a farmer in East Donegal township. Mrs. Susannah Engle died in 1850, at the age of thirty-six years. She was born in Rapho township, and with her parents belonged to the Dunkard Church.

Amos Shelly was married May 14, 1878, in Lancaster, to Fanny Nissley, by whom he became the father of these children: Emma, deceased; Amos N. and Ada N., at home; and Ellen N., deceased.

Mrs. Fanny (Nissley) Shelly was born in West Hempfield township May 13, 1858, a daughter of Christian E. and Fanny (Breneman) Nissley, both of whom were born and reared in Lancaster county. Her father died in Salunga, Pa., in 1889, at the age of seventy-one years. For eleven years prior to his death he lived retired, and for nine years he held the position of school director. His widow died in 1896, at the age of seventy years. Her remains were laid to rest in Landisville, Pa. They were honorable and upright people, much respected by all who knew them, and members of the Mennonite Church. They had eight children, of whom Henry B. is a farmer in East Donegal township; and Fanny is Mrs. Shelly.

Amos Shelly came to the farm where he is found to-day with his parents when he was eighteen years old, and here he has won for himself a very creditable standing among the leading citizens of the town. In religion he belongs to the Mennonite Church, and in politics is a Republican.

H. R. HEAGY, the very capable agent for the Pennsylvania railroad, at New Providence, is one of the most highly respected citizens of that township. He was born in the borough of Manheim Dec. 8, 1856, son of Francis and Lydia (Royer) Heagy, who were also residents of that part of Lancaster county. Francis Heagy was born in Germany, and came to America while still a youth. He is now a retired farmer of Penn township. His five children were: H. R., whose name opens this sketch; Catherine, wife of Frank Ritter, of Penn township; Elizabeth, wife of Cassius Snyder, of Manheim; John, of Penn township; and Frank, of Lancaster.

H. R. Heagy grew up on the farm and received his education in the public schools. When nineteen years old he began to study telegraphy with J. B. Myer, of Lancaster Junction, and on March 1, 1877, he came to New Providence and took charge of the station at that point. His capital then consisted of his knowledge of his trade and his deter-

mination to succeed, and by steady application to his duties he soon gained the favor of his employers and gradually won his way into the esteem of the public. By a provident husbanding of his means Mr. Heagy soon became independent and acquired property, owning now a handsome residence and a prosperous business, in partnership with his son, in the lumber, coal and fertilizer line.

Mr. Heagy is a staunch Republican, and he was elected justice of the peace in 1893, efficiently performing the duties of that office ever since. He has been very prominent in the affairs of the Reformed Church in New Providence, and is president of the Christian Endeavor Society.

On July 11, 1882, Mr. Heagy married Miss Lydia Groff, daughter of John and Maria (Brubaker) Groff, of New Providence, and this marriage has been blessed with seven children, viz: Miss Florence, a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; John F., with his father in the railroad office; Maria and Walter, at home; Helen, deceased; and Ruth and Paul Hiram, at home.

Mr. Heagy has been very successful in his business career, and when questioned about it, frankly attributes it to hard work. As an indication of his close attention to duty it may be mentioned that he has been absent from his post but ten days in the past twenty-five years. He is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of New Providence, a very public-spirited one, and few men in this locality have more attached personal friends.

MILTON THOMAS GARVIN, dry goods merchant of Lancaster, was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, Aug. 14, 1860.

Milton Y. Garvin, his father, was descended from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian Garvins who settled in Delaware about 1750, and the English Quaker family of Brown, who were among the first Quaker settlers of Chester county. Milton Y. Garvin married Hannah R. Hannum, whose ancestors were the Welsh Quaker family of Hannum, and the English Quaker family of Reynolds, both of whom settled in Pennsylvania during the governorship of William Penn.

Mr. Garvin spent his early boyhood with his father's sister on a farm in Cecil county, Md. At the age of thirteen years, his uncle having died, he came to Lancaster City to live with his mother, who was now married to William J. Baer. A few months later, at the age of fourteen, he entered the dry goods store of R. E. Fahnestock as errand boy, and two years later was promoted to be salesman. In 1882, through physical infirmities, Mr. Fahnestock was obliged to have some one to manage his business and assume its cares, and the selection fell upon Mr. Garvin, who had just reached his majority. Appreciating the responsibility of the position, he took vigorous hold, and managed this business for twelve years.

In 1886 Mr. Garvin married Catherine A.,

widow of Abijah D. Gyger, and a daughter of Anthony and Catherine (McLaughlin) Lechler, who was born at Paradise, this county, where her father was famous as a hotel keeper, but who subsequently moved to Lancaster, where for years he kept the County House.

Early in 1894, on account of old age and total disability, Mr. Fahnestock decided to retire, and Mr. Garvin took over the business and succeeded him. On March 5th, of the same year, under the firm name of M. T. Garvin & Co., he opened the store at the old stand, Nos. 35 and 37 East King street, next to the Court House, which, under the popular name of "The Leader" is to-day one of Lancaster's best-known shopping marts. Mr. Garvin's business is conducted on strictly up-to-date cash principles, with one price to all and discounts to none as one of the fundamentals. The interests of the employes, of whom there are an average of forty-five, are well cared for and kindly considered.

In early life Mr. Garvin received only such education as was obtained at the short winter sessions of a log cabin school, in Maryland, but the foundation laid there was afterward built upon by the devotion of spare moments to reading and study, and the knowledge thus gained has stood him in good stead in later years. While not a member of any church, Mr. Garvin takes an active interest in the Friends' Association of Lancaster, and the new Unitarian movement. In politics he is independent and progressive, and usually affiliates with the Democratic party. Mr. Garvin is connected with various interests in his adopted city. He is an officer of the Mechanics' Circulating Library; an active member of the Board of Trade, of which he is president; a director of the General Hospital; secretary of the Lancaster Dry-goods Association; a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; the Lancaster County Historical Society; the Society for Psychical Research, and others, and he is always to be counted upon as an active supporter of Lancaster's charitable institutions.

JAMES PRANGLEY, JR., of the general insurance and real estate firm of James Prangley, Jr., No. 27 East Orange St., Lancaster, was born in that city March 28, 1864.

His grandfather, also named James, was an engineer near Liverpool, England. His father, James Prangley (2), came to America sixty years ago, when nine years old. His first employment was with the saw manufactory of Henry Disston & Sons. He went to Lancaster in 1863, and opened a "Cheap John" store in North Queen street, between Orange and Chestnut. He then moved to the present location of Watt & Shand's New York store in East King street. In 1872 he retired from the store, and in 1879 engaged in the leaf tobacco trade. In 1881 he established a cigar factory, employing from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five people.

He remained in this until 1897. Mr. Prangley also manufactured brick for twenty years, until the plant was destroyed by fire in April, 1900. Late in 1900 he engaged in the coal business, and still continues in that line. Mr. Prangley married Miss Mary Macaulif, daughter of John Macaulif, a musician of England, and of this marriage three children were born: Lida and Bessie, at home; and James, Jr. A half sister of the latter, Alice, was the wife of Henry Martin, of the Henry Martin Brick Machine Manufacturing Co., but she died several years ago. Mrs. Mary (Macaulif) Prangley died in August, 1899.

James Prangley, Jr., of the third generation bearing the same name, was educated in the Lancaster schools, leaving the Boys' High School to attend Weidler's Business College, from which institution he was graduated. He became a partner of his father in the cigar factory, but quit it in 1897 to enter his present business as partner of Martin Rife. This has proved highly successful.

On October 17, 1893, Mr. Prangley married Miss Catherine Knapp, daughter of the late Lawrence Knapp of Knapp Villa, a place familiar to all. Two sons have been born of this marriage: James, named for his father, grandfather and great-grandfather; and Lawrence, named for his grandfather Knapp. Mr. Prangley has a pleasant home at No. 690 Columbia avenue. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran congregation, and has played the chimes of that church for the past twelve years, his early morning concerts being features of all church festival days, such as Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, etc., while his patriotic airs arouse the people at four o'clock on every Fourth of July morning. For nine years he was a warden of Trinity, and both he and his wife are members of the church choir, in which they are very popular. Mr. Prangley belongs to the Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Malta and the Elks.

GEORGE GABRIEL GOLDBACH, the successful florist and landscape gardener, located opposite the Lancaster county Almshouse, on the Philadelphia turnpike, is a son of Lorenz Goldbach, now leading a life of well-deserved retirement at his home on the Groffstown road, just east of Lancaster.

Lorenz Goldbach came to America from Bavaria, and settled on a farm near Bareville, this county, in 1876, removing to Lancaster in the spring of 1885, and locating on Rockland street, where he carried on gardening. In 1895 he removed to his present home, on the Groffstown road, where he carried on trucking until recently, when he retired from active pursuits. His first wife was Miss Gertrude Busenbrugge, of Westphalia, Germany, by whom he had the following children: John, who died at Spokane Falls, Wash., in 1889; Theresa, wife of Oscar Hilbert, of the *New Era* job department; Charles, a traveling salesman for a Philadelphia drug house; Henry, a shoe cutter, who died in 1894,

while in the employ of the Kray Shoe Co.; Herman, a florist and gardener, now managing his father's place on the Groffstown road; and George G. After the death of the mother of these children Mr. Goldbach married, in January, 1882, Miss Anna Kiehl, of New York, who was born in Germany, and the following children have blessed this union: Amelia, a dressmaker; Frank, who works for George G. Goldbach, the florist; Mary and Lizzie, at home; and Anthony, who died in 1896, aged four years.

George Gabriel Goldbach was born in Upper Leacock township Feb. 6, 1878, and, his parents removing to Lancaster when he was young, his education was received in St. Anthony's Parochial School. When he was thirteen years old his father placed him with A. D. Rohrer & Bro., florists, and there he received the training that has made him the expert florist and landscape gardener that he is to-day. In 1897, in association with his brother, Herman, he leased the Rohrer hothouses, and until September, 1900, they carried on the business as Goldbach Bros. The firm was then dissolved, George G. Goldbach continuing the business alone. He confines himself largely to wholesaling, finding a ready sale for all he can produce in the Philadelphia markets. He makes a specialty of growing violets, and his annual output in this flower alone is the bloom of 10,000 plants. With 15,000 feet under glass, the plant, flower and vegetable producing capacity is immense. As a landscape gardener Mr. Goldbach's work stands high, the flower beds at Rocky Springs Park having been laid out and planted by him for several years in the past.

On June 26, 1900, Mr. Goldbach was married to Ida, daughter of the late John Ransing, of Lancaster. They began housekeeping in a pretty cottage on the Philadelphia turnpike, almost directly opposite the hothouses, but Mr. Goldbach recently purchased a lot of ground at the corner of East Orange street and Ranck avenue, where he intends building himself a fine home. One child, Agnes Mary, born May 1, 1901, has blessed their marriage. Mr. Goldbach is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, of St. Michael's Society, the Knights of St. John, St. John's Beneficial Society, the Young Men's Democratic Society, and the American Florists Association. Industrious, energetic, intelligent and prompt in his business methods, he certainly gives promise of a most successful future.

ELLIS PICKEL, proprietor of the grocery store at South Duke and Church Streets, Lancaster, is descended from a family who have been prominent in agricultural circles in Lancaster county for many generations.

Leonard Pickel, his father, owned a farm at Georgetown, Bart township, and from there removed to a point between Nickel Mines and the Furnace, where he bought another farm and engaged very successfully in its cultivation. Promi-

nent in politics, and enjoying an excellent reputation, he was elected a director of the poor on the Republican ticket. He died over twenty years ago, respected by all who knew him for his private and public worth.

Ellis Pickel was educated in the schools of his home district, leaving school at the age of eighteen years to drive ore teams for his father, in which work he was engaged for about three years. For a time following this he was a clerk in the White Hall store of Milton Heidelbaugh (since then a member of the State Legislature), and later on farmed for himself for three years on a place near Gap. Then he came to Lancaster and took a position with Flinn & Breneman, which he held three years; for three years he rented and farmed the Elmaker place near Gap; and then he again entered the employ of Flinn & Breneman, remaining with them this time for a period of sixteen years. In 1897 he bought the grocery store noted above, and the business has already proved a flattering success, presenting most encouraging prospects.

Mr. Pickel married Miss Mary Jane Brooks, daughter of Boyd J. Brooks, a farmer of Bart township, and to this union was born one daughter, Elsie, who is now the wife of A. Heber Francis, a well-known cigar broker of Lancaster.

Mr. Pickel has long been associated with church work, and was a trustee of his church while living in the country. He is now a member of the First Methodist Church of Lancaster, and fraternally is a member of the Knights of Malta, the American Mechanics, and the Artisans. Conscientious, courteous and accommodating, he has made hosts of friends, whose friendship grows the stronger the longer he is known.

THOMAS HIBSHMAN KELLER. Among the prominent citizens of Lititz is Thomas Hibshman Keller, who comes of most excellent stock, his ancestors having been among the oldest and best-known people in this section of the State. He is a grandson of the well-known John Keller, a native of this county and a farmer of Ephrata township, whose father's farm extended along Indian Creek, toward Ephrata. On the maternal side he is a grandson of Hon. Henry Hibshman, a senator of the State of Pennsylvania, belonging to a family whose members were distinguished as jurists and in the affairs of the State.

Harry B. Keller, father of Thomas H., was a merchant of Lincoln, this county, where he died in 1854. He married Mary Hibshman, and to this union the following named children were born: Henry B., who occupies a responsible position in the United States Mint, in Philadelphia; and Thomas H., of Lititz.

Thomas Hibshman Keller was born at Lincoln, this county, in 1853, and was educated in the public schools of the district, leaving school at the age of fifteen years and becoming a clerk in Royer's store,

at Lincoln. Later he engaged in clerking in Weidman's store, at West Lincoln, remaining there three years, at the end of which time he began baking the now famous Lititz pretzels, and has been so engaged ever since.

In 1876 Mr. Keller married Miss Clara V. Sturgis, daughter of Julius F. Sturgis, the original manufacturer of the Lititz pretzels, and to this union nine children were born, seven of whom are living: Mary Jane, wife of William Fishburn, editor and publisher of the *Ephrata Reporter*; Julius Henry, an artist in modeling, in Philadelphia; Lottie Cecelia and Carrie M., both at home; Thomas H., Jr., attending the Lititz high school; and Lewis R. and Philip Deichler, at school, the latter attending a kindergarten.

Mr. Keller is a staunch Republican in politics, and he has served as a member of the school board of Lititz for a term of three years. He is a devout Moravian in religion, and fraternally he is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Apart from his business and church affairs, and his societies, Mr. Keller has given much time and attention to enterprises looking to the welfare of the historic borough of which he is so popular and progressive a citizen. He was one of the most active managers of the first Lancaster County Fair ever held in Lititz, and has also been manager of eight county fairs held in McGranis Park, Lancaster, being one of the gentlemen most closely concerned in the fine fairs held in 1899 and 1900; he was secretary as well as manager of the latter, the most successful fair in the history of the county. Kind and courteous to everybody, ever ready to help a friend, and ready to give of his time, efforts and interest, as well as means, to promote the interests of the community in which he lives, Mr. Keller has fairly earned a prominent place in the public regard.

As an inventor Mr. Keller has made an enviable record. His first invention (1879) was a pretzel machine, and for the past seven years he has been working on and perfecting an automatic cigar machine, in company with B. W. Snively, of New Brunnerville. Their first patent on this was received Jan. 10, 1899, since when additional patents have been granted on the invention. This machine is expected to revolutionize the cigar manufacturing industry throughout the world.

JOHN W. ARMSTRONG. Among the popular extra conductors on the Pennsylvania railroad none have more friends than this gentleman, who makes his home in Columbia. He is a native of Lancaster county, born in Marietta, Nov. 8, 1864, a son of John W., Sr., and Kate (Kugle) Armstrong.

John W. Armstrong, Sr., was born at Donegal Springs, same county, a son of Hon. Andrew A. and Mary A. (Brenneman) Armstrong, the former a native of Silver Springs township, Cumberland

Co., Pa., the latter of Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. Both died in Mt. Joy. Andrew A. Armstrong was a farmer in early life, and being one of the most prominent and influential men of his community, he was elected to the State Legislature. On his retirement to private life, he embarked in the gray and malleable iron business, which he carried on until his death, which occurred in 1876, when he was sixty-seven years of age. His father, James Armstrong, was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and emigrated from Scotland to the United States in 1745, locating in Silver Springs township, Cumberland Co., Pa., where he conducted a tannery throughout the remainder of his life. John W. Armstrong, Sr., the father of our subject, followed farming until the Civil war broke out, when he entered the service as a member of Co. B, 45th P. V. V., and was killed at Petersburg, Va., July 17, 1864, at the age of twenty-two years. His widow afterward married William McNeil, and by that union had seven children. She is a resident of Marietta, where she was born, a daughter of George Kugle, an agriculturist of Lancaster county.

John W. Armstrong, of this review, spent the first three years of his life in Marietta, and then went to live with his paternal grandfather at Donegal Springs, remaining with him until the latter's death, when he was sent to the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Mt. Joy, where he was graduated in November, 1880. He was his father's only child. After leaving school he commenced learning the printer's trade, at which he worked in Carlisle, Pa., from November, 1880, until the next April, when the firm with which he was connected sold out, and he went to St. Louis, Mo. After working on the Mississippi river for nine months, Mr. Armstrong returned to Lancaster county, Pa., and worked at the molder's trade in Mt. Joy until January, 1886, when he came to Columbia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. as brakeman. In September, 1892, he was made flagman, and was promoted to extra conductor April 10, 1900.

On Sept. 5, 1884, at Florin, Lancaster county, Mr. Armstrong married Miss Anna A. Buck, who was born in York, Pa., Nov. 10, 1868, a daughter of Nathaniel and Susan (Lowe) Buck, also natives of York county. The father, a farmer by occupation, is now residing in Lehigh county, Pa. He was a soldier of the Civil war and was wounded in the service. To Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong were born four children, namely: Oscar C.; Mamie E., who died Aug. 28, 1886; Edward S.; and John W. Politically, Mr. Armstrong affiliates with the Republican party, and fraternally is connected with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Knights of Pythias, and the Improved Order of Red Men.

LEVI BECKER. The prosperity of the great State of Pennsylvania does not rest upon her commercial relations, nor upon her wealth of mineral deposits, as much as upon her great agricultural re-

sources. The farmers are the backbone of the State, and in no county are they more prosperous and thrifty than in wealthy, solid and respected Lancaster county. The revenue gathered into the coffers of the State from that county alone would give surprise to many of those unfamiliar with existing conditions.

Among the successful agriculturists of Ephrata township is Levi Becker, a most estimable and highly respected citizen, who owns 112 acres of some of the choicest land in the county. He was born Feb. 21, 1872, a son of the late Israel and Caroline Becker, of this county. Israel Becker was a son of Henry Becker, a prominent farmer of the county, a German by ancestry, and the father of a family of fourteen children. Israel Becker was also a farmer, and well and favorably known in the neighborhood near Lititz, and reared these children: Henry B. married Mary Seibert; John B. is a farmer located about two miles from Lititz, in Warwick township; Leah resides near Brunersville, Pa.; Henry; Levi; and Katie, deceased.

Levi Becker was reared on a farm, and as his father before him, chose farming as his life work. His education was received in the common schools of his district, and soon after finishing the course, he engaged extensively in agricultural pursuits, his fine, well cultivated farm showing that he thoroughly understands all matters pertaining to the proper tillage of the soil.

On Jan. 7, 1894, Levi Becker was married to Miss Lillie Habecker, of Clay township, the estimable daughter of Augustus Habecker, and two children have been born of this union: Elsie, born in 1895; and Leroy, born Oct. 6, 1897. In his political affiliations, Mr. Becker has always voted with the Republican party, but has never taken the time to seek for office, leaving that for those who have less fine land to cultivate. Although not formally connected with any religious denomination, he believes that a moral life is better than many protestations, and is regarded by his neighbors as a model husband and father, and as one of the best and most reliable of the citizens of Ephrata township.

REV. JOHN ALLEN CRAWFORD, pastor of the Memorial Presbyterian Church, South Queen street, Lancaster, is a native of West Virginia, born April 2, 1868, in the city of Wheeling, and comes of Scottish-English ancestry.

Michael C. Crawford, his father, came to America from the North of Ireland about the year 1856, and settled in Wheeling, W. Va. He married Elizabeth Malinda Allum, daughter of John Allum, of Washington county, Pa. Rev. John Allen Crawford was the second child in a family of six children, the names of the others being Lucy, Virginia Lillian, James Dellmore, William Theodore, and Robert Cecil.

John Allen Crawford received his earlier education in part at Lindsley Institute, in part at the

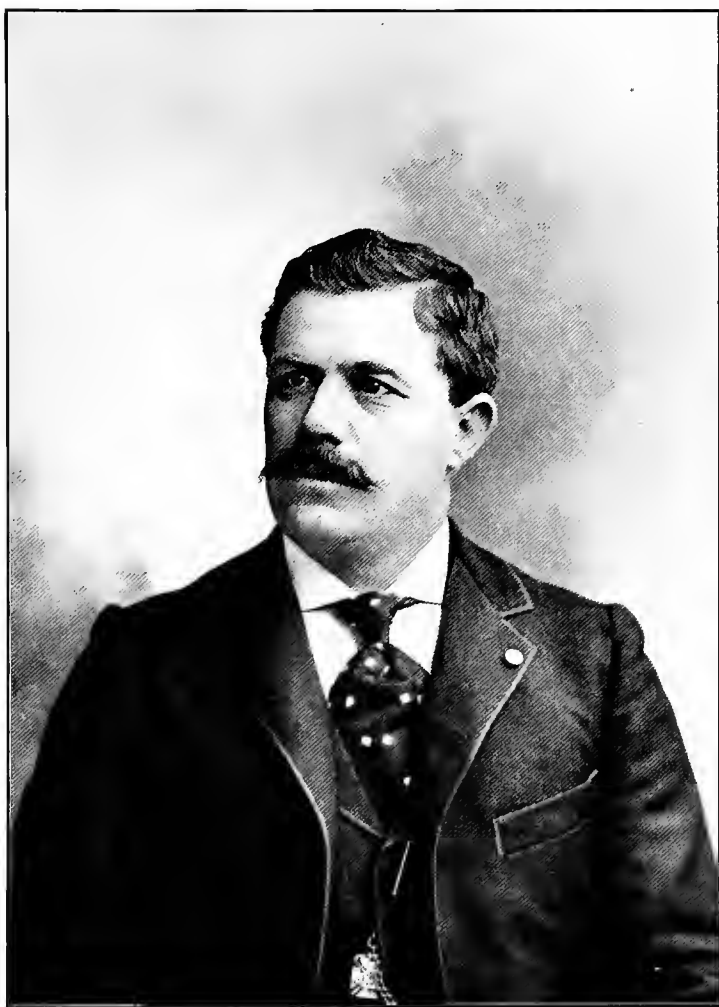
high school in Wheeling, from which latter he was graduated with first honors in 1884. He next attended the University of West Virginia, at Morgantown, that state, and after three years' study there he entered the college at Adrian, Mich., from which he was graduated June 21, 1888. In September of the same year Mr. Crawford began his course in the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, at Allegheny, Pa.; on April 9, 1890, he was licensed to preach, by the Presbytery of Washington, at Claysville, Pa., and on May 7, 1891, was graduated from the Theological Seminary. Immediately after his graduation from the seminary he was called to the First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale, Mich., and was ordained and installed Sept. 16, 1891, remaining there until Oct. 1, 1894, when he accepted a call to Dillsburg, York Co., Pa., at which place he continued until the spring of 1899, serving the churches at Dillsburg and York Springs. In May, 1899, Mr. Crawford accepted the call to the Memorial Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and was installed pastor thereof June 8, 1899. He has since met with gratifying success, the church having steadily grown under his pastorate.

This, in brief, is the interesting career of one who, although a resident of Lancaster but a comparatively short time, has made his influence greatly felt in this community, and being in the very vigor of young manhood his future is full of bright promise, for all who know him and have watched his progress look confidently for the fullest fruition of the good seed thus early sown by him.

On June 14, 1893, Mr. Crawford was married at Ridgway, Pa., to Miss Blanche Webster Powers, daughter of H. M. Powers, a prominent member of the Bar of Ridgway. Mrs. Crawford's family were from Maine, and related to Daniel Webster, the famous statesman and orator; she is also connected, by descent, with Gen. Stark, of Revolutionary fame.

EDGAR B. KREADY, a thriving young tobacco packer and merchant at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, same county, Oct. 29, 1866, and is a son of Jacob C. and Mary (Bowers) Kready, natives of West Hempfield township.

Jacob C. Kready was a farmer and distiller in Manor township in his early days, but abandoned distilling in 1861. He served as county commissioner, and held at different times various township offices. He died in Manor township in October, 1884, at the age of fifty-six years, a member of the Reformed Church at Rohrerstown, where his remains were buried. Mrs. Kready still has her residence in Manor township. She was born in 1842. To Jacob C. and Mary Kready were born seven children, viz.: Alfred B., a farmer of Manor township; Elizabeth, living with her mother; Emma B., wife of C. F. Charles, a farmer in Manor township; John, a farmer, living with his mother; Edgar B., whose name opens this review; Mary, wife of Jacob Mow-



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rer, in the machine business at Lancaster; and Harry, deceased.

Edgar B. Kready lived upon the home farm until 1893, when he came to Mountville, as he had, although a Republican, been appointed by Grover Cleveland—Democratic President of the United States—postmaster at Mountville. On coming to Mountville he engaged in mercantile business in connection with his post office duties, and also began buying, packing and selling tobacco. On Nov. 1, 1899, Mr. Kready discontinued the general merchandising branch of his business, and went into partnership with his brother-in-law, C. F. Charles, confining himself exclusively to the tobacco trade.

In April, 1895, Edgar B. Kready was united in marriage, in Columbia, Pa., with Miss Laura M. Walker, and this union has been crowned with three children—Marion W., Esther W. and Mary Elizabeth. Mrs. Laura M. (Walker) Kready was born in West Hempfield township Aug. 10, 1873, and is a daughter of Christian F. and Esther A. (Kelley) Walker. Her father, who was a contractor and builder, in 1889 removed his family to Columbia, and was killed in Lancaster city, by a fall from a scaffold, Jan. 8, 1890, at the age of fifty-two years. He had served as a private in the war of the Rebellion, and was a member of the G. A. R., a Mason and an Artisan. To Christian F. and Esther A. Walker were born three children, viz.: Mary M., wife of Harry Forry, of Columbia; Laura M.; and William, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Edgar B. Kready, William and Martha (Fridy) Walker, were natives of West Hempfield township; the grandfather was born in 1816, and lived retired in Kleinsville, Lancaster county, where he died Oct. 14, 1901; the grandmother was called away in 1885, at the age of seventy-five years. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Kready, John and Mary (Houghendouglar) Kelley, were also natives of West Hempfield township, where Mr. Kelley was a raftsmen on the river, and where he died; his widow then married John Kame.

Edgar B. Kready is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., affiliating with Lodge No. 65, at Mountville; and also unites with the Knights of Malta, No. 159, at Lancaster; and the K. of M. C., at Mountville. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a very popular young man with his party, but has never sought an office. He is known in the business world as a "hustler," one who drives his business.

D. JEFFERSON HERR, an enterprising young farmer of Strasburg township, was born there July 5, 1873, son of C. S. B. and Lizzie A. Herr. The father is deceased, and the mother now makes her home in West Lampeter township.

Our subject was given a good practical education in the public schools of his native township. He was reared to farming on the place he now conducts and since he commenced life on his own account has

given all his attention to that occupation, with gratifying results, it must be conceded. In 1897 he took full charge of the home place, which comprises 100 acres of valuable land, devoted to general crops. Mr. Herr has already displayed a most progressive spirit and advanced ideas, as regards the development of both the agricultural interests and the welfare of his section in general. He bids fair to become a worthy representative of a family which has stood second to none in Lancaster county for generations.

On Sept. 4, 1900, Mr. Herr married Miss Cora L. Groff, daughter of Henry L. Groff, of that township. In religion Mr. and Mrs. Herr are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Politically he is a Republican.

SAMUEL S. SHELLY, general farmer and fertilizer agent, was born in Rapho township Dec. 1, 1868, a son of Emanuel and Anna (Shearer) Shelly, of Rapho and Mt. Joy townships, respectively.

The parents now reside near Manheim, in Rapho township, where they reside on and conduct a fine farm. The following children blessed their union: Samuel S.; Anna, wife of Aaron Peters, a Rapho township farmer; Emma, who died in childhood; Emanuel, who died in youth; Nathan, living with his father; and Amos, Maria, Ephraim, Harvey, Lizzie, Minnie and Emma, all residing at home with their parents. The grandparents of Samuel S. Shelly were Samuel and Maria (Ager) Shelly, of Lancaster county.

In 1890, at Manheim, Samuel S. Shelly was married to Miss Emma A. Keener. There have been born to this union the following children: Daisy K., Mabel K. and Minnie K. Mrs. Emma (Keener) Shelly was born in Rapho township in 1867, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Fretz) Keener, of Lancaster county. The father died on his farm in March, 1900, at the age of fifty-eight years, and is buried in Sterns' Meeting House cemetery. Mrs. Keener was born in 1848, and is still living in Rapho township. The following children of this union are living: Clayton, a farmer occupying the homestead; Maggie, unmarried, residing with her mother; and Emma, wife of Mr. Shelly.

Samuel S. Shelly lived in the farm with his parents until his marriage, receiving in the meantime a good education in the public schools of the district. After his marriage he worked for his father on a share proposition until 1894, when he purchased and removed to his present home. He has been more than usually successful, which fact is due to his careful and thrifty habits. He is a Republican in politics, but has not yet sought for nor held office. Friendly to all, he commands the best wishes and respect of his neighbors. Mr. Shelly has at heart the best interests of his township, and allows no opportunity to pass which enables him to assist in measures for the improvement of the vicinity both socially and financially.

CLAYTON F. KEENER, brother of Mrs. Samuel S. Shelly, is a general farmer of Rapho township, and was born on the family homestead, where he now resides, Aug. 27, 1871. As already mentioned, the father died in 1900, while his widow resides in the township, near Chiques Church. Mr. Keener's grandfather, Joseph Keener, died in Milton Grove, in May, 1899, at the age of eighty-four years. For several years prior to his death, he lived retired, resting from the cares of business in which he had for so many years been so actively engaged. Mr. Keener's grandparents on his mother's side were Daniel and Margret Fretz. In March, 1897, in Manheim, Clayton F. Keener was married to Miss Amanda Metzger. One child, Jacob L., has been born to them. Mrs. Keener was born near Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. Mr. Keener has, as stated, always lived on the family homestead, and under his management the place has yielded an abundant income. He is a Republican in politics, and takes an active interest in the affairs of the party. He is well known and well liked in his district, and, being progressive in all his tendencies, will some day, undoubtedly, take a prominent position in his community.

ALDUS C. MYLIN, a prominent and substantial farmer and stock raiser of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, has been identified with the improvement and progress of that section for many years, residing on the old family homestead, which is located adjacent to the village limits of Willowstreet.

John B. Mylin, his father, resided upon the place previous to his retirement, at which time Aldus C., having been prepared by training, for an agricultural life, took charge of the estate, which he has most successfully managed ever since. The original homestead consisted of 126 acres of fine land, and to this Aldus C. Mylin has added two other tracts, of considerable extent, one of sixty acres, in West Hempfield, and another of 100 acres, in Manor township; he is also the owner of a number of lots and smaller tracts. Some of his land is peculiarly adapted to the raising of stock and cattle, and is used for that purpose, as Mr. Mylin is much interested in and very successful in the breeding of stock; some of his horses have been regarded as very valuable. His stock and cattle are all high grade, and he has taken great pains to introduce only the finest strains into the neighborhood, thus benefiting his locality, and setting an example for others.

All of the properties belonging to Aldus C. Mylin may be recognized by the excellence of the improvements, and the air of thrift and prosperity which surrounds them, Mr. Mylin taking a personal interest in their preservation and adornment. He is known far and wide as a man of great generosity, ever ready to extend the helping hand, and although he has sometimes been the victim of ingratitude he has not lost faith in the world, and keeps on his

Christian way. Although a staunch Republican, from principle, he has never sought nor consented to hold political office. Mr. Mylin received his education in the common schools.

Aldus C. Mylin was married March 29, 1885, to Adaline Herr, daughter of David O. and Mary Ann (Huber) Herr, who was born in Manor township, on the old homestead, near Creswell (formerly known as Turkey Hill), March 5, 1857. After marriage Mr. and Mrs. Mylin began housekeeping where they have resided ever since, and they are among the most respected members of the community.

David Herr, the father of Mrs. Mylin, was born on the farm in Manor township June 30, 1826, son of David and Barbara (Olenweiler) Herr, and died Sept. 16, 1890. He was reared on the farm where he lived for a long time after marriage, residing there at the time of his death. His wife was born in West Hempfield, near Mountville, July 18, 1832, daughter of John and Elizabeth Huber, and died Nov. 19, 1876. A family of ten children was born to them: One that died in infancy; John, who became a resident of the West; Emma, residing in Millersville; Elizabeth, who married Jacob B. Herr, of Fulton township; Adaline, who married Aldus C. Mylin; Anna Mary and Susan, twins, deceased; Ida, deceased, who married Amziah Herr; Fannie, deceased, and one that died in infancy. The members of this family were consistent members of the Evangelical Church.

CLAYTON LANDIS GRABILL, the popular grocer of West King street, Lancaster, descends from ancestors who came from Germany to this country about 1700, settling in Lancaster county, and furnishing to this section some of its most reliable and trustworthy people. John Grabill, his great-grandfather, was a farmer at Bareville. His father, Abram R. Grabill, was a farmer near Earlville, Lancaster county, and married Fianna Landis, daughter of Benjamin Landis, a farmer of Bareville. The children of this union are as follows: Henry M., a farmer in Kansas; Ida A., wife of J. H. Black, a merchant tailor at Akron, Lancaster county; Clayton L., of Lancaster; Landis B., at home; Ella, at home; Minnie C., wife of Rev. G. W. Hangen, of Lebanon; and Carrie, at home.

Clayton Landis Grabill was born on the old homestead, near Earlville, in 1866, and was educated in the public schools of the district, attending until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he came to Lancaster and entered the grocery store of his uncle, with whom he remained seven years. At the expiration of that time he opened business on his own account, establishing a store on West King street, which has become very popular under his careful and attentive management, and where he is found at the present time. So successful was Mr. Grabill in his efforts to please the public that he was encouraged to open a branch store at the corner of North Queen and Lemon streets, which, conducted

on the high plane on which he has always done business, has commanded a very good patronage.

Mr. Grabill married Miss Orpha Good, daughter of Daniel D. Good, well known in connection with the cattle trade. Mr. Grabill is an active and earnest member of the Covenant U. B. Church, of which he has been a trustee for the last ten years. No man of his years has shown more progressive business methods than has Mr. Grabill. Both his stores are constantly stocked with the latest and the best goods, and courtesy, fair dealing and a readiness to oblige and accommodate have won wide patronage.

ABRAM K. ROHRER, member of the wholesale florist firm of A. K. Rohrer & Co., Lancaster, was born in West Lampeter, Lancaster county, Nov. 16, 1872, son of Henry D. Rohrer, who is now partially retired from the florist business.

Mr. Rohrer lived with his parents during his youth and early manhood, and received a practical education in the public schools of his neighborhood. In 1893 he became associated with the business life of Lancaster as a partner of L. S. Landis, of this city, continuing thus until June 1, 1902, and he has since allied his energies with the firm of A. K. Rohrer & Co., florists. He is regarded as one of the promising and capable business men of Lancaster.

On April 2, 1901, Mr. Rohrer married Anna E. Edgerly, daughter of Capt. Edward Edgerly, of this city. Mr. Rohrer is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge, No. 1104, and is a Republican in National politics.

HENRY D. ROHRER, father of Abram K., was born in East Lampeter, Lancaster county, in March, 1847, son of Abraham and Susan (Denlinger) Rohrer, of East Lampeter, and grandson of Jacob Rohrer, who lived and died on his farm in Lampeter; he was of Swiss extraction. Abraham Rohrer was a farmer in early life, but retired from business cares during the last twenty years preceding his death, which occurred in 1901, at the age of eighty-eight years. He is buried in Mellinger cemetery, beside his wife, who died in 1892, when eighty-three years of age. Born of this union were the following children: Abraham D., who died in 1901; John D. E., a retired farmer; Henry D.; Benjamin, living on the old homestead at East Lampeter; and Anna D., who married Jacob Landis, a retired farmer of East Lampeter.

After attaining his majority Henry D. Rohrer left the paternal farm and went to that of his father-in-law, which he managed for about five years. In 1875 he bought with the proceeds of his toil some property in Lancaster, upon which he started a florist business with his brother Abraham D., continuing the same with marked success for eighteen years. The brother then entered upon a retail florist business, and Mr. Rohrer built the present wholesale plant at the end of East Orange street, which he still owns and manages. He has accomplished great good for his special part of the town, and may be

said to have entirely laid out the east end at his own expense, planting trees and shrubs, and otherwise imparting an air of thoughtful care to an erstwhile neglected suburb. The greenhouses, which have no superior, and which are still managed by him, are known from one end of the State to the other, and in many of the large cities in the surrounding States. In addition to roses, violets and carnations the firm ships more mushrooms than any other one concern in the State. They do only a wholesale business.

In October, 1869, Mr. Rohrer married Mary Kreider, daughter of Tobias Kreider, a retired farmer living in West Lampeter, at an advanced age. To Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have been born three children: Abram K., Harry K. and Ella.

JACOB L. SNYDER. The agricultural interests of Lancaster county, are in no danger of neglect as long as such active and progressive young men are at the helm as is Jacob L. Snyder, the subject of this biography.

Mr. Snyder was born Jan. 14, 1872, a son of Christian and Susan (Longenecker) Snyder, of Warwick township, the former being one of the leading agricultural men of that section living near the town of Lititz. The grandfather of Jacob L. Snyder, was Christian Snyder, well known in his day as a wealthy and respected man, and reared these children: Simon, a farmer in Clay township; Hiram, of Stevens; Mrs. Mary Nolt, of Hinkletown; Mrs. Barbara Striner, of Murrell; Abraham A., a farmer near Murrell; and Christian B., the father of Jacob L.

Christian B. Snyder married Susan Longenecker, in 1866, and four children were born of this union: Agnes, who married Jacob Wissler, of Clay township; Jacob L., of this sketch; Amanda, who died in childhood; and Nathan, born Nov. 20, 1876, who married, Oct. 10, 1897, Emma Brubaker.

Jacob L. Snyder was born on the farm in Warwick township, and grew up accustomed to agricultural pursuits, receiving his education in the excellent common schools of his district. The fine cultivation which his farm of eighty-three acres shows, and the improvements mark him as one of the progressive, careful and successful farmers of this part of the county. Prosperity has smiled upon him, but it is because he has carefully attended to his affairs, living an industrious and upright life, and possessing the respect and esteem of his neighbors.

On Aug. 10, 1893, Jacob L. Snyder was married to Miss Sadie H. Walter, of Lititz, the estimable daughter of Jacob and Kate (Hacker) Walter, of Lititz, and to this union has come one son, Christian Walter, born Nov. 6, 1895. The farm of our subject is pleasantly located about one-half mile east of the town of Lincoln, and thus the family can enjoy both town and country associations. Reared in the Mennonite faith, Jacob L. Snyder has lived an upright life, and possesses every requisite for a long, happy and useful career.

EZRA H. ZERCHER is a young farmer of East Donegal township who is rapidly coming into notice as thoroughly awake and progressive in his calling, that of agriculture, to which he has devoted his life. Mr. Zercher is engaged both as a general farmer and as the manager of the chop mills, which are very popular among his neighbors as a means of getting cattle feed in the best shape, and at moderate prices.

Ezra H. Zercher was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Jan. 19, 1870, son of Jacob Zercher, whose family history and personal sketch are found elsewhere. Mr. Zercher was married, Nov. 24, 1893, at the home of the bride's parents, in the township of Rapho, to Lizzie F. Hertzler, and the following children have been born to this union: Howard H., who is deceased; Anna, deceased; and Beulah.

Mrs. Lizzie F. (Hertzler) Zercher was born in Rapho township, Aug. 10, 1874, daughter of John H. and Salinda (Forney) Hertzler, who were born in Manor and West Donegal townships, respectively. They are now living in Rapho township, where they are spending their last days in quiet and peace, having given up the active care and labor of life to younger and more vigorous hands.

Ezra H. Zercher remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he began business for himself on a farm of eighty-four acres in East Donegal, where he did well, making many friends by his industrious habits and upright character. In 1901 he bought a farm of seventy-four acres, three-fourths of a mile south of Mt. Joy, and a few days after making the purchase, with the kind aid of his neighbors, he tore down the old structures, which were probably the oldest in the locality, the rude figures upon the builder's stone indicating the year 1765. These structures are now laid low with the ground, and in their place is erected a new house and barn, with all the modern improvements. In 1902 Mr. Zercher moved from the old farm to his new home, which he has just completed. The chop mill, which is noted above, was put up for Mr. Zercher in June, 1899, by Stauffer & Newcomer, of Mt. Joy, and is operated by a twelve-horse power gasoline engine. It is a fine piece of machinery, and is regarded as one of the best in the county.

In politics Mr. Zercher votes the Republican ticket, and in his religious convictions he is a devout member of the Church of the River Brethren, to which the Zercher family have long belonged.

ALBERT HARTMAN. One of the progressive and successful business citizens of Lancaster county is Albert Hartman, the leading hatter, who conducts a large hat and gents furnishing store at Columbia, and another, equally prosperous, in Lancaster. Mr. Hartman owns and carries on the oldest hat store in the county, having lately purchased the Arnold hat store, in the Zahm building, located on the Square, in Lancaster.

Mr. Hartman was born in Columbia July 1, 1869, son of John and Elizabeth (Heller) Hartman, the former of whom had been born and reared with his parents in York county, and the latter at Columbia, in Lancaster county. In 1847 Mr. Hartman moved to Columbia, where he engaged in painting, contracting and decorating for some years, and later became a successful speculator in real estate. His death took place Aug. 2, 1895, when he was aged sixty-five years. His widow, now aged sixty-nine years, is one of the very highly esteemed residents of Columbia. The children born to John and Elizabeth Hartman were: William, a decorator, living in Columbia; Emma, who died young; John, a resident of Columbia; Anna, who died young; Charles, of Columbia; and Albert, whose home is also in Columbia, although he does business also in Lancaster, as noted.

Mr. Hartman was reared in Columbia, and there attended the public schools until he was twelve years of age, when he entered the hat and furnishing goods store of H. H. Lockard, as a clerk, remaining there four years, during which time he became thoroughly instructed in the details of the business. He then accepted a position in a merchant tailoring establishment, and two years later again became associated with the hat business, with M. P. Roop, with whom he remained three years. Mr. Hartman had now reached the age of twenty, and had so completely learned his business that he felt qualified to embark in the same line, opening up a business in hats and gents furnishings which has continued to gather fresh patronage since its start. On April 24, 1902, he purchased the above mentioned store in Lancaster, and has invested a large capital, which is bringing him ample and satisfactory returns. His long experience in this line enables him to buy and sell to advantage, while his trade connections are such as to insure the best and latest designs in his very complete line.

In Columbia, in 1899, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Miss Lillie A. Rodgers, who was born in Milltown, Lancaster county, daughter of John B. Rodgers, of this county.

Mr. Hartman is a member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliating with Lodge No. 286, of Columbia. He ranks high in the world of trade, and in his home community is held in esteem on account of personal characteristics, having a wide circle of warmly attached friends.

ACTON ASH LEFEVRE, druggist and perfumer in Lancaster city, belongs to a family as old as that of the Penns. His first ancestor in America was Isaac LeFevre, a French Huguenot, who, coming to this country to escape persecution, joined Penn in London, and accompanied him in 1682. Some time before coming to this country he secured from Queen Anne a grant of land of 2,000 acres, lying between what is now Strasburg borough and Paradise, in this county. Strasburg was named in

honor of the old historic French city from which he came. The earliest of his ancestors in Europe of whom we have any knowledge translated the Bible into French for the first time, and was a correspondent of Martin Luther and Zwingli. One of this family became a great general under the first Napoleon. Part of the Strasburg grant of land is still in the possession of the LeFevres, and the cornerstone of the first log house erected by the first ancestor of the family in that section is still preserved.

Franklin Penn LeFevre, the father of Acton A., was a widely known resident of this county. He married Catherine Fulmer Ash, a descendant of a family of Revolutionary fame, and to this union were born five children, all of whom are living: Elmer I., in the lumber trade at Coatesville; Acton A., of Lancaster; Elizabeth S.; Benjamin Herr, a florist of Washington, D. C.; and Mary, unmarried and at home.

Acton Ash LeFevre was born Feb. 5, 1870, on the homestead near Strasburg, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, to which city his father removed while he was still a young lad. Leaving the high school, he entered the drug business, and after satisfactory examinations entered the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1894, acquiring the degree of Ph. G. The same year he opened an elegant drug store at the corner of South Queen and Conestoga streets, where he built up a handsome trade, and for four years of the time he was the owner of the second drug store located in the western part of the city.

On Jan. 1, 1900, Mr. LeFevre began the manufacture of perfumery, being the first in Lancaster to engage in that line. His first effort was on the Acton Carnation Pink, which sprang into instant and widespread popularity, and he has customers throughout the United States and Canada. He now manufactures a full line, consisting of many flower extracts, toilet waters, sachets, soaps and specialties. His trade of these delicate toilet articles extends throughout the country and is rapidly spreading, and has necessitated the erection of an extensive new laboratory.

Mr. LeFevre was married Oct. 15, 1894, to Miss Emma L., daughter of Frederick Wettig, a respected citizen of Lancaster. To this union have been born two children, Helen Catherine and Adelyne. Mr. LeFevre is a Baptist in religion and a Republican in politics. An earnest and progressive business man, his methods rank with the best in the community, and his personal character is such as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he deals.

JACOB L. EBERSOLE, a general farmer and highly-respected citizen of Conoy township, was born on the farm where he is now living, May 3, 1866, son of Jacob R. and Anna (Lehman) Ebersole, whose married life was passed on the same place. There the father was born, and is now living retired, at the age of sixty-five years; and there the

mother, who was born in Dauphin county, died Sept. 29, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in a private burying-ground which forms a part of the estate. Both parents were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: Peter L., a farmer in Conoy township; Lizzie, who is unmarried and lives at home; Maria L., at home; and Jacob L.

The paternal grandparents of Jacob L. Ebersole were Rev. Peter and Mary (Risser) Ebersole, the former of whom was a bishop in the Mennonite Church for many years, and was engaged in farming in addition to his clerical labors. He died in 1870, at the age of eighty years, his wife in 1866. Their children were: Barbara, who lives in this county, and is unmarried; Peter R., who died in 1899; Anna R., wife of Jacob Ebersole, of Lebanon county; Fanny R., deceased, wife of John E. Ebersole; and Jacob R.

Peter Lehman and his wife lived in Dauphin county, where he was engaged in farming, and where his daughter, Anna, the mother of Jacob L. Ebersole, was born.

Jacob L. Ebersole and Miss Sadie U. Ober were married in Manheim in September, 1888, and have had the following children: Johnson O., Jennie O., Reuben O., Bertha O., Lizzie O., Agnes O., Sadie O. and Emma O. Mrs. Ebersole was born in West Donegal township, this county, Feb. 21, 1865, a daughter of John Ober, a wagonmaker of that township. Her parents were honorable and industrious people, and she is a woman highly respected by all who know her.

Mr. Ebersole has remained with his parents on the home farm up to the present time. He takes an active and enlightened interest in public affairs, is a clever and thrifty man, energetic and enterprising, and has made an enviable name for himself. Both he and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

BENJAMIN W. HIRSH, youngest son of Abraham Hirsh, whose biography appears elsewhere, was born in Lancaster, and acquired his education in the city schools. Early in life he was taken into his father's store and given a practical knowledge of the extensive business which that gentleman had developed. The young man remained in the store for some time, but millinery and jewelry did not seem to be his line, and in 1887 he succeeded Cyrus Colvin in the livery business in Lancaster, continuing in that business until 1893, when he turned his attention to the handling of fine horses for the Philadelphia markets, buying largely in Canada and Wisconsin, and preparing the horses for sale at his own stables, known as the Eagle stables. This business he conducted for five years, in connection with the stables of the Northern Bank, and then was engaged exclusively for himself two years, with as many as eighty-six horses on his hands at one time. He has owned and tracked some of the

most speedy horses in the State. Mr. Hirsh moved to North Queen street in 1895, and opened one of the largest stables in the city, which was destroyed by fire the following year, the loss to him being very heavy. For several months following the fire he was in charge of the Northern Bank stables, and then located at Cherry alley, his present location. Mr. Hirsh is a thorough horseman, and a fine judge of horseflesh, and his attention is given exclusively to the horse business. He is a keen and shrewd business man, and is advancing rapidly to the front among the solid and successful men of Lancaster. He has been long recognized as a progressive and broad-minded citizen, one of the kind who prove useful members of a community. Socially Mr. Hirsh belongs to the Germania, Maennerchor and Club, and the Liederkrantz Society.

Benjamin W. Hirsh and Mrs. Cora Cheever were married June 12, 1900. Mrs. Hirsh is a daughter of Jesse Good, and is a lady of many charming traits and characteristics.

MISS ANNA MYER, of Conestoga township, Lancaster county, has the distinction of owning and conducting a farm herself quite as well as a man could do it. Her great-grandfather, Samuel Myer, who came from Germany, settled in Conestoga township about 1720, and took up 180 acres of land near Conestoga Center; he always followed farming. There were five children in his family: Nathaniel, who went to Oregon Territory and died there; So-crates; Rudolph, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river; Peggy, wife of Benjamin Shenk, of Conestoga township; and Samuel, grandfather of Miss Anna Myer.

Samuel Myer was a minister of the Old Mennonite Church. He started in the tanning business about 1812, on the farm where Miss Myer now lives, and the business is still carried on by her brother Abram. He married a Miss Harnish, of Conestoga township, and they became the parents of fourteen children: Anna, wife of Benjamin Kauffman; Rudolph, father of Anna Myer; Maria, wife of Christian Herr; Fannie, wife of Abram Miller, of Manor township; Jacob, of Ohio; Barbara, wife of Christian Hertzler, of Cumberland county; Elizabeth, wife of Abram Miland, of Pequea township; Abram, of Conestoga township; and several children who died in infancy.

Rudolph Myer, father of Anna Myer, was born in 1807. He was educated in the public schools and lived at home with his parents until the age of eighteen, when he went to work in the tanyard where he was employed for something over six years, at the end of that time buying the business from his father and continuing it on his own behalf until the time of his death, in 1886. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Susan Miller, of Manor township, and was the father of eight children: Barbara, wife of Jacob Charles, of Pequea township; Abram, of Conestoga; Mary, wife of Jo-

seph Eshleman, of Martic; Rudolph, who died in childhood; Isaac, who died in childhood; Samuel, of Conestoga township; Susan, wife of Joseph Harnish, of Pequea township; and Miss Anna, whose name opens this sketch.

Miss Myer is a fine manager, and under her rule the old homestead is kept in the very finest condition and is profitable as well. She is certainly to be congratulated on her fine executive ability, and is respected and esteemed by all who know her.

REV. CHARLES TOMPSON KNOX. The city of Lancaster takes a prominent place with her sister cities in educational, philanthropic and religious enterprises, and it is not a matter of surprise that within her borders Rev. Charles Tompson Knox, a Baptist minister endowed with youth, ability and true Christian spirit, should have been able to so interest the citizens at large, that they welcomed the establishment there of a little mission which was modestly named by its founder "The Strangers' Mission." Few at that date could have been found, however, to believe in the self-denial and continued enthusiasm of the young clergyman, or to have predicted the wonderful results from that small beginning.

Rev. Charles Tompson Knox was born at Rock Island, Ill., June 24, 1867. His paternal grandfather, Charles Bishop Knox, was born in Blandford, Mass., and after his marriage to Mary Gorham moved West, settling in Rock Island at a time when that thriving city contained only three houses.

Curtis Bishop Knox, a son of Charles Bishop Knox, for the past thirty years has been in the employ of the United States Government, in the Rock Island Arsenal. He married Martha Tompson, and three children were born to this union: One child died in infancy; Martha Tompson married George Stoughtenberg, who is a merchant in Moline, Ill., and the third is the founder and the beloved pastor of "The Strangers' Mission" and "The Door of Hope" in Lancaster.

Mr. Knox obtained his education at Shurtleff College, Alton, Ill., and afterward was ordained a Baptist minister, on Sept. 10, 1891. Coming to the city of Lancaster for a temporary sojourn, the trend of events, in June, 1895, led him into the work which resulted in the establishment of "The Strangers' Mission" and, later, "The Door of Hope," institutions which have done more in the way of philanthropy and charity and general usefulness than almost any other combination of benevolent enterprises. No such missionary work as has been done by Mr. Knox has ever been accomplished by any other agency or association of individuals in the history of the city. The scope and history of this wonderful work is told by Mr. Knox himself in a modest but convincing way, in "The Manual of the Strangers' Mission," from which we have been permitted to make the following extract:

"In 1895 I was in Lancaster temporarily for an-

other purpose, and was induced to start a Sunday-school in the little old schoolhouse opposite the Lancaster County Almshouse, which I secured through the kindness of the school board. This was done through the urgency of a lady whom I met, who felt the need of Christian work among the people of the East End.

"Accordingly, on July 7, 1895, the first session was opened with twenty-eight people present. Having other business that engaged me closely during the week, so that there was no time nor strength for pastoral work, it was nevertheless agreeable to me to preach the Word of God once on Sunday. To this I consented. It bound me to nothing and pledged no one else. There was no covenant and no salary. Miss Eliza E. Smith, a rich and benevolent lady of Lancaster, became the first contributor, and a warm friend and substantial patroness of the work.

"In this way, trusting only in God, and free to leave when I would, the first year passed quickly away. With the first anniversary in 1896, came the intimation that the school board could no longer permit us to occupy the school building for religious services. The members of the board were not in any way unfriendly to the good work, but outside affairs now forced them to refuse us the use of the schoolhouse any longer.

"Not discouraged, we set about securing other quarters, and an undenominational church was organized, and the Holy Communion was administered. During 1896 the work grew rapidly, friends multiplied, people were drawn into the Church and many souls saved.

"At the end of the second year the work had so enlarged, and my pastoral duties became so manifold, that I now felt sure God would have me to cut loose from all visible means of support and trust Him alone. Whereupon I took up my abode in the Mission house, spread my table, and opened my door to all who came needing help or shelter. No one has ever been turned from the door, and God has succored the work, and we never lacked assistance in, nor furtherance of, the good work.

"The needs of the poor of our city now impressed me, and a Day Nursery was opened to care for children whose mothers were obliged to toil for their daily bread. An employment agency was also opened, to serve as a medium where those wanting help and those in need of employment could have their respective wants filled. And still another branch of the uplifting work was the establishment of a free medical dispensary, to aid the sick poor. The following well-known physicians of Lancaster have been untiring in their services in connection with my various charities: Drs. M. L. Herr, A. M. Underwood, F. G. Hartman, T. B. Appel, Wm. H. Herr, Frank Alleman, W. S. Brenholtz and G. L. Cassel."

The third anniversary found the work still progressing. Willing and influential friends made it

possible to open the second "Strangers' Mission" in Faegleyville, a quarter in Lancaster that had long been in need of such missionary work, and where under the earnest ministrations of Rev. Mr. Knox and his loyal band of helpers, most encouraging headway has been made.

The fourth anniversary, in 1899, found the pastor of this unique church, with its auxiliary missionary work, with new responsibilities confronting him. "A Door of Hope," for fallen women, had been opened. On Oct. 2, 1899, the home was consecrated to its grand, soul-saving and rescuing purposes, and it immediately opened its doors to fallen but repentant women. During that year the institution fed and sheltered many. As freely as assistance came to it from all quarters, so freely and bounteously it was dispensed to those in need.

In the winter of 1901, influenced by a strange leading of God, while visiting Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, of New York, Rev. Mr. Knox felt the need of a gospel meeting to be held every night for the people of the street in Lancaster. This same peculiar leading, working on H. Z. Rhoads, caused him to offer a hall in his beautiful building in the center of the city, and thus was opened Central Hall, where the Gospel of Jesus is preached and sung every night.

This work is essentially a faith work, and as such has been blessed by God. The faithful pastor has never received one dollar as salary, and though all the contributions which support the various enterprises are entirely voluntary, the work has never halted an hour for lack of means. Mr. Knox is a strong man, one whose heart has been set upon a clearly defined purpose, and no personal lack has ever turned him from the great and noble standard which he has set up to reach. May he be still prospered in his labors!

MARTIN G. HESS, the efficient and popular cashier of the Keystone National Bank of Manheim, is a native of Lancaster county, born in Penn township April 5, 1865, son of Levi H. and Salinda S. (Gross) Hess, now residents of Manheim. His father is a retired farmer, is domestic in his tastes, and a Republican in politics. Religiously both he and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church. In the family of this worthy couple were ten children, namely; Noah, a fruit grower and farmer of Rothsville, Lancaster county; Henry, deceased; Martin G., of this review; Mary, wife of A. H. Brubaker, living near Rohrerstown, Lancaster county; Levi, manager of a branch house of the American Wringer Company at Springfield, Mass.; Phares, a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county; Salinda, at home; Elam, a school teacher in Lancaster county; Ammon, attending school at Mt. Hermon, Mass.; and Jerome, who is attending school in Manheim, and resides at home.

Martin G. Hess received his early education in the public schools near his boyhood home, and later

took a business course at the Coleman Business College, Newark, N. J. In June, 1888, he entered the Keystone National Bank, as a clerk, and in November, 1890, was appointed cashier, which responsible position he has since filled with credit and distinction. In December, 1901, he assisted in the organization of the Denver National Bank, of Denver, this county, and was elected its first president. He was one of the promoters of the Lancaster, Petersburg & Manheim trolley railroad, of which he is a director. Mr. Hess is a young man of good business ability, energetic and progressive, and commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact, either in business or in social life.

On Sept. 23, 1890, Mr. Hess married Miss Emma R. Erb. Both hold membership in the German Reformed Church.

JOHN F. LANDIS, a retired farmer of West Donegal township, whose years and industrious life alike command respect and confidence, is still engaged in operating a feed mill in that township, on the farm where he has spent so many honest and laborious years.

Mr. Landis was born in Manheim township, near Neffsville, Sept. 30, 1837, son of David and Nancy (Frick) Landis, both natives of Lancaster county. The father was a farmer, and in his younger days a blacksmith, and retired from active work some two years prior to his death, Dec. 25, 1864, at the age of fifty-eight years. His widow survived many years, dying June 23, 1885, when over seventy-six years old. They were buried in the cemetery connected with the Landis Meeting House, a well-known place of worship in Manheim township for the Mennonite people, to whom they belonged. To them were born the following children, all deceased but Abraham and John F.: Eliza married George Shreiner; Mary died young; Ephraim died in Wadsworth, Ohio, at the age of fifty-three years; David died in Lancaster in 1900, aged sixty-five years; Abraham is a retired farmer in Washington county, Md.; Samuel died Oct. 21, 1865; his twin sister, Anna, married John Bollinger; Fanny married Jacob Kertz; Margaret married Christ Hess, of Manheim township, and died in 1900; John F. is mentioned below.

The paternal grandparents of John F. Landis were John and Mary (Snively) Landis, of Lancaster county, who spent their lives in farming. His maternal grandparents were John and Veronica (Martin) Frick, both Lancaster people.

John F. Landis and Magdalena Keller were married in Manheim township, Sept. 13, 1859, and to them have come the following children: Lizzie, wife of Jacob Horst, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Franklin K., an employe at Buch's works, in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Martin K., engineer in Kreider's shoe factory, Elizabeth, Pa.; Amanda K., deceased; Phares K., a farmer and operator of a steam

thresher in West Donegal township; Samuel K., a farmer, gristmiller and coachmaker in Rapho township; Maggie K., who married George Floyd, of West Donegal township; John K., deceased; Katie K., married to Harvey Hostetter, a farmer in West Donegal township; Harry K., salesman for the New Holland Machine works, who resides at Mt. Joy; and Clayton K., deceased.

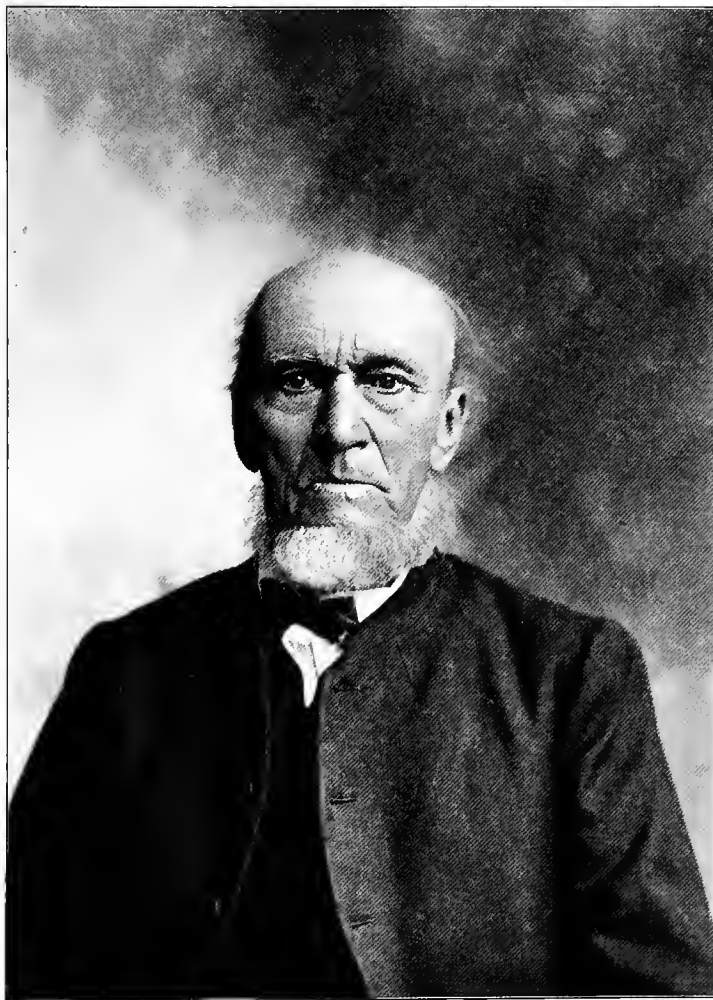
Mrs. Magdalena Landis was born near Lititz, Pa., Dec. 6, 1839, daughter of Frederick and Catharine (Gross) Keller, both natives of Lancaster county, her father having been born on a farm in Ephrata township, and her mother in East Donegal, on the Gross homestead. They were farming people, and led worthy lives.

John F. Landis remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two, when he married, and for eight years was engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead. At the end of that time he sold out and moved into Elizabeth township, where he engaged in farming for twelve years. Selling out, he moved to West Donegal township, on the farm of his wife's uncle, John Gross. In 1880 he built a new barn, in which he put up a steam custom chop mill, which he ran together with the farm until the spring of 1887, when he gave the charge of the farm to his son Phares and continued milling. On the night of Nov. 18, 1897, the barn mysteriously burned down. It was rebuilt, and the mill has continued in operation up to the present time.

John F. Landis and his wife belong to what is called the Stauffer denomination, a non-voting people, who take no part in any office of the Commonwealth or participate in any worldly corporation.

HENRY KEENER, one of the old and most respected citizens of Lancaster county, has presented in his career an example of what may be accomplished by exemplary living, and the exercise of honesty and industry. Coming to Lancaster county a poor boy, with no capital but youth and energy, he is now regarded as one of the substantial citizens, whose financial backing would be sufficient to ensure the success of almost any enterprise. His accumulation of means has been accomplished through hard, earnest toil, as his principles would never have permitted him to look with any favor upon any speculative scheme with a view to increasing his possessions.

Henry Keener was born Jan. 31, 1819, in Bavaria, Germany, son of Henry and Maggie (Springling) Keener, both of whom in time became residents of the United States, and passed away in this land. Grandfather Keener was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, but the parents of Henry Keener were connected with the Presbyterian Church, in which the father was an elder. The mother lived to be seventy-three years old, and died in the home of her son George, while the father died in the home of his son Philip, at the age of seventy-five; both were buried in the old Musser burying-ground, in Lea-



Henry Keener

cock township. Henry and Maggie Keener were the parents of eight children: Philip, deceased; Peter, who died in Leacock township; Henry, whose name introduces this biography; Catherine, widow of Philip Hohman, who resided near New Holland; Stephen, a farmer of Leacock township; Mattie, deceased, who was the wife of A. Burtice; George, who was a farmer in Washington county, Md.; and Adam, a resident of Westchester, Pennsylvania.

Henry Keener was reared in his native country, and remained there until the age of twenty, at which time he decided that he could better his prospects by emigrating to the United States, and he was the first of his family to leave the old home. Making his way to a port in France, he embarked on the vessel "Louis Philippe," and landed on these shores March 23, 1840, a very homesick and discouraged youth for a time, as he was a stranger in a strange land, and understood very little of the language. The season for farm work was about opening, however, and he obtained a few months' employment at farm labor near Albany, N. Y. But after the harvest was gathered there was no more work for him in that locality, and he made his way to the metropolis, later to Philadelphia, and finally to Lancaster county, where he knew he should, at least, find countrymen. The fifty cents he had in his possession at the time of his arrival lasted but a short time, and he again felt almost disheartened, but calling his resolution to assist him he made his way to Bird-in-Hand, and soon made friends with a most excellent man, John Stauffer. This friend in need gave him employment at wood cutting and general utility work, and here he was also offered work in the mills, at \$15 per month, but he wisely decided that he could prosper better at farm work, and remained with his new friend and employer for more than a year.

In his early home Henry Keener had been taught habits of frugality, which he continued to practice later in life, the result being that year by year he was able to add to his means. When he married, in 1843, he began farming, in a small way, on sixteen acres of land in East Lampeter township, renting this property for two years. In the meantime he had purchased a small tract of land, upon which he lived two years, finally disposing of it and again renting, cultivating for two succeeding years a farm of eighty acres. Going next to Benjamin King's place, he took charge of his farm, remaining upon it for seven years, and then, in association with his brother Adam, rented the Lime Valley mill, conducting same for one year. At this time Mr. Keener felt ready to purchase the farm upon which he now lives, consisting then of seventy-one acres, and in the course of time bought seventy-five adjoining acres, later selling ten of these. He entered upon general farming on an extensive scale, giving that work his undivided attention, and employing the most approved methods in the production and succession of crops, demonstrating that

his long management of the land of others had well prepared him to make the best returns from his own. At present his son, John B., possesses the old farm, Mr. Keener retaining his last purchase, now sixty-five acres, for his own residence.

Henry Keener was married, in 1843, to Barbara Bally, who was born Feb. 22, 1822, and who died in February, 1901. They had three children: Maggie, who is the wife of Sylvester F. Sweigert, a farmer and baker in Paradise township; Lizzie, who is the wife of Samuel Martin, of Strasburg; and John B., who is one of the leading farmers of Strasburg township, is an elder in the Old Mennonite Church, and wedded Lizzie Martin. Mr. Keener is an adherent to the Old Mennonite faith, as was also his wife. He is one of the stockholders in the Strasburg National Bank. Many still remember when he was a poor but honest boy, a stranger in their midst, and his life tells its own lesson of what can be accomplished by steady, persistent effort. Mr. Keener has had a beneficial influence in Lancaster county, and no family is more highly respected, either in the church or in the community, than his.

JACOB FRANKLIN TREXLER, M. D., an eminent surgeon and physician of Lancaster, was born in Berks county May 5, 1863. His parents, Henry J. and Mary A. (Kercher) Trexler, are both descended from ante-Revolution families who came to America from Germany, and received their land grants in Berks county, Pa., from the then reigning king of England. The founders of the Trexler family in this country were two brothers, one of whom settled in Oley and the other in Mertztown, Berks county, the Doctor belonging to the latter branch of the family. Most of the members of this family have been engaged in farming and the iron industry, but several adopted professional pursuits, and became eminent in the ministry of the Lutheran Church and in the practice of medicine.

Jacob F. Trexler passed his boyhood on the home farm. He attended the district school, and on leaving the public school attended the Keystone Normal, and later Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pa., finally entering Muhlenburg College, at Allentown. In 1885 he began the study of medicine under Dr. P. W. Wertz, of Long Swamp, and in 1886 entered the University of Pennsylvania, and after three years of arduous study entered Jefferson Medical College, in 1893, from which he graduated with the class of 1894. There was an interim, however, between his leaving the University and his entering Jefferson College, of which he availed himself to travel quite extensively. For a time he was associated incidentally with the celebrated Dr. Agnew, from whom he received considerable assistance in the prosecution of his medical studies.

After graduation Dr. Trexler located in Lancaster, where his ability and skill found immediate recognition and secured for him a sure and re-

munerative practice. He gives considerable attention to bacteriology, as well as pathology, and he is now connected with St. Joseph's Hospital as a member of the staff, having charge of all examination with the X-ray apparatus. He is a constant and devoted student of his art, and is a member of the County Medical and Pathological Societies, to which he has contributed many valuable essays and reports of his personal experiences.

Besides his extensive medical practice the Doctor finds time to interest himself in industrial pursuits, so common in the great State of Pennsylvania. In partnership with his brother, John Louis Trexler, who individually operated a corn mill in Mertztown, the Doctor has been engaged since 1897 in the stave and lumber business at the same place, under the style of the Trexler Stave & Lumber Company, Limited, with branch plants at Ashfield and Huntingdon, and of this company the Doctor is president. They employ about eighty-four men, and the output is principally distributed throughout the States of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Dr. Trexler was united in marriage, in 1891, at Farmdale, Lancaster county, with Miss Ella Stoner Moore, daughter of Michael H. and Barbara S. Moore. The Doctor and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran Church, in the work of which the Doctor has always been earnest and active ever since his confirmation in the faith. He was a member of the executive committee which organized the Lutheran League of America, and for two years was a treasurer of the State Lutheran League. The Doctor is very affable, and has won for himself hosts of friends, and he and his wife are ever welcome in the highest social circles of Lancaster, while his professional reputation is such as any physician might well take pride in, and still not be suspected or accused of vanity—a failing quite foreign to the Doctor's make-up.

AMAZIAH H. HOSTETTER, a very successful and popular hardware and implement dealer at Intercourse, was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 7, 1861, a son of Abram and Lydia A. (Herr) Hostetter. The father was born in 1833 in New Providence, was a farmer, and is now living retired in Paradise township. In his more active years he was quite prominent in local affairs, and long served as school director. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church. Abram and Lydia A. Hostetter have had the following children: Letitia married Andrew Harnish, of Strasburg township; Amaziah H. is mentioned below; Isaac, who married a Miss Slaymaker, is a farmer in Paradise township; Jacob is a resident of Strasburg township; Abraham died young.

The parents of Abram Hostetter were David and Catherine (Miller) Hostetter, farming people of Lancaster county. The parents of Mrs. Lydia A. Hostetter were Isaac and Elizabeth Herr, farming people of Lancaster county.

Amaziah H. Hostetter was married Nov. 28, 1883, in Lancaster, to Miss Evaline B. Denlinger. To this union came one child, Mary A. Mrs. Evaline B. Hostetter was born in Paradise township Nov. 13, 1861, and is a sister of Mrs. Henry Hershey.

Amaziah H. Hostetter was reared on the paternal estate, and remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-three years. For the twelve years ensuing he was engaged in farming, until 1895, in which year he went into his present business, which has become both lucrative and pleasant. His place of business he bought from Abram Kurtz. For some three years he was in partnership with Elmer Hilt, whom he bought out, and has since carried on the business alone. He is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics is a Republican.

ALDUS F. NEFF, a truck farmer of East Lampeter township, is one of the energetic and thrifty young farmer citizens of his locality. He was born July 13, 1864, in West Lampeter township, this county, son of Frederick Neff.

Frederick Neff was born in Lancaster county Sept. 7, 1820, received a common-school education, and lived at home until he was about twenty-one years of age. He then learned the carpenter's trade with Peter Baker, of East Lampeter township, and after he had served his time began business for himself, contracting and building, which he followed until his death, Oct. 18, 1884. Mr. Neff was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married for his first wife Miss Joanna Caskey, and they were the parents of eight children: Mary, deceased; Jacob, of Lancaster City; John, deceased; Catherine, wife of Abraham Hoover; Salome, wife of Hosmer Aument; Barbara, deceased; Elam, deceased; and Susanna, deceased, wife of Henry Jones. The mother of these died March 24, 1858, and Mr. Neff married Mrs. Catherine (Meck) Raub, widow of Amos Raub. They became the parents of three children: Amanda, wife of David W. Herr; Amos, who is deceased; and Aldus F.

Aldus F. Neff lived at home with his parents until he was about twenty years of age, when he began farming and trucking for himself. He has continued same up to the present time by preference, although he learned the carpenter's trade with his father. In 1899 he purchased the place where he now resides, and which contains four acres, one of the finest garden spots in Lancaster county. Mr. Neff is public-spirited and active in the affairs of his locality, having served efficiently as collector, three years; judge of election, four years; and inspector, four years. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

On Dec. 30, 1890, Mr. Neff wedded Miss Minnie Weitzel, daughter of George Weitzel, and to this union have been born two children, Earl W. and Catherine E., both at home. Mr. Neff is one

of Lancaster county's most progressive young men, fully alive to the best interests of the community in general.

LAFAYETTE HAMILTON. There are many young men and thriving agriculturists in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, but there are few who have reached prominence in two lines at so early an age as Lafayette Hamilton, whose residence and shop are in the village of Spring Garden.

Mr. Hamilton was born in the township of Paradise, May 30, 1860, son of Joseph and Margaret (Hoover) Hamilton, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer, and died near Gap, in Salisbury township, July 3, 1878, at the age of fifty-eight years; his wife died April 4, 1875, when she was forty-five years of age. They were devout members of the Episcopal Church, and were interred in Paradise township. Their family comprised six children, named as follows: Henry H., who is ticket agent for the railroad company at Atglen; Sally, wife of Henry H. Kurtz, a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Lafayette, whose name opens this sketch; Franklin, a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad at Philadelphia; and Edwin and Walter, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Lafayette Hamilton were William and Elizabeth (Miller) Hamilton, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine Hoover, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was of Swiss extraction and a prominent farmer.

Lafayette Hamilton resided with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, and then served an apprenticeship of three years at blacksmithing at White Horse, Lancaster county. Later he worked for his brother-in-law, Harry H. Kurtz, for five years, and then settled on his present farm, on which is situated a hotel, which he also owns.

On Jan. 27, 1886, Lafayette Hamilton married, in Spring Garden, Miss Clara A. Worst, and this union has been blessed with two children, Clyde H. and Harry W. Mrs. Clara A. (Worst) Hamilton was born Nov. 10, 1859, on that part of Mr. Hamilton's farm on which the hotel alluded to above is situated, and is a daughter of Peter and Maria B. (Good) Worst, who came from Springville, Salisbury township, and Leacock township, respectively, and were married in 1858. Peter Worst was a prosperous farmer in his earlier life, but tiring of farm labor he built the "Spring Garden Hotel," in 1852, and conducted it successfully for six years. He then relinquished the business solely on account of the death of his wife, and rented out the premises. Mr. Worst next engaged in droving and butchering, but finally returned to farming, at which he continued until the marriage of his daughter, when he retired in favor of his son-in-law. He was the father of two children: Clara A., Mrs. Hamilton; and George B., of St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Maria B. (Good) Worst was called away in December, 1862, at the age of twenty-five years, and Peter Worst

died Jan. 5, 1897, at the age of seventy-four, the remains of both were interred in the private burying-ground of the Worst estate, in Springville. Mr. Worst was quite prominent in his community, was very popular, and served as school director for many years. Henry and Mary (Kurtz) Worst, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Clara A. Hamilton, were farming people of Lancaster county. The grandfather died in 1884, at the age of eighty-nine years, his wife preceding him to the grave June 22, 1853. Their remains were also buried in the Worst family burying ground. Henry and Mary Worst were members of the Mennonite Church. They reared a family of ten children, as follows: Barbara, deceased wife of John Warner; Peter, deceased; Samuel, a farmer in Salisbury township; Elias, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Joseph Bear; Elizabeth, unmarried, and living in Springfield; Susannah, wife of Daniel Kurtz, a retired farmer living in Spring Garden; Henry, a merchant in Springville; Leah A., deceased; and Catherine, also deceased. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hamilton were Cyrus and Lovina (Bear) Good, farming people of considerable prominence in Leacock township.

In politics Mr. Hamilton is a Democrat, but has never been an office seeker. The family ranks among the most respected residents of Salisbury township, and although comparatively young in years Mr. Hamilton enjoys an extended acquaintanceship, of which any man might well be proud.

EVANS. James Evans, the founder of the Evans family in Lancaster county was a native of Ireland, born in 1761. He married a Scottish woman, Margaret Miller, and came to Lancaster county, possibly locating in the vicinity of Lititz. His death occurred in 1805, and his widow lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. She was buried at Brownstown, Lancaster county, while the remains of her husband lie in Lititz. They had a family of three sons: (1) John, is mentioned below. (2) James, who was a tailor, lived and died in Lancaster county. (3) Robert, who was a minister of the Evangelical Church, spent his life in Lancaster county. In his later years he was an auctioneer. The father of this family was a mason by trade, and helped to build Binkley's Bridge.

John Evans, the eldest child in the above family, was born in August, 1799, and died Oct. 8, 1863. In early life he engaged in business as a butcher, locating in Manheim township, where his active career was spent. A short time before his death he moved to Lancaster City, where he lived retired. He carried on the butcher business for many years, and his establishment has been kept up to the present time. For many years he was an able and successful auctioneer. He was one of the leading citizens of his section. Of a patriotic disposition, at the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the State

Militia, notwithstanding his advanced years, and was ready to go to the front. In politics he was a staunch Republican.

John Evans married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Frederick Nagle; her mother was a Hoofnagle. Mrs. Elizabeth Evans died in 1861, when sixty years of age. To them were born the following named children: (1) Maria married Hiram Campbell, and is deceased. (2) Isaac, who was a butcher, died in Lancaster when some seventy years of age. (3) David died when sixty years old. For thirteen years he was superintendent of the Lancaster county schools, for many years was a teacher in the public schools, and was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College. Later in his active life he was a real-estate dealer in Lancaster. (4) John is a retired farmer and cattle drover of Warwick township. (5) Frederick was a carpenter, and died at the age of fifty-six years. (6) Benjamin, the father of William L. Evans, is mentioned elsewhere. (7) William is an auctioneer at Lititz. (8) Charlotte is the wife of J. K. Stoner, of Lancaster. (10) Amanda is the widow of Samuel R. Myer, of Bareville, Lancaster county. (11) Anna E., unmarried, is a resident of Lancaster.

WILLIAM L. EVANS, one of the leading men of Manheim township, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, and was born in the city of Lancaster Jan. 27, 1863, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Gross) Evans, and grandson of John and Elizabeth Evans. The great-grandparents of William L. Evans came from Ireland.

Benjamin Evans was born on a farm about a half mile east of Neffsville, was reared on the farm, and learned the butcher's trade with his father. Very early in life he entered upon that business, being assisted by his brother-in-law, Hiram Campbell, while in Neffsville. Benjamin Evans had his shop in Lancaster on North Queen street, where he lived at that time. He followed butchering all his active days. About 1871 he purchased a tract of eighty-four acres, to which he added until he owned a farm of 144 acres, just north of Fruitville. There he established a butchering plant, which is now owned and operated by his son, and it is noted as one of the most complete in that part of the county. The slaughtering and dressing of the meats is all done there, and the salesroom is on North Queen street, Lancaster. Benjamin Evans long made his home on the farm, but his last days were spent under the roof of his son, Benjamin, where he died May 1, 1900, when sixty-nine years old. He was a man of genial temper and jovial spirits, and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle. In his death the community lost a valued citizen. For many years he was treasurer of the Dunkard Church, of which he was a member. He was very active in the promotion of the Baptist Brethren Church on Charlotte street, in the city of

Lancaster, and was always zealous in its welfare and upbuilding. His widow is still living at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Evans were the parents of the following children: Sarah, wife of Jerry Stump, of Bareville; Alfred D., a farmer in Manheim township; Frank, who is engaged in the meat market at Lancaster; Milton, who died when three years old; Ella, who died when seventeen years old; Lilly, wife of J. W. Lausinger, of the Millersville State Normal School; William L.; Benjamin G., a farmer in Manheim township; and one that died in infancy.

William L. Evans, whose name appears at the opening of this article, was reared to the butcher's trade, and received his education in the public school. When a young man he had a printing press, and did job work; he was expert in scroll work, and still retains some fine specimens of his skill in that line which adorn his home. When he had attained his majority, he associated himself with his father and brother in the butcher business, under the name of Benjamin Evans & Sons. In 1898 the father retired, and then the firm name became Benjamin Evans' Sons. For over a hundred years the Evans name has figured in the market annals of Lancaster county. Since the sons have had control they have made some radical changes in the conduct of the business, in both wholesale and retail lines. Their retail business is of large volume, and in the manufacture of sausage and Bologna they have attained a creditable reputation. William Evans has charge of the slaughtering and manufacture, while his brother looks after the store in Lancaster.

Mr. Evans, owns a farm of fifty-four acres where he has a fine home, which he has modernized and made beautiful. He was married Aug. 4, 1885, to Miss Fannie, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Brubaker) Keller, formerly from Penn township, but now residents of Manheim township. Mrs. Evans was born at Lime Rock, Penn township, Oct. 16, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have the following children: Samuel B., William Edgar, Florence A. and Paul K. They belong to the Dunkard Church, of the Mountville District, and all stand among the most worthy and respected people of the county.

B. FRANK MUSSER, deputy register of Lancaster county, residing at Mountville, this county, was born Nov. 13, 1864, a son of Martin G. and Mary Ann (Root) Musser.

Martin G. Musser, leaf tobacco merchant, and ex-vice president of the Mountville National Bank, was born near Silver Spring, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Jan. 19, 1842, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Gerber) Musser, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and East Donegal townships, and both of whom died on their farm, near Silver Spring. Martin G. Musser, during the year 1888, purchased the Root Plow Works, located in the borough of Mount Joy, and caused the same to

be removed to Mountville, where it was incorporated and became known as the Mountville Manufacturing Co., of which he was elected its first president, serving as such until 1896, when he was elected register of wills of Lancaster county, and served for the term of three years. Mr. Musser was one of the organizers of the Mountville National Bank, and was vice-president until 1901, when he resigned. He has ever been one of the most active and progressive business men of Mountville, and there is no one in the community who has borne a cleaner business character than he. His advice in business matters is invariably sought by the people of the place in which he resides.

On June 9, 1864, Martin G. Musser married Mary Ann Root, and to this union was born the following family: B. Frank; John M., railway mail clerk; Mary E., wife of Iverson A. Witmer; Elizabeth, at home; and Martin E., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, formerly a teacher of Latin in the Lebanon High School, then a student one year in the University of Pennsylvania, and now a law student. Mary Ann (Root) Musser was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, March 2, 1840, and died June 12, 1891. She was a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Frantz) Root, who settled in West Hempfield township in 1848, the father dying in Landisville.

Michael Musser, father of Martin G. Musser, was born Feb. 24, 1815, was a farmer and school director for many years, and died in 1895. His wife was born March 12, 1816, and died in 1857, the remains of both being buried on the old homestead, in West Hempfield township. To Michael Musser and his first wife, Elizabeth Gerber, there was born a large family, as follows: Jacob, born March 28, 1830, is deceased; Benjamin G., born in September, 1838, is a farmer in West Hempfield township; Anna G., born July 18, 1840, became the wife of Henry Kaufman, and died in 1899; Martin G., born Jan. 19, 1842, is mentioned above; Michael was born in February, 1844; Barbara, born April 19, 1846, is married to Daniel D. Forry, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Elizabeth, born in July, 1848, is the wife of George Strickler, a farmer of York county; Fanny, born Sept. 18, 1850, is married to J. H. Nolt, a farmer of West Hempfield township; John, born in January, 1853, is a farmer of East Hempfield township; Andrew, born in March, 1855, died in infancy; and Mary, twin of Andrew, died when she was in her seventh year. The second marriage of Michael Musser was to Fanny Hersh, and to this union have been born two children: Christ H., born June, 1859, a farmer in West Hempfield township, and Henry H., born in July, 1864, who is farming the old homestead.

The paternal grandparents of Martin G. Musser were Martin and Anna (Sechrist) Musser, natives and farming people of West Hempfield township. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara Gerber, who were also farmers.

B. Frank Musser lived on the home farm until seven years old, when his parents removed to Mountville. Here he attended the district schools until nineteen years of age, and then the business college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., from which he was graduated in 1881, when he began assisting his father in the leaf tobacco business. From 1886 to 1897, he engaged in farming, and also in the sale of farming implements.

B. Frank Musser was married to Nora Yohn, in 1885, and this marriage has been favored with one child, Mary B. Mrs. Nora Musser was born in Mountville, a daughter of Edward and Mary (Baker) Yohn.

WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER LILLER. Among the prominent citizens of Lancaster, particularly conspicuous on account of his official position as Adjutant General of the Spanish-American War Veterans of the United States, is William Christopher Liller, the able editor of *The United States Volunteer*, the official organ of that association. Aside from official duties, Mr. Liller is a keen and successful man of business, and with ability fills the offices of president and general manager of the Liller Manufacturing Company, and at the same time holds a controlling interest in the Volunteer Publishing Company, an incorporation organized in Delaware.

Christopher Liller, the grandfather of William C., married a sister of Frank Pfeiffer, who for many years was Lancaster's most prominent slater. Mrs. Liller is now deceased, but Mr. Liller is still an esteemed resident of the city.

The parents of William C. Liller were George C. and Anna (Lippold) Liller, the former a well-known manufacturer of toilet articles, and the latter a sister of Charles Lippold, the efficient school tax collector. A family of seven children was born to George C. Liller and his wife: Lottie, who is the wife of George Krantz, of Lancaster; George, who is a soldier in the United States army, stationed at Fort Russell, Wyo.; Henry, Annie, Frederick and Herbert, at school; and William C.

William Christopher Liller was born in Lancaster Sept. 8, 1878, and after receiving a partial education in the public schools of the city attended the University of Tennessee for a time. He then entered the office of Col. H. Frank Eshleman, one of the leading members of the Bar, as a student at law. Mr. Liller was connected with the Lancaster *Daily Intelligencer*, on which he gained his first knowledge of newspaper work.

So little time has elapsed since our Nation was aroused over the issues of the Spanish-American war that it is only necessary to refer to the thrilling uprising among the youth of the land, ready, willing and anxious to offer their lives for their country, and to make a personal application, in the case of Mr. Liller. With loyal enthusiasm he put aside his books and the certainty of success in his chosen ca-

reer, and enlisted for service in the 6th United States Cavalry on May 15, 1898, faithfully serving through the Santiago campaign, in the 5th and the 4th Army Corps, until the peace protocol had been signed, when he received an honorable discharge from the army, his papers having the endorsement which reads "service honest and faithful," which his children will preserve with care among their dearest records. While a trooper in the famous 6th Cavalry this young soldier was appointed troop clerk, his many excellent qualities and sterling attributes being recognized, and winning him promotion and the esteem of his superior officers.

Upon his return to civil life Mr. Liller at once set about the organization of the Spanish-American war veterans into a National association similar in intent and purpose to the Grand Army of the Republic, and how well he has succeeded, acting conjointly with other comrades, finds daily illustration in the rapidly swelling ranks of this large and already powerful organization, of which he has the honor to be adjutant general, and acting quartermaster general.

In taking the initiative in forming this new Grand Army Mr. Liller had with him the patriotic sentiment of the country, and he soon interested a number of prominent men in the project, these including such reliable and upright officers as Gen. Joseph Wheeler, Gen. J. P. S. Gobin and Gen. Fitzhugh Lee. It required a man of exceptional ability to bring about the solidity of this organization, and that Mr. Miller possessed the necessary attributes is evidenced by its present condition, although he has found it necessary to give time, money and personal attention to it.

During the annual national convention Mr. Liller won many personal friends and admirers, his youth and enthusiasm inspiring all to renewed effort for the success of this laudable enterprise. There are now some 500 camps of Spanish-American War Veterans, scattered through every State and Territory, including our colonial acquisitions, Col. A. L. Hawkins Camp, of Lancaster, having over 125 members on its honorable roll, including such distinguished men as Capt. Hobson of "Merri-mac" fame.

Although the life of a soldier leaves little time for outside work, Mr. Liller kept up his newspaper connection to the extent of contributing some of the most able and succinct war articles published at that time, many of them being so pertinent and interesting that they found their way into the city press, in New York and Philadelphia. His present enterprise is an outgrowth of the organization which it represents, and no more able editor could be found than Mr. Liller. His pen is that of a ready writer, and he has had the satisfaction of noting that a number of his editorial articles have appeared, with approval, in the columns of leading papers in various sections. While the duties of the association are exacting, he is able also to attend

to his personal business interests with ability, his position as President of the Volunteer Publishing Company and the affairs of the Liller Manufacturing Company giving him no time to take any active part in politics. However, he finds time for active membership in the Society of the Army of Santiago de Cuba, Order of the American Eagle, United States Volunteer Association (National secretary), Military Order of Foreign Wars, American Flag Association, and Army and Navy Union.

Mr. Liller was married April 2, 1900, to Miss Alice May Kreider, daughter of Jacob Kreider, a retired citizen of Lancaster, and into their happy home have come twin sons, Richard Coryell and Eugene Montgomery, who have the best chance in the world of being trained into loyal and patriotic citizens of a country which their father so proudly served.

WILLIAM HOPKINS, prominently known in the business circles of East Drumore township, where he was born May 23, 1855, son of James M. and Harriet L. (Webb) Hopkins, has made a place for himself among the successful men of Lancaster county.

James Hopkins, his grandfather, was in his time a prominent lawyer in Lancaster. He became the father of four sons and one daughter, and two of the sons, Washington and George, following in the footsteps of their distinguished father, were brilliant members of the legal profession. Anna, the only daughter, married Newton Lightner, also a lawyer. William was a farmer in East Drumore township.

James M. Hopkins, son of James, and father of William, was born in Lancaster March 19, 1811, and lived in East Drumore township, where for many years he carried on the Conaway furnaces, founded by his father, becoming one of the prominent and influential citizens of his section of the county. His death occurred in January, 1896, when he was in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, who was born in 1819 at Pine Grove Forge, this county, passed to her reward in 1900. They were the parents of twelve children, seven of whom are living: (1) Elizabeth O. married James Alexander, a lawyer of Lancaster, and both are deceased. They had four children, Howard, Percy, Mary (who married George S. Washington, of Philadelphia) and James H. (2) Washington W., born in 1838, lives in Port Deposit. By his first wife, Harriet Rogers, he had three children—Louisa, who died young; Edward, a resident of Philadelphia; and Herbert, who died young. By his second marriage to May Loag, were born two children, Christian and Marion. Mr. Hopkins practiced law in Lancaster many years. (3) Laura is the widow of Samuel H. Rutter, of Pottstown, Pa., and lives in Lancaster. (4) Henry C., born in East Drumore, is a real-estate dealer in Lancaster. He married Miss Annie Naumbee, by whom he has four living

children, Henry, Annie L., Elizabeth Isabell and Ralph. Elizabeth died young. (5) Louisa died in young womanhood. (6) Robert C. is a banker at Port Deposit, Md. He married Miss Mary Rowland, a daughter of Dr. Rowland, of Cecil county, Md., and four of their children are living, Louisa (the wife of John Matthews), Francis, Mary and Ross. (7) Anna died at the old home in her early womanhood. (8) James was a soldier in the Civil war, and died in hospital. (9) Harriet married Clinton Deaver, of Dayton, Ohio, where he is a college professor. They have four children, Walter, Richard, Mary and Catherine. (10) Newton died at the home of his parents in 1876. (11) Emma married Harry Gardner, and lives in Lancaster. They have one daughter, Harriet L. (12) William is mentioned below.

William Hopkins received his education in the public schools of Lancaster county and at Chambersburg. For twenty-five years he was manager of his father's extensive interests, looking after his grist mill, farms, etc. In December, 1882, he married Miss Mary C., daughter of William and Martha (Rutter) Brooke, and sister of Major Gen. John R. Brooke, now of Governors Island, New York harbor. Both the Rutters and Brookes were prominent in Montgomery county. William Brooke was born near Pottstown, where he was known as Major Brooke, and died at his home in that city in 1873, after an active and useful life. His widow passed to her reward in 1879, leaving one son, the Major General, and two daughters: Caroline, who is the wife of Samuel S. Campbell, and Mary C., Mrs. Hopkins, who was born in Montgomery county, and obtained her education in the Pottstown schools. She is a scholarly lady, of many charms, and enjoys many friends.

After his marriage Mr. Hopkins located on his father's farm in East Drumore, where he has resided to the present time, and made a creditable reputation for himself in agricultural and commercial circles. He owns a large herd of Jersey cattle, which he devotes to his own creamery.

All the members of the Hopkins family are staunch Republicans. William Hopkins has been school director for several years. Both himself and wife belong to the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, where he is one of the elders.

JAMES G. McSPARRAN. Among the leading citizens of the southern part of Lancaster county, is James G. McSparran, a retired farmer of Fairfield, Drumore township, who is one of the wealthy, intelligent and traveled residents of this section.

Mr. McSparran was born Dec. 19, 1843, in Drumore township, a son of the late John and Isabel (McCullough) McSparran, and a grandson of James McSparran, one of the influential farmers of this part of the county, where he took part in public affairs, and reared a numerous family, eleven of

his fifteen children living to maturity, these being: James and Isabel, twins; Grizzell; Eliza; John; Eleanor; Fleming; Thomas; William; Rachel and Margaret. Grandfather McSparran was of sturdy Scotch-Irish ancestry, and came to Lancaster county among the early settlers, purchasing the farm which is still in the possession of the family, being now the property of Thomas McSparran, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume.

John McSparran, the father of James G. McSparran, was born April 28, 1808, and died May 25, 1885. On Jan. 9, 1840, he was united in marriage to Miss Isabel McCullough, who was born Nov. 23, 1815, and died Aug. 29, 1845, a daughter of William McCullough. She also claimed among her ancestors natives of both Ireland and Scotland. The only surviving child of this union was James G., who is the subject of this sketch. John McSparran was an active and ardent Democrat all his life, and was identified with political and religious matters for many years, being considered justly one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. His rearing had been in the Presbyterian Church, and he never departed from its teachings, living a most estimable life.

James G. McSparran was reared as a farmer boy, and has never lost his deep interest in agricultural matters, for many years operating one of the finest farms in this part of the county. His primary education was conducted in the common schools of Drumore township, and later he became an apt pupil of the Chestnut Level Academy, but to his great love of reading and his extended travels must be attributed in great measure the intellectual attainments which make of him one of the most intelligent and thoroughly educated men of this community. His advantages have been manifold, and he has utilized them all.

The only child of his parents to reach maturity, our subject inherited their considerable property, improving and adorning it, adding other land to his possessions, as years went by, until at present Mr. McSparran is reckoned one of the most substantial men of the township. His farm land includes two valuable properties in Drumore township, and one in Providence township, located near Quarryville. The home farm is situated in Drumore township, near Fairfield, and here is found an ideal country home, surrounded as it is with fine buildings, and supplied with all of the modern appliances and conveniences which add not only to the comfort, but also to the health, of its occupants. Mr. McSparran also owns a valuable store property in Chestnut Level, and in addition to this he possesses personal property aggregating a large amount. He is one of the original stockholders, and is a director of the Union Trust Co., of Lancaster.

On Dec. 29, 1864, James G. McSparran was married to Miss Sarah M. Collins, of Colerain township, who was born on Nov. 13, 1843, a daughter

ter of Thomas C. and Grace (McCullough) Collins, of Colerain township. To Mr. and Mrs. Collins were born seven children, as follows: James, a prominent farmer of Colerain township; Hugh M., also a well-known farmer of Colerain township; Mary, deceased; Grace, a resident of Drumore township; Cornelius, deceased; Thomas; and Sarah M., who is the wife of Mr. McSparran. She has, also, the following half brothers and half sisters: Ross C., a resident of Quarryville; Emma G., who is the wife of William Anderson, of Ohio; and Bertha I., who is a teacher in a college at Tarkio, Missouri.

The children who came to bless the marriage of Mr. McSparran and his estimable wife were: Isabella May, born Aug. 12, 1867, was married Jan. 23, 1901, to Charles A. McSparran, secretary and chief bookkeeper in Metcalf's Malleable Iron Co., in Erie, Pa.; Thomas C., born Nov. 13, 1869, died Sept. 27, 1875; Chella Grace, born Sept. 23, 1871, resides at home; John A., born Oct. 22, 1873, a very brilliant young man and fine scholar, is an A. B. graduate of Lafayette College, Pa.; and James O., the youngest, was born March 1, 1877, and resides in Philadelphia.

Perhaps no man in this section has kept up more with public interest and progress, outside of professional or political life, than has Mr. McSparran, for he is a man of wide and extended reading and is a reflective thinker. Although one of the most active members of the Democratic party, loyal to its candidates and principles, he is no office seeker, consenting only to serve in the capacity of school director, having ever had a deep interest in educational matters. His own children have been afforded every possible advantage. Mr. McSparran is a leading member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, in which he has long been an elder, and is the interested and efficient Sunday school superintendent. In 1890 Mr. McSparran took a trip through Palestine and the Holy Land, going about two-thirds around the world, fitting himself very thoroughly as a teacher in his beloved Sunday school, where he is most highly appreciated. The past year has been enjoyed by himself and wife in an extended trip through California, the journey homeward being heightened in pleasure by a visit to the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. In every relation of life Mr. McSparran has borne himself in a manly, upright, conscientious manner, and well deserves the high encomiums lavished upon him by his neighbors who have known him through so many years.

HENRY CLAY SHENCK, dealer in second-hand furniture and antiques, located opposite Fulton Opera House, on North Prince street, Lancaster, is a son of the venerable Henry S. Shenck, a sketch of whose life and ancestry appears elsewhere.

Henry Clay Shenck was born at Chickies (where his father then kept hotel), Oct. 24, 1843. He was

educated in the public schools of Lancaster, and left the Boys' High School shortly before the graduation of his class to enter the army, enlisting April 20, 1861, in the Jackson Rifles of Lancaster, when the first call for 75,000 men for three months was made, in the war of the Rebellion. This company became a part of the 1st P. V. I. Having been honorably discharged July 27, 1861, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment, young Shenck re-enlisted, Sept. 16, 1861, this time with the 79th P. V. I., for three years, but was discharged Sept. 3, 1862, at Nashville, by general orders. Next we find him veteranizing, March 24, 1864, for a term of three years, this time with the 9th Pa. Vet. Vol. Cal., to which his brother, A. F. Shenck, belonged, and in which he himself became a corporal. While a member of Company K, 79th Regiment, he was detached for a time as a musician, but after having been mustered out as a musician, in 1862, re-entered the service as a private. Between his second and third enlistments he served, during the Morgan raid, in the Ohio militia. From the time he became Corporal Shenck, in the 9th P. V. V. C., in March, 1864, to the close of the war, it is safe to say that he was engaged in fully one hundred battles and skirmishes, including the siege of Savannah, and other memorable military movements and engagements. The war ended, he was discharged at Lexington, N. C., July 18, 1865, and went to Ohio, following his trade, that of a wheelwright, in that State, until 1875, when he returned to the East, spending seven years in Westchester in the same business. Returning to Lancaster, he became turnkey at the station house, having been appointed to that position by the late D. P. Rosenmiller, then mayor of Lancaster.

In 1886 Mr. Shenck opened the pioneer business in second-hand furniture in the city, starting in the building on North Prince street, where he is still located, and which belonged to the estate of the late Hon. Anthony E. Roberts, ex-member of Congress from this District. Later he purchased the building, as well as the adjoining property on the south, which he occupies as a dwelling. The property used for business purposes has a frontage of seventy-two feet on Prince street, is four stories high, and has seventeen rooms, every one of which is filled with second-hand furniture, much of it antique and therefore very valuable. In fact, Mr. Shenck makes a specialty of antiques, shipping these goods to New York, Illinois, Georgia, California—all over the country. Indeed, so extensive had the business become at the date of this writing (1901) that its originator and owner was preparing plans for an addition of two more floors, and the erection of an electric elevator, his purpose being to conduct a great storage as well as furniture business.

On July 26, 1877, Mr. Shenck was married to Eliza J. Boozer, daughter of Harry Boozer, of Westchester, and to this union came three children, one of whom died in infancy. The survivors are Helen, who is at home; and Henry Sheldon, of the class



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of 1904, Boys' High School. Mr. Shenck is a member of Post No. 31, G. A. R., of Chester county. Politically he is a Republican, as are all the members of his family; but the only political preferments he ever received were his appointment as turnkey of the city station house, under Mayor Rosenmiller, and his appointment as alderman of the First ward, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Alderman Gundaker. This appointment was made by Gov. Hastings, and Mr. Shenck served for at least seven months. Although exercising not a little political influence in his district, as well as in city and county affairs generally, Mr. Shenck attends strictly to business, and no better evidence of this is needed than is found in the success which has attended him.

JOHN JACKSON. Lancaster county is noted for its successful farmers, and among those who belong to that class is John Jackson, of Little Britain township, who was born Dec. 4, 1854, son of Robert and Eliza (Irwin) Jackson.

Robert Jackson was born in Ireland in 1828, and died in April, 1898. His wife, who was also born in 1828, died in 1893. They came to America while young, and were the parents of eight children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Annie Margaret, wife of Dr. J. S. McNutt, a physician of Philadelphia, Pa.; John; Andrew A., a farmer of Little Britain township (mentioned elsewhere); Robert, a farmer of Little Britain township; Joseph, a farmer of Little Britain township (mentioned elsewhere); Mary, wife of Fred Gregg, a farmer of Drumore township; and Ella, wife of George Pollock, a merchant of Philadelphia, Pa., the youngest of the family now living. Robert Jackson, the father of this family, was a Democrat in politics. He was a man who earned the esteem of his neighbors and labored hard to rear his family well.

John Jackson was reared upon the farm, and attended the district schools. While still a boy he commenced to work his way in life, and he now has one of the best cultivated farms in Lancaster county, consisting of 150 acres of excellent farming land, on which he has a comfortable residence and commodious barn—the pride of the surrounding country. His outbuildings are in excellent condition, and in addition to general farming Mr. Jackson is an extensive dealer in stock, being very successful in all his enterprises.

On Feb. 25, 1880, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Alice M. Jenkins, a daughter of Isaac and Eliza Jenkins, of Little Britain township. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had a family of five children: Rebecca, unmarried, of Oak Hill, Pa.; Evan S., deceased; Jacob E., of Fulton township; George P., of Oak Hill; and Alice M., Mrs. Jackson. Elijah Jenkins, Mrs. Jackson's grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson: Laura E., Annie L., Walter R., Mary R. and John E., all at home. They are

a happy, contented home circle, undisturbed as yet by death. Mrs. Jackson and the family attend the Presbyterian Church of Little Britain. In politics Mr. Jackson, like his father before him, is a staunch Democrat. In all the relations of life he has proven himself a worthy, good man, a kind-hearted neighbor, and the respect in which he is held by those who know him is well deserved.

P. HARRY WOHLSEN, one of the well-known young men of Lancaster, was born in that city Oct. 29, 1875, and is a son of William Wohlsen, one of its well-known business men of high standing.

Peter Wohlsen, grandfather of P. Harry, was born in 1824 in Hanover, Germany, and grew to manhood on a farm in that country. He learned the trade of bricklayer, which he followed, and after coming to America, in 1884, he worked with his son William until 1896, since which time he has lived retired. He married Catherine Oelrich, also a native of Hanover, who died in 1895, at the age of seventy-one. She is buried in Zion Lutheran cemetery. Peter and Catherine Wohlsen had children as follows: William, father of P. Harry; Peter N., who is a contractor and builder of Lancaster; Herman F., also a contractor and builder of Lancaster; and Anna, wife of Henry Elsen, of Lancaster.

William Wohlsen was born Dec. 24, 1847, in Hanover, Germany, passed his youth on his father's farm, and when seventeen years of age began to learn the carpenter's trade, which he followed in Germany until his emigration to America, in 1870. On coming to this country he immediately settled in Lancaster, and for a year worked as a contractor and builder, in 1871 purchasing a small planing-mill. He has continued in that business to the present day, enlarging his mill from a one-horse-power concern to one of the largest and best patronized establishments in Lancaster county, giving employment to fifty hands. Meantime Mr. Wohlsen had continued to carry on contracting and building, but he gave up this branch of business in order to give the greater part of his time and attention to his mill interests. Of late he has had another demand on his time, the management of the affairs of the Union Trust Company, organized Oct. 17, 1901, and opened for business March 17, 1902. The company has an authorized capital of \$300,000, and a paid capital of \$150,000. Mr. Wohlsen is president of the concern, with D. F. Buchmiller as vice-president; S. Z. Evans, secretary and treasurer; and John M. Groff, solicitor.

In 1869 Mr. Wohlsen married Catherine Klenck, a native of Hanover, born in October, 1849, daughter of Henry Klenck, a farmer of Germany, who never came to this country. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wohlsen, Mary married Stewart Griffith, teller of the Union Trust Company; Anna married Henry Behren; P. Harry is mentioned be-

low; William H. is connected with his father's mill; John O. is shipping clerk for his father; Catherine is attending school in Philadelphia; Clarence L. and B. Frank are living at home; Minnie and Emma died when young. In religious connection Mr. Wohlsen is united with the Lutheran Church, and has been a member of the vestry for the past twelve years. Fraternally he holds membership in the I. O. O. F., the Red Men and the Freemasons, in which latter he has reached the Knight Templar degree. His political sympathy is with the Republican party. He was appointed by the court to the board of park commissioners.

P. Harry Wohlsen was reared and educated in his native city, and at an early age commenced working with his father in the planing-mill, in which all his business career has been passed. When a young man he took a course at business college, attending until he was eighteen, at which time he was made superintendent in the mill, a position in which he was retained until January, 1901, when he went into business with his father, having ably demonstrated his ability and fitness.

On Sept. 26, 1901, Mr. Wohlsen was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Shaub, daughter of Samuel C. and Elizabeth Shaub, of Lancaster, where the wedding was celebrated. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and socially is connected with the Masonic fraternity. His political support is given to the Republican party. As a well-balanced, industrious young man, full of energy and business "go," Mr. Wohlsen holds an enviable place among the younger men in the business circles of Lancaster county.

REV. SANFORD B. LANDIS, a zealous and popular minister of the Mennonite Church, is as yet a young man, in the full vigor of life's prime, having been born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Aug. 1, 1867. His family is one of the oldest, best known and most esteemed of that bailiwick, and he himself is one of the most popular and respected members of his community. His grandfather, Benjamin Landis, married Mary Buckwalter.

Jacob Landis, father of Sanford B., was born in the township of Upper Leacock in 1840, and followed the vocation of a farmer until twelve years after his marriage, when he removed to Philadelphia and engaged in the business of a commission merchant. He was successful in this venture, and continued in the same line of trade until his death, which occurred Feb. 6, 1890. In 1859 he married Mary Bender, and to this union came three daughters and two sons: Nettie, Emma, Ida, Theodore and Sanford B. All the daughters are married, Nettie to Aaron D. Landis, Emma to Harry L. Sheaffer, and Ida to Abram Landis. Theodore, on reaching manhood, became associated with his father in business, and is still a commission merchant in Philadelphia.

Sanford B. Landis enjoyed in youth only the rather limited educational advantages afforded by the common schools, but he improved them to the utmost. Naturally fond of study, he devoted every spare hour to adding to the store of knowledge obtained at school, and throughout life he has been a constant, thoughtful and critical reader. He is also fond of cultivating the soil, in which vocation he has been exceedingly successful, owning a choice farm in the eastern part of East Lampeter township, which he has highly improved. In 1896 he was chosen and ordained to the Mennonite ministry, and he has since officiated in the Mellinger and Stumptown districts, where his devoted spirit, kindly disposition and broad charity have made him honored by the community, and best loved by those who know him best.

On Jan. 24, 1892, Sanford B. Landis married Miss Nora Landis, daughter of Adam and Lavinia Landis. Three children have been born to them, Edna May, John Ellis and Elma.

BENJAMIN OWEN BRACKBILL (deceased). A man of quiet manners yet forceful in his influence upon the community in which he lived until cut off by an untimely death, was Benjamin Owen Brackbill, a representative of a sterling old Lancaster county family, a life long farmer and a citizen who won the esteem and good will of his many acquaintances. He was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 19, 1848, son of Benjamin and Susan (Howry) Brackbill. He was reared in Paradise township, where members of his father's family still reside, attending the district schools, and in the serenity of agricultural life developing a character of strength and of many lovable traits. He was married in the Mennonite Church of Salisbury township, Nov. 5, 1878, to Miss Anna Martin, whose ancestors were old and prominent pioneers of the county. She was born in Salisbury township Aug. 14, 1853, daughter of Joseph and Mattie (Oberholtzer) Martin, natives, respectively, of Salisbury and Warwick townships, and the granddaughter of Abraham and ——— (Hurst) Martin, prominent farmers of Lancaster county, and of Samuel and Martha Oberholtzer, also farmers of Lancaster county. Abraham Martin, the paternal grandfather, was twice married, his second wife having been Anna Hostetter. Joseph Martin, the father of Mrs. Brackbill, was born in 1822, and was a life long farmer. He died in September, 1900, aged seventy-eight years, and was buried in the old Mennonite cemetery near Farmersville. His wife, Mattie, died in 1869, aged forty-one years, and was buried in Hershey's cemetery. They were devout members of the Mennonite Church. To Joseph and Mattie Martin were born the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Keener, a farmer near Strasburg; Magdalena, who married Elam Landis, and is now deceased; Anna, wife of Mr. Brackbill; Samuel, who resides

on the old homestead in Salisbury; Abraham, deceased; Henry, deceased; Isaac, deceased; Joseph, deceased; and David, deceased. Joseph Martin, the father, was twice married, his second wife having been Catherine Oberholtzer, a sister of his first wife. To this second marriage was born one child, Susannah, who died young.

To Benjamin O. and Anna (Martin) Brackbill were born children as follows: Martin, a book-keeper at Lancaster; Edith S.; Abraham B., a student at Millersville State Normal School; Isaac D.; Mary E.; Joseph E.; and Moses A. Benjamin Owen Brackbill settled upon the farm of eighty acres in Salisbury township, which he continued to occupy until his death Sept. 26, 1896. He was buried in the Old Hershey Mennonite Church cemetery in Salisbury township. He was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, to which faith his surviving family adheres. In politics he was a Republican. Aided by the worthy efforts of his devoted wife he made a success of the farm and was regarded as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist. His widow survives, and is highly respected for her womanly qualities and her devotion to home and children.

JACOB L. BRISON, of Columbia, is of Irish ancestry. His grandfather, William Brison, came to this country in 1773, settling in Lancaster county. He was a farmer, hale and robust, and lived to the extraordinary age of ninety-four.

William Brison, father of Jacob L., a farmer, was born in Paradise township, as was also his wife, Martha Harsh, whose father, Jacob, was a veterinary surgeon. Mr. and Mrs. William Brison removed from Paradise to Bart township in 1848. There, in 1852, the wife died, at the age of thirty-two. He survived her forty-five years, passing away in 1897, in Strasburg, after passing his eighty-fifth milestone. Both rest in New Holland cemetery. Their seven children were named: Mary E., Jacob L., James, Martha E., Amanda, Louis and Winfield. Mary E. and James are deceased. Martha E. is the wife of Fred Stively, a farmer of Strasburg township. Amanda is unmarried, and lives in Lancaster. Louis is a successful physician of Paradise, and Winfield holds a responsible position in connection with the railroad repair department at Quarryville.

Jacob L. Brison grew up on his father's farm, and in 1876 began life's battle on his own account. Going to Columbia, he worked for three years for the Pennsylvania road as brakeman. He spent three and a half years in the position of fireman, and was then placed in charge of an engine. He is still in the company's service in that capacity, his experience, fidelity and capability standing him in good stead. He is a Republican in politics, and, through his natural intelligence and ready grasp of public questions, has won for himself the sincere esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Brison married, in October, 1869, Susan Huber, of Quarryville, who was born in Providence township March 21, 1850. Her parents were Henry S. and Fanny Barr Huber. Mr. Huber was a farmer, and died in 1887, at the age of sixty-five, his wife passing away in 1856, in her forty-first year. Mrs. Brison was their fourth child. After her mother's death her father married Anna Barr, by whom he was the father of one child, Mary E., who died in childhood. Of the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Brison, Christianna, died in infancy; Anna married Amos Groff, whose biography may be found elsewhere; Elam is a shoemaker in New Providence; Christian is a farmer; Fanny died before reaching womanhood.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Brison has been blessed with a daughter and two sons. Anna, the eldest child, married Willard P. Lindermuth, of York, a railway brakeman. Charles M. is foreman of the Grey Iron Works, and married Mary Spong. William H., the youngest son, lives at home.

JOHN GRADY. Conspicuous among the business men of Marietta, Pa., where he conducts a successful livery business and is identified with much of the commercial and public life of the town, is John Grady, a son of Adam and Catherine (Helwick) Grady, born Nov. 7, 1840.

Adam Grady was a native of Hessen Cassel, Germany, where he married Catherine Helwick, and in 1839 brought his family to America, settling in Marietta, where he lived a busy life as a laborer, always doing his full duty until his death, in 1888, at the age of eighty-one; his faithful wife passed away two months previously, at the age of seventy-nine. Both had been consistent members of the Reformed Church. They reared these children, only two of whom survive: Catherine; John, the subject of this biography; Harry C., who served in the Civil war, and is now in the tobacco business, in Marietta; Anna, who married Christian Troub; and Frederick.

John Grady was reared in Marietta, where he attended school and worked in the surrounding farming region until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he entered the army as a wagon master, being sent first to Harrisburg, later to Hagerstown, Md., and then with his train followed the Army of the Potomac, continuing to be thus engaged until 1863. At this date he enlisted as a private in Co. K, 199th P. V. I., and remained until the close of the war, faithfully serving his country, and was honorably discharged and mustered out, near Richmond, Virginia.

After the close of the war, Mr. Grady returned to his home and took up peaceful pursuits, finally becoming interested in tobacco culture, in which he was eminently successful, and he remained in this business until 1885, when he opened up a first-class livery establishment.

Mr. Grady was first married in 1866, in Mari-

etta, to Miss Mary A. Hartman, and the children born to this union are: Charles A., who married Mary C. Heidler, is a representative of the Pennsylvania Construction Co.; and Tillie A. married Elmer E. Paules, manager of the livery business, in Marietta. The mother of these children was born in Marietta, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Ockard) Hartman, of Lancaster county, and died in 1888. The second marriage of Mr. Grady was in Maytown, in 1892, to Mrs. Lucinda (Sherbahn) Shafner, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Reiff) Sherbahn, of Maytown, where the former was a brick manufacturer. Mr. Sherbahn died in 1865 at the age of fifty-five, while his wife survived until 1876, and both were interred in the Reformed cemetery in Maytown; the former had lived a consistent life as a member of the M. E. Church, and the latter of the Reformed Church. Their children were: Margaret; Lucinda; Horace, of Nebraska; Abraham, of Michigan; Benjamin, of Ohio; Albert, of Nebraska; Anna, who married Albert Collins, of Danville, Ill.; William, deceased; and John, of Nebraska, almost all of the sons being engaged in the brick business.

The first marriage of Mrs. Grady was to Jeremiah Shafner, a native of Maytown, where he carried on a tailoring business for a number of years, although he was retired from active life at the time of his death.

Mr. Grady has ever been identified with the interests of the village in which he resides. In politics he is an Independent, and efficiently served East Donegal township as supervisor for seven terms, and also one term as tax collector. His fraternal connections are with the O. U. A. M., the M. C., the I. O. R. M., the G. A. R. in all of which organizations he is justly popular, and he is a worthy member of the Reformed Church. In the community, Mr. Grady's standing is high, and he is generally recognized as one of the representative citizens of his town.

DR. DORATHEA JOHANNA LOUISA GRASNICK, widely known among the better people of Lancaster county, has done much to relieve physical suffering in her community. Her maiden name was Paschke, and her parents lived in Berlin, Germany, where she was born. Her grandparents were farmers. Anton Paschke, Dr. Grasnicks' father, has been a locomotive engineer on the Emperor's railway, running out of Berlin, for over forty years, and received a reward from the Emperor at the end of thirty-six years of continuous service on that line. Her only brother, August Paschke, is a machinist; and her only sister is the wife of Karl Schonert, a candelabra manufacturer, formerly of Berlin, but both now living in Lancaster.

Mrs. Grasnicks was educated in private schools in Berlin, and then attended the high school in that grand old city, finally taking special studies in medi-

cine in a Berlin institute, and receiving her diploma. She married Hugo Grasnicks, who is a graduated electrician, and their two sons are: George F., a drug clerk, who married Anna Elizabeth Warner, and lives in Atlantic City; and Erich, a young man of nineteen, who is still pursuing his studies.

Mrs. Grasnicks arrived in America April 12, 1893, coming directly to Lancaster, where she has been practicing her profession with great success. Her success has been marvelous, and her services are much sought for among the ladies of this city, as her treatment of physical ailments to which she devotes her attention is successful far beyond the ordinary. No woman in the city is more respected, and her gentle manners have made her welcome everywhere; while in the sick room she inspires confidence and hope.

Mrs. Grasnicks is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and is greatly esteemed by a large circle of clients among whom she numbers many of the most prominent ladies of the city.

GUY L. ALEXANDER, M. D., physician to the County Hospital and Insane Asylum at Lancaster, Pa., was born at White Rock, in Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 13, 1871, son of Vincent K. and Harriet E. (Levis) Alexander, natives of Colerain township, Lancaster county, and Cecil county, Md., respectively.

Vincent K. Alexander was born in 1844, and in his early life was a farmer by occupation, but now resides in Lancaster. In politics he was a Republican, and always gave liberally of his time and money toward the support of party issues. He took an active part in local affairs, serving as county committeeman of the lower end of the county; deputy Internal Revenue collector, for four years; was school director in the lower part of the county. His wife was also born in 1844. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. Three children were born to this union: May Curtis, Norris Day and Guy L. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (King) Alexander, were of Irish birth, and came to this country in 1814 settling in Lancaster county, Pa. Here the father engaged in the charcoal iron business, and was the pioneer ironmaster of the county for twenty-one years, until his retirement.

Dr. Alexander was reared upon a farm, attending the schools of his district until he was seventeen years of age, when he went west to Omaha, where he was in the employ of the county surveyor for two years. About this time many were going to Portland, Oregon, with the belief that there was plenty of money to be made in that city, and Dr. Alexander was one of those who made the trip. Arriving in the city, he entered the employ of the *Evening Telegram*, a new paper, as assistant cashier, remaining in that capacity for three years. During all of this time Dr. Alexander had been attracted toward the medical profession, and at the expiration of his three years in Portland he returned to the State of his birth,

and entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from that institution in the class of 1898. Immediately after graduating Dr. Alexander began practice at the Buck, in Lancaster county, continuing there three years. In 1901 he located in Lancaster, where he opened an office, and accepted the appointment of physician to the County Hospital and Insane Asylum, in which capacity he is showing great ability and skill, treating the unfortunate ones under his care. Although young in his profession, Dr. Alexander is recognized as a physician of ability, and his general practice is steadily increasing. In politics, like his father, Dr. Alexander is a Republican, and is interested in local matters. His religious connections are with the Presbyterian Church, in which body, as in society generally, he is very popular.

JOHN S. BLANK, one of the leading and thoroughly representative citizens of Earl township, Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township July 27, 1844, a son of Jacob and Maria (Stoltzfus) Blank.

John S. Blank was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools. As there was much work to be done on the farm, and the school house a long way from his home, the schooling which Mr. Blank received in his youthful days was limited. He is a good reader, and has been a close observer of the life around him, so that he has the most practical of all educations, that worked out in the great school of life, with experience for a task-master. When he was about twenty-nine years old Mr. Blank began farming operations for himself, locating on a farm in Earl township, which became his by right of ownership in 1871, and where he still keeps his home. It lies about a mile north of New Holland, contains eighty-six acres, and is regarded as one of the fine farms of the county. Here he has made many valuable improvements, and has thoroughly improved and modernized his residence. The appearance of the place indicates thrift and industry, an impression which is strengthened by closer acquaintance with the good people who make their home here. He is one of the successful farmers of the county, and owns two other places in Salisbury township.

Mr. Blank was married in Leacock township, Feb. 24, 1874, to Miss Fannie Renno, a daughter of Jacob and Fannie (Fisher) Renno, born in Leacock township, Aug. 27, 1855. Mr. and Mrs. Blank have the following children: (1) Jacob R., who was born July 14, 1877, married Katie Stoltzfus, and is a farmer in Upper Leacock township, living on a twelve-acre farm belonging to his father; (2) Mary R., born June 8, 1881, is the wife of Ezra Zook, and lives on the old homestead with her father, Mr. Zook farming the land; (3) Fannie R., born Nov. 2, 1884, is at home; (4) Daniel S. was born April 14, 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Blank are thoroughly upright and honorable people, and are highly respected by all who know them. They are members of the Amish

Church, and their influence is pronounced for all good and true measures that look to the improvement of the community in which they live.

ISAAC B. GOOD. Many lines of trade are successfully pursued in the thriving little borough of Ephrata, Lancaster county, all of them requiring close attention and energetic methods. Among those who have succeeded admirably on account of his honest and energetic management is Isaac B. Good, who is a manufacturer of cigars and also the proprietor of a shirt manufacturing establishment.

Isaac B. Good was born Jan. 22, 1861, a son of Joseph and Louisa (Warlow) Good, of Pequea township. Joseph Good was a carpenter by trade, following that occupation all his life, and died in 1877, at the age of forty-three. In 1851 he married Louisa Warlow, who survives him, and resides in Philadelphia, and to them were born children as follows: Amos, deceased; Mary, deceased; Susanna, wife of John Hummell, of Philadelphia; Enos, of Farmersville; William, a cigarmaker, of Philadelphia; Isaac B.; George, who died in infancy; Charles, foreman in a cigar shop in Reading, Pa.; Henry, residing in Ephrata; and Albert, a patternmaker in the rolling mills of Reading.

Although Isaac B. Good has made so successful a manufacturer, he was reared on a farm, and remained there until the age of twenty-two, receiving his education in the common schools of his district. Until 1893 he worked as a cigarmaker, and then opened up business for himself in that line, proving his business ability and succeeding so well that in 1894 he entered into the manufacture of shirts. Though his means were very limited at first, by the practice of economy and diligence he has accumulated considerable property, owning three valuable houses and lots in Ephrata, in addition to other possessions.

Mr. Good was married July 14, 1884, to Miss Salinda Bowman, of Ephrata, a daughter of John L. Bowman, of Reading, Pa., and to this union one daughter has come, Katie F., born April 21, 1895. Mrs. Good was born Nov. 27, 1863. In politics Mr. Good is a Democrat, but he is not an office seeker, being occupied with his flourishing business. Possessing the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens, Mr. Good may be justly regarded as one of the representative business men of Ephrata borough.

PETER Y. FOLTZ, a resident of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, is a worthy representative of an old and honored family in the community in which his industrious and useful life is passing. He was born near Center Church, in East Earl township, March 29, 1853, being a son of Squire Samuel B. and Mary (Yohn) Foltz, both of whom are now living in Terre Hill.

Peter Y. Foltz was reared on the family homestead in Terre Hill, and was afforded his education in the public schools. When he was twenty-one years of age he set himself to learning the carpenter

trade in East Earl township under J. W. Horst, and for the ensuing thirteen years was engaged in this work, a part of this time being associated with Mr. Horst as a partner in the building business. The Terre Hill school house stands as a monument to his constructive ability and honest dealing. After thirteen years as a carpenter Mr. Foltz took up teaming in Terre Hill, and has since been engaged in that occupation, all the time employing two teams and part of the time three in his work. The teaming for the village of Terre Hill is substantially done by him, as he makes daily trips between that point and East Earl Station. He owns a farm of twenty-two acres, and devotes himself to its cultivation, also renting additional land, and keeping himself busy all the while. He has done some building for himself in Terre Hill, and owns a comfortable and attractive home in the village. Mr. Foltz is an earnest Republican and an intelligent and thoughtful voter.

Peter Y. Foltz was married, in 1875, to Miss Emma Coleman, a daughter of Abraham and Caroline (Clime) Coleman, and a native of Terre Hill. They have a family of five children: Abraham, at home; Harry, who married Miss Libbie Witmer, and is a resident of Terre Hill, where they have a family of two children, Jacob and James; William, who is a cigarmaker and lives at home; and Samuel and George, at home. Both Peter Y. Foltz and his wife are members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, and he is very active in Sunday-school work, being superintendent of the school, as well as class-leader and trustee in the church.

JOSEPH B. KERNER was born in Columbia July 2, 1858, son of John Andrew and Anna Barbara (Keidesch) Kerner, both of whom were for many years residents of Columbia. The father was born in Wittenberg, Germany, in 1813, son of George Kerner, a miller, and emigrated to America with his wife and family in the spring of 1847, settling at Columbia, where he remained until his death, Aug. 30, 1887, at the age of seventy-four years; his wife survived until June, 1895. They were devout and prominent members of the Lutheran Church. John A. Kerner had learned from his father the trade of miller. He followed baking for a time in Columbia, Lancaster county, later entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, with which he remained until his death. The children of John A. and Anna Barbara Kerner were John B., of Columbia, a conductor on the Pennsylvania road; Fredericka, wife of Daniel Marks, a hotel-keeper at Danville, Pa.; Andrew, who died in infancy; Catherine, wife of Jacob Sample, a telegraph operator of Columbia; and Joseph B.

Joseph B. Kerner was reared in Columbia, receiving a fair common-school education. At the age of twelve years he began an apprenticeship to a confectioner, and followed that trade for ten years. This term of employment was broken by a three-months experience in the United States army, Mr. Kerner's

taste leading him to a more active life. After his discharge, at the expiration of three months, he resumed candy making at Columbia for a time, and then began his service on the Pennsylvania railroad. For seventeen years he was employed as brakeman and flagman, in May, 1893, became an extra conductor, and on Sept. 4, 1899, was appointed regular conductor, still retaining that position. He met with an accident Nov. 29, 1899, through which he lost his right arm.

Mr. Kerner married at Columbia, in 1880, Miss Lizzie Brown, who was born in Rapho township Nov. 1, 1862, daughter of Harry and Sarah Ann (Hougendoubler) Brown, and granddaughter of Joseph Brown, of York county, and of Michael and Anna (Grann) Hougendoubler, of Lancaster county; her maternal grandfather was a tinner by trade. Harry Brown, her father, was a carpenter, and in 1867 removed from Newtown, Rapho township, to Columbia, following his trade until 1876, when he became a brakeman on the Pennsylvania road. He was killed on the road at Philadelphia, March 8, 1881, aged forty-four years; his widow still survives. To Harry and Sarah A. Brown were born the following named children: Anna, wife of Harry Baker, a railroad engineer at Harrisburg, Pa.; Simon, a freight conductor, who died Oct. 1, 1899; Lizzie; Isaiah, who died aged eight years; William S., who died in infancy; Harry, who died aged sixteen months; Effie, wife of Charles Miller, a railroad brakeman at Harrisburg; and Edward, deceased.

To Joseph B. and Lizzie (Brown) Kerner was born one child, Catherine A. The wife and mother died June 26, 1899, and the daughter died Nov. 1, 1901, aged nineteen years.

Mr. Kerner was again married, Dec. 25, 1902, to Miss Sara Harper Adams, who was born at New Germantown (Tohoyne township), Perry Co., Pa., Nov. 1, 1874, daughter of Robert C. and Sara (Yhost) Adams. Her father, Robert C. Adams, was born at New Germantown May 4, 1847, and by occupation is a farmer. Her mother was born at Duncannon, Perry Co., Pa., April 29, 1853. To Mr. and Mrs. Adams were born the following children: Wilson H., of New Germantown, who married Annie Seager, of the same place; Sara H.; Franklin, who died in infancy; Luemma; Theodore; Alton, who died in infancy; Lawrence; Grace; Wilmot; Cloyd; Harry; and Earl.

Mr. Kerner is a member of the B. of R. R. T., of the I. O. O. F., the B. of U., and the Firemen's Relief Association. In politics he is a Republican. He has proved a most valuable railroad employe and official, and in both railway and town circles is highly esteemed for his many good qualities.

MARTIN L. MILLER, a prominent farmer of Conoy township, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 6, 1846, on the farm where he is now living, son of David and Anna (Longenecker) Miller. The parents were born in Ephrata and Donegal townships,

respectively, the father on Aug. 3, 1805, the mother on Feb. 23, 1808. They were married March 5, 1828, and both died in Conoy township, David Miller on July 16, 1889, his wife in August, 1894; she was buried in the cemetery connected with Goods Meeting House, in West Donegal township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. The father was an active and hard working farmer until 1875, when he retired to spend his last days on a small place in Conoy township. For six years he was a school director, and he held a good place in the opinion of his neighbors, who judged him an honorable man of industry and integrity. He and his wife had the following children: (1) Elizabeth, born March 15, 1829, is the widow of Abraham Martin, of Conoy township; (2) Frances, born Aug. 18, 1830, married Henry Metzger, now a retired farmer of Dauphin county; (3) Anna, born Nov. 25, 1831, is living in Conoy, unmarried; (4) Christian L., born Feb. 20, 1833, is a retired farmer of Conoy township; (5) David, born July 16, 1834, is a resident of Mt. Joy, and his personal history may be found elsewhere; (6) John, born May 20, 1836, died at the age of eleven months; (7) Henry, born March 22, 1838, is a retired farmer in West Donegal township; (8) Barbara, born May 16, 1839, married John Erb, a truck farmer of Dauphin county; (9) Mary, born Nov. 13, 1840, married Andrew Stoner, a farmer of Conoy township; (10) Leah, born March 14, 1842, is the wife of Jacob B. Erb, of Harvey county, Kans.; (11) Abraham, born Jan. 23, 1844, is a farmer in Conoy township; (12) Martin L. is mentioned below; (13) Martha, born Nov. 2, 1849, married Amos Zimmerman, of York county, Pa., and died in January, 1883; (14) Samuel L., born March 14, 1852, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township.

Ernest Miller, the paternal grandfather of Martin L., came from Ireland, and his ashes are reposing in the Hill Church cemetery in Ephrata. The maternal grandparents, Christian and Fanny (Breneman) Longenecker, were residents of Lancaster county and prominent at an early day in the history of their community.

Martin L. Miller has been twice married, the first time, Sept. 5, 1871, in Lancaster, to Miss Lizzie Conley. To this union were born: (1) Emma C., who died in infancy; (2) Phares, a farmer of Conoy township, who married Emma Kraybill; (3) Ellie, the wife of Arthur Albright, a cigar maker of York, Pa.; and (4) Jacob, who married Lizzie Demmy, and is a painter in Elizabethtown. Mrs. Lizzie (Conley) Miller was born in Lancaster county, and died in 1877, at the age of twenty-three years, her ashes being interred in the cemetery connected with Bossler's Church. She was a daughter of Samuel and Magdelina (Brubaker) Conley, of Lancaster county. The second marriage of Martin L. Miller occurred Sept. 5, 1878, at the home of his wife's parents, in Fairview township, York Co., Pa., when Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman became his wife. To this union have been born the following named chil-

dren: Samuel Z., David Z., Martin Z., Ira Z. and Irvin (twins), Levi Z., Anna Z., Reuben Z., Lizzie Z., Benjamin Z. and Frances Z. All are at home except Irvin, who is deceased.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Zimmerman) Miller was born in Fairview township, York county, Nov. 18, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Barbara (Hess) Zimmerman, natives of Lancaster and York counties, respectively. Both her parents died in Fairview township, where her father was a farmer, he having settled in York county as early as 1820. He passed away Sept. 14, 1874, at the age of seventy-two years, eight months and nine days, and the mother died June 27, 1896, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, having been born March 30, 1813; they were buried in the Slate Hill Church cemetery in Cumberland county. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: (1) Samuel, who is a retired farmer in Dauphin county; (2) Christian, of York; (3) Amos, a farmer of York county; (4) David (deceased); (5) Benjamin, a bishop of the Mennonite Church, who is a farmer in Cumberland county; and (6) Elizabeth, wife of Martin L. Miller. By his first marriage, to Magdelina Weaver, Peter Zimmerman had children as follows: (1) Moses, who is now a retired farmer in Illinois; (2) Henry, a farmer of Cumberland county; (3) Esther, who died unmarried, at the age of twenty-nine years; (4) Mary, who died at the age of three years; (5) Peter, a farmer in Cumberland county; and (6) Magdelina, who died unmarried, January 1, 1902, aged sixty-four years, four months and seventeen days.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elizabeth Miller were Peter and Esther (Martin) Zimmerman, both born and reared in Lancaster county. They died in Cumberland county, whither he moved in 1819 and engaged in farming. Mrs. Miller's maternal grandparents were Christ and Lizzie (Martin) Hess, farming people of Lancaster county.

With the exception of three years following his marriage, when he was engaged in farming near Bainbridge, Martin L. Miller has spent his entire life on the farm where he is now found. He is a Republican, and with his wife and family belongs to the Mennonite Church. They are all thoroughly honorable and upright people, leading good lives and identified with the best elements of the community where their peaceful and industrious lives are passing.

NEWTON FRANKLIN HALL, whose office is at No. 37 East Grant street, Lancaster, is one of the most widely known members of the Lancaster Bar. He was born in Brecknock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 29, 1860, and after attending public school for a time went to the State Normal at Millersville for further study. He taught school until 1886, beginning this work at the early age of sixteen. After reading law with J. W. Johnson he was admitted to practice, in 1886; and to the Su-

preme court in 1888. He has been a practitioner in the Superior court from its organization. Mr. Hall is a Republican in politics, and as a recognition of his party fealty and services he was elected solicitor to the board of inspection of the Lancaster County Prison in 1891, receiving re-election year after year until he resigned, in May, 1901, to accept the position of County Solicitor, to which he was elected by the county commissioners, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of A. B. Hassler, appointed county comptroller by Gov. Stone.

On Dec. 20, 1888, Mr. Hall was married to Miss C. Sue Deem, daughter of the late Kennedy Deem, a farmer of Salisbury township. One daughter, Mary Violet, was born to this marriage Dec. 31, 1889. Mr. Hall is a member of the First Reformed Church. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and Elk. He is universally well thought of because of his upright, manly bearing and conduct, and has a future which promises well for himself and family.

WILLIAM OTTERBEIN FRAILEY, proprietor of the East End Pharmacy, at the corner of East King and Shippen streets, Lancaster, is a descendant of a Revolutionary family, whose history is closely connected with that of Pennsylvania.

Leonard Frailey, the first ancestor of the family in America, came from Switzerland in 1750, sailing from Rotterdam on the ship "Royal Union," and landing in Philadelphia. This vessel was commanded by Capt. Nicholson, and carried 253 male passengers. Leonard Frailey settled at Overbrook, on a farm which long remained in the hands of his descendants.

Peter Frailey, great-grandfather of William O., was in his time one of the most prominent men in Berks county, as shown by the records of the State. He was elected a member of the General Assembly in 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1801 and 1802, and became register, recorder and clerk of the Orphans' Court, holding this office from 1802 to 1809. He was again returned to the Assembly in 1810 and 1812, and was State senator from 1813 to 1820. After retiring from public station he was tendered a reception at Lancaster which amounted to an ovation. His wife was a sister of Gov. Ritter.

Jacob Frailey, grandfather of William O., was a soldier in the war of 1812. He owned farm lands at one time in Schuylkill county, in which rich deposits of coal were found after he had disposed of the property. He was married to Mary Troyer, and to this union were born ten sons and three daughters, those living at the present time being: Charles R., who is an artistic penman; Jacob; Andrew; and Anne, widow of John Stetter.

Henry L. Frailey, the seventh son of Jacob, was in early life a school teacher, but in later years entered the real estate business, and was for many years solicitor, inspector and secretary for the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company. For three terms he was city assessor. He died April 9,

1890. He married Frances Steinecke, who was born in Saxony, Germany, and who came to this country with her parents when she was only six years old.

William O. Frailey, son of Henry L., was born in Lancaster, and was educated in the city schools. After he had completed the high school course he became an apprentice to the drug business with W. T. Wiley, with whom he remained four years, and then became a student of the College of Pharmacy, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with honor. Returning to Lancaster, the young pharmacist became head clerk for John R. Kauffman, with whom he remained three years, and then opened business for himself at his present location. Three years after he had bought the business he was able to buy the property, and presently enlarged and remodeled the building to fit the needs of a modern and progressive business. It is now one of the handsomest and most desirable drug stands in Lancaster. Not satisfied with the goods belonging to the drug trade, he began manufacturing specialties of his own, notable among them being a Wine of Iron, a syrup of Blood Root, Wild Cherry and Hoarhound, Toothache Drops, a Corn Cure, aromatic essence of Jamaica ginger, Circassian Cream, Cream of Beauty, Chilblain and Prickly Heat remedy, a Vermifuge Syrup, Beef Wine and Iron, Sarsaparilla Compound, a Vegetable Stomach Bitters, Liver Pills, Kidney Pills, Cream of Camphor, Worm Lozenges, Antibilious Powders, Benzoine and Glycerine Lotion, Pearl Dentifrice, Occidental Tooth Powder, Oriental Tooth Powder, a Hair Tonic and an almost endless list of toilet waters. These are of his own compounding, discovery and manufacture, bearing his name. Mr. Frailey also gives special attention to trusses, fitting them to the most difficult cases. His standing in the profession is well attested by the positions he has held and holds in the various organizations: He is secretary of the Lancaster Retail Druggists' Association, and was its delegate to the National Association of Retail Druggists held in Buffalo in 1901, and in Cleveland in 1902, and at the latter meeting he was made chairman of the committee on the form of organization of the National Association. He is also chairman of the executive committee of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Association, having been elected for two consecutive terms. Notwithstanding these labors as a part of his calling, Mr. Frailey is secretary of the Lancaster Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a position to which he succeeded at the death of his father, in 1890; is also secretary of the Washington National Loan & Building Association; and of the Lancaster Real Estate & Improvement Company. Blessed with a fine voice and a great love for music, Mr. Frailey has been associated from an early age with the leading musical organizations in the city, and was a director for a time of the choir of St. Mary's Catholic Church. At the present time he is singing in the choir of the Presbyterian Church, being a member



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of that church, and he has repeatedly contributed his musical talent for the benefit of worthy charities.

In 1884 Mr. Frailey was married to Miss Elizabeth Fredericke Strobel, daughter of Henry Strobel, a highly respected citizen of Lancaster, who was born in the Tyrol, Austria. Mrs. Frailey is an accomplished church organist, having filled that position at various times in St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and St. Anthony's Catholic churches, and being still engaged at the latter. Mr. and Mrs. Frailey have been blessed with five children, of whom the survivors are: Henry Edward, William O., Jr., and Frances Mary Elizabeth. Virginia Edna and Charles Joseph died in infancy. Mr. Frailey is a member of the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum. Wherever found, he shows himself an earnest and enthusiastic worker, always ready to help others.

ELWOOD C. WARFEL, the genial and popular proprietor of the "Sorrel Horse Hotel," in East Earl township, was born at the "White Horse Hotel," in Salisbury township, this county, Dec. 24, 1856, son of Jacob D. Warfel, auctioneer of New Holland.

Mr. Warfel was eight years of age when the family removed to Intercourse, Lancaster county, where they had their home for four years. The next two years were spent in Leacock township, and a short time later Jacob D. Warfel moved to Salisbury township, still later returning to Leacock township. He spent one year in West Earl township, but again returned to Leacock township, and thence moved to Honeybrook, in Chester county; it was at that place that Elwood C. Warfel cast his first vote. His education had been obtained in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-three he married. Following this event Mr. Warfel engaged in dealing in stock, and later spent three years in the huckster business. In 1885 he first made a success of the hotel business, in Beartown, where he continued to manage an excellent inn for eight years, at the end of that time coming to Fetterville and purchasing the "Sorrel Horse Hotel." Since Mr. Warfel has taken the management of this hostelry it has become one of the best regulated houses of rest and entertainment in the county, its genial and courteous proprietor being noted for his ability to accommodate his guests and provide for their comfortable sojourn with him. When it is remembered how large a proportion of the representatives of many branches of business spend the greater part of their lives far from their own roofs, it can easily be seen how dependent they are, for the comforts of home, on the kindness and care of the hotel-keeper, and how appreciative they become of the efforts of those who look after their safety and interests. Therefore Mr. Warfel has a large and growing patronage.

Mr. Warfel does not confine his energies to looking after his hotel, as he is also engaged in the stock business, and has a tobacco farm. He takes a deep interest in all of the progressive movements in his

locality, and may always be counted upon to further all enterprises for the benefit of the community.

Mr. Warfel was married, June 2, 1879, to Miss Rachel L. Brubaker, who was born Oct. 3, 1861, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, daughter of Perry and Sarah Brubaker, of Lancaster county. A family of six children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Warfel: Jacob P., Edward F., James C., Vincent, Flossie L. and Lottie May.

Jacob P. Warfel, the eldest son of Elwood C. Warfel, was primarily educated in the public schools, then became a student in the Millersville Normal School, and still later attended the University of Pennsylvania. After one term of teaching in this county he accepted a position as tracer with the Gimbel Brothers house, in Philadelphia, and is a very bright and promising young man. The family is highly regarded in Lancaster county, and Elwood C. Warfel is one of its worthy representatives.

ISAAC B. ESBENSHADE, one of the older and very highly respected residents of Manheim township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 15, 1848, on the old homestead north of Eden, in that county, where he was reared to farm life and educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-five he married, and entered into business for himself. His marriage, which occurred Nov. 26, 1872, was to Miss Harriet Gross, a daughter of Martin Gross, who lived in East Hempfield township, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Esbenshade located at once on the farm adjoining the place where they are found to-day. It contained seventy-five acres, and was their home until 1900, when they removed to their present location, one mile north of Lancaster. By thrift and management, as well as industry and character, Mr. Esbenshade has become a wealthy land holder, owning three farms, one containing seventy acres, another seventy-five, and a third fifty-three acres. They adjoin, and are regarded as among the best farms in the county. He also owns a small property along the Oregon pike, in Manheim township. Mr. Esbenshade has improved all three places mentioned, and on the one containing seventy acres erected a fine barn in 1898. A progressive and energetic farmer, he keeps fully abreast of the times.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbenshade are the parents of three children: (1) Martin G., born Dec. 16, 1875, married Miss Kate Zeamer, and is the father of one child, Marie; he lives on the farm adjoining his father's home. (2) Bertha G., born Sept. 5, 1877, is at home. (3) M. Laura G., born April 15, 1881, is at home. Mrs. Esbenshade is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and all the family are associated with the best people of the community. Mr. Esbenshade is a staunch Republican and takes a deep interest in party affairs.

J. MARTIN SLAYMAKER, M. D., a prominent and successful physician of Salisbury township, and one of its most highly esteemed and substantial

men, was born in 1864, in Paradise township, Lancaster county, son of John M. and Elizabeth (Snyder) Slaymaker, natives of Williamstown, Paradise township.

The Slaymaker family is a very old and most highly respected one in Lancaster county, and was founded here by five brothers of the name, who came hither from their home in Strasburg, Germany, after the settlement of this section by William Penn. These brothers each bought 1000 acres of land and a part of this land was contained in the present site of the prosperous town of Williamstown, Paradise township, of which this family hold deed from William Penn.

John M. Slaymaker, the father of our subject, was born in Williamstown, and resided in Paradise township all his life, his death occurring in 1874, when he had reached the age of fifty-eight years. He was interred in the cemetery connected with the Leacock Presbyterian Church, in Paradise township. Mr. Slaymaker was a man of large means and much prominence in his township. As a farmer he was regarded as one of the best in his locality, and he owned three of the finest farms in the township, while as a man of influence in social and political life, he was known beyond his own neighborhood. For a long period he was an active politician, and was attached to the Know Nothing party, but never accepted any political office. His connection with the Underground railway and assistance given to escaping slaves, was never concealed, he being a man who boldly followed his convictions of right. In his earlier days he belonged to the Presbyterian Church, but at the time of his death belonged to the communion of the Episcopal Church. John M. Slaymaker was a son of Mathias and Rebecca (Ferree) Slaymaker, the former of whom was an extensive farmer in Paradise township. These parents died in their old home and lie at rest in the old Presbyterian cemetery in Paradise township.

John M. Slaymaker was married (first) about 1850, to Miss Emma H. Jack, and the daughter born to this union was Emma, who married Silas K. Eshleman, who is a retired farmer of Leaman Place, Pa. Mrs. Slaymaker died soon after the birth of her daughter. Mr. Slaymaker was married (second) in 1856, to Miss Elizabeth Snyder, born in Paradise township. The children born to this union were as follows: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Ira Gabbert, graduate of the Literary College of Missouri, and of Jefferson Medical College, and who is now located at Caldwell, Kans.; Sarah R., who married Charles F. Diller, of Lancaster, founder of the Peerless Emery Wheel Works; James, who died in young manhood from the effects of typhoid fever; Dr. John Martin, our subject; Anna M., who married George W. Himes, a prominent and wealthy resident of Shippensburg, director of one of the banks and connected with many of the industries of that city; Misses Martha J. and Mary M., at home; and Samuel F., who resides with his family

in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in a general grocery business.

Dr. John Martin Slaymaker was reared on the old homestead at Williamstown, in Paradise township, until the age of fifteen years. He attended the district schools until that time, and then spent three years as a student at the Lehigh Literary Academy. Resolving to adopt the profession of medicine, at the age of seventeen he came to Lancaster and began his medical reading under Dr. Carpenter, who prepared him for entrance into Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated when but twenty-two years of age. Dr. Slaymaker located at Gap, and almost immediately acquired a large practice which has continued to increase in volume and importance ever since. He was appointed P. R. R. Surgeon at Gap in 1888. He is one of the most popular as well as successful physicians in this part of the county, and is so fully occupied with the demands of the public, that he finds little leisure for anything else, although he is a large landowner, also, in the township. Dr. Slaymaker is surrounded with the comforts of life and resides in a handsome brick residence which he had built and fitted up in elegant style. Five years after his location in the village, Dr. Slaymaker was joined by his mother and sisters, they leaving the old farm in 1888. The family is one of social prominence in Gap and every member is held in the highest esteem.

Dr. Slaymaker is a stanch Republican, but his professional duties give him no time to accept public office although he is unusually well qualified to do so. He belongs to the county and State medical societies. With his mother and sisters, the Doctor belongs to the Episcopal Church, of which they are liberal supporters.

JACOB B. KELLER. Among the old and honored families who have made Lancaster county what it is, the name of Keller has considerable prominence. The founder of the family in the United States was Jacob Keller, who was born Nov. 14, 1706, and who came to America from Canton Basel, Switzerland, between 1725 and 1730. He purchased, May 7, 1730, a tract of land which now is included in Ephrata township, from John, Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn. He was a Seventh Day Baptist in religion. His death occurred March 10, 1794, and his remains were buried in Cloister cemetery. His wife, born Feb. 2, 1708, died May 24, 1787. At his death Jacob Keller left three sons, one of whom, Jacob, retained the homestead; Sebastian located in Elizabethtown; and the third in the State of Virginia.

Jacob Keller (2), was born on the old homestead at Springville, Cocalico township, at the head of Trout creek, Feb. 15, 1733, and died Aug. 20, 1804; his wife, Barbara (Landes) Keller, who was born July 3, 1736, died March 18, 1818, and both of them rest in the old homestead cemetery. Of their chil-

dren, Jacob is mentioned below; Samuel, born May 24, 1763, was a miller at Keller's mill, in Cocalico township, and died Jan. 5, 1848, and John, born Aug. 30, 1766, located near Lititz, and died April 26, 1850.

Jacob Keller (3) was born on the old homestead, Sept. 14, 1761, and died April 12, 1830; his wife, Barbara (Huber) Keller, born in 1764, died in 1794. Her sister, who became his second wife, was born Nov. 13, 1766, and died Dec. 14, 1849. He was the father of five sons and three daughters: (1) John, born Aug. 6, 1784, died July 27, 1875. He married first a Miss Hershberger, and second a Miss Zentmyer, and his children were, Lydia, Salome, John H., Daniel, Jacob H., Leah, Michael, Samuel, Elizabeth, Henry and Mary. (2) Jacob, born Nov. 30, 1786, located at Springville, and died Aug. 14, 1841. He married Elizabeth Shirk, who was born Feb. 23, 1790, and died Feb. 6, 1872. (3) Samuel, born Aug. 7, 1791, died Feb. 27, 1855. His first wife Magdalena Erb, born June 11, 1794, died Oct. 5, 1825. (4) Mary married John Hershberger, and had six children, Lydia, Jacob, Sally, Henry, Susannah and Leah. (5) Barbara married David Erb, at Hammer Creek, and had nine children, Samuel, Reuben, Ephraim, Israel, David, John, Levi, Elizabeth and Sallie. (6) Frederick, born Jan. 5, 1794, married Catharine Gross, had thirteen children, and died March 17, 1879. (7) Susanna, married Joseph Shirk and had ten children, Christiana, Leah, Maria, Sallie, Fianna, Annamahala, Lizzie, Jacob, Joseph and Reuben. (8) George is mentioned below.

George Keller, the father of the immediate subject of this biography, was born Oct. 22, 1799, and died Jan. 15, 1849, aged forty-nine years, two months and twenty-six days. He was twice married; his first wife belonged to the Long family of Landis Valley; his second wife was Christina Brubaker, born Nov. 6, 1802, who died April 17, 1842; both are buried in the old cemetery at Springville. Of the children in the family of George Keller, the eldest son George, born in December, 1823, died at the age of sixty-two, leaving a large family; Jacob B.; Leah, born in 1827, married Jacob S. Wissler, moved to Canton, Ohio, and died, the mother of seven children, Ezra S., Jacob S., Isaac, and four daughters; Susanna married David Mohler, and had ten children; Elias B., born in 1832, married Rebecca Hershberger, and had eleven children; Isaac, born in 1835, became a German Baptist minister, married a Miss Rudy, and had eight children; and Annie, born in 1839, married Aaron Weidman, and lives at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Jacob B. Keller, a worthy representative of this old and established family, was born Oct. 31, 1825, and was the second son of George Keller. Reared on the farm, one of a large family, he early became accustomed to the duties of an agricultural life, and pursued it for a number of years. At school he was an apt pupil, and finished the common school course with credit, and then took up the profession of teach-

ing, but in 1860 he engaged in the milling business, six years later removing to Ephrata where he became a contractor and builder, and also dealt extensively in real estate. A man of more than average intelligence, Mr. Keller has taken a great interest in his family ancestry, of which he has reason to be justly proud, for few, like him, can look back over former generations and find the record so universally in favor of sobriety, uprightness and good citizenship.

On Nov. 6, 1846, Mr. Keller was married to Miss Rebecca Stupp, a daughter of John and Sarah (Eckert) Stupp, of Berks county, Pa., and to this union were born four children: Emma, born Aug. 11, 1847, who married William K. Seltzer, a prominent attorney and justice of the peace, in Ephrata township; Alice, born Sept. 7, 1862, married B. F. Bair, a stock-dealer, in Philadelphia; while Frank and James died in infancy.

Ever since the administration of President Lincoln, Mr. Keller has been an active and ardent Republican, and he exerts a wide influence for his party in his locality. For many years he has been a valued and consistent member of the German Baptist Church, where he is one of the most cheerful supporters of all charitable and benevolent enterprises. Although now living a retired life in his comfortable home in the borough of Ephrata, Mr. Keller has not permitted his intellectual faculties to become rusty, as during the year 1898 he compiled and arranged a neat genealogy of the Keller family in America, which he notes was prepared for his personal satisfaction, but which must have required much study and research, and it is of inestimable value to all who are permitted to bear the honorable name.

SOLOMON H. GOOD, a successful farmer and butcher of Pequea township, and the present auditor of that township, is actively identified with various interests in his section of the county, and is well and favorably known.

Jacob K. Good, his father, was born in Lancaster county about 1815, and followed farming, distilling and milling until his death, which occurred in 1897. He was a Republican in politics, and held the offices of school director and supervisor for some time. He married Miss Mary Havistick, daughter of Jacob Havistick, of Pequea township, and they had a family of eleven children: Joseph, now deceased; Susan, wife of Michael Hess, of Manor township; John, deceased; Elizabeth and Mary, who did not marry; Jacob, of Millersville; Catherine and Barbara, both unmarried; Sarah, widow of William Beshtold; Abraham, deceased; and Solomon H.

Solomon H. Good, whose name introduces this sketch, was born in Pequea township Jan. 21, 1861, and remained at home until he was about twenty-seven years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county. In 1884 he began the

butcher business for himself, and has continued same ever since, together with farming, meeting with well deserved success in both branches. He has recently bought the Amos S. Kreider farm, of seventy-five acres, west of his home place. Like his father, Mr. Good is a Republican in politics, and he now holds the office of auditor, discharging the duties of that office with characteristic fidelity and a regard for the interests of his community.

On Dec. 25, 1887, Mr. Good wedded Miss Elizabeth K. Good, daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Kling) Good, both of Pequea township, and they have one son, Benjamin Harrison.

H. C. HUBER, a prominent farmer of Providence township, was born Dec. 19, 1863, son of Henry and Susan (Charles) Huber, who were natives of Martic township, Lancaster county.

Henry Huber, father of H. C., was born in 1833, and died in 1894. He followed farming all his life in Martic township, where, in 1856, he married Susan Charles. A family of nine children was born to this union, as follows: Annie; Aaron, of Lancaster; H. C.; Morris, of Lancaster; Louisa, wife of Albert Eshleman, of Providence township; Abraham, of Martic township; John, of Conestoga township; Benjamin, of Manheim township; and Milton, of Pequea township. The family is an old one in Martic township, where Grandfather Abraham Huber was a well-known farmer in his day. Their political connection is with the Republican party. In religion they are consistent supporters of the Menonite Church.

On Sept. 17, 1885, H. C. Huber was united in marriage with Miss Mary Eshleman, daughter of Eli and Susan (Mack) Eshleman, who had the following children born to them: Martin Mack, of Martinsville; Daniel, of Drumore; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph G. Rankin, of Martic township; Jacob P., of Pequea township; Susan, wife of Chester Andrews, of Columbia, Pa.; George, of West Lampeter; Mary, wife of H. C. Huber; Eli, of Providence township; and Lydia, wife of Martin Eshleman, of Pequea township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huber, namely: Annie, Anna, and Mary and Harry, twins.

Mr. Huber was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the public schools of his district. His interest in the schools has caused him to consent to serve as one of the directors in Providence township. He is one of the most highly respected citizens of his locality, and is widely known as a man of good judgment and reliability.

ELMER T. PRIZER, M. D., of Lancaster, has by his skill and magnetic personality, as well as careful attention to his profession, proved himself an ideal and successful follower of Æsculapius.

The Prizers came to America from Germany some time between the years 1720 and 1740, settling in Montgomery county, Pa. Benjamin Prizer,

one of the Doctor's ancestors, engaged in the manufacture of flour near Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa. There John Prizer, father of Dr. Elmer T., was born. He married Harriet Towers, daughter of Michael Towers, a contractor of considerable note, of Spring City, Chester county, and four children were born to this union, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are Della, wife of John Deisher, a furniture dealer in Phoenixville, Pa.; Lura, wife of Henry Wells, in the Pennsylvania railroad service at Phoenixville; and Elmer Towers.

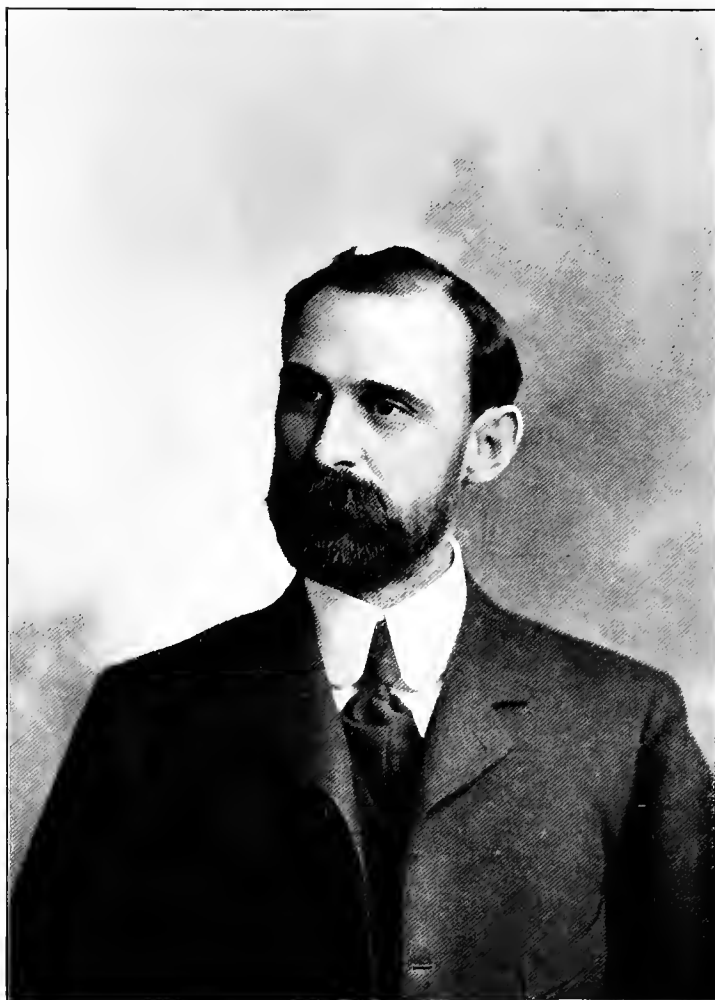
Elmer T. Prizer was born Nov. 24, 1867, near Phoenixville, Chester Co., Pa., and received his education in part at Kimber's Academy, at Kimberton, same county, and in part at the State Normal School in West Chester, afterward taking a course in medicine at Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in 1896. Immediately after that event the Doctor came to Lancaster, and, opening an office at No. 25 South Prince street (formerly occupied by Judge Hayes), has since enjoyed a lucrative practice, having among his patients many of the representative families of the city and vicinity.

In December, 1896, Dr. Prizer was married to Miss Jessie Butler, daughter of James Butler, a retired iron merchant of near West Chester, and niece of the distinguished Judge Butler. One child, Rachel, has graced this union. Mrs. Prizer is descended from one of the oldest and most prominent Quaker families of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Prizer is identified with the Presbyterian Church. Socially he is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; of the Knights of Malta; of the Knights of the Mystic Circle; and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

JACOB L. GARBER. Not only is agriculture the oldest occupation in the world, but it is also the most important, for upon the failure or success of the crops of a nation depends its commercial prestige. Therefore, the calling of a farmer is one of importance and responsibility, and the progressive agriculturist of to-day is adopting every means to increase the value of his acres, and in return reaps large harvests. The latest improved machinery is used; new methods of drainage are adopted, and a regular system of alternation of crops is pursued, so that each acre may bring forth abundantly. Among the farmers of this class is Jacob L. Garber, of East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, who was born June 13, 1857, in East Donegal township, son of Christian S. and Annie (Lindermentt) Garber, who died in 1882 and 1876, respectively.

Christian S. Garber was a native of West Donegal township, but upon his marriage removed to East Donegal township, where he spent the greater portion of his remaining years, engaged in farming. After a useful and successful life, he died, in the respect and esteem of the entire community. To himself and good wife were born seven children:



E. J. Prizer.

Mary Ann, deceased, wife of Amos Hustand; Jacob L., of East Hempfield township; John L., residing in West Donegal township; Eli L., residing in Lititz, engaged in the creamery business; Barbara, wife of John Hess, of Manheim township; Katie, wife of Enos Hess, of Roseville, Lancaster county; and Christian, deceased. The religious connection of the parents was with the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob L. Garber was reared upon the farm, and received his education in the public schools of his district. When he reached the age of twenty-three the young man resolved to see something of the outside world, and made a trip West, where he remained six months, and upon his return to Lancaster county he married and located upon the farm he now owns, renting it for two years. At the expiration of this time he removed to Penn township and purchased a farm of eighty-six acres, remaining there for seven years. In 1890, the farm he had rented previously coming on the market, he purchased it, and has since carried on general farming, developing the property, which contains ninety-seven acres, until it is one of the finest farms in the county.

In 1881 Mr. Garber married Lizzie Buckwalter, a daughter of Joseph Buckwalter, and eight children have been born to them: Harry B., born July 28, 1882; Annie May, Feb. 5, 1883; Alvin B., Oct. 6, 1885; Joseph B., Feb. 23, 1887; Lizzie, June 27, 1895; Ella and Jacob, twins, May 18, 1897; and Christian, May 7, 1899.

Both Jacob L. Garber and his wife are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church. They are very worthy people, whose popularity in East Hempfield is well deserved, as they possess many admirable qualities, which have made for them hosts of friends.

CHRISTIAN B. MILLER is a grandson of Christian Miller, who was born and reared in Lancaster county, owned a 190-acre farm in Conestoga township, and followed farming all his life. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Elizabeth Kendig, of Strasburg township, and they became the parents of seven children: Abraham, father of Christian B.; Christian K., of Conestoga township; Susan, wife of John Frantz, of Manor; Amos, of Conestoga; Abner, of Conestoga; Martha, wife of John Nestleroth, of Manor; and John, of Conestoga.

Abraham Miller, father of Christian B., was born in Conestoga township, and lived there until he was about twenty-two or twenty-three years old, when he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Buckwalter, of Manor township. Removing to near Millersville, in Manor township, he there engaged in farming until he was sixty years old, when he entered the mercantile business, following same for eight years, after which he retired from active life. Both he and his wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. He was always a Republican, held

the office of school director for a number of years, and was for a long time auditor of the township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had the following children: Amos B., Jacob B. and Abram B., all of Manor township; Christian B., whose name opens this sketch; and Martha, wife of Abram F. Witmer, of Manor township.

Christian B. Miller was born June 3, 1847, in Manor township, and when he was two years old moved to Conestoga township to live with his grandparents, remaining with them until he was fourteen, when he returned to his father's home in Manor township. He received his education in the public schools. Mr. Miller resided with his parents until he was twenty-one years old, when, on Nov. 10, 1868, he married Miss Lizzie, daughter of Andrew Zercher, of Conestoga township. Soon afterward he began farming for himself, living four years on his uncle's farm in Conestoga, after which he moved to the farm where he has since resided, and which at that time belonged to his father-in-law, Andrew Zercher. He purchased it in 1876, and has since given his entire time to its management. The farm consists of 109 acres, near the center of Conestoga township, one of the best in the neighborhood, and he has recently built one of the finest barns in the vicinity. He is recognized by all as one of the prosperous men of his community.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of eight children: Myra J., wife of Benjamin F. Kendig, of Manor township; Anna M.; Jacob Z., who was married Jan. 16, 1902, to Ella Wissler, of Manor township, and lives at home; Landis L., who was married Nov. 28, 1901, to Katie Frey, of Manor township, and lives at Creswell; Lizzie B., who was married Nov. 20, 1902, to Ezra E. Wolgemuth, of Mt. Joy township, and resides there; Harry J., who was drowned in a spring on the place, when two years old; and Mary J. and Cora E., at home. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and three of their children, are members of the River Brethren Church. Mr. Miller was ordained a minister in that faith in 1889, by Rev. Jacob N. Graybill, and since his ordination has officiated at the Pequea Church.

JOHN FLICKINGER is proprietor of the Flickinger Mills, built by John Miller in 1801, and located on Mill creek, in Leacock township, twelve miles from Lancaster. They are operated at the present time by both steam and water power.

Mr. Flickinger was born Sept. 6, 1861, on the place where he is found to-day, son of William and Caroline (Moore) Flickinger, who were married in August, 1852. The father was born in East Cocalico township, this county, and the mother in Berks county. William Flickinger was engaged in the milling business from his early boyhood, and in 1856 located at the Flickinger Mills, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was born Feb. 2, 1828, and died Feb. 26, 1899. His wife was born Nov. 24, 1831, and died April 8, 1885. Both were

buried in Roland's cemetery. They were members of the Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Flickinger had the following family: (1) Richard, who died at the age of twenty-four years, was a miller by vocation, and operated his father's mill No. 2, formerly known as Eckert's mill, in Leacock township; he had conducted the mill but one year at the time of his death. (2) Katie married J. D. Bair, formerly a merchant of Leacock township, now a resident of New Holland. (3) John is mentioned below.

Richard and Anna (Zeigler) Flickinger were the paternal grandparents of John Flickinger. He was a drover, and died in East Cocalico township, and he is buried at Adamstown. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Flickinger were Jacob and Catherine (Switzer) Moore, both of Berks county, where he was engaged in farming and milling.

John Flickinger and M. Elizabeth Evans were married Dec. 29, 1886. She is a daughter of John and Rachel (Overly) Evans, and was born in Honeybrook, Chester Co., Pa., in 1864. To this union have been born W. Gordon and J. Harold. Mr. Evans was a blacksmith, was married in Lancaster county, and settled at Honeybrook, where he died in 1892, at the age of sixty-five; his remains rest in the Honeybrook cemetery. His widow, who was born in 1829, is still living, and has her home in Honeybrook. They had the following family: (1) Margaret married William Moore, of Upper Leacock township. (2) M. Elizabeth is the wife of John Flickinger. (3) Amos W. is an undertaker in San Francisco. (4) A. Barton is a manufacturer of springs in Philadelphia. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Flickinger were Adam and Elizabeth (Trego) Evans, and her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Margaret (Plank) Overly.

Mr. Flickinger lived with his parents until his marriage. He belongs to the Reformed Church, and is one of the leading and influential citizens of the community.

DAVID F. ESHLEMAN, a leading and representative farmer of Manor township, was born in the village of Creswell, that township, April 11, 1860, son of Amos and Mary (Frey) Eshleman. He attended the public schools near his boyhood home, and as his early life was passed upon a farm he earlier became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and is to-day regarded as one of the most thorough and skillful farmers of his community. At the age of twenty-two years he started out in life for himself as a farmer, and in 1897 purchased his father-in-law's farm, comprising fifty-four acres of land under a high state of cultivation, and well improved. Here Mr. Eshleman is now successfully engaged in general farming. He is a member of the Church of God, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

On Aug. 30, 1885, Mr. Eshleman was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Shank, and to them have

been born six children, namely: Cora, Ada, Harvey, Ira, Irene and Lillie.

Isaac Shank, father of Mrs. Eshleman, was born on a farm in Lancaster county Jan. 16, 1830, and was two years old when with his parents he removed to the farm near Central Manor, in Manor township, where he now resides, having made his home there ever since. With the exception of four years, immediately after his marriage, he followed farming until he sold his place, in 1897, to his son-in-law, Mr. Eshleman. He is one of the good, substantial citizens of his community, and is highly respected and esteemed. In 1860 he married Miss Sarah Frey, who was born Dec. 5, 1839, daughter of Rudolph Frey, and they have become the parents of three children: Sarah, now the wife of John Green, of Manor township; Barbara, wife of Christ Kline, of the same township; and Lizzie, wife of David F. Eshleman, whose name introduces this sketch.

JOHN L. LEAMAN, who is spending the closing years of an exceedingly industrious and earnest life at his home in Leacock township, Lancaster county, where for many years he carried on farming in an enlightened and progressive manner, was born in that township March 28, 1841, a son of John and Mary (Landis) Leaman, of East Lampeter township.

John Leaman, the father, who was a farmer, and died on his farm in 1882, had lived retired during the last thirteen years of the seventy-two which had been given him. He was a man of considerable importance, and was a director of the Lancaster County Bank at the time of his death. His wife, who died in 1848, at the early age of thirty-six years, was buried in Mellinger's Cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church. Born to this union were: (1) A son who died in infancy; (2) Elias, who died in 1892; (3) Esther, deceased wife of Emanuel Denlinger; (5) Tobias, a retired farmer of Leacock township; and (4) John L., whose name appears above. The father was married a second time, Barbara Landis becoming his wife, and the mother of one child, who died in infancy. Benjamin Leaman, the grandfather of John L., was a native of East Lampeter township, and was a farmer in his early life. John Landis, the maternal grandfather of John L. Leaman, was a native of Lancaster county.

John L. Leaman has been twice married, the first time on Dec. 5, 1861, when Anna Hershey became his wife. To this union came one child, Annetta, who died in infancy. Mrs. Anna Leaman, who died in October, 1863, was the daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Eby) Hershey, both of Lancaster county. The second marriage of John L. Leaman occurred Jan. 10, 1873, when he was united in matrimony with Mary Landis. To this union were born: (1) Violetta married Ezra Zimmerman, a farmer in Leacock township, and became the mother of five children—John, who died in early

childhood; Willis, Enos, Maurice and Edna, at home. (2) Hershey died in infancy. (3) Landis died in infancy. (4) Celia is the wife of Clayton Groff, and they have three children, Irwin L., Bethel M., and Lester L. (5) Freeland died at the age of six years. Mrs. Mary (Landis) Leaman was born in West Lampeter township Feb. 2, 1845, daughter of David and Barbara (Groff) Landis, of East Lampeter township. Her father, who was a miller, died in 1884, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother passed away in 1890, at the age of seventy-two years, and was buried in Mellinger's cemetery by the side of her husband. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of the following family: David, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township; Benjamin, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Lavina, the wife of Adam Landis, a retired farmer; Mary wife of our subject; Anna, who married Harry L. Groff, of Strasburg; and Frances, who died when thirteen years old.

John L. Leaman remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began the cultivation of the farm on which he is found at the present writing. In 1876 he put up new buildings, and the place has been greatly improved under his intelligent and industrious tillage. In 1877 he gave up active farming, and is now living retired, sustained by that competence which represents thrift, economy and industry to a marked degree. For six years Mr. Leaman has been town auditor, and he is regarded as one of the leading men of the community. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics he is a Republican.

AARON HERR, a highly respected general farmer, tobacco grower, and proprietor of the Cordelia Dairy Farm, in West Hempfield township, was born in Pequea township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1846, son of Rudolph and Barbara (Brenneman) Herr, of Conestoga township, who reared a family of eleven children, born in the following order: Charlotte, wife of John C. Seitz, retired farmer at Mountville; Elizabeth, wife of Frederick K. Heise, a farmer in Mifflin county; Susan, widow of Abraham Musser, of Columbia; John, who died in the army; Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Aaron, mentioned above; Lydia A., wife of Harry Dambach, farmer of Manor township; Benjamin, who died in Columbia; Adam, a painter in Mountville; Barbara, wife of Albert Wagner, a horse dealer in Newark, N. J.; and Amisiah, a farmer in Mifflin county, Pa. The father of this family was a farmer by calling. He served two terms as a school director. He died on the West Hempfield farm in 1897, aged eighty-one years, ten months; the mother died in Mountville in 1895, at the age of seventy-two years, both passing away in the faith of the Mennonite Church. Their remains are interred at Mountville.

In October, 1871, at Lancaster city, Aaron Herr

married Miss Catherine Dambach, who has borne him four children, viz.: John M., a farmer in Manor township, and married to Mary Sowders; Elizabeth, wife of Paris G. Garber, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Harvey, who died at the age of sixteen months; and Minnie, still at home. Mrs. Catherine (Dambach) Herr was born in Manor township Jan. 8, 1851, daughter of Martin Dambach and sister of David H. Dambach, of Manor township, a biographical sketch of whom will be found elsewhere.

Aaron Herr lived with his parents on a farm until his marriage, when he rented a farm in Manor township for a year, and then came to West Hempfield township and purchased his present place of eighty-three acres, on which he has ever since lived, and has so well succeeded in a pecuniary sense that he is about to retire from the activities of business and pass the remainder of his days in quiet leisure. He raises ten acres of tobacco annually, and has been in the dairy business since 1882. Mr. Herr is a Republican in politics, and has been a school director for the past two terms of three years each. Fraternally he is a member of Susquehanna lodge, I. O. O. F.; religiously, with his family, he belongs to the Mennonite Church. Socially the family enjoy the esteem of all their neighbors, being steady-going, self-respecting people.

FRANK MICHAEL, a prominent and successful business citizen of Terrehill, this county, was born at Rothsville, in Warwick township, Oct. 27, 1847, son of Cyrus and Catherine (Wagner) Michael, the former of whom now is a resident of Disston, Lancaster county. He is aged eighty-two years, having been born Oct. 28, 1820.

Cyrus Michael is a son of John and Sally (Foltz) Michael, whose parents came to America from Germany. The father established a shoe shop some two miles north of Rothsville, and there spent the greater part of his life. His death occurred at Farmersville, both he and wife dying there, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Mary Ann Dillman, he at the age of seventy-two years, she when seventy-six. Both had been consistent and most worthy members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Charles (deceased) was a farmer; John (deceased) was a farmer in Franklin county; Cyrus is mentioned below; Sallie married Michael Kauffman; Mary Ann married Isaac Dillman.

Cyrus Michael was for many years one of the most extensive farmers of Warwick township, and became a substantial citizen, owning considerable property. His energy took him into many lines—huckstering, the management for some years of a gristmill, and for three years hotel-keeping. In early life he was a member of the Democratic party, but voted for President Lincoln, and ever afterward supported the Republican party. His wife died March 27, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years. They reared a family of six children: Frank;

Charles, unmarried; Salinda, widow of George Shreiner; Rebecca, wife of David Good, of Disston; Priscilla, wife of David Roder, of Terrehill; and Aquilla, who died at the age of four years. The beloved mother of this family was a devout and pious member of the Dunkard Church.

Frank Michael was reared at Rothsville, and obtained his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-four years he began his independent business career, entering a store in Rothsville in the capacity of clerk, and remaining in that connection for seven years. He was then for a time engaged in the sewing machine business, and later learned the carpenter's trade, in time accepting a position in the box factory of Sol Lessley, for some six years.

In 1885 Mr. Michael embarked in the manufacture of boxes himself, in Terrehill, and has been very successful in that line, now employing six men, and turning out a product that compares favorably with any on the market. At times, when rushed, Mr. Michael employs as many as twenty-two helpers. His establishment is known as the Old Maple Cigar Box Factory. His upright methods of doing business have gained for him the confidence of the trade, and he has been an important factor in the industrial life of Terrehill.

Mr. Michael was married in 1872 to Miss Susan Wechter, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Lutz) Wechter. One daughter has been born to this union, Carrie K., who is the wife of Amos B. Eshleman, a cigar manufacturer of Terrehill, and has one daughter, Celesta. They are members of the Trinity United Evangelical Church. All the family are counted among the most highly respected residents of this locality.

CHRISTIAN GUNZENHAUSER, a prominent business man and respected citizen of Lancaster, proprietor of the large bakery at No. 255 West King street, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 23, 1857, son of Leonard and Anna (Kauffman) Gunzenhauser.

Leonard Gunzenhauser, the father, was born in Germany, and died there, as did also his wife, the former when Christian was but one year old, and the latter when he was but twelve. They were the parents of six children, five of whom came to America. By trade the father was a miller, and he operated a mill of his own.

After the death of his father Christian Gunzenhauser lived with his mother until orphaned by her death. He lived with his sister two years, and was only fourteen when he came to work out his own future in America. Knowing that many of his countrymen were in Lancaster, he went thither, and for two years did such work as he was able to find, finally entering the bakery of Lawrence Goos, where he continued for two years, thoroughly learning the trade. For several years succeeding he worked as a journeyman for George Goebel, and then went to

Philadelphia, working for ten years with different firms, thus learning all methods and all kinds of baking and mixing. He first started in business for himself in Lock Haven, Pa., where he continued for two years, and then went back to Lancaster, where he bought the Goebel bakery, located at No. 231 West King street. He successfully conducted same until 1900, when he purchased his present building, and has continued to prosper. He improved the property and has it now in perfect condition, taking a pride in its clean and sanitary arrangement, by which he can offer to his patrons a high class of healthful and most attractive line of breads, pastries and all kinds of cakes. His sale of bread alone reaches over 25,000 loaves a week. Mr. Gunzenhauser has twelve delivery wagons employed in distributing his goods in various parts of the city and county, and employs some fifty assistants. In addition to his Lancaster store, which is a three-story brick building, he has built a three-story brick building 48x72 feet in dimensions, which he has equipped with the latest improved machinery, in fact, it is considered one of the finest bakeries in the State. Mr. Gunzenhauser has a number of branch stores throughout the county. While no kind of bakery production is neglected in this establishment, a specialty is made of wedding cakes. His equipment and accommodations would do credit to any city.

Mr. Gunzenhauser is connected with various German organizations in Lancaster, and also belongs to the A. & O. K. of M., White Cross Commandery, No. 2; B. P. O. E., No. 134. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is independent.

In 1882 Mr. Gunzenhauser married Katie L. Schaefer, who was born in Lancaster, daughter of Christian Schaefer, a well-known notion merchant of West King and Water streets, Lancaster, and a prominent citizen. Four children have been born to this union: Harry (who died at the age of six years), Margaret, Frank and Charles. The successful career of Mr. Gunzenhauser shows the result of industry, energy and economy. He began life with small means, and has won his own way to the confidence of his business associates and the esteem of his community, and is justly regarded as a representative business man of his adopted city.

PETER M. STERN, a general farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born on the old homestead Sept. 19, 1856, son of Christian and Catharine (Moyer) Stern, the former of whom still resides near the old home. This property has been in the possession of this family ever since its purchase from the Penns. these broad acres having become the property of the great-great-grandfather of Peter M. Stern Feb. 3, 1759, and some one of his descendants has held the farm ever since, each generation improving it and making it more and more valuable.

The first of Mr. Stern's ancestors to come to this country was his great-great-grandfather, Johan (or Hannes) Stern, who emigrated hither from Switzer-



Ch. Gunzenhauser

land in 1736. He and his wife, Barbara, had a family of four sons and one daughter, namely: Jacob was the great-grandfather of Peter M. Peter, who moved to Bedford county, Pa., married a Miss Moyer. John, who also moved to Bedford county, Pa., settling at Morrison's Cove, died young. Philip, born April 25, 1776, died Dec. 22, 1862; his first wife, Mary, died Jan. 23, 1806, aged twenty-five years; his second wife, Barbara, born Jan. 27, 1789, died Sept. 16, 1862. Barbara married a Mr. Null.

Jacob Stern, great-grandfather of Peter M., born May 7, 1767, died May 31, 1853. He married Elizabeth Wolgamuth, who was born Oct. 13, 1770, and died Jan. 21, 1822. They had children as follows: (1) Catharine, born Feb. 23, 1793, died Dec. 20, 1874; she married David Thomas, born April 6, 1782, who died Aug. 21, 1873. They had no children. (2) Johanna, born Jan. 25, 1795, died when three years old. (3) Elizabeth, born May 18, 1797, died at the age of ten years. (4) Jacob, born Feb. 12, 1799, died Nov. 6, 1880. He married Susan Lehn (sister of his brother Christian's wife), born Dec. 11, 1796, who died Oct. 4, 1875. They had three sons and one daughter. (5) Christian was the grandfather of Peter M.

Christian Stern, born June 5, 1802, died March 7, 1878. He married Catharine Lehn, who was born July 5, 1802, and died Feb. 3, 1896. They had children as follows: Elizabeth, widow of John Evans, is a resident of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county; Christian is mentioned farther on; Catharine, widow of Jeremiah Martin, lives at Elizabethtown, this county. Mrs. Catharine Stern was a daughter of Samuel Lehn, who was born Oct. 3, 1771, in the vicinity of Ephrata, this county, and there spent most of his life, dying Jan. 20, 1854. He married Magdelene Shreiner, who died March 4, 1847, aged seventy-five years, seven months, five days.

Christian Stern, father of Peter M., was born March 18, 1828, and still survives, living near the old home, with his second wife; he has been retired from active labor for a long period. He still clings to the speech of his ancestors, never having cared to learn the English tongue. Mr. Stern is a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. His first wife, Catharine Moyer, was born Jan. 31, 1829, in Mt. Joy township, and died Oct. 22, 1878; she was buried in a private burying ground on the old farm. Children as follows were born to this union: Martin, born Nov. 11, 1853, died the same day. Elizabeth, born Dec. 22, 1854, married John Bomberger, a farmer near Lititz. Peter M., born Sept. 19, 1856, is mentioned below. Christian M., born Sept. 6, 1858, lives on the old farm which has been in the family since 1795; he married first Maggie K. Stern, and for his second wife Mary Westenberger.

John Moyer, maternal grandfather of Peter M. Stern, was born Aug. 6, 1790, and died May 2, 1858. His wife, Elizabeth (Meashey), born Feb. 4, 1798, died in May, 1859. They had children as follows: Peter married Betsey Shearer, and both died in

Dauphin county, Pa. Jacob married Catharine Meckley, and they died in Lancaster county. Mary, widow of Daniel Shoemaker, is a resident of Illinois. Nancy, widow of John Snyder, lives in Lancaster county. Betsey married Joseph Horst, and died in Lancaster county. John married Betsy Brubaker, now also deceased, who lived in Lancaster county. Christian, now deceased, married Rosanna Verner. Catharine became the mother of Peter M. Stern. Martha is the widow of Peter Haldeman, of Milton Grove, Lancaster county. Samuel, who married Anna Weaver, lives at Vian, Dauphin county.

On Sept. 15, 1878, Peter M. Stern was married, in Manheim, Pa., to Miss Anna Mary Groff, and two children have come to this union, Samuel G., who was married Oct. 14, 1902, to Anna Mary Johnson, and Stella M. Until his marriage Peter M. Stern resided with his parents, and then removed to his present farm, which he has operated ever since most successfully. He is generally regarded as one of the most progressive farmers of his neighborhood, and the air of thrift and prosperity which surrounds his place, does much to prove the wisdom of his methods. In politics Mr. Stern is identified with the Prohibition party. In religion he belongs to and generously supports the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Stern justly enjoys the esteem and respect of his neighbors, and is known as a man of honest speech and upright conduct.

Mrs. Stern was born in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Newgard) Groff, the former of whom was a native of Ohio, and the latter of Rapho township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Groff was brought to Lancaster county by his mother when he was but three years old, and all the rest of his life was spent here. He became a skilled carpenter and an excellent farmer. He died in Mt. Joy township, May 8, 1897, at the age of sixty-six years, and Mrs. Groff, who was born in 1838, resides in Milton Grove. The only child born to this marriage was Anna Mary, who became Mrs. Stern.

Frantz Groff, Mrs. Stern's paternal great-great-grandfather, emigrated to America from Switzerland about the year 1736. He died at an advanced age, and is buried near Mastersonville, Lancaster county. His son, Samuel Groff, married Barbara Wolgamuth. He is interred in a private burying ground near Rheems, Lancaster county. Samuel Groff, son of Samuel, and grandfather of Mrs. Stern, was born in Lancaster county. He married Lydia Shaeffer, also a native of this county, born Jan. 20, 1804, who died Aug. 25, 1885. They went to Ashland county, Ohio, where Mr. Groff died, and a railroad now passes through the cemetery where he was buried. The widow returned with her children to Lancaster county.

Jacob Schaeffer, great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Stern through her grandmother, Mrs. Lydia (Shaeffer) Groff, emigrated to America from

Switzerland about 1736, and was killed by the Indians somewhere in the neighborhood south of what is now Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa. He had a family of four sons and two daughters, and at the time the father was killed one of the daughters, then about thirteen years of age, was captured by the Redmen. She lived with them seven years, at the end of which time she with some twelve others (taken prisoners at the same time) was returned to the white settlers, and she subsequently married a white man; at the time of her return she was dressed entirely in silk. All of the girls taken by the Indians at that time had dark eyes and black hair.

Jacob Shaeffer, son of the emigrant, had a family of thirteen children, all of whom married and had families. Peter married Nancy Hoffer. John was the next in the family. Henry married Elizabeth Staly. Catharine married Peter Bishop, of Oberlin, Dauphin Co., Pa. David married a Miss Bringits. Margaret married Daniel Scanders. Ann Maria married a Mr. Weaver, of Franklin county, Pa. William married Barbara Hoffer. Adam married a Walters. Sally first became Mrs. Brandt, afterward Mrs. Nagly. Molly married a Mr. Baum. Elizabeth became Mrs. Sowers. Lydia was Mrs. Stern's grandmother Groff. The father of this family served in the Continental army during the Revolutionary war, and took part in the battle of Trenton. His eldest son, Peter, was also a soldier on the American side in that conflict, and fought in the battle of Brandywine.

Lorentz Newgard, Mrs. Stern's maternal grandfather, came to America from his native land, Germany, in 1830, when twenty-seven years old. He married Elizabeth Boyer, and they had children: Joseph married Elizabeth Gantz, both are deceased. Elizabeth, Mrs. Samuel S. Groff, was the mother of Mrs. Stern. Kate, who married George Greiner, is living near Mastersonville, this county. Samuel, who still survives, married Maria Stauffer; she died some time ago. The father died in 1875, at the age of seventy-three, and is buried in the Catholic cemetery at Elizabethtown. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

ELLIS E. HUNSECKER, proprietor of a roller mill and justice of the peace in Gap, Lancaster county, is one of the prominent citizens of Salisbury township.

Mr. Hunsecker was born Oct. 26, 1861, at Leaman Place, Paradise township, son of Jacob and Elizabeth J. (Oberly) Hunsecker, natives of Lancaster county. Their present residence is in Paradise township, Mr. Hunsecker being a retired miller, having given up his business in that line in 1884, at which time he located in his present home. From 1865 until 1883 Mr. Hunsecker served his district in the capacity of school director, and took an active interest in both educational and religious matters. He was born in 1827, and his wife in 1836. They both are esteemed members of the Episcopal

Church. They had children as follows: Grace, who married Ezra H. Leaman, a box manufacturer in Paradise township; Austin, who died young; and Ellis E.

The paternal grandparents of Ellis E. Hunsecker were Rudolph and Mattie (Longenecker) Hunsecker, natives of Dauphin county, who came first to Columbia and later to Paradise township, where the former carried on milling. On the maternal side he is a grandson of John Oberly, a farmer of Lancaster county.

In 1863 Ellis E. Hunsecker accompanied the rest of the family to Salisbury township, was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools. When his father retired from activity in the milling business, he took his place, and has since then been the successful operator of both mill and farm. From his childhood he has been familiar with the workings of the mill. The mill with which Mr. Hunsecker is connected is located in Salisbury township, three miles from Gap, on the Newport road, and was erected in 1780 by Christian Hess. Since 1863 the mill has been the property of the Hunsecker family. It is well equipped for business, being fitted with a forty-horse waterpower and modern rollers. Under Mr. Hunsecker's management its patronage has steadily increased, and it is one of the most prosperous industries in this section. Mr. Hunsecker and his family have resided in Gap since November, 1896.

On Aug. 21, 1900, Mr. Hunsecker was appointed justice of the peace, to serve out an unexpired term, and his administration was approved by his election to the office in February, 1901. His interest in educational matters has been active, and from the age of twenty-one years he was connected with the school board, his removal into Gap alone severing this long association. Fraternally he is a Blue Lodge Mason. In politics he has always been a staunch Republican. He was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church and is one of its consistent members and liberal supporters.

On Sept. 22, 1880, Mr. Hunsecker was united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss S. Vina Skiles, and one son has been born to this union, J. Lloyd. Mrs. Hunsecker was born Sept. 23, 1861, in Salisbury township, daughter of John and Sophia (Elmar) Skiles, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. Mrs. Skiles was born July 7, 1831, and her death occurred July 11, 1888. Mr. Skiles was born April 19, 1826, and is now a retired farmer in Salisbury township. Mr. and Mrs. Skiles belonged to the Episcopal Church. Their children were as follows: Anna, who died young; Catherine E., who married Frank B. Greenell, a cigar-maker in Philadelphia; Emma, who married H. B. Worst, of Philadelphia; S. Vina, who became Mrs. Hunsecker; Miss Lydia L., who resides in Philadelphia; Martin V., who is a carpenter in Salisbury township; and Wilkes B., deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hunsecker were John and

Elizabeth (Henderson) Skiles, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a well-known shingle manufacturer. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Rhoads) Elmar, natives of Lancaster county.

In Gap and the surrounding country Mr. Hunsecker is well known and very highly regarded as an upright and reliable citizen. The family is prominent in social life, and they all enjoy the esteem of the community.

MONROE B. WENGER, proprietor of the "Washington House," at Maytown, Lancaster county, was born in West Earl township, this county, Nov. 8, 1842, son of Jacob G. and Lucy (Bear) Wenger, natives of West Earl and Bareville, Pa., respectively.

Jacob G. Wenger operated the "Akron Hotel" (Lancaster county) from 1850 until April, 1882, when his son, Monroe B., purchased the hostelry, conducting it until 1895. Jacob G., after disposing of the hotel, lived in retirement, in a house adjoining, until his death, which occurred in 1891, at the age of sixty-nine years, his widow surviving until December, 1897, when she passed away at the age of seventy-three. Their remains were interred in the Metzlar Meeting House cemetery, in Earl township, the land for which meeting house and cemetery was donated to the Mennonite congregation by Grandfather Wenger. To Jacob G. Wenger and his wife were born nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Of the survivors, who reached, or nearly reached, mature years, Monroe B. is the eldest: Clayton was a member of the 122d P. V. I., and was shot at Chancellorsville; Zacharias was twice married, and died when fifty years old; Lemon B. was a soldier of the Civil war, was a stenographer and telegraph operator, and died in Illinois; Ambrose, who served in the 17th Pa. Cav. in the Civil war, was a carpenter and contractor, and assisted in rebuilding Chicago, Ill., after the great fire of 1871 (he died in Akron, Pa.); Ellen, deceased, was the wife of Horace Killan, a merchant of Akron, who is also deceased.

Samuel Wenger, the grandfather of Monroe B. Wenger, was a farmer of West Earl township. He married a Miss Groff, who bore him four children, viz.: Isaac, deceased; Henry, a retired farmer of Elkhart, Ind.; John, deceased; and Jacob G., father of Monroe B. Samuel Wenger's wife was called away when a comparatively young woman. He himself survived to a ripe old age, dying in 1880, at the age of ninety-two years.

The Wenger and Groff families were among the early settlers of Lancaster county, Hans Groff, the pioneer on the maternal side, coming from Germany in 1716, and settling in what is now known as Groffdale, Lancaster Co., Pa., about the year 1716. From him have descended all the members of this now distinguished "Pennsylvania-Dutch" family of the name.

On Feb. 15, 1864, Monroe B. Wenger was united in marriage, in Lancaster, with Miss Susan A. Bender, who has borne him the following named children: Clayton F., a barber of Akron, who married Viola Writzel; Elmer, who died July 5, 1888; Minnie C., wife of John Albright, of Akron, a farmer and cigarmaker; Lemon N., a decorator; Jacob B., who is married to Norah H. Shirk, and resides with his father; and John, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Susan A. (Bender) Wenger was born in Lancaster, daughter of John and Mary (Bush) Bender, and died Aug. 21, 1894, at the age of forty-seven years, seven months, seventeen days, her remains being interred at Akron. The second marriage of Mr. Wenger took place Sept. 17, 1898, in Lancaster, to Mary F. Foran, a native of Washington, D. C. To this marriage have come no children.

Monroe B. Wenger was a patriot of the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted at Harrisburg June 8, 1861, in Co. D, 12th P. V. I., in which he served until June 11, 1864. He fought at Drainesville, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Second Bull Run, Gettysburg, and in the battle of the Wilderness, where he was wounded in the hand. At the first battle of Fredericksburg he lost the third finger of his left hand and was confined in Lincoln Hospital for a month, being sent thence to Philadelphia. After his honorable discharge he came to Lancaster and followed his trade for two years in the locomotive works, and afterward, for a year, was engaged in grading a mile and a quarter of the road. He then ran a construction train on the Reading & Columbia road for two years, and was then promoted to the position of engineer, in which capacity he acted until April 14, 1877. He then worked at his trade until April, 1882, when he returned to his old home and purchased the "Washington House," now one of the most popular hotels in Lancaster county.

Fraternally Mr. Wenger is a member of the I. O. O. F. In religion he is a free thinker, in politics a socialist, and individually he is one of the most popular men in the town of Maytown.

DAVID N. LANDIS, a general farmer of Upper Leacock township, was born in East Lampeter township Dec. 26, 1842, a son of David and Mary (Neff) Landis, natives both of East Lampeter township. Previous to his death in March, 1882, Father Landis lived retired for fourteen years, and was seventy-four at the time of his death. The mother died in 1848, at the age of thirty-five, and both were consistent members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried in Mellinger's cemetery, in East Lampeter township. The children born to the parents of our subject were: John, a retired farmer of East Lampeter township; Christian, a farmer; Moses, a retired farmer of this township; David N., of this sketch; Susan, deceased, who married Isaac L. Landis; Mary, who married Benjamin L. Landis,

of Lancaster; Leah, who married Jacob R. Buckwalder, of East Lampeter; Evan, who married Adam Ranck, a farmer of Paradise township; Anna, who married Michael L. Rohrer, of Upper Leacock township; and Lizzie, who married Jacob Hostetter, of Lancaster, who occupies the position of turnkey in the prison. All of this family are among the highly respected citizens of this county.

David N. Landis is one of the substantial men of this county. Until he was twenty-one years old he remained assisting his father on the home farm, then removed to Upper Leacock township on a farm, thence, in 1901 to his present farm, being the fortunate owner of three of the most productive and best improved farms in this locality.

The first marriage of David N. Landis occurred on Nov. 23, 1866, in Lancaster, when Hettie Rohrer became his wife. She was born in Upper Leacock township, and died in 1871, at the early age of twenty-seven years, and was interred in the Rohrer burying place. She was a daughter of Isaac and Mattie (Binkley) Rohrer, of Lancaster county. The children of this marriage were: Eleanora, who married Wayne Bare, a farmer of East Lampeter; and Mary M., who married Amos Witmer of East Lampeter. Mr. Landis was married, second, on Dec. 25, 1877, in East Lampeter township, to Catherine Landis, and to this marriage two sons were born, Harry L. and Aaron L.

Mrs. Catherine (Landis) Landis was born in Upper Leacock township on June 16, 1843, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Hostetter) Landis, natives of East Lampeter and Lancaster townships. Mr. Landis, the father, retired from activity in 1873, having long been a prominent farmer, and he died in January, 1891, at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother died in 1872, at the age of fifty-nine, and both were buried on their old farm, and both of them were leading members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to David and Elizabeth Landis were: Mary Ann, widow of Jacob Metzler, of West Earl township; Hettie, the wife of Samuel Burkholder, of West Earl township; Barbara, widow of Abram Kochel; Anna E., wife of John Wenger, of Manheim; Catherine, wife of Mr. Landis, of this sketch; Louisa, the wife of Abram Herr, of East Lampeter; John, deceased; Jacob, residing on the old homestead in Upper Leacock; and David deceased.

David N. Landis has always been a member of the Republican party, and with his family belongs to the Mennonite Church. He is held in high esteem in his community, being a man of strict integrity and upright life.

HENRY H. CHARLES, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 14, 1859, on his present farm, five miles west of Lancaster City, a son of John and Susan (Herr) Charles. Henry H. Charles was educated in the public schools, and at the age of twenty-

one years began operations on his own account by engaging in general farming on his present tract of seventy acres, and about 1885 embarked in the poultry business, beginning in a small way with the Silver Wyandottes, but has since added the Light Brahmas, Banded Plymouth Rocks, Buff Cochins, Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, Buff Orpingtons, Black Wyandottes, and White Plymouth Rocks, his stock comprising the finest and purest strains in the country, and this stock is in demand wherever poultry raising is indulged in either for profit or pleasure. The Henry H. Charles plant is supplied with every modern convenience and contrivance for the profitable raising of poultry, and his incubators will admit of the introduction of 3,000 eggs at one hatching, and the yards, poultry-houses, coops, etc., are perfect in every respect. His general farm is a model in itself, and is conducted on scientific and practical principles.

On Nov. 8, 1880, Henry H. Charles married Miss Lizzie L. Landis, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Landis) Landis, of Landis Valley, and born May 4, 1860. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles have been born nine children, namely: David L., Anna L., Henry L., Benjamin L. (deceased), Lizzie L., Mary L., Alice L., John L., and Laura L. The family are members of the Christian Alliance at Lancaster, of which Rev. Noah Hess is pastor.

PETER REESER. One of the most successful agriculturists residing in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and now in the prime of life, is Peter Reeser, who was born in East Kaolin, Chester Co., Pa., July 14, 1844, a son of Peter and Catherine (Mast) Reeser, natives, respectively, of Lancaster and Berks counties.

Peter Reeser, the father, was a very successful farmer through life. He removed from Lancaster county to Chester county in the spring of 1844, and settled near the Lancaster line, where he followed his vocation until his death, which occurred Oct. 15, 1856, when he was but forty-eight years old, while his widow lived to be seventy-seven, and died March 17, 1884, their remains being interred in Hershey's Mennonite Church Cemetery in Salisbury. Their parents were Jacob and Barbara (Blank) Reeser and David and Mary (Kurtz) Mast, of Lancaster county. Their own children were four in number, and were as follows: David, who married Mary Sparr, but has since been called away; Jacob, married to Sarah Plank, and now farming in Chester county; Peter, whose name stands at the opening of this biography; and Mary, who is the wife of Chris Hoover.

Peter Reeser, the subject proper of this biographical notice, rented a farm in Salisbury township in 1871, his mother and sister becoming his housekeepers, and thus the household was conducted until December 20, 1879, when Mr. Reeser was united in marriage at White Horse, Salisbury township, with Miss Lizzie Umble, who has borne

him two children, Anna M., and John U. Mrs. Lizzie (Umble) Reeser was born in Salisbury township, Jan. 23, 1847, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Umble, natives, respectively, of Salisbury and Upper Leacock townships, who came to the farm on which Mr. Reeser and wife now reside in 1836, and here passed the remainder of their lives, the father dying on Jan. 20, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, and the mother in 1853, when forty-one. John Umble was prominent in the community as a farmer and drover, served his fellow-citizens as tax collector, school director and supervisor, and was otherwise recognized as a useful and public-spirited citizen. The remains of this couple were interred in Plank's cemetery in Salisbury township. Their children were two in number, namely, Anna, who died at the age of two years; and Lizzie, who is now Mrs. Peter Reeser. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Reeser were John and Mary (Kurtz) Umble, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a farmer, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Yoder) Kurtz, of the same county and also farming people.

At his marriage Peter Reeser settled on his present farm of 102 acres, on which he has made many improvements, and the tillage of which has received his constant attention until the present time. He has never frittered away his time in seeking for office, but when called upon to serve his fellow-citizens in any capacity has felt it to be his duty to do so to the best of his ability, and for this reason has for the past seven years filled the position of school director. He and his wife are sincere in their profession of the doctrines of the Evangelical church, of which they are members, and to the maintenance of which they liberally contribute. Mr. Reeser by his industry and good management has acquired a competency, and although still comparatively a young man enjoys a wide spread and well-deserved respect throughout the township. His wife's family are also held in high esteem, and she individually is honored by the entire community for her many amiable qualities and womanly graces and virtues.

JOHN G. MOYER, one of the prominent and representative farmer-citizens of Mt. Joy township, was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, Aug. 6, 1851, son of Rev. John W. and Mary (Greiner) Moyer, the former of whom was born in Lebanon county, and the latter in Rapho township, Lancaster county.

Rev. John W. Moyer came to Lancaster county in 1849, and for forty years labored faithfully as a minister in the Evangelical Church. Both he and wife died on the farm now occupied by their son John G., in 1898, where they had resided since 1865. The father of our subject died at the age of seventy-nine years and two months. The bereaved widow only survived him five weeks, and they were both buried in Milton Grove cemetery. They had three children, namely: Harriet G., who died Jan. 29,

1900; John G., of this record; and Anna Mary, who died at the age of seven years. The paternal grandfather was David Moyer of Lebanon county, where he died, and the grandmother, whose maiden name was Wolgemuth, passed away at the home of her son Rev. John W., in Rapho township, Lancaster county. The maternal grandfather was John Greiner, a large farmer in Lancaster county, and he and his wife, a member of the Kiser family, were buried on the old Greiner farm, in Rapho township.

John G. Moyer comes of agricultural ancestors, and he has confined his efforts to farming through a very successful life, remaining as his father's assistant until 1890. He then operated a farm in East Donegal township until 1901, when he returned to his present farm, the same upon which he was reared. He has been identified with many of the public improvements in this part of the county, and not only owns considerable stock in the Elizabethtown Turnpike Co., but is one of its directors. For three years he served on the township school board, and is known for his enterprise and public spirit. In politics he is a Republican, and he belongs to the fraternal order of Knights of Malta.

In August, 1874, in Lancaster, Mr. Moyer was married to Miss Hettie Gible, and the four children born to this union are as follows: Hiram, who died young; Aaron, who married Belle Arnold, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Miss Mamie is at home, as is also John P. G. Mrs. Moyer was born Feb. 12, 1851, in Rapho township, daughter of Michael and Hettie (Grove) Gible, natives of that township, where they spent their lives. Mr. Gible was a farmer and a member of the Old Dunkard Church. He died May 30, 1877, aged sixty-six years, and his widow died in 1883, aged sixty-nine years. They were laid to rest in private ground in the old Gible farm. Their children were as follows: Benjamin, a farmer in Rapho township; Anna, wife of Benjamin Brookhart, a farmer of Manheim township; Michael, a farmer of Rapho township; Abraham, a farmer in Lebanon county; Hettie, the wife of Mr. Moyer; Jacob who lost his life by an accident, May 27, 1882, while assisting in raising a Dunkard Church, in Rapho township; Amos, a farmer in Rapho township; and Nathan, also a farmer in Rapho township. The paternal grandfather was Rev. Abraham Gible, who was a farmer and later a preacher in the Old Dunkard Church; his wife's maiden name was Menger. The maternal grandfather was John Grove, the latter name being spelled Groff in Switzerland, where the family originated; his wife belonged to the Bicker family.

DAVID S. BLANK, who resides on his farm just north of New Holland, belongs to one of the oldest and most respected families of Lancaster county. He was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 20, 1841, a son of Jacob, a grandson of John, and a great-grandson of Jacob, who died in 1835. The great-grandmother of David S. Blank died in 1794.

They lived in Salisbury township, where they reared a family of eight children: (1) Maria, born July 29, 1780, died Dec. 26, 1848; (2) Anna, born Jan. 13, 1782, died Nov. 30, 1856; (3) John, born Sept. 24, 1784, died in 1846; (4) Jacob, born April 29, 1786; (5) Samuel, born July 13, 1788; (6) Barbara, born Feb. 2, 1790, married Christian Newhauser, and died March 5, 1873; (7) Elizabeth, born June 11, 1792, died June 24, 1874; (8) Christian, born June 24, 1794, died in Juniata county, Pa., April 7, 1844.

John Blank, the grandfather of David S., was a farmer, and owned considerable estate in Salisbury township, where his life was largely passed. He was also a minister of the Amish Church, and his work extended over a large territory. In 1809 he was married to Fannie Lantz, of Mifflin county, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Lantz, natives of Mifflin county, where she was born Dec. 20, 1787. She died in 1859. To this union were born: (1) Lydia, born May 22, 1810, married John Newhauser, and died April 24, 1851; (2) Samuel, born Oct. 24, 1813, died Nov. 19, 1879; (3) Jacob, father of David S., born March 28, 1816, died Feb. 25, 1893; (4) John, born Aug. 10, 1818, died Oct. 2, 1822; (5) Christian, born Sept. 8, 1820; (6) Magdalena, born April 12, 1823, became the wife of John Smoker, died Nov. 30, 1887; (7) Stephen, born Jan. 30, 1826, was killed on the railroad Jan. 18, 1851.

Jacob Blank, noted above as the father of David, was reared on his father's farm in Salisbury township, where he spent his active life, retiring in old age to a home in Earl township, and dying at the home of his son, John S. He was a devoted Christian man, a member of the Amish Church, and became well-to-do in the community in which he was highly respected. Mary, his wife, was a daughter of David and Nancy (Fisher) Stoltzfus, and was born in Leacock township, Sept. 2, 1819. She died April 1, 1893. They had six children: (1) Fannie, born Nov. 23, 1839, married Jacob Stoltzfus, a resident of West Earl township; (2) David S.; (3) John S., born July 27, 1844, is a farmer of Earl township; (4) Annie, born Dec. 25, 1848, is the wife of John Miller, of Leacock township; (5) Sarah, born Dec. 29, 1851, is the wife of Simeon Stoltzfus, of Earl township; (6) Mary, born Aug. 11, 1859, is the wife of Eli Schmucker, of Earl township.

David S. Blank was reared in Salisbury township, and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-four he began cultivating on his own account a farm of his father, in Salisbury township, remaining there until coming to his present home in 1868, to dwell on what has become under his capable tillage one of the very best farms in this section of the county. It comprises eighty-six acres, every foot of which is under high cultivation. Mr. Blank is a prominent and influential citizen, takes an intelligent interest in public affairs, and is one of the broad-minded and progressive men of the day.

Mr. Blank was married Jan. 15, 1866, to Miss

Mary Byler, of Mifflin county, who was born May 15, 1845, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Lantz) Byler. To this union have come the following children: (1) Joseph, born Dec. 16, 1866, is a farmer, and has his home in Salisbury township; (2) Jacob, born Oct. 24, 1868, died young; (3) David, born March 11, 1870, is a resident of Leacock township; (4) Malinda, born Nov. 5, 1871, married Daniel Byler, of Leacock township; (5) Mary, born May 23, 1873, married Gideon Byler, of Leacock township; (6) John, born June 8, 1875, died March 31, 1891; (7) Emma, born Aug. 24, 1878, is at home; (8) Samuel, born May 25, 1880, is at home; (9) Isaac, born Oct. 17, 1882, is at home, as is his sister, (10) Sarah, born Dec. 23, 1884; (11) a son. Mr. and Mrs. Blank and family are members of the Amish Church, and hold a creditable position among the good people of this section of Lancaster county.

AMOS N. STAUFFER, the proprietor of the Little Chickies Mills, on the banks of the Little Chickies about three miles from Mt. Joy, Pa., is engaged in its operation, and uses both water power and a gasoline engine. This mill was built by Benjamin Miller, and has been in the Stauffer family about forty years.

Mr. Stauffer was born on the place where he is now living Dec. 24, 1864, a son of Peter H. and Anna (Newcomer) Stauffer, who were married in Lancaster, Jan. 3, 1854. They were born in West Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively, and began their married life in West Donegal, but in the year of their marriage they moved to the mill property, which Mr. Stauffer purchased from his father's estate. Jacob Snyder had been its owner prior to its acquirement by the Stauffer family. Peter H. Stauffer was born Feb. 16, 1827, and now resides with his son Amos N. The mother, who was born in 1830, died in February, 1886, and was buried in the Kraybills cemetery. They were both members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Christ, who died at the age of forty-two years, who was married to Elizabeth Bear; Levi is in the engine and implement business in Mt. Joy, Pa.; Elizabeth died young; and Amos N.

The paternal grandparents of Amos N. Stauffer were Jacob and Catherine (Hershey) Stauffer, of Lancaster county. The grandfather died on the old homestead in 1860, at the age of fifty-nine years; and the grandmother in 1875, at the age of seventy-three, both in the faith of the Mennonite Church. They were both laid to their last rest in the family burying ground on the old West Donegal homestead. They had the following family: Benjamin, deceased; Anna, deceased; Peter H.; Fanny, deceased wife of Christ Snyder; Joseph, deceased; Christ, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer; Henry, a farmer near Lititz; Abraham, engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead; and Saul, in Dayton, Ohio.

The paternal great-grandparents were John and Anna (Nissley) Stauffer, farming people of Lan-

caster county, where he was also engaged in the operation of a mill near Manheim. The maternal grandparents were Christian and Elizabeth (Nissley) Newcomer, of the township of Rapho, where they followed farming and died on the old homestead.

Amos N. Stauffer and Barbara Miller were married Oct. 25, 1887. This union has been blessed by the birth of five children: Norman M.; Bertha M.; Mary M.; Leah M. and David N. Mrs. Barbara Stauffer was born in Conoy township, a daughter of D. L. Miller, of Mt. Joy.

Mr. Stauffer remained with his parents until 1892, when he purchased the farm, and his father has resided with him. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and in politics a Republican. Both father and son are highly respected members of the community and sustain a fine reputation for honesty, industry and neighborly spirit.

AMOS ADAM SHEAFFER, a successful business man of Lancaster, belongs to an old family of the county. His great-grandfather, Martin Sheaffer, and his grandfather, also named Martin, both lived and died in Lancaster county, where they were substantial farmers.

Adam G. Sheaffer, father of Amos A., was a farmer of Ephrata township, and died in April, 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. He married Mary Catherine Fry, daughter of Jacob Fry, a farmer of Ephrata township. His farm was close to Frysville, a village founded by the family. Mr. and Mrs. Adam G. Sheaffer were the parents of eleven children, six of whom are living: Martin, a hotel-keeper at Kinzers; Amos A., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Martha Louisa, wife of Conrad Sheaffer, of Lancaster, who is now living retired; Susan, wife of Cyrus Sheaffer, a farmer of Bareville; Harriet Emma, wife of Jacob Herr, who is living retired at Bareville; and Eliza Missouri, wife of John M. Ranck, a farmer of New Holland. Among the deceased was Jacob F., the distiller, whose "Golden Rod" whisky was widely known.

Amos Adam Sheaffer was born on the old homestead, now known as Hinkletown, Nov. 22, 1861, and was educated in the public schools, which he left when eighteen years of age. For a time he was employed on a farm, and in 1885 became a salesman for his brother Jacob, who had his liquor business at No. 3 North Queen street. There he remained until September, 1889, when he purchased a store. Seven years ago Mr. Sheaffer secured a front room on East King street, and, uniting the two rooms, opened a large and convenient liquor store. It is not unusual for him to wholesale seventy barrels of whisky a month, his leading brands being the "Sheaffer," the "Golden Rod" and the "Club" whiskies. Mr. Sheaffer has the formula of the "Golden Rod," and his copper distilled "Golden Rod" has become even more popular than the original brand.

Mr. Sheaffer married Miss Eliza Long, Jan. 11, 1893. She is a daughter of a farmer who lives on the old Long homestead near Neffsville. To them have come three children: Mary May, who is now at school; Benjamin Leon and Amos Paul. They have a very charming home at No. 537 North Duke street, where Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer have lived since their marriage. Mr. Sheaffer is a Republican, and belongs to the Lutheran Church at Bergstrasse, where his mother and her father lie buried. The Sheaffer ancestors were for the most part buried at Groffdale.

WILLIAM J. CALDWELL, a well-known and prosperous general farmer in Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 23, 1867, in the township where his active years are passing, son of John B. and Amanda (Hershey) Caldwell. His parents were farming people, and remained in Leacock township until 1895, when they removed to Narberth, Montgomery Co., Pa., to live retired, Mr. Caldwell having relinquished active labor in 1898. He was born in 1839, Mrs. Caldwell on May 5, 1845. Both are members of the Presbyterian Church. The father has been a Republican all his active years, and is now devoted to the tenets of the party which in former days meant so much to him. The children of this estimable couple are as follows: William J.; Charles E., a traveling salesman from Philadelphia; John A.; and Robert W., who is in the coal and feed business. The paternal grandparents of William J. Caldwell were William and Sarah (Buyers) Caldwell, and the maternal grandparents were Jacob F. and Christiana (Bair) Hershey, all natives and residents of Lancaster county.

William J. Caldwell was married Oct. 17, 1888, to Lillie E. Hurst, who was born Nov. 12, 1865, on the farm where she and her husband are now established, daughter of Mathias S. Hurst. To this union have come two children, Grace L. and Bertha E.

Mr. Caldwell lived with his parents until his marriage, and for seven years was engaged in cultivating the old family homestead. At the end of that time he moved to the farm where he is now to be found, a handsome and well appointed place of 109 acres. Mr. Caldwell has been school director for five years, and is a Republican in his political views. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL F. FOLTZ, a deputy collector in the 9th Internal Revenue District, belongs to one of the old families of Lancaster county, whose various representatives for several generations have played an important part in local affairs. He was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, Aug. 3, 1859, and received his education in the public schools. When he was about twenty years old he secured employment in the store of Mr. Wechter, at Terrehill, where he remained about two and a half years. For another year he was engaged in farming,

and then set himself to the carpenter's trade, at which he was engaged for a number of years.

In 1885 Mr. Foltz was elected to the office of constable, being also assessor, as the two offices were at that time associated. He filled these positions for five consecutive terms, and while in office was appointed, May 15, 1890, a deputy revenue collector for the 9th District. After four years of work in that position he was ousted by a change of administration. In 1895 he was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of tax collector, to which, after two years' employment he was elected, continuing therein until September, 1898, when he was again appointed a deputy Revenue collector, in the same district in which he was before engaged. Here he has been retained to the present time, and has a very creditable record as a capable and efficient Revenue official. Mr. Foltz has served several times as a member of the Republican committee, and is recognized as one of the wheel horses of his party in the county.

Mr. Foltz belongs to the A. O. K. of M. C., and to the I. O. O. F., Terrehill Lodge, No. 454. Socially he has made many friends by his frank and endearing qualities.

Mr. Foltz was married, April 23, 1880, to Miss Frances S. Peters, who died in 1891, leaving two children, Lizzie V. and Percy. Mr. Foltz married, for his second wife, Dec. 24, 1893, Miss Mary L. Nelson. She belongs to the Evangelical Church.

HERMAN BOMEISLER GRIFFITHS, manager of Rocky Springs Park, a famous picnic resort near Lancaster, although not a native of Lancaster county, has done so much for the promotion of enjoyment and healthful amusement among the people of the city that they regard him as "one of their very own." For seven years he has had his business there, and in that time has commended himself most favorably to the local public.

James Griffiths, the father of Herman B., settled in Philadelphia, and was one of the early steel engravers in this country. A gentleman of much intelligence and fine physique, he was active and vigorous during a long and useful life, until his last illness, from which his death resulted Jan. 2, 1896. James Griffiths was married in early manhood to Mary Bomeisler, and by her became the father of three sons, William M., Herman B. and James A., all of whom have been amusement caterers for more than twenty years. Among the cities and towns where they have had charge of rinks, parks and other places of attraction are: Atlantic City, Omaha, Meriden, Richmond, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Mt. Gretna, Pa. (where H. B. Griffiths has also been in charge six years), Nishaning Falls, Pa., Wilmington, Sea Isle City, Cape May, Chesapeake Beach, Md., and other places of more or less importance.

Herman B. Griffiths was born in Frankford, this state, Feb. 1, 1854, and was educated in the schools of Montgomery county. At the age of seventeen years he applied himself to the calico printing busi-

ness in company with his father, at Gloucester, N. J., where he worked four years. On March 4, 1880, he was married to Sarah Emma, daughter of William and Isabella Hillborn, both natives of this State, and Quakers, of English descent. The family was reared in that faith for many generations, and Jesse G. Webster, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Griffiths, was a cousin of Daniel Webster. From this union were born two children, Isabella Hillborn and William Herman. After his marriage Mr. Griffiths began the cultivation of the paternal estate, which is now in the possession of his mother. In the spring of 1896 he took possession of Rocky Springs Park, near Lancaster, on a six years' lease, having an option on the place. This interesting park consists of forty-two acres along the picturesque Conestoga river, the only wooded tract anywhere near the city that can be used for general picnic and park purposes. Two commodious steamers were put on the river by him for the purpose of carrying passengers to and from the Park, and he also built a dance pavilion, a large show pavilion, and a pavilion for the purpose of protecting passengers while waiting for the boat, besides beautifying the place with exquisite flower beds, adding birds and animals to the place, building a large toboggan, a switch back railroad, etc. He introduced electric lights for the densely shaded grounds, replacing the coal oil torches and lamps formerly in use, and the park was so improved in every way that it soon became the great picnic resort of Lancaster, more than one hundred thousand people visting it every season. Their general and generous response to his efforts so pleased Mr. Griffiths that he has already secured ownership of one-third of the Park, and still retains his option on the remainder.

Such has been the career of one who has done so much to give the people of Lancaster a resort where the young and old, rich and poor, can spend a day or an hour in recreation at a trifling cost, and he has certainly proved himself a public benefactor.

GEORGE KINZER HOFFMEIER, who is in business with his brother, Charles Stamm Hoffmeier, under the name of Hoffmeier Brothers, dealers in furniture at No. 40 East King street, Lancaster, is descended from a very old Pennsylvania family. His paternal grandfather, the well-remembered J. L. Hoffmeier, was born in Millersville, Lancaster county. The progenitor of the family in this country came from Germany. J. L. Hoffmeier was for years clerk of the Lancaster county prison, filling that office with rare ability.

Amos K. Hoffmeier, father of the Hoffmeier Brothers, was also a furniture dealer in East King street for many years, and was the inventor of some very excellent devices in furniture. He died in 1894. His widow, Mrs. Mary (Stamm) Hoffmeier, belongs to a very old family and is a sister of Frederick Stamm, who attained considerable fame as an inventor. The surviving children of Mr. and Mrs.



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Hoffmeier are as follows: George K. and Charles S. constitute the firm noted above. Mary Grace is the wife of Prof. Thaddeus G. Helm, principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy, Lancaster. Herbert Miller is one of the assistant superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Lancaster. Two children have passed away.

George K. Hoffmeier was born in Lancaster Dec. 13, 1861, received his education in the city schools, after which he was employed in his father's establishment for two years, when he became manager of the telephone service in the city and county. This position he held for four years. For three years he had charge of the telephone department of the fire insurance patrol in Philadelphia. In July, 1886 he came back to Lancaster to take a position in his father's store, which he held until 1889, when, in company with his brother Charles, he embarked in his present enterprise.

Mr. Hoffmeier was married, Nov. 14, 1889, to Miss Emma D. Stauffer, a daughter of the late Martin Stauffer, of Gap, who had retired from active business some years before his death. Mr. Hoffmeier belongs to St. Paul's Reformed Church, and to the Artisans. He and his wife live in a charming home at No. 26 Chester street.

CHARLES STAMM HOFFMEIER, of the firm of Hoffmeier Brothers, was born in Lancaster, Aug. 21, 1864. He attended the public schools until he reached the high school, which he left to enter his father's store, which was only a few doors from the magnificent establishment of which he is now one of the proprietors. There he remained until 1889, when the firm of Hoffmeier Brothers became a reality and began the successful business which is still conducted at the present stand. For some years they conducted their business on the second and third floors. After taking possession of the first floor of the building the business seemed to grow to amazing proportions. In 1901 an addition was built—a five-story building, thus giving a depth of 230 feet from East King street; it is one of the finest furniture establishments in the State.

Mr. Hoffmeier was married, May 22, 1889, to Miss Helen N. Bidwell, daughter of the late Solomon Bidwell, an inventor, of Philadelphia. To this union were born Rhea Charlotta and Helen Louise. The very cozy home of the family is at No. 22 Chester street. Mr. Hoffmeier is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. He is one of the charter members of the Young Republicans. The brothers are energetic and capable men, and no firm in the city enjoys the confidence of the people in a more marked degree.

B. Z. HESS, of Fulton township, is among the best and most favorably known citizens of the vicinity in which he resides. He was born in Pequea township, Lancaster county, April 5, 1858, and is a member of one of the oldest families of the county, being a son of Abraham M. and Annie (Zeigler)

Hess, both natives of Lancaster county. The father is still residing in Pequea township, at the ripe old age of seventy-two years.

Abraham Hess, grandfather of B. Z., was also born in Pequea township. He was the father of six children: Barbara, Elizabeth, Annie, Maria, Susan and Abraham M. The family adhered to the old Dunkard religion, and in politics the men were for the most part Whigs and later Republicans.

Abraham Hess was married (first) in 1850 to a Miss Hess, who, however, bore no relationship to his family before her marriage. They had one child, who died in infancy, the mother soon after following it to the grave. In 1855 Mr. Hess married (second) Miss Anna Zeigler, of an old Lancaster county family, and they had a family of seven children: Conrad is a farmer in Pequea township; B. Z. is mentioned below; Abraham A. is a farmer in Donegal township; Noah is a farmer of Pequea township; Martha is the wife of Parris Engle, of Columbia, Pa.; and Ezra and Elsie died in childhood. Mr. Hess lost his second wife by death, and married (third) Barbara Herr, of Manor township, by whom he has had four children: Annie is the wife of Jacob G. Mann, of Manor township; Enos resides in Virginia; Barbara died in infancy; and Elizabeth remains at home.

B. Z. Hess was reared on the home farm, receiving a common-school education. On May 17, 1882, he married Barbara, daughter of Henry and Susan (Buckwalter) Warfel, of an old family of Lancaster county. Two children have come to Mr. and Mrs. Hess: Susan A., born Nov. 1, 1884, and Barbara, born Oct. 21, 1893, both residing at home. The mother, Mrs. Hess, was born Dec. 8, 1861.

Mr. Hess chose farming for his life vocation, and though he started out in moderate circumstances he is to-day the owner of a fine farm of 231 acres, with first class improvements. Mr. Hess is a Baptist in religious belief, and in politics is a member of the Republican party. He is one of the best known men in the southern part of Lancaster county, and is always associated with any movement whose object is the betterment of the community in which he lives.

GEORGE ARMENT LANE. The immediate ancestors of George Arment Lane were Thomas and Susanna (Graham) Lane, the former of whom passed out of life at the home of his son on March 1, 1884, in the sixty-seventh year of his age. His occupation through a busy life had been that of carpenter and cabinetmaker, which business he followed in Paradise township, where he lived and died respected by all who knew him. His widow still survives, at the age of eighty years, and makes her home with her only child, George Arment Lane. The grandparents of Mr. Lane were Robert and Elizabeth (Arment) Lane, and Edward and Fanny Graham, the latter having been born of Scotch-Irish parents from the North of Ireland, who later settled in Harris-town, Paradise township, this county.

George Arment Lane was born Nov. 5, 1853, in Harristown, and obtained his education in the public schools. His opportunities were limited by lack of means, and at the age of fifteen years he decided that he would adopt teaching as a step in the career marked out for himself. As the law declared that no teacher under the age of seventeen was entitled to remuneration, he was obliged to consider his work in the light of practice, as he received no pay, although he secured a school before he was sixteen years of age. For seven years he followed the profession of teaching, at the same time adding to his own knowledge in preparation for the career he had planned for himself.

In 1876, Mr. Lane came to Lancaster city in order to engage in the study of law. He entered the office of the late Philip D. Baker, Esq., and was admitted to the Bar April 28, 1878. He entered the arena of politics, and was chosen County Solicitor, being elected for a second term, and serving six years in that responsible office, from 1889 to 1894. In 1895 he was elected District Attorney of Lancaster county, his term of office extending through 1896, 1897, 1898. The period during which Mr. Lane was District Attorney of Lancaster county was important in the annals of that county. Many important cases were tried by him. It was during his term of office that Ralph Wireback was convicted of the murder of D. B. Landis and executed, being the first to receive the extreme penalty of the law in this county since 1858. Bertha McConnell was convicted of attempted murder, and served her time; Jerry Green, colored, was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing his half-brother, and was sentenced to twenty years imprisonment; and young Leopold, whose forgeries of the name of a millionaire attracted attention all over the State, was sent to the Huntingdon Reformatory after Mr. Lane had convicted him. These are some of the most noted cases out of nearly three thousand disposed of during his term.

Mr. Lane was elected to the Lancaster School Board from the Sixth ward for six years, during a greater part of this time being chairman of the committee on Finance. This position he resigned when he became District Attorney, the offices being incompatible.

Mr. Lane was married, in 1881, to Miss Annie Fulton, a daughter of James and Rosanna Fulton, of Parkesburg, who was principal of the Parkesburg schools at the time of her marriage. Four children were born to this union, two of whom survive: Anna May, of the class of 1902, Millersville State Normal School, who possesses musical talent, and is a piano pupil of Prof. George Benkert; and James Thomas, a grammar school lad of twelve years, who is also gifted in music, being a violin pupil of Prof. Carl Thorbahn, more extended mention of whom may be found elsewhere.

Mr. Lane is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster, and was the superintendent of the Sunday-school for nine years. Fraternally he

is a member of Herschel Lodge, No. 123, I. O. O. F., and of Lancaster Council, No. 912, Jr. O. U. A. M.

Mr. Lane is a self-made man. He is a genial, kind-hearted gentleman, and his friends in Lancaster county are many, as is evidenced by the support he received when a candidate for political office.

ABRAHAM MYERS. The Myers family, which is now scattered until there are members in almost every State of the Union, originated in Switzerland, from which country came John Myers, who founded the American branch of the family, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Taking part in the Revolutionary war, he became thoroughly identified with the progress and development of the United States, particularly Pennsylvania, where he found a comfortable home and a warm welcome from the pioneers who were then settling in the forests of Lancaster county. John Myers settled in Eden township, cleared up a tract of wild land and converted it into a fine estate, leaving a good property to his children, who were: Henry, of Eden township; John, of Eden; Frederick; David; Benjamin, who died in young manhood; Sophia, who died unmarried; Betsey, who married John Fickinger; Susan, who married William Pearson, of Eden; Sallie, who married Harry Rowiskey; Mary, who died on the old home place, unmarried; and Jacob, father of Abraham Myers.

Jacob Myers was born in Eden township in March, 1798, and there married Susan McMichael, who was born in 1819. She was a daughter of William and Anna McMichael, the McMichael family being well known in the pioneer annals of the county.

Jacob Myers settled on his father's old homestead after the death of the father, and there lived until his death, in 1879, at the age of eighty years. His twelve children were: Lydia, Malinda, Eliza, and one son died in childhood. Christian, born March 28, 1835, married Miss Ella Pickle, of Lancaster county, and settled on one of his father's farms, where he died in November, 1898, leaving a widow, who resides on the farm with her three children, George, Ada, and Clara. Abraham is mentioned below, Lavina, born at the old home in 1838, is the wife of John Carmahan, of this county, and they reside on his farm in Eden township; their two children are Harry J. and Susan. Benjamin, born in Eden township in 1845, married Mary McElhaney, and they reside on his farm near the old homestead; they have no family. Amanda, born in 1850, is the wife of Wilson W. Jackson, and they reside in Eden township; they have no family. Emeline, born in 1856, is the wife of Sylvester Aulthouse, and they reside on his fine farm in Sadsbury township; their three children are Lydia, Susan and Ruth. Elizabeth, born in 1858, married Lewis Irvin, who resides in Eden township, his farm being located there, and they have three children, Jessie, Charles, and May. Eliza, born in the old homestead, married Christian Mowrer, and they reside on his estate in Colerain

township; their four children are Ida, Amanda, John and Chester.

The old homestead was the home of Abraham Myers for some years after his marriage. His education was acquired in the common schools of his district. Reared a farmer boy, he has continued in agricultural pursuits all his life, making farming his life work. On Dec. 22, 1874, he was united in marriage with Miss Jemima C. E. Herr, daughter of John and Margaret (Ralston) Herr, who was born Jan. 11, 1850, in Eden township, received an excellent common-school education, and by a careful mother was thoroughly instructed in housewifely ways. Her family is prominent in the religious annals of the county and State, as well as in business and social circles.

For four years after his marriage, Mr. Myers and his family lived on the old homestead farm, and then he purchased what is locally known as the John Basler farm, in Eden township, where he and family have resided until the present date (some twenty years). Mr. Myers has done much improving here, in the way of rebuilding, remodeling, and fencing, and has now the satisfaction of owning one of the most attractive, valuable and productive farms in a county which is noted for its handsome homes.

The two sons born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers are: (1) John A., born Oct. 1, 1875, received his primary education in the district schools, and later became an ambitious student in the Millersville Normal School, from which great institution he graduated with honor in the class of 1898; during the next year, at the same institution, he took advanced work in languages and higher mathematics, since which time he has followed the profession of teacher during the winter months, being acceptable through the whole county, where he is considered one of the most promising young men of the community. During the summers he engages in carpenter work, and many of the very attractive and convenient buildings on the home farm are testimonials to his skill in that trade, as well as a number of creditable achievements in the machinist's line; he is now employed as a traveling machinist by the Plano Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, Ill. (2) C. William was born at the old home in December, 1878; also attended the district schools in boyhood, and later became a student in the Millersville Normal School. Both sons reflect great credit upon their parents and their home training, and are respected through the community.

In politics Mr. Myers has been a lifelong Democrat, and his sons are no less stanch in their Democracy, believing the principles advanced by that party to be the best for the country. But Mr. Myers is no politician, and invariably refuses to accept office. Brought up in the Lutheran Church, he has never departed from its teachings. He is well and favorably known throughout his part of the county, and well represents the honorable ancestry from which he sprung. His life has been devoted to the farming interests of the community, his early training on the

pioneer farm giving him a thorough knowledge of methods of work and the possibilities of different kinds of land. As a neighbor and citizen his sterling character has been recognized, and in the highest degree he enjoys the esteem of his loyalty, his neighbors and business associates uniting in their judgment of him as an honest man and a fit representative of the community.

GEORGE R. HEISEY, attorney at law and certified public accountant, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Eli Z. and Annie H. (Reich) Heisey, his parents, were natives of East Donegal township. Eli Z. Heisey was a farmer, and followed that calling until his death, April 2, 1893. Annie H. Heisey, his wife, died June 15, 1898. They were the parents of five children: Eleanor, who died in infancy; George R.; Ethelbert R., teller of the First National Bank of Marietta, Pa.; and Jacob Z. and Annie M., both of whom died in infancy. The paternal grandparents were Christian and Martha (Zigler) Heisey, of East Donegal. The maternal grandparents were Dr. George and Mary (Long) Reich.

George R. Heisey was educated at Schuylkill Seminary, Palms National Business College, and Close & Black's School of Shorthand. He followed the profession of public accounting until April, 1901, when he was admitted to the Lancaster Bar, and has since practiced law. He is the managing director of the Pennsylvania State Building & Loan Association of Lancaster, Pa., and a member of the Pennsylvania State Examining Board of Expert Accountants.

In August, 1891, Mr. Heisey was united in marriage at Marietta with Mary A. Steacy, a daughter of George S. Steacy, who is mentioned below. No children have come to this union. Mr. Heisey is a Republican in politics.

GEORGE S. STEACY, father of Mrs. George R. Heisey, was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, and died in 1874, on his farm in East Donegal township, three miles from Marietta. His parents, John and Sarah Steacy, had eight children, viz.: John, William and Edward, deceased; Sarah, widow of Rev. Mr. Atmore; Grace, Mrs. Connard, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Rev. John Edward; Mary, deceased wife of Rev. Mr. Bishop; and George S.

George S. Steacy was married in Marietta, in 1856, to Miss Margaret A. Stahl, and to this union were born the following named children: Emma, who died young; Mary A., wife of George R. Heisey; William, a carpenter in Fresno, Cal.; and George S., a mechanic in York, Pa. Mrs. Margaret A. (Stahl) Steacy was born in Marietta, daughter of Jacob and Agnes (Park) Stahl, of Lancaster. Jacob Stahl was a lumberman in early and middle life, but lived in retirement in Marietta for many years prior to his death, which took place in 1882, when he was eighty-two years of age; his widow

survived until 1890, dying at the age of eighty-seven. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Stahl was an elder for more than thirty-five years. Their four children were George W., deceased; Mary J., widow of A. N. Cassel, of Marietta; Margaret A., widow of George S. Steacy; and Miranda, wife of J. H. Grove, M. D., of Philadelphia. The grandfather of Mrs. Margaret A. Steacy on the paternal side was John Stahl, of Lancaster, and her maternal grandparents were James and Mark (McWicker) Park, also of this county.

Mr. Steacy was an agriculturist all his days in Conoy township; he was injured while threshing, and the accident resulted in his death. He was a good Christian, and highly respected, although not a member of any church organization. In politics he was a Republican.

AMOS E. BURKHOLDER, a prominent young member of the Lancaster Bar, emanates from parentage influential and widely known in social and professional circles. His ancestors, who were of the Mennonite denomination, came to this country several generations ago, and his grandfather, Christian Burkholder, a farmer by occupation, was born in West Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Ezra Burkholder, father of Amos E., was well-known surveyor, conveyancer, notary public and justice of the peace, and transacted volumes of business of a very important character during his life. He died July 12, 1890. In 1853 he married Annie M. Hoffman, daughter of Christian Hoffman, a merchant of Vogansville, Lancaster county, but originally a farmer, and six children comprised their family, five of whom are living: E. H., a surveyor, conveyancer and justice of the peace, of Farmersville, Pa.; Mary, intermarried with V. C. Sheetz; Amanda, intermarried with Oscar Hackman; Frances, intermarried with Joseph K. Tobias; and Amos E.

Amos E. Burkholder, whose name introduces this sketch, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in May, 1866, in West Earl township, Lancaster county. He received his earlier education at the district and select schools of that locality. Later on he finished his studies at Central Pennsylvania College, from which institution he graduated in 1888. Mr. Burkholder taught school from the fall of 1888 up to 1893, in which year he entered the law offices of John E. Malone, Esq., at Lancaster, Pa. In 1896 he was admitted to practice law, and within the prescribed time became a practitioner in the Supreme and Superior courts. He is located at No. 48 North Duke street, Lancaster.

In 1893 Mr. Burkholder was married to Miss Clara E. Bolster, daughter of George Bolster, marble and granite dealer at Ephrata, Pa. A son, Henry Clay, now five years old, and a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, now one year old, have been born to them. The family have their home at the old homestead, occupied by Mr. Burkholder's par-

ents, at Farmersville, Pa., which place Mr. Burkholder has greatly enhanced, modernized and beautified, thus affording comfort to his family. He attends faithfully to his practice in the city, good railroad facilities permitting him to be at his office early in the morning and return in the evening.

Mr. Burkholder is a pronounced Republican, but has never sought party preferment. In 1901 he was appointed prison solicitor. In religious faith he is a member of the German Reformed Church. He is a careful and intelligent counselor, entirely devoted to his profession; has built up a fine clientage, and is popular alike inside and outside the circles of the honorable profession of which he is an honored member.

LEVI SHULTZ, one of the progressive, reliable and representative citizens of Strasburg township, who resides one and one-fourth miles north of Martinsville, was born in West Lampeter township Jan. 11, 1846. His parents were John and Elizabeth (Marison) Shultz, well-known residents of that township.

Levi Shultz was reared on the home farm, and received his education in the common schools. Until he was thirty years old he remained assisting his father, and at that time he purchased the farm of thirty-five acres which has been his home ever since. Here he carries on general farming, and he has made many valuable improvements which have increased the value of the place very considerably. All of the surroundings denote the presence of an excellent manager, and his is one of the most comfortable and attractive homes of the neighborhood.

In 1876 Mr. Shultz married Miss Hannah Barge, who was born in Strasburg township Jan. 8, 1853, a daughter of the late Witmer Barge. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz are the parents of four children: Lizzie B., wife of Harry Deiter; and Witmer J., Harry B. and Emma Maud, all residing at home. Mr. Shultz is a man of standing in his locality, and both he and his wife, with the two eldest children, belong to the Mennonite Church, where they are valued for their excellent traits of character and have many friends.

SAMUEL U. STOLTZFUS, who is one of the leading and respected citizens of Earl township, and resides on his farm a mile and a half west of New Holland, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, Nov. 1, 1851, a son of John and Elizabeth (Umble) Stoltzfus.

John Stoltzfus, now deceased, was born Jan. 13, 1810, a son of Christian and Anna (Blank) Stoltzfus. Leacock was his native township, and there he was reared and educated. Bred to farming, he followed that avocation all his life. After his marriage he came to Earl township, locating near Hinkletown, but later purchased a farm of ninety acres, which lies two miles west of New Holland, and which was his home until his death, March 22, 1897. He was a leading citizen of his day, and a Christian

gentleman of high character and broad spirit. For years he was an active minister in the Amish Church, his work being largely in the lower Mill Creek Congregation, where his Christian example and long devotion to his Master made him a host of friends.

John Stoltzfus was twice married, his first wife, Elizabeth Umble, becoming his bride March 7, 1830. She died Oct. 21, 1853, when forty-two years, six months and nine days old. They had the following family: Anna, who was born March 27, 1831, is the widow of Christian Lapp, of Leacock township; Mary, born April 25, 1832, died unmarried; Jacob, born Sept. 22, 1833, is deceased; John (2), born Sept. 11, 1835, lives in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county; Jonas, born May 19, 1839, lives in Caernarvon township; Fannie, born Sept. 17, 1840, married Henry Fisher, a resident of East Lampeter township; Daniel, born Oct. 29, 1841, is a resident of Chester county; Henry, born Jan. 3, 1843, lived in Chester county until his death in December, 1901; Christian, born Aug. 3, 1845, is a resident of Berks county; Amos, born Nov. 20, 1847, lives in Upper Leacock township; Elizabeth, born Feb. 20, 1849, married Joel Fisher, of Lancaster township; and Samuel, born Nov. 1, 1851, is a resident of Earl township. The father married for his second wife, Feb. 5, 1857, Elizabeth Nofsinger, who was born Jan. 16, 1820, by whom he had two children: J. Bena, born July 22, 1859, married John B. Schmucker; and Isaac, born Dec. 15, 1861, lives on the old homestead. The parents of the second Mrs. Stoltzfus were Peter and Jacobine (Swartsentauber) Nofsinger, natives of Illbach, Germany. The mother is still living.

Samuel U. Stoltzfus was reared on the paternal farm, and educated in the public schools. When he was only twelve years old he began working for wages, and at twenty-four began farming on his own account, renting a place of ninety-six acres, which he farmed for ten years. At the end of that time he bought thirty acres, a part of his father's farm, which he improved with buildings, and where he made his home for four years, when he bought an 85-acre farm, where he is still to be found. Here he has also made extensive improvements, and is known as a very successful farmer. On his farm Mr. Stoltzfus has a fine stone quarry, and for several years he has been engaged in quarrying and crushing stone. In 1899 he bought an approved stone crushing machine for the highways, and now gives all his time to a very extensive stone business, which he has worked up in the neighborhood.

In 1874 Mr. Stoltzfus was married to Miss Elizabeth Zook, a daughter of Lydia Zook, who was born near Binkley's Bridge, and to them have come seven children: Lydia, the wife of David Beiler, of Bird-in-Hand; Keuben, who married Miss Sarah Renno, and lives in Leacock township; Fannie, at home, as are the other children, Levi, Mary, Annie and Elmer. Mr. and Mrs. Stoltzfus are mem-

bers of the Amish Church, and the family are counted among the most worthy and respected citizens of the county.

SIMON SHISSLER, who carries on an extensive retail business as a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster, is one of the most enterprising citizens of that place, both in business and public circles. He has filled numerous positions of trust, with uniform satisfaction to all concerned, and his popularity is the result of faithful service and honest methods in every relation of life.

Mr. Shissler comes of that sturdy German stock to whose characteristic thrift and industry Lancaster county owes its present prosperous condition, and his family has been identified with the county for two hundred years. The Shisslers originally came from Germany, and were devout adherents of the Lutheran Church. John Shissler, grandfather of Simon, was born in Manor township, and died there at a good old age. His wife lived to the age of ninety-eight. Jacob Shissler, father of Simon, was born in Manor township in 1805, and died in Lancaster in 1868. He was a cooper by trade, and built the large distillery near Strasburg. In 1858 he came to Lancaster and took charge of the cooperage owned by Philip Baker, continuing in that employ until his death. Jacob Shissler first married a Miss Miller, by whom he had seven children, five sons and two daughters. Four of the sons served in the Civil war: Jacob was a member of Company I, 79th P. V. I., and met his death while in the service, after fighting bravely for nearly three years. Albert, who belonged to the same company and regiment, was a private; he died in Andersonville prison. Philip and Amos were both members of the 50th Pennsylvania Militia. The former is now a resident of Strasburg, and the latter makes his home near that city. By his second wife, Susan (Snyder), a native of Strasburg, Jacob Shissler had three children: Anna, now Mrs. Binkley, of Philadelphia; Harry, of Lancaster; and Simon, whose name opens this sketch. The mother of these is still living in Lancaster, and though now nearly ninety years of age is vigorous both mentally and physically. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Simon Shissler was born April 16, 1856, in Paradise township, this county, and has lived in Lancaster since he was two years old. His education was received in the public schools. He was only thirteen years old at the time of his father's death, and a year later commenced his apprenticeship to the trade he has followed all his life, becoming a practical cigarmaker under the instruction of John Hull, with whom he remained three years. Later he was in the employ of Albright & Bros. and Metzger & Wiley, until 1885, in which year he received his appointment as letter carrier in the post office department. He served thus four years. In June, 1889, Mr. Shissler embarked in business on his own ac-

count, at No. 52½ North Queen street, where he has ever since remained, and the store is one of the most popular in Lancaster. He has always made a specialty of the finest grades of goods, employing the best workmen obtainable, and the products of his factory, which is located in the rear of his store, are justly celebrated. Fifteen hands are kept busy constantly. Mr. Shissler's standing among business men is unquestionable.

Mr. Shissler has taken a prominent part in the improvement and progress of the city, and he has assisted acceptably in the local civil administration for a number of years. In 1890 he was elected to the city council from the First ward by a good majority, although he is a Democrat, and the ward and city are conceded to be Republican. In 1892 he was elected president of that body by a large majority, and as such served on the Special Water committee, which in 1892 placed in operation the ten-million gallon pumps. The following year he removed to the Fifth ward, of which he has since been a resident. In the spring of 1900 a vacancy occurred on the school board of the ward, and Mr. Shissler was unanimously chosen to the position. His greatest honor from his fellow citizens, however, was received in the spring of 1898, when he was nominated and elected mayor of Lancaster, serving one term in that office. No more convincing evidence of the high esteem in which he is universally held could be given. Mr. Shissler is an ardent worker in the Democratic party, and has served several years as secretary of the City Democratic committee.

In 1879 Mr. Shissler was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Alice Anderson, a native of Warrenton, Va., whose father, Perry Anderson, was engaged in business in that State, retiring after the war and making his home in Lancaster. Three children have blessed this union, Henry, Walter (deceased) and Clyde. The family have a fine home at No. 119 Charlotte street. Mrs. Shissler is an intelligent woman. In religious connection she is a member of the Duke Street Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Shissler affiliates with Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Emanuel Lodge, No. 1104, I. O. O. F.; the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Knights of Malta; and the Jr. O. U. A. M.

MARTIN F. WITMER, a native-born citizen and most respected farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born April 2, 1850, on the homestead on which he still lives, two miles west of Millersville, son of Christian K. and Susan (Funk) Witmer. He acquired his education in the public schools, and continued to assist his father until 1878, when he began operations on his own account, and is now classed among the leading and most progressive agriculturists of Manor township.

On Dec. 5, 1877, Martin F. Witmer married Elizabeth B. Harnish, who was born on Chestnut Hill April 20, 1854, daughter of Levi and Leah (Butt) Harnish, the former of whom died Feb. 12,

1902, aged eighty-five years, five months, ten days, after an illness of nine weeks. This marriage has been blessed with five children, viz.: Leah H., born April 8, 1880; Alice H., Sept. 28, 1881; Levi H., Jan. 4, 1884; Elizabeth H., March 11, 1886; and Simon H., Aug. 20, 1888 (died Oct. 28, 1893). The family worship at the Mennonite Church, are among the most respected residents of Manor township, and their homestead of sixty acres is a model of neatness and comfort.

Abraham Witmer, grandfather of Martin F. Witmer, was also a native of Manor township. He married Maria Kilhiffer, and by her became the father of four children, namely: Jacob, Abraham, Betsey (who was married to Christian Charles), and Christian K., all of whom lived and died in Manor township.

Christian K. Witmer was born in Manor township June 24, 1819, and was reared a farmer. He first married Susan Funk, who bore him two children, Abraham F. and Martin F., both farmers of Manor township. His second marriage was to Elizabeth M. (Kindig) Doerstter, daughter of John Kindig, and to this union were born three children, namely: Mary, wife of John Krieder; Fannie; and Lizzie, widow of Aaron Newcomer. Elizabeth M. Witmer died Nov. 7, 1900, aged eighty-two years, twenty-two days; she was sick but one day, having had a stroke of paralysis early in the morning. Christian K. Witmer died July 22, 1902, aged eighty-three years, twenty-seven days. The surviving members of the family are all Mennonites, and as the Witmers are among the oldest residents of the township, they are held in very high esteem by their neighbors.

DAVID C. HAUCK. Andrew Hauck, the grandfather of David C., was reared on the line between Bucks and Lancaster counties, and was a laborer in his active years, which were very largely spent in Earl and Salisbury townships. He married Catherine Fiar, and they became the parents of ten children: John, Andrew, William, David, Matthias, Hannah, Barbara, Peggy, Catherine and Mary, all deceased excepting the two last named.

William Hauck, father of David C., was reared to the life of a laborer, and worked among the farmers of Salisbury and Earl townships, owning a small home in the former township. He married Miss Margaret Caffery, a native of Lancaster county, who died about 1890, at the age of sixty-five years. William Hauck died at the age of fifty-six, in 1875. Both were members of the Methodist Church. They were the parents of eight children: Lucetta (deceased) married Jonathan Wallace; David C. is mentioned below; William died at the age of eighteen years; Catherine (deceased) married Moses Wallace; Henry lives in Salisbury township; Margaret married Harry Griffith, of Paradise township; Milton is a resident of Earl township; Diller is also a resident of Earl township.

David C. Hauck was born Feb. 25, 1845, in Earl

township, and was educated in the local schools. When he was nine years of age he began working out among the farmers, working for wages until he was twenty-five years of age, when he began farming in Paradise township, near Kinzers, renting a farm of eighty-seven acres for five years. At the expiration of that period he bought twenty acres in Leacock township, of J. D. Warfel, which he sold ten years later, to buy eighty-one acres of Abraham Groff, a farm located in the southeastern part of Earl township, where he has made his home since 1885, and is engaged in general farming. In politics he is a Republican, and he has been supervisor of Leacock township for three years.

In December, 1868, Mr. Hauck married Miss Catherine Sweigart, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Barnhart and Julia Ann (Deffenbach) Sweigart, and they have six children: Elizabeth E., wife of Ludwig Pflaumer, a resident of East Earl township; J. H., at home; David F., at home; Ruth Ann; Naomi C.; and Ithamar A. Mr. and Mrs. Hauck are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are numbered among the worthy and respected people of this county.

JOHN F. BALTHASER is one of the prosperous business citizens of Ephrata, being the proprietor of an extensive meat business, dealing in all kinds of fresh and salted meats, and supplying a large territory, with a constantly increasing patronage.

John F. Balthaser was born July 26, 1863, son of Jacob and Lena (Faust) Balthaser, natives of Berks county, where his grandfather, also named Jacob, was an extensive farmer. The father was born in 1839, and married Lena Faust in 1859, and they reared eight children: Howard, born in 1860; John F., born in 1863; Thomas, born in 1866; Franklin, born in 1868; Sallie, born in 1870, who married Alain Baker; Jacob, born in 1873, who lives in Reading; Emma, born in 1875, who married Harvey Noecker; and William, born in 1880, living at home with his father.

John F. Balthaser has had his own way to make in the world. When nine years of age the family removed to Reading, and there he was employed in a brickyard, receiving forty cents a day for the first year, after which he received one dollar per day. At the age of thirteen, during the panic of 1876, he worked for forty cents a day, walking three miles back and forth daily. He received his pay in scrip which was redeemable only at one store, in goods or in cash, at a discount of twenty per cent. At the age of sixteen he entered the brewing business, remaining at same about one year, and then entered a foundry in Reading to become a finished molder. Later he went to Denver, Pa., where he worked at brickmaking for about one year, and then engaged in the butcher business, making a success of it. But seeking a larger field for his business, he removed to Ephrata, Pa., and took in a partner; the firm failed, and Mr. Balthaser lost all he had. In spite

of these drawbacks he started again, and, as he says, having had enough of a partnership business, he first worked for another butcher until he accumulated money enough to buy the first steer in order to start for himself. Ever since, by economy, industry and good management, he has been very successfully engaged in business.

John F. Balthaser was married March 7, 1885, to Miss Mary Baker, a daughter of Isaac and Fannie (Drybread) Baker, of Lancaster county, and six children have been born to this union: Jacob, July 4, 1886; Harry, July 22, 1888; Edna, May 29, 1889; John Jr., March 14, 1891; Maud, Dec. 10, 1893; and Isaac, April 15, 1896.

Mr. Balthaser has gained the confidence of the public by his invariably honest dealing. His possessions number several nice buildings in the borough, and he stands well as a citizen. For many years he has been a stanch Republican, and has been twice elected a member of the Borough Council. He is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. and with the Sons of America, and in religion is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE LEIBLEY, a well-known resident of Lancaster, living at No. 634 East King street, and who has been in the United States Railway Mail Service for many years, belongs to a very old Lancaster county family, his ancestors having lived here for generations. Indeed, no family name in the region has been more familiar than that of Leibley during the past century. Jacob Leibley, father of George, was one of the pioneer butchers of Lancaster. He entered into rest in 1852, aged sixty-nine years, while the mother, who was Charlotte Miller before marriage, and a native of Lancaster, passed away in 1885, aged seventy-nine years.

George Leibley was born Feb. 12, 1843, on the old family home on South Queen street, where all the members of his family were born. After receiving a partial education in the public schools, he left at an early age, to become a printer's apprentice. He had just finished his apprenticeship when, in 1861, he enlisted as private in the 79th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving over three years. He was detailed from the ranks and made a clerk at Gen. Negley's Division Headquarters, and later was transferred to the commissary department at Gen. George H. Thomas's Headquarters, Army of the Cumberland. His service ended, Mr. Leibley again went to printing, but was soon appointed a route agent on the Pennsylvania railroad. After continuing thus two years he left that service, and soon afterward was appointed clerk in the House of Representatives Post Office, Washington, D. C., serving there for two sessions, having been appointed to that position by Thaddeus Stevens, then member of Congress from this district. In 1889 Mr. Leibley was re-appointed to the United States Mail Service, in which he still remains, running from New York City to Pittsburg.

On May 19, 1866, Mr. Leibley was married to Miss Mary Clara McCarter, daughter of the late Arthur McCarter, of Norristown, Pa., and niece of the late Col. James McCarter, a veteran of the Civil war, and who was a clergyman, having ministered for a time to the people of the First M. E. Church, of Lancaster, the older members of which still hold him in loving remembrance. To Mr. and Mrs. Leibley have come seven children, one of whom died in infancy. Blanche, who was the wife of William D. D. Long, entered into rest June 17, 1898, leaving two children, one a boy babe only a day old, who has ever since been a member of the household of his grandfather, George Leibley. The surviving children are Arthur, who is employed at John Wanamaker's, Philadelphia; Mildred, wife of C. J. Rhen, of the firm of Rhen & Reese, job printers on North Queen street; Katharine, at home; Albert, in the jewel setting department of the Hamilton Watch Factory; and Harold, at school.

Mr. Leibley is a Lutheran in his religious faith, and the only organization to which he belongs is that of the Railway Mail Service Relief Associations. Of genial, generous nature, possessing fine conversational powers, Mr. Leibley is a most companionable gentleman, and the regret is that owing to the responsible duties which call him from home so much of his time his fellow-citizens see so little of him.

WILLIAM C. WHITESIDE. The commercial life of Tayloria, Lancaster county, is well represented by William C. Whiteside, the well-known merchant and justice of the peace, who was born in Colerain township, May 6, 1866, a son of James and Elizabeth (Irwin) Whiteside, also of Colerain township.

James Whiteside was born in November, 1825, and died in 1893, being a son of Robert Whiteside, who came from Ireland to Lancaster county, about one hundred years ago, settling in Colerain township, where he lived and died. He was the father of four children: Samuel, Robert, John and James, all now deceased. About 1857, James married Elizabeth Irwin, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Irwin, of Chester county. This marriage was blessed with five children: John W., of Colerain township; J. Charles; Samuel P., of Colerain township, all farmers; William C.; and one now deceased. During his lifetime, James Whiteside was among the highly respected citizens of the township, and at the time of his death, he owned four fine farms.

William C. Whiteside was reared upon his father's farm, and received his education first in the district schools and later in the excellent academy of Colerain township. In 1889, he embarked in a general merchandise business at Tayloria, and has continued in this line with marked success, ever since. He served also as postmaster, until his election as justice of the peace in 1894 necessitated his resignation. He discharged the duties of that office to the entire satisfaction of all. In 1894 he was first ap-

pointed justice of the peace, and having been re-elected, still holds that important office. In politics he is a stanch Democrat in his views. In addition to his other interests, Mr. Whiteside owns one-quarter interest in a fine farm of 183 acres, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of the township. The stock carried in his store is thoroughly modern, well selected, and offered at very low prices, while the service is excellent. Knowing the needs of his customers, Mr. Whiteside is able to cater to them, and as a result enjoys a very large patronage.

On Aug. 29, 1888, Mr. Whiteside was married to Miss Jennie R. Taylor, of Little Britain township, a daughter of B. F. and Ruth (Kirk) Taylor, of Britain township, old settlers of this locality. Her grandfather, Joseph C. Taylor, was a farmer and merchant at Tayloria for many years, and the place was named for this estimable gentleman. Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside have had eight children: Violette Ruth, born April 27, 1889; Joseph Taylor, born July 9, 1891; William Clymer, Jr., born Dec. 10, 1893; Edward Craig, born Feb. 6, 1895; Benjamin Franklin, born Nov. 14, 1896; Susanna Jane, born July 20, 1899; Frances Elizabeth, born March 21, 1901, died Sept. 17, 1901; and David Malcolm, born Sept. 6, 1902. Although a young man, Mr. Whiteside has firmly established himself in the confidence of the community, and is regarded as one of the leaders in local affairs. Genial, open-hearted, generous, beloved in his home and esteemed in the community, his success in life is something of which he may well be proud, although it is but the just reward of his honest efforts.

HIRAM L. DETWILER, general farmer and proprietor of a valuable sand pit in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born in York county, Pa., Oct. 6, 1834, and is a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Landis) Detwiler, natives of Lancaster and Chester counties, respectively. In 1837 the parents returned with their children to Lancaster county, settling near Columbia, in West Hempfield township, where the father followed farming the remainder of his life, dying in 1851, when seventy-three years old. The mother survived him until 1890, passing away at the remarkable age of ninety years, a member of the United Brethren Church. Her remains were interred in the Mountville cemetery. To the marriage of Christian and Elizabeth Detwiler were born seven children, namely: Elias, Joseph, Levi, Henry, Jeremiah, Hiram L. and Zachariah, all of whom are deceased with the exception of Hiram L., whose name opens this sketch.

In the city of Lancaster, Pa., in 1859, Hiram L. Detwiler married Elizabeth Kauffman, and to this union were born twelve children, namely: David K., who died at the age of five years, two months, three days; Abraham K., married, and employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia; Mary K., wife of Tobias Shupp, of East



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Hempfield township; Samuel L., married, who is with the railroad company in Lancaster; Elizabeth K., who died young; Daniel K., a machinist in Columbia, married; Isaiah K., at home; Solomon K., married and at home; Horace K., married and at home; Emma K., who died at the age of fourteen years; and Harry K. and Wilson K., at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Kauffman) Detwiler was born in West Hempfield township May 28, 1840, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Roop) Kauffman, of the same township, where he was an extensive farmer and tanner, and a very influential citizen, being a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, and a leader in the Mennonite Church. Jacob Kauffman died in 1865, at the age of eighty-one years, and his widow died at the same age, in 1881; their remains are buried in the Silver Spring cemetery. To Jacob Kauffman and his wife were born seventeen children, of whom seven reached, or nearly reached, mature age: Susannah, widow of Thomas Carter; David, now deceased; Leah, of Mountville, unmarried; Mary, wife of John Piffer, a farmer at Millersville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Detwiler; Samuel, who died in 1900; and Catherine, who died when a young woman. The remaining ten died in infancy.

Hiram L. Detwiler was only in his seventeenth year when his father died, and from that time has taken care of himself, first working four years on a farm for his brother Joseph, and then working for his brother Henry, until 1859, the year of his marriage. He then rented a farm for two years, after which he purchased his present farm of sixty-eight acres, on which he has a valuable sand pit, as has been intimated. He has recently made some changes in the operation of his sand pit, a corporation having been formed, which continued operations under the name of the Detwiler Sand Company. Mr. Detwiler is also interested to a limited extent in sundry gold and silver mines at Breckenridge, Summit Co., Colo., in partnership with his nephews, but it will require some little time as yet to develop them. In politics Mr. Detwiler is a Democrat.

MICHAEL F. BOWERS is a citizen of Lancaster who has risen from comparative obscurity to a high place in the public esteem. He is extensively engaged in general house painting and decorating, and is identified with some of the most ambitious undertakings in that line in his part of the county.

Mr. Bowers was born in East Lampeter, this county, April 6, 1857, of stanch Teutonic ancestry. His parents, John and Maria M. (Arnold) Bowers, were born in Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1847. John Bowers settled in Lampeter township, where he engaged in farming for some years, afterward working in the cotton mills of Lancaster. For ten years he was employed by the city, and in 1895, he retired from active life, taking up his residence with his son, Michael F., in 1900. He was born in 1820, and is therefore eighty-two years of age, yet he possesses unimpaired many of his best

faculties. He is a Catholic in religious belief, and a member of St. Peter's Society. Mrs. Bowers died in 1874, at the age of forty-nine, and is buried in the cemetery of Zion Lutheran Church, of which she was a member. Mr. and Mrs. Bowers were the parents of the following children: John C., deceased; Margaret, deceased; Frederick, an ice merchant of Lancaster; Conrad A., engineer of the Lancaster city water works; Michael F.; Elizabeth, deceased; Ernest C., a cigar manufacturer of East Petersburg, Pa.; Jacob A.; William, deceased; and Albert, deceased.

Michael F. Bowers was reared on the paternal farm, attending the district schools of his neighborhood. When eighteen years of age he left the home place and lived for a year in Lancaster, where he found employment in a furniture factory and learned the trade of painter. This peaceful occupation was interrupted by his enlistment in the regular United States army for five years, during which service he was stationed on Davids Island, New York harbor, for two years, was assigned later to Co. D, 20th Infantry, Col. E. S. Otis commanding, at Fort Brown, Texas, where he remained for a year, and was then at Fort Dodge, Kans., for six months. At Fort Reno, Indian Territory, Mr. Bowers was discharged in October, 1883. He rose to the rank of first sergeant, an office maintained during the last two years of his service. This military experience was augmented by his service from 1884 to 1887 as captain of Co. C, 8th regiment, P. N. G., from which he resigned to engage in painting for the railroad. He also commanded Lancaster Commandery No. 77, M. B. K. G. E., during the years intervening between 1892 and 1900.

After his five years of service with the United States army Mr. Bowers returned to Lancaster and resumed his association with the furniture company for a couple of years, and for the following seven years was employed as painter by the Pennsylvania Railway Company. In 1891 he started in business for himself as a painter and decorator, and the wisdom of this departure has been repeatedly demonstrated in the meantime, for he has a large patronage, and thoroughly understands the highest tenets of his interesting and constantly improving occupation.

Mr. Bowers married Cecelia M. Dinkleberg, a native of Lancaster, born in August, 1861, daughter of Philip Dinkleberg. Mr. Dinkleberg was born in Germany, as was also his wife, and both came to America when children. He was a prominent contractor in Lancaster, and erected some of the most pretentious buildings there, including the Farmers' National Bank, the Fulton National Bank, Zion Lutheran Church, Trinity chapel, and the steeple of the Presbyterian Church, besides other structures of equal importance in the growth of the city.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bowers have been born three children: Albert G. and Florence C., both attending high school; and Maria M., in the grammar school. Mr. Bowers is associated with the F. & A. M., Lodge

No. 43; the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 68; and the K. of G. E., Castle No. 292. In October, 1899, he became a member of the Master House Painters and Decorators Association of Pennsylvania, and is a member of the executive board. In September, 1902, he organized the prominent master painters of his city into a local association, of which he was elected first secretary. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and politically is an independent Republican.

JOHN H. GAMBER was, like many other old residents of Manor township, Lancaster county, born at the homestead which has been the residence of his family for many generations, and in which both his grandfather and his father first saw the light of day. He is a son of John L. and Fannie D. (Herr) Gamber, and a grandson of Rudolph and Mary (Landis) Gamber. The family are Mennonites in religious faith, and in politics both John H. Gamber and his father have been staunch Republicans.

John L. Gamber was a farmer, as is also his son, John H. His wife, who is a daughter of David S. and Elizabeth (Dentlinger) Herr, survives him, making her home with her son, John. Four children were born to them, of whom John H. is the third; of the others, Alice is the wife of Benjamin Stauffer, of Manor township; Fannie married John S. Heller, a farmer of East Hempfield township; David H. died in boyhood.

John H. Gamber was born Sept. 5, 1866, received a good common-school education, and upon the death of his father succeeded to the management of the home farm. In 1893, in company with John D. Herr, he began buying and packing tobacco, having the same packed near Mountville, and the business has steadily grown and prospered. In 1899 the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Gamber now carrying on the business on his own account. During three years, also, he and Mr. Herr were interested in operating a mill and grain warehouse near Mountville. Mr. Gamber's present tobacco warehouse covers a site of 80 by 36 feet, and is three and a half stories in height. He also has other interests there, being a stockholder and director in the Mountville National Bank, as well as a stockholder in several of the Lancaster banks. His farm embraces nearly ninety acres, and is one of the best managed in the county.

Mr. Gamber has been largely the architect of his own fortune. He is a young man of broad, progressive ideas, keen intelligence, quick perception and tireless energy, and for such men there is no such word as fail.

EMANUEL SHELLY, a general farmer of Rapho township, was born in the same township, Aug. 1, 1844, son of Samuel and Mariah (Ager) Shelly, of Rapho township.

Samuel Shelly, the father, died in 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years, and is buried on his old farm; his widow still resides in the township, where she

was born in 1819. Mrs. Shelly is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, of which denomination Mr. Shelly was also a member during his lifetime. There were born to them the following children: Isaac, a retired farmer living in Rapho township; Samuel A., a farmer of Rapho township; Aaron; Anna; Mariah; and Emanuel.

In October, 1866, at Mt. Joy, Emanuel Shelly was married to Miss Anna Shearer. There have been born to this couple the following children: Samuel S., of Rapho township; Anna S., wife of Aaron Peters, a farmer of Rapho township; Nathan S., at home; Amos S.; Emma S.; Mariah S.; Emanuel S., deceased; Ephraim S.; Harvey S.; Lizzie S.; Minnie S.; and Emma S., deceased.

Mrs. Anna (Shearer) Shelly was born Aug. 7, 1849, in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Witmer) Shearer, of Mt. Joy township. Her mother died in 1857, at the age of thirty-nine years, while her father still resides on the family farm retired from the active duties of life. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shearer the following children: Barbara, deceased wife of Henry Ginder; John W., a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Anna W., wife of Emanuel Shelly; Michael W., a Donegal township farmer; and Lizzie W., wife of Amos Heisey, of Mt. Joy township. Samuel Shearer married Miss Anna Herr for his second wife, and this union resulted in the following named children: Samuel H., a farmer of Mt. Joy; Amos H., a Mt. Joy farmer; Katie H., wife of George Hossler, a farmer at Bellaire, Pa. Mrs. Shelly's paternal grandfather's name was John Shearer, of Lancaster county.

Emanuel Shelly remained at home with his parents, gaining, in the meanwhile, an education in the common schools, until the time of his marriage, when he moved to his present home. He and his family are members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and are prominent in the social circles of the vicinity. Mr. Shelly has been frugal and careful in his habits and business transactions, and as a result has acquired a fine competency. Respected by all who know him, life has many pleasant phases for his contemplation.

THOMAS EVANS SIGLE was born in Upper Leacock township, July 6, 1848, and died Feb. 5, 1898. His remains rest in the cemetery connected with the Leacock Church. He was a son of John and Elizabeth (Evans) Sigle, of Lancaster county.

John Sigle was an undertaker in Upper Leacock township, and is now living in Bird-in-Hand, Pa., where he leads a retired life. He was born in November, 1822, and his second wife is still living. Mr. Sigle is the father of the following children: Thomas E. and George, both of whom are deceased; Robert C., a plumber and tinsmith in Camden, N. J.; John, deceased; Miss Celesta, who makes her home with her parents; Agnes, who married John Bohn, of Philadelphia; Anna, who married George Ham-

bright, a ticket agent in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Lancaster; and Elizabeth, who died young.

Thomas E. Sigle was married Nov. 23, 1871, in New Holland, Pa., to Barbara Ranck. To this union were born: Mary E., who married Elmer Groff, a carpenter of Upper Leacock township, and is the mother of three children; Miss Anna R.; Celesta; Robert; and John R., at home. Mrs. Barbara (Ranck) Sigle was born in Leacock township, Dec. 28, 1843, and is a sister of Adam M. Ranck, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Sigle came to the farm occupied by his family in February, 1877, moving from a farm in Paradise township. Until his marriage his home was with his parents. After his marriage he worked in a mill near Willowstreet two years, and was at work on a farm in Paradise township two years. At the expiration of that period he settled on the farm where his family is found today, and where his life was spent. Mr. Sigle belonged to the Presbyterian Church. In his politics he was a Democrat. For some three years before his death he bought tobacco in connection with his farming, and was a popular and successful tradesman.

WALTER SCOTT BRENHOLTZ, M. D. Among the well-known citizens of Lancaster is Dr. Walter Scott Brenholtz, a physician and surgeon who, for the past five years, has been established in his comfortable offices at No. 36 East Walnut street, that city.

Dr. Brenholtz requires no ancestral stock to support his claims to eminence, nevertheless he has it. His great-great-grandfather, Frederick Brenholtz, although born in Germany, was an American patriot in the war of the Revolution, giving up his life for his adopted country at the battle of Brandywine.

Great-grandfather John Brenholtz was born in Chester county, where the family had been located, and Henry Brenholtz, the Doctor's grandfather, was a resident of and died in Hughesville, Lycoming county. Isaac John Brenholtz, son of Henry, and father of Dr. Brenholtz, was a native of Hughesville, Pa., where for many years he has been a hardware merchant. He married Miss Fanny Springer, daughter of Christian Springer, of Muncy Valley, in Lycoming county, and two children were born to this union: Miss Anna, at home; and Dr. Walter S., of Lancaster.

Walter Scott Brenholtz was born in Hughesville Nov. 20, 1867, and acquired his preparatory education in the public schools of his district, going then to Gettysburg College; and later to the University of Pennsylvania, from which great institution he graduated in 1892. Dr. Brenholtz began the practice of his profession in Columbia, where he remained five years, and then took a post-graduate course in the Ear, Nose and Throat, at the Polyclinic Hospital, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Brenholtz located in Lancaster Feb. 1, 1898.

He is a member of the Lancaster City and County Medical Societies, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Columbia, the Lancaster City Pathological Society, and also of the State and American, or National, Medical Societies. In 1893 he was a delegate to the State Medical Society, and in 1897 to the National Medical Society. Dr. Brenholtz enjoys also the distinction of being a member of the medical staff of the General Hospital in Lancaster.

Dr. Brenholtz was married in 1893, to Miss Mary Alta Metzger, a daughter of Dr. G. W. Metzger, of Hughesville, brother of the late distinguished Judge Metzger, of Lycoming county. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Brenholtz, Fanny Rebecca, Anna and Mary Metzger, all bright and unusually attractive little ones.

Religiously Dr. Brenholtz is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he is a deacon, and where he is the teacher of the Young Men's Bible class. Socially and professionally he enjoys the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL. It is but natural that Samuel Campbell should choose an active vocation, for he comes of an ancestry who were prominent men and women, and whose lives were filled with public and business achievements. Mr. Campbell is engaged in the livery and feed stable business, operates a mail route, and has engaged extensively in detective work. He is a native of Columbia, where he was born Aug. 25, 1851, son of George K. and Julia (Lloyd) Campbell.

James Campbell, his paternal great-grandfather, was a native of the south of Ireland, emigrated to America, and located in Lancaster county. He married Emma Boggs, of Columbia, and both are buried at Lancaster.

William Campbell, the grandfather of Samuel, was born in 1809. He married Sarah Krumloff, of Norristown, Pa., and in 1836 settled at Columbia, where he followed the business of a merchant tailor until his death, in 1840, at the age of thirty-one years. His wife died in 1848. Their children were: George K.; John, who died young; Mary, who married Samuel Bennett, a railroad engineer, and died in Philadelphia, in 1878; Cyrus, who died young; Reuben, who died young; Emma, wife of Henry Fisher, retired, of Lancaster; and David, a farmer of Lancaster.

George K. Campbell, father of Samuel, was born in Norristown, Pa., Sept. 15, 1828. When eight years of age he came to Columbia with his parents, and remained a resident of that borough until his death. When a youth he acquired a knowledge of the tanner's and currier's trade, and was a little later connected with shipbuilding. But the activity of railroad work attracted him. He was yard engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for forty-seven years, and spent the last year of his life in deserved retirement from active duties. In religious faith he was a member of the United Brethren

Church, and in politics a Republican. In November, 1850, Mr. Campbell married Julia Anna Lloyd, who was born at Penn's Grove, near Philadelphia, March 20, 1833, daughter of Capt. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd. Capt. John B. Lloyd was a sea captain, the son of John and Charlotte (Church) Lloyd, Quakers, of Churchtown, Pa., where they remained through life. Julia Bennett, wife of Capt. John B. Lloyd, was the daughter of John and Rachel (Keller) Bennett, natives of England and Ireland, respectively, who were married in Berks county, Pa. They had emigrated to America at the ages of eighteen and fifteen years, respectively, and John Bennett served in the Revolutionary army under LaFayette. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd were married in Columbia in 1824, and three months later returned to Philadelphia, the wife's former home. He died in 1877, aged seventy-five years, and she passed away in February, 1857, aged fifty-one years. The children of Capt. John B. and Julia (Bennett) Lloyd were as follows: Elizabeth, wife of David Bird, of Philadelphia; Isaac; Nathan; John; Julia A., Mrs. Campbell; Thomas; James; Charlotte; Rachel; Jacob G.; Mary C.; Charles; and Jane A. All are deceased except Elizabeth, Julia A., James and Jane A. James, who served in the army, is now a carpenter at Philadelphia. Charles was a bugler during the Civil war, and was among the missing.

To George K. and Julia Anna (Lloyd) Campbell were born nine children, namely: Samuel, whose sketch appears below; Melvina, wife of Joseph Cooper, a railroad engineer of Columbia, Pa.; Lloyd James, who died at the age of ten years; Sarah A., who married Dr. Samuel Roberts, a veteran of the Civil war, and who died in 1895; Elizabeth, wife of Tyson Simpson, a railroad conductor of Columbia; Minnie, who married Thomas Bennett, a seaman of Tampa, Fla.; Emma and Maggie, twins, the latter the wife of John F. McGee, a furniture merchant of Columbia, the former the wife of Stephen Baker, a railroad engineer of Columbia; and Ida M., who died young. George K. Campbell, the father, died Dec. 12, 1898, aged seventy years; his widow survives, a resident of Columbia.

Samuel Campbell has always made Columbia his home. Of an active temperament, he has traveled greatly as a dealer in horses, wagons, etc., and also in his extensive detective work, which he has followed for the past twenty years. In 1879 he embarked in the livery business, which he has continued uninterruptedly ever since.

Mr. Campbell married at Columbia, in August, 1870, Caroline Glosser, who was born in Columbia in February, 1852, daughter of Andrew and Sarah Glosser, natives of Germany, who emigrated to America and settled at Columbia. Andrew Glosser was a railroad engineer and was killed while on duty on his engine. To Samuel and Caroline Campbell were born two children: Charles and William. The latter died at the age of one year. Charles married

Ada McCann, and to them have been born two daughters, Caroline and Mabel.

Samuel Campbell is a man of much force of character, a good business man, and his integrity is unimpeachable. He has strict regard for his word, and accordingly is very popular and is held in high respect by all who know him, enjoying the complete confidence of his fellow citizens. For the past eighteen years he has served as constable. Prominent in fraternal and social orders, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Home Circle Lodge, the National A. I. Co., of New York, etc. In politics he is a Republican, and in religious preference has been a constant attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is remarkably well informed, and has a most excellent library.

DAVID LINCOLN HARNISH, the pioneer paint manufacturer of Lancaster, and one of the pioneer paint dealers of the city, belongs to one of the old and reputable families of Lancaster county. The old sandstone house in which his mother was born, in West Lampeter township, was the home of many generations of his maternal progenitors, and is one of the old and historic buildings of the county, having been frequently selected for illustrations in historical publications.

Michael Harnish, grandfather of David L., was a farmer in Conestoga township. His son, D. W. Harnish, father of David L., is a retired farmer, and is still living, having a cosy and attractive home at No. 131 East Walnut street, Lancaster. D. W. Harnish married Miss Barbara K. Mylin, a daughter of one of the best known farmers of West Lampeter township, and they had six children, four of whom are living: David Lincoln; Michael, a farmer on the old home farm in West Lampeter township; Harry, a traveling salesman for a wholesale shoe house; and Martin, a lawyer, who has associated himself with William R. Harnish.

David L. Harnish was born on the old homestead in West Lampeter in August, 1861, and, receiving his education in the home district, left school at the age of eighteen years, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one. At that time he made a change in his life, becoming a clerk in the store of Marshall & Rengiers, of Lancaster, and later went to Newark, Del., where he had a good position as clerk in a store.

In June, 1885, Mr. Harnish struck out for himself, setting up a paint store in Lancaster, at Nos. 5 and 7 South Queen street. His beginning was modest, and made with misgivings, but there was something attractive in his way of doing business, and his trade quickly outgrew the limited quarters in which he had begun. In 1896 he moved to Centre Square and South Queen street. Meanwhile he had established an extensive paint factory on Charlotte street. The business still continued to prosper and increase, and in October, 1900, Mr. Harnish made a

second move, this time to No. 235 North Prince street, which property he purchased, there building a factory and store-room. The dimensions of this building, which is of brick, are 40x145 feet, and it is three stories high. The leading paint which he puts on the market is the "Lancaster Ready-Mixed Paint," which is sold extensively throughout Pennsylvania and the neighboring States. The house carries paints, oils, varnishes, glass, brushes, cement, etc., and so popular are their brushes that they have been shipped as far as New Mexico. The concern is one of the largest and most important of the kind in the State, and Mr. Harnish has the very highest standing in the commercial world.

Mr. Harnish married Miss Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Elias Brown, a retired merchant of Stevens, Lancaster county, who is now living in one of the two handsome houses which he has erected on the Philadelphia turnpike, opposite the Lancaster County Hospital, Mr. Harnish living in the other. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harnish three children have been born: Raymond B., David Paul and Anna B.

Mr. Harnish has behind him a long line of Menonite ancestors in both maternal and paternal lines, and his relatives, with those of his wife, constitute a very large and influential circle. Mr. Harnish is a Republican politically, but his business and church command all his attention.

JACOB BETZ, a prosperous farmer and quarry owner of the city of Lancaster, was born in Manheim township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 5, 1856, son of Jacob and Catherine (Meisel) Betz.

JACOB BETZ, SR., the father, now deceased, was a prominent business man of Lancaster, and passed away May 14, 1900. He was born Dec. 4, 1822, in Rheinbairn, Germany, son of Jacob and Magdelina (Huhn) Betz, natives of Dressen, Germany. The grandfather, also named Jacob, died in his native land, and the grandmother came to America about 1846. Jacob Betz, Sr., emigrated to America in 1842, settling in Manheim township, and later removing into the city of Lancaster. At first he was engaged in the dairy business and farming, but soon became interested in quarrying stone and sand for building and furnace purposes, having delivered stone for many years for Mr. Geiger, at the Lancaster furnace, and later for Peacock & Thomas. In 1859 he moved to Lancaster, and he had sand pits on Rockland and Ann streets, which are worked now by his son. He also had a pit in East Lampeter township. For many years he supplied the car shops at Altoona with all the core sand used. In addition to quarrying stone, Mr. Betz also took contracts for hauling it, and during his active business career, was a prominent factor in the commercial life of the city, by his enterprise and industry building up a fine business. In 1881 he moved to Lancaster township, where he remained up to the time of his death, on his farm of thirty acres near City Mill.

In 1889 Mr. Betz retired from business in favor of his son Jacob. Besides his large quarry business Mr. Betz, at the time of his death, was the owner of some forty new houses and a large tract of unimproved land in the Seventh ward, Lancaster; one tract of unimproved land in East Lampeter township; the farm in Lancaster township where he died, and had large amounts invested in bonds, stocks and mortgages. After his retirement Mr. Betz devoted the greater portion of his attention toward the building of houses for investments. During a long and useful life he was a consistent member of Zion Lutheran Church. In political matters he was a Democrat, but never desired nor sought office.

On April 19, 1851, Mr. Betz was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Catherine Meisel, and the following children were born to this union: Peter died at the age of three years; Mary died at the age of eighteen months; Jacob is mentioned below; Catherine married Charles Beidel, of Lancaster; Elizabeth married Mark Keeport, a jeweler of Reading. Mrs. Betz was born at Geltheim, Germany, Aug. 9, 1825, daughter of Nicholas and Barbara (Meiselin) Meisel, of Germany. Nicholas Meisel was a farmer in his native land, where he died in 1830, at the age of thirty years, while his wife died in 1835, at the age of thirty-two. They had two children: Christina, who died at the age of thirty-five years, married Fred Nevis, and he died in New Jersey. Catherine came to America in 1847, making the trip one year after her sister, and taking forty-five days in the journey; she settled in Lancaster. Mrs. Betz is very well preserved, and is cheered by her children's love and devotion after her life of hard work.

Jacob Betz, Jr., was reared upon the farm, receiving an education in the English and German branches at Zion Lutheran Church School. In 1871, he left school (at the age of fourteen years) and commenced to work with his father, whom he assisted on the farm and in the sand and stone business until 1889, when the father, retiring, left all the business to him. He has continued to deliver and ship core sand to many foundries, also building sand and stone, and he is the executor of his father's estate, which he oversees and manages for the heirs. Mr. Betz owns a large number of building lots in Lancaster, on which he has built some twenty new houses, and also has four acres within the city limits.

In March, 1889, Mr. Betz was married, in Lancaster, to Elmira Throne, and the following children have come to their marriage: Jacob, born in December, 1898; Clarence, born in March, 1891; Catherine, born in December, 1892; Luther, born in November, 1894; and Paul, who died in March, 1897. Mrs. Betz was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1856, daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Smith) Throne, the former of whom was a blacksmith of Pennsylvania. In politics Mr. Betz is independent, preferring to vote for the man whom he deems best fitted for the office in question. He and his family are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. Through

industry and thrift Mr. Betz has gained a comfortable fortune, and his property is steadily increasing in value on account of its location. Mr. Betz commands the confidence and respect of the entire community, and the success which has attended his efforts is well merited.

ALBERT A. MANNING, the well-known postmaster and merchant of Highville, Lancaster county, was born at that place July 29, 1856, and is a representative of one of the old and highly respected families of the county.

When a lad of possibly fifteen years his great-grandfather, John Manning, a native of England, was sent to sea for the purpose of learning the art of sailing by his father, a man of some prominence and distinction in England. The boy was apprenticed to the captain of a sailing vessel, who proved to be a rascal, for upon reaching the port of Philadelphia he deliberately sold the boy to a farmer until he should attain his majority. He thus became the founder of the Manning family in Lancaster county, Pa., as it was here he was brought and served out his time to his master. After securing his freedom he decided to remain here, and purchased 160 acres of land from William Penn, in Manor township, on the road between Highville and Creswell, which land he cleared, making his home there until his death. Throughout his active business life he engaged in farming, but after arriving at old age he divided his property, giving each of his sons twenty acres. He was almost eighty years of age at the time of his death. He was twice married, and had children by both unions, his family including Joseph, Thomas, Jacob, William and Samuel.

Joseph Manning, a son by the second marriage, and the grandfather of Albert A., was born and reared on the old homestead in Manor township, and to the twenty acres of land given him by his father he added by purchase another twenty acres, making a good farm of forty acres, where he spent his entire life, dying at the age of sixty-four years. He married Verona Kendig, and they had eight children: Mary, deceased wife of Joseph Butt; Elizabeth, deceased wife of George Fry; Christian and John, who both died in Indiana; Fannie, deceased wife of Samuel Fry; Nancy, deceased wife of Henry Breneman; Susannah, who died in childhood; and Martin K., father of Albert A.

Martin K. Manning, the only one of the family now living, was born April 13, 1822, and grew to manhood on the home farm. During the greater part of his life he has followed fence building and post making, and owns a small tract of seven acres of land in Manor township, where he lives. In politics he is a Republican. In 1844 he was married to Catharine Ament, a daughter of George Ament, and of the eight children born to this worthy couple Sarah is now the wife of Cyrus Guntner, of Manor township; Henry and Isaiah both died in infancy; Elias died at the age of nineteen years; Delilah died

in infancy; Fannie died in childhood; Catharine died in infancy; and Albert A. completes the family.

Albert A. Manning is indebted to the public schools of Manor township for his educational advantages. He remained on the home farm until he attained his majority, when he was married, April 11, 1878, to Miss Amanda Nicholas, a native of Washington borough, and a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Otstatt) Nicholas. By this union were born six children: Harry N.; Ira, who died in childhood; Titus N. and Bertha, both at home; and Abram and Eleanora, twins, the former at home, the latter deceased.

At the age of eighteen years Mr. Manning commenced learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for seven years, making his home in Highville. He next engaged in threshing for eleven years, and in 1894 succeeded John Ament in the mercantile business at Highville, where he has since successfully carried on operations along that line. After locating here he was made assistant postmaster, and on the death of his father-in-law, Leonard Nicholas, who was serving as postmaster, Mr. Manning was made acting postmaster, serving as such until McKinley was made President, when he was regularly appointed to the office, in 1897. In connection with his mercantile establishment he handles feed, flour, etc., and receives a liberal share of the public patronage. As a business man he is upright, honorable and energetic, and well merits the success that has attended his efforts. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

HARRY N. MANNING, eldest son of Albert A., assisted his father in the mercantile business from the age of thirteen years until he was twenty-three. He was always a bright boy and was well liked by the patrons. At the age of twenty-three he accepted a position as salesman with the Steinman Hardware Company, in Lancaster city, where he is engaged at the present time. On Dec. 3, 1902, he married Christina Lefever, of Highville, and they will reside in Lancaster city.

ELMER M. BRENNEMAN, a well-known resident of Manheim township, has his home on the family estate, just north of the city of Lancaster, and bears an old and honored name. He was born June 29, 1869, son of Adam B. and Mary M. (Myers) Breneman. His father was a son of Adam Breneman, of Turkey Hill, Manor township, was born and reared in Manor township, and became a farmer, locating after his marriage on the farm where the family still reside. His entire attention was given to farming. He was a man honored and respected by his fellow townsmen, and was called to serve on the school board. He married a daughter of Martin M. Myers, of Manheim township, and they became the parents of two children, Elmer M. and Minerva, the latter deceased in childhood. Adam B. Breneman united with the Menonite Church in 1878, and was a minister in that

Church for thirteen years prior to his death, having charge of the Landis Valley Church. He received ordination from the hands of Bishop Christian Baumbarger in 1885. A devout and zealous minister, he was ever ready for the demands his high office made upon him, and was especially interested in missionary work. He died Feb. 17, 1898, at the age of sixty-three years, and his widow is still living.

Elmer M. Breneman was born and reared in the home where he still resides. He attended the public schools until sixteen years of age, after which he entered H. C. Weidler's Business College, for one year. From that time he remained at home until his father died, when he took charge of the family estate. He has already made himself known as one of the spirited and enterprising young men of his township.

Mr. Breneman was married, in 1892, to Miss Lizzie K. Rupp, who was born April 3, 1868, a daughter of David and Sarah (Kurtz) Rupp, of West Earl township, and to this union has come one child, Adam Roy, born June 21, 1898.

HENRY F. BINKLEY, who ranks high as one of the energetic and thorough-going agriculturists of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born on the old homestead where he now resides, June 7, 1845.

The first of the Binkley family in Lancaster county of whom we have any record was his great-grandfather, Henry Binkley, in 1765, whose parents were probably from Germany and the founders of the family in this country. They were buried in the city of Lancaster.

David Binkley, son of Henry, was left an orphan there when quite small, and in early life learned the millwright's trade, becoming one of the best known representatives of that calling in the county, where he erected a large number of mills. In 1799 he purchased the farm now known as the old Binkley homestead, which consists of seventy-one acres of land and is pleasantly situated on the Little Conestoga, midway between Millersville and Safe Harbor. Here he made his home with his family throughout the remainder of his life, and carried on farming in connection with work at his trade. After his retirement from active life the millwright's business was conducted under his supervision by his son Christian, and his son-in-law, John Herr. He was a leader in the Reformed Mennonite Church, was widely and favorably known, and was called upon to administer many estates. He died Nov. 5, 1845, at the age of seventy-six years, nine months and twenty days, and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Yordy, died Sept. 6, 1846, at the age of seventy-seven years, nine months and twenty days. She was a sister of Peter Yordy, a lame man, who owned a farm in the center of what is now known as Lampeter Square, the name of which was derived from Lame Peter, by which epithet he was known. David and Mary

(Yordy) Binkley had five children, namely: (1) David married and had two children, but he and his family died young. (2) Zephaniah is mentioned below. (3) Christian, a millwright and farmer, reared a family near Columbia, in Manor township, and died Dec. 24, 1872. (4) Mary wedded John Herr, and died March 20, 1890, at the age of eighty-nine years. (5) Elizabeth married Jonathan Binkley, and moved to Montgomery county, Ohio.

Zephaniah Binkley, father of Henry F., was born on the old homestead, Dec. 2, 1806, and died March 20, 1880, his remains being interred in the family burying ground on that farm. He adopted agriculture as a life work, and never left the farm where he was born. He married Catharine Frey, a daughter of Peter Frey. She was born Sept. 21, 1808, on a farm embraced within the Indiantown tract, in Manor township. She died Jan. 5, 1875. In the family of Zephaniah and Catharine (Frey) Binkley were nine children, namely: David F. is now living with his son-in-law, John N. Herr, in Manor township; an infant son died Aug. 20, 1828; Magdalena, born March 30, 1830, died Feb. 9, 1831; John has been a minister of the United Brethren Church since 1866, and is now a resident of Lebanon county, Pa.; Christian F. is a resident of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county; Peter died Sept. 21, 1871, at the age of twenty-nine years, eleven months and twenty-one days; Henry F. is mentioned below; Mary is the wife of Simon Reese of Lancaster; and Catharine is the wife of Isaac Keepert of Manor township.

Henry F. Binkley, whose name introduces this review, received a good common-school education, and in the spring of 1873 began farming on his own account, in Providence township, and after the death of his father, returned to the old homestead which he still occupies. He is an enterprising and up-to-date farmer, and has met with well-deserved success in his labors. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party.

On Oct. 29, 1872, Mr. Binkley was united in marriage with Miss Catherine M. Kreider, who was born in West Lampeter township, April 11, 1846, a daughter of John and Leah (Mayer) Kreider. They have a family of three children; Emma K., born April 4, 1874, now the wife of Thaddeus R. Wiker; Jacob K., born Jan. 4, 1876, at home; and Annie K., born Jan. 14, 1879, also at home.

CHARLES A. LOCHER. The death of Charles A. Locher, March 31, 1892, removed from accustomed haunts in Lancaster an honored and prominent citizen, and one who embodied in his character and attainments the nobility of purpose, untiring zeal, and inherent thrift characteristic of the well born and well reared German. He was born about 1834 in Bavaria, Germany, in which country his father, Jacob Locher, was a well-known merchant, and a devout member of the Reformed Church.

In his native land Charles A. Locher learned something of chemistry, and after his removal to the

United States and Lancaster in 1855, secured, through the influence of the druggist, James Smith, a clerical position in the Lancaster County National Bank. At the expiration of ten years, and after the death of Mr. Smith, Mr. Locher assumed charge of his drug store at No. 9 East King street, and continued to guide its affairs with the same discretion and business judgment evinced by its former owner. He possessed more than ordinary intelligence, and a fund of well assimilated knowledge, and a keen insight into human nature suggested an unflinching tact in dealing therewith. He was popular with all classes, and entered heartily and practically into all efforts to improve the general condition of the city, his name being foremost in many projects which else had lost their staunchest support. He was a member of various organizations in the town, and was identified with the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Society.

Mrs. Locher was formerly Margaret Parks, niece of James Smith, former proprietor of the Locher drug store. Mrs. Locher lives in a delightful home in one of the fashionable parts of Lancaster. She holds membership in the Lutheran Church, and her daughter Katherine in the Episcopal. Mr. Locher also left a sister, Caroline, the wife of Major Gen. Frederick Faber, of Munich, Bavaria.

EZRA GROFF, a substantial retired farmer of Upper Leacock township, still resides in the locality of his birth, which took place on Dec. 26, 1849, and he was a son of Samuel G. and Lydia (Hershey) Groff, the former of West Earl township and the latter of Upper Leacock township. The father was a merchant and postmaster at Mascot, Pa., operating a store there for twenty-seven years. From 1873 until his death, in 1891, he lived retired from activity, dying in the latter year at the age of eighty-four years, after a useful life. The death of the mother had occurred years before, in 1866, at the age of fifty-seven years. Their last resting place is on the old Hershey homestead. Mr. Groff was one of the wealthy men of the community, owning three large farms, which are now in the possession of his three sons,—Ezra, Rev. Hershey, and Milton. For many years Mr. Groff faithfully served his school district as director, taking a great interest in educational matters in his locality.

The children born to Samuel G. Groff and wife were: Anna, who married Benjamin Wenger of West Earl township; Mary, who died young; Lydia, who married Jacob Greider, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Martha, who married John Rank, a farmer of Paradise township; Milton, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Elam, who died at the age of nine years; Rev. Hershey, a farmer and also a German Baptist minister, and Ezra, of this sketch.

The fine old farm upon which Ezra Groff of this sketch has resided so many years, has been his home since he was four years old; he retired from active exertion in its cultivation at the marriage of his daughter, when her husband relieved him of duty.

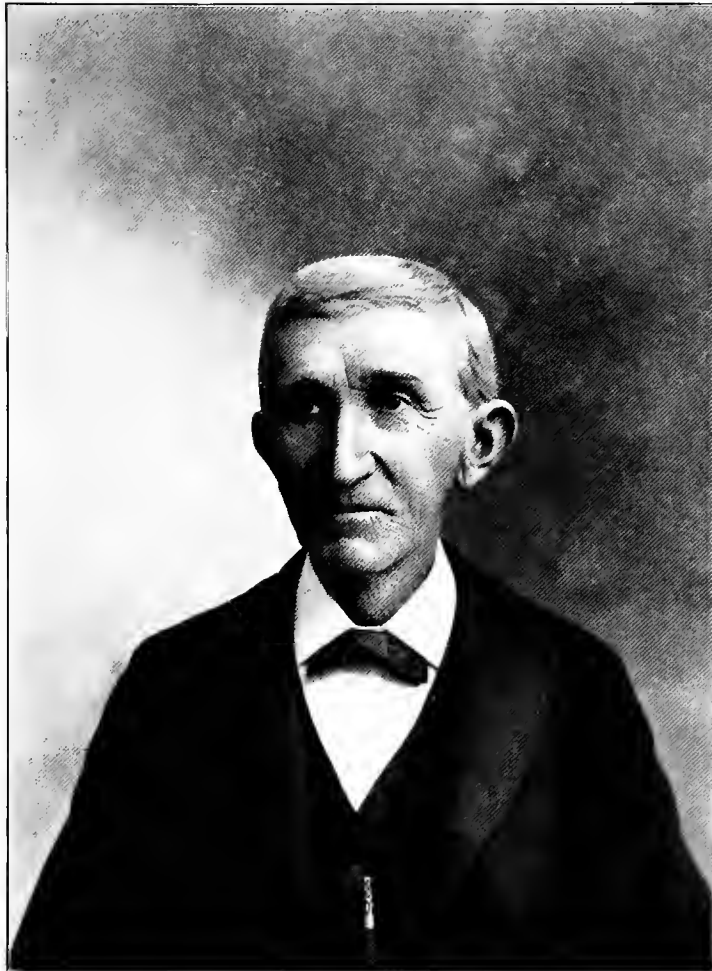
This is considered one of the finest and most modern farms in this locality, the improvements being in excellent shape. Mr. Groff has always been a progressive and intelligent farmer and thoroughly believes in good machinery and the most scientific ways of cultivation, his fertile and productive fields for many years showing the results of his methods.

Mr. Groff was married on Nov. 28, 1873, in Lancaster to Miss Matilda Leman, and the daughter born to this union was Lizzie L., who married Aaron L. Groff, their one child, Ralph, dying in infancy. Politically Mr. Groff belongs to the Republican party, and both he and family are connected with the Menonite Church, where they are highly esteemed.

JOSEPH DETWILER. Prominent among the substantial and influential farmers of Mt. Joy, now living somewhat retired from active life, is Joseph Detwiler, one of the most esteemed citizens of his part of Lancaster county.

Joseph Detwiler was born April 1, 1820, in West Hempfield township, son of Joseph and Susan (Garber) Detwiler, the former of Lancaster county, and the latter of York county. From Lancaster Joseph Detwiler, Sr., moved to York county in 1825, settling on a farm near Wrightsville, and there engaged in farming. His death occurred April 30, 1870, when he was aged eighty-one; his wife died the previous August, and both were buried in the Wrightsville cemetery. During his long life Mr. Detwiler had been prominent in public affairs, was supervisor, and for the same length of time was the efficient county commissioner, while for a number of years he was the manager of the Wrightsville pike; at his death this latter office was placed in the hands of his son David. Joseph Detwiler, Sr., was an extensive farmer, owning two farms in York county and one in Lancaster county. His political faith was that of the Democratic party, and in this respect his son Joseph follows his esteemed father's example. The children born to Joseph and Susan Detwiler were as follows: David, who was a farmer and was the manager of the Wrightsville pike and a director in the Wrightsville Bank, died in Wrightsville; Joseph is mentioned below; Daniel is a retired banker of Columbia, Pa.; Miss Susan is a resident of York, Pa.; Solomon died in Columbia, where he was the cashier of the First National Bank; Anna, a resident of York, Pa., is the widow of Abraham Heaston, who was a farmer, miller and well-known distiller (the death of Mr. Heaston took a prominent man from this neighborhood).

In his sixth year Joseph Detwiler, whose name introduces this record, accompanied his parents upon the family's removal to York county, and grew up on the farm which adjoins the town of Wrightsville. In 1849 he moved to a farm in Rapho township, this county, located one mile north of Mt. Joy, where he remained until 1877, when he took up his residence in that pleasant town. Mr. Detwiler is a man of large means, owning three large, well stocked



Joseph Detwiler

farms, two stone quarries, and a lime kiln, which has been operated since 1873, and he also has conducted, in his interest, hay and straw baling and stone crushing. He is also financially interested in the Union National Bank, to which he has given the support of his name as one of its directors, since its organization in 1860.

On Sept. 24, 1844, Mr. Detwiler married Anna Eberly, of Donegal township, and to this marriage the following named children were born: Elmira, who married C. G. Shirk, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Susan, who married Adam B. Bear, a retired farmer of Rohrerstown, this county; Emma, widow of Calvin C. Budding, a lime manufacturer of Wrightsville; William B., the capable manager of his father's interests in farming, stone and lime, who also looks after the other real estate owned by Mr. Detwiler; Eva, who is the widow of Hon. H. H. Heise, of Columbia, Pa., whose sad death in a trolley car wreck, near Chickies Park, on Aug. 9, 1896, caused wide-spread regret; and Alice, who married H. H. Meyers, a farmer, and manager of the Farmers' Creamery Company (he also raises gold fish).

Mrs. Anna (Eberly) Detwiler was born in East Donegal township, and died Feb. 12, 1891; she is buried in Mt. Joy cemetery. Her parents were Henry and Anna (Leib) Eberly, of Mt. Joy township, where the former was a farmer, and for many years president of the Union National Bank of Mt. Joy. His death occurred in February, 1876, when he was aged eighty-one, and his wife passed away from earth in 1870, at the age of sixty-six. Both were leading members of the Evangelical Church, and they were interred in Eberly cemetery, which was a part of his estate. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eberly were: Mary, Anna, Simon, Henry, Christian and Benjamin, all deceased but the last named, who is a hardware merchant in Mt. Joy.

Aside from filling the office of councilman for six years, Mr. Detwiler has refused public office, but he continues to be a busy man, for his active brain will not permit him to entirely lay aside business cares. Possessing much vitality and excellent health, he enjoys overlooking the various lines of work which are performed by younger, but no more capable, instruments. Of his family he has great reason to be proud, all of them occupying honorable positions in the business and social world. He has twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, who are the delight of his advancing years.

DAVID HERR BARTHOLOMEW, proprietor of the Lancaster Planing Mill Co., and one of the leading business men of Lancaster, has been identified with the industrial interests of that city through his business career, and has been no small factor in the development of many lines of commerce.

Mr. Bartholomew was born Jan. 4, 1848, near Strasburg, Pa., son of Mathew and Hester Ann (Herr) Bartholomew, both of Lancaster county. The father was a millwright and followed that trade

all his life, dying at the age of fifty-seven, in 1863. The mother died in 1851, aged thirty-three. They were laid away in Strasburg cemetery. Their children were as follows: Amanda (deceased) was the wife of Robert E. Bunce; Mary C. married (first) Jonathan Holt, and (second) William Fichthorn, of Reading; Benjamin F. lives in Lancaster; John died in infancy, and David H. was the youngest.

David Herr Bartholomew had the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of Lancaster, and at the age of seventeen was prepared to enter upon his apprenticeship to the machinist trade. He was employed in a cotton mill in Lancaster for four years, and then embarked in the saw mill business and became a manufacturer of cigar box lumber, associating himself with his uncle, David B. Bartholomew; this partnership continued until the death of the latter, in 1885, when Mr. Bartholomew engaged in the same line upon his own account, and still continues it, at present individually; formerly there were three members of the firm known as the Lancaster Planing Mill Co., David H. Bartholomew, John W. Holman and Frank Spicer, Jr. The first location was across the street from the present site, but in 1896 Mr. Bartholomew sold that and purchased the valuable property and business which he has so ably managed ever since. The large brick structure now occupied was built by the firm of Wilson & Bradbury, in 1870, and covers two acres of ground. It is well equipped, and the establishment gives employment to forty men, the output being sash, doors, blinds and general mill work.

Mr. Bartholomew is an excellent man of business, and thorough in his management of the large concern with which he has so long been identified. Under his ownership the business has been much enlarged, and is now one of the leading lines of industry in the city. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., K. of P., A. O. U. W. and Royal Arcanum. For eight years he served with usefulness in the city council, his administration being honest and clean. Mr. Bartholomew is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1872, in Lancaster, Mr. Bartholomew married Miss Elizabeth Eckman, born in Lancaster, daughter of Henry and Anna (Hoak) Eckman, the former of whom was for many years a shoemaker in Lancaster county. His father was a well-known resident of the county; he was for many years afflicted with blindness, but it is related of him that so thoroughly did he recall localities that he was able not only to harness his horse himself, but to drive without accident to any part of the county he desired. To Mr. and Mrs. Bartholomew have been born the following children: Anna, who died at the age of eight years; David B., who is a carpenter but now is employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, married Alice M. Raub; Miss Mary A., at home; Henry M., who married Hannah Hunter, and is an architect in Lancaster; Miss Amy C., Guy C.,

and Miss Anna E., at home; Elizabeth, who died at the age of six years; Sarah E., at home; John W., who died at the age of six years, and Edith, who died at the age of four years.

JOHN ADLAI CANNON (deceased), of Lancaster, though cut off in the prime of his life, was for a number of years one of the most respected business men in Lancaster, and the establishment which he founded is now being conducted by his widow, who is the only lady embalmer in Lancaster county.

Mr. Cannon was born July 23, 1858, at Wilmington, Del., son of James Cannon, a farmer of Delaware, and came to Lancaster in 1890, locating on West King street. Engaging in business as an undertaker and funeral director, he introduced new methods and features in that line, and as a result of his intelligence and earnest attention to his profession, established a lucrative business. He was a skilled embalmer, a graduate of Clark's College. In 1896 Mr. Cannon bought the grand old dwelling house that had been the home of the late Judge Hayes, at No. 27 South Prince street, and proceeded to remodel it, converting it into two dwelling houses. The porch and entrance which Mr. Cannon built on the portion now occupied by his widow, is one of the handsomest in the city. On Feb. 23, 1897, Mr. Cannon married Miss Amelia Elizabeth Long, further mention of whose family is made below, and two children were born to them: John Paul, now (1903) aged five years; and Mary Amelia, aged three years. Mr. Cannon entered into rest, July 7, 1901, in his forty-fourth year, after a lingering illness, and his widow has bravely taken hold of his business affairs, and endeavors to follow the lines laid down by Mr. Cannon, who always kept abreast with the most advanced methods. The establishment is equipped with the most modern conveniences, telephone, etc.

Taken from life in the midst of his usefulness, no citizen of Lancaster was more deeply regretted or more generally missed. Mr. Cannon was trustee of the St. Vincent de Paul, an association that looks after the poor of the church; a charter member of the Knights of St. Lawrence, of Wilmington, Del.; a member of St. John's, St. Michael's, St. Joseph's, and Leo XIII societies of Lancaster; a member and one of the organizers of Council No. 16, Catholic Benevolent Legion, of Delaware; and in business connection, a member of the State Board of Undertakers, and secretary of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors Association. He was identified with St. Mary's, St. Anthony's and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches, for he contributed to and was in fellowship with all of them, but he was a communicant and active member of St. Mary's, was buried from there, and his remains lie in the beautiful St. Mary's cemetery, near those of the lamented Very Reverend Father Bernard Keenan, who was for more than half a century the beloved priest of St. Mary's.

Frederick G. Long, father of Mrs. Cannon, was long a well-known citizen of Lancaster, and entered

into rest in May, 1894, in his seventy-fourth year. He married Miss Mary C. Gegg, of Lancaster, who now makes her home with Mrs. Cannon, and they had twelve children, eight of whom survive, as follows: Louis G., who is a grocer, at Lime and Dauphin streets; Joseph, a tinsmith and plumber, at East Orange and Plum streets; Mary A., wife of John Yeager, a baker of Newark, N. J.; Frank A., a grocer, at East Chestnut and Marshall streets; Amelia Elizabeth, widow of John A. Cannon; Harry A., a salesman in Watt & Shand's New York Store in Lancaster; Albert, a salesman in Wanamaker's, New York City, and Rosa Helen, who makes her home with Mrs. Cannon. No family in the city can boast of members who have led more worthy lives.

MICHAEL P. THOMAS, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born in Columbia, Lancaster county, April 2, 1855, and is a son of Michael and Catherine (Shillott) Thomas, of Bavaria, Germany, who were married in Lancaster, Pa., in June, 1854.

Michael Thomas, the father, was born June 28, 1828, in Bavaria, Germany, a carpenter by trade, and, in 1852, came to America and settled in Columbia, where he still lives retired from business. His wife was a sister of Frank Shillott, deceased (a sketch of whose life will be found on another page), and died in 1894, when sixty-five years old, devout in the faith of the Catholic Church. Their children, nine in number, were born in the following order: Frank, died in infancy; Michael P. and Ulrich, twins, of whom the former is the subject proper of this sketch, and the latter died when five years and six months old; Kate, in St. Francis Convent; William, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, also in St. Francis Convent; Charles, a car inspector in Lancaster; Mary, wife of John Haller, of Thurlow, Pa., and Frank (2), a brakeman in Columbia. The paternal grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth Thomas, came to Columbia, Pa., in 1855, from Germany. He was a butcher by trade. Michael was their only child. The maternal grandparents were Frank and Victoria Shillott.

Michael P. Thomas at the age of fourteen years began driving a team, and this was his occupation for three years; he next followed boating on the river five years, and then for fourteen months was employed as brakeman by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; he then served as fireman for the same company seven years and six months, when he was promoted to engineer.

On Nov. 20, 1884, at York, Pa., Mr. Thomas married Miss Catherine Elsesser, and to this union have been born nine children, as follows: Anastasia, Elizabeth, Alfreda, William, Francis, Anthony, Damian, Agatha and Cuthbert Joseph, the three last named being deceased. Mrs. Catherine (Elsesser) Thomas was born in York county, Nov. 2, 1863, and is a daughter of John and Barbara (Moser) Elsesser, natives of Bavaria, Germany, and York Co., Pa., respectively. John Elsesser was born in 1837, and his

wife in 1835. John came to America in 1847 and for eighteen years conducted a hotel in York county, and is now living in retirement. The children born to John and Barbara Elsesser were named as follows, in order of birth: Mary, married to George Selack, plumber in York county; John, deceased; Catherine; Margaret; wife of John Kaufhold, of Columbia; Albert, George, Charles and Harry, all of York. The family are all pious members of the Catholic Church, to which they contribute liberally of their means in aid of its good work.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Thomas were Conrad and Elizabeth Elsesser, the former of whom died in Germany and the latter in York Co., Pa.; her maternal grandparents, Abraham and Rachel Moser, were natives of Maryland and York Co., Pa., respectively. Both died in York county.

Michael P. Thomas is in religion a true Catholic, and in politics a Democrat. He has led a consistent Christian life, and is greatly respected wherever known.

WILLIAM H. KENNEDY. When it comes to a question of prominence, substantiality and high esteem, no citizen of Lancaster county is more justly representative than William H. Kennedy, of Fulton township. A self-made man, schooled in early years to the hard, practical view of life, by the application of those principles of industry and economy which in every age of the world have been rewarded, William H. Kennedy has also won his measure of success.

The birth of William H. Kennedy was on Dec. 13, 1858, in the township of his present residence, and he was a son of John and Elizabeth (James) Kennedy, both also of Fulton township, where John Kennedy was long known as a farmer and also hotel keeper. John Kennedy came of sturdy Irish ancestry, and in his earlier years was engaged in rafting on the Susquehanna river. In his political convictions, he was always identified with the Democratic party, and is remembered as an honorable man and respected citizen. His marriage was to Elizabeth James, and they had a family of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity: Mary, who is the wife of W. R. Maxwell, a coach-maker of Fulton township; Hannah, who married William Walker, of Little Britain township; Virginia, who married R. S. Hamilton, of Little Britain township; John O., deceased; William H.; Margaret, who is the wife of J. C. Gorsuch, of Norfolk, Va., and Ida, who is the wife of J. M. Eckert, of Erie, Pennsylvania.

William H. Kennedy had his early rearing on a farm, and until the age of sixteen years, enjoyed the advantages afforded by the public schools. At that age he commenced to learn the cabinet making trade, at Wakefield, Pa., under W. R. Maxwell, but a boyish love of adventure and a desire to see something of the world, led him to remain but a short time here. For a considerable period, Mr. Kennedy traveled over the country, working principally in the various railroad shops, gaining many experiences, but finally

he returned to Fulton township where on Jan. 4, 1882, he was united in marriage to Miss Laura Hensel, of Drumore township, and the four children born to this marriage were: John Russell, who is now in college; Henry Clay and Bertha M., at home, the other child having died young. Mrs. Kennedy was a daughter of Edwin F. and Mary J. (Moore) Hensel, who were natives of Maryland.

It was in 1885 that Mr. Kennedy embarked in the patent medicine business, in Harrisburg, Pa., a line of activity for which he seemed to be peculiarly well fitted, for fifteen years prospering in this business. Mr. Kennedy is still the proprietor of a large drug house in Harrisburg, and also of one in Reading, Pa., but he makes his home on his fine farm in Fulton township. This estate, both on account of its extent, its cultivation, its location and extensive and elaborate improvements, is one of the most attractive places in southern Lancaster county. His elegant, modern brick mansion, commodious and substantial barns, his sleek cattle and their comfortable housings, all testify to the excellent management of this ideal country home. Mr. Kennedy devotes his time to his interests here, his drug business in Harrisburg being under the efficient management of his brother-in-law, Philip K. Hensel, the firm name being Kennedy & Co., a house which stands high in commercial circles.

Mr. Kennedy is a staunch Democrat, and is liberal in his religious views, adopting no special creed, but he displays in a high degree the manliness of an excellent citizen, and is the promoter of progress and development in his section, the encourager of benevolent and educational enterprises, and the protector of his home and family.

EBERHART J. LAMPARTER, for many years associated with the commercial activity of the flourishing city of Lancaster, Pa., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 6, 1846, a son of Eberhart and Elizabeth (Help) Lamparter, natives of the same locality.

Eberhart Lamparter, the father, came to America in 1853, and located in Lancaster, where he embarked in the manufacture of glue, and continued in the same line until his death. From a small beginning, he increased his facilities and the capacity of his plant, to meet the demands of his constantly growing trade, until his house ranked among the foremost of its kind in the county. His death occurred in 1869, when he was sixty-one years of age, and his wife survived until 1898, when her death took place at the age of eighty-eight years. This couple, who are buried in Woodward Hill cemetery, were the parents of the following children: George, engaged in manufacturing glue at the old factory; Jacob J., retired glue manufacturer, large landowner and real estate dealer of Lancaster; Elizabeth, unmarried and living in Washington, D. C.; Amelia, deceased at the age of fifty years; Pauline, unmarried and living in Lancaster; Judith, Mrs. Bauer, a

widow, of Lancaster; Eberhart J.; Henry, deceased, and Sabina, deceased, married a Mr. Mertz.

Eberhart J. Lamparter of Lancaster, was reared upon a farm, attending the district school, and when eighteen years of age he was employed in a brewery, and engaged in that line for five years, in Lancaster, with Lawrence Knapp. Upon the death of his father, Mr. Lamparter took charge of the glue factory, and managed it for his mother, until her demise, when he purchased the property and is now sole proprietor of the business which is operated under the title of The Conestoga Glue Works. The buildings and grounds cover eleven acres, all located within the city limits, and upon a portion of the old homestead. All modern appliances are used in the conduct of the various processes of the business, and the product has gained a world wide reputation for its excellence. The present flourishing condition of the concern is due to the enterprise and excellent management of Mr. Lamparter.

Mr. Lamparter has never married, but is associated with a number of fraternal organizations, namely: the I. O. O. F., the K. of P., Seven Wise Men, Masonic order, in which he has taken sixteen degrees. His religious connections are with the Trinity Lutheran Church, in which body he takes an active part, and to whose support he is a liberal contributor. In politics, Mr. Lamparter is an Independent, preferring to vote as his conscience dictates, rather than according to party lines, although he has devoted more time to his business than to public affairs. Pleasant in manner, a thorough business man, he has firmly established himself in the confidence of the general public, and numbers many friends among his fellow townsmen.

WILLIAM F. YOHN, a well-known drover of Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in that village Aug. 15, 1865, a son of Edward F. and Mary A. (Baker) Yohn.

Edward F. Yohn was a son of John and Jane (Middleton) Yohn, and was born near Churchtown, Caernarvon township, this county, April 26, 1839. On May 5, 1863, he married Mary A. Baker, and to this union there were born the following children: Elnora, Jan. 23, 1864, married B. F. Musser, of Mountville; William F. is mentioned in the opening paragraph of this sketch; John A., a farmer of Wayne county, Ohio, married Emma Beam; Harry B., a graduate from Franklin & Marshall College, is now a practicing attorney at the Lancaster County Bar; and Jennie A., is unmarried and at home. Mrs. Mary A. (Baker) Yohn was a daughter of Henry Baker, a farmer and blacksmith, and was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Feb. 8, 1841, and died Oct. 19, 1875. The second marriage of Edward F. Yohn occurred June 14, 1881, his bride being Annie B. Johnson, a daughter of Samuel Armstrong, a contractor, and native of Chester county, Pa., who was born in Sadsbury township, that county, Nov. 21, 1839. Edward F. Yohn set-

tled in Mountville at an early age, and engaged in the cattle business, which he carried on very extensively and successfully. He was one of the organizers of the Mountville National Bank, and a director from its organization until his death. He was a public-spirited citizen and charitable, and very well and favorably known for his strict integrity and honesty. In politics he was a stanch Democrat.

William F. Yohn was trained to the cattle business from the time he was old enough to handle a gad, until he was taken into the business by his father as a partner, and since his father's death he has been conducting the business for himself. On April 14, 1897, he married Miss Emma Heise, daughter of B. Frank Heise, residing near Columbia borough, Pa., and to this union have been born two children; Fanny C., April 25, 1898, and Mary Ellen, Nov. 11, 1900. Mrs. Emma (Heise) Yohn was born on the Heise homestead, where her father still resides.

William F. Yohn is, fraternally, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Democrat. He is a member of one of the oldest and best known families in Lancaster county, and for this reason and because of his own intrinsic merits he stands very high in the esteem of the community in which he was born and reared.

JOHN E. SNYDER, an attorney of Lancaster, has attained a large law practice, to which he gives that close personal attention essential to success. He is the son of Edwin E. and Margaret C. Snyder, and grandson of Jacob and Margaret (Erisman) Snyder, residents of Lancaster city. The father, a native of Lancaster, was for many years foreman in the cotton mills at Lancaster, and died in 1886, aged fifty-six years. The mother survives and is still a resident of that place.

John E. Snyder was reared in his native city, and at the completion of his education entered the office of David G. Eshleman as a law student. In 1887 he was admitted to the Bar and located at Lancaster, where he has built up a large law practice. For many years he has been a director of the Northern National Bank of Lancaster. In politics he is a Republican, and for two years, in 1892 and 1893, was city solicitor. He is a member of the F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and Mechanics. He was married in 1895 at Lancaster to Miss Minnie L. Esbenschade, daughter of Emanuel Herr Esbenschade, of Leaman Place, Lancaster county.

ADAM B. LONG, one of the foremost and most progressive citizens of Lititz, which city he has done much to build up and improve, was born at Neffsville, Manheim township, Feb. 2, 1855, son of Isaac and Sarah (Bear) Long. He was educated in the public schools and at Lititz Academy, and for twelve years after graduating from the last named institution followed the life of a farmer. Coming to Lititz he engaged in the coal and lumber business, and in 1891 became a partner in the firm of Bear & Long.

composed of Albert R. Bear and himself, the concern succeeding Hess & Bear, and the house having been originally founded by William Evans, in the sixties. They carry on an extensive business in lumber for building, as well as in coal and phosphates, and their plant is the largest of its kind outside of Lancaster city. In 1893 he was one of the chief promoters and organizers of the Lititz Water Works, and was made treasurer of the company owning and operating the same, which office he still fills. The following year (1894), with five others, he formed the company which erected the Lititz Electric Light Works, the first plant of this description to be installed in the borough. Not content with being connected with three important enterprises so beneficial to the city of his residence, in 1897 he became prominently identified with the founding of the Keystone Underwear Mill, of Lititz, which has a capacity of turning out two hundred dozen pairs of underwear daily. Of the company owning this establishment Mr. Long is secretary. In the year 1898, with thirteen others, Mr. Long applied for a charter and organized the Independent Telephone Co., of Lancaster county, Pa., which proved successful from a financial point of view, as well as from that of general utility. In 1901 the company sold out the plant to the United Telephone & Telegraph Co., at a good profit to the stockholders. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Long was elected a director of the Lititz National Bank.

As may be readily believed, a citizen of his progressive ideas and energetic nature has acquired not a little popularity. To a broad public spirit he joins a genial, generous temperament, a keen, alert intellect, and an unblemished name. He is, in politics, a life long Republican, and socially, is a member of Lititz Lodge, No. 1050, I. O. O. F.

On Nov. 5, 1877, Mr. Long was married to Mary, a daughter of Jacob H. Miller, of Ephrata, Lancaster county. Four children have been born to them: C. Eugene; Florence V., who died in infancy; Bertha; and Mabelle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are members of the Moravian Church.

SAMUEL S. CONNELLY, the popular and efficient agent of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad at White Oak station, belongs to one of the leading families of Penn township, and an old one of Lancaster county.

Grandfather Jacob Connelly lived a long and useful life in this county, following the trade of carpet weaving, and also owned a small farm. He was a pious and godly man, a member of the religious body known as the River Brethren. By his marriage to A. Ritter he became the father of fifteen children, many of whom and their descendants are still residents of Lancaster county: Nancy, deceased; John, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Geib; Jacob, deceased; Benjamin, a resident of Penn township; Catherine, deceased; Samuel, deceased; Joseph, of Rapho township; Henry, father of Samuel S.; Polly, widow of Henry Eby; Rebecca, wife of Samuel

Gruber; Michael, deceased; William, deceased; Fannie, wife of Henry Gruber; and Abraham, deceased.

Henry Connelly, father of Samuel S., was born in Penn township in 1826, became a farmer, and followed that occupation until 1886, since which period he has been engaged in the coal business in White Oak. He is a valued member of the Baptist Church, and a man who enjoys the respect of the community. He married Susan Stonerod, and they became the parents of ten children: Benjamin, of Mt. Joy; Lizzie, Susan, John, Henry and Thomas, all deceased; Samuel S.; Jacob, a cigarmaker of Halfville; Catherine, wife of John McAllister; and Joseph, a farmer on the old homestead.

Samuel S. Connelly was born at Mt. Hope, Dec. 7, 1864, and lived at home with his father until he was twenty-seven years of age, acquiring his education in the public schools. Very early in his business career he displayed those qualities which gained for him the confidence of the management of the Pennsylvania & Reading Company, and he was considered the proper man to take charge of White Oak station, an office he has filled with satisfaction to all concerned. In 1895 he was appointed postmaster at that place, and now combines the duties of both offices. In addition he finds time to most efficiently manage his father's coal business, and is one of the most capable young business men of this community.

Mr. Connelly was married to Miss Susan S. Minnich, estimable daughter of Abram and Susan Minnich, and one child has been born to this union, which passed away in infancy. Mr. Connelly is not only devoted to the interests of the great corporation which he represents, but he is public-spirited, and identifies himself with all enterprises which seem to promise to be of benefit to his community.

AMOS M. GREIDER, general farmer, and one of the substantial and respected citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 3, 1850, on his present homestead, and is the youngest of the twelve children that crowned the marriage of Christian and Susannah (Miller) Greider, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and Rapho townships.

Christian Greider engaged in farming until his seventieth year span was reached and passed, when he withdrew from labor, and for twenty years lived in quiet retirement, dying on his farm in 1889, aged ninety years, in the faith of the Mennonite Church, of which both he and his wife were devout members. His wife had passed away on the same farm in 1864, aged fifty-five, and the remains of both are interred in the Mennonite cemetery at Landisville. The twelve children that blessed the marriage of Christian and Susannah Greider were born in the following order: John M. died in Ohio; Christian was married, had one child, and died on the old farm; Benjamin, a lumberman and coal merchant at Mt. Joy, fell and died suddenly; Elizabeth was married to Daniel Mellinger, and died in Virginia; Martha

died young; Mary died in infancy; Jacob M. is a retired farmer in West Hempfield township; Susan is the wife of Andrew Garber, whose sketch appears elsewhere; Anna is the widow of Henry Brenneman, of West Hempfield township; Mary was first married to Christian Rohrer, and subsequently to John S. Nissley, a retired farmer at Mt. Joy; Barbara is the wife of Jacob McAllister, a farmer in Pequea township; Amos M. is the gentleman whose name opens this sketch. Three of the sons were school teachers.

Amos M. Greider lived on the home farm until 1874, and then went to Harrisburg, where he was employed about three years in producing malt. Thence he moved to Landisville, this county, and for a year was in the tobacco trade, was next in the same line at Mt. Joy for two years, and then returned to the farm.

On Feb. 18, 1870, in Rapho township, Amos M. Greider married Elizabeth Cassel, and to this union were born the following children: Harry C., who was graduated from the Millersville Normal School, was a school teacher in Manheim borough grammar school, but is now a merchant and resides at Landisville; he married Anna Hershey. B. Frank, general merchant and school teacher at Lancaster Junction, married Minnie Seachrist. Charles A., formerly a school teacher in Rapho township, and now a merchant at Mt. Joy, married Emma Nissley. Howard G., and Christian C. are at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Cassel) Greider was born in Rapho township, Oct. 28, 1850, a daughter of Emanuel and Maria (Rohrer) Cassel. Emanuel Cassel was a farmer and school director, but the last ten years of his life were passed in retirement, and he died in Penn township in December, 1899, at the age of eighty years; his wife, born in 1824, is a resident of Landisville, and is, as was her husband, a member of the Mennonite Church. The children of Emanuel and Maria Cassel were nine in number, viz.: Mary, unmarried and living with her mother; Susan, wife of Aaron Kling, a coal merchant at Mt. Joy; Elizabeth, Mrs. Greider; Emanuel, express agent at Lebanon; John, a farmer in Penn township; Hettie, deceased; Emma, wife of John Eby, a farmer in Rapho township; Clara, married to Harry Swarr, a farmer of East Hempfield township; and Harry, farming in Penn township.

Amos M. Greider is in politics a Republican, and has served his fellow citizens as school director for six years. He is highly esteemed throughout the township and county, and he and his estimable wife are upright members of the Mennonite Church.

CHRISTIAN RUDY. The establishment of the Rudy family in Lancaster dates back to the year 1835, when George and Catherine Rudy brought their family across the ocean from Germany. The voyage was made in a sailboat, and lasted one hundred days. Among their children was a son, Martin, who at the time was eleven years of age. Being of

an industrious disposition, he took up the problem of self-support at an age when the majority of boys are in school, and during all of his active life he was a hard-working man, finding employment in the foundries, also with the city and in other capacities. In the sixties for about three years he was night watchman of Lancaster, calling out the hours. With advancing years his eyesight failed him, and now, in his blindness and age, he is cared for by his children. His wife Barbara, whom he married after coming to Lancaster, was like himself, a native of Germany. At the time of her death, which occurred in October, 1897, she was seventy-seven years of age. Both were from youth earnest members of Zion Lutheran Church. In their family were five children, namely: Christian; Maggie, who married George Hirsh, a tinsmith of Quarryville, Pa.; Martin, who is employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Catherine, Mrs. Calvin Hess, of Lancaster; and Louis, an expert designer, living in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The school days of Christian Rudy came to an end when he was fourteen. Prior to this he had led a care-free existence in his native city of Lancaster, where he was born May 20, 1853. On starting out for himself he secured work in the cotton mills, starting in a very humble position and at the minimum of wages. After five years in the mills he began to learn the baker's trade, serving an apprenticeship of two years, and then working as foreman for Mr. Goos for five years. The inception of his present bakery dates from 1878, when he started an independent business, and began building up the excellent trade he now receives at the hands of the people of Lancaster. In order to meet the demands of his trade, two wagons are in constant use. The fine quality of the bakery goods, as well as the known integrity of the proprietor, contribute to give the establishment a recognized position in the line of its specialty. During the course of his busy life Mr. Rudy has met with his share of reverses and has met with more than one narrow escape, notably at the time of the well-remembered explosion at the cotton mills, when a boiler was blown a distance of one square. He was working in the mills at the time, and narrowly escaped death. While in politics he has never displayed any partisanship, he is a decided Democrat and never fails to vote with his party. In religious connection he is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, in which he has served as deacon six years, and as elder three years, while fraternally he is associated with the Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The marriage of Christian Rudy and Anna M. Gilgore occurred in Lancaster in 1877. Born of this union were the following children: Charles C., who died Jan. 2, 1881; Walter H., who died Feb. 3, 1882; Bertha L., who married Walter K. Barley, of Lancaster; and Christian C., at home. Mrs. Rudy was born in Lancaster Oct. 29, 1853, a daughter of William and Julia A. (Bruner) Gilgore. Through her father, she traces her lineage to worthy Scotch ances-

tors, her grandparents, William and Rebecca Gilgore, having been natives of Scotland; while on her mother's side she is of direct German descent, her maternal grandparents having been Jacob and Catherine Bruner, natives of Germany. After a busy life devoted to the occupation of a marble mason, William Gilgore died Aug. 12, 1890, aged sixty-eight years. For some years he was survived by his wife, who died in March, 1901, at the age of seventy-five years. Both were interred in the Lancaster cemetery. Their children were named as follows: Thomas J.; Lydia A.; William, deceased; J. Augustus, a sculptor residing in Lancaster; Anna M., Mrs. Rudy; Louis H., proprietor of a bookstore in Lancaster; John, a member of the police force of that city; George W. and Emma A., both of whom died in childhood; and Francis S., who is a partner of his brother in the book business.

JONAS E. SHANK, a prominent farmer of Lancaster township, belongs to a family well known in Lancaster county, and was born Jan. 30, 1858, on the farm where he now resides.

Grandfather John Shank was born in Lancaster township, where he lived and died, and followed the calling of a farmer. In 1835 he was ordained a minister of the Old Mennonite Church, in which body he was a faithful worker until his death, which occurred Nov. 2, 1857. He married Susanna Harnish, and they had eleven children: Elizabeth, wife of Christian Herr; Jacob, who died unmarried Nov. 6, 1899; Mariah, wife of Michael Wheider, deceased; Andrew H., father of Jonas E.; Jonas H., a farmer of Lancaster township; Martin (deceased), a farmer of Lancaster township; Susan, wife of Abner Miller, of Coestoga township; Barbara, unmarried; Martha, wife of Abram S. Stauffer, of Manheim township; Sarah, unmarried, of Manheim township; and Fannie, wife of John E. Nestleworth, deceased.

Andrew H. Shank, father of Jonas E., was born in Lancaster township, on the old homestead, Nov. 4, 1818. When a young man he commenced farming on the farm now owned by his son Jonas, and continued farming until April, 1882, when he retired and located in Millersville. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and for thirteen years was supervisor of the township. His religious affiliations are with the Old Mennonite Church.

The first wife of Andrew H. Shank was Catherine Harnish, and their marriage occurred Feb. 7, 1843. To them were born three children: Mary Ann, who died at the age of nine years; and Harry (deceased) and Jonas E., twins. Mrs. Shank died Feb. 10, 1890, aged sixty-nine years, three days, and Andrew H. Shank subsequently married Mrs. Elizabeth Shirtzer, widow of Benjamin Shirtzer.

Jonas E. Shank remained at home, working upon the farm, and receiving his education in the schools of the township. When he married he assumed charge of the Shank homestead, and has since devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. His farm,

which is one of the finest in the township, consists of eighty-four acres, conveniently located one mile from Lancaster City, on the Lancaster and New Danville pike. The pleasant house, surrounded by shade and fruit trees, flowers and shrubbery, the well cultivated fields, neat fences and substantial outbuildings, all testify to the prosperity and good management of Mr. Shank. In addition to attending to his farming interests he is a director of the Lancaster and New Danville pike, and also a director in the Manor Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On Oct. 25, 1881, Mr. Shank married Miss Catherine R. Landis, a daughter of Henry and Catherine Landis, of Manheim township (both now deceased), and the liveliness in their home, well-kept garden and many beautiful floral effects on their fine lawn prove that his choice was well made. To Mr. and Mrs. Shank four children have been born: Emma L., attending Prof. Moore's Madame Cotta College; Landis L., attending Wade's Pennsylvania Business College, Philadelphia; Andrew Hilke, who died at the age of five years, nine months, five days; and Walter L., at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shank are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and no people are more highly esteemed than they in Lancaster township. Mr. Shank is a man of broad sympathies and public spirit, and he always bears a leading part in all matters calculated to prove of benefit to the community.

DANIEL S. NEFF, a progressive and enterprising agriculturist living near Central Manor, Manor township, was born upon his present farm Sept. 21, 1863, son of Benjamin and Anna (Shenk) Neff, and grandson of Henry and Susanna (Neff) Neff. The father spent his entire life upon that farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits. By his ballot he supported the men and measures of the Republican party, and for eighteen years he efficiently filled the office of school director. In religious belief he was a Mennonite. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Hostetter, who died in 1854, at the age of twenty-six years, and of the two children born of that union, Cyrus, the elder, is also deceased. Benjamin is a resident of Central Manor. The second wife was Anna Shenk, daughter of Henry Shenk, of Manor township, and to them were born two children: Daniel S. and Anna, the latter the wife of Harry Gamber, of Landisville, Lancaster county. The father died in June, 1880, at the age of fifty-eight years, the mother in 1897, at the age of sixty-five.

Daniel S. Neff grew to manhood on the old homestead and attended the district schools of the neighborhood. He early became familiar with all the duties which fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and on the death of his father took charge of the home place, consisting of seventy-three acres, which he has since successfully operated. He has made many valuable improvements upon the farm, including the erection of a fine brick residence in 1899.

In 1888 Mr. Neff married Miss Annie R. Herr,

daughter of Henry and Lizzie Herr, and to them have come two children: Ira H., born in 1889, and Harry C., born in 1893. Since attaining his majority Mr. Neff has been identified with the Republican party, and he has taken an active part in its work, doing all within his power to insure its success. He is progressive and public-spirited, and has capably served as a member of the school board in his district since 1898.

PHILIP AUGUSTUS METZGER, head of the firm of Metzger & Haughman, dry-goods merchants at Nos. 38 and 40 West King street, Lancaster, belongs to one of the very old families of Lancaster county.

Philip Metzger, his first ancestor in this country, came to America from the Palatinate, Germany, in 1749, leaving his beautiful Old World country because of bitter religious persecution. He had three sons—Jacob, Philip and John—and one daughter. Philip A. Metzger, of Lancaster, is the fourth Philip in the direct line of descent, and his son Philip, who died in 1878, when five years old, was the fifth. The commodious old brick dwelling at No. 25 South Queen street, Lancaster, was built by the grandfather of Philip A., and there, in the same room, have been born his father and himself, and two of his children. This home was in the possession of the Metzger family from 1791 to 1891, when it passed into other hands. Philip Metzger (2), according to the records, was the grandfather of Philip A. Metzger, whose father's name was also Philip. The latter married Eliza Wayne Sprigman, a cousin of the late John W. Forney, the well-known journalist, and to this union were born ten children, five of whom are now living: Anna, widow of B. F. Charles; Louisa, widow of I. F. Abele; Margaret, unmarried; George W., of Lancaster; and Philip Augustus.

Philip Augustus Metzger was born in the old homestead in Lancaster, Nov. 27, 1839, and was educated in the public schools of that city, leaving the high school to enter the dry-goods store of R. E. Fahnestock, with whom he remained twenty-six years. At the end of that long period he severed commercial relations with Mr. Fahnestock to enter into business for himself. For more than twenty-two years he has been a merchant in Lancaster, and he and his partner have conducted a most successful business. In the fall of 1886 Mr. Metzger bought the present store, which in former days was the "Golden Lamb Hotel," and in 1887 a large addition was made to the building. They enjoy a very flattering patronage.

Mr. Metzger was married in 1866 to M. Elizabeth, daughter of the late George A. Weaver, a member of one of the old Lancaster county families; her great-grandfather was a captain in the Revolutionary war. To this union were born five children, two of whom are still living: Miss Mary Gertrude is at home; Carrie Louisa is the wife of Charles Emory

Long, who is now engaged in the leaf tobacco trade, and they have two children, Elizabeth M. and Philip M.

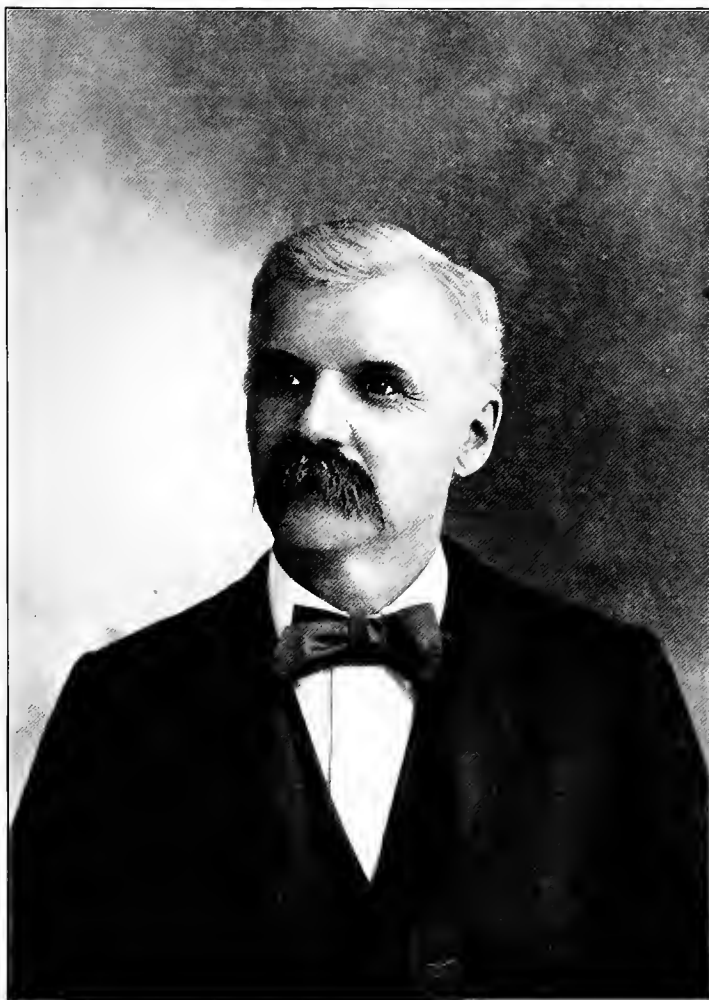
Mr. Metzger was for more than thirty-five years a member of the Duke Street Methodist Church, and a trustee for about twenty years. When the new church building was erected on the northwest corner of Duke and Walnut streets, in 1891, Mr. Metzger, by his indefatigable energy, zeal and liberal contributions, prevented the cutting out from the plans of the beautiful tower that so fittingly adorns it. In February and March, 1897, he accompanied the popular and beloved pastor, Rev. J. T. Satchell, D. D., on an extensive trip to the Bermudas and the West Indies.

Mr. Metzger is now a member of the First Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and time and time again has been nominated by his party in the Second ward for the Select Council. Several times he was strongly urged to become his party's nominee for the position of mayor of Lancaster, but for various reasons felt impelled to decline. Fraternally Mr. Metzger belongs to the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He is a most genial and charming gentleman. His business integrity is beyond question, and his standing in the business world of Lancaster most enviable.

JOSEPH H. McGLAUGHLIN, one of the leading residents of the town of Mechanicsburg, was born in Horse Hollow, Martic township, Lancaster county, June 11, 1867, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Henry) McGlaughlin.

Samuel McGlaughlin, one of the leading citizens of Conestoga Center, was born in Providence township Oct. 26, 1834, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Peoples) McGlaughlin. The family records show that Joseph McGlaughlin was born Aug. 12, 1799; his mother's maiden name was Hettie McKorkle. On Dec. 30, 1824, he wedded Sarah Peoples, who was born Oct. 10, 1802.

Samuel McGlaughlin was formerly supervisor, and is now tax collector of Conestoga, his administration being considered one of the best and most judicious the county has ever had. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in Co. E, 79th P. V. I., under Gen. Hambright, and was often in posts of great danger, having charge of some of the transportation. On Oct. 12, 1865, he was married, by Rev. J. J. Strine, to Elizabeth Henry, who was born between Conestoga Center and Rock Hill, Jan. 16, 1843, a daughter of John and Magdalena (Thomas) Henry. The children of this union were as follows: (1) Joseph H. is the subject of this article. (2) A. Laura, born in Conestoga Center Jan. 13, 1870, was married Oct. 22, 1901, to Tilden Falk, a machinist by trade, and now resides in New York City. (3) Harvey M., of the firm of Diehm & McLaughlin, coachmakers at Honey Brook, Pa., was born in Conestoga township Dec. 13, 1871, and was married Dec. 26, 1900, to Miss Helen Wesley, of Little Brit-



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ain township. (4) M. Letitia, for some time a school teacher and seamstress, was born in Pequea township Dec. 24, 1873, and on Jan. 26, 1902, was married to Robert A. Erb, and now lives on a farm at Mount Nebo, Pa. (5) John Miles, deceased, was born in Conestoga Center Feb. 26, 1876. (6) Effie N., of Lancaster, was born in Conestoga Center Jan. 23, 1878. (7) Franklin P., stenographer and book-keeper for Follmer, Clogg & Co., umbrella manufacturers at Lancaster, was born Nov. 10, 1881. Both Samuel McGlaughlin and his wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church. John Henry, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Henry) McGlaughlin, was born Jan. 26, 1804, a son of Michael and Susan (Rathfon) Henry, and was a stone mason and shoemaker by occupation. He married Magdalena Thomas, who was born Jan. 16, 1810, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Keeperts) Thomas.

Joseph H. McGlaughlin was reared on the home farm, and between the ages of ten and fifteen years he assisted neighboring farmers. He then learned the cigarmaker's trade, but only as a means of enabling him to gratify his ambition for a higher education. His inclinations led him to the profession of teacher, and he entered the Millersville State Normal School to prepare himself for that calling. In the fall of 1887 he began his eminently successful career as an instructor, and has continued to teach ever since, sometimes even teaching summer sessions. His work has been appreciated through the county, and he is very popular with both patrons and students. Mr. McGlaughlin has done much in the interest of education in his locality, and his influence has been the means of promoting and instituting a number of needed reforms. He has also during the summer seasons been engaged extensively in trucking. His artistic sense has found expression in highly ornamental penwork, and many specimens of his handiwork have found their way into the possession of his acquaintances, and are now scattered over much of our country.

On March 30, 1893, Mr. McGlaughlin was united in marriage, by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, with Miss Clara W. Weinhold, daughter of Peter G. and Eliza (Weinhold) Weinhold, and this union has been blessed with two children: Elsie Mabel, born in Upper Leacock township Jan. 9, 1894, who died Sept. 3, 1897; and Grace Leona, born Dec. 25, 1895. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. McGlaughlin are members of Heller's Salem Reformed Church. Mr. McGlaughlin has been prominently identified with the Republican party for many years, and for four years was judge of elections. He is a genial, pleasant citizen, and is well known and highly esteemed.

Peter G. Weinhold, father of Mrs. McGlaughlin, was born in East Cocalico township, between Denver and Muddy Creek, Jan. 5, 1840, a son of Philip Weinhold. He is now a prominent farmer in Upper Leacock township. His wife, Eliza (Weinhold) Weinhold, was born in East Cocalico township April 18, 1848, a daughter of Peter S. and Leah (Yagi) Wein-

hold, the former of whom, born Dec. 10, 1818, died April 26, 1896; the latter, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Loraw) Yagi, born Nov. 25, 1820, died Aug. 13, 1902. To Peter G. and Eliza Weinhold were born children as follows: Henry W., of Reading, a florist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, was born in East Cocalico Feb. 17, 1867, and on Dec. 24, 1891, was married to Clara A. Ludwig. Frances W., born July 16, 1868, on Nov. 24, 1889, married Henry W. Lutz, a farmer near Heller's Church. Solomon W., a farmer and laborer near Leacock, was born Dec. 19, 1869, and married Adelia R. Espenschied Feb. 25, 1897. Clara W. is the wife of Joseph H. McGlaughlin. Pierce W., born July 25, 1873, died June 4, 1874. Annie E., born Nov. 19, 1876, was married Oct. 12, 1899, to Abram S. Getz, a laborer and farmer of Leacock, Pa. James, a plumber and gas fitter of Reading, Pa., was born Dec. 23, 1878. Minnie, born Dec. 31, 1886, is at home. All the family attend Heller's Salem Reformed Church except the parents, who are members of the Muddy Creek Reformed Church.

Philip Weinhold, the father of Peter G., was born Nov. 19, 1796, son of Peter and Elizabeth (Grill) Weinhold, and on reaching man's estate wedded Elizabeth Kress.

SAMUEL S. STAUFFER, a substantial and well-known farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born April 12, 1867, on his present home farm, which is the old homestead of the Stauffer family, where many of the name have first seen the light in the past.

Mr. Stauffer is a son of Abraham G. and Harriet (Shelley) Stauffer, the former of whom was born in 1842 on the present farm, son of Jacob Stauffer; the mother was born in Rapho township, daughter of Henry Shelley. Abraham G. Stauffer removed in 1891 to Lebanon county, where he is engaged in farming. During his residence in this county he was identified with many of its sound institutions, notably the Elizabethtown National Bank, in which he was a director from its organization until the spring of 1901. His wife was born in December, 1844, and died Dec. 21, 1901, aged fifty-seven years, two days. She was a member of the German Baptist Church, to which her husband also belongs. To Abraham G. Stauffer and his wife were born the following named children: Harry S., who is a stock dealer living in Manheim; Samuel S.; Fanny S., who married Albert Garber, a merchant in Lebanon county; Harriet S. and Jacob S., both of whom died young; Andrew S., who owns a warehouse and is engaged in the fruit business in Palmyra, Pa.; David S., also residing in Palmyra; Katie S., who resided with her parents and died Aug. 22, 1901, aged twenty-four years, fourteen days; Abraham S. and Mamie S., both of whom died young; and Anna S., at home.

Mr. Stauffer was reared on the farm and has passed his whole life there, engaging in farming

from his youth. The place is one of the valuable estates which help to make Lancaster county famous as a farming section.

On Nov. 29, 1892, Mr. Stauffer was married, in Manheim, to Miss Amanda B. Graybill, and to this union has been born one daughter, Minnie G. Mrs. Stauffer was born Aug. 12, 1870, in Penn township, daughter of Seth and Fannie (Bentz) Graybill, of Lancaster county. Mr. Graybill was born in 1845, and is now a retired farmer of the village of Pennville, having lived free from business care for the past six years. His wife was born in 1850. Both are valued members of the German Baptist Church. Their children were as follows: Amanda B., wife of Mr. Stauffer; Joseph B., a farmer of Penn township; and Hayden B. and Noah B., both deceased. The family is of Swiss origin, and the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stauffer was Joseph Graybill, of Lancaster county, who married a Lutz.

Mr. Stauffer is identified with the Republican party, and is one of the progressive and intelligent young men of his locality.

BENJAMIN M. SHENK, one of the highly esteemed retired farmers of Lancaster county, is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families in this locality. This family originated in Switzerland, coming to America about 1730. Michael Shenk was the original settler on the old homestead, and his son, Henry (it is thought) succeeded him. John Shenk, the great-grandfather of Benjamin M., was a son of Henry, and he lived and died in Pequea township. His life was devoted exclusively to farming pursuits and to the ministry of the Old Mennonite Church. The children he left were: Henry; John; Anne, who married a Snively; and Mary, who married a Hostetter.

Henry Shenk, son of Rev. John, became the grandfather of Benjamin M., of this sketch, and he was born in Pequea township, where he tilled the soil. His duty led him in the direction of a religious life, and for four years he was a minister in the Old Mennonite Church, and on June 3, 1843, he was ordained a bishop. For a number of years he was a power in the church, operating in the Conestoga, Millersville, Rohrerstown and Manor districts. His simple, pious life, combined with his ability as a preacher, exerted a great influence for good, few men ever having been more highly esteemed or more dearly beloved. As a fitting close to a life of estimable deeds, he died suddenly, Oct. 22, 1865, aged seventy years, eleven months and twenty days, after giving testimony after a sermon preached by his co-worker, Jacob Brubaker, of Manor District, Rev. Joseph K. Brubaker being also present, in the Stone Meeting House, in Pequea township.

The marriage of Rev. Henry Shenk was to Susanna Huber, and they became the parents of twelve children: John, who died in 1892; Henry, who died Jan. 6, 1854; Michael, who died young;

Tobias, who resides in Manheim township; Mary, deceased; Jacob, of Pequea township; Isaac, twin to Jacob, deceased; Rudolph, of East Drumore township; Samuel, of Pequea township; Susan, the widow of Andrew G. Bower; Benjamin, deceased; and Anna, the wife of Martin Herr, of Pequea township.

John Shenk, father of Benjamin M., was born on the old homestead in Pequea township, Aug. 28, 1816, and lived there until 1842, when he moved to Lancaster township, locating on the farm which Benjamin M. Shenk now owns, giving his whole attention to the cultivation of his land for a number of years. He was, however, an intelligent and public-spirited man, was active in the ranks of the Republican party, filling many of the local offices with great efficiency, notably those of assessor, auditor, school director and supervisor. Mr. Shenk was identified with many of the public enterprises of his locality, and until the time of his death was a director in the Marietta Pike road. As a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, his life was filled with good and charitable deeds. His reliability was recognized in the demands made upon him in the matter of settling up estates, many trusts being confidently placed in his hands. His marriage was to Miss Magdalena Musser, and they had a family of six children, three of whom died in childhood, the others being: Henry, a farmer in Penn township; Benjamin M., of this sketch; and Susan, wife of Rev. Abram B. Herr. The mother of these children died Aug. 13, 1861, and Mr. Shenk married Mrs. Magdalena Bassler, and he died May 10, 1892.

Benjamin M. Shenk was born on the farm where he now resides, on Aug. 21, 1844, grew up acquainted with all the necessary details of a farmer's life, and after completing the common school course, settled down to a farming life. After his marriage in 1870 he began farming on the home place, which was his by inheritance, and here, until the spring of 1901, he followed agricultural pursuits, becoming one of the most substantial and highly esteemed citizens of this county. For as long a period as seventeen years Mr. Shenk has been a school director, always casting his influence in the direction of progressive educational methods, and has staunchly supported the principles of the Republican party. Mr. Shenk has been identified with a number of the important enterprises of the county, notably the Mutual Insurance Co., having been a director for many years. Many of the complicated estates of this neighborhood have been placed in his hands for adjustment, his fellow-citizens being so well assured of his integrity, ability and uprightness.

The marriage of Mr. Shenk was to Miss Leah G. Charles, and to this union were born five children, two of whom died young, the others being: John C., a farmer of East Hempfield township; Abram C., a farmer on the home place; and Anna C., residing with her parents. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shenk are

consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are kind, neighborly and hospitable, and among the very best people of their township.

EDMUND GARDNER was born Nov. 8, 1870, at Colemanville, Lancaster county, where he now resides. He comes from an old Pennsylvania family.

Valentine Gardner, his great-grandfather, lived and died in Martic township, about one and one-half miles from the home of Edmund Gardner. He was a tanner by trade, and carried on that business for some years in connection with farming, carting his leather by team to Philadelphia and Baltimore. His wife's maiden name was Good.

John Gardner, the grandfather, was born in Martic township in 1808, and lived at home until he was about twenty-eight years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county. At the age of twenty-eight he went to Conestoga township, and engaged in farming, which he continued until 1871, when he retired from the active affairs of life. He married Miss Leah Shenk, of Conestoga township, in 1836, and they were the parents of eleven children, of whom eight died in infancy or early childhood. Those who grew to mature years were: John Wesley, father of Edmund; Leah, wife of Joseph Clark, of Mt. Nebo; and Valentine, who at the age of twenty-one was drowned, in 1871, while skating on the Pequea. Mr. Gardner and his wife were members of the M. E. Church, he being one of the trustees and a steward for about thirty years.

John Wesley Gardner was born in Conestoga township, Feb. 14, 1840, and lived at home until he was twenty-two years old. He received a common-school education. In 1862 he enlisted in Co. C, 122d P. V. I., was mustered into service Aug. 11, 1862, promoted to corporal Jan. 21, 1863, and with his company was mustered out of the service May 15, 1863.

In 1866 John W. Gardner married Miss Henrietta Costello, of Conestoga township, and they became the parents of two children: Florence, who is the wife of H. B. Barr, of Colemanville; and Edmund. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the M. E. Church, and Mr. Gardner was trustee and steward of the church for a number of years, and was also superintendent of the Sunday-school. He was engaged in merchandising for about thirty years, and retired in 1894, Edmund Gardner, his son, continuing the business to the present time. John W. Gardner is a member of Stewart Post, G. A. R., of Rawlinsville; of the K. of P., at Rawlinsville; and the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 158, of Mt. Nebo.

Edmund Gardner remained at home with his parents, and upon the retirement of his father, in 1894, took charge of the business. During his youth he was educated in the county schools, and supplemented this training with a two-years course at the State Normal School at Millersville. He has given his entire attention to the mercantile business,

and has been very successful in it. Politically he is a Republican, and was made postmaster March 30, 1894. He is a member of the Charles M. Howell Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 496, of Millersville; and is also a member of the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 158, Mt. Nebo.

On Aug. 16, 1893, Mr. Gardner was married to Miss Mary, daughter of P. C. Hiller, of Conestoga township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gardner are members of the M. E. Church of Colemanville, and he is one of the trustees. They have four children, namely: J. Harold, Grace, Reba and Clare, all at home.

Although a young man, Mr. Gardner has already gained a permanent standing in the community, and is regarded as a useful, progressive and liberal-minded man in both business and social circles, well deserving the high esteem in which he is held.

MRS. MARY SALENA (PROSSER) BAUMGARDNER, widow of the late Henry Baumgardner, was born about sixty-five years ago in Hartford, Conn., daughter of James L. and Mary (Lillibridge) Prosser, and remained with her parents until her first marriage. James L. Prosser was an extensive farmer, and a horse and cattle dealer of prominence in one of the very wealthiest sections of the United States. Of his family, all are now deceased but Mrs. Baumgardner and her sister, Mrs. Brown, who lives at Lexington, near Boston. The others were: John, who died aged twenty-one; Levi, who amassed wealth in speculation and employed it in charity; Amisa, who died young; and Angeline, who married Park Fellows, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., now a wealthy resident of San Francisco, Cal. This family is of noble lineage, but Mrs. Baumgardner's proudest boast is that she is the daughter of an honest man.

Mary Salena Prosser first became the wife of Jay Cadwell, who came of an honorable family—people whose word was as good as their bond. His brothers are all deceased, and his sister is still living on the old place a few miles from the city of Hartford, which has been in the family for over two hundred years. After his marriage Mr. Cadwell came to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaged in tobacco culture, which venture proving disastrous he remained only one season. Going to Philadelphia, he opened the first silver-plating establishment there, as a member of the firm of Filley, Mead & Cadwell. His health failing, he was advised to remain in the open air as much as possible, and accordingly returned to Lancaster county, where he commenced to buy stock. He eventually took up the cork manufacturing business, in which he was engaged up to the time of his death, March 24, 1874. His remains rest in Lancaster cemetery. Mr. Cadwell had been successful in business, but ill health and the results of the panic of 1873, together with the fact that he had bet heavily on the election of Horace Greeley, of whom he was a great admirer, left him in debt, and his widow was left with a heavy

burden to shoulder. His assets were equal to his liabilities, but the material had to be worked up and put on the market, and she took up the work courageously, and the fact that she had a daughter to be cared for was a wonderful incentive for her to make the effort. Her father and brother came to Lancaster and offered her their assistance, but though they were men of wealth she only expressed her gratitude and persuaded them to return home, saying she felt confident that she would "come out all right," and she did. She managed her husband's plant and business for eight years with great success, only abandoning the business when the establishment was destroyed by fire; but she had previously paid the entire indebtedness, dollar for dollar, and felt that she could afford to retire.

After four years of widowhood Mrs. Cadwell was united in marriage with Henry Baumgardner, a prominent citizen of Lancaster, where he had a successful business career, and both made and lost a great deal of money. He died in May, 1898, and is buried in the Lancaster cemetery.

Notwithstanding her strenuous life, Mrs. Baumgardner is a remarkably bright, active and even youthful lady for her sixty-five years. She was the first subscriber in Lancaster county to Dun's Mercantile Agency. She and all of her connections are of the most prominent and leading citizens, and all are well-to-do in the world. She is a member of the Lancaster Historical Society, and of the Y. M. C. A. Auxiliary Body, socially prominent and clever, and a woman of engaging manners and of charitable disposition and habits.

Mrs. Baumgardner's daughter, Ida, is the wife of H. C. Moore, and has three children, Samuel, Edith and Mary S. Mr. Moore is a prominent citizen of Trenton, N. J., being president of two traction companies. Mrs. Baumgardner has a niece, Mrs. George Field, living at Newton Center, Massachusetts.

NORMAN M. CHRIST, an enterprising and rapidly rising young farmer of Manor township, was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Feb. 3, 1872, a son of Michael K. Christ, who resides two and one-half miles southwest of Millersville, and is one of the most respected farmers of Manor township.

Michael K. Christ was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Sept. 1, 1850, son of Amos B. Christ, a native of the same township. Michael K., was reared on the home farm, was educated in the district schools, and also attended the State Normal School at Millersville for three terms, in 1868-69-70. He taught in the winters of those years, and in the fall of 1870 located at Masonville. In 1876 he purchased a farm of eight and one-half acres in Manor township, where he has since been engaged in farming. He has also passed considerable time in clerking, and in 1889-90-91-92 was collector of taxes for Manor township; in 1897 he was mercan-

tile appraiser for Lancaster county; in 1898 he was delegate to the Republican State Convention, having previously attended several county conventions. Mr. Christ has acted as administrator of several estates.

Michael K. Christ was married Aug. 17, 1870, to Miss Mary S. Miller, daughter of Christian and Barbara Miller, both of whom are deceased. To this union have been born four children, viz.: Norman M., with whose name this sketch opens; Benjamin M., a veterinary surgeon, at home; Haldy M., a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, class of 1897, and since a teacher of shorthand and typewriting at home; and Ida V., also at home, a teacher of music.

Norman M. Christ received a sound public-school education, and at the age of twenty years began farming by working out by the day. By saving his earnings he was able, in the fall of 1896, to purchase twenty acres of the Jacob Doerstler farm, one-quarter mile east of Creswell, which place he has greatly improved, having one of the finest little places in the county; he carries on general farming, and also deals in fertilizers.

On June 18, 1891, Norman M. Christ married Miss Sarah Sneath, who was born in Manor township, daughter of William A. Sneath, deceased. To this marriage have been born three children, Blanche, Irene and Walter.

Norman M. Christ is one of the active young Republicans of Manor township, and takes a deep interest in the party's affairs, but although frequently solicited to accept nomination for public office has persistently refused to become a candidate. Mr. and Mrs. Christ are members of the Evangelical Church, and are among the most respected of the residents of Manor township.

WALTER M. ESHLEMAN, proprietor of the "Buck Hotel," in East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Marticville April 20, 1868, son of Martin and Hattie (McCardee) Eshleman. Martin Eshleman was born in Martic township in 1840, and his wife was born in Conestoga township in 1843.

Henry and Mary Eshleman, the grandparents, were both natives of Lancaster county, and of German parentage. They lived in the Revolutionary period. Henry Eshleman owned much land in this section of the county, and both he and his wife died in Martic, on his old homestead. They had ten children: Henry, who lives in East Drumore township; Samuel, a butcher in Marticville; Calvin, who died at the home of his parents; Maris, a butcher, who died at the old home unmarried; Eli, who died at the old homestead, leaving a widow and nine children, Martin, Jacob, Daniel, George, Eli, Elizabeth (who married Joseph Rankin), Susan (who married Christian Andrews), Mary (who married Henry Hoover) and Lydia (who married Martin Eshleman); Eliza, born in Marticville, who married Jacob Johnson, of Smithville, Lancaster county, and died leaving a family; Susan, who married John G. Good, and is the

mother of four children, Elizabeth (wife of George W. Hiney), Mollie (wife of John Plank), Barbara (wife of Samuel Young) and Henry (deceased); Cilinda, deceased, wife of Joseph Hoover; Louisa, wife of Alexander Humphrey, of Lancaster; and Martin.

Martin Eshleman was reared on the old homestead, and was engaged in farming until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the cavalry service of the Union army, and served under Sheridan. At Gettysburg he was seriously wounded, and lay for many hours uncared for on that bloody field. Surviving the perils of the tented field and battle strife he came home, and is now living retired on the old family homestead, with all the comforts that industry and integrity have a right to expect. To him and his good wife have come four sons, all of whom are honorable and prosperous citizens of this county: (1) Harry, born in 1866, married Miss Bertha Shoff, of Martic township, where he is living. He is a supervisor. They have two children, Clyde and Florence. (2) Walter M. is mentioned below. (3) Joseph, born in 1874, married Miss Katie Handle, and is a farmer in Martic township. They have one daughter, Emma. (4) Ezra, born in 1877, lives at home, and is manager of the home farm.

Walter M. Eshleman grew to manhood under the parental roof-tree, and took up farming as his life business. In 1891 he was married to Lizzie, daughter of Simon and Hettie Good. Mrs. Eshleman was born in Providence in 1870, and was educated in the local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman lived for a time in Martic township, where he was a farmer, and bought and sold stock on an extensive scale, a business he still follows. In 1900 he added to his other labors the cares of hotel-keeping, and has a hotel at the Buck, where he is doing a good business and has a fine patronage. Bessie, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman, was born Jan. 15, 1892.

Mr. Eshleman and his father are both Republicans. The grandfather was a Whig, and in time became a Republican. Fraternally Walter M. Eshleman belongs to the I. O. O. F. He was reared in the Mennonite faith, his mother being a member of that church.

In 1898 Mr. Eshleman made an extensive western trip, traveling in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, and returned by way of Kentucky and Virginia. Mr. Eshleman is a young man of excellent business qualifications, and is widely known, not only for his abilities as a stockman, but for his very successful management of the "Buck Hotel," which is one of the popular hostleries of the county.

LEVI B. HUBER, one of the progressive and prominent young farmers of Lancaster county, living about a mile southeast of Landis Valley, belongs to an old and honored family, and is a son of David B. Huber, of Fruitville. He was born Jan. 12, 1861, secured his education in the public schools, and, being

a man of keen perception and good observation, has become one of the best informed citizens of the county.

When a young man of twenty-two Mr. Huber began on his own account on the place he now occupies, known as Fountain Farm. It comprises sixty-two acres, largely devoted to potato growing. Mr. Huber keeps in touch with the advance of the times, being a reader of and occasional contributor to the agricultural press. He is interested in bees, and has five stands of the Italian variety. He also keeps some 300 hens, improved White Leghorns, and regularly supplies a number of the families in Lancaster with eggs.

Levi B. Huber was married, in November, 1883, to Miss Elizabeth K., daughter of Benjamin R. and Anna S. (Kreider) Stauffer. She was born in East Lampeter township March 3, 1863. To this union have come the following children: Cora S., born Oct. 25, 1885; Anna S., April 14, 1887; Elizabeth S., July 27, 1888; Henry S., Aug. 13, 1889; David S., Dec. 15, 1890; Benjamin S., Feb. 26, 1892; Enos S., July 1, 1896; John S., July 3, 1898; Christian S., Feb. 11, 1894 (died March 17, 1895). Mr. and Mrs. Huber belong to the Mennonite Church, and he is assistant superintendent of the Sabbath-school.

MARIE REBECCA VAN NESS, M. D., not only won distinction in medical circles in Lancaster for her own success as a practitioner, but also as the wife of a distinguished physician and surgeon, Dr. William W. Van Ness, now retired after forty years of active practice. She is the daughter of the late David Saladin, who came to America from Baden-Baden, Germany, in 1831, and settling in Lancaster, engaged in mercantile trade there, having been a storekeeper in Europe. However, he abandoned that business, and became a contracting house painter. Mr. Saladin married Miss Mary Elizabeth Troyer, daughter of the late John Andrew Troyer, of Lancaster, whose ancestors were of Revolutionary fame on both sides. To this union were born five children, only two of whom are living, Marie Rebecca and John F., the latter a wholesale dealer in millinery and silk at Greenville, Ohio.

Marie Rebecca Saladin was born in Lancaster, and received her early education there, finishing her studies at the American Medical College, at St. Louis, from which she was graduated. She has been an earnest searcher after the truth, and made a close study of Christian Science, which she practiced with great success for three years in Denver, Colo., though she subsequently confined herself to medical practice. Dr. Van Ness was the only woman in Lancaster who ever enjoyed the distinction of being medical examiner for an insurance company, holding that position in this section for the Security Medical Life Insurance Company, of Binghamton, N. Y., conducting the examination of lady applicants for insurance. She belongs to the American Medical Association, at Washington, D. C. Dr. Van Ness is as thoroughly

versed in literary matters as she is in medicine. Religiously she is a member of the Unitarian denomination. Socially, professionally and religiously she is a model type of womanhood.

Almost forty years ago our subject became the wife of Dr. William Van Ness, who was born and reared on the Hudson. Both his grandfathers came over with Gov. Stuyvesant, when New York was known as New Amsterdam. Dr. William W. Van Ness is a graduate of Columbia College, New York, and is now living retired after an active practice extending over forty years, during twenty of which he was associated with his wife, who practiced with him in New York for that length of time. She practiced ten years in Lancaster. Two children were born to this union, one daughter, now deceased, and one son, Rev. Thomas J. Van Ness, who is pastor of the second oldest church in the city of Boston, an Unitarian Church. He stands at the head of the six most prominent clergymen in that city. Dr. Van Ness may well feel a pride in the work of her husband and son in their respective callings, as well as in her own success in the learned profession of her choice.

SAMUEL L. OBERHOLTZER, one of the well-known citizens and leading farmers of Mt. Joy township, was born on the farm he now occupies July 12, 1859, son of Jacob and Barbara (Lehman) Oberholtzer, natives of the same township, and who were for many years residents of the same farm.

Jacob Oberholtzer, father of Samuel L., was born on the old farm Dec. 31, 1812, son of Samuel and Fanny (Longenecker) Oberholtzer, natives of Dauphin county, who moved to Lancaster county in 1797, locating on this farm, in Mt. Joy township, where their days were passed. They were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following named children: John, Jacob, Samuel, Peter, Joseph, Christian and Elizabeth. Until 1862 Jacob Oberholtzer farmed on the old homestead, removing then to an adjoining farm. He died after living some time in retirement, Dec. 31, 1897, and was buried in a private burying-ground on his own land. On Oct. 13, 1855, Jacob Oberholtzer married Barbara Lehman, in Lancaster, and they had the following children: Samuel L. is a resident of Mt. Joy township; Jacob L. died at the age of five years; Amanda L. married Daniel B. Brubaker, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Miss Lizzie L. resides with her mother and her sister, Mrs. Brubaker. Mrs. Oberholtzer was born Oct. 6, 1835, in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lehman) Lehman, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, respectively. Daniel Lehman died in Franklin county in 1886, his wife dying in 1846, at the age of forty-two years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were members of the Mennonite Church. They had the following children: Henry is a retired farmer, living in Ohio; Nancy married Peter Witmer, and lives in Dauphin county; Barbara married Jacob Oberholtzer; Polly (deceased) married Christian Gish; Lizzie is the widow of Peter

Horst, of Franklin county; Fannie died young; Katie married John Landis, of Franklin county. The second marriage of Mr. Lehman was to Nancy (Shank) Barricks, and they had children as follows: Sarah (deceased) married Henry Bricker; Daniel (deceased) married Annie Shenk; Peter married Annie Zug, and is a farmer in Franklin county; Lydia and Mattie both died young; Susan married Samuel Longenecker, a farmer of Dauphin county; David married Annie Burkholder, and is a farmer in Franklin county. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Jacob Oberholtzer were Peter and Hettie (Hoover) Lehman, and the maternal grandparents were Abraham and Maria Lehman, all of whom died in Lancaster county. Jacob Oberholtzer was a man of large means, and his family is one of the most substantial of the old families who reside in this vicinity and who come from a fine old German ancestry. Although he was not formally connected with any religious body, he lived a Christian life, and was respected wherever he was known.

Samuel L. Oberholtzer was but two years of age when the family moved from the old farm and located on an adjoining one. Here he remained with his parents, attending the district school, and assisting his father in operating the farm until his marriage, when he located on his present farm, the place of his birth, where he has continued ever since. He has been very successful in general farming, and during the past few years has paid considerable attention to poultry raising. As a representative citizen Mr. Oberholtzer has filled various public positions with great efficiency, notably that of township auditor for six years; for a similar length of time he was election inspector. In political belief he is a member of the Republican party. He belongs to the Mennonite Church, in which he was ordained a deacon Dec. 25, 1900.

In November, 1883, occurred the marriage of Samuel L. Oberholtzer and Miss Minerva Weaver, who was born in West Donegal township, and died Feb. 6, 1896, at the age of thirty-two years. She was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of Henry and Catherine Weaver, natives of Lancaster county, who now live in West Donegal township, where the former is a retired farmer. The two children of this marriage were Katie W. and Walter W., both of whom live at home. The second marriage of Mr. Oberholtzer was to Mrs. Lizzie B. (Lehman) Gantz, of Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pa., who was born Oct. 1, 1855, in Lebanon county, daughter of Samuel and Caroline N. (Brubaker) Lehman, the former a native of Lebanon county, and the latter of Lancaster county. Mr. Lehman moved to Lancaster county in 1888, and now is a prominent retired farmer, residing in Elizabethtown. He was born in 1831, and his wife was born in 1833. They were married in 1854, and had the following children: Lizzie B., now Mrs. Oberholtzer; Amanda, who married Nathan Brandt, a farmer residing at Fontana, Pa.; Emma, who married Amos Risser,

lives in Mt. Joy township; and David, the youngest, a telegraph operator in Lancaster city, who married Emma Shaub. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Oberholtzer were John and Polly (Kinzie) Lehman. Mrs. Oberholtzer was married (first) Oct. 21, 1875, in Lancaster, to John E. Gantz, who was born in Lancaster county July 12, 1854, son of John L. and Anna (Enterline) Gantz, of Lancaster county, and died March 12, 1896. Mr. Gantz was a well-known agriculturist of Dauphin county, and died on his farm. He was interred in Milton Grove cemetery. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gantz, namely: Allen L., who married Anna Longenecker, of Dauphin county, and has two children, Carry and Walter; and Cleveland L. and Tihlman L., both residing with Mr. Oberholtzer.

The Oberholtzers are among the substantial and representative families of Mt. Joy township, well thought of in their neighborhood, and worthy of the kind feeling and respect which surrounds them on every side.

WILLIAM M. MEARIG. Among the citizens of New Holland, Pa., is William M. Mearig, who was born in the village of Mechanicsburg, Lancaster county, Feb. 15, 1868, son of George K. and Caroline (Miller) Mearig, both families being among the old and respected ones of Lancaster county.

George K. Mearig was born in Upper Leacock township and was reared to the trade of miller, but as he could not stand being near the water, he took up butchering. Shortly after his marriage to Caroline Miller he moved to Mechanicsburg, where he died in 1890, at the age of fifty-five years, and he was buried in the Zion Lutheran cemetery. His widow, the mother of our subject, lives in Mechanicsburg. The children born to these parents were: Albert, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who resides with her mother; and William M., of this sketch.

George Mearig, the grandfather of William M., was a native of Lancaster county, where he married Elizabeth Kolb, and carried on a tailoring business in this town for many years, a well-known and respected man. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Peter and Fanny (Rudy) Miller, both natives of Lancaster county. Mr. Miller was a blacksmith by-trade, but his eyesight failed him, and he lived in retirement in Mechanicsburg during his later years.

William M. Mearig was reared in Mechanicsburg, and was educated in the public schools of this town. For three years after the close of his school days our subject worked as a tinsmith. He then became clerk in a real estate office in Jenkintown, and in Philadelphia, where he worked for about six months. An opportunity offering he accepted a position with the firm of Kuhns & Bowers, wholesale dealers in wood and willow-ware, in Philadelphia, and for some six months was employed as their traveling salesman, but since February, 1889, he has

been connected with the house of Lambert & Kirk, one of the drug firms in the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Mearig was almost a continual resident of Mechanicsburg up to the spring of 1902, when he moved to New Holland, Pa., where he now resides. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party, and from 1893 to 1897 he was the postmaster in his native town.

On June 1, 1893, Mr. Mearig was united in marriage to Miss Mary Kohler, in New Holland. Three children have been born to our subject and wife, namely: George, Anna and John F. Mrs. Mearig was born in Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa., April 9, 1865, a daughter of Rev. John and Louisa (Baum) Kohler, of Union county, Pa. Rev. Mr. Kohler was one of the well-known ministers of the Lutheran Church, and continued his work through a period of fifty years.

JOHN D. HOOD, who resides in Columbia, Lancaster county, is a native of Lewes, Sussex Co., Del., born July 11, 1859, a son of John N. and Jane O. (Wolfe) Hood, whose four children were born in the following order: Hannah M., on the old homestead at Midway, Del.; Amanda B., also on the homestead; John D., of No. 403 Walnut street, Columbia, Pa.; and Thomas W., salesman for the Ross Brothers, sons of ex-Gov. Ross, at Slaford, Del. These children are all married with the exception of Hannah M.

John N. Hood, whose post office is still at Midway, Sussex Co., Del., is a son of John and Hannah (Greene) Hood, and was born near Lewes, Del., March 2, 1817. Two of his uncles, Dr. William Hood, of North Carolina, and Dr. Stephen Greene, of Laurel, Del., were among the most prominent physicians of their day. Among his living relatives are Hon. Judge Joseph Carey, ex-congressman, and Dr. John Carey, both of Cheyenne, Wyo., and Theodore and Davis Carey, of the well-known publishing firm of Carey Bros. & Grevemyer, in Philadelphia, the Careys being his first cousins. The Hood family and the Wolfe family, with which Mr. Hood is allied by marriage, are two of the oldest and most prominent in the State of Delaware, his grandfather, Robert Hood, a gentleman of wealth and intelligence, having come from Pennsylvania.

John Hood, the eldest son of Robert Hood, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He bought, and for many years resided upon, a large and valuable tract of land lying on the coast near Rehoboth City, Sussex Co., Del. In politics he was a Democrat, and in the war of 1812 he served in the defense of his adopted State as captain of a company of volunteers stationed at Lewes. He married Hannah, daughter of Richard Greene, who came from Rhode Island, and settled on the farm which is now the Hood homestead.

John N. Hood was married, in 1855, to Jane Oliver Wolfe, who was born Sept. 5, 1817, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Ball) Wolfe. The descent

of Mrs. John N. Hood is clearly traced to the Ball family of which the mother of Gen. George Washington was a member. Joshua B. Wolfe, brother of Mrs. John N. Hood, was with Gen. Winfield Scott at the taking of the city of Mexico, and was greatly distinguished for bravery throughout the Mexican war. Mrs. John N. Hood, as well as her husband, was an earnest worker in the Presbyterian Church, and the family has always been influential and distinguished. Mrs. Hood died in 1885, at the age of sixty-eight years, and Mr. Hood is now living in retirement.

John D. Hood, whose name opens this biographical sketch, remained on the home farm until 1881, when he went to Dakota, California and Oregon. He passed five years in the West, and during a part of this period carried on a cattle ranch in Clackamas county, Ore. In 1885 he returned home, passed several months in leisure, and the same year began railroading as fireman, from which position he was promoted to an engineer. In 1887 he was transferred from Philadelphia to Columbia, and this has since been his home.

Mr. Hood was united in marriage at Philadelphia, Oct. 16, 1889, with Mrs. Kate H. Hershey, a native of Columbia, and to this marriage have been born three children, viz.: John V., Marion B. and Harold W. Mrs. Kate H. Hood is a daughter of Christian and Sarah R. (Hinkle) Hershey, and a granddaughter of Christian and Catherine (Brenner) Hershey. She was first married to Amos Hershey, a locomotive engineer, who died March 19, 1882, at the age of thirty-one years. He was born in Lancaster county, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hertzler) Hershey. To this first marriage were born four children, namely: Daisy; Christian, who married Maud Melville, and resides in Philadelphia; Harry and William, both clerks in Columbia. Mr. and Mrs. Hood are members of the First English Lutheran Church, of Columbia. In politics Mr. Hood is a Democrat, and socially is a member of the B. of L. E. and the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Association.

Christian Hershey, deceased father of Mrs. Kate H. Hood, was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Feb. 5, 1824. He married Sarah Rebecca Hinkle, in Columbia, and to this union the following named children were born: Mrs. Kate H. Hood; Harry, of Columbia; William, of whom further mention will be made; Sarah E., wife of Clauston Shertzer, a farmer of Washington borough, Lancaster county; and Anna, who died young. The father of this family was a gentleman of wealth and respectability, and was called away Nov. 10, 1899, his remains being interred in Mount Bethel cemetery.

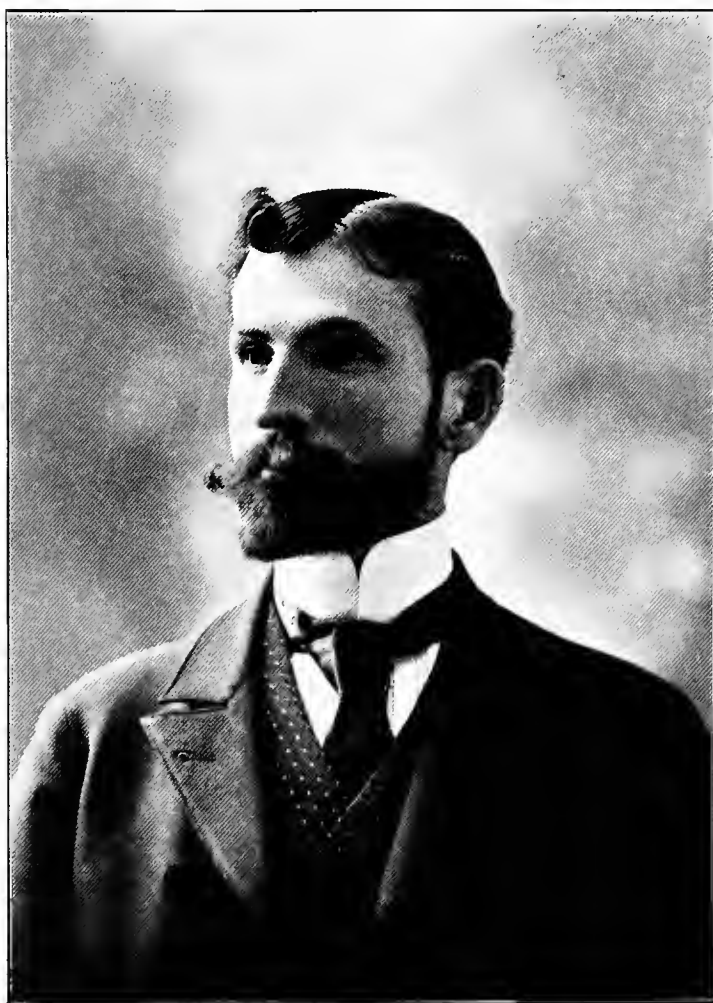
William Hershey, the third child born to Christian and Sarah R. (Hinkle) Hershey, is a native of Columbia, and at the age of twenty-two years began braking for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; a few months later he was made a fireman and filled that position five years, when he was promoted to

engineer, and is now considered as one of the most trusty and faithful in the employ of the company. He is still single. He is a Master Mason, also a member of the Commandery and Chapter, and in politics is a Republican.

KIRK JOHNSON is known in Lancaster as a man who has done more probably than any other citizen of the county toward making it possible for a musical instrument to be placed in every home, however humble, in the city. He was born on his father's farm in New Jersey, June 4, 1861, a son of John W. Johnson, a native of Port Republic, New Jersey.

John W. Johnson is now living retired after years of activity on his farm. He devotes much of his time to the church, in which he has been a class-leader and exhorter for sixty-one years. In politics he is a Republican. His wife, Sarah Adams, of New Gretna, N. J., had six brothers, five of whom became Methodist ministers. To John W. Johnson and his wife were born ten children, as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. B. E. Norris, of Atlantic City, N. J.; William N., superintendent of the American Ice Company, Atlantic City; Bella, Mrs. Kirby, of Atlantic City; Carrie, Mrs. Cramer, of New Gretna, N. J.; Ellwood S., with the American Ice Company; Kirk; Morris L., manager of Kirk Johnson's store at Atlantic City; J. Newton, an attorney in New York City; Virginia May, Mrs. Sommers, of Oceanville, N. J.; and Revilla, deceased. The mother died Jan. 24, 1898.

Kirk Johnson, after trudging across the country six miles to attend district school for a very limited period, was kept at home to help on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time, with no other capital than that probity which his father and his now sainted mother had so deeply implanted in his breast, he started out to brave the world and hew his own future. He succeeded in securing employment with F. A. North & Co., the noted musical dealers of Philadelphia, and was sent to Paterson, N. J., where a branch house was established by the Philadelphia firm. In 1883 Lancaster was made the objective point for the operations of this company, and here Mr. Johnson opened a branch house, conducting it for two years, when he embarked in business for himself. The beginning was modest, but he kept on and persevered until his place of business, No. 24 West King street, became the center of attraction for all lovers of music. He has thirteen employes, and at his branch store in Atlantic City there are nine. During this long residence in the county of his adoption Mr. Johnson has not only proved an educational force in the world of music, but has been equally forcible and beneficial in the public schools of the township in which he resides. His beautiful home is on the Philadelphia turnpike, just outside the city limits, in the upbuilding of which populous section he was a pioneer. The three handsome suburban cottages which he caused to be erected there



Kirk Johnson.

formed the nucleus for a number of handsome homes. And as a recognition of his ability and public spirit the people of Lancaster township elected him to membership on the school board, where he has served for six years, and is still in office. Mr. Johnson has taken a lively interest in the erection of the new school building, which was completed in 1900, and which is now pronounced the finest public school building in Lancaster county. In politics Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and in religious views he is a Methodist, as is also his wife. Socially he belongs to Hershel Lodge, No. 134, I. O. O. F., and he is also a member of the O. U. A. M., and the B. P. O. E. Mr. Johnson has taken a leading position in the community as a man of integrity, public spirit and genial character, and his friends are legion.

In March, 1884, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage with Allan M. Tompkins, who was born in Haddonfield, N. J., a daughter of Andrew and Sallie Jane Tompkins. Five children blessed this union, Orville W., Nelson C., George K., Ruth and Kirk Devon.

FREDERICK SAMUEL ENGLE, of the firm of F. S. Engle & Bro., millers, at Engleside, a southern suburb of Lancaster, has his home at No. 142 South Queen street, in one of the seven elegant dwelling-houses which his father, the late Frederick Engle, built.

Frederick Engle was born July 11, 1835, and died Dec. 19, 1899. He was one of the best known citizens of Lancaster, and did much to aid not only in the material improvement of the city, but in that of the suburbs as well. Having bought the old Greaff hotel property, and much other property about Greaff's Landing, Mr. Engle proceeded to improve it, rebuilding the hotel and equipping it after the fashion of the best city hotels, providing electric lights, call bells, etc. He also planted a grove of young trees, now grown to fine proportions, and making the place one of the most delightful resorts in the section. Mr. Engle received a common-school education, and worked in the cotton mills until seventeen years of age, at which time he was apprenticed to learn the trade of a molder. He went to New Orleans, and for about six months in 1857 worked at his trade in that city, then returning to Lancaster, where he pursued his trade until 1861, when he enlisted in the 10th P. V. I., becoming a member of Company E. He served in the three months call, after which he re-enlisted in Company K, 79th P. V. I. He served three years, and participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged. He was mustered out as sergeant after a four-years' service for his country. During the whole time of the Civil war he was never sick or wounded, and made an excellent soldier. Mr. Engle engaged in the bottling business from 1871 until 1897, from which time he lived retired until his death, in 1899.

Mr. Engle married Elizabeth Suter, daughter of

Rudolph Suter, who years ago kept a shoe store in East King street. Of this union five children were born, three of whom are living, as follows: Catherine, wife of E. H. Rowley; Lewis Hartman, associated with his brother in the flour-mill business; and Frederick Samuel.

Frederick Samuel Engle, who can boast of ancestors who were patriots in the Revolutionary war, was born in Lancaster Sept. 17, 1871. The public schools afforded him facilities for a good education, and when he left the class-room it was to assist his father in the bottling business. On April 1, 1901, Mr. Engle, associated with his brother, Lewis Hartman Engle, took possession of the well-equipped modern gristmill at Engleside which had been their father's, and which became theirs by inheritance. Here they have built up an excellent business, which is constantly on the increase.

Mr. Engle is a member of Lancaster Aerie, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. His name appears on the membership roll of the Reformed Church, and he takes an active interest in religious work. Politically he is an ardent Republican. Liberal in all things, and of genial, kindly nature, Frederick S. Engle is of the type of men to which his father belonged—whole-souled and deservedly popular.

GILBERT SMITH. The Smith family of Dru-more township has long been one highly esteemed in this locality, and one of its most worthy members is Gilbert Smith, of Liberty Square, a prominent farmer of this neighborhood.

Gilbert Smith was born in this township, Oct. 13, 1851, a son of Preston and Hannah (Carter) Smith, deceased. Their ancestry reaches back to both Scotland and Ireland. Preston Smith was a son of Samuel Smith, who reared four of his five children to maturity, Preston, born in 1816, died March 3, 1883; and Howard, Elizabeth and Samuel, all of whom have also passed out of life.

Preston Smith was united in marriage, Feb. 1, 1844, to Hannah Carter, of Martic township, born in 1821, and died Nov. 5, 1894. She was a daughter of Alexander Carter, of Martic township, and she became the devoted mother of eight children: Edwin, born Jan. 28, 1845, died in 1851; Albert, born May 8, 1846, is a farmer of this township, and he married Harriet Martin; Elmyra, born in 1848, died in 1850; Kersey, born in 1849, died in 1850; Gilbert; Oliver, born in 1853, died in 1864; Clarinda, born Sept. 18, 1855, is the wife of J. Martin Ankrim, of this township; and Nora, who was born Oct. 5, 1863, married George H. Brown, of Little Britain, more extended notice of whom is given in his sketch. During life Preston Smith was a well-known citizen, a Republican in his politics, and a Quaker in his religious belief.

Reared in a pious and intelligent home, Gilbert Smith was equipped with good principles when he started out in life for himself, although his means were limited. His education had been acquired in the

common schools, and after leaving his books he started out for himself as a farmer boy. By the exercise of economy, energy and honesty, he gradually accumulated means, until now he owns one of the finest farms of the township, consisting of 118 acres, well cultivated and suitably improved.

On Oct. 8, 1887, Gilbert Smith was married to Elizabeth Rea, of Sadsbury township, a daughter of William and Sarah (Draucker) Rea, of Scotch-Irish and German ancestry. This family was one of the prominent ones in the early settlement of Lancaster county, James Rea, the great-grandfather, a son of an early settler, having located on the farm which is still in the possession of the family. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Horace Rea, born March 11, 1890; and Eugene Carter, born June 13, 1895. Nine children were born to the parents of Mrs. Smith: Amor, a farmer of Bart township; Mary, the wife of Samuel G. Fogle, of this county; Hannah, who resides on the old home place; Philip D., a farmer of this township, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; Adam F., a farmer of Sadsbury township; Sara A., a teacher in the Lancaster county schools; Elizabeth J., born Feb. 27, 1858; S. Emma, single, living at home; and James, who is a teacher in a college, in New York City. William Rea was born March 5, 1811, and died Oct. 14, 1881; his wife was born Aug. 27, 1819, and died Nov. 8, 1889.

While he does not belong to any particular sect, Mr. Smith believes in all moral influences, and follows out in his life the precepts he learned in early years. His wife is a member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church. In politics Mr. Smith is a staunch Republican and has been active in his party because he thoroughly believes in its principles, but he is no seeker for office.

GEORGE BAIR HERSHEY, M. D. Among the prominent and representative citizens of Gap, Pa., is Dr. George Bair Hershey, who is well known in this locality both as a physician and as an educator. He was born Nov. 28, 1872, in Buyerstown, Lancaster county, son of Josiah and Mary Ann (Hershey) Hershey, of Lancaster county.

Dr. Hershey was reared on the farm and remained with his parents until he was seventeen years old. His primary education was obtained in the common schools, and this was supplemented with one session in Parkesburg Academy and one year of student life, 1890-1891, in the Millersville State Normal School. The young man then engaged in teaching, first in Bareville, where he continued one year, and then went to New Milltown, where he taught two years, going thence to Harmony School, at Gap, where, after one year of teaching he organized the Gap Academy. This institution became very popular with Dr. Hershey as principal, and Ralph Yoder, vice-principal. The first year enrolled sixty-seven pupils, and more applied for admission who could not be accommodated. After teaching through

the first two sessions at the Academy, in 1895-1896, Dr. Hershey entered upon the study of medicine, living on the farm with his parents a part of the time. For six months he read under the supervision of Dr. G. W. H. Frew, of Paradise township, and further prepared for entrance to the University of Pennsylvania where he remained four terms, graduating in 1900. During the summer of 1899 Dr. Hershey took a special course of surgical training under the personal supervision of Dr. Joseph Spellissy, at the Pennsylvania Hospital, in Philadelphia. While at college he defrayed his expenses in part by getting out a set of questions on dissecting-room anatomy; by assisting the publisher in the preparation of a manual of Therapeutics, and one on special surgery; and by private tutoring. On Aug. 7th, following his graduation, he located for practice in Gap where he has remained. Dr. Hershey has shown skill and a high order of ability in his profession, and he numbers among his patients many of the leading families of this locality. He has been prominent in Sunday school work, and for one year was local secretary of the Lancaster County Sunday School, and in 1894 was president of the Gap Local Institute. Dr. Hershey belongs to the Old Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican and is one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of Gap.

On Oct. 31, 1900, in Philadelphia, Dr. Hershey was married by Rev. Chas. Mervine, to Miss Anna M. Portner, born in Gap, Pa., daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Simpson) Portner, the former of whom was born in New York City, son of Henry N. and Marie (Haenchen) Portner. Henry N. Portner was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was a son of Conrad Portner, a native of Switzerland, who died in Bavaria. Henry N. Portner died in Philadelphia, in 1870, at the age of forty-five years, and was buried in that city. In 1830, in Zweibruecken, Germany, Henry N. Portner was married to Marie Haenchen, and in 1832 they came to America where Mr. Portner followed the cabinet-making trade in New York City for five years. In 1837 he removed to Philadelphia. He and wife were members of the German Reformed Church. Their children were: Edward, the father of Mrs. Hershey; and Miss Caroline, of Salisbury township.

In 1873 Edward Portner came with his family to Lancaster county and settled on a farm in Salisbury township. He was an artist by profession, and had for a considerable period been proprietor of a dry-goods store, but when his health failed he removed to the country in the hope that the fresh air and change of occupation would enable him to regain it. However, he died in 1883, at the age of fifty years, and was interred in Bellevue cemetery. In 1870, in Philadelphia, Edward Portner was married to Miss Elizabeth Simpson, who still survives and resides on the farm in Salisbury township. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Portner consisted of these well-known members: Marie, who married Howard M. Scott, a farmer near Sadsburyville, Chester Co., Pa.; Ed-

ward J., who is a chemist in Philadelphia; Henry, who is a druggist in Gap; Anna M., the wife of Dr. Hershey; William, who is in the life insurance business in Philadelphia; and Miss Lena, at home.

Dr. and Mrs. Hershey have one child, Margaret Elizabeth, born Jan. 15, 1902.

DAVID L. GARBER, one of the substantial farmers of East Donegal township, was born in this township Aug. 31, 1855, a son of Benjamin and Fianna (Landis) Garber.

Benjamin Garber (or Gerber, as he chose to spell the name) was born in East Donegal township July 11, 1818, and died July 18, 1900, his burial being in Kraybill cemetery. His occupation through life was that of a farmer, and he was a man who took much interest in the affairs of the township, serving most efficiently as supervisor. For twenty-eight years prior to his death, he lived a retired life. He married Fianna Landis, who was born in Manheim township, and who died in October, 1893. Both of these estimable people were members of the Kraybill Church, near which they now rest. The children born to Benjamin and wife were: Israel, Jacob and Barbara, who all died young; Anna, who married Joseph L. Risser, of Mt. Joy township; Benjamin L., a retired farmer on the old homestead in East Donegal township; Fianna, who married Clement K. Brubaker; and David L., of this biography.

The paternal grandparents of David L. Garber were Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Garber, both of whom died on the old farm on which Benjamin now resides. Their children were: Benjamin; Andrew; Barbara, who married John Nissley; Elizabeth, who married Isaac Hershey. All of them have passed away. The maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Anna (Long) Landis, of Lancaster county, and the former was a farmer and miller in Manheim township, where both he and his wife died, having lived Christian lives, as members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Fianna, deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of John Hess, of Manor township; Maria, deceased, the wife of Levi Getz; Fanny, who married Samuel Hess, deceased; Nancy, who married Samuel Hershey, and resides near Strasburg; Amelia, who married Michael Nolt, deceased; Benjamin, a retired farmer of Lancaster; Henry and Isaac, deceased; Israel, unmarried, an inventor, living retired in Chicago, Ill.; and Daniel, deceased, who was a farmer of Manheim township.

David L. Garber remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, employed in agricultural pursuits, and he then took charge of his present farm, which then consisted of 132 acres, to which he has added until now he has under cultivation 154 acres, one of the best farms in this locality. Here Mr. Garber has lived a quiet, industrious life, has voted the Republican ticket and taken a good citizen's interest in public affairs, and has been one of the most highly regarded members of the Mennonite Church.

In October, 1879, Mr. Garber was married to Emma S. Hershey, and two sons have been born to them, Benjamin F. and J. Hoffman. The birth of Mrs. Garber occurred in West Hempfield township, Sept. 26, 1855. Her parents were J. Hoffman and Barbara (Brenneman) Hershey, natives of West Hempfield and of Manor townships, respectively. For many years Mr. Hershey was one of the most prominent farmers of West Hempfield township, and accumulated substance; in middle life he was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of Manheim, and became its cashier, so continuing until his health failed and he retired from business cares. He survived for twenty years, beloved and esteemed by all. His interest in educational matters was marked, and he served as school director and did much for his locality. His lamented death occurred in West Hempfield township, near Salunga, April 11, 1896, and his remains were reverently interred in the cemetery in Landisville. His presence was missed from the Mennonite Church, where his place was seldom vacant. The mother, who was born Nov. 3, 1824, resides on the old home place.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey numbered ten children: Frances, who married Harry M. Mayer, surveyor and conveyancer, and also farmer, of Rohrerstown; Rebecca A., who married Hebron Herr, a retired farmer of Lancaster; Simon A., who resides with his mother; Amos B., who married Rebecca Bones, and died in 1897; Emma S.; Mary E., who married Frank M. Herr, a retired farmer and Mennonite preacher, of West Lampeter township; Martha J., who married Cyrus G. Fry, a farmer of Rapho township; Barbara A., deceased, who married Levi K. Brubaker, a retired farmer of Lititz; J. Hoffman, who died in 1886; and Abraham, who died young.

ENOS B. WEAVER. One of the prominent general farmers and truckers of Upper Leacock township is Enos B. Weaver, who is a native of East Lampeter township, where he was born Dec. 13, 1865, a son of Aaron and Susannah (Houser) Weaver, natives of West Lampeter township.

Aaron Weaver remained in West Lampeter where he was born in 1840, until in the spring of 1864, when he moved to East Lampeter, where he remained until the death of his wife, Sept. 9, 1895, at the age of fifty-four. He then retired and moved to Lancaster. Both he and his wife were long connected with the Mennonite Church. The children born to them were: Enos B., of this sketch; Jacob, who conducts a greenhouse on the old homestead; Lizzie, who married Ephraim H. Stoner, a farmer of Strasburg township; Harry, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Fanny, who married Christ M. Brubaker, a farmer of East Lampeter; Ida, who married Amos R. Landis, of East Lampeter; Anna, who resides with the above named sister; Mary, who resides with her sister, Mrs. Brubaker; and Ella, who lives with her sister, Mrs. Stoner.

After he reached his majority our subject, Enos B. Weaver, went to Oregon, Pa., where he operated a greenhouse, raising flowers and early vegetables for the market, remaining there for two years and then coming to his present location in the spring of 1901. While in Oregon our subject met the estimable and intelligent lady who, in May, 1899, became his wife—Miss Susan S. Shank—and to this union one daughter, Mary S., has been born. Mrs. Weaver was born in Pequea township, this county, a daughter of Jacob R. and Mary S. (Stoner) Shank, the former of whom was born in 1828, and the latter in 1832. Mr. Shank is a retired farmer and both he and wife belong to the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Jacob S., on the old homestead; Mary S., deceased; John S., a hardware clerk in Lancaster; Susan S., the wife of Mr. Weaver. The paternal grandfather was John Shank, of Lancaster county, who was thrice married; the grandmother of Mrs. Weaver was, in her maidenhood, Miss Rush.

Mrs. Weaver began teaching school at the age of seventeen, being so engaged at the time of her marriage; she is a lady of taste, education and refinement. In politics Mr. Weaver is an ardent Republican, and both he and wife are valued members of the Mennonite Church, and highly respected through the neighborhood.

WALTER BAER WEIDLER, M. D., is now located at No. 128 North Duke street, Lancaster, in the offices that for forty-three years were occupied by the late Dr. J. Aug. Ehler.

In the paternal line Dr. Weidler comes from a very old Lancaster county family, his grandfather, Henry Weidler, having been a farmer of Mechanicsburg.

Prof. H. C. Weidler, son of Henry, is the widely known and popular educator, who has graduated so many hundreds from his business college. He married Mary Ann Baer, daughter of William Baer, a farmer of Intercourse, and this union was blessed with the following named children: Alice, wife of Clarence A. Krouse, general manager of the American Fire Insurance Company, Philadelphia; Milton Baer, a clerk in New York City; and Dr. Walter B., of Lancaster.

Mrs. Mary Ann (Baer) Weidler is descended from Conrad Rutter, who went to England from Prussia in 1683, and then emigrated to America, making the voyage to this country in company with Francis Daniel Pastorius, in the ship "America," which landed at Philadelphia Aug. 20, 1683. He was of the original thirteen families who laid out Germantown on Oct. 12, 1683. After some time in Germantown Conrad Rutter located in what is now known as Pittston, where he remained until, in 1716, he came to this county, settling in Leacock. He took up 588 acres of land on a grant from William Penn, and this land was afterward divided among his three sons, one of whom, Joseph, was Dr. Weidler's great-great-grandfather, and whose eldest son, Henry,

married Elizabeth Schultze, first cousin of Gov. Schultze, of Pennsylvania. As early as 1729 Conrad Rutter helped found the first Episcopal Church in the eastern part of Lancaster county; and Joseph Rutter, from whom Dr. Weidler is descended, built one of the first schoolhouses in Leacock township.

Walter Baer Weidler, M. D., was born in Mechanicsburg Oct. 14, 1873, and after attending the public schools of his district came to Lancaster, and was graduated from his father's business college, where, for two years after graduation, he was assistant instructor. In October, 1894, he began the study of medicine, in the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in June, 1898. After spending eight months as house surgeon in the Philadelphia Home for the Incurables, and one and one-half years as house surgeon in the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Dr. Weidler went to Europe, where he took up the special study of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, pursuing his studies for six months in Vienna, two months in Berlin, and four months in London, returning to his old home in Lancaster on July 9, 1901.

B. FRANK HEISE, general farmer and proprietor of Heise's Locust Grove Dairy, a farm comprising 132 acres and located in West Hempfield township, one mile east of Columbia, was born on this tract Feb. 17, 1845, a son of Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise.

Harry Heise was born on the present homestead, and Mrs. Hannah Heise was born in Marietta, in the same township. The father died in February, 1862, when fifty-eight years old, and the mother died in Columbia, aged sixty-five years, in December, 1877, having resided in that city for seven years prior to her death, and in that city the remains of both parents rest side by side. To Harry and Hannah (Heidler) Heise were born seven children, viz.: Harry, who was chief burgess of Columbia, and was killed on the electric railway Aug. 9, 1896; Elizabeth, wife of Jonas H. Nolt, a farmer of West Hempfield township; William, who died young; B. Frank, whose name opens this article; Anna M., who died when fourteen years old; Salinda H., widow of John Wilmot, of Washington, D. C.; and Sally, deceased wife of Jacob P. Agnew.

B. Frank Heise lived until 1854 on that part of the home farm which he at present occupies, and then moved with his parents to another part of the premises, where he remained until 1867, and then returned to his present home. On Dec. 5, 1867, he was married in Reading, Pa., to Miss Fanny Swarr, and to them have been born four children, viz.: Emma, wife of William F. Yohn, of West Hempfield township; Harry, at home; Edward, a traveling salesman, who was suffocated in the disaster at the Park Avenue Hotel, New York, Feb. 21, 1902, when twenty-six years old; and Ella, wife of Howard Smoker, a drugist of Mt. Joy.

Mrs. Fanny (Swarr) Heise was born in East

Hempfield township, a daughter of John and Susan (Frick) Swarr, the former of whom was a school director in East Hempfield, was a farmer by vocation, and for many years prior to his death led a retired life. He died in the Mennonite faith, and his remains were interred in East Petersburg. To John and Susan Swarr were born nine children, namely: Aaron, deceased; Benjamin, a retired farmer of East Hempfield township; Eliza, widow of Henry Hershey, of the same township; Mary A., of Landisville; Susan, widow of Christian Hershey, also of Landisville; Mattie, wife of Daniel Forrey, a farmer at Millersville; Sarah, who married H. G. Bowers, of East Hempfield township; Barbara, wife of Christ Miller, a retired hotel man, of Neffsville; and Fanny, Mrs. Heise.

B. Frank Heise is one of the most progressive, as well as one of the most prominent and popular men of his township. In politics a Republican, he has been auditor of his township for the past seven years, and a school director for six years; was a director of the Columbia Wagon Works for several years; and in 1901 was elected a director of the Central National Bank, of Columbia. As a farmer he has but few equals in the county. Since 1865 the grove on the farm, known as Heise's picnic grounds, has been used as pleasure grounds, having been prepared for that purpose by Mr. Heise, who has erected pavilions, etc., on the premises. The grounds are known all over this part of Lancaster county as the popular resort of the section. Fraternally Mr. Heise is a Freemason, and a Heptasoph, and socially he and his family stand high in the esteem of the community, in which they have so long lived.

JACOB DENLINGER, an old and prominent farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he is highly respected and esteemed for his many manly and honorable qualities, was born in Paradise township, Oct. 30, 1849, a son of John and Mary (Brubaker) Denlinger, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John Denlinger died in Paradise township, Feb. 5, 1892, at the age of seventy-seven years, eleven months and twenty-two days; his widow passed to her rest Sept. 12, 1893, at the age of seventy-seven years, nine months and eighteen days. John Denlinger was a man of considerable prominence in his active days, and held public position, being both school director and supervisor. The remains of both him and his wife rest in the cemetery connected with the Hershey Church in Salisbury township. They were the parents of the following children: Barbara had her home in Paradise township until her death, June 19, 1902, when she was aged sixty-six years, one month and twenty-five days; Samuel B. is a retired farmer in Paradise township; Lizzie is the widow of Elias Leaman, and resides in Leacock township; Elias is a resident of Salisbury township; Simon married Anna M. Leaman, since deceased, and resides in Leacock township; Mary married H.

E. Musser; Jacob is a farmer of Leacock township; Esaias is a farmer of Paradise township; John is living retired in Paradise township, and is unmarried; Tobias married Lizzie Eby, and died in 1898, at the age of forty-three; Christie Ann is the wife of Henry Hershey; and Evaline married A. H. Hostetter, an implement merchant of Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Denlinger was married Nov. 24, 1874, in Gap, Pa., to Susannah Eby, by whom he has had the following children: Henry E., who was married Nov. 12, 1902, to Amy Groff, of Upper Leacock township; Lizzie M.; John M.; Jacob P.; Willis B.; Tobias S.

Mrs. Jacob Denlinger was born in Salisbury township, Nov. 12, 1852, a daughter of Peter and Magdalina (Musser) Eby, born in Salisbury and Earl townships, respectively. Her father, who is a farmer in Salisbury township, was born in 1824, a son of Henry and Susannah (Sensenig) Eby, of Lancaster county. Her mother, who was a daughter of Henry and Anna (Martin) Musser, of Lancaster county, died in 1864, at the age of thirty-three. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and were the parents of the following family: Menna S. died at the age of eighteen years; Anna died when three years old; John is a farmer in Earl township; Elizabeth is the widow of Tobias Denlinger; Magdelina married Israel Hershey, of Paradise township; and Mary married Samuel Sechrist, a farmer in East Lampeter township.

Jacob Denlinger remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on a farm in East Hempfield township, which he was engaged in cultivating some six years. At the end of that period he removed to his present home place, which comprises some ninety acres, in a fine state of tillage. He also owns another farm, and is well off. Both he and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church, of which he is a trustee at the present time. In politics he is a Republican, and holds an enviable place in the estimation of his neighbors, who know him well, and speak highly of his honest character, industrious habits, and genial disposition.

DANIEL D. GRAUL, one of the best known citizens of the town of Penryn, Pa., traces his ancestry back to Germany, his great-grandfather having come to America from that country.

John Graul, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, and spent his whole life there, for many years working as a laborer in the Reading car repair shops. By trade he was an excellent brickmaker. His marriage was to Anna Prince, and their children, five sons and five daughters, were: Daniel, in the brick business; William, also engaged in the brick business; Henry, a hatter, in Reading; Frederick, a carpenter in car shops, who became the father of Daniel D.; John, a laborer; Emma, the wife of William Nachtrieb; Hettie, the wife of Geat Weidner; Susan, the wife of William Achenbach; Catherine, who died single; and Caroline, who married William Gundry.

Frederick Gaul, son of John, was born in Berks county, in 1839. In early life he learned the carpenter trade and followed this until his death, Jan. 26, 1866. His marriage was to Sophia Greider, and they had a family of four children: Harry, who is associated with Daniel D., in his work; Joseph, who is a boss baker, and is employed at the State Asylum at Wernersville, Berks Co., Pa.; Grant L., who is a cigarmaker of Reading; and Daniel, of this sketch.

Daniel D. Gaul was born in Reading, Pa., Jan. 18, 1862, and was left without a father's care at the early age of five years. Until he was ten years old he went to school, and then went to work in an endeavor to add to the family resources, in the Jacksons Rope Works, at Reading, where he remained until his mother moved with her little family to Lititz, Lancaster county. Here the ambitious and industrious lad soon obtained employment in the Lititz brickyard where he remained for four years, after this going to learn the baker's trade with William Bollinger, remaining for four years, thoroughly learning this business also. For six years Mr. Gaul worked as a journeyman, and in 1887 started into business for himself at Penryn, and so well has he succeeded that he has remained ever since in this pleasant village. By close and careful attention to his business, he has built up a large and constantly increasing trade, his wares taking the place of others previously put upon the market, and relieving many of the cares of the modern housewife.

Mr. Gaul was married to Miss Emma Eaby, a daughter of Henry and Anna Eaby. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., No. 657, of Manheim, and the K. of P., No. 253, of Lititz. Mr. Gaul is one of the progressive young business men of this neighborhood, and has won his place in the business world by his own efforts, possessing now not only a fine patronage in his chosen line, but also the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BARNETT, of Fairfield Village Green, is a most worthy citizen of Drumore township, where he carries on a successful blacksmith business. He was born in this township July 6, 1857, a son of James and Emily (Ritchie) Barnett; also natives of this township, and of Scotch-Irish ancestry.

James Barnett, the father, reared twelve children, but only six of these grew to maturity: Joseph, a blacksmith of Chestnut Level, married Harriet Shank; James, a railroad conductor, married Margaret Brown, and lives in Renova, Clinton Co., Pa.; Charles, a resident of Conowingo, Md.; Mary, the wife of Clark Bishop, of Chestnut Level; Louisa, of Drumore township; and Benjamin Franklin, of this sketch. James Barnett was born in 1820 and spent his life as a farmer, was prominent in the Methodist Church, and was a Democrat in his political belief. His widow still survives, living in Centerville, Pa., in her seventy-sixth year.

The successful business career of Mr. Barnett

should be an inspiration to others who are obliged to submit to the disadvantages of limited means in youth. At the age of fourteen years he went into the blacksmith shop belonging to Mr. Hensel, and remained there for three years, or until he had mastered every detail of this business. Then, without a dollar, he started out courageously for himself, and established a shop in Fairfield, where, by energy, economy and industry, he has earned a most comfortable home and shop, and all the expensive tools necessary to his trade.

Mr. Barnett was united in marriage on April 6, 1883, to Sarah L. Brown, of Drumore township, born Feb. 13, 1855, a daughter of John S. and Sarah (Hellam) Brown, of Eden township. Mr. and Mrs. Brown reared a family of five children: Margaret, who married James Barnett, she now being deceased; Clara, who married Aldus Rineer, of Lancaster; Sarah L., the wife of our subject; William, deceased; and John, of Lancaster. A commingling of English, Scotch and Irish blood was in the Brown ancestry. Both parents have passed away. The two children born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnett are: Scott B., born Nov. 24, 1885; and Elsie, born Feb. 27, 1888, both bright and beautiful, as well as intelligent, children.

Mr. Barnett has been a life-long Democrat, while in religious connection both he and wife attend, and most heartily support, the Methodist Church. Mrs. Barnett has assisted her husband by her housewifely skill, and is much esteemed in the neighborhood. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F., where he is valued. Perhaps no family in the village enjoys more thoroughly the high esteem of the community than does that of Benjamin Franklin Barnett.

JOSEPH G. RANKIN, one of the leading and substantial men of Martic township, who has been prominently identified with its agricultural interests for a number of years, was born Oct. 17, 1842, in Conestoga township, this county, son of Samuel and Catherine (Goodman) Rankin.

Samuel Rankin, the father, was a son of ——— Rankin, whose father was one of six brothers of the name who came to America from Ireland, about 130 years ago. Their descendants have become widely scattered, and many of the name have been prominent in various walks of life. Samuel Rankin was also born in Conestoga township, carried on farming and married Catherine Goodman. They had these children born to them: Samuel; Jacob; Annie; Mary, the wife of Abraham Good; Frederick; Daniel; and Joseph G., of this sketch. Samuel Rankin belonged to the Mennonite Church and was a highly respected man.

Joseph G. Rankin was reared on a farm, and obtained his education in the public schools of his district. He proved his loyalty to his country by enlisting in her service in 1864, entering the 203d P. V. I., and participating in a number of severely contested battles, being honorably discharged in July,

1865, with an excellent record. Mr. Rankin has been very successful in carrying out his enterprises. Although he began life for himself with limited means, his industry and business ability have resulted in a very substantial standing in his community. Mr. Rankin owns a fine farm of eighty-eight acres of well improved land, a handsome brick dwelling, and also one of the best paying lime quarries in the township. He has been engaged in the lime business quite extensively.

On Sept. 15, 1873, Mr. Rankin married Miss Elizabeth Eshleman, and a family of fourteen children was born to them, ten of these still surviving: Samuel E.; Susan; Jacob; Henry; Martin; Mary E.; Joseph; Edward; Chester; and George. Catherine, Eli, Lydia and William died young. Mrs. Rankin was born in 1854, and was one of a family of twelve children, the nine survivors being: Martin, Daniel, Elizabeth, Jacob, Susan, George, Eli, Lydia and Mary.

Mr. Rankin is not only an excellent farmer, but he is also a progressive and useful citizen. In 1897 he was elected school director, and still serves, doing all in his power to advance educational matters in his district. He belongs to the Old Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Rankin is regarded as one of the leading citizens of the township and is known to be a kind neighbor, and a man who looks well after the welfare of his family and community.

B. BARTON WITMER, a general merchant of Quarryville, was born May 10, 1861, son of Benjamin and Lydia (Lefever) Witmer.

Benjamin Witmer was born near Quarryville, in Bart township, in 1835, and his wife was born in 1839, and was the daughter of Daniel and Lizzie Lefever, a prominent family, of Lancaster county. Benjamin was the son of David and Elizabeth (Macumpsey) Witmer. David Witmer's first wife was Hannah Hastings, who died soon after marriage, leaving one daughter, Elizabeth A., who is still living and is the wife of Adam Mowrer, of Quarryville. David's second wife bore him eleven children, of whom, Benjamin, father of our subject, grew to manhood and was educated in Lancaster county. When a young man he was engaged in general merchandising in Quarryville, his being the first store in this section of the county. He remained in this business until after the death of his wife, who left eight children. He then removed to Colerain township, where he entered the business of tobacco buying and shipping in large quantities, to Eastern markets. Mr. Witmer engaged in this occupation until a short time prior to his death. He was widely and favorably known for his integrity and good business qualities. He made many friends and very few enemies. The family left are as follows: Franklin, deceased, was born in Quarryville, in 1856, and married Miss Ella Reese, of Quarryville; he worked at his trade of cabinet-maker during life, and died, in 1898, leaving a

wife but no children. Jennie was born in 1858, and is the widow of Witmer Lefever, deceased, who resided in Lancaster city; they had two sons, Ross and William. B. Barton was the next child. Ella was a twin sister to our subject, and is the wife of Edward Gaston, who resides in York City, Pa., and has a family of three children, as follows: Robert, Hyat and Guy. Amy was born in June, 1868, and is the widow of Miller Smith, of Philadelphia, in which city she resides with her three children, Roy, Clara and Pascal. George was born in 1870, grew up and married a lady of New York, in which city they now reside. Ettie was born in 1872, and is the wife of Herbert Adams of Lancaster; she has one daughter, Leafy. Charles was born in 1875, and married Etta Helm, and they reside in Georgetown, where he is engaged in business; they have one daughter, Leta.

B. Barton Witmer was educated in the schools of Lancaster county, and, when a boy of sixteen years, he commenced work as a journeyman miller, working at that trade for seven years. In December, 1882, he married Miss Katie Anderson, of Lancaster county, and daughter of Robert and Sarah Anderson, old settlers of Lancaster, who were born in Ireland, and moved to this country fifty years ago. Mrs. Witmer was born in Lancaster county in 1863. After marriage Mr. Witmer lived on a farm near Drumore for four years. In 1887 he engaged in a small way as a general merchant and in the produce business, and from a small beginning he has become one of the leading dealers in the place, carrying a large stock of goods. In 1894 he built himself a fine brick house, modern in every respect. From a poor boy Mr. Witmer has become a man of importance in his community. He is well-to-do and prosperous in all his undertakings. He has two children: Sadie O., born Aug. 22, 1884, is a graduate of the High School and a bright young lady; Chester A., born Aug. 22, 1887, is a student in the home schools. In politics Mr. Witmer has always been identified with the Democratic party. He and his family are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Witmer is a popular man in his town, and well thought of by all who know him.

PHARES K. LANDIS owns and operates a threshing machine in West Donegal township, where he is also engaged in general farming on the old parental homestead. He was born near Neffsville, Lancaster county, July 15, 1865, son of John F. and Magdelina (Keller) Landis, whose personal history forms the subject of an interesting sketch elsewhere.

Phares K. Landis was married Nov. 30, 1886, at the home of the bride in West Donegal township, to Lizzie L. Heisey. This union has been blessed with two children: Simon H., born July 19, 1889; and Lizzie H., born Sept. 12, 1892. Mrs. Lizzie L. Landis was born in West Donegal township, and is a sister of W. L. Heisey, of that township. Her parents, Jacob W. Heisey and Fanny Longenecker,

were married in Lancaster, in 1868, by Rev. J. J. Strine; her father lived to be almost ninety years of age.

Phares K. Landis spent his childhood and youth with his parents, and was afforded such educational privileges as their circumstances permitted. An alert and keen-eyed business man, he has made his way in the world, and holds a good position in the judgment of the public. In the spring of 1887 he began cultivating the parental homestead on his own responsibility. For the last twelve years he has operated two steam threshers with marked success. Mr. Landis is a member of the Mennonite Church. He takes no part in political affairs.

ABRAHAM L. LEAMAN, manufacturer of umbrellas and umbrella handles, ex-manufacturer of paints, and owner of one of the finest farms in East Lampeter township, was born in East Lampeter Feb. 16, 1853, and has been a resident of Lancaster since 1889.

Joseph and Mary (Landis) Leaman, his parents, were farming people during their active lives, in Lampeter. They were born Jan. 14, 1828, and Feb. 1, 1825, and died Oct. 8, 1857, and March 31, 1860, respectively. To them were born the following children: Lydia, who died at the age of eighteen; Mary A., who died at the age of nineteen; Benjamin F., who died when twenty-eight years of age; Abraham L.; and Joseph, a retired farmer and ex-merchant of Lancaster. The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Barbara Leaman, and the maternal grandparents were Abraham and Barbara Landis. Both of Mr. Leaman's grandfathers devoted their lives to farming and stockraising, the latter living on the well-known Landis farm, which has furnished a livelihood to so many bearing the name. The family of Landis is supposed to have originated in Switzerland; at least several generations of the family lived among the mountains and valleys of that country.

The youth of Abraham L. Leaman was spent in a manner not unlike that of the average farm reared boy, yet he was more ambitious than many, and when his duty to the family and home interests terminated when he became of age, he started out on a tour of inspection through Ohio, Missouri and Illinois. Finding no locality that offered inducements superior to his native surroundings, he returned to East Lampeter, and purchased what was known as the Evergreen Dairy Farm, of forty-seven acres, advantageously located on the Conestoga river, within easy access of the city, and now under a high state of cultivation—a vast improvement over its state at the time of purchase, at which time the price was \$300 per acre. There is a two and a half story brick house, besides the other well constructed buildings on the farm, and the implements and general appurtenances are of the most advanced kind to be found on the market.

After leaving the active management of his farm to other parties, Mr. Leaman engaged in the manu-

facture of paint, conducting the Lancaster Paint Works in partnership with D. L. Harnish, in Lancaster, their factory being located at No. 338 North Charlotte street, the store on Center Square, in the old New Era building, formerly the old "Swan Hotel." Mr. Leaman continued thus until October, 1900, when he disposed of the business to S. M. Boyd & Co. He then retired until April, 1902, when he started a manufactory for umbrellas and umbrella handles, with a capital stock of \$12,000. This enterprise bids fair to meet with the success which has been characteristic of all Mr. Leaman's business efforts, which have placed him in a substantial position in the community of Lancaster. He was a charter member of the Lancaster Board of Trade, and of the Land & Development Company.

In October, 1881, Mr. Leaman married Anna Rohrer, daughter of Peter and Mary (Wissler) Rohrer, the former a farmer during his active life. He died in March, 1900, at the age of seventy-two, and Mrs. Rohrer, who was born in Clay township in 1836, is now living in Petersburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer had the following named children: Anna, Mrs. Leaman; Barbara E., wife of Edward Houser, of York, Pa.; Jacob W., a retired farmer of Petersburg; and P. Bachman, a farmer of East Petersburg. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Leaman were Jacob and Mary (Bachman) Rohrer, the former of whom was a veterinary surgeon known for miles around his home; and her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara Wissler, the former a farmer of Clay township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Leaman have six children: Mary R., born Dec. 17, 1882; Benjamin Franklin, Dec. 30, 1884; Ada R., Feb. 5, 1887; Anabel R., Sept. 5, 1893; Barbara N., Nov. 5, 1897; and Theodore Roosevelt, Dec. 2, 1901. Mr. Leaman and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is progressive and public-spirited, and takes a keen interest in many affairs outside his direct business. He has the faculty of making and keeping friends, and the advantage of a ready sympathy with all with whom he comes in contact. In political sympathy he is a Republican, but he is no office seeker.

B. WILLIS DENLINGER, who was born Feb. 10, 1867, on the farm in East Lampeter township where he now resides, is one of the younger agriculturists of his section of the county, but is rapidly working his way to the front as a progressive and thrifty man, fully awake to all the requisites of those who would be successful in his line.

Jacob Denlinger, the grandfather of B. Willis, was also a native of Lancaster county. He was a carpenter and builder by trade, but in the latter part of his life followed farming, in East Lampeter. He was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. He married Miss Mary Landis, and they were the parents of seven children, namely: Anna, deceased, wife of David Weaver; Martha, wife of Joseph Swartley, of Ohio; John L., deceased; Benjamin L.,



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deceased, who is mentioned below; Jacob, of Ohio; David, of Salunga, Pa.; and Mary, deceased wife of George Wisler.

Benjamin L. Denlinger was born in East Lampeter July 4, 1826. He lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age, in his youth attending the common schools, and began life for himself at farming, continuing same until he retired, in 1881. He died Sept. 26, 1894. Mr. Denlinger married Miss Catharine Harnish, who died Aug. 13, 1901. They became the parents of six children, namely: Susanna, who died in childhood; Jacob H., of East Lampeter; Lettie L., wife of Albert Rowland; Annie C., wife of Amos Hosteter; Mary E., wife of Jacob Weaver; and B. Willis. The parents were both members of the New Mennonite Church.

B. Willis Denlinger remained at home up to the time of his father's death, after which he purchased the old homestead place, and has followed farming almost exclusively. He was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county, and is a credit to the community in which his life has been passed, and to the honorable family to which he belongs. On Dec. 10, 1895, Mr. Denlinger wedded Miss Mary K. Keller, daughter of Isaac Keller, of Lancaster county. This union has been blessed with one child, a daughter, Lettie M.

EDGAR HERR LEVAN, of No. 56 North Duke street, Lancaster, comes from very old Pennsylvania families in both paternal and maternal lines.

The progenitors of this branch of the Levans were three brothers, who came from France to America at the time of the great exodus of French Huguenots on account of religious persecution. These three brothers settled in Berks county, Pa., and from one of them Edgar H. Levan is descended. His grandfather, Isaac Newton Levan, was a hatter, and was the organizer and president of all the building associations of Reading. Edgar M. Levan, our subject's father, was born in Clarkson, Columbiana Co., Ohio, in what was known as the "Western Reserve," on Dec. 25, 1850, was admitted to the Berks county Bar in 1872, and at thirty-three years of age was nominated by the Democrats for district attorney of Berks county. His death, in August, 1890, in the fortieth year of his age, resulted from a railway accident. He was married Dec. 25, 1874, to Miss Ann Elizabeth Herr, sister of Col. D. H. Herr, the widely known patent attorney, who is a lineal descendant of Hans Herr, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania contemporaneously with William Penn. One child was born to Edgar M. and Ann Elizabeth (Herr) Levan, Edgar Herr.

Edgar H. Levan was born in Reading, Pa., Nov. 19, 1877. After studying in private schools in his native city he came to Lancaster, where he was graduated from the Boys' High School in 1893, taking the third honor. He graduated from the York Collegiate Institute in 1894, and from Franklin and Marshall College in 1898. Some time after

his graduation from college Mr. Levan entered as a student at law with C. Reese Eaby, Esq., but gave up his studies to accept a position with the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa. While at Franklin and Marshall College he took an active interest in the College Glee Club, and was its leader for one year. He is a fine pianist and organist, and was for two and a half years organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster. Socially Mr. Levan is a member of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and religiously he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. The son of a brilliant father, and coming from a sturdy race on his mother's side, his future is certainly full of promise.

MICHAEL F. GABLE. At the tender age of three years Michael F. Gable, now one of the well-known, substantial citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, crossed the ocean with his parents from Germany—their native land—to seek in America the good fortune, which common report had ascribed to citizens of the New World. These parents were Michael and Margaret (Flat) Gable and the long journey was made in the year 1851. The father settled at once on Chestnut Hill, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and there passed the remainder of his years, living the life of the industrious vicinity, finding the occupation which brought comparative comfort and ease. He died in 1869, aged seventy years, and his faithful wife passed away in June, 1897, aged seventy-seven years. They were buried in the Catholic cemetery at Columbia. To Michael and Margaret Gable were born the following children: John, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Michael F.; Peter, who died in India; Margaret, wife of Henry Rearick, of West Hempfield township; Barbara, deceased; Mary, wife of Joseph Fonwall, a merchant of Harrisburg; Adam, who died young; and Elizabeth, deceased.

Michael F. Gable was born in Germany Nov. 2, 1847. He was reared in West Hempfield, receiving a good common-school education, but at the age of fifteen he began life in earnest by working on the banks, and on the surrounding farms. He remained at the home of his parents until he was twenty-five years of age.

On Oct. 14, 1873, in Lancaster, Michael F. Gable married Miss Clara E. Johns, who was born in Lancaster township, Nov. 9, 1855, daughter of Eli and Sarah (Goodwin) Johns, granddaughter of John and Eva Johns (natives of Germany and Lancaster county, respectively), and granddaughter on her maternal side of John and Amelia Goodwin, who were old residents of Lancaster county. Eli Johns, her father, fills a soldier's grave, dying in 1864, at the age of thirty-five years, while serving in a Pennsylvania regiment in the Civil war. His widow, who was born in 1831, still survives, a resident of Lancaster county; she is a member of the Mennonite Church.

The family of Eli and Sarah Johns consisted of the following children: Clara E., wife of Michael F. Gable; Elvina, wife of Abiah Wiker, a stone cutter of Witmer; John, who resides with his mother at Milton; Mary, at home; and Sadie, wife of George Brenner, a cigarmaker of Lancaster.

To Michael F. and Clara E. Gable were born a family of eight children, namely: Henry, Sarah A., Michael, Emma, Margaret, Flora, John and Charles. All are at home except Sarah A., the eldest daughter, who has married Daniel Dietz, a tanner, and lives in West Hempfield township.

After his marriage Michael F. Gable spent twelve years on the farm of Abra Mellinger in Manor township. He then moved to his present farm of twenty-eight acres in West Hempfield township, which he purchased in 1892 from Casper Teller, and he has since resided there, engaging in general farming, and by his good judgment and persistent effort winning a creditable success. In politics he is a Democrat. In public affairs he is a careful and patriotic citizen, and his many friends and acquaintances hold him in high respect and esteem.

JACOB DURWARD FOX, the proprietor and owner of the "Eagle Hotel" at Lampeter Square, West Lampeter township, was born near Steelville, in Sadsbury township, Oct. 12, 1858, a son of William and Eliza Lucretia (Williams) Fox. His father died in 1873, at the age of sixty-one years. In early life he was engaged in the butchering business, and was in the mercantile business in Atglen, Chester county, and also at Daleville, in the same county, for a number of years. He sold the store in his later days, and bought a farm of 144 acres near Steelville, which was known as the Gen. Steel farm, and here he lived and died. William Fox was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Kane, and two of her children are now living, Sarah J., the wife of David Siner, of Atglen; and Anna Margaret, the wife of James Philips, of Axford, Chester county. The second Mrs. Fox was Eliza Lucretia Williams, a native of Russellville, Chester county. She is still living at the age of sixty-three years, and is the mother of the following family: Jacob Durward, whose name introduces this article; Samuel Owen, a resident of Foggs Manor, who married Katie McMullen, and is a hard-working and trustworthy man; William Bernard, an engineer of Philadelphia, who married Miss Alice Mahoney; Mahlon George, a farmer, who remains on the old farm, and is married to Miss Adaline Bitter; Phoebe Ella, wife of Henry Eckman, of Daleville, Chester county; and Mary Louisa, wife of Dennis Mahoney, a farmer of Steelville.

Jacob D. Fox was reared on the farm, and had his education in the public schools, and in Chestnut Hill Academy. When he was but a lad of fourteen years of age, he lost his father, and by virtue of the fact that he was the oldest boy, he was called upon to take the lead in the affairs of the farm, and his mother soon put its management into his hands, where it re-

mained. The young man spent a year in Ohio after he had attained his majority, and in 1880 he was married, locating in Steelville, and operating the farm on shares for a year. At the end of that time he established himself on a farm in Bart township, Lancaster county, where he rented a place of ninety acres. This he farmed for a year, and then returned to the home place, remaining until 1893, when he established himself on the Robert Sampson place in Colerain township. The following year Mr. Fox came to West Lampeter, and rented the hotel, which he has since conducted, and his management of which has shown great adaptability. He is a genial and companionable character, makes friends readily, is attentive and courteous to all his patrons, and has won a large circle of personal friends throughout this part of Lancaster county. In December, 1900, he was able to purchase the hotel at a good figure, and is rapidly becoming a successful and well-to-do citizen of the town.

Mr. Fox was married Oct. 27, 1880, to Miss Abbie Ann Bush, who was born May 23, 1860, a daughter of Henry and Sarah Bush, and they have become the parents of the following children: William Henry, born May 15, 1882; Ada Lucretia, born Aug. 21, 1886; and Mary Elizabeth, born July 7, 1889. Mr. Fox is a Democrat, and belongs to the Knights of the Mystic Chain.

DEACON HENRY D. HELLER. Many of the old and prominent families of Lancaster county have occupied the same lands for generations, and have established for themselves reputations for uprightness of life and prosperity in business which are synonyms for their names. Such is the case with the Heller family, of which Deacon Henry D. Heller is a worthy representative.

John Heller, his grandfather, a well-remembered prosperous farmer and large landowner, resided upon the farm which has passed into the possession of the heirs of the late Isaac D. Heller, his grandson. To John Heller and wife were born: John, the father of Deacon Heller; Peter, who lost his life through an accident, at the age of seventeen; Elizabeth, who was twice married, first to a Mr. Rohrer, the second time to Benjamin Leaman; Fanny, who married Abram Brubaker; Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Longenecker; and Mrs. Leaman.

John Heller, Jr., was born Nov. 4, 1808, and through an active life of over fifty years, made a lasting impress upon his family and neighborhood. Of more than usual intelligence, he embraced every educational advantage offered at that time in his locality, and he was always an ardent advocate for higher education. It was a great gratification to him that he was permitted to live to see the free school system firmly established, and his influence was ever given in favor of progress. Mr. Heller was called upon to serve as school director for years, and at the time of his death, which was greatly lamented, he was the wise and efficient director of the poor of the

township. On March 18, 1850, he passed from earth, and many were the expressions of sorrow at the loss of a good neighbor, a kind friend, a wise counsellor, and a devoted husband and father.

John Heller, Jr., was married to Annie Denlinger, and their children were: Abram, who married Eliza Landis, and died at the age of thirty-seven, leaving a son and a daughter; Isaac D., who was reared on the farm, and at the time of his death, July 25, 1900, was the owner of the old Heller homestead, in East Lampeter, and was thrice married, first to Barbara Stauffer (from which union three children were born), second, to Maria Landis (from which union one child was born, which died in infancy), and third, to Mary Buchwalter (who bore him two children, both of whom died in infancy); Mary, who married Henry Shreiner, a farmer of Manheim township; Annie, who married Samuel Eby, who lives retired in Upper Leacock township; Lizzie, who married Adam Landis, a retired farmer of Lancaster township; Hettie, who married Benjamin Hess, of Manheim township; John, who died in childhood; Henry D., of this sketch; and B. D., who was born Nov. 3, 1849, and received a good common-school education which was supplemented by study for some time at the Millersville Normal School, and thus prepared, engaged in teaching for three terms, and later married Anna Hess, a daughter of Samuel R. Hess, of Clay township, and the children born of this union are: Samuel, a practicing physician of Lancaster, who is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and who married Miss Emily, a daughter of Judge David McMullan, of Lancaster; Harvey, who is a teacher in the graded school of Oregon, Lancaster county, is a graduate from the Millersville Normal School, and is the present owner of the old homestead; Benjamin, who is a teacher in East Lampeter; Jacob; John; Laura; and Parke. The family are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Henry D. Heller was reared on the farm, and received excellent educational advantages, fully fitting him for the profession of teacher, but his inclinations, after one term of teaching, led him back to the farm. On Oct. 22, 1867, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Leaman, a daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Denlinger) Leaman, the former of whom died in June, 1859, since which time the mother has resided with her daughter. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Heller are: Annie, who married John H. Kreider, a farmer, has two children, Amos and Edna; Amanda, who married Newton G. Herr, has one daughter, Bertha; Lizzie, who married John Roher, has three sons, Harry, Elvin and Enos; Abram, who married Anna Denlinger, has one son, Clarence; Enos; and J. Henry is at home. Immediately after marriage, Mr. Heller took charge of the farm of his deceased brother, Abram, and continued to operate it until in 1873, when he purchased his present farm, located in East Lampeter, consisting of 55 acres. The original dwelling house still stands, but since taking charge of this place, Mr. Heller has been continually

making improvements, and it ranks well with any other in the township. In 1891 he purchased a second farm of seventy-five acres in the same township, formerly his grandfather's land. The standing of Deacon Heller is very high in the community where he is recognized as one of the leading men. In October, 1876, under Rev. Benjamin Herr, Henry D. Heller was ordained a deacon, in the Old Mennonite Church, and in that office has served ever since, with faithfulness and fidelity, worthily upholding an old and justly honored name.

ELAM SHEETZ MYERS, a general farmer in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, takes rank with the intelligent and progressive young agriculturists of the present day, and is engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead on which he was born Jan. 20, 1878. He is a son of Christ H. and Anna (Sheetz) Myers, who are mentioned elsewhere.

Elam Sheetz Myers and Emma J. Weiser were united in marriage Nov. 12, 1896, the ceremony being performed at Mt. Joy, Pa. To this union have been born two sons, Earl W. and Lloyd W. Mrs. Emma J. (Weiser) Myers is a charming and attractive young woman, of good judgment and a kindly disposition, and is very popular in her neighborhood. She was born in East Donegal township Jan. 30, 1876, daughter of John E. and Hannah M. (Stumm) Weiser, who were married in York county in 1869. Her parents had the following children: Sarah B., who is living at home unmarried; Emma J., Mrs. Myers; and Catherine, Wilbert, Daisy and Paul, all at home. The father, John E. Weiser, has been a farmer all his days, and has made a substantial place for himself as an industrious and trustworthy man. He came to Lancaster county in 1874, and here has remained to the present time, in 1889 settling on the farm where he is now found. In political sentiment he is a Republican. Mrs. Hannah M. Weiser was born in Lancaster county in 1850, daughter of John and Sarah (Custard) Stumm, who lived in Lancaster county, and moved into York county in 1860. They were farming people.

Elam S. Myers remained with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on his present farm, a small but productive place of forty-three acres, and he is known as a capable and thrifty young farmer. In politics he is a Republican.

OLIVER H. SHENK, proprietor of the only feldspar and flint rock quarries in southeastern Pennsylvania, resides in Manor township, Lancaster county, four miles west of Lancaster city. He was born in this county March 23, 1873, son of Christian K. and Annie (Hiedler) Shenk, and was reared in West Hempfield township, receiving his education in the public schools and the Northwest Secondary School.

On May 10, 1895, Mr. Shenk began business on his own account as a dealer in flint rock and feldspar,

and now employs about twenty-five men in his several quarries. His output he disposes of in various States, to manufacturers of porcelain or so-called chinaware, shipping to such concerns as the Standard Flint & Spar Company, of Frenchtown, N. J., the Golden Sons, of Trenton, N. J., the Eureka Flint & Spar Company, of the same city, and the Columbia (Pa.) Flint & Spar Company. His shipments reach eight carloads per week, and his main quarries extend across the line into the States of Maryland and Delaware. In addition to his quarrying business Mr. Shenk handles large quantities of clover seed, in which he has a very remunerative trade. He also does quite a business supplying the Lancaster Trolley Company with poles and ties, which he obtains in central Pennsylvania, principally in Cumberland county.

Mr. Shenk was united in marriage, Nov. 5, 1896, with Miss Lizzie Hostetter, the only child of Ephraim and Mary (Charles) Hostetter and to this union has come one son, born Dec. 22, 1897, who died Aug. 9, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Shenk are members of the Mennonite Church, and both are active workers in the Sabbath-school. They occupy a modern residence at Kreadyville, one of the most delightful in the county, erected in 1896, and Mr. Shenk is recognized as one of the most enterprising young men in the county of Lancaster.

Ephraim Hostetter, father of Mrs. Shenk, was born in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Jan. 7, 1853, was a prosperous and highly respected farmer, and died Dec. 22, 1878, in the faith of the Mennonite Church, leaving his widow with her only child, now Mrs. Oliver H. Shenk.

BENJAMIN B. HARNISH. Much of the fertile farming land of the great State of Pennsylvania is located in Lancaster county, and the well tilled farms are owned and occupied by agriculturists who have made farming a life business, and have succeeded in developing the land to its greatest capacity and in accumulating comfortable fortunes.

Among the resident farmers of East Hempfield township is Benjamin B. Harnish, the eldest son of Levi Harnish, who was born on a farm in West Hempfield township, Jan. 28, 1848, and was there reared a farmer boy, obtaining his education in the district schools of his locality. Until the age of twenty-two he remained at home, but at that time decided to engage in business for himself, selecting the excellent tract of almost fifty-three acres upon which he is located in East Hempfield township, two miles west of Rohrerstown. Upon this place our subject began immediately to make improvements which have resulted in much added value to the land, and have made it yield well, and here he carries on general farming.

In November, 1869, was celebrated the marriage of Benjamin B. Harnish to Martha M. Musselman, a daughter of Christain Musselman, a native of East Hempfield township. To this union have been

born children as follows: Ida, who married Henry Sauder, of Landisville; Sarah, who married Grant Noll, of this township; Benjamin, who married Mary Herr, of East Hempfield; Martha M., who married Isaac Seachrist, a miller of West Hempfield; Leah, who married Albert Myers, of Mountville; Fannie, at home; Annie; Maggie; Mary; and Lizzie. This family has been well reared and given Christian teaching and example, the mother and several of the daughters being connected with the Old Mennonite Church, and one of the daughters has become a member of the United Brethren denomination. Benjamin B. Harnish is highly esteemed by his neighbors, and is considered one of the representative citizens of the township where he has lived so long.

THOMAS S. HOOD, for over ten years the freight and passenger agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at New Holland, Lancaster county, was born at Fort Concho, Texas, June 27, 1869, a son of Gen. Charles C. and Louisa (Skinner) Hood, the former a native of Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio, and the latter of Woodstock, Connecticut.

General Hood was born in 1841, and served through the Civil War, where he was twice wounded. His services in the army have been continuous since he entered. He participated in the Spanish-American War and on the Texas frontiers. At Ponce, Porto Rico, he was the military commander, 1898 and 1899, and held a most responsible position. He was appointed by Maj. Gen. Otis as the first military governor in the Philippines, having charge of three large provinces, with headquarters at Aparri, serving three years, 1899-1902. On Oct. 18, 1902, he was appointed a Brigadier General, United States Army. Mrs. Louisa Hood died in St. Louis, May 31, 1875, at the age of thirty years. She was the mother of the following children: Thomas S.; Anita and Sarah, who both died young. General Hood was a second time married, Frances A. Skinner becoming his wife. To this union came the following children: Charles, deceased; Marion, who is making her home with her mother; and Evangeline, who is also at home.

The father of General Hood was Thomas Hood, a lawyer by profession and born in Somerset, Perry Co., Ohio. For many years he held a position at Washington as judge of claims. He had previously served as Judge of County Court at Madison, Wis., and as Senator in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Thomas S. Hood was married April 17, 1901, in Lancaster county, to Catherine Kinzer, a daughter of the late W. W. Kinzer, whose biography may be found on another page. A daughter, Dorothy, was born July 3, 1902, at New Holland.

Mr. Hood was reared in the various forts where his father was stationed, and when old enough began his education in Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and finished at Central High School, Philadelphia, which institution he left in 1887 to take a

position with the Pennsylvania Railroad at Devon, Pa., from which he was later removed to Coatesville, to take a place as a clerk in the freight office. He came to New Holland, July 5, 1892, to take the position as freight and passenger agent, where he displayed abilities of a high order, and was regarded as one of the best men in the service of the company. On Aug. 1, 1902, Mr. Hood was further promoted to represent the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the important position of freight agent in the famous iron manufacturing town of Coatesville, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hood belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Knights Templar Commandery, No. 43, of Lancaster. In his politics he is a Republican.

JACOB J. LAMPARTER. The name of Lamparter in Lancaster was originally connected with the pioneer glue industry of the town, an enterprise still controlled and managed by members of this substantial German-American family. Other avenues of activity have latterly been invaded by those bearing the name, chief among these being Jacob J. Lamparter, retired glue manufacturer, and at present a large land owner, engaged in the real-estate and building business. He was born in the ancestral home in Wurtemberg, Germany, a son of Everhart and Elizabeth (Helt) Lamparter, natives of the same German principality.

Everhart Lamparter came to America in 1853, and located in Lancaster, where he started the glue business, to which he devoted the rest of his life. From a comparatively small beginning he increased the capacity of his manufactory to meet the demand created by his excellent commodity, and thus came to rank among the commercial adjuncts of his locality. He died in 1869, at the age of sixty-one years, and was survived by his wife until 1898, she dying at the age of eighty-eight years; they are buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. They were the parents of the following named children: George, who is engaged in manufacturing glue at the old factory; Jacob J.; Lizette, unmarried and living in Washington, D. C.; Amelia, who died at the age of fifty years; Pauline, unmarried and living in Lancaster; Judith, widow of Eugene Bauer, of Lancaster; Everhart, one of the managers of his father's glue business; Henry, deceased; and Sabina, Mrs. Mertz, deceased.

Jacob J. Lamparter was eleven years of age when the family came to America, and the greater part of his training and education was therefore on American lines. As there were so many children in the family he was obliged to shift for himself, and owing to the limitations of the factory he sought employment elsewhere. At the age of twenty he entered the factory, and remained for nearly thirty-seven years, or until the death of his mother, in 1898, since which time he has bought and sold property, and accomplished considerable building in

different parts of the city. He is the owner of ten pieces of property, and is a very successful and wide-awake business man.

By his marriage to Margaretta Arnold Mr. Lamparter became connected with a French and German family, the parents of Mrs. Lamparter being John and Margaret (Eppinger) Arnold, the former, formerly a brewer of Lancaster, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lamparter have had children as follows: Harry, who served as a soldier in the Philippines; Everhart, a coach trimmer of Lancaster (married to Gertrude Weidle); Reinholdt, a blacksmith of Easton, Pa.; Walter, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Dorothea; Amelia; Judith; Charles; and Jacob, the five last mentioned living at home. Mr. Lamparter is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Seven Wise Men. In politics he is a Republican. He is prominent in the community, and is recognized as one of its most enterprising, up-to-date and resourceful citizens.

CHRISTIAN GOOD REESE, who is engaged in the brick making business and in the handling of ice in Elizabethtown, is one of the leading brick men of this section, putting on the market yearly more than a million brick, largely used in building and in sewer construction. He was born in Elizabethtown Sept. 10, 1868, a son of Samson D. Reese, whose biography is presented elsewhere.

Christian G. Reese was reared in his native community, and May 12, 1898, was married in Baltimore, Md., to Miss Bertha F. Weirs, by whom he has had two children, Mand W., and Marian M.

Mrs. Bertha F. Reese was born near Baltimore, July 25, 1874, a daughter of Henry and Amanda J. Weirs. Her parents were born in Maryland, where they were married, and they were engaged in farming. Her father, who died in 1896, was seventy-two years old. For many years he was a justice of the peace, and was very successful in all his enterprises. Her mother, who was born in 1836, is now living in Baltimore. She was the mother of the following children: William, a train despatcher, at Baltimore; John, of Sparrows Point, Md.; Thomas, a telegraph operator at Sherwood, Md.; Alfred, deceased; Laura, who married C. W. Shipley, Jr., an engineer on the N. C. Railroad, with a home at Baltimore; and Bertha F., wife of Mr. Reese.

Christian G. Reese remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, when he took a position as a bookkeeper with the Miller Fifth Wheel Manufacturing Co., at Elizabethtown, which he held for two years, and then embarked upon his present business career. The brick yard which he is now operating, he purchased from J. C. Keener, and in its management he has attained a very large success, making a name and a standing for himself that bespeaks his integrity, ability and business sense.

Mr. Reese is a member of A. O. K. M. C., and belongs to the Reformed Church. In his politics he

is a Republican, and for the past four years has been a member of the board of health. Mr. Reese prepared for that business career in which he has been so successful by taking a full commercial course in the Byrant & Stratton Business College at Buffalo, N. Y., where he went at the age of fifteen years, and from which he was graduated with a high standing. He is one of the leading men of his home town, and is justly regarded as one of the representative citizens of this county.

WILLIAM C. GRUBE, secretary and director of the poor of Lancaster county, was born at Blue Ball, this county, Oct. 10, 1872, son of Martin H. Grube, a prominent citizen of Lancaster county. The children born to Martin H. Grube were William C. and a brother now residing at New Holland, an extensive sketch of whom appears elsewhere.

William C. Grube was reared in the county of his birth, attending the common schools of his district, and later had the advantage of a course at Peck's Business College, and also went to Valentine's Shorthand & Telegraphic School, from which he was graduated in 1893. He accepted his present position March 27th of the same year, since which time he has faithfully and satisfactorily performed his duties, with credit to himself.

On Nov. 14, 1894, Mr. Grube was married, in Blue Ball, to Miss Clara Kurtz, and two children have been born to this union: Helen M. and J. Franklin. Mrs. Grube was born at Blue Ball, Pa., Oct. 19, 1872, daughter of John G. and Anna (Muser) Kurtz. John G. Kurtz is a prominent farmer of East Earl township, Lancaster county, and was graduated from the Normal School at Millersville. In politics he is a Republican, and has held several local offices. Both he and his most estimable wife are earnest members of the Mennonite Church.

Mr. Grube is a member of the F. & A. M., being a Knight Templar, and also holds membership in the B. P. O. E., of which he is esquire. He and Mrs. Grube are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which they are very active, and of which they are liberal supporters. In political matters Mr. Grube is a strong Republican, and is very prominent in local affairs. He is one of the leading young men of the city, enterprising, thrifty, ready to grasp every opportunity offered, not only for the furtherment of his private affairs, but also those calculated to prove beneficial to the city and county, and in his position he has been of great service to the authorities, his judgment and discrimination being exercised to produce the best results to all parties.

MAHLON ERB. One of the well-known as well as most highly esteemed citizens of Mount Nebo, Lancaster county, is Mahlon Erb, a retired farmer of Martic township, who with his estimable wife lives in ease and plenty in this pleasant village, after a life of prudent industry. He was born in Conestoga township, this county, Dec. 13, 1848, son

of John and Maria (Whitmer) Erb, both natives of Lancaster county, the former of whom was born in West Lampeter township Aug. 25, 1814, and died Dec. 31, 1894.

Jacob Erb, grandfather of Mahlon, was the founder of the Erb family in Lancaster county. The children of Jacob Erb were: Jacob, Rudolph, John, Samuel, Joseph, David, Rachel, Susan, all of whom lived lives of probity and respectability and many of them left numerous descendants.

John Erb was married Aug. 13, 1840, to Maria Whitmer. Their children, twelve in number, were: Susan, who resides on the home place; Amaziah, deceased; Annie E., deceased; John, deceased; Mahlon; Amanda, deceased; Henry, a merchant in Mount Nebo, Pa.; Mary Jane, who resides on the home place; Emanuel, deceased; Clayton, the farmer on the home estate; Frank, a miller in Martic township; and William W., a successful young farmer of this locality.

Mahlon Erb grew up on the farm, and has always been devoted to an agricultural life. As soon as he had finished his education in the public schools he chose farming as his vocation and has industriously followed the same through many years. On March 26, 1868, Mahlon Erb was united in marriage to Miss Emma Achison, who was a daughter of Cunningham and Anna (Markley) Achison, her birth occurring in Drumore township May 27, 1848. To this marriage have been born five children: Annie, who is the wife of Amos Patton, of Columbia; Oscar, a farmer of Conestoga township, who married Elvina Buckwalter; Mahlon C., farming on the home farm, who married Mary Railing; Robert, who married Letitia McLaughlin, and is farming at Mount Nebo; and Alma, at home.

Mahlon Erb owns a well-cultivated and improved farm of ninety-three acres, and also a smaller farm with comfortable buildings. To younger hands he has resigned the cares of active life. Both he and wife are consistent members of the New Mennonite Church, and throughout the community they are held in high esteem.

ISAAC N. HILDEBRAND conducts one of the largest butchering businesses in Lancaster county, and, though yet a young man, ranks high in commercial circles. He is a grandson of Jacob Hildebrand, who lived and died in Strasburg, this county, but little is known of him by his grandson except that he was quite a politician and held the office of justice of the peace for a number of years.

Jacob Hildebrand, the father of Isaac N., was born in West Lampeter township about 1844, and passed his early life in his native place, receiving his education in the local schools. In 1861 he ran away from home and enlisted in Co. K, 79th P. V. I. He married Miss Fannie Harmon, daughter of Samuel Harmon, of Willowstreet, and they became the parents of seven children: Susan, wife of David Good, of Quarryville; William, of Lampeter township;

Isaac N.; Lillie and John, both of whom died in childhood; Miss Mary, who lives at home; and Jacob, at home.

Isaac N. Hildebrand was born in Willowstreet April 3, 1871, and lived at home with his parents until he was about twenty-two years of age, in the meantime receiving his education in the common schools of the county. On March 18, 1894, he married Miss Lizzie Hoffman, of Hanover, York Co., Pa., and then began life for himself, engaging in the butcher business, which he had learned from his father. He has been very successful, and has built up a thriving business, which has become one of the largest in Lancaster county, and he is regarded by all who have had dealings with him as one of the substantial men of his community. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have had one child, a daughter, who died in infancy.

J. EDWARD SHOMIER. As secretary and treasurer of The Keeley Stove Co., one of the prosperous industries of Columbia, Mr. Shomier leads an active and influential life. He was born at Columbia, July 17, 1868, son of John and Mary (Zellers) Shomier, and grandson of John and Mary Shomier, Wurtemberg, Germany.

John Shomier, when about twenty years of age, migrated with his parents from Germany to Columbia, Pa. About the same time Mary Zellers migrated from the Fatherland to America, and also located at Columbia where her marriage to John Shomier occurred. He died in 1869, at the age of thirty-six years; she survived until 1888, passing away at the age of fifty-eight years. Four children were born to John and Mary (Zellers) Shomier; Anna, deceased; John, deceased; Mary, who married George Tille, manager of Lippincott's Wholesale Grocery House; and J. Edward.

J. Edward Shomier was reared and educated in Columbia, was graduated from the Columbia high school, and soon after his school days ended, began his career in the present factory of The Keeley Stove Co. Six years later he was elected to the office of secretary of the Company, and several years thereafter became also its treasurer, when these two offices were combined under one head. He has been filling these offices uninterruptedly ever since, and as an officer of the company he has been careful, industrious and progressive.

In 1896, at Columbia, Mr. Shomier married Cecelia Westerman, a native of Columbia, daughter of John and Mary Catherine (Metzger) Westerman. Her father was born in Fruitville, Lancaster county, Oct. 26, 1854, son of Leopold and Anna (Wagner) Westerman, and grandson of Mathias Westerman, who about 1850 emigrated with two of his nine children to America and settled in Lancaster county. Leopold Westerman was a carpenter and contractor, and died in Lisbon, Iowa. John Westerman, when a lad of fourteen years, entered the butcher shop of Milton Wike in Columbia, with whom he remained

six years. He then started in business for himself, and now owns a large establishment. He is identified with various business interests, and is one of the most prominent public men of Columbia. In politics a Democrat, he was appointed postmaster during President Cleveland's second term, and has filled various local offices. Of his four children, Mrs. Shomier is the second. To Mr. and Mrs. Shomier have been born two children: John and Mary.

Mr. Shomier is a Democrat and is prominent in business, social and political circles. In religious affiliation he is a member of the Lutheran Church. He has prospered in business, and though yet comparatively young in years ranks among the foremost citizens of Columbia. He is a member of the local board of education, having been elected to represent the Fourth ward, which is very largely Republican. Mr. Shomier is assistant secretary of the Columbia Hospital Association, and a member of the board of managers of that institution.

HENRY G. GARBER, the well-known proprietor of Sunrise Farm in Manor township, Lancaster county, two miles west of the city of Lancaster, was born in West Hempfield township, the same county, March 7, 1863, a son of Andrew and Susan (Greider) Garber. He was reared on the old homestead, and the education acquired in the public schools of that locality was supplemented by two terms' attendance at Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pa. On leaving school he took up the occupation of farming, conducting the home farm of 120 acres for ten years, and in 1898 located upon his present farm in Manor township, consisting of twenty-nine acres, upon which he has made many improvements, so that it is now one of the most desirable farms of its size in the locality. Mr. Garber is successfully engaged in general farming and dairying. By his ballot he supports the men and measures of the Republican party, and as a public-spirited and progressive citizen gives his influence to all enterprises calculated to prove of public benefit.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Garber was united in marriage with Miss Frances Leonard, who was born near Millersville, in Manor township, Feb. 18, 1867, and they have become the parents of two sons: Harry, born Oct. 10, 1888; and Charles, born Oct. 19, 1891. The wife and mother is a consistent member of the Trinity Reformed Church.

Abraham Leonard, Mrs. Garber's father, was born in Manor township, Jan. 31, 1833, a son of Abraham and Annie (Rinehart) Leonard, and a grandson of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lutz) Leonard. Soon after his marriage Frederick Leonard left home for the purpose of entering the service in the war of 1812, and what became of him after that is unknown, as all trace of him was lost. He left only one child, Abraham Leonard, grandfather of Mrs. Garber, who was a farmer by occupation and a member of the River Brethren in Christ. He died

in May, 1898, at an advanced age, and his wife, who was a native of Lancaster county, died in 1851. In their family were eight children, namely: George, a retired resident of Middletown, Ohio; Abraham, father of Mrs. Garber; Levi, deceased; Frederick, a cigar manufacturer of Mountville, Lancaster county; David, a farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; John, a farmer of the same township; William and Jacob, both deceased. Mrs. Garber's father was reared and educated in his native township, and at the age of twenty-three began farming for himself and continued to follow that occupation until 1892, when he retired from active labor. He married Miss Fannie Johns, a daughter of John and Eve (Benedict) Johns, and in 1885 he purchased a small tract of land on which they resided until her death, which occurred in August, 1891, when she was fifty-four years of age. Of the four children born to them, the oldest, a son, died in infancy; Aldus married a daughter of John Brown, of Columbia, Pa.; Milton is a resident of Manor township; and Frances is the wife of Henry G. Garber. Mr. Leonard has been a life-long Democrat in politics, and in religious belief is a Lutheran.

ABRAHAM M. ZIMMERMAN, one of the worthy and energetic young business men of New Holland, Lancaster county, the proprietor of The New Holland Machine Works—manufacturing as a specialty the Cob & Feed Mills—comes of German origin, his grandfather, John Zimmerman having founded the family, near Martindale, Pa., where he became a prominent farmer and the father of these children: Susannah, who married Isaac Martin, of Goodville, Pa.; Martin, the father of the subject of this biography; Israel, a farmer near Terre Hill, Pa.; and Mary, of Earl township.

Martin W. Zimmerman, a thrifty farmer of Earl township, married Anna Martin, and they became the parents of eight children: Aaron, an Earl township farmer; Eli, also a farmer of Earl township; Abraham M.; Martha, wife of J. H. Sensenig, a jeweler of New Holland; Adam, a machinist; Martin, a farmer; George, a farmer, and Moses, at home.

Abraham M. Zimmerman was born July 31, 1869, and was reared on the farm, although his natural inclinations were in another direction. His education was acquired in the common schools of Earl township, but as early as fourteen years he decided to become a machinist. By the time he was nineteen years old he started to serve his apprenticeship, and the following three years were spent in Lancaster. In 1895 he came to New Holland, and the same year organized his present flourishing business, starting with a repair shop, working himself, while his brother Adam began to learn the trade. Later, he merged his business into a manufacturing plant, a great demand having been created for his specialty, the New Holland Cob & Feed Mill, and at present the factory is running with full force of twenty-one men in order to fill the orders for these

valuable machines and also for his improved gasoline engines. That he has succeeded so well is due to his energy and perseverance, as he began his business career with little financial assistance.

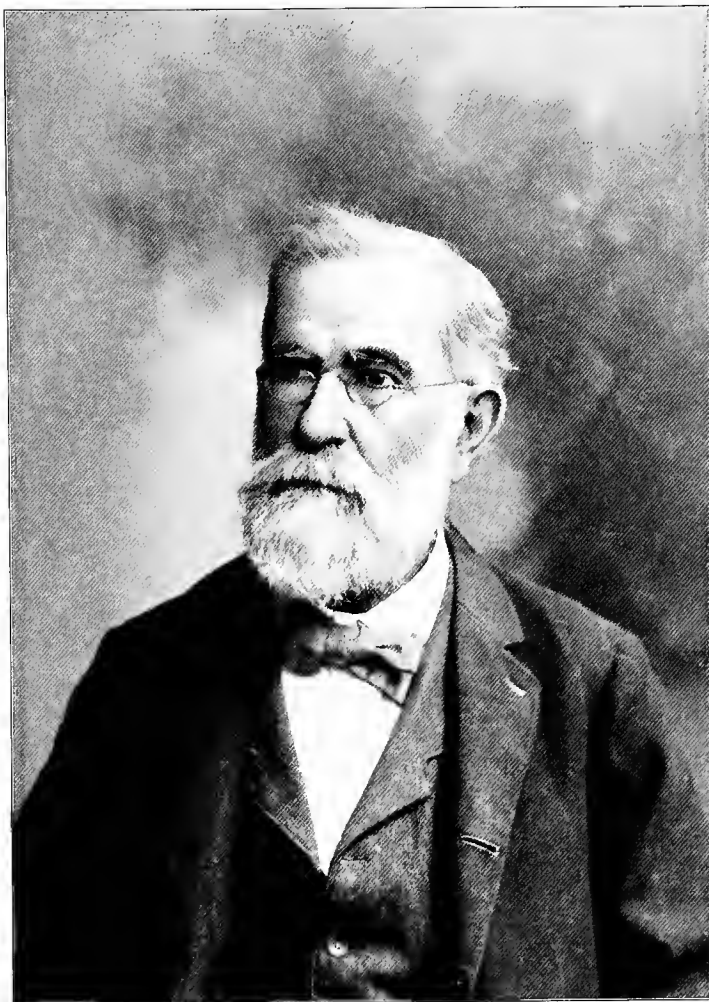
In 1893 Abraham M. Zimmerman was married to Miss Lizzie Martin, a daughter of J. B. Martin, of New Holland, and to this union have been born two children: Annie E., and Ivan M. In his political belief, Mr. Zimmerman is a Republican, and is a consistent and valued member of the Mennonite Church. Possessing all the qualifications for good citizenship, he well represents the best type of resident of Earl township, where he is universally esteemed.

PEARSON E. GRUGER, of the firm of Gruger & Moedinger, South Queen street, Lancaster, dealers in stone work for cemetery and buildings, has been engaged in business in that city for almost forty years.

The family is of Huguenot descent. Peter Gruger, the grandfather of Pearson E., died when his son Adam (Pearson E. Gruger's father) was only ten years old. Adam Gruger was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in June, 1808, and learned the saddler's trade, following it for a number of years. He also engaged in coach trimming. He belonged to the Reformed Church, and was a member of the Mt. Lebanon Lodge of Masons, long since disbanded. He died in February, 1891, at the age of eighty-two years. In 1833 he married Hannah Sallada, a daughter of John and Martha (Vohr) Sallada, who was born in 1815, and died in 1897.

Pearson E. Gruger was born in Stouchsburg, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 1, 1834, but when a boy came to Lancaster with his parents, and attended the public schools there, finishing his education at the old Franklin College (now Franklin and Marshall College), then located on North Lime street, Lancaster. At seventeen years of age he became apprenticed to marble cutting with Major Charles M. Howell, remaining with him five years. For the next six years he worked in Philadelphia, and then returned to Lancaster, where he has since engaged in business, supplying granite, marble and other stone work for buildings and monumental work. His work is found in some of the notable structures of the city. The business, of which he is the senior proprietor, is located at No. 25 South Queen street, and is a large one; the marble works are located in the rear of the mansion erected by the Metzger family over one hundred years ago.

On May 20, 1858, Mr. Gruger married Rebecca, daughter of the late Philip Metzger, and eight children were born to this union, as follows: Charles, Florence (who died in infancy), Margaret, William, Francis, Walter, Catherine and Harry. Mrs. Gruger died Jan. 9, 1875, aged thirty-eight years. On Dec. 25, 1883, Mr. Gruger married Miss Salome, daughter of the late David Nauman. Mr. and Mrs. Gruger are members of Trinity Reformed Church



H. C. Gruger

of Columbia, and for many years Mr. Gruger was an elder. He is active, useful and prominent in everything with which he connects himself. In politics he is an independent Republican. Possessed of more than ordinary intelligence, he is favorably known to every one in the community, and his record in public and private life is irreproachable. Mr. Gruger is a designer and sculptor of some note, and his work has always and everywhere been most favorably received. He is now the oldest active member of his craft in the city, venerable Major Howell having long since retired from active business.

ROBERT K. WOOD. One of the promising young farmers of Little Britain township, who enjoys the confidence and esteem of the citizens of his community, is Robert K. Wood, a representative of one of the leading families of southern Lancaster county. He was born Oct. 6, 1873, a son of Jesse and Maggie (Killough) Wood. His home has always been on the farm owned by Abner Carter, near Wood's chrome mines, and since 1871 operated by his father, Jesse Wood. His education was obtained in the public school at Eastland, the Friends' Normal Institute of Rising Sun, Md., and a three months' course in agriculture at Pennsylvania State College. Since 1897 he has been a member of the school board of Little Britain township, since March, 1899, serving as its secretary. His political affiliations have ever been with the Republican party, and he is a member of the religious society of Friends, to which all of his paternal ancestors have belonged since settling in America.

Robert K. Wood was married, Dec. 18, 1901, to Hanna M., daughter of Robert A. and Lucretia M. (Fisher) Way, of Stormstown, Centre Co., Pennsylvania.

Jesse Wood, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born Feb. 26, 1849, a son of James and Mercy M. (Carter) Wood. He is a prominent and thrifty farmer in Little Britain township, a member of the Society of Friends, and in politics, a Republican. On Dec. 19, 1872, he was married to Maggie Killough, of Fulton township. The only child of this union was Robert K. of this biography.

James Wood, father of Jesse and grandfather of Robert K., was born in Little Britain township, July 17, 1821, and was married Feb. 26, 1845, to Mercy M. Carter, also of Little Britain township. The children of this union were: Alfred, a farmer of Fulton township, whose sketch appears in another part of this volume; Susan, wife of Elwood H. Townsend, whose sketch elsewhere appears in this volume; Jesse; Mary, deceased wife of Davis E. Allen; Lucretia, wife of John W. Smedley, a retired farmer of Chester county; Lewis, a farmer of Little Britain township, mentioned elsewhere; Ida, who died in young womanhood; and James, a farmer of Little Britain, who is also mentioned elsewhere in this volume. James Wood was one of the leading

men of the county. Not only was he a successful farmer but he was also a financier and man of affairs, he was president of the Farmers National Bank of Oxford from its incorporation to the time of his death, and at one time was commissioner of Lancaster county. As a member of the Society of Friends his influence was wide spread. Few men in the county took a more intelligent interest in the Republican party than he. He died Aug. 9, 1894.

James Wood was a son of Jesse and Sidney (Yarnell) Wood, of this county. Jesse Wood was a prominent farmer and mill-wright of his day. He was a son of Joseph Wood, a son of Thomas Wood, the founder of this branch of the Wood family in America. In the days of William Penn, Thomas Wood came to America to secure religious freedom, and was an important member of a colony of Quakers who settled near Philadelphia. The peaceful and law-abiding influence of this religious body still pervades the locality, and counts many of the best citizens among the members of the Society of Friends.

About 1760 Joseph Wood came from York county and settled on a farm in West Nottingham township, Chester Co., Pa., now owned by his great-grandson, Jesse Wood, the father of Robert K., of this sketch. Here he raised a family of eight children: Thomas, Joseph, Jesse, Lydia, Elizabeth, David, John and Day, several of whom afterward settled in neighboring parts of Lancaster county. All became agriculturists and this has been the family occupation in every generation.

Maggie K. Wood, the mother of the subject of this sketch, was born Oct. 6, 1849, a daughter of Robert and Sidney (Hoopes) Killough, of Fulton township. Robert Killough was a farmer, and enjoyed the high esteem of the community, serving several years in various township offices. He was born Aug. 12, 1812, a son of John and Margaret (Porter) Killough, and always occupied the farm on which he was born. On Jan. 2, 1845, he married Sidney Hoopes, of Fulton township. The children of this union were John, a hardware merchant of Clinton, Ill.; Mary M., who died Sept. 15, 1885; Maggie, wife of Jesse Wood, and mother of Robert K.; Phianna, wife of Leander O. Wright, a farmer of Fulton township, who now owns and occupies the Killough homestead; Jane E., wife of C. W. Moore, proprietor of Clinton greenhouses, Clinton, Ill., but formerly of Fulton township; Phebe Roberta, living with her sister Phianna; and Elmer E., of Clinton, Ill. Robert Hoopes died Jan. 5, 1886, and his wife, Sidney, on March 1, 1890.

LEWIS BACHMAN. Mr. Bachman was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, on May 15, 1851. Since reaching the age of twenty-three, with the exception of two years spent in farming, he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His first service for that corporation was rendered in the capacity of brakeman and he has

risen, through the grade of flagman, to be conductor, having been appointed to that position in 1884. He is one of the company's most valued men, bringing to the discharge of his duties a keen intelligence and an unwavering fidelity. He is one of the Knights of Malta, and in political faith, a Democrat.

His father was Samuel S. Bachman, and his mother's maiden name was Ann E., daughter of John Rockey. Samuel S. was the son of George Bachman, who married a Miss Bingham, and spent his life in Lancaster county. He himself was a wheelwright and wagon maker, and a devout member of the M. E. Church, as was also his life. Samuel died in 1864, aged sixty-two years, and his wife, Lewis Bachman's mother, in 1878, shortly before reaching the age of three score. They were the parents of five children, of whom Lewis was the fourth in order of birth. Mary E., deceased, the eldest daughter, married John L. Garner. Delinda is the widow of John M. Pichel, of Bart township. Martin R., the third child, and first son, died in 1875. The youngest child was Uriah, now a Lancaster county farmer.

Mr. Bachman was married, on Jan. 2, 1873, to Martha M. Stauffer, the ceremony being solemnized by Rev. W. O. Owen, at Colerain. She was born in Eden township, on Feb. 6, 1853. Her father was Jacob Stauffer, the son of John and Barbara Stauffer, and her mother, before marriage, was Anna Landis, whose father's name was Peter. Jacob Stauffer was a miller, and died in 1887, having been born in 1817. Mrs. Stauffer died in Jan. 1878, in her sixty-third year. Their children were five in number; Maria, Henry, Barbara, Susan and Martha, the youngest two being twins. Barbara is deceased, and Susan is the wife of Jacob Shelly, of Eden township.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bachman. Harry, the eldest, married Lona Budding, and resides in Columbia. Lizzie is the wife of James Miller, of the same place. Charles is a telegraph operator at Hatborough. In April, 1899, he was married to Margaret, daughter of John and Mary Plank, of Lancaster City. The younger children, Amos R., Edwin, Anna, Mary L. and Clara, live at home with their parents.

LEVI H. HAVERSTICK (deceased) was born in Manor township, Sept. 20, 1850, a son of Levi and Catherine (Hostetter) Haverstick. The parents reside in Manor township, but were born and reared in East Donegal township. Their history appears on another page, and the name of J. M. Haverstick, a brother, also appears elsewhere.

Levi H. Haverstick was married Dec. 24, 1875, in Manor township, to Anna B. Miller, by whom he has had the following children: Benjamin M., single, and at home; Lizzie and Marv, both unmarried, and at home; Anna, deceased; Gertrude B., and Lévi H., also at home.

Mrs. Anna B. (Miller) Haverstick was born in Manor township, and is a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Miller, both of whom were born and reared in Manor township. Her father passed an honorable and useful life on the old home farm until 1890, when he died at the age of seventy years. His remains were interred in a private cemetery on the farm. His widow, who was born in 1826, now resides in Manor township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Their family was as follows: Barbara, who is dead; Lizzie, deceased, married J. E. Witmer, of York county; Anna B., whose name appears above; Mary, at home, unmarried; Benjamin K., married and living on the home farm.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna B. Haverstick were Abraham and Mary Miller; they were farming people of Lancaster county, and stood very high in the community in which they passed their lives. Her maternal grandparents were Benjamin and Anna (Myers) Kauffman, also farming people.

Levi H. Haverstick remained with his parents until his marriage, when he established himself on the farm where his family may still be found. It consists of 118 acres, and has been maintained in a high state of cultivation. With his wife, he belonged to the Mennonite Church, and both were recognized as among the solid and substantial people of the county. In politics he was a Republican, and in his life time was regarded as an influential citizen. The widow has operated the farm, but gives the farm dairy over to the management of her son. They reside near Mt. Joy, and are associated with the best elements of that section of Lancaster county.

JOHN T. WEBER. Among the well-known educators of Lancaster county is John T. Weber, who belongs to one of the oldest and most honored families of this portion of the State of Pennsylvania. His grandfather, Jacob Weber, lived and died in Earl township, where he engaged in farming and also building, being a practical mechanic. Some of the first corn shellers used in Earl township were built by him. Jacob Weber was also a minister in the Old Mennonite Church. His marriage to Miss Esther Musser connected him with another of the old settled families of Lancaster county, and resulted in the birth of eight children: Henry, a farmer in Indiana; John M., a farmer in West Earl township, in this county; Jacob M., a minister of the Mennonite Church; Michael, the late father of John T.; Martha, the wife of Martin Buckwalter; Catherine, the wife of Daniel Buchwalter; Annie and Elizabeth, deceased.

Michael Weber, the father of John T., was born in Earl township, in 1834, and in early life he was a farmer, but later engaged in the manufacture of a kind of condition powder for horses and cattle, a preparation which gained a wide sale. Michael

Weber was a man of special intelligence, a great reader, and was particularly interested in the educational advancement of his community. His marriage was to Miss Mary Taylor, their only child being John T., the subject of this sketch.

John T. Weber was born in West Earl township, on Sept. 1, 1858. His boyhood was spent on the farm, his education being acquired in the public schools, which he attended during the winter sessions, making such progress in his studies that at the age of seventeen, he was able to begin teaching. For two years he was engaged at Speedwell, in Elizabeth township, and after that he spent one year in the produce business. For the five succeeding years he was engaged in the tobacco farming business, but at the close of this period he returned to Penn township, teaching one term of school in Elizabeth. Then began a period of teaching in the Fairview school, Penn township, which has extended over seventeen years, the ties between pupils, patrons and instructor being close and mutually productive of good.

Mr. Weber in politics is a Republican and takes an intelligent interest in all public matters. For seventeen years he has served in the office of justice of the peace and has been prominently identified with all of the educational movements in his township. Mr. Weber was the first registry assessor of his township, was a member of the Republican county committee, and is one of the zealous workers in the Lutheran Church in Penryn, and also the superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The marriage of Mr. Weber was to Miss Olivia Biemsderfer, and nine children were born to this union two of whom passed away. The seven survivors are Harvey B., Elizabeth B., Benjamin H., Edgar B., Mamie B., Vera B., and Ruth B., all still under the home roof.

Few men in this part of county have done more for the advancement of education than Mr. Weber. His standard is high and his influence in the direction of progress is felt through the community. The family is highly esteemed and justly considered a representative one of Penn township.

GEORGE CRANE. This distinguished citizen of Lancaster county is widely known and highly esteemed in commercial and financial circles throughout eastern Pennsylvania. His well-appointed home is at Mountville, but his place of business is at Columbia, where he holds the responsible position of treasurer of the Columbia Trust Company. The story of his life forms an integral part of the later financial history of the county and is replete with interest.

Mr. Crane was born Aug. 29, 1849, at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, the son of Robert Crane. His mother was Elizabeth McClung, a daughter of Jacob M. Strickler. His early education was obtained in the common schools of Jersey Shore and Columbia, his parents removing to the last named

place when he was yet a child. In 1868, at the age of nineteen, he began life's battle for himself. His first employment was as baggage master and assistant ticket agent at the Pennsylvania Railroad station. After two years thus spent, he accepted the office of agent for the Adams Express Company between Columbia and Philadelphia. In this responsible position he displayed those qualities of unswerving integrity, sound sense and cool, ready discrimination which have since won for him a respect which is at once undisguised and unlimited on the part of those who know him best. For nineteen years he was paying teller of the First National Bank of Columbia. Resigning this position he removed to Wilkes Barre to accept the agency of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company. During his residence at Columbia, Mr. Crane married Mrs. Emily M. Gossler, the widow of Col. Philip Gossler.

The position of agent did not prove congenial to Mr. Crane's tastes, and seeing an opportunity to establish a bank at Mountville, he removed thither from Wilkes Barre within six months. Such was his reputation for quick perception of business opportunities, good judgment and unfailing veracity, that within twenty-four hours he had secured the pledge of \$50,000 necessary to put the institution on its feet, and on Nov. 21, 1887, the Mountville National Bank opened its doors for the transaction of business. The institution proved successful from the day of its inception. It paid honestly earned dividends of five per cent, and when Mr. Crane withdrew from the management, after eleven years he left \$19,000 in undivided profits. He sundered his connection with the bank, however, to accept his present position with the Columbia Trust Company. Another successful business venture by Mr. Crane was the organization of the Mountville Plow Works. This concern purchased the plant of the Mount Joy Plow Works and removed it to Mountville. The legal title of the corporation is the Mountville Manufacturing Company, and Mr. Crane acted as its treasurer until March 1, 1900, when he resigned the office. He has also been a director in the Susquehanna Rolling Mills for seventeen years.

Mr. Crane is an active member of the Masonic fraternity, of high degree, belonging to the blue lodge, of which for twenty years he has been the chairman of its trustees. When he assumed the management of its affairs he found the lodge with only \$150 in the hands of its trustees. To his new duties, however, he brought the business acumen, executive ability and sterling integrity which have been his salient characteristics through life, and at the present time the institution has a comfortable balance in the bank of over \$2,300, and a Masonic Temple costing \$28,000.

Mr. Crane is a devout, liberal and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, having served for nine years as a trustee and been a deacon for six years. Both these offices he has now resigned. He

is a generous contributor to the cause of religion and his private charities, while unostentatious, are numerous. Prior to 1896 he acted with the Democratic party in politics, but in that year voted for the Republican candidates. He is deservedly popular, and his influence throughout the county is potent and far-reaching.

Reference has been made to his marriage with Mrs. Emily Gossler, which occurred Nov. 21, 1878. Mrs. Crane is the daughter of Major Daniel and Sarah Washabaugh, of Bedford, her mother a native of Hagerstown, Md. Her father was an iron founder and a man of wealth and prominence, both social and political. During the Civil war he was attached to the staff of Pennsylvania's great "war governor," Andrew G. Curtin, to which fact he owed his title of major. Mrs. Crane's first husband was Col. Philip, the son of Philip and Catherine Gossler, of Columbia. Philip, Sr., was the son of Jacob Gossler, and was born in Germany, as was also his father. For many years father and son conducted the "Gossler (afterward the "Sun") Hotel" in Columbia.

DAVID W. MOWRER, harness merchant of Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 19, 1851, son of Adam and Elizabeth A. (Witmer) Mowrer. He was educated in the public schools of Quarryville, and, in 1870, he began to learn the trade of saddler and harnessmaker with A. R. Wolfersberger, of Quarryville, remaining with him for three years. He then purchased his employer's stock, and has since conducted the business. In 1894 he admitted William Fisher, who had learned the trade with him, into partnership. The business has been very successful and the stock includes a full line of harness, blankets, robes, and all essentials of the trade. While Mr. Mowrer began with limited capital, he has become one of the most prosperous merchants of the borough. He owns an entire block of property on Church street, where his place of business is located.

On Oct. 26, 1875, Mr. Mowrer married Anna L., daughter of Amos and Mary Wade, of Lancaster county. Mrs. Mowrer was born in Drumore township, Dec. 27, 1855. No children have been born to this union. In politics, Mr. Mowrer is a Republican, was one of the first councilmen after the organization of the borough, and still occupies that office. Mr. and Mrs. Mowrer are members of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Mowrer is elder, treasurer and sexton of the church. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Quarryville Cemetery Company. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, of Quarryville, and is regarded as a leading business man of the place, at all times ready to lend a helping hand in aiding any project for the improvement of the town. He has worked his way from a poor boy into a place at once honorable and prominent in the community. He is charitable and is a liberal contributor to the support of the church and

other institutions of use and benefit. Both he and his worthy wife have many friends in Quarryville and its vicinity.

Adam Mowrer, the father of David W., is a retired lime burner and farmer of Quarryville, and was born in Eden township, Lancaster county, Aug. 4, 1823. The parents of Adam Mowrer, John and Christina (Barr) Mowrer, were both born in Lancaster county, and John's parents were Adam and Elizabeth Mowrer, who were the founders of the family in Pennsylvania, coming from Germany. The latter couple were the parents of eight children, all of whom were living at the time of the death of the aged pioneers, in 1846. The record is as follows: Katie (now deceased), wife of David Herr; John, father of Adam, who died in 1884, at the age of eighty-six, and whose wife died four years later; David, who settled on a farm in Lancaster county, where he died; Jacob, who is deceased; Julia (deceased), wife of Henry Keen, of Hawkesville, Lancaster county; Margaret (deceased), wife of John Pendleton; Mary (deceased) wife of Eli Keen, of Eden township.

John Mowrer, father of Adam, settled on a farm in Eden township, where he spent the greater part of his life, working the place and burning lime. He died in 1884 and his wife in 1888. This couple were the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom are still living, Jacob, the eldest, having died in Lancaster county in 1898, and left a widow and family still residents of the county; Adam, the father of our subject; Martin, of Lancaster county; David, a resident of Missouri; Benjamin, of Lancaster City; Amos, of Christiana, Lancaster county; Albert, a carpenter, living at Christiana; Samuel, of Lancaster City; Susan, unmarried, living with her brother Albert; Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Keen (deceased), of Lancaster county; Mahala, wife of Charles Girfin (deceased), of Lancaster county.

Adam Mowrer was married to Elizabeth Ann, daughter of David and Hannah Witmer, of Bart township, in August, 1846. After their marriage, they moved to East Lampeter township, where Mr. Mowrer worked at farming for three years; then they moved to the village of Quarryville, where he built him a house, and where they have since resided for a period of fifty years, there being only four houses in the place when they moved to it. They are the parents of eight children, two of whom are dead: Laura died in childhood. Benjamin (deceased), born in 1854, married Miss Harriet Reese; they resided in Lancaster city, where the husband died in 1894, leaving a widow and four children, who still reside in Lancaster city. John, born in February, 1847, resides at Coatesville, and has a wife and one daughter, Ida, the wife of Frederick Fisher, of Chester county. Catherine, born in December, 1840, is the wife of James Cummings, residing in Strasburg township; they have three children, Emma, Elizabeth and John. William H., born April 25, 1853, went to Newcomerstown, Ohio, mar-

ried there, and is an engineer in that city; he has five children, Roy, Myrtle, Frederick, Bessie and Essie. Christiana, born March 4, 1858, is the wife of George Beck, of Colerain, Pa.; they have seven children, Anna, Florence, William, Charles, Harry, Teresse and David. Susan, born in September, 1866, is the wife of Henry Siffner, a business man of Lancaster City; they have no children. Ida, born Nov. 9, 1863, is the wife of John Clov, a business man of Lancaster city; they have no children.

Adam Mowrer is a Republican in politics, but has never sought office at the hands of his party. Both he and his wife are members of the Reformed Church, and during the many years of their residence in Quarryville, have been the instruments of many good deeds and acts of charity. They enjoy the friendship and esteem of all those whose pleasure it is to have been their acquaintances.

SAMUEL S. FAUSNACHT is a retired farmer of Rapho township, and was born in Lebanon county, Pa., Oct. 29, 1847, son of Henry and Mary (Shirk) Fausnacht, of Lebanon county.

Henry Fausnacht, the father, was a farmer until the latter years of his life, when he retired from active duties. He died in 1880, aged sixty years, and his wife followed him in 1889, at the age of sixty-eight years. They are buried at Hershey's Church, Dauphin Co., Pa. The following children were born to this union: Elizabeth (deceased), wife of Levi Brown; Jacob, who died in 1899; Leah, wife of John Bowman, a retired farmer of Lebanon; Fianna (died in 1896), wife of Samuel Kegerise; Henry, a farmer of Lebanon county; Michael, a retired farmer of Lebanon, Pa.; and Eli (deceased), twins; Samuel S. (the subject of this sketch) and Adam S. (farmer of Lebanon county), twins; and George, who died in 1898.

On Sept. 23, 1871, Samuel S. Fausnacht married Miss Susan Baker, of Lebanon county. No children have been born to them. Mrs. Fausnacht was born in Rapho township, Oct. 3, 1841, daughter of John and Ann (Stauffer) Baker, of Rapho township, where both died. The father was a farmer. He died in 1874, at eighty-two years of age, and his wife died in 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. They are buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Londonderry township, Chester county. There were born to this union: Catherine, widow of Abraham Stauffer, living with her brother-in-law, Mr. Fausnacht; Mary, widow of John Coble, of Steelton, Pa.; George, a farmer of Conewago, Pa.; Samuel, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; John, a farmer in Lebanon county; Elizabeth, widow of Peter Pickle, of Rapho township; Martin, who died in youth; Solomon, a retired farmer of Salunga, Pa.; Joseph, a jeweler in Lebanon county; Susan, wife of Mr. Fausnacht; Anna, wife of Josiah Fitterer, of Palmyra, Pa.; Caroline, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Sallie, unmarried, living with her brother-in-law, Mr. Fausnacht.

Samuel S. Fausnacht lived at home with his parents until twenty-one years of age, and then began farming on his own account. His efforts have always been well directed, and he has been highly prosperous. He retired from active work in 1900 and since then has taken life easy. He keeps himself well posted on all current events and stands high in his vicinity as a man and neighbor. He and his family are members of the German Baptist Church.

DAVID M. Eshelman, a plumber and steam fitter at Elizabethtown, was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, July 20, 1858, and is a son of the Rev. Abraham L. and Anna H. (Martin) Eshelman, both born and bred in Mt. Joy township. The father was a carpenter and cabinet maker in his younger days, and then became a farmer. In 1880 he gave up active farm work, having been ordained as a German Baptist preacher two years previously. He was born Nov. 24, 1830, and died March 20, 1896. His widow died Jan. 5, 1897, and both were buried in the Green Tree Church cemetery. She was sixty years of age at the time of her death, and was the mother of the following children: David M., whose name appears above; Isaac, who died in infancy; Annie, who married Henry Musser, and lives on the old homestead in the township of Mt. Joy.

Isaac Eshelman, grandfather of David M. Eshelman, was born near Colebrook, Lebanon county, April 26, 1794. During his younger years he moved to Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, where he learned the blacksmith's trade and later engaged in farming; he married Barbara Longnecker, also a native of Lebanon county. She was born Nov. 4, 1792, and died March 24, 1861. Her husband died March 8, 1877. Both are buried in the family burial ground, located on the farm which they occupied, situated about two miles southeast of Elizabethtown.

David M. Eshelman was married Nov. 20, 1880, in Londonderry township, Dauphin county, to Annie M. Kieffer, a native of Dauphin county, and a daughter of Rev. Samuel and Catherine (Brinser) Kieffer. Her parents were born in Dauphin county, but moved to Elizabethtown in 1891, and there spent the remainder of their days. Her father was a preacher of the United Zion Brethren Church, and died May 18, 1897, at the age of fifty-eight years, his remains being interred in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Prior to his ordination as a minister in 1878, he was a farmer. Mrs. Catherine Kieffer is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Eshelman, and has attained the age of sixty-one. Their children are as follows: Daniel B., a horse dealer in Middletown, Pa.; Annie M., who is the wife of David M. Eshelman.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eshelman was the Rev. Daniel Kieffer, a farmer and a United Zion Brethren preacher, who lived and died on the Kieffer homestead near Hanoverdale, Dauphin county. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Eshelman were Rev. Matthias and Catherine (Heisey) Brinser,

both natives of Dauphin county. He was a farmer, a preacher, the founder and first bishop of the United Zion Brethren Church. By a singular coincidence, both Mr. Eshelman and his wife seem to have descended from a family of preachers, for not only were the fathers of both ministers of the gospel, but Mr. Eshelman had three uncles and one grand-uncle of that profession, all of various denominations, while his wife has a record of both grand-fathers, three uncles and one granduncle who were ministers.

Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman remained on the old Eshelman homestead until 1889, when they removed to Elizabethtown, where he secured a position with the firm of A. Buch's Sons, which he has held to the present time, with satisfaction to his employers and credit to himself. Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman are members of the United Zion Brethren Church, and are highly esteemed in the community where their industrious and useful lives are passing. He is a Republican and a man of the utmost integrity.

SAMUEL B. ERB, a prominent business man of Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on his father's farm near that borough Nov. 8, 1861, and was educated in the public schools and the Lititz Academy.

Samuel Erb, father of Samuel B., was born in Warwick township, this county, at Erb's Mill, in 1815, and passed his boyhood on the home farm and in his father's mill, in the meantime receiving his education in the public schools. Agriculture was his calling through life and he became a man of great influence and prominence in the community. He was one of the founders of the Lititz National Bank, and one of the directors for about fifteen years. He married Miss Annie Brubaker, who was born in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, in 1817. To this marriage were born three children, viz.: Elizabeth, deceased; Barbara, wife of Andrew Lane, of Manheim township, and Samuel B. The father of this family died July 5, 1894, and the mother in 1896.

Samuel B. Erb began his business life as a farmer and followed the vocation seventeen years. In 1895 he became identified with the Rome distillery, one mile east of Lititz, and has since operated it. In 1898 he retired from farm life. Mr. Erb was one of the four gentlemen who founded the Keystone Knitting (or underwear) Mills at Lititz, of which he is now the third owner. He was a stockholder and director in the old waterworks company of Lititz, but later became one of the organizers of the new system. He was a director in the Independent Telephone Company of Lancaster county, of which he was one of the founders, and is a director in the Lititz National Bank. He was also one of the founders, directors and principal movers of The J. M. Mast Manufacturing Company, now in operation, located at Lititz, Pa., and formed in 1902; one of the promoters and founders of The Wellington

Mfg. Co. (known as the Mother's Starch Company), located at Lititz, Pa., and organized in 1902, of which he is now half owner; and promoter of the Lititz Bretzel Company, of Lititz, Pa., an industry well worthy of its name. He is certainly one of the most enterprising and public-spirited men in Lititz, and as such enjoys a reputation that is enviable in every particular.

In 1879, Mr. Erb married Miss Ida M. Rupp, a native of Leacock township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Joseph and Barbara Rupp. This union has been graced with two daughters, May R., and Anna R., now accomplished young ladies and ornaments of the society circles of Lititz.

JOHN P. M. RAUB, a retired hotel man of Quarryville, Lancaster county, was born in Drumore township Dec. 8, 1861. He was reared on his father's farm and received a common-school education. In 1885 he began business for himself, engaging in the butcher's trade, which he followed for about two years, leaving it to enter the livery business; this he continued for nearly three years. In 1890, he was married to Miss Melissa Swisher, daughter of Patrick and Susan Swisher, prominent people of Eden township. Mrs. Raub was born in 1871, and grew to womanhood on her parents' homestead, gaining her education in the common schools of the district. After their marriage, Mr. Raub settled on a rented farm where he lived one year, when he sold out his stock and purchased the "Railroad Hotel" in Quarryville borough, which he successfully conducted for six years. He then sold out to William Armstrong, and bought the "Washington Hotel," in the same borough, which he completely remodeled into one of the best hotels in the neighborhood. He continued in the "Washington Hotel" until 1901, when he sold the place to William Armstrong, the same man who had bought the "Railroad Hotel" from him at an earlier period. Mr. Raub, since his retirement from the "Washington Hotel," has not been actively engaged in the business, in which, during his earlier career, he was so very successful. He has been able to accumulate considerable wealth, which speaks volumes for his judgment and sagacity, as he started in life with small means. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Raub.

In politics Mr. Raub has always been identified with the Old-line Democracy, and has been a member of the borough council for four years. He was reared in the Presbyterian faith. Although yet a young man he has for the last eighteen years been well and favorably known; landlords of this portion of Pennsylvania, and every one who has the pleasure of his acquaintance, speak in terms of the highest praise of him. His name will be a lifelong memory to many who have partaken of feasts at his hospitable board. Mrs. Raub also will be kindly remembered for her courtesy and affable manner by the local as well as by the traveling public.

J. M. P. Raub is the eldest son of Dr. Henry E. Raub, a leading physician of Quarryville, who was born in Martinsville, Pa., Oct. 31, 1830. His parents were John and Mary (Miller) Raub.

John Raub was born in Soudersburg, Lancaster county, in July, 1800, son of Jacob Raub, who was born in Switzerland, emigrated thence to this country, and, after the war of 1812, settled in Lancaster county, where he raised a family of nine children, who afterward settled in different parts of the State. John Raub married Miss Mary Miller in 1823, and located in Martinstown, where he followed the trade of tailor for some time, afterward engaging in mercantile pursuits, which occupied his attention until a few years prior to his death, in 1865. His wife was born in 1800, and died in the family home at Martinsville, in 1853. The couple reared a family of five sons: (1) J. Miller, who was born in 1854, engaged for many years in the lumber trade on the Schuylkill river, and then, moving to Michigan, followed the same business, dying at Big Rapids, Mich., a few years ago. His widow and three children are still residing in Michigan. (2) Dr. John H. was born in Lancaster county, in March, 1828, and after admission to practice, settled in Quarryville, where he continued living until 1856, when he moved to Providence, and practiced there until his death, in 1867. He is survived by two children—Gaylord, of Quarryville, and Lilly S., wife of William Herr, of New Bloomfield, Iowa. (3) S. W. was born in 1832, is now a merchant tailor of Lancaster city, and has a family of five children. (4) Prof. A. M. was born in March, 1840. He received a classical education at various institutions, and was elected superintendent of the Ashland schools, and served in that capacity for some time, afterward filling a similar position in the Kutztown school for a number of years. He was then appointed principal of the Lockhaven Normal School, in which position he served until elected county superintendent of education of Clinton county, Pa., which position he held until 1891, when he was elected president of the Delaware College, at Newark. He still resides in that place, but resigned his position some time ago, and is living a retired life. Considerable of his time, however, is given to literary work, in educational lines, and he is widely known in this connection. He has a wife and six children, two of his sons holding prominent positions in educational work in Boston and Philadelphia. (5) Dr. Henry E. grew to manhood in Lancaster county. After teaching school and clerking in his father's store for a time, he in 1854, took up the study of medicine. In 1856 he was graduated from the Pennsylvania Medical College, and then began practice in Drumore township, afterward coming to Quarryville, where he has resided and followed his profession for the past thirty years. From time to time, he purchased real estate in Quarryville borough and other localities, and owns several well-cultivated farms in the vicinity of his home. In 1861 he mar-

ried Catherine, daughter of Patterson and Amelia Mordewell, of Columbia, Lancaster county. Mrs. Raub was born in Selins Grove, Pa., in 1832, and is the mother of three children—J. M. P., already referred to in this sketch; Harry M., born in 1864, unmarried, and acting as superintendent of his father's farms; and Dr. R. V. S., who was born in 1872, and educated in the Millersville schools, where he took a special course in languages. He afterward graduated at the Jefferson Medical College, in Philadelphia, and is now practicing in Chester county. He married Miss Lizzie Groff, of Quarryville borough, and to their union one son, Henry E., has been born.

In politics Dr. Henry E. Raub is a Jacksonian Democrat. He has held the office of school director in the borough for many years, was the first burgess of the borough, and filled that position with marked ability. The Doctor was brought up in the Lutheran faith, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of Washington Lodge of Masons, No. 156, and has for many years been a member of the Odd Fellows.

BENJAMIN F. MINICH, a veterinary surgeon of considerable note at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in that borough April 17, 1858, and is a son of Henry G. and Anna C. (Albright) Minich, of whom a biographical sketch will be found elsewhere.

In 1876, Benjamin F. Minich left Columbia and went to Kent, Ohio, and for four years worked for his brother, N. J. A. Minich, publisher of the *Kent Saturday Bulletin*; for the following four years he had charge of the printing department of the Railway Speed Recorder Company. In 1884 he went to New York City and took a two-years course in the American Veterinary College, and on graduating returned to Columbia, where he has secured a lucrative practice and achieved an enviable reputation, and where he is engaged in horse breeding, owning several fine stallions.

In October, 1888, Mr. Minich married Miss Anna R. Hinkle, a daughter of Joseph Hinkle, and for eight years a school teacher in Columbia. To this union has been born one child, Mary Jones.

Joseph Hinkle, late retired contractor and builder, was born in Columbia, Dec. 16, 1835, a son of Joseph and Margaret (Fisher) Hinkle, also natives of Columbia. Joseph Hinkle was a farmer in his younger days, was noted as an expert wood-chopper and he and Joseph Maze, who married his (Hinkle's) sister, cleared most of the land on which Columbia is now built. Joseph Hinkle, the father, died in 1866, at the age of eighty-six years. The mother died in 1845, at the age of fifty-five. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains were interred in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Joseph Hinkle, however, was three times married, and to his first marriage were born four daughters and two sons, viz: David; Patience, who was mar-

ried to George Fisher; Isaac; Susan M., who was married to a Mr. Lawhead; Elizabeth; Christiann, who was married to Charles Strine—all now deceased. The second marriage was to Margaret Fisher; and to this union were born Sarah, wife of John Haines, retired, of Harrisburg; Joseph; Henry H., who died in Lancaster; Samuel, an ex-soldier and now superintendent of a rolling-mill in Harrisburg, and William, a machinist in Columbia. The third marriage was to Martha Fairs, but to this union no children were born.

On May 16, 1857, Joseph Hinkle, the younger, married, in Columbia, Miss Mary Jones, and to this union the following named children were born: Thomas W., a contractor and builder; Anna, who died young; Anna, married to Benjamin Minich; James L., a contractor and builder in Cleveland, Ohio; Maria J., wife of Henry Albright, a shipping clerk in Columbia. Mrs. Mary (Jones) Hinkle was born in Caernarvonshire, South Wales, March 4, 1833, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Bowen) Jones, the latter of whom died in 1837. The former married again and came to America in 1861; he was a farmer and settled in Wisconsin, in which State he died in 1862, at the age of eighty years. To this marriage there were born eight children, viz.: Henry, who was an officer in the British army, and died in London; John, who died in Pittsburg, Pa.; William, who died in Wheeling, West Va.; David, who was also an officer in the English army and died in London; Thomas, who enlisted in the regular army of the United States and died in this country; Reece, who died in Pittsburg, Pa.; Evan, a farmer in Ohio, and Mary (Mrs. Hinkle). The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mary Hinkle were farming people and passed their lives in Wales.

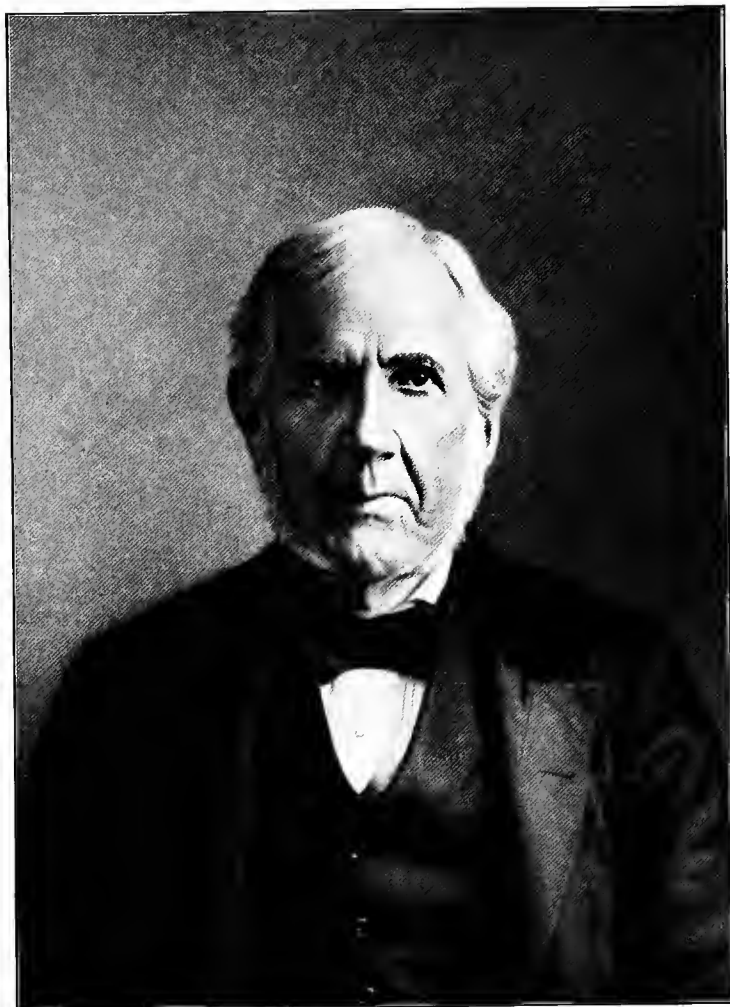
Joseph Hinkle attended school about two months each year in boyhood, but from the age of eight until seventeen years he worked hard for his father on the farm; he was then employed in farm teaming for two months with a half-brother, James Riter, then worked three months in a stone quarry, and next served an apprenticeship of two and a half years at stone masonry and bricklaying with Henry Albright; after that he worked at teaming for quarries, foundries, etc., and at bricklaying. He was toll-gate keeper on the Columbia-Chestnut Hill turnpike from 1878 until 1895, and while holding this position did a great deal of contracting and building, erecting about nineteen houses in Columbia, and retiring in the year last mentioned. In politics he was a Republican, and served as chief burgess in 1866 and 1867. Fraternally he was a Red Man. He died Oct. 11, 1902, and now sleeps in Laurel Hill cemetery, near his birthplace.

JACOB F. WISLER, who for a number of years prior to his death lived retired in Columbia, was born in that borough June 6, 1813, son of Lewis and Anna (Forrey) Wisler, natives of Philadelphia and Lancaster county, respectively. The father,

who was born in 1780, came to Columbia to engage in the manufacture of brick, and died in Bainbridge, Pa., while on a visit, Sept. 25, 1852; his wife, who was born in 1781, died in 1856. In religion she was a Mennonite. They were married in Columbia, and had a family of ten children, all now deceased, viz.: John, who died March 10, 1863; Michael, who died in February, 1862; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Philip, who died near Newportville, Bucks Co., Pa., in 1890; Jacob F., whose name opens this paragraph; Mary, deceased, in 1871, who was married to Robert M. Harry, who died in 1885; Samuel, who died in January, 1895; Henry who died May 11, 1901, a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, he and Jacob F. being the last survivors of this large family; Anna, Mrs. Wentz, who died in Virginia in 1870; and Lewis, who died in Kansas, June 26, 1891.

The Wisler family of Columbia, Pa., and vicinity, had for its first progenitor in America, Michael Wisler, who came to this country between 1740 and 1750. His son Michael, who was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1756, in May, 1776, enlisted for service in the Revolutionary war, serving twenty months under Capt. Henry Christ, who commanded a company in Col. Miles' regiment of riflemen; with that command he participated in several engagements, viz.: Flatbush, L. I., where but one-fifth of the Americans escaped; White Plains, N. Y.; Trenton and Princeton, N. J.; and Brandywine and Germantown, Pa. He was twice wounded in these engagements. In January, 1778, he was discharged from the service, at the camp at Valley Forge, on account of disability. Some time afterward he married Sophia Harpel, who was born in Montgomery county in the year 1761. Her name, as shown in the "Tauf Schein," was Sophia Herblin, but has always been known as Harpel among her descendants. In 1794 Michael Wisler volunteered to serve in the army then being sent to the western part of the State, to suppress the Whiskey Rebellion, then disturbing the public peace; when a portion of the army had come to and was crossing the Susquehanna river, at Columbia, then but recently (1788) laid out as a town, he met and conversed with Samuel Wright, owner of the ferry and promoter of the new town, who mentioned that a manufacturer of brick was needed in the promising young community. Mr. Wisler told Mr. Wright that he had acquired a knowledge of the business in Philadelphia, and that after the war was over he would stop at Columbia on his way back to Philadelphia, and look for suitable clay; he did so, and found it on the farm north of town which is now occupied by his descendants, and where brick was made for many years. His son Lewis became the owner of the farm, and was succeeded by his son Henry, who lived there until his death. Michael Wisler died Sept. 14, 1824.

Jacob F. Wisler attended school continuously until eleven years old, and then went to work in the brickyard, and while there employed had school ad-



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vantages during the winters only until about fifteen and a half years old. He then went to Millersville, Lancaster county, served an apprenticeship of four and a half years at blacksmithing, then worked on the home farm for a while, and later again in the brickyard until 1848. He then rented a blacksmith shop at the railroad yards in Reading, conducting same ten years, and next built a brewery in the same town, which he operated eight years. He then started a brewery on a small scale at his present home, and in 1884 retired from active business. His death, which occurred Feb. 27, 1902, was mourned by the community generally. In politics Mr. Wisler was originally a Democrat, but at the breaking out of the Rebellion became a Republican. He served in the town council.

On April 3, 1842, Jacob F. Wisler was joined in marriage, at Columbia, with Miss Susan Anna Baer, and to this union there were born two children: John B., secretary of the Fairview Milling Company, who married M. Lillie Snyder, of Columbia; and Rebecca B., who died at the age of two years. Mrs. Susan A. (Baer) Wisler was born in York county, Pa., May 30, 1819, and died March 1, 1901. She was a daughter of John and Mary A. (Behmiller) Baer, of York county, who died there. John Baer was a river pilot, and also conducted a gunsmith shop, in which he employed several men. He died in 1841, when forty-five years old, and his wife preceded him to the grave in 1825. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Wisler, Isaac Baer, of Strasburg, Lancaster county, carried on a gun shop in York, Pa., and there died.

JOHN HOCKING was born Oct. 18, 1852, in the parish of St. Germans, in the eastern part of Cornwall, bordering on Devonshire, near the old town of Plymouth. His parents were Samuel and Mary Hocking, and the Hocking family is of a very ancient line as appears by the annals of the various parishes in that part of England, where the different generations of this name were principally engaged in farming and as mechanics.

John Hocking was baptized in the parish church at St. Germans, which belonged to the Church of England. His education was secured at a national school, which at that time was under the control of the Established Church. Following a natural inclination, he went into mining early, and worked in the deep mines of England, where he operated in lead, copper and coal. Interested in the scope of mining, which he found to be very wide, he studied mineralogy and geology, as well as mining machinery. His investigations covered native formations, the nature of the material in which the different formations are found, and the different forms in which they lie. Mr. Hocking felt that greater opportunities and a larger field to work would be found by him on this side of the Atlantic ocean, so at the age of nineteen years he came to America, and located at Nickel Mines in Lancaster county,

where he entered the employ of Joseph Wharton, whose works were at that time managed by Charles Doble. The business connection, thus early formed, was unbroken for many years until the closing of the works.

Mr. Hocking was married in the spring of 1875 to the oldest daughter of Charles Doble, and to this marriage were born three boys and two girls. Some years after their marriage they purchased a farm near Georgetown, in Bart township, which was made the family home for fourteen years, Mr. Hocking continuing at the mines, and employing men to carry on the farming, to which his children were reared.

After the closing of the nickel mines, Mr. Hocking, finding that his children's tastes did not run to an agricultural career, put his oldest son in the store at Nickel Mines. He purchased the dwelling, store property and stock of H. Gottschalk, at Kinzers, and opened a mercantile business at that point, with his two sons, Charles and John, April 12, 1896. He was made postmaster of Kinzers and had his two sons for assistants. The enterprise there proved a decided success, and he intended going out of the mining business, and following mercantile pursuits. In 1897, however, he received a letter from J. Jessop, of York, making inquiries about some work in mining which he was carrying on in Maryland. Out of this correspondence grew the Liberty Copper mines, and the opening of this enterprise was managed by Mr. Hocking at a very fair salary. In the meantime he received a letter from Mr. Wharton asking him to superintend the work of developing the old nickel mines of Lancaster county. This work being near his home and his business at Kinzers, he resigned his position at the Maryland works, and engaged with Mr. Wharton, who found by 1899 that the nickel mines were not rich enough to warrant competition with other countries. For a time he worked in Maryland with the people he had been employed by before, but the profits were not enough to warrant the search for gold, and Mr. Hocking was sent to Petersburg, Lancaster county, to develop zinc mines, which were thought to run through that section of the lime stone valley in paying quantities. At the present time, Mr. Hocking is engaged again with J. Jessop & Co., of York, and has made some new developments in the iron ore on Chestnut Hill, Lancaster county, in close proximity to Charles Grubb's mines. The property was owned and operated by the New York Mining Company up to 1876, but then the mines were considered to be exhausted and had been abandoned from that time. Mr. Hocking made careful examinations and found the courses of the ore, which in due time will show and produce large quantities of very rich ore.

For many years Mr. Hocking and his family were associated with the Episcopal Church at Nickel Mines, where he filled all the offices of the vestry, and for many years was one of the wardens.

For twenty-six years he was superintendent of the Sabbath school. Personally, Mr. Hocking is a man of fine character, liberal attainments and a knowledge of mining superior to any other man in Lancaster county. His business methods are beyond question, and he has accumulated a very fair fortune.

ABRAM HERNLEY, a general farmer of Rapho township, resides on the family homestead where he was born, June 22, 1860. He is the son of Peter and Barbara (Hershey) Hernley, who resided for many years on the same place.

Peter Hernley, the father, died June 7, 1892, and is buried in Hernley's Meeting House cemetery. The mother is still living at the age of seventy-five years, on a farm adjoining her son's place. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hernley the following children: Anna, the wife of Samuel Snaveley, a Rapho township farmer; Mary, widow of Abram Metzler, of Penn township; Lizzie, wife of Henry B. Longenecker, of Penn township, near Limerock, died Sept. 9, 1897; and Abram, the subject of this sketch. Mr. Hernley's paternal grandparents were Peter and Elizabeth (Lehman) Hernley, who resided on the farm owned by their grandson, Abram. Peter Hernley died on the farm. He was a son of Christian Hernley, who, in turn, was the son of the pioneer of the family, Ulrich Horn, or Hernley, who emigrated from Switzerland and landed in Philadelphia Sept. 26, 1737. In 1759 this Ulrich Horn, or Hernley as he was afterwards known, secured from the Penn family patents to 174 acres of the present Hernley homestead. He was a shoemaker by trade, going from house to house, and as he could not always return home by night, his family often stayed alone in their little house. This house was closed by a shutter on the outside, and by aid of a ladder Mrs. Hernley and the children crawled up, drawing the ladder up after them. Thus they would remain through the night, listening to the wolves howling around the hut. Downingtown was the nearest place where the family could secure flour, and they were obliged to carry it all on horseback. He lived and died and is buried on the place which has ever since remained in the possession of the family. It will thus be seen that six generations of Hernleys have at different times owned the broad acres of the homestead, taken up and settled upon by their great-great-grandfather. Abram Hernley's grandparents on his mother's side were Abraham and Annie Hershey, of Lancaster county.

On Oct. 26, 1882, in Lancaster, Abram Hernley married Miss Lizzie Metzler. There have been born to this union the following children: Norah M., Minnie M., Barbara M., Peter M., Lizzie M., Martha M. and Esther M., all living at home with their parents. Mrs. Lizzie (Metzler) Hernley was born on the family homestead in Rapho township Aug. 5, 1862.

Abram Hernley has always lived on his present home, with the exception of ten years which he passed on an adjoining farm. At the time of his marriage he removed to the old place, and has since resided on it. Mr. Hernley is a Republican in politics, but the only office he ever filled was that of school director for a short term. He is thrifty in his habits and devotes his time to personal business affairs and has accumulated a fortune. With his family he is a member of the Mennonite church, and is well regarded in both religious and social circles for his moral character and pleasant ways.

ABRAHAM W. BURKHOLDER. Among the prominent, wealthy and much esteemed citizens of West Earl township is Abraham W. Burkholder, a son of John and Fannie (Wenger) Burkholder, who was born on Oct. 18, 1852, coming of sturdy German stock.

Grandfather Abraham Burkholder established a large and honorable family in Lancaster county, many of whom have become connected by marriage with other old and prominent families. The names of the children of Abraham Burkholder were Christian, Abraham, Jonas, John, Samuel, Mary, Lizzie and Sarah. His son, John Burkholder, was born in 1808, and died in 1862, and was the father of nine children: Daniel, a resident of Ephrata; Levi, deceased; David, a farmer of West Earl township; Nancy, deceased; Hattie, wife of David Burkholder, of West Earl township; John and Abraham, who died in infancy; Abraham, of this biography; and Lizzie, the wife of Isaac Weaver, of Earl township.

Abraham W. Burkholder was reared on the farm and received his education in the common schools, continuing to pursue agricultural pursuits after he had reached his majority. Endowed with good judgment, Mr. Burkholder has made a success of his farming operations, and owns much valuable property in Lancaster county. His home farm is located one mile northeast of Farmersville, and consists of sixty-six acres; in addition to this, he owns a farm of seventy acres at Farmersville, a small farm of twenty-one acres in the same vicinity, and one of seventy acres in the neighborhood of Hinkletown. All of these properties are under a high state of cultivation, and have been improved, representing a large amount of money.

Abraham W. Burkholder was married on Jan. 25, 1873, to Miss Katherine Zimmerman, a daughter of Rev. Jacob and Katherine Zimmerman, of West Earl township, and this union has been blessed with these children: Martin, born in 1874, a farmer of West Earl township; Fannie and Katherine died in childhood; Mary, at home; Eli, born in 1882, at home; Abraham, born in 1886, at home; and Jacob, born in 1890, at home.

As one of the largest landholders in the township Mr. Burkholder takes a leading position, and as a progressive and excellent citizen is known very favorably. In politics he is a Republican, and he is

one of the prominent members of the Mennonite church. As a neighbor he is kind and helpful, and lives a moral and estimable life, devoted to his family.

JOHN N. MUSSER, a representative of one of the old families of East Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Rapho township, near Mt. Joy, on the old homestead, Aug. 1, 1857, a son of John and Catherine (Nissley) Musser, both now deceased.

John, the father, was a son of Benjamin Musser, and a Miss Miller, while the maternal grandfather was named John Nissley. John Musser, the father of John N. Musser, was born in Conestoga township, and when fifteen moved with the family to East Hempfield township, near Salunga, where he remained until he was married. At that time he removed to Rapho township, and purchased 109 acres of land, and there lived until his retirement to Salunga, at which place his death occurred May 4, 1894, when he was sixty-seven years and twenty-five days old. During his life he was one of the successful farmers of the county, and he and his excellent wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. To these parents were born nine children: Annie, wife of Henry Bender, of West Hempfield; Lizzie, wife of John Weidman, of Penn township; Benjamin N., a resident of East Donegal township; John N.; Fannie, wife of Phares Bomberger, of Pennville, Penn township; Amos N., a resident of the old homestead in Rapho township; Henry and two infants, deceased. The father was one of the active supporters of the church, and was twice a member of the building committee. The death of the mother occurred on Jan. 5, 1892, when she was sixty-four years of age.

John N. Musser worked on his father's farm and received his education in the common schools of the neighborhood. When he was twenty-three, in 1880, he assumed the management of a farm in East Donegal township, belonging to his father, and here he remained for three years. Then he removed to The Junction, in Penn township, and remained there four years, when he located on his present farm, which is pleasantly located just north of Mechanicsville, in East Hempfield township, and consists of thirty-four acres. Mr. Musser also owns the sixty acres adjoining his farm, and all of his property is well cultivated; his improvements are in accordance with the latest ideas with regard to farming. His buildings are in excellent condition and his acres yield him good crops. In addition to his farming interests, Mr. Musser is a director in the Manheim National Bank, and a dealer in tobacco, and is very successful in all his ventures.

On Oct. 19, 1879, Mr. Musser was married to Miss Anna H. Cassel, who was born in Rapho township Dec. 25, 1861, the daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Hernlev) Cassel. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Musser, Minnie C. Mr. Musser

and his excellent wife are active members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are most worthy and highly respected people. In all matters of public interest Mr. Musser can always be depended upon to take a leading part, and the success which has followed him through life is well deserved, for he has always been thrifty and hard working.

WILLIAM W. FAIRER, JR., of the firm of Fairer & Son, proprietors of the Columbia (Pa.) Boiler Works, was born in Lancaster city Feb. 10, 1860, and is a son of Thomas and Frances (Myers) Fairer, natives, respectively, of Lancaster city and Manor township, in Lancaster county.

Thomas Fairer was a carpenter by trade, and followed this calling until 1857, when he learned boiler making, at which he worked as journeyman in Lancaster; later he came to Columbia and established the boiler works at present operated by his son, William W., under the original firm name. In addition to boilermaking, the firm did general repairing and also conducted a bicycle store, and these industries are still continued by his son, the father having died March 9, 1894, at the age of sixty-five years. The works occupy a half acre of ground and furnish employment for twenty men.

Mrs. Frances (Myers) Fairer was born in 1835 and now resides in Lancaster. By her marriage to Thomas Fairer she became the mother of eight children, viz: Ida, the widow of Charles Phillips, and a resident of Lancaster; Anna, who died young; William W., whose name opens this biography; Frank, who passed away in childhood; Emma, the wife of Charles Bowman, a jeweler in Lancaster; Margerie, who is married to Harry Gast, a shoe-dealer, also in Lancaster; Myra, living with her mother; and Bessie, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of William W. Fairer were Lanslott and Elizabeth Fairer, of whom the former was a native of England and a shoemaker by trade, and the latter a native of Lancaster, where both ended their days.

William W. Fairer has been twice married. In 1883 at Lancaster he chose for his bride Maggie Schenk, who was born in that city in 1861, and was a daughter of Henry and Mary Schenk. Her father, now deceased, was a jeweler; her mother still lives in Lancaster. Mrs. Maggie Fairer bore her husband two children, Ada and Bessie, and passed away in 1889.

In September, 1890, Mr. Fairer chose for his second companion Miss Ella G. Cornog, and she has borne him one child, W. Atlee. Mrs. Ella G. Fairer was born in Newark, New Castle Co., Del., and is the only child of George and Catherine Cornog.

Mr. Fairer is regarded as one of the most enterprising business men in Columbia, and socially mingles with the best classes of its residents. Fraternally he is a member of the K. of M. and Junior Mechanics, and in politics is a Republican.

H. M. DRYBREAD, a leading citizen of Clay township, was born Dec. 12, 1856, son of Jacob H. and Annie Druckenbrode, the name being changed by the subject of this sketch to its present English spelling.

Jacob Druckenbrode, the grandfather of H. M. Drybread, was an old settler in Clay township, and was the father of nine children: Jacob, Isaac, Benjamin, Jonas, Peter, Nancy, John, Jeremiah and Henry, all deceased. Jacob Druckenbrode, the father, was born in 1829, and died in 1886, and was the father of five children, namely: H. M., of this sketch; Samuel, deceased; Amanda, wife of George Roshorn, of Clay township; Mary, wife of Theodore Yeager, of Lancaster; and Hattie, the wife of George Dommoyer, of Clay township.

Mr. Drybread began life as a poor boy, and it is through his own efforts that he has become possessed of his present fine farm of seventy-two acres, with its comfortable dwelling, and other property. In politics he is a member of the Republican party and at present efficiently fills the position of township auditor and has also served as judge of elections. Although he is now engaged in extensive farming, he is also a miller, and in his earlier years ran a mill in this township. For many years he has been active in religious work and is identified with the Mount Airy Union Sunday School as its superintendent.

Mr. Drybread was married on July 11, 1881, to Miss Amanda Wealand, of Clay township, and two children have been born to this union: Annie, the wife of Cyrus Boyer, of Clay township; and Alice, at home. Mr. Drybread is a man of sterling integrity, and is very highly esteemed in Clay township.

GEORGE E. SIPLE is one of the tried and trusted engineers of the Pennsylvania system, who has been in the employ of the company for more than twenty years. His father was named Jacob Siple, and his mother, whose Christian name was Mary Margaret, was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Williams) Stuckey, who were originally of Cumberland, but moved thence to Perry county. Jacob Siple was a son of Jacob Siple and Rebecca Shannon, who were born respectively in Lancaster, Pa., and in Maryland. He, Jacob, the grandfather of George E. Siple, was the son of a German immigrant. He was a tailor by trade, but also cultivated a farm. Mr. Siple's father was born Sept. 15, 1828. He resided in the borough of Washington until 1885 when he removed to Columbia. While a resident of Washington he was engaged in tobacco culture. After taking up his residence in Columbia his occupations were various; he still carried on the culture of tobacco, but in addition acted as pilot on the Susquehanna river through the summer, while conducting a cooperage business during the winter months. He is still living, and for the past five years has been employed in grading and otherwise improving the highways of Columbia borough. His wife, Mr.

Siple's mother, died in her fifty-ninth year, in 1886, and is buried in Washington borough. Both she and her husband were members of the Church of God.

George E. Siple is the second child and eldest son of this couple. He was born in the borough of Washington, county of Lancaster, on July 1, 1856. His eldest sister, Anna, is the wife of John D. Lewis, a farmer of Conewago. Another sister, Elizabeth B., is unmarried, and lives with her father. Jacob, a brother, has his home in the far west. Ira is employed in the rolling mills at Columbia. Emma is Mrs. William McCall, of Lancaster. Sarah is unmarried and lives in Columbia. Hetty married William Bard, a railroad engineer, residing in the same town. Rebecca, the youngest of the family, is the wife of Clinton Meshey, a brakeman. Their home is at York.

Mr. Siple was married July 8, 1878, to Miss Annie R. Lenox, of Columbia, whose birthplace was Mt. Joy. Her parents were Richard and Rebecca (Porter) Lenox, of the latter place. Her father was a Union soldier, and died in a Confederate prison during the Civil war. The issue of this marriage was three sons and two daughters: James, Emma, William, George and Lucinda. James, who is a fireman, married Anna Sargent; the other children are unmarried. Mrs. Siple died Nov. 14, 1892, and on Sept. 30, 1897, Mr. Siple married again. His second wife was Mary Stradtman, by whom he is the father of one son, Albert D. The present Mrs. Siple is the daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Stradtman, both of whom came to America from Germany in early youth, and who were married in Lancaster county. Her father, a carpenter, died in 1892, aged sixty-eight years, and her mother on June 18, 1896, at the age of sixty-two. They were the parents of nine children, their daughter Mary being the eighth. The others, in order of birth, were: Louisa, now Mrs. Fred Brandt, of Lancaster county; Magdalina, the wife of John Weidler; Henry, of Columbia, a shoemaker by trade; Amelia, who married John Herneiser, of Columbia; Susan, who became the wife of Amos Auxer, a Lancaster county farmer; John, whose home is in Lancaster; William, a printer of the same place; and Peter, also a resident of that city.

Until he reached the age of fourteen years young Siple remained at home. He then went to Manor township, where he found work upon a farm. After reaching his twenty-second year he went West, and was engaged for a year in canvassing for books in Missouri. Returning to Columbia, he took charge of a dairy for Silas Purple, and after a year entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co., as a brakeman. Two years later, he was given the post of fireman, and in Feb., 1892, was promoted to the position of engineer. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, of the B. W. H. F., of Pennsylvania; and the Knights of Malta. He is a member of the Church of God, and

in politics a Prohibitionist. His intelligence, industry and high moral worth have won for him a large number of friends, as well as the esteem of the community at large.

ELI H. WOLGEMUTH, a general farmer in West Donegal township, was born on a farm which adjoins the one he is now cultivating as his home farm, July 11, 1855, and is a son of Rev. John M. and Hester Hernley Wolgemuth, both of Lancaster county, whose history is fully presented elsewhere under the name of Rev. John M. Wolgemuth. In 1858 his parents came to the farm on which he is now found, and engaged in its cultivation for twenty years.

Eli H. Wolgemuth married Lizzie Hostetter, who was born in Conoy township Jan. 7, 1858, a daughter of Abraham and Fanny (Musser) Hostetter. Her parents were born in West Hempfield township, and now reside in Rapho township, where they are spending their last days in that peace and comfort that belong to the closing period of honest and industrious lives, a certain beautiful law of nature making the closing days of a normal life its loveliest and most attractive.

Eli H. Wolgemuth made his home with his parents, and assisted his father in the care of the paternal acres until that gentleman was obliged by advancing years to give up the farm, and then young Eli took charge of it himself, and has since been engaged in its cultivation, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Eli H. Wolgemuth is a Republican, and has filled the position of school director for six years. His father lives in an adjoining house, and both are creditable types of Pennsylvania farmers and churchmen.

CYRUS JOHNSON, a leading farmer of Providence township, was born Jan. 7, 1858, a son of Jacob and Eliza (Eshleman) Johnson, both of whom are now deceased.

Jacob Johnson was born in 1818, in Lancaster county, followed the blacksmith trade through life, and died Jan. 19, 1890, leaving behind him an honorable record as a man of reliability, honesty and industry. He belonged to one of the respected families of Lancaster county, and faithfully followed the teachings of the Dunkard religious faith. In his political sympathy he was a Republican. He married Eliza Eshleman, also of Lancaster county, and they had a family of ten children, their names being as follows: Mary, the wife of Henry Eckerman, of Providence township; Jacob; Henry; Amos; Eliza, who married Henry Heidebaugh, of Quarryville; John and Benjamin, residing in Providence township; Cyrus; Morris, residing in Providence township; and Susan, the wife of Joseph Hall.

Cyrus Johnson grew up to be a farmer, and after he had finished his attendance in the district schools he settled down to an agricultural life. Like many of his neighbors, he began at the bottom of the lad-

der, and to his industry and frugality may be attributed his present comfortable circumstances. He now is the owner of one of the best farms of the township, comprising eighty-eight acres of fine land, which he has improved with first-class buildings. Although no office seeker, he takes an intelligent interest in public affairs and votes with the Republican party.

Mr. Johnson was married Dec. 29, 1881, and he and his wife, Laura, have had four children, the only survivor being Howard, the eldest. By one of those sad dispensations which sometimes afflict, the three other children passed away from earth within a few days of one another, a scourge of diphtheria being the cause. Neomi, born in 1884, died Jan. 9, 1901, following her sister Ella, born in 1887, who died Jan. 4, 1901, and her brother, Park P., who was born in 1890, and died Jan. 8, 1901. In this sad affliction Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had the deep sympathy of the whole community. They are consistent members of the Church of God, and are known and regarded through their neighborhood with esteem on account of their many kind and neighborly qualities. Mr. Johnson has always taken a deep interest in his locality, and in every way may be regarded as an estimable citizen.

J. ROBERT LONG. Among the leading citizens and prominent farmers of Drumore, is John Robert Long, who was born Sept. 24, 1861, son of H. Harvey Long, deceased, of East Drumore township.

The original settler of the Long family in Pennsylvania was a John Long, an iron maker who came to Lancaster county about 1735 and made the hinges and furnished the iron used in the building of the Presbyterian Church at Chestnut Level, Drumore township, Lancaster county, in the year 1765. The Long family was of Scotch-Irish descent. John Long, grandfather of J. Robert, was married three times; the first wife was Harriet Steele and the following family was born of the union: Ann, Elizabeth, William, Mary, Harvey, Harriet and Robert. Of these the two survivors are Elizabeth, wife of John Jordan, of Philadelphia, and Mary, who married Franklin Sutton, of Lancaster City. For his second wife John Long married Sarah Ross, by whom he had no children. His third wife was Mary Moore, and by this marriage also there were no children. Mr. Long was an iron maker by trade and was one of the leading men of the county, serving as a member of the Legislature several terms, and he died deeply regretted by all.

H. Harvey Long, a leading farmer and citizen of his time, was born Nov. 7, 1821, and died Nov. 3, 1875. He was a farmer in Drumore, now East Drumore, township, and in company with his brother William owned and operated a flour and feed mill, now known as the Groff mill, in East Drumore. In 1858 he was married to Miss Rosannah J. Barnes, from a family of old settlers of Lan-

caster county. She was born April 1, 1835, and is still residing in Drumore township. To H. Harvey Long and his wife six children were born, of whom J. Robert is our subject; William B., a farmer of East Drumore township, born Oct. 29, 1863; Laura I., born March 14, 1866; Lillie B., born Sept. 26, 1871; and H. Harvey, a farmer of East Drumore, born Feb. 26, 1876.

J. Robert Long was reared on the farm and was educated in the common schools of his neighborhood, with the additional advantage of attending an academy at Chestnut Level. When he attained to mature years he began farming for himself and now possesses a most excellent farm of 230 acres, on which is a fine residence and one of the best barns in Lancaster county. His farm is conducted upon scientific principles, and the results prove that he is one of the progressive farmers of today. All of his property is well improved, fences and outbuildings are in excellent order, and his entire farm speaks well for his industry, management and thrift.

On Dec. 18, 1895, Mr. Long was married to Miss Laura J. Clark, the daughter of A. Scott Clark, of Drumore township, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Lancaster county. Mr. Clark was born Oct. 30, 1815, and died March 8, 1898, deeply lamented by a wide circle of friends. The mother of Mrs. Long, Isabel (Neeper) Clark, was born Nov. 22, 1822, and died Nov. 27, 1897. In religious matters Mr. Clark was a strong Presbyterian, taking an active part in all church work; and politically supported the candidates of the Republican party. Throughout his useful life Mr. Clark was highly respected and was regarded as one of the leading men of his locality. Mr. and Mrs. Clark had, besides Laura J.: Lettie P., wife of James Maxwell, of East Drumore township; Robert W., a physician in active practice in Pittsburg, Pa.; James Lindley, a mining engineer of Northampton, Mass.; Harry Scott, a druggist of Uniontown, Pa.; and Annie Bell, wife of Irwin Cutler, of Drumore township.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Long, Robert Clark, was born on the place now owned by Mr. Long, and was of Irish descent. By his wife, Agnes Scott, he had ten children: Thomas A.; William J.; Elizabeth M., married to Sam Neeper; Margaret, married to James Black; Nancy, married to James Morrison; Mary, married to Franklin Scott; Jane, who became the second wife of Franklin Scott; Robert A.; James; and A. Scott, the father of Mrs. Long.

The political convictions of Mr. Long lead him to be a strong Republican and he devotes his time and energy to insuring the success of his party's candidates. In recognition of his ability and merit, his party has honored him by election to the position of school director for two terms, and he is now serving most acceptably as auditor of the township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Long are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church of Chestnut Level, in which

they take an active part, and they are recognized as being among the leading representatives of the old settled families of southern Lancaster county. By honesty, industry and unfailing good management, Mr. Long has attained his present prosperous condition, and his success is most certainly well merited. In public as well as private life Mr. Long discharges the duties assigned him with prompt exactitude and his friends feel that the future before him is bright, anticipating his continued success as a prosperous farmer and patriotic citizen.

WAYNE B. ROHRER. A prominent and highly esteemed resident of Lancaster county, who carries on general farming in Upper Leacock township, is Wayne B. Rohrer, who was born on his present farm Dec. 18, 1851. His parents were Isaac and Martha (Binkley) Rohrer, the latter of whom was born in Manheim township, and the former of whom was a native of Upper Leacock township, where he carried on extensive farming operations until his retirement from activity, in 1874. Then Mr. Rohrer moved to the vicinity of Heller's Church and resided there until his death, in 1898, at the ripe age of eighty-three years. His wife passed away in 1874, at the age of fifty-nine years, and both of them had been among the leading members of the Mennonite Church, and were respected and beloved residents of their neighborhood. They were laid to rest in the old private cemetery on the Rohrer farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer had these children: Barbara, who died at the age of nineteen years; Hattie B., deceased, who was the wife of David N. Landis; Gabriel B., a farmer in Wayne Co., Ohio; Maria B., who married Milton Groff, of Bareville, Pa.; David B., a farmer in this township; Wayne B., the subject of this sketch; Amanda B., deceased; Lemuel B., a farmer in Texas; and Emma E., who married Christian Landis, of Lancaster City.

Wayne B. Rohrer grew up on the home farm and acquired his education in the public schools. His residence has been on the home farm and he has done much in the way of cultivation and improvement. Although his life has been a quiet and uneventful one, he has been much occupied in looking after his large farming and stock interests, in rearing his children to honorable maturity, in advancing the various educational and religious enterprises of his locality and in setting an example of industrious and upright living.

The marriage of Mr. Rohrer was on Nov. 19, 1874, in Lancaster, to Miss Barbara A. Stauffer, and three children were born to this union: Emma, who died at the age of eleven years; Susannah, who married Milton B. Landis; and Christian, who resides at home. Mr. Rohrer has one granddaughter, Esther M.

Mrs. Barbara A. (Stauffer) Rohrer was born at Millcreek, Upper Leacock township, Aug. 8, 1856; she was a daughter of Christian and Susannah (Rutt) Stauffer, the former of whom was born in

Pequea township, and the latter in the State of New York. Mr. Stauffer was a farmer for many years, but lived retired for some twenty years prior to his death, his life coming to a close Aug. 15, 1900, at the age of seventy-seven years. His burial was in Stumptown cemetery. He and his family had for many years been consistent members of the Mennonite Church. The death of the mother was on May 5, 1900, at the age of seventy-one, the two parents not suffering a long separation. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer were: Harry, who died at the age of thirty-seven; Christian, a farmer in this township; Barbara, the wife of our subject; Susan, the wife of David Kreider, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Benjamin, a farmer of this township; Israel; Daniel, who was the oldest, died young. By a previous marriage, to Anna Rohrer, one son was born, John R., a farmer of Bart township.

In politics Mr. Rohrer is a stanch Republican and takes much interest in the leading issues of the day. With his family he has for years been a consistent member of the Mennonite Church.

AMOS LEAMAN, a general farmer in Leacock township, where his manly character and industrious habits have won both friends and a very generous share of the goods of this world, was born in Leacock township Feb. 18, 1853, a son of Benjamin and Fanny (Rohrer) Leaman. The father was born in East Lampeter township, and the mother in Strasburg township.

Benjamin Leaman was a farmer, and died June 15, 1892, at the age of seventy-six years, his wife having passed to her reward in 1875, at the age of fifty-six years. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried in Mellinger's cemetery, east of Lancaster. Mr. Leaman retired in 1867, and was school director many years. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leaman had the following family: Lizzie, married to Henry H. Hershey, of whom a biographical sketch may be found in another place; Benjamin; Catherine; Henry; Fanny, who is dead; Amos; Emma.

Amos Leaman was married in New Holland, in Dec., 1875, to Anna Hershev. To this union was born one child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Leaman, who was born in Leacock township, died Sept. 19, 1877, at the age of twenty-five years, and was buried in the Hershey cemetery. She was a daughter of Peter E. Hershey, and the family history is presented in connection with the sketch of her brother, Henry Hershey.

The second marriage of Amos Leaman occurred in Oct., 1880, when he was married in Byerstown, Pa., by Bishop Isaac Eby, to Lizzie Heller. To this union have come the following children: Cora, Bertha, Ivin, Ira, Walter and Isaac, all of whom are dead; Noah, Nettie and Mary, at home.

Mrs. Lizzie (Heller) Leaman was born in East Lampeter township, and died in July, 1893, at the

age of thirty-four years. Her remains rest in the Hershey cemetery. She was a daughter of Isaac G. Heller and a Miss Stauffer, of Lancaster county, both of whom are dead.

Mr. Leaman remained with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming, which has been his occupation to the present time. In 1894 he moved to the farm where he is found to-day, and where he has achieved a decided and commendable success in the tillage of the soil. In his religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church; and in his politics, a Republican.

JOHN H. LUTZ, a well-known citizen of Columbia, was born Jan. 4, 1850, in West Hempfield, son of Reuben and Sarah (Hoffman) Lutz, of Lancaster county, who were married Aug. 6, 1846. The former, born May 11, 1825, died Jan. 8, 1890. The mother, born Aug. 2, 1827, daughter of Jacob Hoffman, died Nov. 14, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Lutz had a family of thirteen children. John H. Lutz remained on the home farm up to the age of nineteen, meanwhile availing himself of the advantages of the public schools. He then went to Columbia, where he served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade with W. W. Upp and G. W. Paules, and he still continues to follow this trade.

On Sept. 3, 1872, Mr. Lutz was united in marriage with Miss Amelia E. Beaver, who was born May 2, 1849, daughter of Martin Beaver, and they have had two children, Harry B., born June 8, 1875, who died in 1900, and Myra B. In social connection Mr. Lutz is a member of the Knights of Malta, the Knights of the Mystic Chain and the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

THOMAS S. COLLINS, one of the leading farmers of Drumore township, was born on July 10, 1855, in Colerain township, a son of James and Elizabeth (Ewing) Collins, of the same township.

James Collins was born in Colerain township on April 12, 1830, and is still residing there, a retired farmer. James Collins was the son of Thomas C. and Mary (McCullough) Collins, of Colerain township, and they were numbered among the old settled families of Pennsylvania. Grandfather Thomas C. Collins was the father of the following children, born of his first marriage: James; Hugh M., of Colerain township; Cornelius, deceased; Thomas H., deceased; Mary, deceased; Grace, the wife of J. L. Evans; Sarah, the wife of James G. McSparran, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. By his second wife the grandfather had four children: William, deceased; R. C., of Quarryville; Emma, of Ohio; Bertha, single. The maiden name of the second wife was Isabell Campbell. The Collins family is of Scotch-Irish descent, the great-grandfather, James Collins, coming from Scotland in the early days and settling in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

The father, James Collins, had eight children:

George W., of Colerain township; Thomas S.; Saunders M.; Mary M., wife of F. M. Stevenson; Grace A., single; Samuel W.; Eugenia; Hugh R. James Collins was one of the leading farmers of his township and is so still, serving as school director, county auditor and in other capacities, giving great satisfaction. In addition, he also has been a delegate to the State convention several times, and like his father before him, and his sons after him, is a devout member of the Presbyterian Church.

Thomas S. Collins was married to Miss Jennie N. Clark, of Drumore township, on Dec. 25, 1879, she being a daughter of Robert and Matilda (Ankrum) Clark, of Drumore, and was born on Oct. 12, 1857. Seven children have been born of this union: Lottie M. and Ethel E., who are at home; Rachel S., deceased; Robert S.; James Ewing, deceased; Scott E.; Hazel N., the youngest.

Mrs. Collins was one of four children: R. L. of New Park, Pa., a minister of the Presbyterian Church; Rachel S., deceased; James H., deceased; and Mrs. Collins. Robert Clark, her father, was born on Dec. 5, 1811, and died on March 31, 1885, while his wife was born on Jan. 6, 1819, and died in March, 1889. Robert Clark was the son of Robert Clark, who married Nancy Scott, and they had the following family: Thomas; Robert; William; A. Scott; Mary; Jane; Margaret; Nancy; James; and Eliza.

Thomas S. Collins was reared upon the farm of his father and received his education in the excellent schools of Lancaster county. After attaining his majority, he decided to follow farming as an occupation and now owns a fine farm of 135 acres of land under a good state of cultivation, and upon which is a fine residence well supplied with modern conveniences. In politics he is a stanch Republican and has served as school director for the past twenty-one years. In addition to his other duties, he has been an auctioneer for many years. All of the family are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. Honorable in all his dealings, a good citizen and kind neighbor, he has won and held the esteem of a large circle of friends.

HENRY WISLER, in his lifetime a prominent agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen of West Hempfield township, was born on his farm there, which adjoins the city of Columbia, April 12, 1819, son of Lewis and Anna (Forrey) Wisler.

Michael Wisler, his grandfather, served about two years in the Revolutionary war. He was originally a shoemaker by trade. He moved to the farm lately occupied by Henry Wisler in 1798. He was a native of Chester county, and his wife, Sophia (Harpel) Wisler, was born in Montgomery county, this State. Her maiden name, as shown on the "Tauf Schein," was Sophia Herblin, but has always been known as Harpel by her descendants.

Lewis Wisler was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1780, and was eighteen years of age when, with his

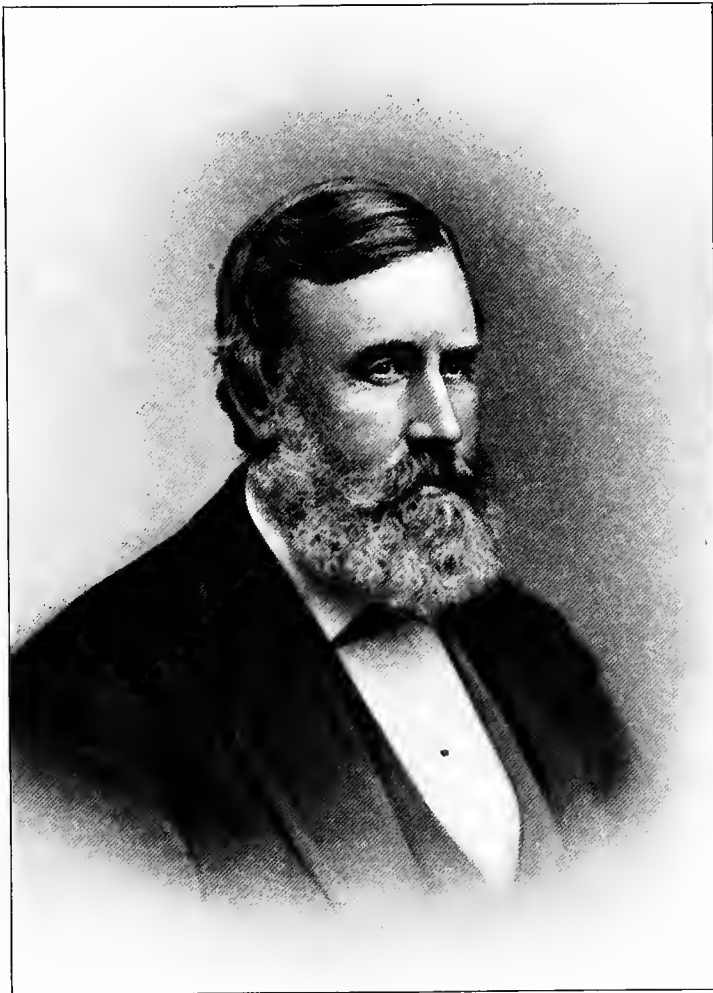
parents, he removed to the farm which in time became the home of his son Henry. He died in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, Sept. 25, 1852, and was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, which was laid out upon his farm. In connection with farming he operated a brickyard for some years, and the business was later conducted by his sons. He served as bridge inspector, and was one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community. He married Anna Forrey, who was born in West Hempfield township May 31, 1781, and died June 11, 1856. In their family were the following children: John, who died March 10, 1863; Michael, who died Feb. 18, 1862; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Philip, who died near Newportville, Bucks Co., Pa., Jan. 10, 1890, at the age of eighty years; Jacob F., late a retired citizen of Columbia, who died Feb. 27, 1902; Mary, who married Robert M. Harry, and died in Columbia, Feb. 26, 1871; Samuel, who died in the same place Jan. 28, 1895; Henry, whose name introduces this sketch; Anna, who married Jonah Wentz, and died at Litwalton, Va., July 23, 1870; and Lewis, who died in Hutchinson, Kans., June 26, 1891. Mrs. Anna (Forrey) Wisler was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bixler) Forrey, farming people, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., the latter of Switzerland.

Henry Wisler spent his entire life on the old homestead, and throughout his active business career was successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits, making a specialty of dairying. He was a man of good business ability and keen discrimination, and became one of the most prosperous men of his community, so that in his declining years he was surrounded by all the comforts of life. In politics he was independent. He efficiently served as school director in his district for seven years.

In Columbia, Jan. 29, 1845, Mr. Wisler married Miss Sarah B. May, who was born in that city March 11, 1826, daughter of Joseph and Patience (Hinkle) May, of this county. She died Dec. 5, 1854. By that union five children were born, namely: Anna, wife of Joseph H. Zeamer, cashier of the Central Bank of Columbia; Catherine, who died at the age of four and a half years; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-two; and Elizabeth and Sarah, both at home.

Mr. Wisler was again married, in West Hempfield township, Nov. 25, 1858, his second union being with Matilda Hogentogler, by whom he had four children: Henry, who married Anna Hinkle, and assists in the operation of the home farm; and Samuel, Emma B., and Minnie A., all at home. The husband and father entered into rest May 11, 1901, and sleeps in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Wisler was born in West Hempfield township Feb. 6, 1839, daughter of Jacob and Ann (Hogentogler) Hogentogler, who spent their lives in that township, the father, who was a mechanic, dying in 1865, aged sixty years; the mother died in 1893, aged eighty-seven. Their remains rest in Laurel Hill



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cemetery. Religiously they were members of the Reformed Church, and they were most estimable people. In their family were the following children: Mary, deceased wife of Samuel Lockard; John and Sarah, deceased; Joseph; Matilda, now Mrs. Wisler; Henry, who was a farmer on the old homestead, and died Aug. 13, 1901, and was buried in Laurel Hill cemetery; Frank, a machinist of Columbia; and Charlotte, wife of Edward Billett, a mechanic of Columbia. Mrs. Wisler's paternal grandparents were John and Christiana Hogentogler, of West Hempfield township, and her maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Charles) Hogentogler, natives of West Hempfield and Manor townships, respectively.

S. P. MODERWELL, one of the representative farmers of Lancaster county, is also one of its most intelligent and highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Moderwell was born on Jan. 28, 1852, in Columbia, Pa., a son of Adam Patterson and Amelia Moderwell, Adam a native of Lancaster county, and Amelia a native of Selinsgrove.

Grandfather John Moderwell was the father of eight children: Samuel, Robert, Thomas, John, Adam, Eliza, Nancy and Mary J., all of them having passed out of life.

Adam Patterson Moderwell, a son of John, and the father of S. P. Moderwell, of Martic township, was born in 1812, and in 1835 was united in marriage to Amelia Snyder Selin, of Selinsgrove, Snyder county, and to them were born ten children: Catherine, who married Dr. H. E. Raub, of Quarryville, Lancaster county; Samuel S., of Philadelphia; Sarah E., of Columbia; Maggie, deceased; James R. S., deceased; Susan, deceased; John, deceased; Robert, deceased; Mary, the wife of William B. Fasig, of Columbia; and S. P., of Martic.

Mr. Moderwell began his business career at the age of fourteen years, in a printing office, remaining until he was master of the trade, and then entering into partnership with William Hays Grier on the *Columbia Herald*, later selling his interest to Robert Risk. Then Mr. Moderwell embarked in the job printing business, combining with it book-binding. When he also sold this, he removed to his farm, in Martic township. During his residence in Columbia he was elected to the office of chief burgess, and during Cleveland's last administration was in the government employ. Since coming to his farm, which contains fifty acres of fine land, Mr. Moderwell has given it his entire attention. His elegant, modern residence is probably the finest in this section and here he and his charming and estimable wife delight to show hospitality to their scores of friends.

The marriage of Mr. Moderwell united him with a lady of culture, education and refinement, Miss Nellie J. Haldeman, of Columbia, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Haldeman, the marriage being celebrated on Feb. 15, 1873. One son has been

born to Mr. and Mrs. Moderwell, Charles Selin, born on Sept. 18, 1874, who remains with his parents, carrying on farming operations. Like his father, he is a stanch member of the Democratic party, and occupies an enviable place in the community.

Mrs. Moderwell was born on Aug. 8, 1851, and she was reared and educated in Columbia. Her father, Benjamin Haldeman, was born in 1811 and died in 1885, and in 1835 married Mary Ann Sneider; she was born in 1815, and died in 1879. They reared a family of eight children: Sarah J., deceased; Mary A., deceased; Benjamin S., deceased; Ann Elizabeth, deceased; John D., deceased; James B., a Civil war veteran, who has made his home with Mrs. Moderwell for the past nineteen years; Nellie; and Neal Dow, also deceased. The family is of German ancestry.

For several years Mrs. Moderwell was a teacher in the public schools of Columbia and in the county, and is a lady of accomplishments and literary tastes. She cultivates those refining influences which give pleasure to life and in these efforts is ably assisted by both her husband and son. The family is one which is valued highly in the neighborhood and throughout the community.

SAMUEL BARD, JR., a prominent and successful farmer and tobacco packer, residing in Mechanicsburg, Lancaster county, was born on the old homestead in Upper Leacock township, on April 7, 1863, and comes of one of the old and substantial families of the county. His parents were Samuel and Leah (Stuck) Bard, the latter also of a well-known family.

Samuel Bard, the father, now a retired farmer of this township, was born here on Oct. 15, 1816, and was a son of George and Elizabeth (Swope) Bard, residents of Upper Leacock township, although both died in East Lampeter township. Until 1843 Grandfather Bard was a farmer, but having acquired a competency, he retired at that time, dying in 1856, at the age of eighty-four years. The mother died in 1850, at the age of sixty-six, and both these grandparents of our subject were laid to rest in a private cemetery on a part of their old farm. Grandfather Bard was a prominent man in the county and he was entrusted with the office of poor director. Both he and his wife long were members of the Lutheran Church. The children born to this couple were: Margaret, who married David Kurtz; Jacob; Henry; Mary, who married Henry Shreiner; George; Adam; Levi; Samuel, the father of our subject; Elizabeth, who married Henry Forney; Peter, and Abraham, all of this numerous family having passed away with the exception of Samuel Bard. The great-grandparents were George P. and Margaret (Kitzmiller) Bard, farmers of Upper Leacock township.

Samuel Bard, son of George Bard, and the father of Samuel Bard, Jr., was married on Nov. 21, 1843,

in Leacock township, to Leah Stuck, and to this union were born: Susannah, who died young; G. Willie, who died at the age of seven; Harry S., who married Amelia East, and lives in Reading, Pa.; Sarah Ann, died in infancy; Milton, who died young; James M., still unmarried, who lives in Reading; Laura F., who married A. B. Bausman, a veterinary surgeon of Millersville; Justice F., a farmer and tobacco packer of Upper Leacock township, who married Alice Miller; Agnes, residing at home; Samuel; and Ida A., residing in the old home. The mother of our subject was born in Cocalico township on Dec. 31, 1824, and died on Feb. 5, 1901, and was reverently laid away by the side of the little children gone before, in the old burial spot, on the family grounds. She was a daughter of George A. and Sarah (Withers) Stuck, of Ephrata township, the former of whom was a well-known farmer. His death occurred in Cocalico township in 1832, at the age of forty; the mother of Mrs. Bard died at the age of eighty-five.

Until 1888 Samuel Bard cultivated the old home farm, but at that date he retired from activity, removing then to his present most comfortable home at Bards Cross Roads on the New Holland and Lancaster turnpike. Mr. Bard has long been an active Republican and anxious to advance the interests of his party, but he has never sought office, serving only in the position of township auditor, filling that office with credit to all concerned. He is held in high esteem through his neighborhood.

Samuel Bard, Jr., of this sketch, is one of the leading men of this section of Lancaster county, both on account of his honorable family and also as a result of his extensive farming interests and tobacco operations. From 1888, when his father retired from the active management of the business of the large farm, the son has conducted it successfully, moving to his present highly cultivated and improved estate in 1900.

The marriage of Mr. Bard connected him with a family which traces an almost unbroken line back to its native Switzerland. The Rohrer's are one of the oldest families of Lancaster county, though they first settled in Montgomery county. The wedding of Samuel Bard, Jr., to Miss Lettie F. Rohrer was in Mechanicsburg, on Dec. 27, 1887, and the children born to this union are: Florence J., Leah E., G. Philip and Margaret F.

Mrs. Lettie F. (Rohrer) Bard was born in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, on Feb. 7, 1868, and she was a daughter of Adam and Elizabeth (Buckwalder) Rohrer, who were prominent farmers of Lancaster county, and also leaders in the tobacco packing business. Father Rohrer died on July 15, 1895, at the age of fifty years, and both father and mother belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. The mother still resides in Lancaster. Mr. Rohrer took a great interest in educational matters and for a long period was a school director. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were: Wit-

mer B., a clerk in Rossmere, Pa.; Sadie A., who married Luther A. Kunkle, residing in Berwick, Pa.; Lettie, the estimable wife of Mr. Bard; Susie J., Mary and Ida, all of whom reside in Lancaster with their mother. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bard were Jacob and Mary (Shaffer) Rohrer, the former of whom removed to Greenfield Station after he retired from active work on the farm. He died in 1902 at the age of eighty-one and his wife died in 1885 at the age of sixty-five. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Bard were Benjamin and Susan (Johns) Buckwalder, also farming people of this county. Mrs. Buckwalder died in 1862 at the early age of forty-six, but her husband lived to be eighty-two, dying in 1898.

Mr. Bard of this sketch, like his father, is an ardent Republican and has efficiently served his township as clerk. The family belong to the Lutheran Church and Mr. Bard is one of its leading supporters and constant attendants. His standing before his fellow-citizens proves that he fulfills the duties of life in a manner to commend him to their confidence and respect.

JOHN S. HAMAKER. Prominently identified with the material growth of Mt. Joy, Pa., is the well-known citizen, John S. Hamaker. Mr. Hamaker was born in Conoy township, this county, on June 5, 1854, a son of Abraham and Catherine (Spickler) Hamaker, of Conoy and Mt. Joy townships, respectively.

Abraham Hamaker is a resident of Manheim, Pa.; he was born in Conoy township in 1828, and has followed the occupation of a miller. His wife, who was born in 1827, died in 1897, and the children belonging to this family are: Samuel, a cigar manufacturer, of Manheim; John S., of this sketch; Mary, who married Benjamin Donevan, a wheelwright and an ex-postmaster of Manheim; Amos, who lives retired, in Manheim; Abraham, a cigar manufacturer, of Manheim; William, a carpenter, of Manheim; Emma, who married Warren Druckenmiller, a cigar manufacturer, of Manheim; Frank, an artist, of Williamsport, Pa.; and Kate, deceased. The paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Bossler) Hamaker, farmers in Lancaster county, while the maternal grandparents were Peter and Mary (Shreiner) Spickler.

John S. Hamaker was reared and educated in his home neighborhood, but early evinced a talent in wood working, and at the age of fifteen prevailed upon his parents to permit him to learn the cabinet-making trade, in Mount Joy, under the capable instruction of Martin Strickler, and in three years was a reliable and careful workman. Until 1878 Mr. Hamaker followed the carpenter trade, and then began his successful career as contractor and builder. This business requires more skill than in former years, as people are becoming more cultivated and more exacting in their demands, but Mr. Hamaker has been prepared for this, and the present beautiful

town of Mt. Joy proves the assertion, for the larger number of its stately residences and attractive homes are the work of his brain and hands.

The marriage of Mr. Hamaker was in Mount Joy, to Miss Anna M. Barnhart, who was born in Mount Joy, a daughter of Israel and Lydia (Bear) Barnhart, of York county; the latter has passed away, but the former resides with his son-in-law. Two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hamaker, William, attending a medical college, and Edgar, at home.

Mr. Haymaker for three years was a school director and has always taken an interest in educational matters. Socially he is connected with the order of Red Men, and with the A. M. U. A., and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. For many years he has been an elder in the religious body known as the Church of God. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the best citizens of this locality, well representing the building interests of this part of the township. He also is a member of the town council and is the superintendent of the Church of God Sunday School.

WILLIAM THOMAS WORTH, M. D., a young and rising physician of Bainbridge, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township, in this county, April 21, 1872, and is a son of Albert and Letitia J. (Beyer) Worth, both natives of Colerain township, where they are now making their home. The father was a farmer, and in his more active days took a prominent part in public affairs, serving two terms as county commissioner, and filling other town offices. The father was born Sept. 18, 1843, and the mother, March 6, 1844; they have had the following children born to them: Lydia L., a teacher, and at home; William T.; Davis R., who died at the age of eighteen years; Della R., the wife of John Kimble, a farmer at Nottingham, Pa.; Lillian and Lenora, twins, who both died young; Mary A., at home.

Dr. Worth was married March 1, 1898, in Unicorn, East Drumore township, in this county, to Miss Elizabeth Nissley, and they have one child, Greta Allene. Mrs. Worth was born in East Drumore township, and is the daughter of Samuel and Ellen (Hershey) Nissley, both born and bred in this county, and now residing in East Drumore township. Mrs. Worth is a bright and charming young woman, and makes her home the center of many warm and hearty friendships.

Dr. Worth was reared on his parents' farm until he reached the age of eighteen years, and had prepared himself for admission to the State Normal School at Millersville, from which he was graduated in 1893. Immediately he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1897. For two years he practiced his profession at Unicorn, and in April, 1899 removed to Bainbridge, where his thorough knowledge of his profession and his manly character have commanded

a generous recognition, winning him many friends, and building up a good practice.

Dr. Worth belongs to the I. O. O. F., and the Sr. O. U. A. M., where his presence is very welcome and his influence felt. In his politics he is a Republican, and in his religion he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Worth is known as a capable and progressive member of his profession, and is actively connected with the following medical societies: The Pennsylvania State Society, The Lancaster City and County Medical Society, and The College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia, Pa. He is a public-spirited citizen, awake to the best interests of the community in which he has cast his lot.

GEORGE A. SHILLOW, the enterprising young proprietor of a slaughter house and meat market in Columbia, was born in Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 3, 1869, and is a son of John and Margaret (Zeigler) Shillow, natives of Germany. John Shillow came to Columbia, Pa., in an early day and was proprietor of a meat-market. He lost his wife in 1880, when she was forty-five years old, and his own death took place in January, 1886, at the age of fifty. He had been twice married, first to Margaret Zeigler and secondly to Frances Knapp, of whom mention is made in full on another page. To his first marriage were born seven children in the following order: John, meat-market proprietor in Marietta; Anna, deceased wife of Ernest Manlick; Frank, a speculator in Columbia; George A.; Leonard, a traveling salesman of Lancaster; Margaret, unmarried, in Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, also single, in Columbia.

George A. Shillow lived with his father until the latter's death, and then with his brother John, on the old homestead, until 1894, when he came to Columbia. On June 30, 1892, he married Marinda M. Peck, and to this marriage have been born Marguerite, George (deceased) and Anna C. (deceased). Mrs. Marinda M. (Peck) Shillow was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 28, 1870, and is a daughter of Nicholas L. and Malinda L. (Martin) Peck, respectively natives of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, and York Co., Pa. Nicholas L. Peck was born March 22, 1841, and his wife, Nov. 22, 1848; they are retired farming people and live in Maytown, East Donegal township. To their marriage were born: Anna L., wife of Dr. H. S. Williams, of Meriden, Conn.; Marinda, now Mrs. Shillow; Bertha K., married to Henry P. Frank, of East Donegal township; and Nicholas M. and Verna F., at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Shillow were Nicholas M. and Eliza L. (Longenecker) Peck, of East Donegal township, the former of whom was a farmer and veterinary surgeon. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Catherine (Hess) Martin, of Manor township, Lancaster county, who early removed to York county and led an agricul-

tural life. George A. Shillow and family are members of the Catholic church and are highly respected both within and without its pale. He is a member of the Catholic Benevolent League, and in politics is a Democrat.

CALVIN R. STRICKLER, the well-known hardware merchant of Columbia, Pa., is a native of York county, this State, born in Hellam township, Nov. 8, 1866, a son of Alfred D. and Elizabeth (Ruby) Strickler. His father is a farmer by occupation and has served as school director in his district for two terms. Calvin R. is the oldest of their children, the others being Edward D., a cigar box manufacturer; and Susan, wife of Morgan E. Gipe, of the firm of Strawinski & Gipe, dry goods merchants of York.

Calvin R. Strickler traces his ancestry back to Jacob Strickler, a native of Switzerland, who, on his emigration to America, located in Hellam township, York county. His son, John Strickler, spent his entire life as an agriculturist upon the old home farm in York county. He married Susan Garber. The next in direct descent were Jacob and Elizabeth (Deitz) Strickler, the grandparents of Calvin R. They, too, lived on the old homestead in York county. The grandfather was a farmer by occupation, and was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Wrightsville, of which he was a director up to the time of his death. Calvin R. Strickler's maternal grandfather was Samuel Ruby, a native of York county, and a son of Peter Ruby, one of the pioneers of the county. There the former made his home throughout life, being engaged in farming and the operation of a mill. He was a shrewd and capable business man, and legal adviser to many. He was one of the leading Democrats of his township and served as surveyor and justice of the peace.

Reared on the home farm, Calvin R. Strickler attended the country schools during the winter until eighteen years of age, the York County Academy, York, Pa., the Millersville State Normal School and the Poughkeepsie Business College, graduating from the latter institution in February, 1885. He then came to Columbia, Pa., where he obtained a position in the First National Bank as messenger, and so capably and satisfactorily did he discharge his duties that he was promoted several times, having served as receiving teller, individual bookkeeper, and paying teller. He is a man of excellent business ability and sound judgment and has met with well-deserved success in his undertakings. He was at one time director and vice-president of the Columbia Electric Light & Power Company, and is at present director and treasurer of the East Columbia Land Company, and treasurer and director of the Columbia Flint Company.

On June 8, 1894, in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Strickler married Miss Harriet M. Bursk, by whom he has three children, namely: Alford B., Daniel B.

and Jacob H. Mrs. Strickler is a native of Lancaster, where her parents, Daniel and Ellen (Widmeyer) Bursk, still reside, her father being the oldest grocer engaged in business in that city. He is an active worker in the Lutheran Church and one of the main instigators of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he was the first president.

Mr. Strickler is a prominent and active member of the Presbyterian Church of Columbia, in which he is now serving as secretary and trustee. By his ballot, he supports the men and measures of the Republican party and takes a commendable interest in public affairs, giving his support to all enterprises which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit. He is now serving his second term as borough auditor.

HIRAM P. HERR, a farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in Mt. Joy township, Nov. 16, 1864.

John Herr, his father, a veterinary surgeon of Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Jan. 11, 1834, son of Rudolph and Anna (Hostetter) Herr, of Manor township. Rudolph Herr was born March 10, 1801, in Manor township, where he married, and moved to Mt. Joy township, remaining there until the time of his death, which occurred March 23, 1888. He retired five years previously. The mother was born Sept. 26, 1796, and died Sept. 28, 1884. There were born to this union the following children: Abraham, who is a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Mattie, deceased wife of Abraham Zook; Mary, widow of John Shiffer, of Mt. Joy township; Anna, wife of Samuel Sherer, of Mt. Joy township; Rudy, of Dauphin county; John; Catherine, who died unmarried in 1901; Susanna, unmarried, of York county, Pa.; and Elizabeth, widow of Hiram Beatty, of East Donegal township.

John Herr married Barbara Peters Nov. 23, 1856, in Mt. Joy township. To this union have been born the following children: Lizzie, wife of Benjamin Whutman, a carpenter of Rapho township; Henry, a farmer of Rapho township; John, a farmer of Penn township; Hiram P., our subject; Anna, wife of Samuel Becker, of Manheim township; Jacob, a farmer of Rapho township; Benjamin, deceased; Abraham, deceased; Joseph, deceased in infancy; Kate, wife of Simeon Ginder, of Mt. Joy township; Minnie, wife of Peter Brubaker, a farmer; and Eli. Mrs. John Herr was born in Mt. Joy township, Oct. 2, 1838, and was the daughter of John and Lizzie (Shank) Peters, of Mt. Joy and West Donegal townships. Both the parents died in Mt. Joy township, the father in 1863, at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother in 1891, at the age of eighty-two years. He was a farmer. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Children as follows were born to their union: Susan, widow of Edward Brinze, of Mt. Joy; Barbara, Mrs. Herr; Lizzie, wife of Jacob Hoffman, of

Mt. Joy township; Anna, wife of Samuel Risser, of Dauphin county; and Katie, wife of Henry Eby, of Mt. Joy township.

John Herr lived with his parents until the age of twenty-three years, when he engaged in farming for himself. In 1872 he moved to Rapho township, and has practiced as a veterinary surgeon for the past forty years. He is a member of the River Brethren Church and in political sentiment is a Republican.

Hiram P. Herr was married to Miss Lizzie Shelley, of Rapho township, Sept. 26, 1886. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr. Mrs. Herr was born in Rapho township in October, 1862, and is a daughter of Benjamin Shelley. Mr. Herr is a member of the Brethren in Christ.

WILLIAM W. ERB, of Mt. Nebo, Lancaster county, is one of the enterprising farmers of Martic township; he was born in Conestoga township on Nov. 26, 1863, a son of John and Maria (Whitmer) Erb, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John Erb was born in West Lampeter township on Aug. 25, 1814, and he died in Martic township on Dec. 31, 1894, leaving a most estimable widow, who still resides on the home farm. Her birth was on Feb. 2, 1824. Grandfather Jacob Erb was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county. The children born to John Erb and wife were: Susan, of Martic township; Amaziah, deceased; Anna E., deceased; John, deceased; Mahlon, a resident of Martic township; Amanda, deceased; Henry, a merchant of Mt. Nebo; Mary J., residing at home; Emanuel, deceased; Clayton, a farmer of Martic, on the home farm; Frank, a miller, of this township; and William.

William W. Erb is one of the best educated and most thoroughly equipped farmers in this locality. His education was obtained in the public schools, and this has been supplemented by judicious reading and study of the best methods of carrying on agricultural work. His fine farm of 131 acres of excellent and productive land testifies that he is a practical as well as a theoretical farmer, while his fine residence is both comfortable and attractive, and his tobacco barn and excellent stables are just what they should be in order to ensure successful and remunerative farming.

The marriage of William Erb was on Nov. 27, 1890, to Miss Emma D. Stevenson, of Mount Nebo, a daughter of Columbus and Marv (Clark) Stevenson, of Martic township, her birth being on March 15, 1866. Four little ones have come to Mr. and Mrs. Erb: Walter C., born on Oct. 2, 1891, a bright little lad; Ruth S., born on Jan. 7, 1894; Samuel C., who was born on Dec. 4, 1896; and Mary Maria, born April 5, 1902. All of these are particularly bright and attractive children.

Mr. Erb was reared in the Mennonite faith and is a young man who can always be relied upon to

cast his influence in the direction of those enterprises which promise to advance his section in morality, temperance and education. Although not an active politician, he is a staunch member of the Republican party. As an honorable citizen, excellent neighbor, devoted husband and father, William W. Erb stands in high esteem among the citizens of his community.

KINZER BENDER, JR., a farmer and stock dealer of Upper Leacock township, was born on his present farm, Feb. 28, 1857, and is a son of Kinzer and Leah H. (Bergenbine) Bender. His father, who is dead, was born on the farm where Kinzer Bender, Jr., is now living; and his mother was a native of Warwick township. Kinzer Bender, Sr., was a farmer on the one place for over forty years, and died in Upper Leacock township, where he had lived retired for some ten years. He was buried in the Heller Church cemetery in Upper Leacock township. His widow, who was born in 1821, is still living in Lancaster county. To them were born: George, in the livery business in Lancaster; Salome, who married Enos Diller, and is now dead; Emma, who married John K. Deam, and lives in Intercourse; Kinzer; Anna, married to Edwin Sutton, of New Holland; David and Aaron, who both died in infancy. Mr. Bender was married three times, his first wife being a Miss Weidler, and his second wife, a sister to the first.

The paternal great-grandparents of Kinzer Bender were the first to be buried in the Heller Church cemetery, in Upper Leacock township. The present farm was settled by them. In 1812 their son rebuilt the present brick house, one of the very first of the kind in Lancaster county. In 1805 was built a barn, which was destroyed by fire.

Kinzer Bender, Jr., was married Nov. 24, 1878, in Upper Leacock township, to Lizzie Geist, a daughter of John Geist. She was born in Manheim township, Oct. 25, 1858. To them were born: Olive, who married Joseph N. Mohn, a school teacher; Lettie, who married Clayton Ravegum, a farmer of West Earl township; Ida V., at home; Ellis G.; Aaron K.; J. Miles; Herbert L.; Vernon U.

Mr. Bender remained on his present farm until 1891. That year he bought a farm of eighty-seven acres in York county. The two farms he carries on together, and is largely engaged in stock raising. Mr. Bender belongs to the Evangelical Association, and in politics is a Republican. He stands well in the community, and is highly considered by those who know him best.

ALBERT M. KEEN, of Fulton township, is one of the young and energetic farmers of Lancaster county. He was born Feb. 27, 1861, at Quarryville, Eden township. He is the son of Jacob and Elizabeth Keen, of Lancaster county.

Elijah Keen, the grandfather, was a native of

Lancaster county, but of German origin. He had the following family: Eliza; Josiah and Jacob, deceased; Henry, residing in Quarryville; Isaac, of Little Britain township; Elias, of Eden township; and Mary Ann, of Lancaster City. Jacob Keen, father of Albert M., married Elizabeth, daughter of John Mowrer, of Quarryville, Pa., in 1857. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Keen resulted in the birth of the following children: Emeline, single, a resident of Lancaster City; Albert M., of this sketch; John G., single, of Lancaster; Abbie, of Camargo, Eden township, unmarried; Edgar T., married, living in Chester county; and Laura E., single, living at home with her mother, in Quarryville.

Albert M. Keen married Miss Mary E. Seipel, daughter of Joseph Seipel, of Drumore township, Lancaster county. This marriage has been a happy one and has been blessed with a fine family, as follows: Louisa Elizabeth, born Sept. 4, 1884, and now at home; Jacob A., born Dec. 5, 1886; Edith V., born Aug. 13, 1888; Roy, born Jan. 28, 1890; and Bertha, born April 15, 1894. Mrs. Keen was born Jan. 20, 1854.

Mr. Keen had a struggle to get a start in life, but he got it and has made every use of his ability in the accumulation of a competency. He owns 103 acres of land, his farm having a handsome dwelling on it and all outbuildings of the most modern and approved character. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He votes the Republican ticket. His family is highly respected in the neighborhood and has long been prominently identified with social life, and he is regarded as one of the substantial and responsible citizens of the township.

MICHAEL WENGER. The Wenger family is an old and prominent one of Lancaster county, where it has conducted large agricultural operations for many years.

Michael Wenger was born on the old Wenger farm in West Earl township, May 9, 1822, and died Feb. 28, 1858, and was buried with others of his family in the old Mennonite cemetery in Groffsdale. His parents were Michael, Sr., and Elizabeth (Groff) Wenger, of West Earl township, the former of whom was a prominent farmer there. The children born to these worthy people were: Mattie, who married Levi Groff; Maria, who married Christian Mellinger; Marks, who married Maria Graybill; Gabriel, who married Mattie Herr; Michael; Susannah, who married Benjamin Westheffer; Joel, who first married Ann Swarr, and, second, married Sally Kaffroth; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Moyer; Menno, who married Fannie Ham-maker; and Frances, who married Benjamin Groff. The paternal grandparents of Michael Wenger were Rev. Joseph and Mary (Herst) Wenger, natives of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a noted Mennonite preacher as well as farmer.

On Nov. 30, 1847, Michael Wenger was married in Lancaster, by the Rev. Becker, to Susan Diller,

and the children born to this union were: Levan, a farmer of West Earl township, who married Hattie Sensenig, deceased; Francis, who died at the age of twelve years; Anna M.; and Sarah E., who married Dr. H. F. C. Heagey, of Cochranville, Pa., and who has four children—Francis W., Anna R., Susie M., and Mary E. (deceased).

Mrs. Susan (Diller) Wenger was born in New Holland, on March 5, 1822, a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Graybill) Diller, the former of whom was born in New Holland, and the latter in West Earl township. They were farming people, and the father died in 1835 at the age of thirty-three years; the mother in 1824, at the age of twenty-two; both were buried in Carpenter's Church cemetery, in Earlville. The children of this marriage were: Anna, deceased, who married Adam Wenger, and had three sons; Susan, the wife of Michael Wenger. The second marriage of Father Diller was to Sarah Graybill, and the children of this marriage were: Rachel, who married Diller Bear, and had two daughters; and Roland, who died unmarried. The paternal grandparents were Isaac and Susan (Roland) Diller, of New Holland, where the former was a farmer. Isaac Diller was a son of Isaac Diller, and grandson of Philip A. Diller. Casper Diller came from Switzerland in 1731 and settled on land which is now the site of New Holland, and his sons were: Hans A.; Philip Adam; Peter; and Daniel.

Michael Wenger remained on the old homestead farm of eighty acres, although for a time in his younger days he taught school. He lived a life of piety and industry, and was an active member of the German Baptist Church. In politics he was a Republican. After his death his family removed to another farm and again in 1870, to Bareville. Mrs. Wenger is connected with the German Baptist Church, while her daughter is equally active in the United Brethren Church, the whole family being among the most highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster county.

HENRY H. KAEGEL, proprietor of the Marietta Rolling Mills, of East Donegal township, located on Big and Little Chickies creeks, is one of the prominent citizens of Lancaster county. Mr. Kaegel was born in Lancaster, Pa., in June, 1857, a son of Adam and Caroline (Herman) Kaegel, natives of Illinois, who came to Lancaster county about 1855, settling there and engaging in milling for a number of years. The death of Adam Kaegel took place in West Hempfield, in 1882, at the age of seventy-five. The mother, aged seventy, resides in Marietta in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Appel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kaegel connected themselves with the Lutheran Church, many years ago and their lives ever displayed Christian traits. The children born to these estimable people were: Henry H.; John, a miller, in Juniata county; and Mary, who married Harry Appel, of Marietta.

Henry H. Kaegel, of this biography, was edu-

cated in the common schools of his district, remaining until the age of nineteen with his father, learning the milling business, and in 1873 he purchased the Big Chickies mill, located in Rapho township, operating this mill for seventeen years, and becoming well and favorably known to the farming district for many miles in the township. Later Mr. Kaegel took charge of his present mill, purchasing it from B. F. Heistand. This plant was erected in 1814, by William Sherrer and is a landmark in the neighborhood, having stood since those early days without mark of decay. It is a valuable property, the power being 60-horse water power, and is well and successfully managed by its competent owner.

In Marietta, Pa., in 1876, Henry H. Kaegel and Susan A. Marley were united in marriage, and to this union have been born: Ella, Elwood, Rebecca, Oliver, and Raymond. Mrs. Kaegel was born in York county, Pa., on Oct. 13, 1857, a daughter of Adam and Rebecca (Derr) Marley, of York county, who came to Lancaster county in 1858, settling in Rapho township, where the father followed his trade of cooper. He died in 1894, at the age of seventy-five, and was buried at Silver Springs. The mother resides with her daughter in East Donegal township, a beloved member of the family. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Marley consisted of six children: George, of Columbia, Pa.; Edward, of Marietta; Elizabeth, who married Granville Shoemaker and lives at Collins Station, Lancaster county; Adam, of Marietta; Catherine, who married Herman Drager, and lives in East Donegal; and Susan.

The family of Mr. Kaegel has been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and he possesses the respect and esteem of the whole community. During a long and industrious life, he has accumulated considerable means, by the application of honesty and energy, and is still at the head of an important and growing industry.

RUFUS K. COOPER. Among the prominent and successful business citizens of Mechanicsburg, Pa., is Rufus K. Cooper, who has been prominently identified with many of the local offices during the past few years, but is now the owner and operator of a first-class bakery, supplying a long felt want in this part of the town.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Isaac and Rebecca (Geyer) Cooper, natives of Berks and Lancaster counties, respectively, and the maternal ancestors bore equally honorable names, being John P. and Catherine (Kinzie) Kraatz, of Lancaster county, where the former was a well-known school teacher.

Rufus K. Cooper was born in Brownstown, in West Earl township, Jan. 13, 1863, a son of Martin G. and Hannah (Kraatz) Cooper, natives of this county, the former of whom was born in West Earl and the latter in Ephrata townships, the birth of the

father being on July 21, 1838, and that of the mother, on March 24, 1840. By trade Mr. Cooper is a paper hanger, glazier, grainer and painter. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Association Church. The two children of these parents are Rufus K., and Katie C., who married Charles Swartz, a merchant in Talmadge, Pennsylvania.

On Feb. 3, 1884, Mr. Cooper was united in marriage to Miss Susan L. Kreider, and they have had the following family: Clarence K., Gertie K., Mamie K., Charles R., Lester K., Lottie M. and Mabel H. Mrs. Cooper was born in East Lampeter township, and was a daughter of David L. and Mary (Landis) Kreider, prominent farmers.

The early education of Rufus K. Cooper, of this sketch, was secured in the district schools and later he enjoyed educational advantages at the Central Pennsylvania College, of which he is a graduate, beginning his course there at the age of seventeen years. Following his marriage he engaged in farming, although from the age of thirteen to twenty-one he had assisted his father at painting, thus becoming qualified to follow that trade. His father-in-law desired his assistance on the farm in East Lampeter township and he remained operating it for sixteen years. In the spring of 1901 he came to Mechanicsburg to live, opening up his present prosperous business.

In politics Mr. Cooper has always been an active Republican, and has been of signal use to his party. For two years he was clerk in the recorder's office and assisted materially in the making of the new index. He also made a new index in the Orphans' Court office in 1891, and since then has been at different times assistant clerk in the Orphans' Court office. On Sept. 11, 1901, he was appointed justice of the peace by Gov. Stone, for an unexpired term, and in February, 1902, was elected for a full term ending May 6, 1907.

SIMON CAMERON HEISEY, one of the leading business men of Rheems, Pa., has several distinct lines of action to occupy his attention, and it is not too much to say that each one is thoroughly worked. He is a farmer, carries on a butcher business of no slight proportions, and is one of the High C Lime Manufacturing Company, an institution with a bright future before it. Mr. Heisey resides in West Donegal, where he was born on a farm adjoining the one he makes his home, Feb. 27, 1860, and is a son of Jacob W. Heisey, of whom a full history, both personal and family, is published in another place, to which the reader is referred for full information regarding the family antecedents of the gentleman, whose name introduces this article.

Simon C. Heisey has been married three times, the first time Nov. 8, 1883, when he was united in marriage with Lizzie M. Eyer, at her home in East Donegal township. To them was born one child, Horace E., now at home with his father. Mrs.

Heisey, who died Feb. 11, 1888, at the age of twenty-seven years, and was buried in Reich's cemetery, was a daughter of D. M. Eyer, whose personal history is given on another page.

Mr. Heisey was married to his second wife, Nov. 5, 1889, at her home, when he became the husband of Fanny M. Eyer, a sister of the first Mrs. Heisey. Mrs. Fanny Heisey died Sept. 21, 1892, and was buried in Reich's cemetery.

The third marriage of Mr. Heisey occurred Oct. 10, 1893, when he was married to Anna H. Lindemuth, at her home in East Donegal township. To them have come three children: Mabel, Alice L. and Fanny L. Mrs. Anna H. Heisey was born on the old Lindemuth homestead in East Donegal township, Dec. 2, 1862, and is a daughter of Elias and Mary (Hostetter) Lindemuth, natives of East Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively. Her father, who was in his active days a very prominent man, is now a retired farmer, and is making his home on the farm where he was born in September, 1835. Her mother died in September, 1896, at the age of fifty-nine years. They had the following children: Simon H., Elmira H. and Susan H., all died young; Anna H. is noted above; Mary H. married Jacob Krider, and has her home in Landisville, Pa.; Steven H. is a farmer in East Donegal township; Elias H. is at home; Lizzie H. married Harry L. Heisey, of Rheems, a brother of Simon Cameron; Jacob H. and Monroe H. are at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Heisey were Ludwig and Susan (Zeigler) Lindemuth, natives of East Donegal township, and both died on the farm where their grandson, Elias H. Lindemuth, now makes his home. Mrs. Heisey's maternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna (Stauffer) Hostetter, whose lives were spent in Lancaster county. They were farming people.

Simon C. Heisey remained with his parents until he reached his maturity, when he married and located on the farm where he now lives. Here he engaged in general farming and in the dairy business until 1891, when he gave up his milk interests. He is an enthusiastic breeder of Guernsey cattle, and is a member of the Guernsey Association. In politics, he takes strong Prohibition views and is a good citizen. His personal standing is beyond question and his name fitly goes into the list of the representative men of Lancaster county.

WILLIAM H. BARTON. One of the leading agriculturists and prominent citizens of Lancaster county, residing on and operating the fine old homestead farm, in Upper Leacock township, is William H. Barton, who was born in his present residence: Sept. 28, 1849.

The Barton family is one of the old and honored ones in this part of the county. John Barton came to America from Scotland in 1772, with his brothers, James and Samuel. James settled in the Tuscarora Valley, Samuel in Virginia, and John in Upper Lea-

cock, Lancaster Co., Pa. John Barton, son of John the emigrant, married Isabella Vogan, whose family founded Vogansville, in this county. To this union were born: Margaret, who married Mark Connell; Leah, who married Robert Connell; Rachel, twin sister, who lived single, dying at the age of seventy-nine; Isaac; Samuel; Henry; James; Eliza and William.

Henry Barton, the father of our subject, was born on the farm in Upper Leacock township, and there his whole life of eighty-three years was spent. He was a man of prominence in his community and accumulated large means. His marriage was to Miss Margaret L. Simon, of Philadelphia, and the children of that union were: John C., of New Holland; William H., our subject; and Lizzie, who resides with her mother.

William H. Barton was educated in the common schools, finishing his school life in the Millersville State Normal. In 1880 he took charge of the home farm, consisting of 160 acres, and so continued until his father's death, when it was divided and sold, William H. retaining the original homestead of 100 acres. In politics he is a Democrat.

William H. Barton married Mrs. Nellie Burwell, of Mecklenburg, a great-granddaughter of Gov. Spottswood, of Virginia.

SAMUEL BRUBAKER HARTMAN, M. D., physician and surgeon, and founder of the celebrated Hartman Sanitarium, at Columbus, Ohio, was long associated socially and professionally with the people of Lancaster, Pa. His wife, too, is a daughter of one of the best known citizens of Lancaster, now deceased, and is descended from one of the oldest families in the county. Dr. Hartman's history reads like a romance, and the recital of his struggles and successes should be an incentive to all young men whose only capital in life consists of brains, energy and honest principles.

Henry Hartman, his grandfather, was a prominent farmer, who lived two and one-half miles from Witmer's Bridge. The Brubaker family, of which the Doctor's mother was a member, is well known in the county, and Mrs. Hartman was an aunt of the late George Brubaker, ex-district attorney for Lancaster county, and a great-aunt of the late Judge N. Clay Brubaker.

Dr. Hartman was born two and one-half miles east of Harrisburg, in Dauphin county, April 1, 1830, but he bears his years so lightly that his appearance would suggest to no one such an age. His father, who was a farmer, died when he was a mere child, and his mother was left penniless with eight children—five boys and three girls—looking to her for support. An uncle of these children brought them and their mother to Lancaster county, conveying all their effects in a four-horse wagon. On their arrival the family took possession of a log cabin in Manor township, and the older children were apprenticed. Of this family but three are now living:



S.B. Hartman

Samuel B.; Harriet, widow of Joseph Rutter, of New Holland; and Henry, a retired farmer, eighty-five years of age, residing in East Greenville, Ohio.

After coming to Lancaster county Samuel B. Hartman lived for a time with his uncle, and was then sent to live with John Charles, who became his guardian, the lad having received \$150 as a bequest from an aunt. Young Hartman spent some time at Medway, Ohio, attended Farmers College, a literary institution at College Hill, Cincinnati, and then took up the study of medicine, under Dr. Shackelford, at Medway, later attending lectures in the Medical Department of the Western Reserve College, at Cleveland, Ohio. When he was twenty-four he began the practice of his profession at Tippecanoe City, Ohio, where he remained two years, and then entered Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which famous school he was graduated in 1857. Following his completion of the course in Philadelphia, he settled in Millersville, Lancaster county, where he practiced his profession for twelve years, and became so forehanded that he thought he might retire from active work, and devote his time to study and research. To his surprise, however, in six months he found himself as penniless as when his father died, having in his open-handed and generous manner given away all his possessions. This indefatigable worker started anew, and after traveling from place to place as a specialist established the Hartman Sanitarium, at Columbus, Ohio, and pressed with all his energy the manufacture and sale of "Peruna," a remedy that has enormous sales all over the United States. The demand for it has become so widespread that a branch house was opened in Montreal, Canada, early in 1901.

Dr. Hartman married Miss Sallie Martzell, whose father came from a family of substantial farmers, but who chose hotelkeeping as a business, and was for an ordinary lifetime the owner and keeper of the "Plow" tavern, on West King street, in Lancaster. To Dr. and Mrs. Hartman have come two children: John Henry, entered into rest while in the graduating class of Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster (his tomb is marked by a life-like and life-sized statue of the deceased student, and is one of the attractive spots in Lancaster cemetery); Maribel is now the wife of F. W. Shoemaker, the advertising manager of the Hartman Sanitarium, and of the "Peruna" remedies, and they have one daughter Maribel. Dr. Hartman is still devoted to the noble profession of which he has so long been a close student, and in which he has done so much to relieve suffering humanity.

WILLIAM T. STRAUSS, a well-known engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Columbia, was born near Bainbridge, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 6, 1845, and is a son of George and Sarah (Talbert) Strauss, who were natives of the same county and the parents of the following named children: Sarah, deceased wife of John Brubaker; Henry, of Indiana;

Margaret, widow of James Zitch, late of Harrisburg, Pa.; Aaron G., deceased; George T., of Williamsport, Pa.; Mary, widow of John Judy, and residing in Middletown, Pa.; William T.; and Cyrus, deceased. George Strauss, the father of this family, was a shoemaker by trade, and died in 1850, at the age of forty-nine years; his widow died in 1858, when forty-eight years old. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains were interred at Bainbridge.

After the death of his mother, William T. Strauss worked out on farms in his neighborhood until 1863, when he went to Washington, D. C., and there worked in a government blacksmith shop for sixteen months. He then enlisted in Co. G, 203d P. V. I., but was shortly afterward transferred to Co. B, 76th P. V. I. Although he had a part in several skirmishes, he was never in a general engagement, and was mustered out at Raleigh, N. C., in July, 1865, and honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Strauss, after his discharge from the service, returned at once to Washington, D. C., and for a week was employed in the quartermaster's department, and when the government ordered the transfer of 500 six-mule teams to Leavenworth, Kans., Mr. Strauss, who was anxious to go to California, availed himself of the opportunity to accompany the mule teams to the West as far as their destination, going as guardsman, but at Indianapolis orders were received to dispose by sale of 250 of the mule-teams and to take the remainder to Chicago, Ill., where they were sold at auction. Mr. Strauss then returned to Marietta, Pa., and served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade for three years, after which he was employed for five years as track repairer by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was then appointed fireman on the Philadelphia division of the road, but three years and four months later was thrown or fell from his engine and had his knee crushed. On his recovery he was made track foreman, in which capacity he served five years, and then resumed his place as fireman, which position he filled from May 15, 1881, to Sept. 19, 1881, when he was promoted to engineer, his present position.

Mr. Strauss has twice married. In Dec. 1867, at Marietta, he wedded Miss Florence Brooks, a daughter of James and Sarah (Foltz) Brooks. James Brooks was a cooper by trade. He and his wife had the following children besides Florence: James B., an iron molder, Walter V., and Matilda, all of Chicago, Ill.; Margaret, deceased. Mrs. Brooks is not living. In 1874 Mr. and Mrs. Strauss settled in Columbia. Here Mrs. Florence Strauss passed from earth at the age of forty-seven years, in 1895, without issue, and her remains were interred at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

The second marriage of Mr. Strauss took place in Lancaster, Dec. 20, 1898, to Mrs. Emma Shirk, who was born in Washington borough, Lancaster

Co. Pa., in Dec. 1846, and is a daughter of William and Rebecca (Sounders) Parker, the former of whom was a carpenter and farmer, who died in 1892, at the age of sixty-nine years. He had lost his wife four weeks previously at the age of sixty-eight. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker were born the following children: John, an engineer of Washington, Pa.; Emma, now Mrs. Strauss; Sarah A., deceased; William, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Thomas McAfee, of Rawlinsville, Pa.; Margaret S., deceased; and Francis P., of Washington, Pa. William Shirk, the first husband of Mrs. Emma Strauss, was a son of Matthias Shirk, of Lancaster, and died in 1894, when thirty-six years old. No children were born to him, nor have any been born to Mr. Strauss by either wife.

In religion Mr. Strauss is a Presbyterian, and in politics is a Republican. He is a member of the G. A. R., the K. of P., the A. and I. O. K. of M., the B. of L. E., and F. and A. M., and is greatly esteemed in Columbia for his many personal merits, in which esteem Mrs. Strauss holds an equal share.

EDWARD P. DEHAVEN, a retired farmer at New Holland, Pa., was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Oct. 11, 1853, a son of George and Clara (Eckert) DeHaven. The father was born in New Holland, and the mother in Leacock township.

George DeHaven was an honorable and successful farmer, and died in Earl township, in May, 1894, at the age of seventy-six years. His remains are resting in the Cedar Grove cemetery. His widow, who was born in 1823, is still living, and has her home in Earl township. George DeHaven and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They had the following children: Mary, who died at the age of eighteen years; Abraham, who is a farmer in Earl township, and furnishes the topic for a sketch that may be perused elsewhere; Clara and Elmira, twins, of whom the former is living with her mother, and the latter is married to William K. Hurst, a farmer in Caernarvon township; Levi, who died in 1895; George, who died in infancy; Edward P.; Clayton, who died in 1896; Ottomer and Caroline, twins, both of whom died in infancy; William and Phoebe J., who are at home, unmarried.

The paternal grandparents of Edward P. DeHaven were Abraham and Susan DeHaven, both of Lancaster county, where the DeHavens have had a long and honorable history. The maternal grandparents of Edward DeHaven were Levi and Mary Eckert, also residents of Lancaster county.

Edward P. DeHaven was married Feb. 21, 1877, in New Holland, Pa., to Margaret E. Worst. She was born in Springville, Dec. 13, 1853, and was a daughter of Jacob and Julia (Rhoads) Worst, both of Salisbury township, where he was engaged in farming in early life. In his middle life he was a merchant, setting up at Springville in 1855, and

ten years later came to New Holland, where he remained until 1885, retiring that year to make his home with a daughter in Earl township, where he died in March of that year, at the age of seventy-two. His wife passed to her reward in March, 1884, at the age of sixty-seven. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, of which he was trustee for many years. Born to this worthy couple were the following children: Catherine, who died at the age of fourteen; Anna M., who died at the age of four years; Margaret, who is Mrs. DeHaven. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. DeHaven were George and Mary Worst, both of Salisbury township; and her maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catherine (Kinzer) Rhoads, residents of Lancaster county, near Springville.

Edward P. DeHaven remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he took up the occupation of farming and was engaged in that line for seven years in East Earl township. At the end of that period he came to New Holland, where he has since resided, living a retired life. Here he has a very good standing in the public esteem, and has been borough councilman for the last six years. In his politics he is a Republican, and is one of the prominent and popular citizens of this end of Lancaster county. In his business relations he has been very successful, is the owner of two farms, besides other property, and enjoys a most enviable business standing.

JOHN W. ENGLISH, of Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., and one of the most reliable of the locomotive engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born five miles from Alliance, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1851, and is a son of Daniel V. and Elizabeth (Severn) English, natives of New York State and Pennsylvania, respectively, paternally of English descent, and on the mother's side, of German.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel V. English were parents of a large family of thirteen children, named as follows: Sarah A., deceased wife of Matthew Lewis; Ellen, widow of Frederick Newsbaum, of Liverpool, Ohio; Emma, widow of William Smith of Philadelphia; Louis J., an attorney at Wapakoneta, Ohio; Daniel V., of Jackson, Mich.; Adeline, who died in infancy; Eliza, wife of Frank Bagely, of East Liverpool, Ohio; William, of the same place; John W., whose name opens this sketch; Edward, a stonemason of Media, Pa.; Leah, wife of Frank Mead, of Philadelphia; Howard, a boilermaker in the same city; Charles, who died in infancy. The father of this family was born in 1800 and died on his farm near Alliance, Ohio, in August, 1864, aged sixty-four years, and the mother, born in 1815, died in Salem, Ohio, in August, 1877; both were members of the M. E. Church. The father was quite prominent in his day, and served as constable and justice of the peace.

John W. English was reared a farmer and fol-

lowed agricultural pursuits until twenty-five years old, beginning his bucolic career at the age of fourteen years, when he left his home and hired out as herder of sheep and later as a farmer. In 1876 he went to Philadelphia and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a brakeman. In 1882 he was given a position as fireman, was transferred to Columbia in March, 1885, and in 1891 was promoted to engineer, a position he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of the company. Mr. English married Dec. 12, 1883, in Columbia, Miss Lucy A. Witmer, who was born in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 19, 1862, and is a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Siple) Witmer. To Mr. and Mrs. English have been born six children, in the following order: Irene, at home; Helen and Esther, deceased; Albert, at home, and Florence and Lizzie, deceased.

Christian Witmer, father of Mrs. English, was a miller, tobacco-raiser and general farmer in Manor township, and died March 4, 1880, at the age of forty years. He was a member of the Church of God. His widow, who was born Dec. 16, 1843, still resides in Columbia, and is the mother of eight children, viz.: Lucy A., now Mrs. English; Alice, who died young; Catherine, wife of Israel Manuel; William; Harry; Esther, wife of Charles Hull; George; and Lettie, who died young. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. English were Jacob M. and Martha (Huber) Witmer, and the maternal grandparents were William and Lucy (Olds) Siple, all of Lancaster county.

In politics Mr. English is a Republican and in religion he and his wife adhere to the faith of the Church of God. Fraternally, he is a member of the B. of L. F., the B. of L. E., and the Relief. He has a happy home on his own property and is surrounded with a circle of warm friends who hold him and his family in highest esteem.

REV. AMOS M. SHEETZ, general farmer, was born near his present home in Rapho township, Jan. 15, 1856. He is the son of Christian and Anna (Musser) Sheetz, of Rapho, and formerly of West Hempfield township.

Christian Sheetz, the father, was a farmer until two years prior to his demise. He died on his old homestead, Oct. 14, 1886, at the age of sixty-seven years. The mother survived him and is living with her son, the Rev. Amos M. Sheetz. The family are members of the Brethren Church in Christ. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Sheetz, the following children: Fanny, wife of Joseph Brubaker, of Mastersonville, Pa.; Katie, wife of A. B. Nissley, farmer of Cumberland county, Pa.; John, a merchant in Dickinson Co., Kans.; Christian, a Rapho township farmer; Amos M.; Tobias M., farmer of Dickinson Co., Kans.; Jonas, a mechanic at Lebanon, Pa.; Anna, wife of Samuel L. Hoffman, an East Donegal township farmer; Barbara, wife of A. M. Brandt, a carpenter of Dickinson Co., Kans.

Mr. Sheetz's grandparents on his father's side were John and Barbara (Hertzler) Sheetz, of Lancaster county, who both died on the old family homestead in Rapho township. The maternal grandfather was Christian Musser, of Lancaster county.

On Sept. 21, 1879, in Rapho township, the Rev. Amos M. Sheetz married Miss Fanny Shelley. There has been born to them a daughter named Alice, wife of Daniel E. Wolgemuth, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, and from this union there is one son, named Amos, for his grandfather. Mrs. Fanny (Shelley) Sheetz, daughter of Elder Benjamin and Eliza (Shaub) Shelley, of Rapho and Pequea townships, was born Jan. 20, 1856, in Rapho township. Her father was a farmer and died in 1890, at the age of sixty-one years. He was an elder of the Brethren in Christ Church for twenty-five years prior to his death. The mother died in 1863 at the early age of twenty-nine years. The Elder is buried in the Mastersonville cemetery and his wife in the Shelley cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Shelley were the parents of the following children: Susan, who died at the age of nine years; Fanny, wife of Rev. Amos M. Sheetz; Barbara, wife of F. N. Heistand, a retired farmer, of Rapho township; Anna, wife of Elder Henry Hoffer, of Rapho township; Lizzie, wife of Hiram Herr, a farmer in Rapho township; Deacon Abraham, living on the old Shelley homestead; and Benjamin, a farmer, of Rapho township. Mrs. Sheetz' paternal grandparents were Abraham and Fanny (Brubaker) Shelley, of Rapho township and Lebanon county. Her maternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Metzler) Shaub, of Lancaster county.

The Rev. Amos M. Sheetz lived with his parents until two years prior to his marriage. He worked for various farmers in the neighborhood until shortly after that event, when he moved onto the old Sheetz homestead and lived there for four years. He then moved to his present residence. On Oct. 9, 1898, he was ordained a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church and since then he has had charge of the Mastersonville church of that faith. The reverend gentleman is a widely-known and very scholarly man, treating the social and moral problems of the age with clearness and ability. He is a power for good in the community and is highly esteemed by all classes.

CHARLES A. DOBLE, the present genial and popular, as well as capable and successful superintendent of the Nickel Mines properties in Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in that town, in 1859, son of Charles and Barbara (Sandoe) Doble.

Charles Doble, the father, was born in Devonshire, England, in 1826, and came to this country in 1851, to work for the company then owning and operating the nickel mines. The history of this notable industry of Bart township begins in 1730, when it was opened and operated as a copper mine.

In 1852 Mr. Doble discovered that one of the products which they were throwing away as sulphurate of iron was nickel. He demonstrated that it would be more profitable to use this in the manufacture of nickel than to continue mining copper. A company was organized under the name of the Gap Mining Co., for the manufacture of nickel, which business was continued until 1860. The ore was melted in the company's furnaces near the mines. In 1862, after the mines had been closed for a time, Mr. Joseph Wharton, of Philadelphia, secured the control of the enterprise and has operated it almost continuously, ever since. In the manufacture of nickel he has brought many thousand dollars into Lancaster county. At the present time he owns about 800 acres of land, which he has operated on a most extensive scale since the mines became his property. Charles Doble presently became the superintendent of the mines and later still the management of the mines, farms and investments passed under his direction. He continued with Mr. Wharton until 1896, when he retired from his extensive and complicated duties, giving way to his son. The following year he died. In 1902 Mr. Wharton sold part of the above property, including the mines, to the American Nickel Works. Mr. Doble was married in 1852 to Miss Barbara Sandoe, who was born in this county in 1826. Her people were prominent and influential. Mr. Doble was an Episcopalian in religion and a Republican in politics. His widow still resides near the mines at the advanced age of seventy-seven. To them were born five children. (1) Elizabeth, born in Bart township, married John Hocking, a native of England, who came to this country, to work in the Nickel mines. For a number of years they had their home at the mines, but are now residents of Lancaster, where he is in business. They have five children: Charles D., married and located in Lancaster, where he has three children; Mary, at home; John, a clerk; William and Anna, at home. (2) Mary died young. (3) Charles A. is our subject. (4) Harry, born at Nickel Mines, is a farmer in Paradise township. He married Miss Emma Knox and they have had the following children: Charles, Cora, Edgar, Harry, Joseph and Ralph, of whom the last named is deceased. (5) Jennie, born at Nickel Mines, is the widow of George M. Snead, and has her home in Kinzers, Lancaster county. She is the mother of five children: William, Edna, Paul, Walter and Mabel.

Charles A. Doble received his education in the Bart schools, and when a young man, took up the work of engineering for the Nickel mines. For some fifteen years he had the care and management of all the mining machinery used in that enterprise. When his father gave up the position of superintendent, he was at once called upon to fill his place, and has held that office to the present time.

Mr. Doble was married in Nov., 1883, to Hannah J. Williams, of Bart township, the daughter of

Thomas and Jane Williams, both of whom were born in England, and came to this country in 1864. They made their home at the Nickel mines community, where the husband and father was employed until his death in 1897. His widow and the following children survive him: Thomas and Robert, born in England; John, Richard, Eliza and Hannah. Mrs. Hannah Doble was born in Bart in 1865. Mr. and Mrs. Doble have three children: James B., born in 1884, a student in Wades Commercial College, of Lancaster; Jennie L., born in 1885; and Bessie V., born in 1887, students in the home schools. Mr. Doble is a Republican. In religion he is a member of the Episcopal Church, and his wife of the Methodist Church. Mr. Doble belongs to the Parksburg Lodge of the I. O. O. F., No. 764, where he is highly esteemed for his character and ability. In his life work his careful management, mechanical ability and absolute integrity have given him a standing with his employers that is beyond question, while his fellow workmen in the mines recognize in him a man well fitted in every way for the responsible position he so ably fills.

SIMEON GUILFORD SUMMY, the popular proprietor of the "Summy House," of Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in that place, Sept. 2, 1843, a son of Jacob and Martha (Minich) Summy, representatives of old Lancaster county families. The father was reared on a farm near Neffsville, and learned the miller's trade with his father, John Summy, who owned and operated the old Summy Mill, one mile southeast of Sporting Hill, near Lancaster Junction, now known as the Seller's Mill. Jacob Summy succeeded to the business, but after a few years was compelled to give it up on account of his health. He then moved to Manheim, where he conducted the old "Globe Hotel," which has since been destroyed. At the end of two years he removed to Sporting Hill, where he purchased a hotel and thirty-six acres of land, and was engaged in the hotel business there for fifteen years, after which he followed farming for some years, until his retirement from active labor. His last days were spent in Manheim, where he died in 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife departed this life in 1898, at the age of eighty-two. Of the twelve children born to them, seven reached maturity, namely: Simeon Guilford; Henry, a butcher and farmer, who died at the age of thirty-two years; Emeline, deceased wife of Edward Hall, of Sporting Hill; Levina, also deceased; Catherine, wife of Jacob Keller, of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.; Anna, wife of John Capp, of Martinsburg, Va.; and Jacob, proprietor of the Washington House, of Manheim, who died at the age of thirty-two years.

Simeon G. Summy was reared at Sporting Hill, and attended the local schools. He began his business career as clerk in the store of Noah Zook in Sporting Hill, at the age of eighteen, and remained with him two years, after which he engaged in

clerking for John G. Hacker the same length of time and for M. N. Brubaker three years. He then took the management of Martin Grube's store at Chickies and conducted it two years. The following two years were spent in school teaching in Rapho township, Lancaster county.

In 1866 Mr. Summy wedded Miss Mary Balmer, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Singer) Balmer, and by this union three children were born, two of whom are still living. Harry, the elder, is a graduate of the New York Veterinary College and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in Manheim. He married Leah Carpenter and they have one child. Homer, a shoe dealer of Manheim, married Theda Kauffman, and they have one child, Ralph.

After his marriage, Mr. Summy turned his attention to farming and auctioneering, following the former occupation eight years, and still continuing to prosecute the latter calling. In 1877 he purchased the "Black Horse Hotel," in Manheim, which he conducted two years, and then erected his present hotel, which at that time was a two-story structure containing but eight sleeping apartments. As his business has increased, he has added to it until he now has one of the finest blocks in Manheim, containing several good business rooms besides the hotel apartments, which now comprise twenty-eight sleeping rooms. The Masonic Order occupy the hall, and the store rooms below accommodate two mercantile establishments and a barber shop. Being a man thoroughly up-to-date, energetic and enterprising, he conducts his hotel on the most approved modern plan, and is a most genial and obliging landlord. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party and its principles. As a citizen and business man he stands high in public esteem.

JOHN E. GARBER, a general farmer of West Donegal township, and a man of fine standing in the community where he has passed his life, was born on the old Garber homestead, and is a son of John S. and Susan (Erb) Garber. A sketch of these admirable people, whose long years and useful lives alike command reverence, appears in another place.

John E. Garber was married in Rapho township, in 1887, to Alice Newcomer, and to them were born the following children: Stella N., Paris N., Barbara N., Alice N., Jonas N., Rhoda N. and Christian N., who is dead.

Mrs. Alice (Newcomer) Garber, who was born in Rapho township Nov. 1, 1866, is a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Wademan) Newcomer. Her father was born in Rapho township, and her mother in East Hempfield township. They are now living in Salunga, Lancaster county, where her father, who was born in 1835, has given up active work. Her mother was born three years later than her husband, and both are members of the Mennonite Church. During the more active part of his life

Jacob Newcomer was school director and supervisor in Rapho township, and was a leading man in his community. Jacob Newcomer and his wife have had the following children: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Amos W., a farmer in Rapho township; David W., a farmer in Drumore; Fanny W., who married Harry Bear, a farmer in Salunga; Alice W., noted above as the wife of John E. Garber; Levi N., a resident of Rapho township; John W., a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Barbara W., wife of Ira Longenecker, a farmer of East Donegal township; Ezra W., who lives in Mt. Joy, and whose life-story appears on another page.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Alice Garber were Christ and Elizabeth (Nissley) Newcomer, natives of Lancaster county, as were the parents of her mother, David and Elizabeth (Stehman) Wademan.

John E. Garber remained with his parents until 1882, when he began that career as a farmer in which he has proved so successful. In 1887 he moved to the farm where he is found today. Mr. Garber has impressed himself on his community as a man of character and ability, and for seven years has served as auditor of West Donegal township. In his politics he is a Republican, and his influence in the party is by no means slight. In religion both Mr. and Mrs. Garber are members of the Mennonite Church, and their peaceful and well ordered lives cast no discredit upon their faith.

BENJAMIN S. MARTIN, residing one and a half miles southeast of Columbia, in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in West Lampeter township, in the same county, Sept. 26, 1859, and is a son of John and Susan (Shaub) Martin.

Benjamin S. Martin attended the public schools and worked on the home farm in Lampeter township until fifteen years of age, when his parents died, and he had recourse to any kind of labor that would net him an honest dollar; he made his home meanwhile with a brother until his marriage, when he rented a farm near Landis Mill and two years later removed to the old Dambach farm in the north-western part of the township. This farm comprises ninety-five acres, devoted to general farming, market gardening and dairying.

On Nov. 11, 1884, Benjamin S. Martin was united in marriage with Elizabeth H. Dambach, and this union has been crowned with six children, five of whom still survive, viz.: John D., Mary D., Elizabeth D., Susan Alva and Benjamin F.; the deceased child, Amos, was a mere infant at the time of its death. The parents of these children are members of the Mennonite Church, and in politics the father is a Republican. Mr. Martin is one of the broad-minded and progressive men who give vitality and vigor to the community in which they live, and is ever ready to assist with his influence and means every measure designed to promote the public welfare.

Adam Dambach was the founder of the family bearing this name in Manor township, and was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Martin, but was a resident of Conestoga township. In religion he was a Lutheran. His son, also named Adam, was probably born in Conestoga, but came to Manor township and settled at Creswell, was a shoemaker by trade and married Mary Wagoner, to which marriage were born the following named children: Henry, Adam, John, Martin, Joseph, Amos, Benjamin, Eliza and Mary, all members of the Lutheran Church at the time of decease.

Martin Dambach, father of Mrs. Martin, was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 21, 1813, and was married Sept. 27, 1835, to Elizabeth Herr, daughter of Abraham and Mary Herr, and born May 26, 1816, in Manor township. The newly married couple lived on the old Herr homestead a short time, whence they moved to Funk's Division, as it was called, and purchased a small farm on which they resided six years; then for one year they rented the Blue Rock farm; next, they returned to Funk's Division for seven years, where they lived on a place adjoining their former home there; and in April, 1857, located on the homestead of 250 acres in north-western Manor township. At that time it was one of the finest farms in the county, but it has since been divided into three separate tracts, which are respectively occupied by his two sons, John and Henry, and by Joseph K. Newcomer, who bought the third part.

In 1870, Martin Dambach purchased and removed to a thirty-acre farm west of Central Manor. On this farm Martin passed the remainder of his life, dying Nov. 12, 1875, in the faith of the Mennonites. His widow died July 19, 1901. To Martin Dambach and wife were born fifteen children, of whom twelve grew to maturity and are still living, viz.; Mary, wife of Christ. Kauffman, of Petersburg, Lancaster county; Susannah, wife of John H. Keagy, of Adams county; John H., also of Petersburg; Fannie, wife of M. D. Kindig, of Manor township; Martin H., residing near Windom; Henry H., living near Columbia; Joseph H., of the same neighborhood; Catherine, wife of Aaron Herr, of West Hempfield township; Amos H., of Columbia City; Adam H., of Pequea township; David H., of Manor township; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin S. Martin, whose name opens this biographical review. The three deceased children of the fifteen born to Martin and Elizabeth (Herr) Dambach were named: Abraham, the second in order of birth, who died at the age of nine months; Elizabeth, the third born, who died when four months old; and Benjamin H., the fourteenth in order of birth, who died in infancy.

WILLIAM AHERNE. The early home of this popular florist and prominent business man, of Columbia, Pa., was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Midleton, County Cork, Ireland, Aug 8, 1849, a son of Michael and Margaret

(Welsh) Aherne, who spent their entire lives at that place, where the father was employed as a gardener. He died there in 1895, at the age of seventy-five years, while the mother survived till 1902. In their family were eight children, namely: John M., now a florist of Mt. Vernon, O.; William; Mary, wife of Peter Heffernan, a plasterer of New York City; Patrick, a member of the United States Cavalry; James, Michael, Edward and Alice, who all died in Ireland.

In his native land William Aherne grew to manhood, and in Dublin, he was married, Aug. 8, 1871, to Miss Mary Brady, who was born in Wexford City, County Wexford, Ireland, Dec. 15, 1849, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Furlong) Brady, who never left the Emerald Isle. By occupation the father was a maltster. Mrs. Aherne is the oldest of their three children, the others being: Michael, a temperance lecturer and telegraph operator, of Ireland; and John, manager of a dry goods store in Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Aherne have a family of which any parents might well be proud. Michael, the oldest, was born in Ireland and is now a resident of Columbia, Pa. For fifteen years he has been a member of the Pennsylvania National Guards and served as sergeant major in Co. C, 4th P. V. I., at Porto Rico during the Spanish-American war. William is a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y. John P. and Robert E., twins, residing at home, were also members of Co. C, 4th P. V. I., and were with the army at Porto Rico, the latter serving as corporal in his company. They are at present employed in Brooklyn, N. Y., as machinists. Mary lives with them as housekeeper. Agnes M. is a trained nurse, now at Ithaca, N. Y. Alice is a trained nurse from the Germantown Hospital, Philadelphia, graduated Nov. 12, 1902. Maggie is at home. Francis and Philip died in childhood.

Under the able direction of his father, William Aherne learned much about the florist business before he was eighteen years of age. He then went to Lakeland, near Middleton, where he spent three years in gardening, and at the end of that time returned home for a few months. Subsequently he was engaged in gardening at London, England, for a few months, and later spent three years in Dublin, Ireland. In 1873 he came to America, and after spending five months working at his trade in Philadelphia, took up his residence in Columbia, Pa., which has since been his home. He was in the employ of S. H. Purple, a florist, for six years, and went upon the railroad as brakeman for the Pennsylvania Company. A year later, however, during the strike, he returned to Mr. Purple's employ, remaining with him a year at this time. For six years he was employed in the railroad round house at Columbia, and also attended to their plants, but since 1890 he has been successfully engaged in the florist business on his own account. He possesses superior skill and

ability in his line and has built up an excellent trade. In politics Mr. Aherne is independent, in religious belief is a Catholic, and in his social relations is a member of the Knights of St. Patrick R. C. For many years he was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guards, enlisting as a private, Oct. 16, 1878, in Co. H, 11th Reg., now Co. C, 4th Reg. He was appointed corporal Aug. 3, 1881; sergeant, March 4, 1884; first sergeant, April 6, 1886; and was commissioned 1st lieutenant, Feb. 1, 1891. He was in active service nineteen days during the Homestead riots. Although of foreign birth, America has no more loyal and patriotic citizen than Mr. Aherne, and he merits and receives the confidence and respect of all who know him.

WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, cabinetmaker and undertaker, is one of the leading citizens of New Providence, Lancaster county. He was born in Strasburg township March 2, 1850, son of James D. and Lydia (Rineer) Edwards, of Lancaster county, of Scotch-Irish origin.

James D. Edwards, the father of William H., was born in 1825, and died Jan. 10, 1900; he was a veteran of the Civil war, discharged in Aug., 1865. His father was Daniel Edwards, who had the following children: James D., Jonathan, Thomas, Josiah, Daniel, Amos and Sarah. In 1849 James D. Edwards, who was a successful farmer of Lancaster county, married Miss Lydia Rineer and they had the following children: William H.; H. M., born in 1851; Susan S., born in 1855; Madison, born in 1856; Jesse, born in 1858; Annie, born in 1860; Ellsworth, born in 1861; Thomas, born in 1863; Ella M., born in 1866; Christian, born in 1871; and Nora and Rebecca J., died in childhood. The Edwards family is an old one in Lancaster county and their ancestry can be directly traced to Henry Ferre, who died in Germany and whose widow came to America and bought land in Pennsylvania of William Penn, as early as 1680.

William H. Edwards was the eldest of his father's large family. He was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the common schools. His tastes led him to learn the cabinetmaking trade, which, in connection with undertaking, he has followed ever since. Mr. Edwards came to New Providence March 27, 1868, has proven himself an excellent man of business and is now regarded as one of the substantial citizens of the town, where he owns a handsome and comfortable home and well-appointed shops. In politics he is a Democrat, and zealously works for the success of his party.

On Dec. 26, 1872, Mr. Edwards was married to Miss Mary C. Herr, born Aug. 30, 1852, daughter of Martin and Catherine Herr, of Providence township. Mrs. Edwards is a direct descendant of Hans Herr, who was one of the very first settlers in this county. She was one of a family of six children born to her parents, as follows: Emma, the wife of Harry Smith, of Lancaster; Mary, who be-

came Mrs. Edwards; Elam, a resident of Drumore township; Martin, a resident of Quarryville; Benjamin, a resident of Martic township; and John, a resident of Drumore township. To Mr. and Mrs. Edwards has been born a family of eleven children, William F., who married Annie Heidelbaugh; Catherine L., who married Hugh R. Collins; John E., who married Cora Clarkson; Nance May, deceased; Emma N., who married Diller Reese, Sept. 4, 1902; Minnie B.; Bertha L.; Harry Charles; Josephine M., deceased; and Abraham and James, twins, who died young.

Mr. Edwards and family are regarded with feelings of esteem in their community. They are prominent in social life and reflect credit upon their honorable families which have for so many years been leading ones in Lancaster county. They are members of the United Brethren Church at Refton, Strasburg township, Lancaster county.

JOHN BENDER, one of the prominent citizens and substantial retired farmers of Lancaster county, owns a fine estate in Upper Leacock township, but since 1891 has retired from active operation of it. He was born in this old home Oct. 23, 1861, son of John W. and Anna (Buckwalter) Bender.

John W. Bender was born in Upper Leacock township, Jan. 22, 1833, and died on his late farm Nov. 30, 1877, and was buried in Heller's Reformed churchyard, which sacred ground adjoins the old home farm. He was a son of Kinzer D. Bender, and a brother of Franklin of this township, William K. Bender, of Strasburg, Pa., and Mrs. Jacob Burkholder, of Talmage, Pa. John W. Bender remained with his parents, who were well-known and most highly esteemed residents of the township, until his marriage, and then moved to the farm now in the possession of his family. For eight years he was a school director and was identified with all important educational advancement in his neighborhood. In politics he was ever a stanch Republican, and he was one of the leading members of the Methodist Church. On Nov. 16, 1856, John W. Bender was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Anna W. Buckwalter, and the children born to this union were: John, of this sketch; and Aaron, who after studying in the common schools in 1885 entered Pennington Seminary (N. J.) to fit himself for the ministry, but he died in 1886, aged twenty-three years.

Mrs. Anna W. (Buckwalter) Bender was born in East Lampeter township. She was a daughter of Abraham and Anna (Witmer) Buckwalter, natives of East Lampeter township. Mr. Buckwalter was a well-known farmer who died in 1840 at the age of forty-eight, his widow surviving until 1886, dying at the age of ninety-one. Their burial was in the Mellinger Mennonite cemetery. They had been worthy and consistent members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were: Esther, deceased, who married Joseph Wenger; Benjamin, de-

ceased, who married Susanna Johns; Elizabeth, deceased, who married David Groff; Lydia, who is the widow of Jacob Leaman, of Leacock township; Barbara, who is the widow of Abraham Rohrer, of Manheim township; Abranam, who is a retired farmer of Upper Leacock township; Levi, deceased; and Anna, who is the mother of John Bender, of this sketch.

John Bender was born and reared on the home farm where he has spent all his active life. His education was acquired in the public schools, and Mr. Bender has been identified with the public affairs of his township, having for the past two years been township auditor. Since 1891 he has not engaged actively in operating the farm. The family is one much respected in this neighborhood and Mr. Bender is regarded as one of the thoroughly reliable representative citizens of Upper Leacock. The family have always been members of the Methodist Church, the father being one of the founders of the church of that denomination at Leola, where John Bender, our subject, was superintendent of the Sunday-school for eleven years. He takes a deep interest in music, and has charge of the church choir at Leola. Mr. Bender has at times been urged to take town office but declined.

AARON E. HARTMAN was born in East Lampeter township, Oct. 21, 1856, and is one of its most successful farmers and progressive and public-spirited citizens. His father's name was Henry, like that of his grandfather. A somewhat detailed genealogical sketch of his family is given elsewhere. The maiden name of his grandmother was Hildebrand, and his father, Henry, was her only son, although her marriage was blessed with four children. Henry Hartman, Jr., was born upon his father's home farm, which subsequently became his through inheritance. It adjoined that now owned by his son, Aaron E., and is at present the property of another son, Samuel. The land has been in possession of the family since it was granted to the first American progenitor by William Penn.

Henry Hartman married Elizabeth Eaby. He was the father of six children, of whom Aaron E. is the youngest. The others, in order of birth, were Samuel, Anna, Elizabeth, Kate E. and Henry E. He was a hardworking and successful farmer, and a man noted for his high moral and consistent Christian character. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church, while his wife adhered through life to the Mennonite faith, in which she had been reared. He died in 1879 and she fell asleep in 1895. Both now rest, side by side, in the peaceful Mellinger cemetery, in the hope of a glorious immortality. Some brief mention of their children will be of interest in this connection. Samuel married Catherine Price and lives, as has been said, in the old homestead. Anna is the wife of Samuel K. Landis, of East Petersburg. Elizabeth married

John H. Esbenshade, and is deceased. Henry E. married Nettie Hostetter.

Aaron E. Hartman was educated in the common schools and at the State Normal School, at Millersville. He taught with success for three terms, but ultimately chose the life of a farmer in preference to that of a pedagogue. He has always taken a deep interest in the cause of education, however, and has served three terms as school director. He is regarded by his fellow townsmen as a safe counselor, while his blameless life has commanded their undisguised respect.

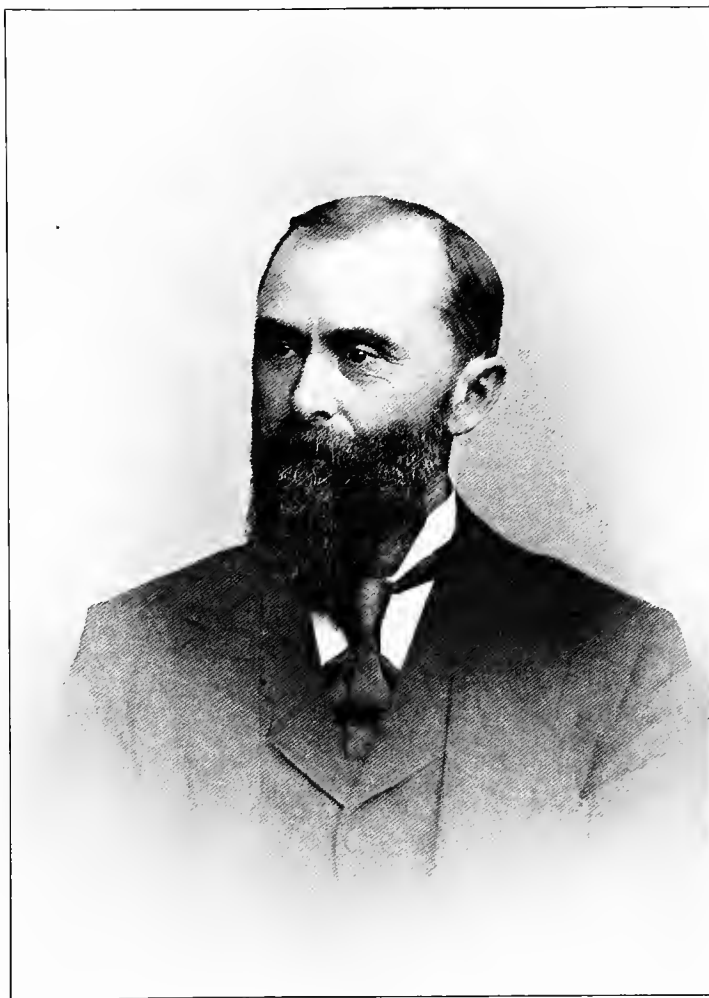
In 1881 Mr. Hartman was married to Frances, a daughter of Abram Diffenbaugh. Four children have been born to them: Henry C., Benjamin Franklin, Ellis Blaine and Mabel Priscilla.

WILMER P. BOLTON. The Boltons are among the oldest and most honorable residents of Lancaster county. Evert Bolton, the founder of this estimable and well-known family, came to America from England about 1682 or 1683, and settled at Cheltenham, Pa., and as they were of Quaker faith they were probably with the Penn family, and followed their fortunes and leadings. The descendants are not numerous. This family is distinct from the New England Boltons.

The children born to the original settler were: Eurette, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary, Samuel, Abel, Sarah, Lydia, Isaac, Rebecca and Margaret. Isaac Bolton, son of the settler, was born in 1697. His family consisted of Margaret, Rachel, Sarah, Rebecca, Jemima, Isaac, Joseph and Eurette. Isaac Bolton (2) was born April 27, 1735, and his son, Isaac Bolton (3), who was the grandfather of Wilmer P. Bolton, was born in Philadelphia in 1771, and married Elizabeth Townsend Nov. 11, 1802. Their children were: Evan, Sarah, Abie, Jason, Elizabeth, Margaret and Isaac, all of whom have passed out of life.

Jason Bolton, the father of Wilmer P., was married to Anna Pennock Sept. 28, 1845. He was born in Philadelphia county July 5, 1814, and died Sept. 28, 1888. His wife was born April 15, 1815, in Chester county, Pa., daughter of Simon and Sarah Pennock. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jason Bolton were but two in number: Wilmer P. and Emily T. The latter was born July 14, 1849, and died July 6, 1897, unmarried. For many years Mr. Bolton was director and for several years superintendent of the schools of Drumore township.

Wilmer P. Bolton is one of the leading farmers and nurserymen of Lancaster county, and for twenty years has been the capable general agent for the Chester County Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was born June 3, 1847. His early studies were pursued in the common schools of his neighborhood, and he later attended both the Millersville Normal School and a business college in Philadelphia. Although Mr. Bolton has been interested in and identi-



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fied with many other enterprises, he has always made farming his leading interest. His farm and residence are located three-fourths of a mile from the village of Liberty Square, and the property was purchased by his grandfather in 1818. Mr. Bolton owns three farms in Drumore township, all of which are well improved and have excellent buildings.

The marriage of Mr. Bolton on Jan. 1, 1879, to Miss Cassandra S. Cutler, of Drumore township, united him with another of the old and well established families of this county. She was born August 20, 1855, daughter of Alban and Mary (Coats) Cutler, and was one of a family of three children: Horace, who is deceased; Cassandra S.; and Ella, who married Charles Shoemaker, a farmer of Fulton township. Grandfather Jesse Cutler was a prominent and wealthy farmer of his time, in Drumore township, and the family ancestry is given elsewhere. Mr. and Mrs. Bolton had three children: Theodore C., born Nov. 21, 1882; Leslie Isaac, born June 8, 1886; and Edgar J., born Oct. 1, 1888, who died Sept. 21, 1889.

Mr. Bolton is prominent in educational matters in his township, having served as school director for twelve years, and he has carried on the business of conveyancer and surveyor in the county for the last thirty years. His religious connection has ever been with the Society of Friends, and his life has been in consonance with the simplicity of their belief. He has been active in temperance circles, and for several years was district chief templar of Lancaster county. As an honest, upright citizen he has dealt fairly with his fellowmen, and enjoys their esteem and confidence. Since youth Mr. Bolton has been an active Republican, but he has never desired any political preference, his activities and interests lying in the direction of business and educational matters. He is a most worthy representative of his family.

GEORGE G. CULLY. For many years the name of Cully has been an honored one in Lancaster county, the family having been founded here more than 150 years ago, by Thomas Cully, the great-grandfather of George G. Cully of Martic township.

The birth of George G. Cully was on Feb. 15, 1856, and he is a son of William and Susan (Brubaker) Cully, the former of whom was born in this township, in 1830 and died in 1873. In 1850 he was married to Susan Brubaker and they had a family of four children: William, of the city of Lancaster; George G.; Laura, who married William Robinson; and Lennie, who died young. Mrs. Cully still survives and is an esteemed resident of this township. William Cully was a son of George and Mary (Boyd) Cully, respected farming people of this township, living on the old farm upon which Thomas Cully settled so long ago.

George G. Cully grew to manhood on the Martic township farm and attended the public schools of his district. His life has been passed in agricultural

lines, his fine farm of 200 acres showing the careful cultivation of an excellent farmer while the pleasant surroundings and handsome dwelling bespeak the thrift and plenty which conduce to make the husbandman the happiest and most fortunate of men.

The marriage of George G. Cully was on Jan. 23, 1878, to Miss Mary G. Striggle, of Martic township, a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Striggle, her birth being on April 10, 1861. The other members of her family are: Benjamin, Grizzelle, Catherine, Belle, Annie, Edith, John and Michael. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Cully were: George, born July 28, 1879; Annie, born April 3, 1881, died at the age of ten years; Milton, born Jan. 23, 1883, at home; John D., born April 25, 1885; Amy M., born Dec. 29, 1887; Herbert, born June 14, 1892; and Thomas Kirk, born May 31, 1895.

Mr. Cully is a Democrat in political sentiment, and is a man of force of character, known in his community as honest and upright in all his dealings. Although never placing himself before the public in any conspicuous position, Mr. Cully has exerted an influence tending toward the advancement and progress of his section in religious and educational lines. Both he and his excellent and highly esteemed wife are worthy and consistent members of the Bethesda Methodist Church. In his domestic circle, Mr. Cully is respected and beloved and his friends in the neighborhood are counted by many scores.

CHARLES FRANK. Many lines of trade are most successfully prosecuted in East Donegal township, on account of the energy and industry of its citizens, and among those who have been especially prosperous is the well-known carriage and wagon builder at Ramsey's Toll Gate, Charles Frank, a citizen of the highest standing in the community.

The birth of Mr. Frank was in Kinderhook, West Hempfield township, July 7, 1861, a son of Richard and Lena (Beehler) Frank, both of whom came to America from Saxony, Germany, and married in Mountville, Lancaster county. Richard Frank was a son of Frederick and Amelia Frank, natives of Germany, where they passed their lives, the latter a good and worthy woman, the former a man of prominence as a writer and much esteemed by the King of Germany.

Frederick Frank was one of the best educated men in Saxony, writing and speaking five languages, including English. As a boy of fourteen he acted as interpreter for Napoleon in 1812-13. He corresponded for two years with Kreider and Coppenheffer, of Chestnut Hill, Pa., and when his son later came to that place, Kreider said to him: "Your father knows more of the United States law and all other matters of interest here than most of those born here; if he would come to the United States he would be governor." Frederick Frank was a special favorite with the Herzog, or Duke, of Sax Altenburg, and as often as the ruler visited Ronneburg Frank was invited to be his companion, even sitting

at the Duke's table. When appointed by the Herzog Ernst to be burgomaster, Frank refused the position for himself but was permitted to select a man in his place. With many opportunities to become a rich man, he did not care to improve them, preferring to work for the good of his fellow men, and he was an adviser for everyone in the place, rich or poor. He was a close friend not only of the Herzog Ernst, but also of his father, Joseph, the preceding Duke. When Frank died, in 1860, the courts, stores and saloons alike were closed, and rich and poor took part in the funeral. The newspaper describing the ceremonies was printed with black edges and every advertisement was omitted. Frederick Frank had fourteen children, eight of whom died when quite young. The survivors were Franz, Herman, Karl, Richard, Mary and Laura. The boys were all weavers by trade.

Richard Frank, father of Charles, was born in 1834. When eight years old, his father, the Ordinance Postmaster, appointed him letter carrier, and for five years he served, the youngest carrier in Germany. In those days many letters contained money, usually silver, and the amount was marked on the outside of the envelope. The receiver was obliged to write his name and the amount of the money in the carrier's book before receiving his letter. Even with these complications not a single mistake occurred while the child was carrier. His sister Emily was a carrier for ten years before him. Aug. 12, 1858, Richard started for America, landing Oct. 1.

After marriage he settled on Chestnut Hill, in West Hempfield township, following a laboring life, although by trade he is a weaver. His wife was born in 1837, and both of them belong to the United Brethren Church. Their children are: Lena, wife of Eli Weaver, living in Ironville, Pa.; Clara, wife of Harry Sillers, living in York, Pa.; Charles, the subject of this biography; Mary, wife of George Breemer, of York, Pa.; Franz, residing in York; Elizabeth, wife of Lewis Resh, of Rapho township; Henry, associated with Charles in business; John, a resident of York; Catherine, wife of Frank Clinton, of York; and Herman, who is a cigar manufacturer.

At the age of twenty-one, Charles Frank, who had been reared on a farm, took up the trade of blacksmith, with Martin Ramsey, and continued as his faithful assistant for four years, becoming a superior workman. At that time he opened up a coach-making business, utilizing the building adjoining the shop in which he had worked so long, and in 1892 engaged his brother Henry with him, since which time the business has prospered exceedingly and is continually extending. The methods adopted by Mr. Frank in the conduct of his business have gained for him the confidence of the public, and no enterprise in East Donegal township is more promising than this. Charles Frank has made an honorable name for himself in East Donegal township and has many friends. In politics he is a

Republican, and a worthy member of the United Evangelical Church.

On Dec. 24, 1885, occurred the marriage of Charles Frank and Miss Mary Ramsey, and to this union two children have been born, Harvey and Elizabeth. The birth of Mrs. Frank was in 1865, a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Gruver) Ramsey. The father was born in Londonderry township, Dauphin county, in March, 1825, a son of Isaac and Mary (Steinmetz) Ramsey, of Lancaster county. In 1858, in West Donegal township, Martin Ramsey married Elizabeth Gruver and to this union were born: Daniel, deceased; John W., a tobacco salesman of Maytown; Abraham, a produce merchant of Atlantic City; Samuel, a clerk in a clothing store in Lancaster; Mary, the wife of Charles Frank; and Martin, a baker, in Mountville.

Martin Ramsey was reared by his mother and his grandmother Steinmetz, remaining until he had passed his seventeenth year; he then began to learn the blacksmith trade, in West Donegal township, under the supervision of Benjamin Ober, remaining there three and one-half years. Then he went to Dauphin county, working with different people, until 1853, when he opened up a business for himself. In 1843 he had come to this location, but it was ten years later before he built here his comfortable home and commodious shop. Mr. Ramsey is also the efficient keeper of the toll gate on the Maytown and Elizabethtown turnpike, and is one of the consistent members of the religious denomination known as Brethren in Christ.

Henry Frank, a brother of Charles Frank, was born in West Hempfield township Dec. 7, 1869; on Oct. 3, 1893, he was married to Miss Reberta Peck, and to this union two children have been born, Edna and Harry. Reberta (Peck) Frank was born in East Donegal township in May, 1873, a daughter of Nicholas and Malinda (Martin) Peck, the former of whom is an undertaker and veterinary surgeon in Maytown. Until he was eighteen years of age Henry Frank remained with his parents, going then to York, Pa., where he learned the trade of coach-maker, this business being a favorite one in the family, Charles, Henry, John and two of the brothers-in-law being engaged in it. In 1892 Henry came to his present location, engaging with his brother as a wood worker. In politics he votes independently, and is fraternally connected with the O. U. A. M.

DANIEL WEBSTER STYER, M. D., a popular and representative citizen of Churchtown, Lancaster county, was born in Caernarvon township, Sept. 6, 1863, a son of Peter and Elvina (Sweetzer) Styer. Peter Styer is living, but his wife is dead.

Dr. Styer was reared on the parental farm, and educated in the public schools, and in the normal schools at Kutztown and Millersville, and for four years was a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county. In the meantime he had developed

much interest in the healing art, and decided to make that his profession. He did his preliminary reading and studying in the office of Dr. A. H. Kissinger. After taking a special course at the Millersville Normal, he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated with high honors. At the Philadelphia Hospital for skin diseases he took a special course; and another at the Pennsylvania School of Anatomy and Surgery, receiving creditable and complimentary diplomas from each of these institutions. With Dr. Styer surgery is specialized, and he is an enthusiastic student of its various branches. At Churchtown he has built up an increasing and lucrative practice, and takes high rank among the practitioners of the healing art in that part of the county. Dr. Styer belongs to the County and State Medical Societies, as well as the American Medical Association, and has attended these various associations as a delegate.

Dr. Styer was married in Feb., 1890, to Miss Annie Cox, a daughter of John and Ellen Cox. Her father is dead. The Doctor and his wife belong to the Lutheran and the Episcopal Churches, respectively, and have many warm and devoted personal friends in the community where they are best known.

THEODORE KISINER, a well-to-do farmer of Fulton township, Lancaster county, residing a half mile southwest of McSparran, where he has a very pleasant home, was born Oct. 19, 1844, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Jenkins) Kisiner.

Jacob Kisiner, grandfather of Theodore, was born in Ireland, of English origin, and lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years. He was a cooper by trade. His family consisted of seven children; Jacob, Jr., David, Washington, Eliza, Reuben, Lydia A. and Ann.

Jacob Kisiner, Jr., born in Lancaster county in 1816, was married in 1843 to Miss Rebecca Jenkins, who was born in this county in 1820. They had seven children as follows: Theodore, the subject of this article; George, a farmer of York Co., Pa.; John W., a miller of Stewartstown, York county; J. Scott and W. Henry, farmers of York county; Sarah J., the wife of William Simmers, of Maryland; Mary, the wife of Reed Almony, of York county. The father of this family died April 26, 1902, the mother, June 6, 1901.

Theodore Kisiner married Miss Landie McAfee, of Fulton township, Oct. 19, 1881, and this marriage was blessed with three children: Emma R., born July 30, 1883; Anna S., born March 15, 1886; and Dora, born Aug. 30, 1889, all residing at home. Mr. Kisiner lost his beloved wife July 3, 1899; she was born Feb. 26, 1855. Mrs. Kisiner was a member of the Society of Friends, and a noble Christian woman, a good wife and a kind and loving mother, and is greatly missed by her family.

Mr. Kisiner started in life very poor, but by hard work has accumulated a competency. In 1863, at the age of nineteen, he enlisted in the cavalry volun-

teers known as the Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry. He has followed farming since he started out for himself, and now owns a farm of one hundred acres, with a nice residence and first class outbuildings. His home place, near McSparran, consists of eleven acres, with a good house and necessary farm buildings. For many years, besides conducting a farm, he has carried on a commission business with profitable results. His time is now largely occupied in stock feeding.

Mr. Kisiner is not a member of any religious denomination but attends the meetings of the Friends Society. He votes the Republican ticket, has served as road supervisor, and at present is one of the school directors. Mr. Kisiner is a self made man, having acquired what he owns by strict economy and sober habits. He has never had a lawsuit, or trouble with his neighbors, and is universally respected. Being a leading man in his district, his opinion is often sought, and his advice followed in many matters which work for the good of the vicinity.

BENJAMIN F. MARKLEY was born March 23, 1853, in Providence township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Adam Markley, his grandfather, emigrated from the old country and settled at Strasburg, Lancaster county, where he followed the trade of shoemaker. He was the father of six children: Nancy, wife of Cunningham Atchison, of Lancaster county; John, the father of the subject of this sketch; Jacob, of Buck, Lancaster county; George, also of Buck, Lancaster county; Susan, the wife of Joseph Graver, of Little Britain, Lancaster county; and Margaret, who is the widow of John Duke, of Lancaster City.

John Markley, father of Benjamin F. Markley, was born in Lancaster county, May 31, 1817. He lived at home with his father until quite a young man, during which time he received a good common-school education. He then went to learn the carpenter's trade with a man named Long. He remained at this work about five years when he bought a farm in Providence township and followed farming the balance of his life. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, presided over by the Rev. Mr. Rutter, and was one of its trustees. In politics he always voted with the Republican party.

On Sept. 22, 1842, Mr. Markley married Annie, daughter of Henry Funk, of Safe Harbor. Mr. and Mrs. John Markley were the parents of five children: William H., deceased; James, deceased; Susan, the wife of Joseph Clark, of Lancaster City; John M., residing in Safe Harbor; and Benjamin F. The last and youngest son, Benjamin, lived at home with his parents until his eighteenth year, receiving in the meantime an education gained in the schools of the district. He then went to work, doing general farm work for ten years.

On Jan. 15, 1884, Mr. Markley married Annie, daughter of Benjamin Good, of Conestoga, and from

that time, for nine years farmed on shares for John Gardner. He then bought the farm where he now resides and continues engaged solely in agricultural pursuits. He, like his father, is a staunch Republican, but never sought or held office. He is a member of the Evangelical Church of Millersville. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 374, of Rawlinsville; also of the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 158, of Mt. Nebo.

Mr. Markley is the father of four children: A. Roy, Susie B., Edna M. at home, and one son, Benjamin T., who died early in life.

In addition to his home place Mr. Markley owns a ten-acre place in Conestoga township. Mr. Markley is a liberal-minded and progressive man, and is one of the highly respected citizens of his vicinity.

GEORGE H. BROWN. One of the substantial and successful farmers of Little Britain township is George H. Brown, who by his own efforts has climbed up the ladder from the bottom rung and has, in a comparatively few years changed his condition from a youth with little but his brains and hands as capital, to that of one of the leading and solid farmer-citizens of his township.

The Brown family of Little Britain township probably came of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and George H., of this sketch, was a son of John and Eliza (Patton) Brown, most highly respected citizens of the township, and was born on Sept. 1, 1863.

John Brown, the father, was born in this township also, in 1824, and died in 1879. In 1849 he was married to Eliza Patton, who was a daughter of John Patton, of Lancaster county, and she still survives, at the age of eighty years, a member of the family of her son Franklin, of this township. John Brown was a son of Samuel Brown, who was the father of three other children: Jacob; Leutitia, married to Henry Jenkins, and Ellis. The children born to John Brown and wife numbered eleven, those who grew to maturity being: William Henry, who lives in the West; Samuel E., who is a farmer of Britain township; Robert F., who is a blacksmith of Little Britain township; Jacob L., deceased; Alice, who married George Phillips, residing in Kansas; George H.; John, who is a farmer of Drumore township; and Edgar S., died Jan. 21, 1902.

George H. Brown of this biography was reared a farmer boy and attended the district schools. His occupation has been that of farming and through energy and industry, he has been more than usually successful. Mr. Brown now owns a fine, well-improved farm of ninety-one acres in Little Britain township, and also a one-half interest in a farm of 172 acres near White Rock, Pa., in partnership with his brother Ellis.

The marriage of Mr. Brown was celebrated on Nov. 3, 1887, to Miss Nora E. Smith, who was born Oct. 5, 1863, one of a family of four children born to her parents, Preston and Hannah (Carter) Smith, of Drumore township, more extended notice of the

family being given in the sketch of Gilbert Smith. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had the following children: Albert A., a farmer of Drumore township; Clarinda, the wife of J. M. Ankrum, of Drumore township, and Nora E., the wife of Mr. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have had children as follows: Edna S., born Dec. 18, 1888; Arthur E., born Sept. 28, 1890; Vera May, born Oct. 13, 1891; Hannah E., born March 28, 1893; Ivan W., born Oct. 20, 1897; Dwight L. M., born April 10, 1900; and Gilbert P., born Oct. 18, 1902.

Mr. Brown is a staunch Republican, and both he and his wife are consistent and valued members of the Presbyterian Church. For the past ten years he has most efficiently served his township as school director and takes a great interest in the educational advancement in his locality. No citizen is more highly esteemed and in every relation of life he bears an honorable part.

JOSEPH J. LONG. Among the highly respected citizens of Drumore township is Joseph J. Long, a farmer and justice of the peace, who was born April 10, 1863, in Drumore township, a son of J. Harrison and Elizabeth (Harner) Long, of Drumore, of Dutch-Irish and German descent, respectively.

J. Harrison Long, now a retired farmer of Drumore, was born July 27, 1836, and is a son of James B. and Catherine (Jefferson) Long of Drumore township. James B. Long was born Oct. 3, 1802, and died Oct. 20, 1873. Five children were born to him: Margaret, the widow of Amos Rutter of Ohio; J. Harrison; Lucinda, the wife of John S. Harner, a farmer of Martic township; George, deceased; Robert Lindley, of Phoenix, Ariz. The last named is superintendent of public instruction and one of the leading citizens of that flourishing city, being a man who is true and sincere to his convictions, with an extended knowledge of business and a broad and liberal mind. For many years he has made his home in the far west and the name of Robert L. Long is identified with the best interests of the place as well as with the workings of the Republican party, of which he is a staunch member.

The great-grandfather, James Long, was born on the old farm now owned by Samuel M. Long, and he was a grandson of the first of that name to settle in Pennsylvania, in 1726. The first settler of the name of Long came from Scotland. By trade he was an iron worker and made the irons and hinges still in use in the Presbyterian church at Chestnut Level, Pa. about 1765 or 1770. From this John Long comes the Long family of Drumore township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

J. Harrison Long was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Harner of Martic township, Nov. 6, 1859, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, of Montgomery Co., Pa.; she was born Oct. 20, 1830, and died Nov. 3, 1892. Two children were born of this union, Joseph J. and Mary C., the latter having

been born Dec. 15, 1864, and married to L. Russell Ambler, a farmer of Martic township. J. Harrison Long, the father, is one of the wealthy farmers of Drumore, owning a large farm of 300 acres, all well improved and supplied with good buildings. In politics he is a staunch Republican; he is an earnest member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church.

Joseph J. Long spent his early days upon the farm of his father and attended the district schools and also the Chestnut Level Academy for two years. For two years more he attended the West Nottingham Academy of Maryland. Returning home, he resumed his farming operations and now owns three excellent farms, all of which are in fine condition and supplied with good buildings. In politics, he is a loyal Republican and has acceptably served the township as school director and township auditor and at present is justice of the peace. Religiously, he is an earnest member of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church.

Joseph J. Long was married to Miss Anna M. McComb, of Drumore township, on Oct. 14, 1891, a young lady of Irish descent and a daughter of William and Matilda (Carrick) McComb. On Feb. 21, 1899, she died without issue, having been a gentle, loving wife and kind Christian woman. As she was born on June 1, 1862, she was still in the prime of life and her loss was deeply felt not only by her family, but also throughout the community where she had made her home.

Joseph J. Long is a man of deep convictions, liberal views and high-minded honesty. Being well-informed upon the leading topics of the day, he is an entertaining conversationalist and has always proven himself a kind neighbor and public-spirited citizen.

HENRY HERSHEY, who has retired from active farming, and is living in Intercourse, Pa., in very comfortable if not affluent circumstances, was born in Leacock township, May 19, 1855, and is a son of Peter E. and Anna (Landis) Hershey, of Leacock and East Lampeter townships, respectively.

Peter E. Hershey is a retired farmer in Leacock township. He was born in Salisbury township, Feb. 1826; his wife was born in East Lampeter township; they are both members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Hershey was long a school director and township auditor. In his politics he is a Republican. Born to him and his wife were the following: Christian L., who died at the age of eighteen years; Anna, who married Amos Leaman, of Leacock township, and is now dead; Henry; Mary, who married Esaias Denlinger, a farmer of Paradise township; Landis, a farmer in Salisbury township, a deacon of the Mennonite Church.

The paternal grandparents of Henry Hershey were Abraham and Anna (Eby) Hershey, both of Lancaster county.

Henry Hershey was married in December, 1877, in New Holland, Pa., to Christie A. Denlinger, by

whom he has had the following children: Anna M., who married Isaac M. Good, a farmer of Leacock township; Noah, who died in infancy; Alice D., who died in infancy; Lloyd.

Mrs. Hershey was born in Paradise township, Feb. 16, 1857, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Brubaker) Denlinger, farmer folk of that township. Her father was school director and supervisor for many years. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. Her father died Feb. 5, 1892, lacking but eight days of being eighty years old. Her mother died Dec. 12, 1893, aged seventy-seven years, nine months and nineteen days. The remains rest in the Hershey Church burying ground in Salisbury township. Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger had the following family: Barbara, a maiden lady of Paradise township; Samuel B., a retired farmer of Paradise township; Lizzie, the widow of Elias Leaman, of Leacock township; Simon, living in Leacock township, married to Anna M. Leaman, who is now dead; Mary, married H. E. Musser, of Paradise township, who is the subject of a sketch on another page; Jacob a farmer of Leacock township; Esaias, a farmer of Paradise township; John, unmarried, a farmer of Paradise township; Tobias, who died in 1898, at the age of forty-three, leaving Lizzie Eby for his widow; Elias, a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Christie A.; Evalin, who married A. H. Hostetter, a merchant at Intercourse, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Henry Hershey were John and Christie A. (Hurst) Denlinger, of Lancaster county. The grandfather was twice married, his first wife being a Miss Hurst.

Henry Hershey lived with his parents until his marriage, and then brought his wife there. They remained there until 1893, when he retired from active farm work, and coming to Intercourse, established a very pleasant home in that charming place. For the last twelve years he has been township auditor, and is a director of the Lancaster Chemical Company. In the Mennonite Fire Insurance Company he is a director and treasurer. In the Mennonite Church he is one of the leading members, and much confidence is expressed in his integrity, ability and general trustworthiness. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN B. SENGGER gained a firm footing in business circles in his section of Lancaster county, and after his removal to his present location, at Kinzers, built up a thriving trade in his especial line. He was born Nov. 13, 1850, in Caernarvon township, near Churchtown, and on the maternal side comes of stock which has long been identified with the agricultural interests of the county and prominent in the Mennonite Church. Daniel Gehman, his great-grandfather, came from Switzerland, and settled near Adamstown, this county. The grandfather, Christian Gehman, who also lived near Adamstown, was a preacher in the Mennonite Church. He died in March, 1856. He married Barbara Kurtz,

who was from near Roland's Church in Earl township, and their family consisted of thirteen children, five sons and eight daughters, Lydia being the mother of Mr. Senger.

Mr. Senger's ancestors on the paternal side also came from Switzerland. His grandfather died when his father was a young child, and the latter was raised as a "bound" boy by Joseph Martin, of Weaverland. He married Lydia Gehman Feb. 2, 1838, and to them were born six sons and two daughters, John B. being the sixth in the family.

John B. Senger was reared to farming, which pursuit he followed up to the age of nineteen years. He received a good common-school education in the public schools of Leacock township, and after he abandoned agriculture, he took up teaching, engaging at that profession until 1889, since when he has been in business. For eight years he ran a portable saw mill, in Chester and Delaware counties, and in 1897 he purchased the coal and lumber yard and warehouse at Kinzers which he conducted till April 1, 1902, when he sold his business. Mr. Senger dealt in grain, feed, flour, coal, lumber, slate, phosphate, salt, and various other commodities in those lines, and also filled orders for sawing oak lumber. Altogether, he commanded a very lucrative patronage in Kinzers and the surrounding country, where his thorough honesty and straightforward methods were recognized and appreciated.

In religion, Mr. Senger follows in the footsteps of his ancestors, uniting with the Mennonite Church, and he has been a devoted Christian worker all his active life. On Jan. 18, 1900, he was ordained to the ministry and since 1902 has devoted his entire time to the work. On Oct. 24, 1872, he was married to Magdalene Rutter, daughter of Jonathan Rutter, of Leacock township.

Henry Gehman, a second cousin of our subject, is a preacher in the same district where his grandfather officiated. Mr. Senger has two first cousins by the name of Witmer, their mother having been a sister of Mrs. Lydia Senger, one in Weaverland, the other in Groffdale, this county; and another, Samuel Gehman, in Juniata Co., Pa., who is a descendant of the first Gehmans that came from Switzerland. These cousins are also ministers.

HENRY K. DILLINGER, the energetic and pushing proprietor of the Sporting Hill Steam Mill, was born in Penn township, Lancaster county, Sept. 27, 1853, a son of Henry B. and Fanny M. (Kauffman) Dillinger. The father was born in East Hempfield township, and the mother in Rapho township.

Henry B. Dillinger operated a water mill in Penn township, and later removed to Milton Grove, where he was engaged in milling until 1856; that year he came to the mill where his son, Henry K., is now established, and here he carried on milling until 1888, when he died at the age of sixty-four years. He and his wife belonged to the Mennonite Church,

and his remains rest in the cemetery at Sporting Hill. His widow, who is still living, and is making her home with her son, Henry K., was born June 8, 1832. These were her children: Henry K.; Jacob, who died at the age of twenty-eight; Matilda, who died in infancy; and Susan, deceased at the age of fifteen.

The paternal grandparents of Henry K. Dillinger were Michael and Catherine (Baker) Dillinger, both of whom were born in Lancaster county. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains rest in a cemetery in East Petersburg. The grandfather, who was a weaver by trade, died in East Hempfield township in 1873, at the age of seventy-five. His widow, Catherine, died the following year at the age of seventy-five. They had the following children: Henry B., the father of Henry K. Dillinger; Andrew and Benjamin, all deceased; Michael, a blacksmith at Lancaster; Emanuel, now dead; Fanny, the widow of David Walter, living in Florin, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married Peter Walter, and is dead; Susan, the wife of George Mann, in West Hempfield township; Amos, deceased.

The maternal grandparents of Henry K. Dillinger were Jacob and Catherine (Martin) Kauffman, both of Lancaster county. Mr. Kauffman, who was a distiller, died in Rapho township in 1849, at the age of fifty-four years. His widow, Catherine Kauffman, died in 1875, at the age of seventy-three years. Their remains rest in the cemetery at Sporting Hill. Born to them were the following children: Jacob, Henry and Elizabeth, who married Michael Weidman, who are all dead; Maria, the widow of Joseph Bomberger, living in Cumberland county; Fanny, noted above; Magdalena, who died young.

Henry K. Dillinger was married in November, 1873, in Lancaster, to Kate Leib, by whom he has had one child, Monroe L. Mrs. Dillinger was born in Warwick township, in 1853, a daughter of Christ and Mary (Hernley) Leib, both of Lancaster county. Her father, who is now a retired farmer, has his home in Akron, Pa., where he has attained the ripe old age of eighty-five. Her mother died in 1854. They were the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, who married Amos Musselman, and has her home in Sporting Hill; Barbara, the widow of Samuel Hoffman, living in Manor township; Harriet, married to Harry Brown, and residing in Cole-rain township; Anna, who married William Whitcraft, and lives at Reinhold, Pa.; Kate, noted above as Mrs. Dillinger.

Mr. Leib was a second time married, to Matilda Sweigert, by whom he had the following children: Susan, who married Wayne Zell; David; and Adeline, Mrs. Adams. All three live in Akron, Pennsylvania.

Henry K. Dillinger remained at home with his parents, and when a boy of eleven years of age entered his father's mill. At the time of his father's death he was fully able to operate the mill, and at

once took charge of it. This was a mill built by Abraham Metz in 1814, and has long been one of the notable landmarks of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillinger belong to the Lutheran Church, and their neighborly ways, kindly disposition and modest nature have made for them a host of friends. He is a Republican, and his general intelligence, moral purpose and approved integrity combine to give him much influence in his community.

PHARES D. KEMRER, a cigar manufacturer at Vintage, Lancaster county, was born in that county, in Paradise township, Sept. 13, 1856, a son of Joseph and Susan (Hershour) Kemrer, at that time residents of Harristown. P. D. Kemrer was born in this village, and was educated in the public schools and at the Millersville State Normal School, where he attended three sessions.

Mr. Kemrer was a school teacher in his early manhood, and for six years was engaged in teaching in Lancaster county. Then he turned his attention to the cigar trade, and learned how to make a good cigar. Since 1884 he has been engaged in a cigar factory at Harristown, his post office being Vintage. His goods, which are mostly medium and cheap grades, are sold in the New York markets, and his trade is rapidly growing. Mr. Kemrer owns a farm property of thirty acres, which lies close to the village where he lives, and to the cultivation of this he devotes all the time he can spare from his factory business.

Mr. Kemrer was married in 1889 to Lillie, a daughter of Benjamin and Catherine Kramer, of Paradise, where she was born in 1868. To this union have come four children, Alice, Lloyd, John and Dorothy.

The great-grandfather of Phares D. Kemrer came from Germany and engaged in a distillery, near the city of Lancaster. Much money was lost by him in endorsing for a man whom he supposed to be his friend. His son Joseph, the grandfather of Phares D. Kemrer, was associated with his father in the distillery, and died when about thirty-five. He married Miss Sarah Dunning, and she lived to about seventy years of age. They had five children: Mary, who became the wife of Henry Grubb, of Lampeter township; Elizabeth, married to Jacob Greenawalt, formerly a county commissioner; Frances, married to Jacob Treasure, of Sterling, Ill.; Joseph, the father of Phares D. Kemrer; George, living near Mountville, Lancaster county. The mother of these children was a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Joseph Kemrer was born in Conestoga township, in Lancaster county, Nov. 22, 1824. When only four years old he lost his father, and for the next nine years he lived on the farm of Jacob Weaver. At the age of fifteen he set himself to learning the shoemaker's trade, a business which he followed many years at Harristown after a year at Lampeter.

He put his money into land, buying in small tracts until he had come to own about thirty acres. All this has now come into the possession of his son, Phares D., with the exception of the acre-piece on which he has his home. For several years he kept a shoe store.

Joseph Kemrer was married Sept. 23, 1844, to Miss Susan Hershour, a daughter of James and Hannah Hershour. Mrs. Kemrer was born in 1825, and has become the mother of the following children: Joseph, a shoemaker and trucker at Williamstown; Elizabeth, late wife of Benjamin H. Lintner; Phares D.; Sadie, wife of Edwin Traut, of Christiana; Howard, a shoemaker in Paradise; Clinton, deceased; Frank, residing at home; Annie, the wife of B. Frank Weaver, of Paradise.

J. MARTIN ANKRIM. One of the thrifty and honorable farmers of Drumore township is J. Martin Ankrim, who was born Feb. 25, 1855, a son of S. Martin and Phebe A. (Kyle) Ankrim, of Drumore township, both of whom are deceased.

William Ankrim, the grandfather of J. Martin, of this sketch, was born Oct. 20, 1770, and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. In 1813 he bought and took possession of the farm which has been in the Ankrim family ever since. His children were: Martha Ann, born Aug. 25, 1806, died May 20, 1880; Samuel M., born Oct. 23, 1808, died Aug. 4, 1880; Nancy H., born Nov. 27, 1812, died June 12, 1888; Margaret, born Oct. 22, 1815, died Dec. 23, 1867. Archibald Ankrim, the great-grandfather of our subject, was one of the first settlers in Lancaster county, and settled on a property adjoining that afterward bought by his son.

S. Martin Ankrim was united in marriage to Phebe Kyle, in January, 1847. She was a daughter of Joseph and Harriet (Morrison) Kyle, of Lancaster county, and the seven children born to this union were as follows: William J., born Nov. 13, 1847, died Sept. 22, 1850; Harriet, born April 6, 1849, died Sept. 21, 1850; William J., born Feb. 24, 1851, residing in Philadelphia; Hannah L., born Dec. 14, 1852, died March 17, 1853; Jennie, born Jan. 4, 1854, living with her brother; J. Martin, born Feb. 25, 1855; Lewis, born Dec. 13, 1857, a practicing physician of Pittsburg, and the youngest of the family. Mrs. Ankrim was born Nov. 5, 1823, and died June 20, 1887.

J. Martin Ankrim, of this sketch, was reared a farmer boy and attended the common schools. When he started out on his business career it was as a poor young man, but the evidences of his success are in the fine farm of 180 acres and his elegant and costly residence, first-class barns and other improvements which make him one of the substantial men of this township. Mr. Ankrim owns his own creamery and does a large and prosperous business in this line in connection with his farming interests.

The marriage of our subject was to Miss Clarinda Smith, on Feb. 24, 1887, a daughter of Preston

and Hannah (Carter) Smith, of Drumore township, and they have had a family of six children, namely: Alva M., born April 25, 1889; Joseph E., born Jan. 1, 1891, died April 1, 1891; Howard, born Feb. 28, 1892, died April 7, 1892; Preston S., born May 23, 1893; Lucetta May, born May 1, 1895, died Dec. 19, 1895; and Grace Elizabeth, born Jan. 12, 1898.

The birth of Mrs. Ankrum was in September, 1855, in Drumore township. Her parents, Preston and Hannah (Carter) Smith, were married Feb. 1, 1844, and the former was born Dec. 27, 1816, and died March 3, 1883, while the latter was born Jan. 1, 1823, and died Nov. 8, 1894. They had a family of eight children, four of whom are living, namely: Albert, born May 8, 1846, a farmer of Drumore township, married to Harriet Martin; Gilbert, born Oct. 13, 1851 (see his sketch); Clarinda, the wife of Mr. Ankrum; and Nora Elizabeth, born Oct. 5, 1863, the wife of George H. Brown, of Little Britain township.

Politically Mr. Ankrum is a Democrat, and both he and his wife are among the leading members of the Presbyterian Church. As a farmer he stands high in agricultural circles, while socially and financially he is one of the prominent factors in the life of this community.

ELAM GEIST BOOK, of the village of Refton, in Strasburg township, belongs to one of the old established families of Lancaster county, and is one of the prominent business men of his section, as well as a justice of the peace. He was born on a farm near Strasburg Feb. 8, 1844, a son of John and Anna (Geist) Book, and a grandson of David Book, a well known resident.

John Book was reared in West Lampeter township, but spent the greater part of his life in Strasburg and Providence townships, residing in the latter until he retired from active life, when he removed to Strasburg township, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. His life was largely devoted to farming, although early in life he had learned and practiced the trade of a shoemaker. His first venture in farming was on shares, but about 1843 he purchased a farm of 156 acres in Providence township, where he resided for twenty-two years, and then, having purchased a second farm in Strasburg township, he removed thither, renting the old farm in Providence township to his son. On this farm of twenty-five acres near Strasburg Mr. Book spent his remaining years, and there both he and his beloved wife died. They had a family of nine children: Catherine (deceased) was the wife of Tobias Herr, of Strasburg township; Levi (deceased) was a cigarmaker of Strasburg; David (deceased) was a farmer, and removed to Illinois; Barbara married B. F. Weaver, of Sterling, Ill.; John was a farmer of Drumore township; Mary Ann (deceased) married Aaron Alexander, of Chester county; Daniel (deceased) was a victim of the Civil war, in which he served as a private in the 122d P. V. I.; Elam G.

is mentioned below; Amos is a farmer near Gordonville. All of the children became persons of high esteem in their respective communities. The father was a self-made man, having started out in life with few advantages, but succeeded in becoming one of the solid farmers of the county. Both he and his wife belonged to the religious sect known as the Dunkards.

Elam G. Book, who was reared on the farm; was interested in farm work and attended school, and at the age of eighteen began his public life by engaging to teach school. So well did he satisfy the school directors in Providence township that he was retained for seven terms, or until he took charge of the "Mill Valley Hotel," at the same time serving as assessor. When he closed up his connection with the hotel he removed to Strasburg township and carried on farming for the two following years, and then moved to a place located just north of the borough, where for three years he grew tobacco. In all these lines he showed ability as a man of business. Mr. Book has the honor of being the first citizen of Refton. For two years he was the efficient manager for R. D. Herr, in the coal and lumber business, later entering the employ of James Meck, with whom he continued, in the same line, for five years, finding time during this period to fill the office of assessor of Strasburg township. For two years after leaving the employ of Mr. Meck he was engaged with H. F. Haverstick in the coal and lumber business, this relationship continuing for five years, at the end of which time he formed a partnership with Daniel Herr, known as Pequea D. Herr, in the coal and lumber business. This association lasted until the death of Mr. Herr, at which time Mr. Book took control of the business, which he has since conducted with increasing success. Although he is the principal dealer in lumber, coal, fertilizers, grain, flour and feed, in Refton, he finds time to supervise his fine farm of 156 acres in Providence township.

Mr. Book has been an ardent Republican, and an active worker in the party's ranks. For six years he has been county committeeman and for four years has been township clerk. In 1888 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and in the discharge of the duties of that office has given universal satisfaction by his decisions, none of them ever having been reversed. In 1901 Mr. Book was appointed to the office of paster and folder at Harrisburg, which he filled honorably.

In 1867 Mr. Book wedded Miss Eliza Ann Laird, who was born in Rawlinsville, this county, May 6, 1844, daughter of David Laird, and this union has been blessed with seven children: Anna, who married Harry Zittle, a lime burner of Strasburg, and has three children, Alpheus, Catherine and Harry; Emma, who married Irvin Lefever, a farmer of Providence township, and has four children, Agnes, Myrtle, Florence and Elwood; Sherman, a farmer of Providence township, who married Miss Sue V.



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Herr, and has three children, Edna, Willis and Clara; Ira, a resident of Providence township, who was educated in the Lancaster Business College, and who married Miss Jennie Gochnauer, and has one child, Bessie; Milo, who was a student of the Pennsylvania Business College, and now resides at home; Myrtle Amelia, at home; and Ida, deceased.

HENRY B. HERR, a prominent farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield township, Aug. 27, 1853, a son of Henry R. and Elizabeth (Brenneman) Herr. They were both born in Manor township, he in 1818 and she in 1822. Henry Herr was in his time one of the leading farmers of Lancaster county. After his marriage he settled in East Hempfield township, where he died on his farm in 1865, when only forty-seven years of age. His widow is still living on the old farm, and notwithstanding her advanced years, is alert and vigorous.

To Henry and Elizabeth Herr were born the following family: (1) Emanuel Herr, born on the old homestead, was a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil war, belonging to one of the Pennsylvania regiments. He served until his enlistment expired, though at one time very ill with typhoid fever. After the war he spent three years in California, when he returned to cultivate the old homestead, afterward buying into a creamery in Chester county. He was very successful in his business. He died in 1897, aged fifty, leaving a widow, who was born Emma Phillips. (2) Jacob Herr, born in 1848, married Miss Lizzie Herr, and for some years lived on a farm in Manor township, later moving onto their own place in Fulton township, where he is living retired. (3) Magdalena Herr, born in 1852, married John Stauffer, of East Hempfield township. (4) Benjamin Herr, born in 1855, married Miss Lizzie Witwer, and purchased a farm in East Drumore township, adjoining that of Henry B. These are his seven children: Maggie; Ida; Benjamin; Ella; Alice, died in March, 1902; Edna; and Amos. (5) Amos Herr, born in 1859, married Miss Emma S. Rosher, June 4, 1902, and has charge of the home farm. (6) Henry B.

Henry B. Herr received a common school education. He rented neighboring farms until his marriage, when he settled in life. His marriage occurred in November, 1879, when Miss Lavina R. Graybill became his wife. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Reist) Graybill, of Penn township, and both natives of Lancaster county. Her father is dead, but her mother is still living on the old home farm with her son John. They had three children: Lavina R., who is Mrs. Henry B. Herr, born in August, 1855; Elizabeth Graybill, who is the widow of David R. Brandt, and lives in Lancaster with her children, Gertrude, Eva and Leon; John Graybill, who is unmarried and lives at home with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Herr lived on a farm in East

Hempfield township for two years, when he purchased his present home near Unicorn. Here Mr. Herr has erected a handsome residence and a large bank barn, making many other and extensive improvements, and converting his farm into one of the best in Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Herr have two children: Ervin J. Herr, born in February, 1881, single and living at home; Olive Herr, born in December, 1884, a student in the home schools.

Mr. Herr is a Republican, but, though urged by his neighbors, has persistently declined to accept public station. By industry and thrift he has become prosperous, and from a very modest beginning has accumulated a very handsome property. His life has been one of honest toil, and his intelligence and integrity are conceded by all who know him.

LEANDER SHOEMAKER, a prominent farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Martic township, Feb. 13, 1862, a son of Joseph and Emaline (Lamborn) Shoemaker. Joseph Shoemaker was born in Montgomery county in 1829, and his wife in Martic township in 1831.

Joseph Shoemaker was the son of Jesse and Sarah Shoemaker, both of whom were born in Montgomery county, he in September, 1796, and his wife, Sarah Lukens, in June, 1806. Jesse Shoemaker was a farmer all his married life in Martic township, and with his wife was a member and an active worker in the Friends' Church. Mrs. Shoemaker died in 1872, and he ten years later. They left a family of four living children. The three children who died were Charles, Martha and Enos. Jesse Shoemaker was twice married, his first wife being Sarah Ambler, of Montgomery county, by whom he had one daughter, Hannah, born in 1822 in Montgomery county, who died unmarried in 1895. His second wife bore him seven children, four of whom lived to manhood.

Joseph Shoemaker, born in Montgomery county in 1829, noted above as the father of Leander, had a common school education in Martic township. He worked on the farm until his marriage in 1854 to Miss Emaline Lamborn, a daughter of Smedley and Mary Lamborn. They made their home on a part of his father's old farm for some nine years, when they purchased a farm in West Drumore township, and there his wife died in 1880. After that sad event he lived with his children until 1899, when he died. He was the father of nine children, of whom Cynthia, born February, 1855, died in 1876. Charles, born in March, 1856, married Miss Ella Cutler, and is a farmer near Fulton House, where they have a family of five children,—Ethel, Emaline, Jessie, Arthur and Clifford. Allison Shoemaker, born in April, 1858, went to Wyoming in 1879, where he has since been engaged in cattle raising, owning a large ranch in that state; he is a single man. Lewis Shoemaker, born in 1873, was educated in the high school, and was married to Miss Sarah Bradley; they live in Akron, O., where he is a druggist; they have two children, Mary and Blanche. Edgar Shoemaker,

born in 1871, married Alice Reed, and is a farmer, in Fulton township; they have one son, Earnest.

Leander Shoemaker was educated in the home schools, and in the Academy at Chestnut Level. When a young man he became a miller for a time. In February, 1883, he married Miss Leora Kent, the daughter of Garrison and Elizabeth (Shoemaker) Kent, of Chester county. Mrs. Shoemaker was born in 1862, her mother dying one year after her birth. The motherless child was reared by her father's sister, Agnes Kent Bicking. Mrs. Shoemaker was the only child of her parents. Her father married Anna Laflin, of Dover, Del. They moved to Virginia, where he died when Mrs. Shoemaker was eleven years old. She was educated in the public schools, in the Westchester Normal School and Swarthmore College. She was a teacher of much success before her marriage. Mrs. Shoemaker's father had two children by his second marriage, William and Lillian, both living in Philadelphia, where the brother is a trolley-car inspector and the sister is a secretary in a publishing house.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker lived a year on his father's farm, when they moved to a farm in Chester county, which they occupied three years. In 1889 Mr. Shoemaker purchased the Showalter farm in East Drumore township, a mile south of Unicorn. This farm has been greatly improved since coming into his hands. He has built a fine residence and greatly improved the appearance of the place. His children are: Lawrence J., born in December, 1884; Mahlon, born in August, 1886; Olive L., born in November, 1888; Raymond K., born in June, 1890; Charles L., born Aug. 20, 1891; Evan L., born April 1, 1896; Lewis E., born in June, 1898; Almus J., born in January, 1900; Sara K., born Oct. 20, 1901. All excepting the younger children are students in the high school. Olive is a pianist of much skill for one of her age.

Mr. Shoemaker is a Republican, and belongs with his family to the Penn Hill Friends' Church.

ANDREW J. ZERCHER, undertaker and formerly merchant of Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, was born in that place Feb. 15, 1857, son of John J. and Maria M. (Mess) Zercher.

Andrew and Elizabeth (Johnson) Zercher, his paternal grandparents, were of German and English ancestry, respectively. Andrew Zercher died when seventy-seven years old, his widow passing away in January, 1901, when almost ninety-two years of age. He was a mechanic and in early life followed the trade of plow-making and wagon-making, later farming. He was a member of the Dunkard Church and a public-spirited man. It was with these worthy people our subject spent his boyhood, and by them he was taught the principles of honesty and uprightness which he has so nobly upheld in his daily life.

John J. Zercher died in 1865, at the early age of thirty years, from typhoid fever, contracted on the battlefield of Gettysburg, which he visited after the

battle for purposes of investigation. He had been a teacher in the public schools, and was one of the foremost educators in Lancaster county at the time of his death. He commenced in the public schools and Mt. Joy Academy, where he took a full course, and he also had the advantages of a supplemental course at the State Normal School, Millersville. He was a great reader and deep thinker, and his constant aid was toward the betterment of public school facilities. He was a member of the Dunkard Church and was extremely temperate in his mode of life. His wife survived him, afterward marrying Andrew Eidemiller, of Providence township. A family of six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Zercher: Emanuel H., a resident of Conestoga township and justice of the peace; Phoebe, who died when two years of age; Andrew J., the subject of this sketch; Elizabeth, wife of H. N. Eberly, of Providence township; Elmira, wife of A. J. Winter, of Lancaster; and Abraham, a tinsmith, who died at twenty-five years of age, unmarried.

Andrew J. Zercher was a boy of only seven years at the time of his father's death, and, as already stated, was placed with his paternal grandparents, who lived on a farm north of Conestoga Center, where he worked most of the time until he was sixteen. His education was limited and was obtained principally during the winter months. At this time he began working by the month for pay, and after two years at farm labor he was apprenticed to George D. Brown, of Millersville, to learn the cabinet trade. After serving three years he returned to Conestoga and established himself in business, and has since conducted a cabinet and undertaking establishment. In 1898 Mr. Zercher engaged in the mercantile trade, running it in connection with his already established business. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster of Conestoga Center, and in 1901 he disposed of the mercantile part of his establishment, and has since devoted himself to undertaking and looking after his farm property. Mr. Zercher has always been regarded as a public-spirited, progressive man, ever ready to take part in any affair calculated to enhance the interests of the community in which he resides. He is a leading Republican, and has been elected to office as the candidate of that party. He has represented his district in State conventions three times, and has twice been assessor and once inspector of his district. In 1901 he completed and now occupies the finest home in his village.

On Nov. 1, 1880, Mr. Zercher married Miss Martha A. Bruner, daughter of P. M. and Elizabeth (Ohmet) Bruner, of Conestoga Center. They have two children, Blanche B., at home, and Charles M., a student at the Millersville Normal School. Mr. Zercher is a member of Kishacaquilla Tribe, No. 65, I. O. R. M., in which he has passed all the chairs; Conestoga Lodge, No. 334, I. O. O. F.; Knights of the Mystic Chain, of which he is commander; and of Charles M. Howell Lodge, 496, A. Y. M., of Mil-

lersville, Pa. He is a member of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors' Association. He and his family unite with the Reformed Church, Mr. Zercher being an elder and Sunday-school superintendent and taking a great interest in church work. He commands the esteem of the community in which he has his home and has a wide circle of personal friends.

AMOS L. RISSER. Although some sections of the country complain that the younger generation of the agricultural sections are prone to leave the cultivation of the soil to hirelings and find less remunerative careers in the city, Lancaster county has had no cause to complain, for among the most successful farmers are those who have been reared to manhood on the fertile lands where they gladly remain, proud of their independence.

Among those in Ephrata township who have prospered according to their just deserts, is Amos L. Risser, whose fine farm is located about a quarter of a mile north of Lincoln, Pa. Although Mr. Risser began life with limited resources, he has been energetic, careful and industrious, and this has resulted in the accumulation of means and the acquisition of the valuable property upon which he resides.

Grandfather Risser was of German ancestry and was well known in Elizabeth township as a man of substance and respectability, his family consisting of three sons and three daughters: Peter, deceased; Christian; Henry; Katharine, who married Joseph Bucher; Elizabeth, deceased; Fannie, who married Benjamin Stauffer, deceased.

Christian Risser, the father of Amos L., of this biography, was born in 1828, and in 1850 married Katherine Landis, five children being born of this union: Reuben L., a prominent farmer of Clay township; Mary, who married Eli Hess, a farmer of Elizabeth township; Amos L.; Henry L., a farmer of Elizabeth township; and Christian L., on the old homestead, where the father still resides with him. The mother died April 16, 1900, aged sixty-nine years.

Amos L. Risser was born Aug. 1, 1859, and was reared to farm work, acquiring his education in the excellent public schools of the district. Industrious and provident, he soon became able to purchase land and finally secured his present fine farm, where he has made improvements of all kinds. The leaf tobacco business has claimed considerable attention and in this line he has had eminent success.

The marriage of Mr. Risser was on Sept. 26, 1886, to Miss Susan Eberley, a daughter of Michael L. and Louise (Gockley) Eberley, of Clay township, and three children have been born of this union: Lulu, born on Jan. 27, 1889; Kathryn, born Oct. 8, 1891; Helen Edith, born July 9, 1902. Michael Eberley, the father of Mrs. Risser, had five children: Lizzie died at the age of sixteen; Susan, Mrs. Risser; Alice, married to Daniel E. Miller, of Brunner-

ville; Lewis, a miller, of Clay Mills; David, a stenographer in Philadelphia.

While a Republican in politics, Mr. Risser has never given much attention to political matters, although he has consented to serve in several positions where he was directly interested, as school director, judge of elections and road supervisor, and in all worked for the good of the community to the best of his ability. An upright, excellent citizen, it is proper that his name should appear in a record of the representative men of Lancaster county.

ABRAM REESE, one of the leading citizens, substantial farmers and representative men of Providence township, was born Feb. 11, 1852, in this township, son of Emanuel and Anna (Elliott) Reese, both deceased.

Emanuel Reese, father of Abram, was a son of Andrew Reese, born in Martic township, Lancaster county, where he married and became the father of nine children, namely: Benjamin; Martin, born in 1800; Jacob; Harry; Nancy, who married Abraham Isenberger; Emanuel; Eliza, who married Jacob Fisher; Abner, who was drowned in the Susquehanna river; and David, a resident of Lancaster City, the only member of that generation of the family still surviving. Emanuel Reese was born March 26, 1816, and died Aug. 19, 1888. He married Miss Anna Elliott, of Martic township, born Nov. 30, 1818, died in 1893. They had a family of eight children, namely: Leah, born May 8, 1840, married to Abraham Mehaffy, of Lancaster, and now a widow; Amanda, born Feb. 15, 1842, residing on the old home place in Providence township; Andrew, born April 1, 1844, a lumber dealer, residing in Jefferson county, Pa.; Hiram, born May 19, 1846, proprietor of a planing mill in Jefferson county; Eli, born March 14, 1848, an engineer on the Galveston & Santa Fe railroad and residing in Galveston; Abram, our subject; Martha J., born Dec. 25, 1854, the wife of John M. Grebinger, a cigar manufacturer in Millersville; and Mary Ann, born July 9, 1857, residing at Willow street, Pennsylvania.

The early life of Abram Reese was passed as a farmer boy and he acquired his education in the public schools of Providence township. At the age of eighteen years, he went to Osceola Mills, Clearfield county, where he was employed in the lumber regions for seven years, and after his return to Providence township he followed contracting and carpentering for the succeeding seven years. Mr. Reese then began farming, although his limited means enabled him to begin only in a small way; but energy, industry and good management soon brought success and at present Mr. Reese is the owner of the fine farm of 109 acres where he lives and upon which he has made many substantial improvements. His comfortable dwelling and commodious barns as well as the general air of thrift which prevails in his surroundings, testify to his continued prosperity, which is justly deserved. In politics, Abram Reese

is one of the stanch Republicans of Providence township, and he has served with great efficiency as assistant assessor and for seven years as school director. He also serves as deputy-coroner of Providence township.

Mr. Reese is connected with the following fraternal organizations: Masonic, No. 156, of Quarryville; I. O. O. F., No. 374, of Rawlinsville; Knights of Golden Eagle, of Rawlinsville; K. of P., No. 423, of Rawlinsville.

On Feb. 25, 1880, Mr. Reese was united in marriage with Miss Lila V. Rockey, born April 12, 1855, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Miller) Rockey, of Whiteside Co., Ill., formerly of Bart township, Lancaster county, and this marriage has been blessed with five children: Howard E., born Sept. 6, 1881; Anna L., born March 20, 1883; Leah M., born Dec. 13, 1884; Morris J., born Aug. 17, 1887; and Abraham W., born Sept. 2, 1898. Mrs. Reese was reared in a family of seven children, these being: Lila, Mrs. Reese; Louisa, the wife of John Winters, of McKees Rocks, Pa.; John, of Illinois; Anna, the wife of Salem Campbell, of Fort Dodge, Ia.; George, of Des Moines, Ia.; and Jacob and Harry, of Illinois.

Mr. Reese is one of the leading, progressive and public-spirited citizens of his township and is a man who commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

HENRY N. MARTIN. The township of West Earl has, in its efficient road supervisor, one of the most highly esteemed of its business citizens. Henry N. Martin was born on April 11, 1853, and was the son of Samuel and Mary (Nolt) Martin, who were of German origin, and were united in marriage about 1843. Their family numbered thirteen children: Jacob, a resident of Ohio; Hattie and Annie, deceased; John, of New Holland; Samuel, of Ohio; Barbara, deceased; Susan; Henry N.; Mary; Juniata; Elias, of this county; Michael, deceased; and Jacob. The grandfather of Henry N., was also the father of a large family, whose names were, Jacob, Samuel, John, Susannah, Mary and Elizabeth. Many of these reared families of their own and the name is a respected one through a large section of country.

Henry N. Martin was reared on a farm and received his education in the district school. His tastes did not induce him to pursue an agricultural life, and he learned the harnessmaker's trade, which he followed some twenty years in West Earl, where he became well and favorably known. Although Mr. Martin has been handicapped to some degree, on account of an accident, in his youth, which necessitated the amputation of his leg, at the knee, he has accumulated a competency and is the owner of two desirable residences in West Earl and three lots in the same town. His close application to business has resulted both in his gaining the confidence of the public, and in successfully preparing for advancing years. For the last five years he has been the very

efficient supervisor of the township and is a man who numbers many friends.

The first marriage of Mr. Martin was in 1873, to Miss Mary Cramer, and three children were born of this union: John, of Lancaster county; and Ella and Henry, both of whom died in childhood. Mrs. Martin died in 1884. The second marriage of Mr. Martin was to Miss Cora Shirk, a daughter of Martin and Salinda (Spangler) Shirk, of Ephrata township, on Sept. 13, 1886, and to this union have been born: Martin Harason and Barton Morton, twins, who died in childhood; Bessie, who died in childhood; and Essie, born on Dec. 16, 1893.

In politics, Mr. Martin is a Republican and is one of the most honorable and respected citizens of West Earl township. In his exemplary life he displays those attributes which win him the regard not only of those in the domestic circle, but of the whole township, where he is so well known.

JACOB W. ROYER, M. D., a noted physician and surgeon at Terrehill, Lancaster county, belongs to an old and honored family of this section of the State. He was born in the village and in the house in which he is still living, May 4, 1867, and is a son of Henry S. and Margaret Weaver Royer.

Dr. Royer was reared in Terrehill, and educated in the public schools. In the fall of 1887, he entered the office of Dr. McConnell, of Terrehill, taking up the preparatory study of medicine; two years later he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. In addition to his general studies he took a course at the Charity Lying-In Hospital in Obstetrics and Female Disorders. After receiving his degree he spent nine months at Oregon, Lancaster county, in the practice of his profession, locating in the spring of 1893 at Terrehill, where he has built up a very flattering practice.

Dr. Royer has been a close student, has attained a high standing in his profession, and enjoys a substantial footing in the community, where he has a large patronage from the best families of this part of Lancaster county. He is a member of the Lancaster County and City Medical Societies, and also of the State Medical Society. Among the Odd Fellows he is very popular, and belongs to Terrehill Lodge, No. 454, Ridgely Encampment, No. 217, the P. O. S. A., the Golden Eagle, A. O. K. M. C. and the American Mechanics.

Dr. Royer was married in 1895 to Miss Vinetta Swarr, a daughter of Jacob and Alice Swarr, of Lititz. To this union have come two children, Erla and Mary. They belong to the Trinity United Evangelical Church, and the Doctor takes a deep interest in Sunday-school work. He teaches the young men's Bible class.

MRS. ELIZABETH LEWIS OWEN. This venerable lady of ripened age, and rich alike in memories and in good works, lives in Columbia in the

old homestead in which she was born. Her father, Samuel Bethel Heise, was one of the town's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, and the story of his life is replete with interest and instruction. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., July 9, 1798. At the age of six years he came to Columbia, and became the adopted son and heir of his uncle, Samuel Bethel. He received an education superior to that vouchsafed to most youths of those days, and his uncle was anxious that he should be trained to his own profession, the law. But young Heise's tastes were mechanical, and in compliance with his own preference, he learned the trade of a cabinet maker. He succeeded well in business, and in addition to a cabinet-making establishment, conducted a sawmill. He was the first to introduce tobacco culture into Lancaster county, importing seed from Cuba as early as 1845, and sowing it regardless of ridicule. Time has vindicated his sagacity. Other ventures, however, such as silk and sugar culture, proved less successful. He was married, in 1819, to Miss Emily B. Lewis, the fruit of the marriage being five daughters. Four of these survived him: Mrs. Anna B. Esseck, of Columbia, since deceased; Mrs. E. L. Owen, the subject of the present sketch; Mrs. Alexander Caldwell, the wife of a well-known banker and public man of Leavenworth, Kan.; and Mrs. Mary B., widow of John A. Wright, of Freeport, Ill. Mrs. Caldwell's baptismal name was Patience, and the child who died before reaching womanhood was christened Margaret. The name Patience was given in honor of Mr. Heise's mother, Patience Bethel, his father's Christian name being Solomon.

Mrs. Heise, *nee* Emily B. Lewis, the mother of Mrs. Owen, was the daughter of Paschall and Elizabeth (Bowd) Lewis, the former born in Kent Co., Del., and the latter in Lancaster Co., Pa. Mr. Heise died in 1885, having lived nearly four score years and ten. His wife died aged forty-seven. Both were devout and consistent members of the Presbyterian Church.

Reference has been made to Mrs. Owen's residence at the old family homestead; a bit of history in reference thereto will prove of interest, more particularly as it sheds not a little light on the Bethel and Heise genealogies. To recount it intelligently, however, it is necessary to go back to the first settler of Columbia, Samuel Blunston. As early as 1726, he became possessed of 850 acres, and after several years imported brick from England with the view of erecting a more substantial and comfortable home. He died before the arrival of the material, which was subsequently used in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Blunston's property ultimately descended to his two nieces, Sarah and Hannah, both then unmarried. Sarah Blunston married Samuel Bethel, who for many years kept a tavern in Lancaster, on the present site of the "Cross Keys." A son and daughter, Samuel and Mary, were born to them. Mary married Dr. Samuel Boude, an eminent physician and druggist, and became the mother of Gen. Thomas

Boude, who achieved distinction in the war of the Revolution. Samuel married a Miss Taylor, a granddaughter of the first John Wright who came to Lancaster. One son, Samuel, was the uncle and adopted father of Mr. Heise, Mrs. Owen's father; while a daughter, Patience, married Solomon Heise, his father by nature. The greater part of the Blunston estate finally came into the possession of Samuel Bethel, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Owen. The site of the homestead came to be known as Bethel and later as Heise's Hill. About 1800 Samuel Bethel, the adopted father of Mr. Heise, tore down the greater portion of the old Blunston home and built the present structure.

Mrs. Owen has been twice married. In 1848, at Columbia, she was united to Dr. W. S. McCorkle, of that place. He was a son of Hugh McCorkle, his mother's name before marriage having been Sarah Strickler. Three children blessed this union. The eldest, Emily, is the widow of Dr. J. A. Fitzgerald, a United States Army surgeon, who died while visiting home on leave of absence. Mrs. Fitzgerald's home is in Marietta. Sarah, the second daughter, also married an army officer, Major Case. He is at present assigned to duty in the Philippines, while she remains with her mother. Col. Case's present address is Army Bldg., Whitehall street, New York City. Samuel B., the youngest child and only son, married Miss Mary M. Owen, of Philadelphia, and is at present with his mother, having charge of the management of her estate.

Dr. McCorkle died at the age of fifty-one years, and some years thereafter his widow was united in marriage to the Rev. Dr. Roger Owen, an eminent Presbyterian divine of Philadelphia, who was for half a century a faithful and honored servant of his church. From 1845 to 1851, Dr. Owen was pastor of a church in Columbia, and for thirty years was in charge of a parish at Chestnut Hill, near Philadelphia. He entered into rest in 1890, after passing an honored and useful life of seventy-six years. In 1891 Mrs. Owen returned to Columbia, where she has since resided, esteemed for her many noble traits and beloved for her piety and her unostentatious benevolence. The family is one of the most honored in Lancaster county.

JOHN L. HESS, proprietor of the "New Texas Hotel" at Lyles, Fulton township, is a well-known and popular citizen. He was born Nov. 30, 1862, in Little Britain township and is a son of Jeremiah and Sarah Jane (McCrabb) Hess, who were both natives of Lancaster county.

Jeremiah Hess, the father was of German origin, and his wife was of Irish origin. The former was a son of Abraham Hess, also a native of Lancaster county, who was the father of the following seven children; John B., Jeremiah, Henry, Smith, Sarah, Fanny and Elizabeth, all deceased. Jeremiah Hess was married to Sarah Jane McCrabb in 1843. He was born in 1821 and died in 1887, while his wife

was born Jan. 15, 1820, and still survives, in New Texas, Fulton township. They had seven children, namely: Benjamin, a machinist in Iowa; Henry M., Emma C. and Frederick C., deceased; Howard, a farmer of Little Britain township; Mary, deceased; and John L., the subject of this sketch. Jeremiah Hess was a farmer and brickmaker and a first-class citizen. He was a Democrat in politics and an honorable and upright man. A member of the Presbyterian Church, he was a God-fearing man.

John L. Hess was married to Miss Rachel Kyle, of Little Britain, Nov. 10, 1887. She is the daughter of James Kyle, a farmer and blacksmith. Mr. and Mrs. Hess have no children. He was reared on the home farm and received his education in the common schools of Little Britain township. Until the age of thirty years he followed farming as an occupation and then went into the hotel business at Conowingo, Md. He kept a place in that town for two years and then purchased the "New Texas House," his present place, a good property with twenty-one acres of land attached to it. He has lived in New Texas since 1895, and has been very successful in business. The place is kept in Mr. Hess' well known style, and the table is always first class.

Mr. Hess is a Democrat in politics, and an admirer of Jeffersonian doctrines. He attends the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife are among the honored and respected citizens of New Texas, and have a large circle of friends. Mrs. Hess was one of a family of six children: Rebecca, the wife of Henry Hess, of Britain township; Rachel, Mrs. John L. Hess; Laura, the wife of Homer Hackett, of Fulton township; John W. living in Lancaster; Ella L., the wife of Lewis Pusey, of Douglas, Wyoming; and Belle, the wife of John McGuigan, of Oakwood, Maryland.

BENJAMIN F. TRISSLER was born May 20, 1857, in Conestoga township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Emanuel B. Trissler, his grandfather, was born June 30, 1789, and died Nov. 6, 1849. He emigrated from England to this country, and settled in Lancaster City, where he followed the butchering business. He also owned and operated the stone quarries on the corner of North Queen and James streets. He was the father of the following family: John, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; Anna, wife of Christian Hookey, of Lancaster City; Michael, a butcher, of Lancaster City; Harriet, wife of Mr. Stauffer, of Philadelphia; Sophia, wife of William Huppert, a carpenter of Lancaster City; and David, the father of Benjamin F. Trissler.

David Trissler was born in Lancaster City, Aug. 18, 1820, was there educated in the public schools, and was married at the age of eighteen to Miss Sarah Huber, of Lancaster. He then began life for himself, and followed butchering in Lancaster for one year, when he moved to Conestoga. There he en-

gaged in the same business, following it until the time of his death, June 9, 1892. Mr. Trissler was married twice, and by his first wife he had ten children, six of whom died either in infancy or early childhood. Harriet died in childhood, and John, when a young man. Those now living are: Angeline, wife of Maris McMullin, of Chester Co., Pa.; Caroline, wife of Joseph Stokes, of Lancaster county; and William, of Lancaster county. Mr. Trissler's first wife died in 1854, and in 1855 he married Anna, daughter of Philip Harmon, of Conestoga. They became the parents of seven children, the first of whom died in infancy; Benjamin F., our subject; Mary, the wife of Morris Groff, of Conestoga; Adeline, the wife of David Warfel, of Conestoga; David, a resident of Rawlinsville, Martic township; Catherine, the wife of Augustus Barth, of Lancaster; and Charles, living in Conestoga. The father was a member of the I. O. O. F. in Lancaster City, for about forty years. In religion he was a member of the M. E. Church. In early life he belonged to the Democratic party, but later joined the Republican.

Benjamin F. Trissler lived at home with his parents until he was nineteen years old, receiving in the meantime, a good common-school education. At this age he began business for himself, raising tobacco and doing general farm work. This continued for about five years, when he went to work for Morris Groff in the butcher business, and in 1892 he started in the same business for himself, on the place which he now owns and farms and on which he resides. Mr. Trissler has a farm of eighteen acres on the boundary of Conestoga Center, upon which he raises fine fruit of all kinds. In politics, Mr. Trissler is a Republican but he has never sought office, though he is public-spirited and progressive in his ideas and makes a first-class citizen. He is a member of Conestoga I. O. R. M., Kishiquilla Tribe, No. 65, in which he has passed all the chairs; also of A. O. K. of M. C., Mt. Nebo Castle, No. 158. Our subject is very fond of the chase, and has a fine pack of fox hounds.

Mr. Trissler was married Sept. 10, 1876, to Mary, daughter of Jacob Duke, of Conestoga Center. They are the parents of twelve children: Rachel, wife of Noah Boyer, of Conestoga; Harry, of Beaver county, who is employed at railroading; Anna and Maud at home; Ida, at Millersville; Mary, Barbara, Florence, Benjamin, Jr., Martha, and John and Sarah, twins, born May 19, 1901, all at home.

JOSEPH H. ZEAMER. Agriculture contributes more lavishly to the professions and to large business enterprises than does any other vocation. Men who win renown or wealth in their chosen field of activity often owe it largely to the strength of muscle and brain gained by early experience on the farm. An instance of this preparatory work for a most successful career is presented in the life of Joseph H. Zeamer, cashier of the Central National

Bank of Columbia, and one of that city's most prosperous and prominent citizens. He is a native of Lancaster county, born near Silver Springs, West Hempfield township, April 3, 1846, son of Henry and Mary (Hogentobler) Zeamer.

Henry Zeamer was born in Brecknock township, Berks county, March 2, 1818, fifth child and third son of Jeremiah and Rachina (Gephart) Zeamer, the former of whom was born Jan. 25, 1778, in Berks county, a son of Johan Heinrich and Catherine Ziener. Zohan Ziener was born Aug. 2, 1743, a son of Jeremiah Ziener, who died in 1795. The family in Berks county all spell the name Ziener, but the branch of Jeremiah, grandfather of our subject, spell it Zeamer, the change probably taking place in some unaccountable way when the family moved to Lancaster county. In 1822 Henry Zeamer accompanied his parents on their removal from Berks county to the vicinity of Churchtown, Lancaster county, where they lived ten years. In 1832 they removed to a farm on the Marietta turnpike in the vicinity of "Wheatland," one mile west of Lancaster, where they remained five years. In 1837 they removed to near Bainbridge, and the following year to a farm on Chestnut Hill in the vicinity of the ore banks, where they lived two years. In the spring of 1840 they went to Cumberland county. Soon afterward Henry Zeamer married and settled in Lancaster county. He was a life-long farmer and one who was remarkably successful. In 1849 he removed from Silver Springs to the Mullison farm, near Columbia, which he purchased and operated until 1857. In that year he removed to the Kinderhoop farm in West Hempfield township, where he remained eight years. Mr. Zeamer next lived three years on the George Heise farm near Columbia, and then two years on the Miller farm near Marietta. Living a retired life for a year, he purchased the John Shirk farm, near the Shirk ore mines, on the Marietta and Lancaster turnpike. He died in West Hempfield township, Feb. 21, 1899, having almost completed his eighty-first year. He had married Mary Hogentobler, daughter of Joseph Hogentobler, a well-known resident of Lancaster county. She died March 10, 1873, aged fifty-five years. To Henry and Mary Zeamer were born two children, Mary, widow of Henry G. Shirk, a farmer, and Joseph H. Henry Zeamer was a stockholder of the First National Bank of Columbia and of the Central National Bank. He was a man of unusually good business judgment and was eminently successful in life.

Until he was twenty-four years of age Joseph H. Zeamer remained on the farm. He attended the district schools to the age of seventeen, then taught seven terms of school, four in West Hempfield, two in Marietta and one at Mt. Joy, teaching during the winter and spending the summer on the farm. The young school teacher's taste was for a business life, and during the spring of 1865 he attended the Quaker City Business College, and was graduated

from that institution June 7, 1865. On March 30, 1870, he entered the Columbia Deposit Bank, and on Aug. 15, of the same year, was appointed general bookkeeper of the First National Bank of Columbia, a position which he held until March 6, 1888. He resigned to assume the duties of cashier of the Central National Bank, which had been organized March 5, 1888, and began business May 7, of the same year. Mr. Zeamer has ever since filled that position most efficiently, contributing in a large measure to the success of that institution. He has developed financial abilities of a high order and has been associated with many of the local business enterprises. For the past fourteen years he has been treasurer of the Columbia & Chestnut Hill Turnpike Company. Since its organization in 1895 he has been treasurer of the Fairview Milling Company. For a time he was treasurer of the Loder Brewing Company, and since 1892 he has been secretary and treasurer of the Farmers & Citizens Market Company. The same offices he has filled for the Columbia Land & Improvement Company since its organization in 1893. In politics Mr. Zeamer is a Republican. He has served as school director at Columbia for five years. Among the fraternal orders he is a member of the A. O. M. P.

Mr. Zeamer was married, Dec. 1, 1868, at Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Anna M. Wisler, who was born Sept. 22, 1846, on the old Wisler homestead, adjoining the borough of Columbia, daughter of Henry Wisler, of Columbia. To Mr. and Mrs. Zeamer have been born two children: Harry W., born Nov. 23, 1869, a druggist of Columbia, and Minnie W., born March 15, 1871. Both now reside at home with their parents.

JACOB B. OBERHOLTZER. Among the leading agriculturists and prominent citizens of West Earl township no one is better or more favorably known than Jacob B. Oberholtzer, who resides upon his well cultivated and finely improved farm, of seventy-three acres, located about two miles north of Farmersville.

The Oberholtzer family is of German origin, and Christian Oberholtzer, the grandfather, firmly established this branch in West Earl township, where he became one of the prosperous and influential farmers. His children were: Christian; Henry a resident of Iowa; Annie, who married Henry Myers, of West Earl township; and Hettie, also of West Earl, all of them consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Christian Oberholtzer, the father of Jacob B., is a substantial and highly respected farmer of West Earl township, and a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. His marriage was in 1862, to Elizabeth Brubaker, and the two sons of this union are: Jacob B., who was born June 15, 1864; and Christian, Jr., who was born March 20, 1870, and is a farmer of Manor township.

Jacob B. Oberholtzer was reared on the farm

and received his education in the public schools of West Earl township. His life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits and he has the reputation in the township of being one of the best farmers as well as one of the leading citizens. The land owned by Mr. Oberholtzer shows a fine state of cultivation and is well stocked, the improvements consisting of excellent and commodious barns and a fine brick dwelling.

The happy marriage of Mr. Oberholtzer, in 1884, was to Miss Fianna Martin, the estimable daughter of John and Elizabeth (Weaver) Martin, and this union has been blessed with five children: Lizzie May, born in 1887; Elmer, born in 1889; Ivan, born in 1892; Alta, born in 1894; and Melvin, in 1899. The mother of this interesting and intelligent family was born in 1865, and is a lady noted for her gentle manners and kind deeds, both in her family and through the neighborhood.

Jacob B. Oberholtzer enjoys the esteem of the community, and has taken a great deal of interest in the various measures which have been inaugurated for the benefit of the district, and is one of the efficient school directors of West Earl township. In politics he is a Republican, and is much interested in public affairs, although he does not seek any recognition from the party, and is one of the valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, which claims, among its adherents, some of the best citizens of Lancaster county.

ROSS C. COLLINS. The Collins family, of which Ross C. Collins is a most worthy member, are among the few families who still hold land brought into their possession by ancestors 120 years ago. It has been represented by members prominent in business and educational circles, has scattered over a wide extent of country, and through intermarriage has become connected with many of the leading families of the State.

Thomas Collins, the father of Ross C., was born in Colerain township, this county, in 1796, son of James and Judith (Clarke) Collins, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, where they died, leaving these children, all now are deceased: Elizabeth was the wife of Edward Crawford, of Drumore township; Margaret was the wife of Elijah Morrell, of Drumore; Cornelius, born in this county, was a farmer and was a member of the Legislature for two terms (he left no family, and his wife died prior to his own demise); Thomas was the father of Ross C.

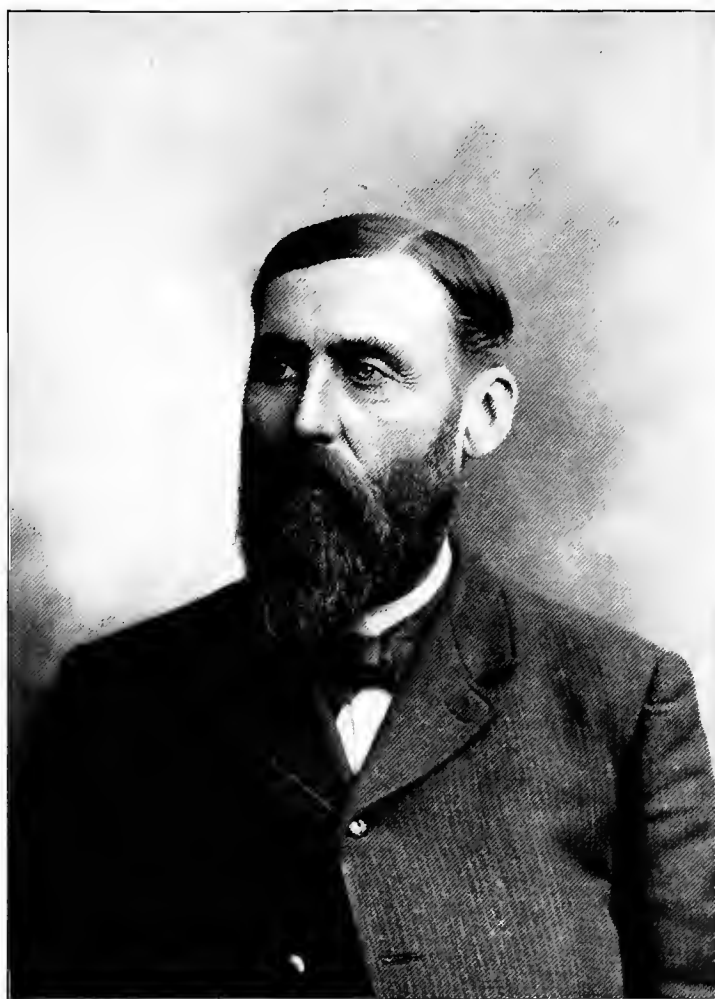
Thomas Collins grew up in Colerain township, and first married Grace McCollough, by whom he had seven children. Later, in 1851, he married Isabella Campbell, daughter of Ross A. and Sarah (Barkley) Campbell, who were both born and reared in this county. Mrs. Collins was born in June, 1824, and still survives. She is the mother of one son and two daughters, of whom Emma is the wife of W. P. Anderson, a farmer of Greene county,

Ohio, and Bertha I. is instructor in French and Elocution in Tarkio College, Tarkio, Missouri.

Ross C. Collins, eldest child of Thomas and Isabella Collins, was born in Colerain township Jan. 1, 1854, and received his early education in the district schools of Colerain, taking an academic course at New London, and later entering Iberia College, in Ohio; in 1876 he became a student in the Westminster College, of Pennsylvania. With this thorough preparation he was fully capable of taking charge of and managing the large estate of his father, which he did until the death of the latter, in 1883. Then he purchased the old homestead, this farm having come into the family from William Penn himself, and a part of the original house which was erected by James Collins is still standing, in a good state of preservation, long after its first owner has crumbled into dust. This is one of the historic homes of the locality, filled with relics of an interesting period in the State's history.

Ross C. Collins was married, in 1879, to Miss Mary E. West, the estimable daughter of Clarkson and Isabel (Blair) West, prominent pioneer people, one of the most respected families in Harford county, Md. Mrs. Collins was born in 1855, in Harford county, and received her education in Lancaster county and in Hartford. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Collins: Isabel M., born in Colerain township in 1880, was given exceptional educational advantages, especially in music, for which she displayed remarkable talent, and graduated from the Conservatory of Music, in Baltimore, later adopting the profession of music teaching, which she follows in Cleveland, Ohio. Cassandra B., born in Colerain township in 1882, is a graduate of the high school at Quarryville, class of 1898, and was one of the most valued teachers in the public schools of Lancaster county; she is now in Cleveland, Ohio, on the staff of the *Journal*. Florence M., born in 1884, is also a graduate of the Quarryville high school, class of 1900; she was for a time a writer on the Cleveland (Ohio) *Journal*. Ross C., Jr., born on the old homestead in 1884, resides in Pittsburg. Clarkson W., born in 1886, was a skilled mechanic in the Baldwin Locomotive works, in Baltimore, but is now in Pittsburg. Bertha B., born in Colerain township in 1888, is a student in the home schools. All of this family display very remarkable intelligence, each being gifted in a different way. Mr. Collins has taken a just pride in affording them every possible educational advantage.

Following his marriage Mr. Collins settled on the old homestead, where he remained until 1894, at that date removing into Quarryville, where he owned a warehouse. He engaged in partnership with E. B. Fritz, the firm being Fritz & Collins, dealers in hay, straw, etc., and large shippers to Baltimore and other points. This association was continued for five years, and then Mr. Collins sold his interest and embarked in the livery and auctioneering business, in which he is still engaged. In



R. C. Collins

this borough Mr. Collins has purchased what is locally known as the S. M. Hess home, and has made improvements thereon which have made it one of the most desirable residences in the locality.

Politically Mr. Collins has always been identified with the Republican party, and he is an ardent and faithful supporter of their men and measures. His influence in political circles in his vicinity is considerable. Many of the local offices of responsibility have been tendered him, and he has most efficiently served for three years as auditor of the borough. While still a resident of Colerain township he served as justice of the peace for eleven years, with judgment and discretion, and since locating in Quarryville has held the same office for one year. Mr. Collins was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, his father and mother having been among the founders of that church in Colerain township. Mr. and Mrs. Collins are faithful attendants of and liberal contributors to the church, where they are most highly esteemed. For over fifty years the father of Mr. Collins was one of its elders, and all of the educational and benevolent enterprises of this body found in him, as in his son, an ardent and active supporter.

JOHN W. STEPHAN, one of the best-known business men of the borough of Ephrata, is the prosperous proprietor of the Ephrata Planing Mills, and the owner of considerable property in this locality.

Mr. Stephan comes of German ancestry and was born on March 14, 1864, a son of Frederick and Mary (Wertch) Stephan, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to America about 1854, landing in Philadelphia and coming from there to Lancaster county, where they knew they would find countrymen. Near other German citizens who had founded comfortable homes and become among the best residents of Clay township, Mr. and Mrs. Stephan bought a farm and settled down to an agricultural life, rearing a family of seven children: Charles, deceased; Henry, of Lancaster county; Samuel, of the borough of Ephrata; William, a cigar maker; John W.; Katie, who married Thomas Grand, of Millway; Jacob, who lives at Stevens Station, where he follows the trade of wagon-maker.

John W. Stephan was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools of Clay township, but his inclinations did not lead him toward an agricultural life. At the age of twenty he began to learn the carpenter trade at Ephrata, under the wise supervision of M. D. Hoover, and this trade he followed successfully for some twelve years, at the end of this period going into the planing mill business; he is now the owner of his mill and a very comfortable dwelling, and has every promise of continued prosperity.

The marriage of Mr. Stephan was on Oct. 30, 1886, to Miss Mary Snader, a daughter of Jonathan and Catherine (Powell) Snader. Mr. Stephan was reared in very limited circumstances and was

obliged to make his own way in the world without much assistance, but he possessed energy and determination and has placed himself with the substantial men of the borough. A staunch Republican, he takes an active and intelligent interest in public affairs, and lives an honest and upright life.

HARRY R. BOOKMAN. Like many of the leading citizens of Columbia, Pa., Mr. Bookman is connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is a native of Lancaster county, born in West Hempfield township, Jan. 19, 1862, and is a son of William H. and Mary (Reitzler) Bookman. The mother was born Oct. 19, 1842.

William H. Bookman was born in York county, Pa., Oct. 15, 1842, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (Moore) Bookman, natives of York and Lancaster counties, respectively, who in 1847 removed to Mountville, Lancaster county, and in 1872 took up their residence in Columbia. William Bookman, the grandfather, was born Dec. 7, 1812, and died Dec. 7, 1896, his last years having been spent in retirement at the home of his son, William H., in Columbia. His wife was born September 17, 1809, and died May 4, 1875. They were members of the M. E. Church, and the parents of the following children: Margaretta and Catherine, who died in childhood; John, a retired stone mason of Columbia; William H., mentioned below; Samuel M., a soldier of the Civil war, who died in Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Mary A., wife of Michael Keach, baggage master at Columbia. Our subject's paternal great-grandfather, John Bookman, was of English extraction.

William H. Bookman, father of Harry R., was reared on a farm. In October, 1861, at Columbia, he enlisted in Co. K, 45th P. V. I., under Capt. Rambo, and re-enlisted at Knoxville, Tenn., in the same company and regiment, Dec. 31, 1863. He participated in the battles of Blaine's Cross Roads, Knoxville, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg and Poplar Grove. During the last named engagement he was taken prisoner, Sept. 30, 1864, and incarcerated at Salisbury, N. C., for five months, at the end of which time he was exchanged and paroled at Fort Fisher. At Annapolis he was granted a sixty-days furlough, as he was entirely unfit for active service, having been nearly starved to death while in prison. When his furlough expired he was discharged on account of disability, at Annapolis, in 1865, and returned home. After spending one year recuperating, he went to Columbia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman. A year later he was made flagman, and after serving as such two years was promoted to conductor, in which capacity he was employed until February 26, 1894, when he had a paralytic stroke while on duty at Glen Lock, Pa. He is still a member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors, the Improved Order of Red Men, belongs to the M. E. Church, and is identified with the Republican party. On April 13, 1869, at

Columbia, he married for his second wife Laura J. Reed, and to them came four children: Charles W., who died in childhood; Emma, deceased wife of Harry Gladfelter; William, a blacksmith of Columbia; and Carrie, wife of Joseph Keasie, a railroad brakeman of Columbia. Our subject's maternal grandparents were Joseph and Barbara (Weller) Reitzler, of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county.

During his minority Harry R. Bookman lived on a farm, and on coming to Columbia, in 1883, commenced work in a coalyard. A few months later, however, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he has since been connected. He was employed on repairs two years and a half, was fireman twelve years, and has since efficiently served as engineer. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Knights of the Maccabees, of the Penn. Voluntary Relief Department, and the United Brethren Church. In politics he is a Republican, and he is one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Columbia.

On Feb. 22, 1881, in Columbia, Mr. Bookman married Miss Sarah A. Murr, and to them were born two children, Ida M., who died in infancy, and Bertha, at home. Mrs. Bookman was born in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 4, 1860, a daughter of Jacob and Katie (Rutter) Murr, who died in that place, the former in April, 1880, at the age of fifty-two years, the latter in July, 1860. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Murr four children were born, namely: Samuel, a tinner, living with Mr. Bookman; Harry, a resident of Gordonville, Pa.; Daniel, deceased; Sarah A., now Mrs. Bookman. The father, a carpenter and contractor by occupation, was three times married, his first wife being Maria Smith, by whom he had five children: George, a railroad engineer, of Columbia; Jacob and William, both blacksmiths of that place; Mary, deceased wife of John B. Rogers; and Emma, deceased wife of Salem Smith. Mr. Murr's second wife was the mother of Mrs. Bookman, and the third was Maria Foltz.

HOWARD L. OBERLIN, of the firm of Oberlin Bros., jewelers, Columbia, was born at his present home in West Hempfield, Lancaster Co., Pa., May 8, 1860, and is a son of Luther C. and Anna E. (Lemmon) Oberlin.

Michael Oberlin, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, and a native of Germany, came early in life to Lancaster county and settled on Conestoga creek, near Hinkletown, and passed his life in farming. His son Jacob, great-grandfather of Howard L. Oberlin, moved from Hinkletown to Donegal, Lancaster county, early in 1800, and was also a farmer. He married a Miss Harter, of this county. Samuel Oberlin, son of Jacob, born in 1795, was first a coachmaker and later a farmer. He lived in Marietta, Lancaster county, many years, held various township offices, and was also a member of the old

pioneer fire department. He married Mary Cassel, of Lancaster county. To this union were born five children, viz.: Anna, who died unmarried; Catherine, deceased wife of Franklin Thompson, of Marietta; Margaret, who died in infancy; Luther C., and Jacob H., a farmer of West Hempfield, who served four years in the Civil war as a member of the 79th P. V. I. The father of this family died in 1888, at the age of ninety-three years, and the mother in 1882, aged eighty, and their remains now rest in peace in Mount Bethel cemetery, Columbia. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Luther C. Oberlin, justice of the peace in West Hempfield, was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, Oct. 29, 1834. The maternal grandfather of Luther Oberlin, David Cassel, who married Miss Hernley, was a merchant at Sporting Hill, Lancaster county, for some years, and thence moved to Marietta, where he built a large hotel known as the "St. John's House," which he conducted with phenomenal success for a decade or more. His son, Abraham, was postmaster of Marietta for twenty-five consecutive years.

Luther C. Oberlin passed his youthful days in the carriage factory his father conducted in Marietta, but in the meantime was educated at the Marietta Academy under Hon. J. P. Wickersham, who later became State superintendent of instruction. At the age of twenty years, in 1854, he himself began teaching in Hempfield township and followed the profession in several places until 1892. In 1880 he was appointed a census enumerator and in 1885 was elected justice of the peace, on the Republican ticket, and in this capacity is now serving his fourth term. He is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., and of the First English Lutheran Church.

On Aug. 2, 1859, Luther C. Oberlin married Miss Anna E. Lemmon, and to this union have been born five children, viz.: Howard L., senior member of the firm of Oberlin Bros., jewelers at Columbia; Bertha C., and Amy C., unmarried; Susan E., who is married to E. W. Weaver, a school teacher in the Brooklyn high school, N. Y.; W. Shelley, who married Ella M. Nicholson in 1897, and is in partnership with his brother, Howard L. Mrs. Anna E. (Lemmon) Oberlin was born in Lancaster City, Nov. 5, 1836, and is a daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Stallings) Lemmon, who were respectively born in York Co., Pa., and ten miles from Annapolis, Md., and settled in Lancaster, Pa., where Robert was a teamster on the route between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Robert Lemmon died in 1885, at the age of eighty-two and his wife in the same year at the age of eighty-seven years, and their remains were interred in Ironville cemetery. Their four children were named: Susan, who now lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Anna E.; William, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, Va.; and Mary E., who died at the age of ten years.

W. Shelley Oberlin attended school in Norwood,

West Hempfield township, until the age of sixteen years, next served an apprenticeship of five years at printing with J. W. Yocum, of Columbia, and then united with his brother in the jewelry trade in the same town. To his marriage with Miss Ella M. Nicholson has been born one child, Margaret E. Mrs. Ella M. Oberlin was born in Hudson, N. Y., and is a daughter of William and Margaret (Witfield) Nicholson, natives of the same city. Mr. Oberlin is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., and of the Artisans, Lodge No. 20.

Howard L. Oberlin, already mentioned as a member of the firm of Oberlin Bros., attended school until eighteen years old, when he served an apprenticeship of three years in the jewelry store of H. F. Yergey, in Columbia, and afterward for a few months worked for him as a journeyman. In 1897 he started in business at the present stand. He also is a member of Lodge No. 80, I. O. O. F., and Artisans Lodge No. 20.

WEIDLER B. BURKHOLDER. Prominent among the successful general farmers of Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, is Weidler B. Burkholder, the subject of this record.

The birth of Mr. Burkholder was in Ephrata township, on Aug. 12, 1857, and he was a son of Jacob S. and Mary (Bender) Burkholder, who were natives of West Earl and of Upper Leacock townships, respectively.

Jacob S. Burkholder was born Nov. 21, 1831, and he was a son of Jonas and Kate (Souders) Burkholder, of West Earl and of Earl townships; the former, a farmer all his life, died in 1871, at the age of eighty-six years, and was buried at Groffdale. The mother died in 1873, at the age of sixty-nine years. Both were members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to the grandparents of our subject were: Isaac, who died at the age of fifty-five years; Jacob, the father of our subject; Samuel, a retired farmer of West Earl; Joseph, a farmer of West Earl; Susan, deceased, who married Abram Martin; Elizabeth, who is the widow of Samuel Bucher, of West Earl; Catherine, deceased, who married Isaac Hoover; and Mary, who also married Isaac Hoover. The grandparents of Jacob S. Burkholder and the great-grandparents of our subject were Abraham and Catherine (Eaby) Burkholder, farmers of West Earl township. Abraham Burkholder was a son of Christian Burkholder, of Switzerland, who was the pioneer settler of the family in this county.

The marriage of Jacob S. Burkholder took place on Oct. 16, 1856, in Lancaster, to Mary Bender, and six children were born to this union: W. B. is the subject of this sketch. Anna, who resides with her parents, is the widow of Abraham K. Lefever, the children born to them being Mary and Ida, deceased. Kate married Mano H. Brubaker, of Elizabeth township, and their children were Lotta and Bertha. Jacob, of West Earl township, married

Lizzie Oberholtzer, and their children are,—John, Aaron and Lizzie M. Emma, who married Clayton Rupp, lives in West Earl township, and their children are Elsa and Hallie. Mary died at the age of two years.

Weidler B. Burkholder, the eldest son in his parents' family, attended the district schools and remained on the home farm, assisting his father, until his marriage. The present farm has been his home ever since and is well cultivated and finely improved.

The marriage of Mr. Burkholder was on Oct. 29, 1885, in Ephrata, to Miss Amanda Eshleman, and their children are: Nettie, Harvey E., Laura E. and Weidler E., who survive; those who have passed away were Minnie and Ella E. The birth of Mrs. Burkholder was in Earl township, Dec. 25, 1862, and she was a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Burkholder) Eshleman. Until about fifteen years prior to his death Mr. Eshleman was a farmer, but at that age he retired and moved into the village of Ephrata, where his death occurred. He was one of the wealthy and prominent citizens of the county.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Burkholder are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, where they are highly regarded. In politics our subject has been a life-long Republican, and is one of the most esteemed citizens of his township.

ENOS P. HAYES, a prominent farmer of Taylor, Pa., was born Feb. 7, 1855, and was a son of John P. and Elizabeth (Pennell) Hayes, of Little Britain township.

The Hayes family originated in Ireland, the founder of this family in Lancaster county being John Hayes, who left the Emerald Isle in youth, settled in this locality and became a large landowner and respected citizen. William Hayes, son of John, the emigrant, became the grandfather of Enos P. Hayes of this sketch. The other children of John Hayes were Charles and John.

William Hayes was born in 1797, married Jane Ewing and died in 1874. Their children were: John P., Calvin, Jane, James, Washington, Nathaniel, George and Margaret. The family was noted for its devotion to the Presbyterian Church and the Democratic party.

John P. Hayes, son of William, was born Feb. 14, 1822, and died in October, 1899. In 1849, he was married to Elizabeth Pennell, of Britain township, who was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Brown) Pennell, of Britain township. Six children were born to this union, five of whom grew to maturity: James Franklin, who is a druggist, in Philadelphia; Rebecca Jane, who conducts a dress-making establishment in Philadelphia; Enos P., of this sketch; William N., who is also in the drug business, in Philadelphia; Sarah H., who is the widow of Clarence Galbreath, of Oxford, Pa.; and Edward, deceased.

During life John P. Hayes was an industrious and highly esteemed citizen, and faithfully served

his township as tax collector and assessor. His widow still survives, and resides in Oxford, Pa., having celebrated her seventy-second birthday on Oct. 15, 1902.

Enos P. Hayes of this sketch was reared on the farm and became thoroughly instructed in farm work, even while obtaining his education in the public schools. By the time he was ready to begin his own career, although with limited means, he had both experience and knowledge sufficient to enable him to succeed in his chosen line, and now he is the owner of one of the best farms in this locality, consisting of 125 acres, and improved with excellent buildings. Energy and industry have enabled Mr. Hayes to reach his present financial position, and his success illustrates, without farther comment, the sure result of properly applied energy.

The first marriage of Mr. Hayes was on Feb. 14, 1886, to Miss Ella King, of Little Britain township, who was a daughter of Marcenas and Isabel (Reath) King, of Britain township, and to this union three sons were born; Howard M., John P., and Marcenas. The death of Mrs. Hayes was in 1892.

On Jan. 16, 1901, Mr. Hayes was united in marriage to Miss E. Laura McLaughlin, of Britain township. (Extended mention of this well-known family will be found in another part of this volume.) They have one son, James McLaughlin Hayes, born Dec. 31, 1901.

Like his forefathers, Mr. Hayes is sincere in his devotion to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, and to the principles of the Democratic party. In his community he is known as a man of honor and responsibility, and the old stone house, now the family residence, erected over 100 years ago, offers hospitality to his many sincere friends.

IRWIN CUTLER. A worthy representative of the Cutler family, in Lancaster county, is found in Irwin Cutler, one of the leading citizens of Drumore township, now retired, who was born Sept. 16, 1861, son of Benjamin and Mary I. (Long) Cutler, of Chestnut Level.

Benjamin Cutler, the great-grandfather of Irwin Cutler, was born in Bucks county, Pa., and there made his home until some years after his marriage. On July 25, 1778, he wedded Susannah Dunn, daughter of Ralph Dunn, and their children were: Ruth, who married John Wood; Rachel, who became the wife of Joseph Blackburn; Benjamin, who married Marion Quinby; Jacob, who died unmarried; Hannah, who wedded John Fulton; Rebecca, who married George McMillan; Jonathan, who was twice married; Susannah, who became the wife of William Cook; Jesse, who married Mary Stubbs; and Annie, who wedded John Stubbs. In religious belief the family were all Quakers.

Jesse Cutler, son of Benjamin and Susannah, and the grandfather of Irwin Cutler, came from Bucks county, Pa., to Fulton township, Lancaster county, with his parents, when he was still a lad, and was

reared in the Quaker belief. He married Mary Stubbs, daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Pyle) Stubbs, the former of whom lived to the advanced age of ninety-six years. Besides Mrs. Cutler they had one other child, Orpha, who married Thomas Richards. To Jesse and Mary (Stubbs) Cutler were born: Joseph, who died young; Adeline, who married William C. Boyd; Alban, deceased; Philena, who married Elwood Stubbs, and Benjamin, who was the father of Irwin Cutler, of this sketch.

Benjamin Cutler, son of Jesse and Mary, was born Feb. 13, 1825, and engaged in farming, but is now living retired in Chestnut Level. He is one of the leading old settlers of southern Lancaster county, one of the most influential and one of the wealthiest. A staunch Republican, he always does his full duty as a citizen, but has never been prevailed upon to accept any party recognition. In the Presbyterian Church he is a devoted member and has long been a most liberal contributor to the support of its charities and mission work. On Nov. 21, 1860, Benjamin Cutler was married to Miss Mary J. Long, who was born Jan. 22, 1832, a daughter of John and Ann Eliza (Read) Long, and one child, Irwin, blessed this union. John Long was a son of James and Margaret (Buchanan) Long, and was born Feb. 19, 1801; he died in 1884. The other children in the family of James and Margaret Long were: James B., who married Catherine Jefferson; Robert, who married Elizabeth McVey; Arthur, who wedded Eliza Shaw; Mary Ann, who became the bride of William C. Boyd; Eliza Martha, who married Jacob Aul; and George Henry, who was twice married. Mrs. Ann Eliza (Read) Long was a daughter of John and Jane (Bingham) Read, whose family consisted of the following children: Mary, born 1783, died 1856, married John Irwin; Margaret, born 1786, died unmarried in 1868; Jane, born 1790, married Samuel Martin, and died in 1841; Ann Eliza, born 1795, married John Long and died in 1861; and George married Jane Shannon, of Indiana. John Read was born Oct. 10, 1754, a son of George and Mary (McElroy) Read, the former born in Martic township in 1725 and the latter in 1723. Mrs. Jane (Bingham) Read was twice married, her first husband having been Capt. Patrick Marshall, of Revolutionary fame, who was killed in 1777. John and Ann Eliza (Read) Long were the parents of four children: Margaret J. died young; James Henry, born in August, 1825, died single; Mary I., born in 1832, married Benjamin Cutler; and John G. died young.

Irwin Cutler acquired his education in the public schools of Drumore township, and later took an academic course in the Chestnut Level Academy, of Drumore township. He has been interested in farming ever since, and owns one of the finest properties in this locality, and is one of the leading citizens. For five years he has been school director and for seventeen years was a trustee of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church; at present he is one of the

stockholders in a home telephone company, known as the Southern Telegraph and Telephone Co., of Lancaster county.

On Dec. 18, 1884, Mr. Cutler was married to Miss Annie B. Clark, of Drumore township, who was a daughter of A. Scott and Isabella (Neeper) Clark. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cutler, but a little girl, Ertha Reifsnnyder, born on Sept. 16, 1880, was taken as their own, when she was quite small. Mr. and Mrs. Cutler are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and the family is one of the honored and leading ones of the county.

The first of the Clark family in America was John Clark, a native of Ireland. Thomas Clark, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Cutler, was born in Drumore township and became the father of the following children: William, born Sept. 4, 1754; Violet, born June 11, 1755; Jean, born on Feb. 25, 1757, married to James Ewing; Margaret, born Jan. 21, 1759, married to David Scott; Mary, born June 10, 1760, married to Mr. Hutchison; John, born June 13, 1762; Abraham, born Aug. 28, 1764; Thomas, born Aug. 22, 1765, went to New York; Elizabeth, born Nov. 11, 1767; Gabriel, born Oct. 12, 1769, a resident of New York; Robert, born April 18, 1772; and Margaret, born Aug. 8, 1774.

Robert Clark married Agnes Scott, who was born April 17, 1772, and died June 7, 1849. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: Thomas A., born Dec. 18, 1805, died July 22, 1885; William J., born Feb. 6, 1807, died Aug. 9, 1865; Elizabeth M., born Aug. 29, 1808, died July 25, 1881; Margaret S., born March 16, 1810, died May 2, 1886; Robert, born Dec. 5, 1811, died March 3, 1885; Agnes, born Oct. 24, 1813, died March 14, 1880; A. Scott, mentioned below; Mary, born March 18, 1818, died April 6, 1863; James L., born June 15, 1820, died Feb. 12, 1832; and J. Rebecca, born Sept. 2, 1822, the widow of Franklin Scott, of Lancaster county.

A. Scott Clark, father of Mrs. Cutler, was born Oct. 30, 1815, and in 1845 married Isabella J. Neeper, who was born Nov. 7, 1822, and who died Nov. 30, 1897. He died March 8, 1898. On Feb. 20, 1892, they celebrated their golden wedding. For fifty-two years no death occurred in the Clark family.

BENJAMIN M. HERSHEY, who is the proprietor of two threshing machine outfits, and devotes much of his time in season to their operation, was at one time an active farmer, and now has his home on his farm, which, however, is under the management of a son-in-law.

Mr. Hershey was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, June 21, 1855, and is a son of Christian and Magdalina (Metzler) Hershey. His father, who was born in Salisbury township, died in Paradise township, in May, 1895, at the venerable age of eighty-four years. For more than twenty

years he was a school director, and the utmost confidence was felt in the community both in his personal rectitude and in his business ability, a confidence that often took the expression of committing to him the settlement of important estates, and the administration of considerable trust funds. During his last fifteen years he lived a strictly retired life. Mrs. Magdalina Hershey, who was born in Paradise township in 1820, is still living on the old homestead, as active and as industrious as when younger, and is regarded by her family and the community with much reverent love and esteem as a lady of high character and Christian devotion. She became by her marriage with Mr. Hershey, the mother of the following children: Barbara, who married Elam Brackbill, of Paradise township; Mary, who married C. H. Brackbill, of Kinzers, Pa.; Abraham, of Detroit, Mich.; Benjamin, whose name appears above; Israel, who lives in Lancaster; Magdalina, who is unmarried, and lives at home; Joseph, who is at home, married; Amos, married, and is living at home; Sarah, who is the wife of Levi Wenger, a farmer of Leacock township.

Mr. Hershey was twice married, his first wife having been Barbara Stauffer, by whom he had two children, Isaac, who is dead, and Anna, who is the wife of Samuel Denlinger.

Benjamin M. Hershey was married Dec. 9, 1875, in Lancaster, Pa., to Barbara A. Kreider. To this union have come the following children: John K., who married Emma Sweigart, and is a farmer in Leacock township; Nettie A., who died at the age of nine years, and Cora M., at home, unmarried, twins; Anna M., who married Edwin Good, and lives at home, having one daughter; C. Aaron; Benjamin K.; Barbara A., who died an infant; Amos K. and Emos K., twins, who both died in infancy; Alta E., who is at home.

Mrs. Barbara A. Hershey was born on the farm where she is now living, May 30, 1856, a daughter of John and Anna L. (Landis) Kreider, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father was a farmer, and came to the present home of Mrs. Hershey when a lad of nine years of age. There he spent his life. He became a man of considerable prominence in the community in which he lived and was elected to various township offices. His death occurred in November, 1874, at the early age of forty-nine years. His widow passed to her reward in 1887, at the age of sixty years. Both were buried in the cemetery connected with the Mellinger Church. They were, like the parents of Mr. Hershey, members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born the following children: Abraham, who died in infancy; Barbara, who is Mrs. Hershey, noted above; Anna, who married a Dillinger, and is now dead; Jacob, who died in infancy. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hershey were Jacob and Anna Kreider, both of Lancaster county; her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Barbara (Landis) Landis, also of Lancaster county.

Benjamin M. Hershey remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he located on his present place, where he has led a most industrious and useful life. For the last five years he has been school director, and is one of the prominent and influential men in his community. In his politics he is a Republican, and in religion both he and his wife are devoted members of the Mennonite Church.

TILLMAN N. HOSTETTER, who is the ticket and freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Florin, where he is also agent for the Adams Express Company, is extensively engaged in the coal, grain and feed business at that point. The mill, which he owns and operates, was put up by him in 1885, and is equipped with a thirty-horse power engine, and is regarded as one of the best in this part of the State. Mr. Hostetter is an energetic and pushing business man, of strict integrity and popular character.

Mr. Hostetter was born in East Donegal township, one mile south of Florin, Dec. 14, 1858, and is a son of Jonas E. and Barbara (Nissley) Hostetter, who were born in Manor and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. They now reside in Florin, to which point they moved in 1897, to spend their declining years in freedom from the cares and responsibilities that attend farming life.

Jonas E. Hostetter was born Jan. 13, 1833, and is the son of John and Catherine (Eby) Hostetter, natives of the townships of Manor and Elizabeth, respectively. Both died on the farm, where Jonas E. was born, and where he remained until his removal to Florin. The grandfather, who was born Jan. 16, 1787, and died Sept. 24, 1854, was a farmer all his days. The grandmother, who was born Aug. 12, 1795, died March 6, 1848, and was buried in the cemetery on the farm in Manor township. They were married April 12, 1816, and were both members of the Mennonite Church. The following children were born to them: Magdelina, who married Henry Shenk, a Mennonite minister, is dead; Maria, the wife of Christ Herr, is dead; John is a retired farmer in Petersburg, Pa.; Catherine, the wife of Jacob Shenk, is dead; Henry died young; Elias is a retired farmer in Mt. Joy; Jonas E.; Abraham died at the age of fifty-three years. The great-grandfather of Tillman N. Hostetter was John Hostetter, who married Miss Resch; they were farming people of Manor township, and members of the Mennonite Church. John Hostetter died at the age of sixty-three years, and his widow at the age of eighty-five. They had five children, Catherine and Susanna, who both married Herrs; John; Barbara, who married a Greider, and Anna, who married Rudolph Herr.

Jonas E. Hostetter and Barbara Nissley were married in Philadelphia, Nov. 3, 1857, and had the following family: Tillman N.; Jacob, who married Emma Rohrer, is a coal dealer in Chicago;

Levi, who married Lillian Eckenroth, is a traveling salesman from Chicago; Mary married Joseph Haebecker, a farmer in East Donegal township; Amos died in infancy; Elam is farming the old homestead in East Donegal, and is married to Amanda Swartley; Jonas, who married Lillian Kreider, is a cigar-maker and dealer in implements in Mt. Joy; Abner died in infancy; Simon died in infancy. Mrs. Barbara (Nissley) Hostetter was born in Mt. Joy township Jan. 7, 1837, and is a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Graybill) Nissley, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father, who was a farmer, died in 1861, at the age of fifty-four.

Jonas E. Hostetter remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he rented a farm in East Donegal township. This he continued to rent for sixteen years, and was then able to buy it. In 1897 he leased it, and moved to his present home in Florin. He is a Republican, and with his wife belongs to the Mennonite Church.

Tillman N. Hostetter and Susan Forney were married Oct. 16, 1884, at the home of her parents in East Hempfield township, and to this union were born: Nettie F., Walter F., Ruth F., Jonas F. (deceased), Emma F., Jay F., Marian F., and George D. Mrs. Susan Hostetter was born in Manheim township, May 9, 1860, and is the daughter of Joseph and Susan (Gouchman) Forney, who are now living on a farm in East Hempfield township.

Tillman N. Hostetter remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, receiving from them opportunity to acquire a good education, which included a year at the H. C. Weideler Business College, in Lancaster, Pa. When he had reached his majority he went to the western part of the country, and spent a year in Abilene, Kans., where he worked in a lumber yard. Returning to his native State, he engaged in the coal and feed business, building in 1885 the mill where he does his work. In 1882 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and is regarded as one of the most efficient men on their lines.

Mr. Hostetter is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and belongs to Lodge N. 551, and is also a member of the order of K. of G. E. In his politics he is a Republican, and in his religion, a member of the United Brethren Church. A prominent and leading man of the community, he has won his present enviable standing by strict attention to business, honesty and integrity in all matters, however minute, and an unceasing devotion to the best and noblest in life.

HARRY M. HINKLE, the trusty young locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, of Columbia, was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 3, 1862, and is a son of Joseph Hinkle, deceased, whose sketch will be found on another page.

Harry M. Hinkle farmed in West Hempfield

township, until eighteen years of age; then he came to Columbia, and at the age of nineteen, began work as a fireman on the railroad, and at the end of nine years and five months was promoted to be engineer. Mr. Hinkle married at Columbia, in 1883, Miss Anna L. Wisler, and to this union has been born one child—Florence W., still at home.

Mrs. Anna L. (Wisler) Hinkle was born in Philadelphia, and is a daughter of Samuel Wisler, a native of Columbia county, and Hannah Immel, born at Kingessing, Philadelphia county. The mother died in Philadelphia in 1892, at the age of forty-six years. The father, who was born July 5, 1843, left Columbia about 1862, and settled in Philadelphia, and in the war of the Rebellion served for some time on guard duty. To Samuel and Hannah Wisler were born six children, to-wit: Anna L. (Mrs. Hinkle); Susie, wife of William Crawford, of Philadelphia, who has four children, Elsie, William, Ethel and Samuel; Fanny, married to Tom Tobin, of the same city, but residing with the father: they have two children, Melva and Thomas G.; Rachel, deceased; Samuel and Garfield, at home. The family are members of the Christian Church.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hinkle were Michael and Martha (Cressinger) Wisler, and the maternal grandparents were Alexander and Hannah Immel.

Harry M. Hinkle is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen; with his family he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican.

David Hinkle, uncle of Harry M. Hinkle, was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 13, 1842, a son of Henry and Sarah (McGee) Hinkle, who came to Columbia in 1839, where the father died in 1872, at seventy-four years of age, and she in 1866, aged sixty-one, both members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: John, deceased; Rebecca, deceased wife of Christian Hershey; Isaac, a retired farmer of Wrightsville; Joseph, deceased; William and Charles, deceased; Catherine, wife of William Hardy, a blacksmith in Columbia; and David. The grandfather of David was John, better known as Hans Hinkle, a native of Germany, who came to America at the beginning of the Revolutionary war, in which he served as teamster. After the war he lived on a rented farm in West Hempfield township, on which he toiled until his death in 1840, at eighty years of age. The farm is now within the borough of Columbia. The last ten years of David's life were spent in retirement.

ELI W. DAVIS, a farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born on the farm which he now owns, and which is his home at the present time, March 21, 1851, his parents being Joseph B. and Elizabeth Davis. Both his parents were born in Lancaster county, the father in 1818, and the mother in 1812. She was a daughter of Abner and

Barbara (Hess) Davis. Abner Davis was born near Philadelphia, and came of a mingled German and Welsh ancestry. He was born in 1783, and served in the war of 1812. His death occurred in 1863.

Joseph B. Davis, the father of Eli W., was a son of Eli and Catherine (Sellers) Davis. Eli Davis made a home in Sadsbury township, where he lived and died, leaving a family of four children: Eliza died unmarried; Anna married Elisha Harper, and moved to Iowa, where she died; Sarah Davis married James Prentice, who moved to Columbus, Ohio, where she died (they had one son, Alvin Prentice, who now lives in Chicago); and Joseph B. Davis was reared in Chester county, where he became a wheelwright, an occupation he followed at Andrew's Bridge, Colerain township, for some years. He married Elizabeth Davis in 1844; five years later he purchased the farm, which is now the home and property of Eli W., and there he lived the balance of his life. Good substantial buildings were put up by him, and many improvements effected on the farm. He died in December, 1897, his widow following him the following June. They left a son and a daughter. Both father and mother were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were active workers in the church at Union many years. In politics Mr. Davis was a staunch Republican, and though he never sought or aspired to office, was assessor for two years in Colerain township.

Emma Davis, the daughter of this family, was born in 1848, and with her brother received instruction of Thomas Baker, in his private school, and of Prof. Andrews, at the Union High School. For some ten years she was a successful teacher in the county schools. She married John M. Rutter, of Sadsbury township, where they reside on his farm, with their four children: Howard T., Abner Davis, Emile and Bessie.

Eli W. Davis studied at the Baker Private School and in the Union High School under Prof. Andrews, becoming well informed. He remained at home with his parents, and for about ten years was the manager of his father's farm. His father was a confirmed invalid some ten years before his death, and his care fell very largely upon the son, who was tender and devoted to his ailing sire. In May, 1883, he married Miss Mary B. Newcomer, the daughter of Louis R. and Esther (Brosius) Newcomer.

Mr. Newcomer was born in Washington Co., Md., in 1819. His wife, Esther, was born in Chester county, in 1825. They lived in Baltimore, where Mr. Newcomer was superintendent in the post office for thirty-two years. In 1870 he purchased the Mahlon Brosius homestead in Chester county, where they lived until 1900, when they became inmates of the home of Mrs. Davis. They have two sons and a daughter. Mary B. is the wife of Mr. Davis. She was born in Baltimore in 1850, and secured her education in her native city. Howard K. Newcomer was born in Baltimore, in 1852, and is now a resi-

dent of Colerain township. Edwin B. Newcomer was born in Baltimore, and is now a resident of Philadelphia.

After his marriage Mr. Davis located on the old home, where he is found at the present time. To him and his excellent wife have come three children: Bessie and Lucretia, twins, were born in September, 1891; Bessie died when she was six weeks old; Lucretia is a student of the local schools; Joseph Davis died when four months old. Mr. and Mrs. Davis belong to the Union Presbyterian Church. Mr. Davis votes the Republican ticket. He is a man of fine standing in the community, and is a worthy representative of a well-known family. The father was a man of excellent character and his only surviving son does honor to his instruction and rearing.

MICHAEL BECKER, general manager of the Mt. Hope grist, saw and feed mill, farms, furnaces, etc., comprising an area of 2,000 acres in Lebanon and Lancaster counties, was born in October, 1828, four miles from the town of Lebanon, Lebanon county, son of John and Hannah (Brandt) Becker, of Lebanon, and later of Lancaster county.

John Becker, the father, moved from Lebanon to Lancaster county in 1846, and settled in Rapho township, residing there until his demise, in 1875, at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died in 1880, and both are buried in private grounds on the old homestead of his mother. There were born to John Becker the following children: Michael; John B., who was accidentally killed with his wife by a railroad train several years ago; Henry B., who died on the old homestead; Catherine B., wife of Christ Shelley; Anna B., wife of Jacob Fisher; Sarah B., deceased wife of Jere Obetz; and Moses B., a blacksmith, who died at his home near White Oak some time ago.

The grandparents of Michael Becker on his father's side were Nicholas and Catherine (Rudy) Becker, of Lebanon county, where they remained until their demise, Mr. Becker being a veterinary and blacksmith of considerable prominence. The father of Nicholas Becker fought under Gen. Washington, in the Revolutionary war. The family is of Swiss origin. Michael Becker's maternal grandfather was John Brandt, a farmer of Lancaster county, also of Swiss origin.

Michael Becker married Miss Anna Nauman, of Lancaster county, in October, 1855, and to this union were born the following children: John, unmarried, is a dry-goods merchant of Manheim, Pa. Lizzie, wife of Joseph Baker, a hotel-keeper of Lititz, has three children. Maria died at the age of eight years. Henry B. died in infancy. Alfred died in infancy. Michael, who lives at home, acts as assistant to his father; he was married, June 28, 1902, to Carrie B. Weidler, daughter of I. M. Weidler, of Rothsville, where she was born and reared.

Mrs. Michael Becker was born in Rapho town-

ship in 1834, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Shelley) Nauman, of Lancaster county. The family is of Swiss descent.

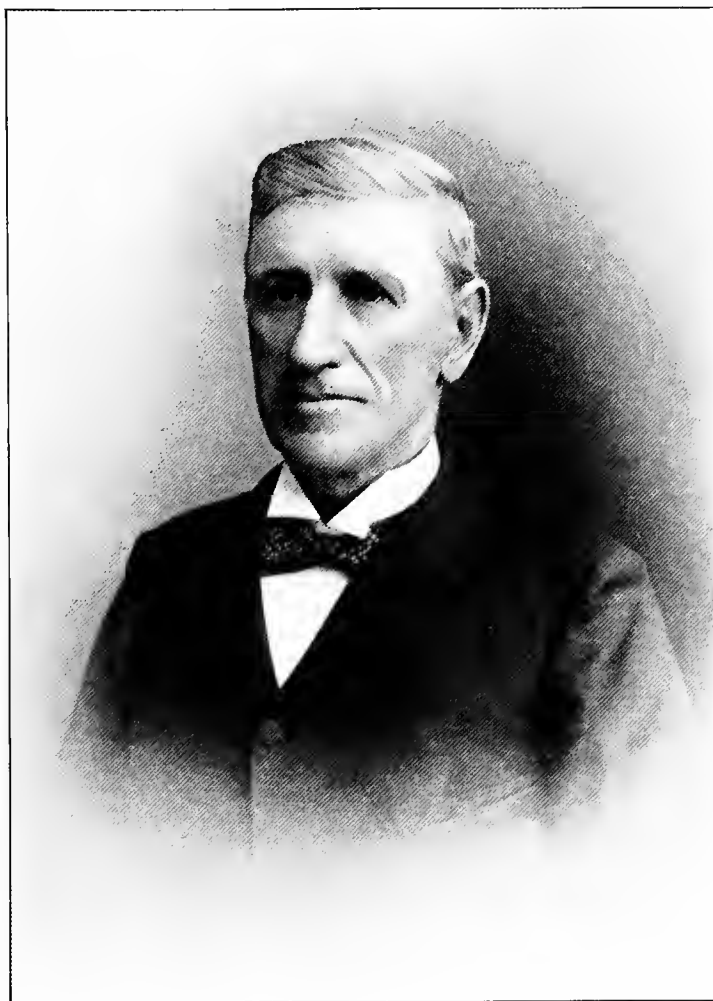
Michael Becker was reared on his father's farm, and remained with his parents until he became of age, meantime attending school under Baron Stigle, who at one time owned the Elizabeth furnace. During vacations and other spare times he worked on the farm. Soon after becoming of age, in company with his brother John, he opened a blacksmith shop in Rapho township, and combined this business with that of hauling for the Grubb family, large employers of the locality. Mr. Becker has worked for the Grubbs almost continuously for the past forty years, first with A. B. Grubb, for twenty-two years, as assistant manager; in 1885, upon the death of Mr. Grubb, he became general manager, and still fills this responsible position.

Mr. Becker is a Republican in politics, and has been postmaster at Mt. Hope since the death of Mr. Grubb, the former occupant of the office for many years. Mr. Becker is careful and painstaking in everything he undertakes, and the result is that nothing he attempts miscarries. His record is one of which any man may well be proud, and his standing in his community is as high as that of any other member.

S. H. BINGEMAN, one of the leading and enterprising citizens of Clay township, a justice of the peace, appointed June 12, 1902, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his brother, H. H. Bingeman, and a well-known cigar manufacturer of that place, was born Oct. 27, 1846, in Ephrata township, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hacker) Bingeman, both deceased.

Samuel Bingeman, the father of S. H. Bingeman, was a much esteemed citizen of Ephrata township, a shoemaker by trade and a Republican in politics. He became the father of nine children, eight of whom grew to maturity. The record is as follows: Levi, deceased; Daniel, deceased; George H., of St. Joseph, Mo.; Henry H., now deceased, a justice of the peace in Clay township for twenty-five years; Priscilla, widow of Samuel Resser, of Clay township; S. H., our subject; and Elizabeth, wife of William Valentine, of Clay township.

S. H. Bingeman was reared on the farm and acquired his education in the public schools, teaching school for a period of twenty-three terms, after finishing his own education. Then he went into the business of cigar manufacturing and for twelve years has been a leader in that line in Clay township, his home and business being located in Hopeland, where he has been postmaster for some time. In politics Mr. Bingeman is a staunch Republican and has taken an active interest in the affairs of his party in this section. For several years he has served as a very efficient school director and is prominent in all enterprises looking toward the development of Clay township. Mr. Bingeman was



Michael Becker

reared by pious parents in the belief of the United Brethren Church, and both he and his wife are consistent members of the same, in Hopeland, and generous in its support.

On Sept. 23, 1871, Mr. Bingeman was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Ruth, daughter of William and Susannah Ruth, and this marriage has been blessed with two children, namely: Alice, born Dec. 18, 1873, married John G. Donough, of Hopeland, and they have two children, Elmer and Grant; and Harvey M., now postmaster of Hopeland, born Sept. 3, 1874, married Miss Lydia Noll, of Clay township, and they have one son, Milton Dewey, and one daughter, Virgie May.

Mr. Bingeman enjoys the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens and is justly regarded as one of the reliable representatives and substantial men of Clay township.

WILLIAM R. ROGERS. This well-known and popular citizen of Columbia is one of the Pennsylvania Company's experienced and trusted engineers. He was born in Wrightsville, York county, on Aug. 31, 1858, and is the eldest of five children born to Samuel S. and Sarah (Cohick) Rogers, of that county, his parents having married July 4, 1856. His younger brother, Americus V., conducts a well equipped barber shop in Columbia; his sister, Christina, is the wife of Joseph Archer, a railroad conductor, and lives in Philadelphia. The two younger children, Grant and Byron, died in infancy. Samuel S. Rogers was a gallant Union soldier during the Civil war, a member of the 145th P. V. I., and received a Confederate bullet in his arm. He was a carpenter, and after receiving his discharge, worked at his trade in his native bailiwick. He died at the age of sixty-three years, in 1895. He was the son of an English immigrant, Robert Rogers, who married Elizabeth Sloat, of York county. The father was employed in building the old State road and later in the construction of the Pennsylvania line; he died in 1872. Samuel S. Rogers, the father of William R., was the eldest of their three children, the others being John and Mary A.

As has been already said, the maiden name of the mother of William R. Rogers was Sarah Cohick. Her father, Robert, was a railroad man, and lost his life in an accident on Jan. 16, 1861, having reached the age of forty-eight years. He married Christina Buckin, who first saw the light as it shone upon the crested billows of the Atlantic. Her parents settled at Rohrerstown. Her mother lived to be four score years and died on March 13, 1890. Her younger sisters were Clara (Mrs. Robert Hall), of Columbia; Mahala, the widow of William Allen, of Philadelphia; Anna M., the wife of Elliott Frederick, of the same city; and Amelia, who married David Coleman, the proprietor of a barber shop in Columbia.

At the age of five, in 1863, William R. Rogers

came to live with his grandmother in Lancaster county, but returned home after four years. There he remained until his marriage to Miss Eva McClane, which occurred on Sept. 5, 1891. They have had two sons, Grant G. and John F. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; in politics a Republican, and in religious faith, a Lutheran.

Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Morrison) McClane, of Adams county. Her father was a shoemaker and a justice of the peace, and died in May, 1896, in his eighty-second year. Her mother, who was born in May, 1827, is still living in Manor township. Besides Mrs. Rogers, eight children were born to them: Mary, John, Joseph, Susan, Douglas, Christian, George and Levi. Only three of these are living. Joseph is a resident of Marietta, Pa., and Douglas of Port Royal, in this State. Susan is the wife of Henry Wise, of Petersburg.

CLARENCE B. HERSHEY, a leading business man of Mt. Joy, Pa., who is engaged in the insurance business and is also a justice of the peace and pension agent, was born in Florin, Mt. Joy township, on Nov. 21, 1862, a son of Christian and Fanny (Brenneman) Hershey, of Lancaster county. Christian Hershey was born near Mt. Joy, and carried on a business in carpentering and cabinet-making until his death, in 1876, at the age of sixty-eight. His widow survives and resides in Mt. Joy; she early united with the religious denomination known as Church of God. Clarence B. Hershey, of this biography, was their only child. The second union of Mrs. Hershey was to Frederick Gantz and the two children born of that marriage were: Gertrude, who died in infancy; and Joseph B., a resident of Mt. Joy, now engaged in plumbing. The death of Frederick Gantz took place in 1890. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Hershey were Isaac and Anna, of Lancaster county, and those on the maternal side were Joseph and Nancy (Bossler) Brenneman, also of this county.

Clarence B. Hershey was reared in the village of Florin, where he attended school until he was nine years old, and then accompanied his parents to Mt. Joy, where at the age of fourteen he began to learn the trade of cigar-making. This business he followed for ten years, and then entered a newspaper office and became a typesetter, remaining in the printing business for four years; he is thus equipped with two trades. However, Mr. Hershey has been ambitious and has been very successful in still another line, that of insurance, and now handles both fire and life insurance, representing some of the best known and most substantial companies in the country; he carries on a real estate agency and also deals in typewriters and typewriter supplies. On Feb. 21, 1899, he was made justice of the peace, and since that time has devoted himself very closely to the duties of the office.

On one occasion this position nearly cost him his life. On Oct. 2, 1902, while at the supper table, he was assaulted by a man who had a fancied grievance against him. His assailant had given the justice a bill to collect for him and had been promised its payment on Oct. 4th. Being, however, under the influence of liquor, he imagined that Mr. Hershey had kept the money himself, and so attacked him with a pocket-knife. The culprit was placed under arrest for a preliminary hearing and then committed to prison for trial at court in November, 1902.

Socially, Mr. Hershey is connected with the Foresters of America, in which order he has held many of the offices; and is also a member of the Junior O. U. A. M., and the O. S. B., of Mt. Joy. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and his religious connection is with the Church of God. In every way, Mr. Hershey is a rising young man, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of the citizens of Mt. Joy, who see in him a thoroughly representative citizen.

ANDREW JACKSON. Among the leading and representative citizens of Little Britain township, Lancaster Co., Pa., is Andrew Jackson, who was born in Britain township, on Nov. 4, 1854, a son of Robert and Eliza (Irwin) Jackson, deceased.

Robert Jackson was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1828, and died in Britain township, April 8, 1898, having come to America when still a young man. His wife was born in 1830, and died in 1893. They were the parents of eight children: Margaret, second wife of Dr. McNutt, a physician of Philadelphia; John, a thrifty farmer of Britain township (whose sketch appears elsewhere); Andrew; Mary, who died in childhood; Robert, a farmer of Kirk's Mills, Pa.; Mary, wife of Fred Gregg, a farmer of Drumore township; Joseph, one of the leading farmers of Britain township (whose sketch appears elsewhere); Ella, wife of George Pollock, a dry goods merchant. The father, Robert Jackson, was a hard-working, industrious man, and a life-long Democrat.

Andrew Jackson, of this biography, was educated in the district schools and early learned the work of a farmer. All his life, he has tilled the soil, and now is the owner of one of the best farms in Lancaster county, on which he carries on general farming, and also is an extensive stock dealer, being very successful in both vocations. His residence is a fine, two-story brick building, and his stable and outbuildings are thoroughly up-to-date in their arrangements and appointments. Mr. Jackson is a man who believes in the employment of improved machinery in his work, and his well-cultivated acres testify to his practical knowledge of his vocation. As his parents grew older, Mr. Jackson tenderly cared for them, and helped to educate his youngest sister, Ella.

On June 23, 1887, Mr. Jackson was married to Emma Runner, of Little Britain township, a daugh-

ter of Samuel and Annie (Pierce) Runner, of Cecil Co., Md. Mrs. Jackson was one of a family of seven children: William, of Britain township; George, of Britain township; Rebecca, wife of J. M. Wilson, a farmer of Little Britain township (whose sketch appears elsewhere); Rachel, wife of Irvin Hill, of Cecil Co., Md.; Taylor, of Britain township; John, of Britain township; and Emma. The Runner family is of English descent and among the old settlers of Lancaster county.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson are: Leiper G., born on May 8, 1888; Anna E., born March 17, 1889; Flora R., born Sept. 10, 1890; William A., born Nov. 27, 1892; Rachel E., born Oct. 27, 1894. Mrs. Jackson was born April 18, 1854, and is a lady of gentle disposition, kind and capable, and much beloved by all who know her.

Mr. Jackson is a strong Democrat and has always taken an active part in local affairs. In 1899, he was the Democratic nominee for sheriff of Lancaster, and ran ahead of his ticket, making a good race, although, the county going Republican, he was not elected. At present he is county committeeman, and is very influential in party councils. Having gained the esteem of his neighbors, Mr. Jackson occupies a position of prominence in the township, and whether in business life, among his political friends, or in his home, he is looked up to and respected by all with whom he comes in contact.

ALBERT R. BEAR, senior member of the well-known lumber firm of Bear & Long, at Lititz, Pa., was born in Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, Nov. 24, 1850, a son of Grabill and Anna (Reist) Bear. His boyhood and youth were spent partly in his native township and partly in Manheim township, and his education was acquired in the public schools. From 1875 to 1883, he clerked in Harnish & Company's store, Lancaster. In 1883 he made his first business venture as a lumber dealer in Lititz with William C. Evans, under the firm name of Evans & Bear. This connection continued three years, when Mr. Evans retired and was succeeded by John B. Hess, the firm name being changed to Hess & Bear. On the death of Mr. Hess, in 1890, Adam B. Long became associated in business with Mr. Bear, under the style of Bear & Long, by which name the firm is still known. They do the largest business in their line of any company in the city, and Mr. Bear devotes his undivided attention to it.

On Feb. 22, 1877, Mr. Bear was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Grosh, a native of Manheim township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Daniel and Sarah Grosh. Two children bless this union, Bessie May and Ruth Agnes.

Mr. Bear is one of the leading and representative men of his borough, is wide-awake and progressive, and affiliates with the Republican party. He is an active member of the Moravian Church and the Y. M. C. A., of Lititz, and is also a member of the

Mystic Chain, Lititz Castle, No. 19, and a member and trustee of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 253, of Lititz.

WILLIAM SCHLOTT. Coming to America with his parents when a child of only two years, this prominent young farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was reared in Pennsylvania. Having the taste for an active life, he devoted the earlier years of manhood largely to the carpenter's trade. More recently he has adopted an agricultural career and has become one of the leading and successful farmers of Lancaster county.

John Schlott, the father, in his last years a retired farmer at Mountville, Pa., was born in Prussia, Germany, Aug. 8, 1827, the son of Frederick and Anna Mary (Ruse) Schlott. Frederick Schlott entered the army at the age of seventeen years and, after his military service, became a carpenter and farmer in Germany. He died in 1857, aged seventy years, and his wife, born in 1791, survived to the age of sixty-nine years. To Frederick and Anna Mary Schlott were born children as follows: Frederick, who was a shoemaker and is now deceased; Conrad, who died young; Elizabeth, who died young; Elizabeth (2), now deceased, who married Frank Short, of Germany, by whom she had a daughter, whose son is a priest; John; Mary Catherine, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Catherine Margaret, widow of Henry Huth, of Lancaster. John Schlott married in Germany, in 1855, Miss Margaret Moses. He followed farming in the Fatherland and became a large land owner. Selling his property there, he, in 1865, migrated to America and first located in West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., but later removed to Columbia, and thence to Mountville. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, of Columbia, and in politics was a Democrat. He prospered in America and was the owner of large estates. His death occurred March 24, 1901. Children were born to John and Margaret (Moses) Schlott as follows: Henry, a butcher at Mountville, Pa.; Caroline, wife of Israel Garber, of West Hempfield township; William, a farmer of West Hempfield, a sketch of whom appears below; Minnie, who married Alvin Hershey and is now deceased; Maggie, wife of John Sprout, a molder, of York; Katie, wife of William Lehman, a railroad man, of Columbia; and Lizzie, wife of Daniel W. Sheaffer, for a time agent for the Swift Meat Company, Lancaster, Pa., but now in business for himself, at 416-418 N. Pine street, Lancaster.

William Schlott, son of John and Margaret (Moses) Schlott, was born in Germany, March 3, 1863, and two years later was brought by his parents to America. At the age of sixteen years he began a three-years apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, with John M. Froelick, of Mountville, and at the completion of this term he followed his trade for a period of twelve years. In 1894 he concluded to adopt farming as his vocation and he be-

gan his agricultural life on one of his father's farms, in West Hempfield township. His present farm of eighty-five acres he purchased from Abraham Leonard in the spring of 1900.

In 1885 he married in Columbia, Miss Anna W. Cooper, by whom he has two children, Mabel and Maggie. For his second and present wife, he, in 1895, married Miss Katie B. Mellinger, a native of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, daughter of Henry and Fanny (Bucker) Mellinger, now residents of Columbia. Henry Mellinger was born in Lancaster county, Dec. 14, 1837, and is a blacksmith by trade. Fanny, his wife, daughter of Christian Bucker, of Lancaster county, was born Aug. 14, 1838. To Henry and Fanny Mellinger were born five children. Of these, David, Elmer and Harry are deceased; Christ is foreman in the roundhouse at Columbia, and Katie B. is the wife of William Schlott.

In politics William Schlott is a Democrat. He possesses the thrift, industry and other sterling virtues of his fatherland, and with these he has united the progressiveness and adaptability of his adopted country. He is one of the valuable and prominent citizens of Lancaster county, having won an enviable standing in the community in which he has made his home.

EZRA H. BURKHOLDER, justice of the peace, of Farmersville, West Earl township, is one of the most widely known citizens of Lancaster county. The family were among the early settlers of this section, his great-grandfather, Abraham Burkholder, a farmer, being born in the county.

Christian Burkholder, son of Abraham and grandfather of Ezra, was born in what was then known as Earl township, now West Earl township, and there engaged in farming until his death, in 1871, at the age of eighty years.

Ezra Burkholder, son of Christian, was a printer, surveyor and conveyancer, who was born in West Earl township, and who died there, in 1890, aged sixty-three years, respected by all who knew him. At the age of twenty-three he was made deputy registrar of wills under the late George Brubaker, Esq., serving from 1849 to 1851. After leaving the registrar's office, Mr. Burkholder was elected to the office of justice of the peace, of West Earl township. Many public positions were tendered him in the course of his career, which were always refused, as he preferred to serve the people in legal matters at home. He was an expert scrivener and drew up his legal papers with the skill of an attorney. A man of high principles, he was entrusted with the settlement of many estates. He was a director in the Ephrata National Bank, an active spirit in that institution, and always manifested much interest in its success. In his disposition he was charitable, but made no display of his benefactions. He married Miss Magdalena A. Hoffman, daughter of Christian Hoffman, a merchant of Voganville, Earl

township. Six children were born of this union, five of whom are living: Ezra H.; Mary, wife of Volney C. Sheets, of Red Run, Brecknock township; Amanda, wife of Oscar Hackman, of Ephrata; Frances, wife of Joseph K. Tobias, of Ephrata; Amos E., of Farmersville; and Christian, who died in infancy.

Ezra H. Burkholder was born in West Earl township, Nov. 4, 1854, and was educated in the public schools of the district. Upon leaving school he entered his father's printing office and soon learned the trade of printer, to which he added the duties of surveyor and conveyancer, so that when his father died, his place was very capably filled by his son, now the widely known justice. With slight intermissions, he has held this office from the age of twenty-one, until the present time. His administration of the law is so correct that he is often consulted on intricate legal problems arising in the neighborhood. The Squire was elected county surveyor some dozen years ago, and has many times been elected a delegate to Republican county and State conventions.

Mr. Burkholder was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Weidler, daughter of Jacob G. Weidler, a well-known farmer of Upper Leacock township, where he still resides. Mr. Burkholder is a member of the Reformed Church, and has been an elder of St. Paul's Reformed Church, of the New Holland charge, for years, and superintendent of the Sunday School for over twenty years. He has often been a delegate from his church to the Reformed Synods. The Squire wields a ready pen, and twice in his life has edited newspapers—*The West Earl Banner* and *The Guiding Star*. He is a director and secretary in the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lancaster county; a director and secretary, from its organization, of the Old Guard Fire and Storm Insurance Company, headquarters at Lancaster; a director in the People's National Bank of Lancaster, being one of the organizers of that and of the People's Trust Company; and a director of the Lancaster Chemical Company. Besides all these interests, he carries on a business of conveyancer, and handles extensive real estate interests. He is always able, however, to find time to give a friend a pleasant word, and a more kindly man is not to be found anywhere.

RUFUS D. GREYBILL, a highly respected citizen of Talmage, and one of the most prosperous of the county's business men, is proprietor of the Talmage Roller and Flour Mills, located in West Earl township.

Henry B. Greybill, father of R. D., was born in 1825, in Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, and died in 1894, deeply mourned by all who knew him. For many years he was a successful merchant of Talmage, and also proprietor of the Talmage Grist Mills, leaving at his death a valuable estate, all accumulated by his own efforts, as he commenced

business life a comparatively poor man, save in ambition and enterprise. In politics he was first a Whig and later a Republican, and in religious faith was a member of the German Baptist Church. In 1850 Henry B. Greybill married Elizabeth R. Deppen, daughter of Samuel Deppen, of Wernersville, Berks county, and four children were born to them: Emma, deceased in childhood; John, a miller in Carlisle, Pa.; Samuel, living retired in Talmage, Lancaster county; and Rufus D., of whom this sketch more particularly relates. The mother of this interesting family is yet living, at the advanced age of seventy-four years, having been born in 1826, highly esteemed and surrounded by hosts of friends.

Rufus D. Greybill received a liberal education at the common schools of Talmage, and secured his business training in his father's store, at the same time learning the milling business. Since 1896 he has successfully conducted, as proprietor, the Talmage Roller and Flour Mills, which have a wide reputation for the excellent quality of their products. In politics he takes little active interest, although as a staunch Republican he never fails to support his party and makes himself felt at the polls. Mr. Greybill has not married. He deserves the high regard in which he is held by the community.

DAVID K. MOHLER eminently deserves classification among the purely self-made men of Lancaster county who have distinguished themselves for their ability to master the opposing forces of life and wrest from fate a large measure of success and an honorable name. He is to-day one of the leading business men of Lancaster.

A native of Lancaster county, Mr. Mohler was born in Ephrata, Oct. 27, 1869, and is a son of David and Susan (Keller) Mohler. He was reared at home until thirteen years of age, when his father died and he started out in life for himself. His education was obtained in the public schools. After working on a farm two years, he devoted six months to cigarmaking, and then worked at the tinsmith's trade for one year in Ephrata. The following four years were spent in Manheim, and at the end of that period he went to Harrisburg, where he remained some six months. Going to Millersburg, Berks Co., Pa., he opened a stove and tinware store, and also carried on a manufacturing department, doing a successful business there for two years and a half. In 1894 he returned to Manheim, and embarked in business as a dealer in stoves, tinware and house furnishing goods and a manufacturer of tinware. He carried a large and well selected stock of goods and furnished employment to two men. In 1896 he became interested in the marble business and manufactured all kinds of monuments. In 1900 he erected a large building to be used as a dwelling, ware room and marble shop.

In the latter part of that same year he sold out his business interests at Manheim, retaining only his real estate, and located at Lancaster, where he now

resides. In 1901 Mr. Mohler went to Syracuse, N. Y., to work for the Kelsey Heating Company for the purpose of learning more about their system of heating. At the beginning of 1902 he secured the agency for Lancaster county for the sale of the Kelsey Warm Air Generator, in which capacity he is now exclusively engaged, covering an extensive territory. He is one of the most progressive young business men of the county and is strictly self-made as he started out in life for himself a poor boy, and with no assistance has already accomplished in a business way what it takes most men many long years to do. He is an active member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics in Manheim, and he and his family are among the most worthy and highly respected citizens of that place.

Mr. Mohler was married, in 1892, to Miss Barbara Felker, a native of Rapho township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Samuel Felker. They now have two children, Irvin and Edna.

CLAYTON ERB, one of the honorable citizens and leading farmers of Martic township, was born on the farm that he now has charge of, on March 17, 1858. His parents were John and Maria (Witmer) Erb, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, the former being born in West Lampeter on Aug. 25, 1814, and dying on Dec. 31, 1894. His widow still survives and resides on the old home place. She was born on Feb. 2, 1824, and was married to Mr. Erb, Aug. 13, 1840, becoming the beloved mother of a family of twelve children. Some of these have passed out of life, the family names being: Susan, born May 19, 1841, who resides with her mother; Amaziah, born May 6, 1842, died June 19, 1872; Anna E., born April 26, 1844, died May 11, 1866; John, born April 17, 1847, died Dec. 26, 1882; Mahlon, born Dec. 13, 1848, mentioned elsewhere in this volume; Amanda, born Dec. 11, 1851, died Dec. 4, 1852; Henry, born April 15, 1853, a merchant in Martic township; Mary J., born Oct. 8, 1854, residing at home; Emanuel W., born July 25, 1856, died April 21, 1892; Clayton; Frank, born Nov. 13, 1860, a miller in Martic township; and William W., born on Nov. 26, 1863.

Clayton Erb was educated in the public schools and has put his knowledge to good purpose in the successful management of the home farm, which consists of 205 acres. In this work he has taken a deep interest, and, being a progressive and energetic man, has made use of modern methods and machinery with excellent results. His farm is one of the best in this locality and shows the results of the care and attention he has given it. The marriage of Clayton Erb was on June 3, 1884, to Miss Hattie Wissler, a daughter of Elias and Anna Wissler, and to them have been born a family of eleven children, nine of these still surviving: Anna W., born Aug. 25, 1885; John W., born Dec. 8, 1886; Clayton, born Feb. 14, 1888; Edna, born May 2,

1889; Maria, born Dec. 28, 1890; Susan, born May 12, 1892; Esther, born Feb. 28, 1894; Fannie, born Dec. 7, 1895; Elias, born Aug. 14, 1897, died Dec. 17, 1898; Ada, born April 25, 1900; Enos, born May 7, 1902, died May 19, 1902.

Mr. Erb is a man of intelligence, who believes in progress and development, doing at all times his full duty to advance the best interests of his locality. As one of the efficient school directors of his township he looks carefully after the interests of the rising generation, believing that knowledge is power. In politics he is identified with the Republican party, and while liberal in his religious views, he gives his influence at all times in the direction of morality. Not only does he manage his large estate with capability, but in township and county matters, as well as in the domestic circle, he proves himself an important and valued adviser, a thoroughly upright man.

CHARLES G. HANNA, one of the thrifty young farmers of Fulton township, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 9, 1863, and was a son of James A. and Mary C. (Anderson) Hanna, also of this county. The founder of this branch of the family in Pennsylvania was John Hanna, who came in early days from Ireland. James A. Hanna, the father of Charles G., was a son of James and Esther (Ailes) Hanna, whose children, besides James A., were: Rebecca, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Martha, the widow of Daniel Carter, of the State of Washington; Matilda, the wife of Edward Tollinger, of Fulton township; Edith, deceased; Andrew, deceased; and John and Marion, deceased.

James A. Hanna, the father of Charles G., was born in 1834 and died on March 4, 1900. He was married in 1858 to Mary C. Anderson, who was born Oct. 26, 1838, and who still survives. This marriage was blessed with four children: Ralph, who died young; Eva, who is the wife of John Moore, of Wilmington, Del.; Charles G., who is our subject; and Mary, who also died in childhood. James A. Hanna was one of the most highly respected citizens of his neighborhood, his upright life reflecting honor upon himself and upon his descendants.

Charles G. Hanna grew to manhood on the farm and received a practical education in agricultural pursuits while attending the district schools. In the management of his fine seventy-acre farm he has put his knowledge to the test, and this has resulted in his gaining the just reputation of being one of the best and most progressive farmers of this part of the county.

The marriage of Mr. Hanna was on Dec. 26, 1899, to Miss Mabel Neff, who was born on Jan. 1, 1881, and who was a daughter of Samuel and Bell Neff, of Fulton township. Her brothers and sisters were: Viola, the wife of William Fagan; Sarah, wife of Clinton Love, of Maryland; Amos; Samuel; Ida; and Lawrence. The only child born

to Mr. Hanna and wife is Mary, born Oct. 26, 1900.

Charles G. Hanna is one of the leading young men of this part of the county, and a most worthy representative of a family which has long been prominent in the county. From the time of his great-grandfather, who was a major in command of a militia company in the war of 1812, and his grandfather, who for so long was a justice of the peace and a well-known citizen, to himself, the name has been one of honor in Lancaster county. In politics Mr. Hanna has been a life-long Democrat. His religious connection is with the Primitive Baptists.

BARBARA A. CHARLES belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.

Henry Charles, her grandfather, lived and died in Conestoga township, where he spent a lifetime in the cultivation of the soil. He belonged to the old Mennonite Church, where his modest character and genuine worth were warmly recognized. Catherine Kartman, his wife, bore him nine children: Benjamin, the father of Barbara; Henry, a farmer of West Lampeter township; John, a farmer, who went to Indiana, with his family, and there died; Elizabeth, the wife of John Harnish; Daniel, a farmer and miller in Conestoga township; Abraham, a farmer in Manor township; Polly, the wife of Christian Hess; Barbara, the wife of Adam Dietrich; and Catherine, who died young.

Benjamin Charles, son of Henry, was born in Conestoga township in 1790, and in early life became a miller, an occupation which he followed some years. About 1860 he turned to farming, having purchased a place in Lancaster township, to which he gave his entire attention for the remaining years of his life, and where he died in 1875. Politically he was a stanch Republican, and a zealous worker for the party interests. Catherine Urben, his wife, bore him nine children: Leah, the wife of Christian Kreider, now deceased; Leahna, the wife of Dr. D. M. Brubaker, now deceased; Barbara A., whose name appears at the opening of this article; Mary, who married Brenneman Sherman, and has passed away; Benjamin, a farmer on the old homestead; John, a farmer of West Lampeter township; Abram, a farmer of Lancaster township; Adam, unmarried, and at home, where he is engaged in farming; and Eli, who died in infancy. Both Benjamin Charles and his good wife were faithful and devout members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Barbara A. Charles was born in Conestoga township May 25, 1838. She was reared on the old homestead, and remained with her parents as long as they lived. Since their passing to the better land she has continued at the old homestead, and is regarded as the head of the family, as she has done so much to keep it together, and help on its individual members. In her religious faith she follows the steps of her ancestors and is a faithful and loyal member of the Old Mennonite Church. Conspicu-

ous for her womanly qualities and real worth, she has many friends in the community in which she is passing her quiet and helpful life.

CHRISTIAN B. OBERHOLTZER, whose home is in Manheim township, two miles from Oregon, was born in West Earl township Sept. 3, 1869, a son of Christian H. and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Oberholtzer, both natives of West Earl township. For so young a man he has won an enviable place in the social and commercial circles of this section of Lancaster county.

Christian H. Oberholtzer was born on the farm he now occupies, and on which his life has been spent, in 1837. This place comprises ninety-three acres of fine land, and is kept in the very best condition. A public-spirited and enterprising man, Mr. Oberholtzer was a director in the Ephrata National Bank for many years, and has long been one of the most active and influential members of the Old Mennonite Church. Twice married, his first wife, Elizabeth Brubaker, a daughter of Jacob Brubaker, of Upper Leacock township, bore him two children: Jacob B., a farmer of West Earl township; and Christian B., whose name appears above. The second wife of Mr. Oberholtzer was Lydia Weaver, who was a daughter of Francis Weaver, of Earl township. She is the mother of two children: Henry, who is a general merchant at Akron, Lancaster county; and Anna, who is the wife of John Landis, a farmer in Manheim township.

The grandfather of Christian B. Oberholtzer also bore the name of Christian Oberholtzer. He was born at Rothsville, Lancaster county, and with his wife, who was a daughter of John and Ester Hess, began housekeeping on the farm where Christian H. now resides. There their lives were spent, and they acquired some two hundred acres of land lying in West Earl and in Earl townships. He was a member of the school board. His death occurred when he was aged eighty-two years, ten months and twelve days. He was the father of eight children, of whom, Samuel and John H. were twins, of whom Samuel died unmarried, and John died aged forty-two years; Hettie died unmarried; Henry is a retired resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Martin died unmarried; Anna is the deceased wife of Henry Myers, of West Earl township; Christian H. is the father of the subject of this article. He is he was married to Miss Ada May, daughter of John and Anna (Hess) Martin, of Manheim township.

Christian B. Oberholtzer was reared on the old homestead and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-seven he married and located on the farm still occupied by him in Manheim township, which contains sixty-three acres, and is devoted to general farming. He is one of the bright and progressive farmers of the county, as his house and surroundings well indicate. On Nov. 26, 1896, he was married to Ada May, daughter of John and Anna (Hess) Martin, of Manheim township. To

this union was born one child, Anna May. They are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are associated with the best people of the community.

SAMUEL D. MARTIN, the young and enterprising proprietor of the Caernarvon Mill, at Hertzler, in Caernarvon township, was born Jan. 29, 1875, and is a son of David and Annie (Witmer) Martin. His father is dead, and his mother, who married Henry Weaver, lives in Weaverland.

Samuel D. Martin was reared in East Earl township, at the Goodville Mill. His father was the miller at that time, and taught his son the same business. Eli Martin was also his instructor in this line. Samuel D. Martin operated the mill at Goodville for some two years prior to his locating at his present home. In 1898 he purchased the Caernarvon mill, with fifteen acres of land attached to it, and is now operating the mill, and farming the land. His mill is one of the best in the county, and is fitted up with the roller process machinery. It has a capacity of twenty-five barrels a day, and does a general custom business. Mr. Martin gives his entire attention to the mill.

Samuel D. Martin was married in 1896 to Miss Mary Weaver, a daughter of Aaron and Mary Weaver. She was born in 1876, and is the mother of three children: Florence, Elmer and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Martin belong to the Old Mennonite Church, and are counted among the very worthy and popular people of the day.

HENRY M. STAUFFER, of H. M. Stauffer & Co., Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, was born on a farm in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1863, and is the son of Benjamin and Mary (Smith) Stauffer, both deceased, the father dying in 1882 at the age of seventy years, and the mother in 1890, at the age of seventy years. They were both natives of Lancaster county and spent their lives on a farm in Manor township. He was a Republican and served for eleven years as tax collector in his township. Mr. Stauffer's grandfather came from Germany and was the founder of the family in the United States.

The firm of which Henry M. Stauffer is the head deals in lumber and coal, operates a grist mill and sells feed, farm implements and hard wood, also doing mill work. Mr. Stauffer and George T. Rose, succeeded to the business in 1896, when they bought out the firm of Haskell, Tripple & Company, the present firm being the company part of the old concern. The business is being conducted along the same lines as before, except that the mills, formerly operated in connection with the Safe Harbor concern, have been dropped. The trade is very prosperous and is under the personal management of Mr. Stauffer, who began his business career in 1884 as a clerk with George A. Tripple & Company's general merchandise store in Safe Harbor and worked his way to a partnership, in 1893. Al-

though yet a young man, he is active and shrewd, and is looked upon as one of the strong commercial men of the county. He was reared on the family homestead in Manor township and received his education in the public schools, supplemented by two terms at the Millersville State Normal Institute, and went into business at the age of twenty years. His life since that time has been extremely active, he being at all times a hard, persistent worker and fully deserving the success which has attended his efforts.

On April 27, 1898, Mr. Stauffer was married to Miss Emma C. Posey, daughter of David and Mary (Goff) Posey. Mrs. Stauffer was born at York Furnace, York Co., Pa., in July, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer are members of the M. E. Church, and he is very active in Sunday School work, having for years served as superintendent of the Sabbath School at Safe Harbor, which position he still holds. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 334, Conestoga Lodge, and has represented the order in the Grand Lodge, and was representative again in 1901; he is a past master of Charles M. Howell Lodge, 496, F. & A. M.

Mr. Stauffer is a broad-gauged, public-spirited man, fully abreast of the times and also a strong supporter of any thing for the public good.

MENNO B. MARTIN, a resident of Earl township, whose home is about two miles west of New Holland, was born on the farm he occupies April 8, 1879, and is a son of John B. and Anna (Wenger) Martin, residents of Leacock township.

Menno B. Martin was reared on the farm, and educated in the public schools. When he was nineteen he began for himself, working at day's labor among the farmers. In 1900 he began farming, taking his father's place in Earl township, where he does general farming.

Mr. Martin was married Feb. 13, 1898, to Miss Elizabeth Buchen, a daughter of Jacob and Mattie (Martin) Buchen. She was born in West Earl township. To this union has come one child, Noah, who is now dead. Mrs. Martin is a member of the Mennonite Church. She stands high in the community. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are honest and industrious people, and have made a good place for themselves in the consideration of the community in which they live.

ABNER H. MARTIN, a general farmer of West Donegal township, was born in Conoy township Jan. 26, 1875, and in the few years in which he has been engaged in business he has won a most enviable standing as a capable and industrious man, thoroughly reliable and upright.

Rev. Jacob N. Martin, the father of Abner H., a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church, now residing in West Donegal township, was born in Rapho township July 2, 1848, and is a son of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Nissley) Martin, natives of

Lancaster county, where their entire lives were spent. Benjamin Martin, born in 1815, was a farmer, and died in Conoy township Feb. 26, 1885. Mrs. Martin died in 1899, at the age of eighty-four years, and both were buried in the Conoy Church cemetery. They had two children, Leah, who died in infancy, and Rev. Jacob N.

Rev. Jacob N. Martin and Miss Sarah G. Heisey were married in Mt. Joy, Pa., Nov. 3, 1866, and to this union were born: Amanda H., the wife of Harry Gish, of Maytown, Lancaster county; Levi H., who married Anna Wolgemuth, and lives in Rapho township; Lizzie H., the wife of Elmer Engle, a farmer in East Donegal township; Fanny H., unmarried, at home; Josiah H., who married Rhoda Zook, and is a missionary in India; Abner H., at home. Mrs. Sarah G. Martin was born in the present home, where she has lived so many years, June 26, 1846, and is a daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Goss) Heisey, both natives of West Donegal township, and all their lives devoted to farming.

Rev. Jacob N. Martin followed farming until 1898, when he retired. In 1885 he was ordained a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church, and is still engaged actively in the work of the pulpit.

Abner H. Martin was married to Fanny H. Zercher in Oct., 1898. Mrs. Martin is the estimable daughter of Jacob Zercher, of East Donegal township, whose personal and family history is given in another place. She was born in East Donegal May 21, 1877, and is a bright and charming young woman.

In 1881 Mr. Martin came with his parents to the farm on which he is now located, and this has been his home ever since. He belongs to the Brethren in Christ, and is an upright and industrious young man, well thought of in the community where he lives.

JOHN HERR KRANTZ, one of the progressive young farmers of Paradise township, was born in West Lampeter township, this county, March 3, 1874, son of John and Fannie (Herr) Krantz.

Mr. Krantz was reared in Strasburg township, where he received his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he began operations on his own account. For three years he worked by the year at farm work, and after his marriage he continued at day work until the spring of 1900, when he purchased his present farm of thirty-seven acres, one of the fertile and well-cultivated farming properties in Paradise township. It is located one and one-quarter miles east of Strasburg borough. Mr. Krantz is engaged in general farming, and is recognized as one of the enterprising and industrious citizens of his township. On Dec. 1, 1897, he married Miss Millie Kachel, who was born in Drumore township Nov. 21, 1878, daughter of Ezra and Mary (May) Kachel. To Mr. and Mrs. Krantz has been born one daughter, Mildred.

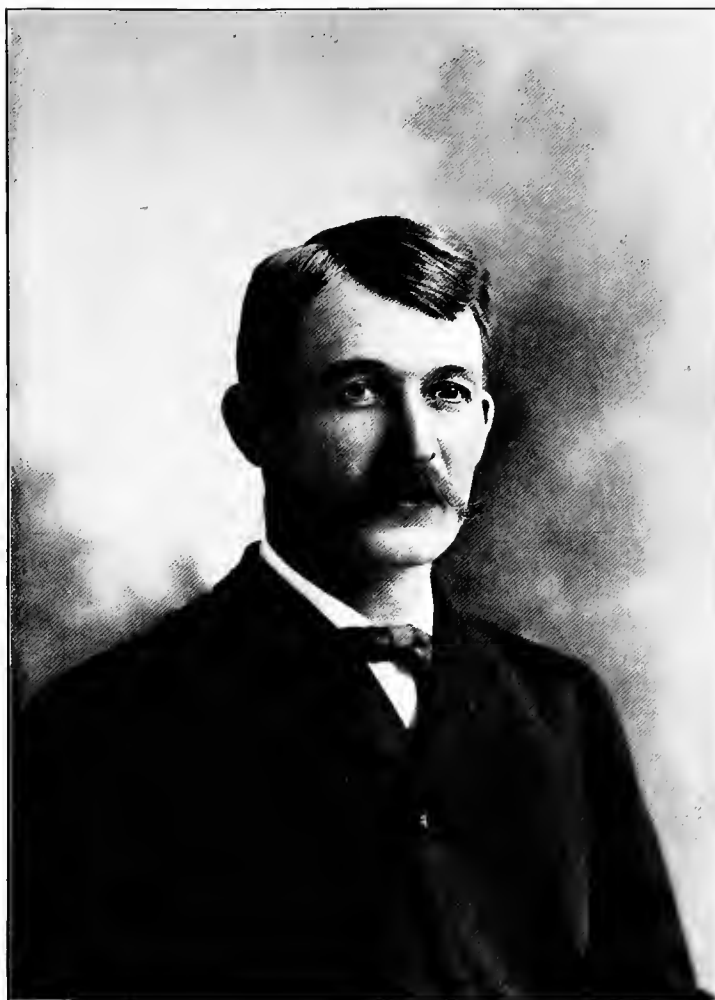
In politics Mr. Krantz is a Republican, wide-awake and earnest in public questions, whether local or national, and interested in all matters pertaining to the general welfare. He is well liked for his many sterling qualities, and has many friends and well wishers throughout his own and adjoining townships.

MARTIN K. GROFF, proprietor of the Fairview Roller Mills, of Bart township, Lancaster county, was born in Warwick township, Oct. 10, 1855, son of Martin and Fianna (Kofsroth) Groff.

Martin Groff was born in Lancaster county in 1825; his wife, Fianna (Kofsroth), whom he married in 1852, was born in the same county in 1832. Martin Groff was engaged in the milling business in Warwick township. In 1855 he made a visit to Springfield, Ohio, where he sickened and died, leaving his widow with two children, Susanna and Martin. Susanna married James Carpenter, then of Lancaster, but now living retired in Warwick township, and they have one son Joseph, who is employed in Lancaster. The widowed mother later married Manelius Ressler, of Lancaster county, and they settled in Warwick township, where Mr. Ressler has followed his trade of a blacksmith to the present time. Mrs. Ressler died in November, 1899, leaving four children by her second marriage: Morris, of Lancaster; Tillie, who married Monroe Shriner, of Warwick township; John, living in Rothsville, Lancaster county; and Scott, of Warwick township.

Martin K. Groff was reared in Warwick township, where he attended the local schools. When he was eighteen years old he engaged as a miller's apprentice with Jesse Runk, at Bird-in-Hand. All his life he has been a miller, and for several years was employed at a salary. After his marriage he took charge of a mill at Bird-in-Hand, on his own account, and he remained in this business until the fall of 1884, when he purchased the Cooper mill property at Georgetown. There he is running one of the improved roller mills of the county, and his work attracts much attention. The mill was burned down in March, 1897, but Mr. Groff rebuilt it thoroughly and substantially, putting in the most modern machinery, and making it one of the best roller mills in this section of the State.

In 1877 Mr. Groff was married to Miss Mary Miller, who was born in Lancaster county in 1857, daughter of George and Elizabeth Miller. Her mother's people, the Tregos, are an old and noted family in Lancaster county. To Mr. and Mrs. Groff have come the following children: (1) Harry, born in 1879, is a working miller at Georgetown. He married Miss Ada Linton, of Colerain township, by whom he has had three children, all now deceased. (2) Lillie, born in 1881, married Clyde Thompson, and has two children, Wallace and William M. (3) George died when one year old. (4) Florence, born in March, 1898, is a bright and winning little maiden.



W. B. Groff

Martin K. Groff has made his way in the world by his own strength and energy. Starting in life as an apprentice boy, he has become one of the solid and substantial citizens and business men of Lancaster county. He is a fine penman, and his mill books are models of expert bookkeeping. Personally he is a man of high principles and clean character, and enjoys the confidence and respect of all who know him. Politically he is a Republican, and for twelve years has been township auditor. Mrs. Groff is a member of the Lutheran Church, where her husband attends. He belongs to the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 61, of Paradise township, and is also associated with the American Mechanics at Lancaster city.

AMOS N. LANDIS, one of the progressive and representative young farmer-citizens of Clay township, was born in Manheim township Aug. 3, 1869, son of John D. and Emma (Nolt) Landis, of Landis Valley, in Manheim township.

John D. Landis, the father of Amos N., was born March 6, 1843, married Emma Nolt in 1865, and died Aug. 2, 1878. He was a son of Christian B. Landis, who was the father of these seven children: John D., the father of our subject; Christian, of Lancaster; Benjamin, of Neffsville; Elizabeth, wife of David Rudv, of Neffsville; Susan, wife of Harry Groff; Fanny, who died unmarried; Jacob, of Akron, Pa. Four children were born to John D. Landis and wife, the two survivors being Amos N., of this sketch; and Ella, the wife of Isaac Buchen, of Lincoln. After the death of her husband Mrs. Landis married John Wissler, of Weidmanville.

Amos N. Landis was reared on the farm and attended the public schools of Manheim township. At the age of thirteen years he removed with his mother to Clay township, and here, Dec. 5, 1893, he married Miss Amanda Snyder, daughter of Simon and Fannie (Bucher) Snyder, of Clay township. The children born of this union are: Simon, born Feb. 21, 1895; John, born Aug. 1, 1896; and Lizzie, born Aug. 17, 1901.

Mrs. Landis was born June 17, 1872, and was reared in a family of eight children, namely: Barbara, the wife of John Stoner, of Earl township; Annie, the wife of Jacob Doster, of Ephrata township; Sarah, wife of Lemon Weist, of Clay township; Catherine, the wife of Samuel Stoner, of Ephrata; Amanda; Christian, of Clay township; Lizzie, of Ephrata township; and Lavina, also at home, in Clay township.

Mr. Landis is one of the active and intelligent farmers of Clay and owns a fine farm situated on the pike road between Weidmanville and Clay. In politics he is a staunch Republican, has been a very efficient school director for the past five years, and takes an active interest in all measures looking toward the advancement of education in his locality. He belongs to the Dunkard Church.

Although Mr. Landis belongs to one of the oldest and most honorable families of Lancaster county, he is dependent upon no such support, for he commands the esteem and respect of all, through his personal attributes.

NORMAN F. HERCHELROTH, a prominent and successful farmer citizen of East Donegal township, was born on his present farm on Sept. 13, 1869, a son of John and Mary J. (Paules) Herchelroth, the former of East Donegal, the latter of Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

John Herchelroth died Aug. 11, 1892, at the age of seventy-four, but his wife survived until March 21, 1900, and both were laid to rest in the Maytown cemetery. They were good and worthy people, consistent members of the Reformed Church. To them were born: Anna, who married Harry Eshleman, of Maytown; Mary, who married George Farmer, of Rawlinsville; Hiram, who married Anna Lehman (deceased), and resides in Bainbridge; Emma, who resides in Philadelphia; John, a professor in a business college in Philadelphia, who married Addie Redmond; Jacob, who married Sophia Shaffer, and is a practicing physician in Philadelphia; and Norman F., the subject of this biography.

On Sept. 19, 1893, Mr. Norman F. Herchelroth was united in marriage to Miss Agnes Rutherford, and to this union one son has been born,—Victor F. Mrs. Herchelroth was born in Bainbridge, this county, in 1871, a daughter of William and Amanda (Rothrock) Rutherford, residents of Elizabethtown, where Mr. Rutherford is a well known stone mason.

Mr. Herchelroth has always lived upon this farm, with the exception of the time spent at school attending the Millersville Academy. Reared on the farm, he thoroughly understands its management and is considered one of the best agriculturists in this locality, the excellent state of his land and the comfortable surroundings giving evidences of thrift and prosperity. In politics he is a Republican, and is one of the substantial and representative citizens of East Donegal.

CHRISTIAN E. BRACKBILL. One of the most skillful, and consequently most successful, young farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa., is Christian E. Brackbill, who was born on the farm on which he still lives Jan. 13, 1871. His parents, Elam and Barbara (Hershey) Brackbill, are natives of Paradise township, Lancaster county, where they now reside, but they came to Salisbury township in 1870 and remained until the spring of 1892, when they returned to their native township. Elam Brackbill, a general farmer, was born in 1841, and his wife Barbara (Hershey) Brackbill, in 1851. To their marriage have been born eight children in the following order: Christian E., whose name opens this biography; Susan

E., who is married to Daniel Eshleman, a farmer in Leacock township; Magdelina, unmarried; Ida E., wife of John Eshleman, a farmer in Salisbury township; Anna M., wife of John Groff, a farmer also of Leacock township; Harry G., a school teacher, at home; Esther S., also at home; and Elam, deceased. Elam and Barbara (Hershey) Brackbill are members of the Mennonite Church, and for many years Mr. Brackbill was a school director, an office which he filled with marked astuteness. The paternal grandparents of Christian E. Brackbill were Benjamin and Susan Brackbill, and the maternal grandfather was Christian Hershey, who married a Miss Metzler, both of Lancaster county.

Nov. 2, 1893, Christian E. Brackbill was united in marriage with Miss Anna Buckwalter, who has borne him one child, Ellis B. Mrs. Brackbill was born June 14, 1867, in Salisbury township, and is a daughter of Isaac and Magdalina (Hershey) Buckwalter, of whom further mention will soon be made. Immediately after marriage Mr. Brackbill settled down on the farm of 102 acres in Salisbury township and began operations on his own account. As he had been born and reared on the place and was familiar with every feature and phase of its conditions and intimate with the constituents of its soil and its mutations under climatic or thermal influences, his success was assured at the beginning and he has now as profitable a farm as there is of its dimensions in the township.

In politics Mr. Brackbill is a Republican, but has never sought public office; yet he has served one term as school director, by appointment to fill out an unexpired term. He is an attendant at the Mennonite church, of which Mrs. Brackbill is a devout member, and his walk through life is such as to merit the esteem of his numerous warm-hearted friends and that of the general public, which is accorded him in a marked degree.

Isaac Buckwalter, father of Mrs. Christian E. Brackbill, and now living in retirement in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, was born in East Lampeter township Nov. 21, 1837, and is one of the eleven children born to Henry and Barbara (Neff) Buckwalter, the former of whom died in 1861 at the age of fifty-four years, and the latter in 1864, when fifty-six years old, their remains being interred in Mellinger's cemetery in East Lampeter township. The eleven children comprising the Buckwalter family were born in the following order: Mary, living in Soudersburg, the widow of John Downer; Anna, deceased wife of Benjamin Eby; Susan, who was first married to Walter and next to John Denlinger, but who has now passed away; Sarah, deceased wife of Emanuel Denlinger; Hattie, wife of Israel Landis, of East Lampeter township; Lizzie, wife of Daniel Kreider, of the same township; Barbara, wife of Peter Hershey, of Paradise township; Benjamin, deceased; Freeland, of East Earl township; Martin, of Strasburg township; and Isaac, named above. The paternal

grandparents of Isaac Buckwalter were named John and Judith Buckwalter and were natives of Lancaster county.

Isaac Buckwalter and Mattie Hershey were joined in matrimony at Lancaster in 1864, and eight children have resulted from this marriage, namely: Anna, now Mrs. C. E. Brackbill; John, still at home; Mary, married to Chris Zimmerman, a farmer in East Earl township, to whom she has borne three children; Barbara, wife of David Sensinick, mother of two children, and residing in Salisbury township; Isaac, Freeland, David and Martha—all four still at home. The mother of this family, Mrs. Mattie (Hershey) Buckwalter, was born in Salisbury township, in Jan., 1845, and is a daughter of John and Mattie (Musser) Hershey.

Mr. Buckwalter at marriage rented his present farm but by leading a frugal and industrious life soon became its owner, and is now one of the wealthiest men in the township. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite church, and in politics Mr. Buckwalter is a Republican.

ABRAHAM B. GROFF, whose residence is near New Holland, Pa., was born in Upper Leacock township Nov. 8, 1860, and is a son of Abraham and Carlotta (Shaeffer) Groff, both of whom are dead. His grandfather, Abraham Groff, resided in Groffdale, Lancaster county.

Abraham B. Groff was reared in Upper Leacock township, where he was educated in the public schools, and at twenty years of age established himself in West Earl township. Two years later he came to Earl township, where he has since made his home. His active life was begun on the farm, and the tillage of the soil has been his life work. In 1886 he purchased the property where he is now living, just south of New Holland, only a quarter of a mile from the borough line. This place comprises twenty-four acres, and is finely improved. He has a handsome residence, a commodious barn, and ample tobacco barns. These substantial improvements have been effected since the land passed into his possession. In 1892 he began dealing in tobacco and farm implements, and is very completely equipped for the trade, large quantities of tobacco passing through his hands. As an implement dealer, his trade is second only to the heaviest dealers in the city of Lancaster. He handles all kinds of implements, making special features of the Advance binders, the Hoover Wagon Company buggies and the Columbia wagons. He has drills, and seeds of all kinds. Mr. Groff has lately built a tobacco warehouse, 32 ft. x 60 ft., of four stories, where he can store 1,500 cases of tobacco; he has also put up an implement warehouse, 48 ft. x 100 ft., two stories high, in New Holland borough, on Railroad avenue, near the Pennsylvania Railroad station. His new headquarters is the largest implement building in Pennsylvania. He enjoys an immense trade, and takes satisfaction in the thought

that it represents his own labor. He is a member of the school board of Earl township. Beginning at the very bottom, with nothing but his pluck and energy to carry him through, his success is evident from the fact that he is now among the most prosperous men of the community.

In 1880 he was married to Miss Lizzie Bear, who died in Feb., 1899, at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving four children: Leroy W., Christian M., A. B. Charlie, and Annie C. Mrs. Groff was a member of the Reformed Church. Leroy W. is a teacher in the public schools of Earl township, and had his training for the work at Millersville.

HARRY B. HERR, a resident of Lime Valley, West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, was born on the Herr homestead in Strasburg township, June 21, 1871, and was reared on the farm. His education was secured in the public schools, and his life has passed peacefully, and with but little excitement, in Strasburg and West Lampeter townships, just as the most useful lives are often the most uneventful.

After his marriage Mr. Herr began farming on the home place, where he spent the two ensuing years. In the spring of 1895 he removed to his present place, which consists of a hundred acres. Here he does general farming and gives much attention to the handling and preparation of draft horses for the eastern markets. He buys from western stockmen, and will take only the best bred, so that his name has already become identified with the upper ranges of the market. Mr. Herr is a bright and progressive young man, and by observation, study and close attention, keeps abreast of the times. He is highly regarded in the business community, and has won many friends in the eastern cities, who are glad to tender him any courtesy and attention they can when he comes their way, as he has those personal qualities that arrest attention and command respect.

On Nov. 4, 1896, Mr. Herr was married to Miss Minnie L., a daughter of Henry L. Groff, of Strasburg township, and to them has come one child, Anna Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are both members of the Old Mennonite church, and are highly respected in the community in which their useful and well ordered lives are passing.

CALVIN G. HINKLE, a well-known locomotive fireman, was born on the edge of Columbia borough, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., May 16, 1873, is a son of Joseph and Anna (Mellinger) Hinkle, and still has his home in Columbia. Joseph Hinkle, the father, of whom mention is made in another part of this volume, was a wealthy farmer, but is now deceased.

Calvin G. Hinkle lived with his parents until twenty-two years of age, attending the district school until fifteen years old, then for three years working in the Keeley Stove Works, and at the age

of nineteen beginning work as a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, a position he has filled up to the present time with credit to himself and satisfaction to the company.

July 3, 1895, Calvin G. Hinkle was joined in matrimony at Lower Windsor, York Co., Pa., with Miss Virgilla P. Heindel, and this union has been blessed with one child, Beatrice. Mrs. Virgilla P. (Heindel) Hinkle, is a native of Lower Windsor, was born March 18, 1877, and is a daughter of John and Mary (Fox) Heindel, who still reside in Lower Windsor. John Heindel was born in 1835, was reared a farmer, is a man of considerable prominence locally, has held many township offices, and at one time was treasurer of York county. At present he is a director of the York County Fire Insurance Company. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are the parents of nine children: George, a clerk in Elgin, Ill.; Laura, wife of William Ensign, of Lower Windsor, Pa.; Samuel, a dentist in Manheim, Pa.; Valetta, wife of Byrd Hinkle, a farmer of York county; Moses, keeper of a grocery and dry-goods store in Wrightsville; Rev. John, a Lutheran minister in Jersey City, N. J.; Charles, with his father on the home farm; Virgilla, now Mrs. Hinkle; and Sadie, also at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hinkle were Henry and Julia Heindel, natives of Germany, who settled in York county, Pa., on the farm now occupied by their son, John. Her maternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary (McFarley) Fox, also farming people of York county.

Calvin G. Hinkle is classed among the representatives of the older and more respected families of Columbia and West Hempfield townships, enjoys the esteem of his fellow firemen, and, with his wife, the respect of the community in which he lives. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkle are members of the Lutheran Church, while he belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and the Relief Corps. In politics he is a Republican.

SAMUEL G. GRAYBILL, a successful warehouse man and dealer in grain, coal and feed in Rheems, Lancaster county, handles along with these leading lines, flour, salt, seed, phosphates, hay and straw, paving stone and tile, and has built up for himself an enviable reputation as a tradesman and an upright and reliable man.

Mr. Graybill was born in Penn township, Lancaster county, Oct. 31, 1872, and is a son of Rev. Reuben S. and Rebecca (Groff) Graybill. They were born in Penn township, where they remained and followed farming until 1896. Since then they have lived a retired life. The father has been a German Baptist preacher since 1886, and is a man much respected by those who know him. Born in 1841, he keeps his health and strength. The mother, who was born in 1846, has reared the following children: Amanda G., the wife of James W. Boyd, a

farmer of Penn township; John G., married to Minnie Keller, and a teller in the National Bank at Manheim, Pa.; Nathan G., married to Ella Gible, and a farmer in Penn township; Samuel G., noted at the beginning of this article.

Samuel Graybill, the grandfather of Samuel G., was born in Lancaster county, and came of good old Swiss stock. In early years this branch of the family changed the spelling of the name from Kraybill to Graybill.

The maternal grandfather of Samuel G. Graybill was John Groff, who married a Miss Brubaker. They also were natives of Lancaster county, and were descendants of a Swiss ancestry.

Samuel G. Graybill and Miss Katie Groff, the bright and accomplished daughter of Benjamin G. Groff, were married in Elizabethtown, Pa., in 1896. A biographical sketch of the father of Mrs. Graybill may be found on another page.

Samuel G. Graybill remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when in company with his father-in-law, Mr. Groff, he embarked in the lumber, feed and grain business. At the end of four years they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Graybill came to his present stand. Here he has built up a good business, and has many warm and ardent friends throughout the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybill are members of the German Baptist Church, and are prominent and wealthy people in the community where they live. In politics he is a Republican, and is counted one of the good citizens of the day. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Graybill are living in Elizabethtown, while he does business in Rheems.

ABRAHAM W. ROOT, a prominent business citizen of East Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., is the owner and manager of a large nursery business, located one and one-half miles north of East Petersburg, and was born on the home farm, one mile north of this village, on March 7, 1872, a son of Abraham F. Root, of this township.

Benjamin Root was the grandfather of Abraham W. Root, and was a son of Jacob Root, who married a Miss Buckwalter, of an old family of New Holland, Lancaster county. Benjamin was born in 1814, and died in 1887, and was one of a large family nine of whom grew to maturity. Reared on the farm, he always followed that occupation, and quite early in life started out to work for himself, in 1845 removing to East Hempfield township, where he first farmed land on shares, but later purchased a farm of about fifty acres, located between Petersburg and Landisville, this being now owned by Jacob Rober. After disposing of this property Benjamin Root bought some fourteen acres in Mountville, where he lived for a time, but later removed to Landisville, and there he died, being at that time a member of the board of education. He was a consistent member of the Old Mennonite

Church. His marriage was with Elizabeth Frantz, a daughter of John Frantz, of Lampeter township, born on a farm one mile from Bird-in Hand; her death occurred in Sept., 1863.

Nine children were born of this union: Abraham F., the father of our subject; Israel, a farmer and a dealer in agricultural implements, in Landisville; John, who died at the age of twenty-one; Adam, a resident near Elizabethtown, Pa.; Amos, a teacher in the public schools of Mt. Joy; Simon, a farmer near Elizabethtown; Mary, who married M. G. Musser, of Lancaster, and is deceased; Benjamin, deceased; and an infant, deceased.

The father of these children was a leading and representative man, and was well and favorably known, leaving to his eldest son a name which he could bear and cherish with pride. Abraham F. Root, the father of our subject, was born May 20, 1836, and received his education in the public schools of his neighborhood, and also enjoyed one session at the State Normal School, at Millersville, making his home with his people until he left to form new ties, in 1863. At this time he began farming on shares, according to a prevalent custom, in Mt. Joy township, remaining one year, but in 1864 he purchased his present homestead, in East Hempfield township, consisting of fifty-four acres, located one and one-half miles north of East Petersburg, and here he has one of the very pleasantest homes in this part of the county, the valuable improvements being of substantial character, and the surroundings most attractive. General farming has proved most remunerative to him, and he has taken a deep interest in developing his land to its greatest extent.

Probably Abraham F. Root is one of the largest owners of valuable land in this locality. In 1887 he purchased a farm of twenty acres, situated between his home and Petersburg, which he improved with a complete set of new buildings, and presented this valuable property to his son, S. N. Root, and in 1891 he continued his fatherly kindness by the purchase of forty-four acres lying northwest of his home farm, and presented this to another son, Abraham W. Root. Later, he added a small tract of five acres, lying on the old Lititz road, one mile west of his residence, and upon this property he is busily engaged in the erection of substantial and commodious buildings, and other permanent improvements which will make this in the near future a very desirable place. Not all of his time, however, is occupied in farming or in looking after his real estate holdings, as for a long season he has been a school director, always interested in all educational matters, and he is a stockholder and one of the directors in the Northern Market, of Lancaster City.

On Sept. 13, 1862, Abraham F. Root married Mary Nissley, of East Donegal township, a daughter of Joseph Nissley, and to them have been born three children: Samuel N., a farmer and tobacco dealer; John, who died at the age of seventeen; and

Mary, who died at the age of fourteen. The mother of these children died on March 29, 1869, and in January, 1871, he married the widow of Elam Fritz, her maiden name having been Sarah Witmer, the daughter of George Witmer, of New Providence township. To this union has been born a family of four children: Abraham W., farmer and nurseryman; Jacob W., at home on the farm; Emma and Laura, at home. Both Abraham F. Root and wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and few there are, in this community, who are better or more favorably known.

Abraham W. Root, the son of the above worthy people, was reared on the farm, and early taught those principles of industry and thrift which he has displayed with such a successful result, in the management of his own business. His mind seemed to have a natural bent toward horticulture, and while but a lad of ten years he began his experiments in fruit growing, and he wisely decided to direct his attention to that field of labor. While storing his mind with all the literature he could find upon the subject, he was not content with this theoretical knowledge, but visited various nurseries both in this and in the State of New York, and in 1893 opened up a small nursery plant which he has increased until he now has some fifteen acres stocked, making a special feature of apple, peach and plum trees; he also carries a good assortment of small fruits, in fact everything that can be found in any first-class nursery, and successfully operates a farm of forty-four acres. His stock is mostly disposed of in this State, for which he employs eight salesmen, and he has just taken his brother, Jacob W. Root, in as partner and is branching out on a much larger scale. A member of the State Horticultural society, he both teaches and learns at its meetings.

The marriage of Abraham W. Root was on Nov. 21, 1895, to Ella Shenk, a daughter of John Shenk, of Manheim township, and to this union have been born two children, Mary and Ira. Both he and his estimable wife are members of the old Mennonite Church, where they enjoy the esteem of a large circle of friends.

LOUIS WEBER, jeweler, watch maker and optician, has lived in Lancaster for almost thirty years, all but one of which he has been identified with the best commercial life of the city.

Louis Weber, Sr., his father, came to this country from Baden, Germany, in 1848, settling in Philadelphia where he still resides. He was a lithograph painter, and was of the pioneers in that trade in this country. His marriage to Lena Gunther was consummated in Philadelphia. From this union were born seven children, three of whom are deceased. The others are: Louis, in Lancaster; Rudolf, of Philadelphia; Lena, wife of P. R. Paynter; and Henry, of Lancaster.

Louis Weber came to Lancaster March 4, 1873, and secured employment for a year with a prominent

jewelry house in this city, and then set up for himself in Centre Square, where he remained for six years. Having learned his trade in a first-class establishment in Philadelphia, he was thoroughly equipped, and his reputation as an expert workman soon became extended, bringing him much trade, and compelling his removal to larger quarters, at No. 159½ North Queen street, where he is still found.

In the early days of his career in Lancaster Mr. Weber was united in marriage to Miss Anna L., a daughter of the late Philip Fitzpatrick, who was one of the best known citizens of Lancaster. They have had one child, George R., who learned his father's trade, and then, taking a course in optics in New York, became a graduate optician, and opened optical parlors above his father's store, equipping them with paraphernalia unknown before in this section.

During the long period he has dealt with the Lancaster public, Louis Weber has enjoyed the reputation of being not only skilled in his work, but thoroughly reliable in his business methods, and now has an extended clientage. An intelligent citizen he never obtrudes his opinions and confines himself strictly to his business, always being at his post.

ABRAM SHOEMAKER, one of the highly esteemed citizens and substantial retired farmers of Lancaster county, was born on the farm in Martic township, which he now owns, May 12, 1832, a son of Jesse and Sarah (Lukins) Shoemaker, who were natives of Montgomery county, who located in Lancaster county in 1828.

Grandfather Joseph Shoemaker was of German ancestry, and he reared four children: Abraham, Jesse, Lydia and Charles, all of whom have gone to their reward.

Jesse Shoemaker, a son of Joseph and the father of Abram, was born in 1796, and died in 1883, at the age of eighty-seven years. His first wife was Sarah Ambler, and one daughter, Hannah, now deceased, was the only child of this union. The second wife of Jesse Shoemaker was Sarah Lukins, and to this union six children were born: Joseph, deceased; Enos, deceased; Abram; Martha Ann, deceased; Charles, deceased; and William L., of Fulton township, of whom more extended mention may be found elsewhere.

Abram Shoemaker was reared to agricultural pursuits, and through life has followed farming in all its branches. His industry and energy have been substantially rewarded, as he is now the owner of two of the best farms in this county, his home being in every way one of the most attractive and desirable in his neighborhood. A man of sterling worth, respected and valued by his acquaintances and beloved by his family and friends, he is a citizen who worthily represents the great State in which he was born—a State whose children are never ashamed to confess that they are Pennsylvanians.

Abram Shoemaker married Regina Y. Idall, who was the estimable daughter of William and Mary (Streeper) Idall on Dec. 16, 1858. Three children were born to this marriage: Annie S., who is the widow of Benjamin F. Treas, of Philadelphia; Wilmer G., who died at the age of twenty years; and Mary A., who resides at home. Mrs. Shoemaker was born on Sept. 3, 1838, and is a lady well known as a kind and sympathetic neighbor and as one who in every way sustains the character of a Christian woman.

Abram Shoemaker was educated in the public schools and has always taken an interest in their advancement. In politics he belongs to the Republican party, and is a consistent member of the Society of Friends.

DR. HENRY F. BRENEMAN, the well-known veterinary surgeon, residing near Mt. Joy, in East Donegal township, is a native son of Lancaster county, and he inherited from his father the sympathetic love of dumb animals that was the guiding star to his chosen calling. He was born in Rapho township Sept. 10, 1843, a son of Dr. John and Fanny (Freed) Breneman, natives of Lancaster township, this county, and New Philadelphia, Pa., respectively.

Dr. John Breneman died in Rapho township, in 1877, at the age of sixty-one. He was a farmer by occupation, and also a veterinary surgeon. In all his work he was very successful, and his genial manners won him many friends. He was prominent in public affairs and served as supervisor of his town. He was twice married. His first wife, Fanny Freed, died in 1854, at the early age of thirty-seven. This union resulted in children as follows: Dr. Henry F.; Kate F., widow of Amos Witmer, a farmer near Neffsville, Pa.; Samuel F., a school teacher, now deceased; and Miss Fanny F., of Silver Springs. For his second wife Dr. Breneman married Mrs. Mary (Miller) Stauffer, and by this marriage became the father of Christian, a farmer of Rapho; and Rev. Benjamin, a United Brethren minister at Silver Springs. Mrs. Mary (Stauffer) Breneman was born near Lancaster, of Swiss descent, and died in 1900, aged eighty-two years. She had been married prior to her union with Dr. Breneman, her first husband being John Stauffer. By this marriage she was the mother of five children, namely: John, a farmer, now deceased; Mary and Abraham, both deceased; Henry, of Lancaster; and Jacob, a farmer, now deceased.

Henry F. Breneman remained with his parents until he attained his majority. During these years he had worked on the farm and assisted his father in the care of sick stock. After leaving home he learned the tanner's trade, which he followed twelve years, and then again began the practice of veterinary surgery, which he has since followed. He located in his present place of residence in 1872, and has met with much success in his calling, and has won many

friends. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and actively interested in public affairs. In religious belief he adheres to the tenets of the Old Mennonite faith.

On Jan. 9, 1873, Dr. Breneman married Harriet H. Heidler, who has borne him the following children: Ira H., who died at the age of two years; Minnie H., who married Dr. E. W. Newcomer, of Mt. Joy; and Nora H. and Martha H., both at home.

Mrs. Harriet H. (Heidler) Breneman was born in West Hempfield township, June 10, 1849, a daughter of Levi and Martha (Hougendobler) Heidler, now living retired in that township. Levi Heidler was born Aug. 26, 1813, and his wife on April 1, 1820. Both are members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Anna, deceased wife of Christian Shank; William, a tobacco packer of Ironville, Pa.; Henry, of Faithcure, Cal.; Barbara, at home; Cyrus, in a bakery in Mountville, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Dr. C. A. McCauley, a physician of Petersburg, Pa.; Martha, wife of Christian K. Shank, of West Hempfield township; Harriet H.; Mary, who died young; Samuel, a school teacher in Springfield, Ill.; and Horace, an operator of West Hempfield.

AMOS CHARLES. Among the prominent farmers and successful business men of Lancaster county, who have been identified with prosperous business interests for a number of years, in this vicinity, is Amos Charles, who resides on his finely cultivated farm in East Hempfield township, one mile west of the village of Rohrerstown.

Mr. Charles was born on the old family homestead, in Manor township, Aug. 2, 1849, a son of Christian H. Charles, deceased, the latter of whom was a son of Jacob and Barbara (Herr) Charles, who were the parents of five daughters and two sons. The mother of our subject was Fannie (Forrey) Charles, and both parents were consistent members of the old Mennonite Church.

Amos Charles received a very fair education in the public schools of his district, remaining with his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-one, when he began farming operations for himself, early displaying the good judgment which has since marked his career, and which has been one element of his success. The first tract of land upon which our subject began his independent farming labors was one which adjoined the old homestead, in Manor township, and here he remained until 1884, at which time he removed to his present fine farm of eighty acres, in East Hempfield, and immediately began the improvements and operations which have made of this place one of the most productive in the county. Until 1888 he gave his whole attention to his farming interests, but realizing the desirability of an establishment where the neighboring farmers could more easily obtain the commodities like coal and feed, than by going some distance, he opened up on his farm, yards for the same, and since that time has

been actively engaged in this business. Amos Charles is one of the progressive men who never stagnate, their active minds always seeing opportunities for the further enlargement of their business interests, at the same time advancing the commercial prospects of the community.

In 1896 Mr. Charles accepted the opportunity of becoming the owner by lease, of what is well known as the Willow Grove gristmill, in Manor township, located one mile north of Millersville, and this is now most successfully operated by the son of our subject, Amos B. Charles, the mill being well prepared to do all kinds of milling. Amos Charles is one of the stockholders and is also a director in the Fairview Milling Co., of Columbia, Lancaster county, having been one of the founders of the same, an organization well and favorably known throughout the State.

In 1870, Amos Charles was married to Mary A. Bowers, who was born in East Hempfield township July 24, 1851, daughter of Benjamin Bowers, of Manor township, and four children have been born of this union: Amos B., the efficient assistant of his father in the milling business; Willis B., a farmer of Manor township; Christian E., who was graduated with honors from Franklin and Marshall College, June 20, 1900, ranking sixth in a class of thirty-nine, and is now principal of the Bart central high school—a position to which he has been elected a second time; and Clayton B. Both Amos Charles and wife have long been most valued members of the Mennonite Church, in which they were reared by good parents, and our subject is the most efficient superintendent of the Rohrerstown Sabbath school, holding that position for five years. The entire family is respected and esteemed throughout the township.

ENOS D. SHEAFFER. This worthy and respected representative of the agricultural interests of Lancaster county is a resident of Leacock township. Both himself and wife are worthy members of two of the oldest families in the county, whose individual members have always been citizens of the highest character.

Mr. Sheaffer was born Dec. 3, 1856, in the township in which he still resides, son of Bear and Elizabeth (Heller) Shaeffer, and comes of a race of farmers, his father and grandfather before him having cultivated the soil. Bear Sheaffer died in 1873 at the age of forty-five years, and lies buried in the Roland Church burying-ground in Leacock township. His widow resides with her daughter, Mrs. Martha Sharp, and is quite active at the age of seventy-seven years. They were the parents of: Samuel, a farmer of Paradise township; Henry, deceased; Enos D.; Martin, a farmer of Lancaster county; Joseph, a telegraph operator in Lancaster; Catherine, Mrs. Albert Rutter, of Leacock township; Margaret, deceased wife of Freeman Bitzer; Sallie, unmarried; and Martha, widow of Christian Sharp.

Samuel Sheaffer, the paternal grandfather of Enos D., lived and died in Lancaster county. On the maternal side the grandfather was Joseph Heller, also a resident of Lancaster county.

Enos D. Sheaffer was reared on a farm in Lancaster county and received a good common-school education in the district schools of Leacock township. He remained on the farm until 1879, when he set up an establishment of his own at his present home, and where he has since followed the life of an agriculturist most successfully. He is looked upon as one of the most thorough farmers in the county, and his farm has an appearance of thrift and neatness which is an evidence of the distinguishing characteristics of its owner. Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer are worthy members of the Reformed Church of Leacock township, and are useful members of society in that rural community. In politics Mr. Sheaffer votes for principles promulgated by the Democratic platform.

Mr. Sheaffer was married in 1879 in New Holland, Pa., to Miss Amanda Sprecker, who was born in the "Leopard Hotel," Lancaster, and is a sister of Samuel Sprecker, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer are the parents of three children: Louis, Jonathan (who died in 1884) and Anna. A man of fine strength of character, genial and hospitable in disposition, Mr. Sheaffer merits the high esteem in which he is held in Lancaster county.

JOSEPH G. DESCH, who at the time of his death was living retired in Columbia, was for many years actively identified with the business interests of that city, and having acquired a comfortable competence was able to lay aside all business cares and enjoy a well-earned rest.

Mr. Desch was born in Bavaria, Germany, Sept. 10, 1833, son of Philip and Mary H. (Herr) Desch, natives of the same kingdom, who in 1851 emigrated to America and took up their residence in Baltimore, Md., where the father lived retired for ten years. In his native land he had engaged in merchandising. Returning to Germany on a visit, he died in that country in 1870, at the age of seventy-five years, while his wife died in Baltimore, in 1875, at the age of seventy-six. In their family were the following children: John and Peter, who died in Baltimore; Mary, wife of Leo Bruner, a retired merchant and ex-postmaster in Germany; Baldser, a traveling agent of Germany; Anthony, who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, during the Civil war; Joseph G., whose name introduces this sketch; Gert-rude, wife of George Smith, a cooper of Baltimore; and George and Margaret, who both died in that city.

Before leaving his native land Joseph G. Desch was employed as a traveling agent with his father. At the age of eighteen years he came to the United States, landing in New York, whence he proceeded to Baltimore, where he spent five years. He then came to Columbia, Pa., where he followed the butch-

er's trade nine years, and conducted a tavern thirty-six years, during the last six years of which time he also operated a brewery. From 1890 he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil. Mr. Desch was a member of the German Catholic Church, and an ardent supporter of the Democratic party. Throughout Lancaster county he was widely known and he had a host of warm friends.

In 1858 Mr. Desch was married in Columbia to Miss Caroline Rider, and to them the following children were born: Frederick, who died in 1879; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Bittner, a cigar manufacturer of Columbia; Charles, George and Mary, all of whom died young; Carrie, wife of Henry Glotfelder, who is clerking in Columbia; Cecilia, at home; Jennie, wife of John Payne, a stove molder of Columbia; Joseph A., who married Lillie Granford, and conducts the "Operatic Exchange Hotel," Columbia; August, who married Mabel Eshleman, and is engaged in clerking; and Stella and William, both at home.

Mrs. Desch was born in Columbia Jan. 28, 1840, the only child of Frederick and Elizabeth (Graff) Rider, natives of Germany. The father, who was a carpet weaver by trade, came to the New World when a young man and located in Columbia, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying there in January, 1850, at the age of thirty years. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, while his wife was a member of the Catholic Church. When a child she came to this country with her parents, and continued her residence in Columbia throughout life. She died in 1890, at the age of seventy-four years.

ARTHUR A. JOHNSON, who passed to his reward Feb. 10, 1897, was born in Little Britain township, March 20, 1830, a son of John and Mary Johnson, of that township.

John Johnson was the father of the following family: James; Arthur A.; Elizabeth; Mary, wife of Dr. John W. Zell (see sketch elsewhere in this volume), of Little Britain township; Miss Phoebe, of Fairmount; John, deceased; Franklin, deceased; and Sarah, deceased.

Arthur A. Johnson was one of the leading farmers of the township, and a prominent citizen. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and in religious matters was a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church. At the time of his death he was in very comfortable circumstances, leaving an estate consisting of his fine farm of 175 acres, all well improved and with excellent buildings. He was a kind neighbor, an honorable citizen and a loving husband and father. His untimely death was mourned by all who knew him, and his family have never recovered from his loss.

On Jan. 11, 1867, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Margaret Hays, of Little Britain township, a daughter of John and Margaret (Clendennin) Hays, and two children were born of this union: Mary N., born May 28, 1873, died Feb. 14, 1884; and Leeta

H., born May 27, 1879, died June 25, 1898, she being a student at Normal when she was taken ill; her death was a severe blow to her already bereaved mother, and she is remembered as a loving girl, bright, attractive and gentle, a true Christian and a general favorite.

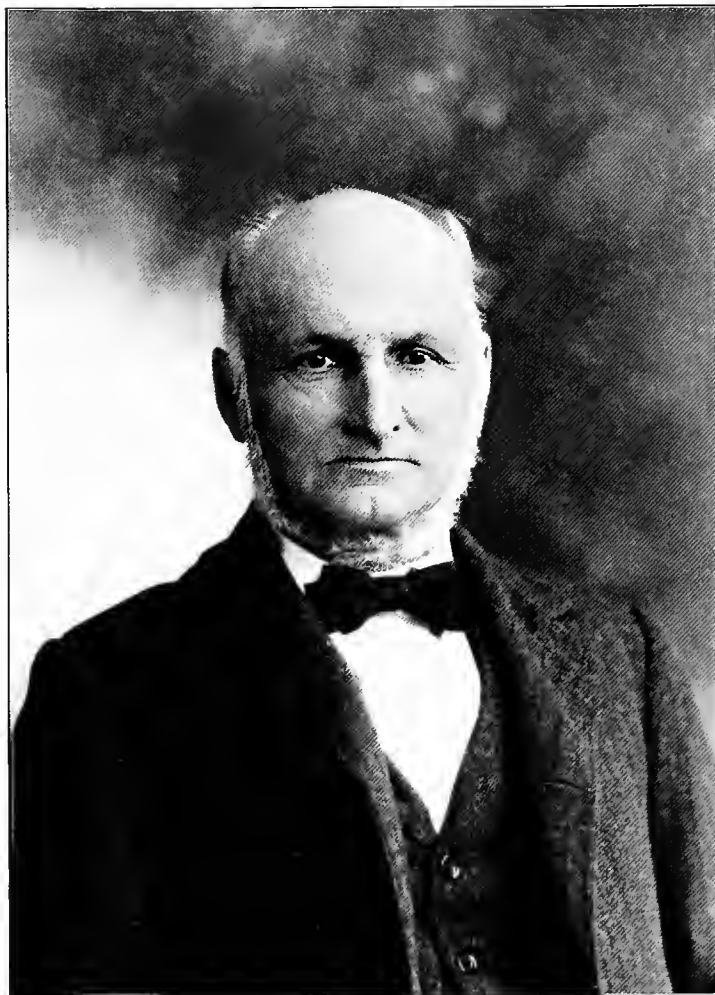
Mrs. Johnson came of a family well known in Lancaster county, and was one of nine children born to her parents: Catherine, born June 10, 1815; Mary, born Sept. 21, 1817; William, born Jan. 2, 1820; John, born Feb. 28, 1822; Wallace, born June 2, 1824; Jemima, born June 10, 1827; Charles, born Jan. 16, 1830; James, born July 27, 1832; and Margaret, Mrs. Johnson. All are now deceased except Mrs. Johnson and her brother Charles, of Little Britain township. Bereft of her loved ones, Mrs. Johnson now lives wholly for others.

AMOS G. FUNK, a progressive and successful farmer residing on his homestead of sixty-five acres one mile south of Millersville, was born April 25, 1838, on his father's farm in Manor township, and farming has been his life occupation.

Martin M. Funk—a well-known name in Lancaster county—was born on the family homestead near Central Manor, son of Henry Funk, a very prominent citizen of Manor township. Martin M. passed his entire life in agricultural pursuits, and was very successful. To his marriage with Magdalena Greider were born seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, deceased; Annie, widow of Michael Brennenman; Mattie, unmarried; Amos G., with whose name this sketch opens; Tobias G., a farmer of Martic township; Martin G., of Landis Valley; and Mary G., who married Christian H. Herr.

Amos G. Funk attended the public schools in his youthful days, and proved an apt scholar. He began his business life by farming on the old homestead for one year, and then settled on his present farm, which is one of the finest of its dimensions in the vicinity of Millersville. About 1892 he succeeded to the original Funk homestead, which contains 102 acres, on which two of his sons at present have their residence. In connection with farming Amos G. Funk has for the past twenty-three years conducted a dairy, supplying Millersville with milk, cream, butter, etc., and together with his cattle and fields has made for himself a comfortable competency.

In 1867 Amos G. Funk married Miss Elizabeth Herr, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Shenk) Herr, and five children have graced their union, viz: Mattie H., the eldest, died in infancy. Christian, married Miss Mary Herr, and has a family of three children, Roy, Christian and Amos; he resides on the old homestead. Martin, also residing on the home farm, is married to Susan Herr, who has borne him one child, Elizabeth. Elizabeth H., married Willis Hershey, of Lancaster township, and they have one child, Ruth Elizabeth. A. Herr, the youngest, lives at home.



AMOS G. FUNK

The Funk family are members of the Mennonite Church, of which they are among the strongest supporters financially, and the teachings of which they strictly follow, thus winning the heartfelt esteem of all who know them.

JOHN B. BAIR, a general farmer and one of the notable citizens of Leacock township, where he has been supervisor and school director, was born Jan. 24, 1848, on the farm where he is yet living, son of Joel and Leah (Bushong) Bair.

Joel Bair was born in Upper Leacock township, and was a farmer all his days. He died July 4, 1893, at the advanced age of eighty. His wife passed to her reward Nov. 18, 1884. She was born Nov. 12, 1818, in East Lampeter township. Mr. Bair moved to Earl township, where he passed the remainder of his life. Both himself and wife were members of the Reformed Church, and they were buried in Rolands cemetery, in Earl township. To them were born: (1) Evanah married Diller Rank, a farmer in Chester county. (2) Israel is a clerk in New Holland, Pa. (3) John B. is mentioned below. (4) George W. is a farmer of Earl township. (5) Leah A. married Elani E. Kling, a farmer of Earl township. (6) Jason D. is a merchant in Leacock township. (7) Amos O. died young.

The paternal grandparents of John B. Bair were Joel and Mary (Wolf) Bair. His maternal grandparents were John and Annie (Mevers) Bushong, of East Lampeter township. John Bushong was born in 1797, was a farmer, and died in 1868, and both he and his wife were buried in Heller's Church cemetery. The maternal great-grandparents of Mr. Bair, John and Anna E. Bushong, were also of Lancaster county.

John B. Bair was married Nov. 11, 1872, in New Holland, Pa., by Rev. D. W. Gerhard, to Caroline C., daughter of John and Caroline (Eckert) Bair. She was born in Upper Leacock township April 23, 1852. To this union have come: Bertha Eckert, Anna Magdalena and Joel A., all at home.

John Bair, the father of Mrs. Caroline C. Bair, was a farmer. He died in December, 1893, at the age of seventy-seven years, following his wife, who passed to her reward in February, 1885, at the age of sixty-six years. They were members of the Reformed Church. To them were born the following children: Levi E., who is living retired in Lancaster; Mary, who married Henry Bair, of Earl township, and is the mother of six children; Elmira, widow of John Royer, of Leacock township; John T., a resident of Earl township; Caroline C., wife of John B. Bair; Anna M., widow of David Kling, of Lancaster; George L., who died at the age of seventeen years; and Rufus G., in the West. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. John B. Bair were George and Magdalena (Shafer) Bair; her maternal grandparents were Levi and Mary (Sides) Eckert.

John B. Bair remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he engaged in farming on

his own account. In the spring of 1874 they settled on the farm where they are found to-day, and where very satisfactory success has crowned their efforts. For the past thirteen years Mr. Bair has been school director, and for three years he has filled the position of supervisor. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican, and he is in every way a prominent and successful citizen, one whose career is well worthy of commendation, and who is highly esteemed by the community in which his useful life is passing.

HARRY H. RUHL, whose home is one and one-half miles north of New Holland, Lancaster county, is a son of Samuel and Susan (Hackman) Ruhl. His grandfather came from Germany, and made his home in Penn township, where he became engaged in farming. His thrift, industry and wise management made him wealthy, and although he was the father of fourteen children, he was able to give each one a farm. He lived to be advanced in years, and died much respected by all who knew him.

Samuel Ruhl, noted above as the father of Harry H., was born and reared in Penn township, where he resided some twelve or thirteen years. From Penn township Mr. Ruhl moved into Manheim township, and spent his last days at Rothsville, where he bought a farm, and died at the age of seventy-six. All his life an industrious and hard-working farmer, his character was beyond reproach, and his career in every way honorable. Susan Hackman, his wife, was a daughter of Jacob Hackman, of Indiana, and she died in 1868, at the age of forty-five years. They had a family of seven children: Susanna, who married Isaac Zwally, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of David Bender, of Rothsville; Harry H.; Mary Ann, who married Henry Leib, and is a resident of Rothsville; Samuel and Fianna, both dead; and Alice, the wife of Martin Miller, of Akron. The parents of these children were both honored and devoted members of the United Brethren Church.

Harry H. Ruhl was born July 26, 1848, on the family homestead, and was educated in the common schools. When he was twenty-three years of age he was married, and locating near Oregon, for some fourteen years was engaged in farming. At the end of that period he bought a neat little farm of sixteen acres, where he has made his home to the present time, and where he carries on a general farming, so far as the limits of his place make it possible. His manly character, industrious habits and personal integrity, combined with his genial spirit, have won and hold for him a large number of devoted friends.

Mr. Ruhl was married, July 2, 1870, to Miss C. Laura Bushong, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Hoffman) Bushong, farming people of East Lampeter township, the former also engaging in teaching, but both are now deceased. Daniel Bushong and wife were associated with the old and historic families of Lancaster county; he died in 1856, when

only twenty-eight years of age, while the wife and mother lived until 1895, when she passed to her rest at the age of seventy-three. To them were born only two children: C. Laura; and Mary, who married Samuel Fasnacht, of Weaverland, Lancaster county.

Mrs. Ruhl was born Sept. 23, 1853, and has become the mother of two children: Clara, who is now the wife of Henry McCarty, of Earl township; and Oliver, who married Caroline Graybill, who is working in Lancaster, where he has his home. Mr. and Mrs. Ruhl are members of the Evangelical Church, and are highly respected by all who know them.

SAMUEL WITMER was before his death a retired farmer of Quarryville, Lancaster county. He was born on his father's farm, near Quarryville, in 1839, son of David and Elizabeth Witmer, an old family of the county, and of German stock. David Witmer lived on his farm in Bart township for many years, but for a short time before his death had made his home in Quarryville. They had a large family of whom three are still living: John, Lavenia and Herr.

Samuel Witmer was educated in Lancaster county, while residing on his parents' farm, and part of the time clerked in a store owned by his father. In July, 1851, he married Miss Margaret M. Lyle, who was born and raised in Quarryville. She is the estimable daughter of Thomas and Frances (Barr) Lyle, prominent in Lancaster county life. Mrs. Witmer was born in April, 1840, and grew to womanhood in the town of Quarryville, at the old Ark house in the West End of the borough. Thomas Lyle, her father, was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, and was a member of a very old family; he married Frances Barr, daughter of Jacob Barr, of old Puritan stock, and a participator in the Revolutionary war. The family owned over 2,000 acres of ground in and around Quarryville, and became very wealthy land-owners in their day. Thomas Lyle and wife, soon after their marriage, moved to Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa., to engage in lumbering, and he was killed soon after while employed at his business. He left a widow and two daughters: Margaret, wife of our subject; and Miss Annie, a scholarly lady, who has been a teacher in the Millersville Normal school for over thirty years.

After Mr. and Mrs. Witmer's marriage they located on the old Witmer farm, adjoining Quarryville borough, and lived there for two years, after which he bought a farm in Colerain township. He resided there until 1898, when he purchased real estate in Quarryville borough, erected a fine house with all modern improvements, and moved into it a short time before his death, which occurred in July, 1900. He was thrown from his buggy and received internal injuries from which he died leaving a widow and eight children, as follows: Charles, the eldest, born in Lancaster county, in January, 1862, mar-

ried Emma Esbenshade, of Colerain township, and at present lives near his father's old homestead on his own farm; he had two sons: Arthur and Edgar. William H., born in May, 1863, married Matilda Brewer, of Philadelphia, where they reside, he being manager of a printing office. Edwin Barr, born in Colerain township in February, 1865, married Miss Lottie Brewer, of Philadelphia, and they reside in Williamstown, N. J.; he was educated in the Millersville State Normal School and is now engaged as a book-keeper in a large New Jersey glass factory; he has one son, Brewer Witmer. Samuel H., born July 6, 1867, was educated in the public schools and married Miss Cora Diem, of Lancaster county; they reside in Morristown, Pa., where he is engaged in business; they have one daughter, May Pearl. Laura, born in September, 1869, was educated in the home schools, and in 1898 was married to U. S. Grant Kennedy, of Lancaster county; they settled on his father's farm where he died eleven months after marriage, leaving no children; she afterward married Ira B. Buckwalter, of Christiana. George, born in 1872, died in childhood. John L., born April 4, 1873, married Miss Maud Phillips, of Lancaster county; they reside on his farm in East Drumore township. Ira, born in 1878, died in childhood.

In politics Mr. Witmer was always a staunch Republican. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, the faith of the family. Mr. Witmer was a kind-hearted man and of genial disposition, as he always looked on the bright side of life. He was modest and unassuming in manner; and was interested in everything that tended to advance the interests of farming, he himself putting into practice the best methods. His fine farm in Colerain is a monument to his intelligence and industry. Mrs. Witmer is a lady of culture and refinement, and loved by all her friends and neighbors. This lady was a teacher in her younger days, and a proficient one.

LEWIS B. GREGG, of Drumore township, one of the leading farmers of the community in which he makes his home, was born in York county, Pa., Sept. 26, 1849, a son of the late Evan and Alice (Brown) Gregg, who were natives of Lancaster county.

Evan Gregg was born Jan. 6, 1823, a son of Abraham and Rebecca (Lake) Gregg, also of Lancaster county, and died Nov. 8, 1882. On April 7, 1848, he married Alice Anna Brown, who was born July 5, 1828, and died Feb. 11, 1882. Mrs. Gregg was a daughter of Nathan and Rachel (Reynolds) Brown, of Scotch-Irish descent, who were members of the Society of Friends. Six children were born to Evan Gregg and his wife: Lewis B.; Emma L., born Sept. 25, 1850, now the wife of Rankins Hambleton, of Drumore; Annie M., born Nov. 18, 1852, now the wife of Alexander Ewing, of Chester county; Elizabeth R., born Oct. 6, 1858, now the wife of Walker Drennen, of Fulton township; Mercy B.,

wife of J. Allen Boyd; and Isabell C., born Nov. 15, 1864, who died young.

On Jan. 25, 1872, Lewis B. Gregg married Margaret White, of Lancaster county, who was born Nov. 13, 1832, and died Feb. 20, 1885. Two children came to this marriage: Russell, born June 22, 1874, resides on the home farm; Walter Lewis, born Feb. 17, 1876, married Ella Adams, of Fulton township, and is also engaged in farming on the homestead. Mrs. Gregg was one of a family of seven children: Margaret, Mrs. Gregg; William, born May 21, 1834, deceased; Catherine, born in 1836, wife of George Evans, of Drumore township; Alice, born in 1838, wife of James Johnson, of Colerain township; John H., born in 1841, who died young; George Russell, born in 1844, residing near Coatesville, Pa.; and Anna E., born June 6, 1850, residing on the home place with her brother-in-law, Lewis B. Gregg, for whom she has kept house since the death of his wife. Samuel White, father of Mrs. Gregg, was born in 1800, married Nov. 1, 1831, and died in 1878. His wife was born in 1806, and died in 1890.

Until he was four years of age Lewis B. Gregg resided in the village of Bryansville, York Co., Pa., where he was born, and where his father engaged in a mercantile business. The family then removed to Drumore township, one-half mile west of Fairfield, and there he received his education in the common schools. Having been reared upon a farm, he chose that calling for his life occupation, and now owns a fine farm of 147 acres, on which is a fine mansion house and good tenement building. All of the land is well cultivated.

In politics Mr. Gregg is a stanch Republican, and he is a Quaker in religious belief. Mrs. Margaret (White) Gregg was a Presbyterian. A good citizen, a kind neighbor, upright in all his dealings, Mr. Gregg is universally respected throughout the community, and is one of the representative men of his township.

SAMUEL WELSH TAYLOR, in early life a painter but later a groceryman in Lancaster, was an industrious and thrifty citizen, who grew to old age in the midst of friends and unbounded esteem. His youth was spent in York, Pa., where he was born in 1814, and where he learned the painter's trade as a means of future livelihood. His parents, Joseph and Sarah Taylor, were born in York county, where the father worked at his trade of watchmaking during the whole of his active life. After retiring from business he lived for five years with his son, Samuel, but died at the home of his daughter, in Berryville, Clarke Co., Va. He was a member of the Society of Friends. His children were: Samuel W.; Thomas, deceased; Mary, who is the wife of Prof. Frank T. Barrington, a music teacher at Baltimore; Maggie, widow of Dr. Picking, of York, Pa.; Sarah, deceased; Kate, widow of James Stewart, of Berryville, Clarke county, Va.; and Anna, wife of Charles Dinkle, a farmer near Berryville, Virginia.

As a young man Samuel Welsh Taylor carried on an extensive painting business in Lancaster, but in 1867 embarked in a grocery business, successfully conducting same until three years before his death, Dec. 1, 1890. When his health began to fail his wife undertook to manage the grocery, and the business, so long the pride of her husband, is still carried on by this admirable business woman. Mrs. Taylor was formerly Mary L. Carpenter, born in Lancaster in 1827, a daughter of John and Ellen (Martin) Carpenter. Mr. Taylor was prominent in many lines of activity in Lancaster, and his sane opinions upon public questions received the attention due their practicability and general worth. He was a stanch Republican and filled several offices of a local nature, including that of assessor of the Northwest ward. He was a member of the Conestoga Council No. 8, the American Mechanics, and Melamora Tribe No. 2, I. O. R. M. As the founder of the Gotwald Mission on West James street, erected to the memory of a beloved pastor, Rev. Gotwald, of St. John's Lutheran Church, who died in 1869, he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school from the time of its starting until failing health compelled his resignation. He was conscientious, painstaking, humane and gracious, and during his life in Lancaster made many friends and few enemies.

JOHN D. PENNY, one of the leading and well-known citizens of Drumore township, resides on his well appointed and improved farm, which is located one mile west of Buck. He was born June 14, 1846, a son of James C. and Mary Maria (Wentz) Penny.

The Penny family is an old and honored one in this part of the State of Pennsylvania, and traces its ancestry back to the days of William Penny, who came hither from Ireland, and with his two brothers settled in what was then a wilderness in Lancaster county.

Joseph Penny, the son of Hugh Penny, one of the emigrants was the grandfather of John D. Penny, of this sketch, and became a very large landowner. He reared these children: Hugh; James C.; Sarah Ann, who married John Wentz; Margaret, who married William Wentz; Mary J., who married Thomas Wentz; and Harriet, who married Steele Morrison, and is deceased.

James C. Penny, son of Joseph, was born Nov. 2, 1819, and he died May 7, 1885. His wife, Mary Maria Wentz, who was born Sept. 17, 1823, still survives, residing in comfort with her only son, John D. James C. Penny was one of the leading men of his time, and a very successful farmer. He was a stanch Democrat in his political faith, while his religious belief was that of the Presbyterians, and he was long connected with the Chestnut Level Church.

John D. Penny was reared on the farm, and acquired his education in the common schools of his neighborhood and Chestnut Level Academy. His farm consists of one hundred and twenty acres of fine land, under a high state of cultivation, and is

improved with comfortable and commodious dwelling, barns, granaries, etc.; and he is known as one of the best agriculturists of this locality.

On Nov. 16, 1871, Mr. Penny was married to Miss Martha McPherson, of Drumore township, a daughter of James A. (who was the son of James) and Lydia S. (who was the daughter of Dr. James Ankrum) McPherson, these parents being of Scotch-Irish ancestry. She was born May 21, 1850, and was one of a family of eight children, these being: William, who married Rebecca Robinson; Elizabeth, wife of John J. Penny; Lydia J., wife of Israel Penrose; Mary E., deceased, who married John J. Long; Lucinda, wife of John Wentz; Rachel, who died single; Martha M., wife of our subject; and James F., who married Alice Morrison, all of these having passed away, except Mrs. Penny.

To Mr. and Mrs. Penny have been born four daughters: Irena L., at home; Mary M., a graduate of the Millersville State Normal school, in the class of 1896, a highly cultured young lady teacher in the Lancaster schools; Lizzie Grace and Stella Calhoun. Mr. Penny and his family belong to the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church of Drumore township, in which he has been an elder for sixteen years, is one of the trustees, clerk of the sessions, and the capable and efficient Sunday-school superintendent. With his family Mr. Penny has ever been active in work for his Church, where all are highly esteemed. His political opinions are those of Jeffersonian Democracy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Penny are representatives of old settled families of southern Lancaster county. They are good neighbors and enjoy the esteem of all. Mr. Penny has always been devoted to the welfare of his family as well as to that of his church and community.

SAMUEL K. MILLER, of Columbia, one of the popular conductors in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Sept. 29, 1851, son of Amos and Anna (Kaufman) Miller, natives of Lancaster and Manor townships, respectively.

Amos Miller was born in 1828, and was early initiated in the principles and practices of millwrighting and milling. He was a miller for forty years, although for a time he conducted a hotel in Lancaster. He now resides in Marietta, but his wife passed away in August, 1899, at the age of sixty-nine years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To Amos and Anna Miller were born six children, in the following order: Samuel K.; Amos K., a puddler in Lancaster; Caroline, wife of Monroe Good, a butcher in Allentown; John, a molder in Marietta; Mary, married to Samuel Klein, also of Marietta, and Westley, a puddler in Columbia.

Samuel K. Miller was reared on a farm until sixteen years of age, and then worked in a gristmill. For one year he was employed in a rolling-mill, and then for five and a half years was a brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was then

advanced to the position of flagman, and also served as extra conductor, seven years, after which he was given a permanent position as conductor, which he has most satisfactorily filled for the past fourteen years.

On May 22, 1871, Mr. Miller was united in marriage, at Lancaster, with Emaline Dohner, who was born in White Oak, Lancaster county, Sept. 22, 1854, a daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Dean) Dohner, and to this union have been born three children, viz.: Irwin D., Albert, and Emma, all still under the parental roof. In politics Mr. Miller is a Republican, and fraternally he is a member of the R. Co. Relief.

FREDERICK A. RICKER. Prominently identified with the business of insurance and real estate in Mt. Joy is Frederick A. Ricker, who since 1875 has been an efficient justice of the peace in that town and a leading citizen in every movement of reform and progress.

Mr. Ricker was born Feb. 19, 1832, in Dauphin county, Pa., six miles east of Harrisburg, in the Lebanon valley, a son of Frederick and Catherine (Backenstoe) Ricker, both of whom were natives of Dauphin county, where the former was a prominent farmer. The death of the father occurred in 1878, at the age of eighty-three, the mother surviving until she was eighty-seven, in 1885. Both were consistent members of the Lutheran Church, good and worthy people, who left the world better than they found it. Mr. and Mrs. Ricker had ten children: Levi, David and Alfred, deceased; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Myers, of Mt. Joy; Catherine, widow of Michael Bann, of Harrisburg; Frederick A.; Louisa and Sarah, deceased; Mary, widow of Rev. Israel Carpenter, of Reading, Pa.; and George, who resides on the old farm in Dauphin county.

The family is of German origin. The paternal grandparents were John and Magdelina Ricker, of Dauphin county, the former of whom was a soldier under Gen. Washington in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents were George and Elizabeth (Hoover) Backenstoe, natives of Dauphin county, where the former conducted a tannery.

Frederick A. Ricker was reared on a farm, and his educational advantages were those of the district school. Until the age of twenty-six he continued at agricultural pursuits. He then came to Mt. Joy and entered the hardware business, changing his line to lumber in 1868, and after some years of prosperity he opened up an insurance and real-estate business, which he has managed ever since. A staunch Republican in politics, he has been active in the ranks of his party, and in 1875 he was appointed justice of the peace, and has been re-elected every succeeding term. For five years Mr. Ricker was a valued member of the council, and he served as school director for six years.

Mr. Ricker was married in January, 1859, in

Philadelphia, to Mary A. Hollinger, and to this union have been born: Howard H., a traveling salesman, who married Jennie Carlson, and resides in Minneapolis, Minn.; Seward A., a printer by trade, residing at home; William T., a shoe salesman, at Wilkesbarre; Jacob and Charles, who died young; and Clara H., at home. Mrs. Ricker was born in Mt. Joy township in 1834, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Zortman) Hollinger, of Elizabeth township, this county. The former died at the old home where they lived, in Mt. Joy township, at the age of sixty-five, his widow surviving until 1885, when she had reached the age of eighty-one, and dying at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson; she was buried in the beautiful Mt. Joy cemetery. Both parents were consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger were as follows: Elizabeth, widow of Alexander Patterson, of Mt. Joy; Jacob, a farmer near Paris, Ill.; Eli, who died on the old farm, in 1880; and Mary A. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ricker were Adam and Barbara Hollinger, the former of whom was a farmer of Lancaster county. Adam was a son of Jacob Hollinger, who came to this county in 1736, and took part in the Revolutionary war. The maternal grandparents, Alexander and Catherine Zortman, came to this county from Germany.

Mr. Ricker is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church, and gives liberally to advance all benevolent enterprises. His business relations have given him high standing in the community as one of the truly representative men of Mt. Joy.

ABRAHAM P. SNADER. The manufacture of fine cigars is one of the flourishing industries of Ephrata, and one of the most successful men engaged in that line is Abraham P. Snader, who was born Jan. 31, 1861, the eldest son of Jonathan and Catherine (Powell) Snader, residents of West Earl township.

Jonathan Snader was a son of John Snader, one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, and was born in 1826. He died in March, 1898. Throughout a long and useful life he was a prominent and highly respected agriculturist, leading an exemplary life, and he was universally lamented in his neighborhood at the time of his decease. In 1859 he married Catherine Powell, and they reared a family of six children: Abraham P.; David, a resident of Akron, Pa.; Mary, who married John Stephan, of Ephrata; Susan, who married David Fasnacht, of Hinkletown; Hettie, who married Noah Weidman, of Akron; and John, also a resident of Akron.

After finishing his course in the common schools of his locality Abraham P. Snader began to learn the cigarmaker's trade, and, although he began with limited means, he was by 1893 prepared to enter the manufacturing business, locating in Ephrata. At present he is the owner of a large factory, and has become one of the most important factors in the in-

dustrial life of the borough, giving employment to some sixty hands and turning out as many as 3,000,000 cigars yearly. This has not been accomplished without hard and continuous work, but Mr. Snader is one of the most progressive and energetic of men, and deserves the success which has crowned his efforts.

On Sept. 2, 1884, Mr. Snader was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Killhefner, of Ephrata, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Garber) Killhefner, and four children have come into this household: Katie, born July 23, 1886; Mabel, Nov. 27, 1889; Eugene, Feb. 10, 1895; and Caleb, July 24, 1897.

Politically Mr. Snader is a staunch Republican and very active in the ranks of his party. His standing in the community is of the best, and he is reckoned among the solid men of business, owning his large factory and business. He is erecting an elegant mansion in a choice section of the borough. As a citizen he has taken a deep interest in all matters which his judgment has caused him to consider of benefit to his section, doing his part to further every worthy enterprise. Religiously he is connected with no organization, but believes in a moral life and in acting up to the Golden Rule. Socially he is very popular, his pleasant personality and genial manners making him welcome in every circle.

AMOS F. BRUCE, one of the successful and representative farmers of Providence township, was born Nov. 16, 1856, in that township, son of Amos and Mary (Rhoades) Bruce, both also of Providence township.

Amos Bruce, the father of Amos F., was born Dec. 25, 1822, and died Feb. 12, 1899, a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. He followed farming all his life. In politics he voted with the Republican party. His father was Robert Bruce, of Lancaster county. Eight children were born to Amos Bruce and his wife, five of whom grew to maturity, namely: Thomas M., of Mt. Nebo, Pa.; Harriet S., wife of Amos Hostetter, of Strasburg township; Amos F.; Fannie L., wife of D. K. Siefreid, of Manor township; and B. M., a coach manufacturer of Marticville.

Amos F. Bruce was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools, and has followed agricultural life almost exclusively. He has been intelligently interested in the progress of his community, and by word and example has been a worthy and useful citizen. In politics he is a Republican. With his family he attends the M. E. Church, all being members and liberal contributors to the support of that religious body.

On Oct. 31, 1878, Mr. Bruce married Miss Laura Groff, of Martic township, born Jan. 13, 1860, daughter of F. B. and Maria (Brecknell) Groff, who came to America from England, and of whom the former is now deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce, namely: Olivia L., who is the wife of Alfred Thomas, of Pequea township;

Martha C., who after being educated at the Millersville Normal School, became an educator in Providence township; and Earl V., who was a student in the Drexel Institute of Art, in Philadelphia, and a young man of great promise, and who died Aug. 29, 1902.

The Bruce family is a very old one in America and has had many distinguished members. Its representatives in Providence township, Lancaster county, worthily represent it in integrity of life and usefulness to their day and generation.

HUGH DONLEY, who has reached the age of seventy-three years, is one of the substantial and respected residents of Columbia. His life has been one of hard work, but his tireless industry and unquestionable integrity have at once won for him a competence and commanded the esteem of all who know him.

Mr. Donley was born at Agees Furnace, now Robeson, Berks county, Oct. 31, 1829, and was the eldest of eleven children born to James and Catherine (Wike) Donley. The others were Ann, Elizabeth, George, Fanny, Benjamin, Abraham, Daniel R., Louisa, Thomas J. and James. Ann married John Fox, who lost his life during the Civil war, and afterward became the wife of George Martin; she lives in Lebanon. Elizabeth is the widow of George Wolf, of Steelton, and lives with her son at Allentown. George died in 1892. Fanny, whose home is in Lebanon, has been twice married, her first husband being James Garrett, and her second James Peters. Benjamin, who is a Union veteran, resides at the Soldiers' Home at Hampton Roads, Va. Abraham died in childhood. Daniel R. is a puddler in an iron mill at Lebanon; he served in the war of the Rebellion, in the 93d P. V. I., and was present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox. Louisa is Mrs. William Brooks, of Sheridan, Pa., and Thomas J. lives at Sparrows Point, Md. James died in childhood.

James Donley, the father of Hugh, was born Jan. 12, 1804, at Lebanon, and married Catherine Wike, of Berks county. He died April 7, 1885, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife passed away in February, 1868, after a useful and honored life of threescore. Mr. Donley was a teamster until 1845, and afterward a miner until within five years of his death, when he gave up work to spend his declining years in quiet retirement. He was a Methodist by religious profession, while his wife was a member of the Lutheran communion. His father, Hugh Donley, was a teamster, and married Rachel Ramsey. The parents of Mrs. James Donley were Frederick and Elizabeth (Rager) Wike; grandfather Wike served in the war of 1812 at Baltimore.

Hugh Donley has been twice married. His first wife, whom he wedded in October, 1853, was Emeline Auchenbach, of Lebanon. Her father, Joseph Auchenbach, who was born in 1808, died in July, 1901, in his ninety-third year; her mother's maiden

name was Nancy Bleecker. The first wife of Mr. Donley bore him six children: James, Joseph, Simon, Wesley C. B., Anna E. and George. James is a gardener; he married Mary Karney, and resides in Chester county. Joseph married Caroline Gildersleeve; he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and lost his life in an accident at Swarr's Siding, his head being severed from his body. Simon is a car inspector at Columbia; he married Anna Stinson. Wesley married Barbara Shaffer; he is a stove molder at Columbia. George is a car inspector at Pottsville; his wife is Bessie Long. The mother of these died in March, 1863, aged twenty-nine; and in May, 1864, Mr. Donley was united to Mrs. Angeline (Gerhardt) Folmer, widow of John Folmer, a coachmaker, who died in 1861, in his twenty-sixth year. He was the only son of John Folmer, Sr., who was also a coachmaker. Mrs. Donley was the third in the family of five children born to Henry H. Gerhardt, whose home was in Lebanon county, and who was a saddler by trade. He died in Lebanon in 1847, before he had reached his thirty-sixth year. Mr. Gerhardt married Sabina Carl, who during the latter years of her life made her home with Mr. Donley, dying in Columbia in 1882, in her sixty-sixth year. Both were members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Donley's eldest brother, Cornelius C., is a Union veteran, and lives in Lebanon. Another brother, John, also served in the Federal army, and is deceased. Milton, the third brother, also wore the Union uniform through the Civil war; he has his home in Lebanon. Sarah, the youngest of the family, married Isaac Docker; both she and her husband have died.

Mrs. Donley's first marriage was blessed with three children. The eldest, Philip H. Folmer, was reared by his stepfather; he married Bridget Welsh, and is yardmaster in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co. at Columbia. Frank R., the second son, is a butcher, conducting a profitable business at Columbia; he married Alice Roop. John, the youngest, died in childhood.

By his second marriage Mr. Donley has two children: The eldest, Mary E., married Gordon W. Blakesly, a grocer of Lansing Mich.; the younger, Alex C., died in childhood.

In the spring of 1833 Mr. Donley's father moved to what is now known as the old Colebrook Charcoal Furnace, and there Hugh commenced to attend school. In the spring of 1837 they moved to Cornwall, where he passed the rest of his boyhood. When thirteen he was hired out to David Smith, a farmer, for nine months, and went to school three months during the winter. In the spring of 1844 he hired to Joseph Witmer for nine months, and again went to school three months in the winter. In the spring of 1845 he hired to George Bowman for nine months, and during that year also had three months' winter schooling. The following spring he went to work on the famous Cornwall ore banks, continuing at that until 1849, when he helped to build Anthracite

Furnace No. 1. In the spring of 1850 he went to South Annville township, Lebanon county, where he served a two-years apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade with Mathew Slyrd. In 1852 he entered the employ of John Enck, with whom he worked two years, in the spring of 1854 moving to Cornwall, where he resided until the spring of 1869. He followed his trade for five years altogether, when he began work in an anthracite furnace. Beginning as cinder snapper, he worked as such for nine months, and gradually rose, through the gradations of filler and helper, at each of which positions he worked one year, to be the keeper of a furnace, being engaged thus twelve years. In 1869, coming to Columbia, he was made a night boss. He worked in the Shawnee (for three years and seven months) and in the St. Charles furnaces, filling the position of boss founder at the last named establishment. After twenty years of this laborious work the furnaces shut down, but he was not a man to remain idle. Industry, sobriety and sound judgment had enabled him to accumulate a moderate competence. He embarked in business as a grocer, but after five years disposed of his store and retired to enjoy a well-earned rest. However, he is at present serving as janitor of the Poplar street school in Columbia. Notwithstanding the hard work which has been his daily habit since boyhood, he has found time to cultivate his mind, and is in close touch with public opinion on the leading issues of the day. He has been a stanch Republican since the formation of the party, and in religious belief is a Methodist. He is a member of the Artisans Mutual Protective Association and of the I. O. O. F.

WEAVER MUSSELMAN, a well-known farmer of Earl township, belongs to a family that has lived in Lancaster county for several generations.

Henry Musselman was in his life time one of the representative men of Lancaster county. His home was in Earl township, where he was born in 1835, a son of Samuel Musselman, and died in 1889. He was reared and educated in his native township, finishing his education in Whitehall Academy. One term he was engaged in teaching, when he married and settled on a farm of 102 acres, two miles south of New Holland, where he lived until his death. His entire attention was given to farming, and in it he was greatly prosperous. The buildings on this place were put on by his father. His widow is still living in Lancaster at an advanced age. They had a family of four children: Mary, the wife of B. F. Buckwalter, a resident of Earl township; Weaver; Harry, who is unmarried and has his home in Earl township; and Ira, a resident of Lancaster, who is also unmarried. The parents were members of the Mennonite Church.

Weaver Musselman was born Oct. 24, 1861, and was reared on the farm of his birth, where he still lives. His education was acquired in the public schools, and when he was twenty-four, he began for

himself, taking charge of the homestead, which now contains ninety-three acres. His standing in the community is good, and his industry and honesty have won him many friends.

In December, 1884, Weaver Musselman was married to Miss Anna Martha, a daughter of John G. Kurtz, a resident of East Earl township. To them have come five children: Anna, Alta, Mary, Roy and Etta. Both Weaver Musselman and his wife are worthy and consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

ALFRED WOOD, a farmer of Fulton township, Lancaster county, was born Dec. 3, 1845, son of James and Mercy M. (Carter) Wood, of Little Britain township.

James Wood, his father, was born July 17, 1821, and died Aug. 9, 1894; the mother, who survives him, and still resides in Little Britain township, was born Nov. 29, 1822. James Wood was a son of Jesse Wood, a native of Chester county, Pa., who was born in 1773, and died in 1852. Jesse Wood was first married to Rachel Carter, by whom he had but one son, Day Wood, that lived to manhood. His second marriage was to Sidney Yarnall, and they had one son, James Wood, the father of Alfred. The earlier members of the family were Whigs in politics. They belonged to the Society of Friends.

James Wood was a farmer and prominent citizen, was president of the Farmers National Bank of Oxford for about a quarter of a century, served one term as commissioner of Lancaster county, and also held other important trusts with credit. He married Mercy M., daughter of Jeremiah and Susan (Moore) Carter, of Lancaster county, on Feb. 26, 1845. This marriage was blessed with the following named children: Alfred is mentioned below; Susan, born Oct. 5, 1847, is the wife of Elwood H. Townsend, of Little Britain township; Jesse, born Feb. 26, 1849, is a resident of Little Britain township; Mary, born Sept. 12, 1850, died Dec. 22, 1878 (she was the wife of Davis E. Allen, of Chester county); Lucretia, born March 2, 1852, is the wife of John M. Smedley, of Chester county; Lewis, of Little Britain township, was born Jan. 27, 1854; Ida, born Dec. 24, 1855, died Oct. 19, 1890; James, of Little Britain township, was born Sept. 17, 1860.

Alfred Wood married Elmira King on Jan. 31, 1878. She is the daughter of Thomas P. and Phebe M. King, of Fulton township. The marriage of Alfred and Elmira Wood has been blessed with the following children: Cora, born Feb. 27, 1879, is a graduate of the Millersville State Normal School, class of 1901, and a teacher in the Fulton township public schools; Walter, born Oct. 25, 1880, is at home, engaged in farming; Galen and Helen were born Dec. 27, 1887; and Norman, born Jan. 24, 1891, is the youngest of the family.

Elmira Wood, wife of Alfred, was one of a family of four children, and was born Aug. 26, 1849. Lauretta A. King, born Nov. 20, 1852, died Jan. 7,

1892, was the wife of Samuel J. Kirk. Luella King, born Jan. 22, 1857, is the wife of Lewis Wood, of Little Britain township, a brother of Alfred Wood. The only brother of Elmira Wood, William P. King, was born Sept. 1, 1861, and resides in Fulton township. Her father, Thomas P. King, was born July 19, 1824, and died June 10, 1889; her mother, Phebe M. King, was born Feb. 4, 1827, and died Feb. 5, 1889. The family were members of the Society of Friends.

Alfred Wood is a prominent man in his district and owns one of the finest farms in the township, comprising 120 acres. For several years past, in conjunction with his other duties, he has practiced surveying and also land conveyancing, having a very thorough knowledge of the same. He is also a director of the public schools of his township, actively interested in the advancement of education. He is a Republican in politics. He is an honest, square-dealing man, well thought of in the community, and a leading member of the Society of Friends. Taking a great interest in his family, he is very fond of home ties and society, at the same time being a leader in all public movements tending to the prosperity and advancement of his section.

JACOB M. SAUDER, who now conducts a fine farm of sixty acres in East Donegal township, has been a lifelong farmer of Lancaster county. Farming was also the vocation of his father and grandfather, both natives of Lancaster county. The latter, Jacob Sauder lived and died in Manor township.

Jacob T. Sauder, father of Jacob M., was born on his father's farm in Manor township, and cultivated that place successfully to the close of his life. He married Anna Miller, a native of East Hempfield township, born in January, 1826, who survives him, now making her home in Rohrerstown. Mr. Sauder passed away in June, 1885, at the age of fifty-seven years, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery at Millersville. He was a member of the Mennonite Church. To Jacob T. and Anna (Miller) Sauder, were born children as follows: John, who died in infancy; Jacob M., our subject proper; Amanda, who died at the age of sixteen years; Isaac, who died at the age of eight years; Amos, who is married and engaged in farming in East Hempfield township; Michael; and Benjamin, who is employed in a tobacco house in Rohrerstown.

Jacob M. Sauder was born Nov. 25, 1852, near Safe Harbor, in Manor township, on the farm which was also his father's birthplace. He obtained his education in the common schools, and was trained to agricultural pursuits from early boyhood. Until his marriage our subject remained with his parents, and he spent the ten years following on two other farms in Manor township, renting five years on each. He then spent three years on a rented farm in East Hempfield township, whence he removed to his present home in East Donegal, which he owns, and

where he engages in general farming. The careful training he received under his father's tuition has, backed by intelligent management, brought him success in the conduct of his affairs, and he is in comfortable circumstances as a result of continued and well directed industry. Mr. Sauder has not been particularly active in public matters, although he takes a public-spirited pride in the progress of his community. His political support is given to the Republican party.

In January, 1875, in Lancaster, was celebrated the union of Jacob M. Sauder and Miss Fannie Witmer, who was born in 1855 in Rapho township. Five children have blessed this marriage, namely: Clayton W., who is engaged in farming in Rapho township, was married in November, 1900, to Miss Lillie Myers; Aaron died young; Harry, May and Minnie are at home.

Mrs. Sauder is a daughter of Peter F. and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Witmer, both natives and residents of Manor township, who moved to East Donegal in 1834. The father was a farmer, but lived retired the last twenty-four years of his long life; he died in December, 1896, when within eight days of being eighty-eight years old. His remains were interred in Graybill's Mennonite cemetery. Mrs. Witmer is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Nissley, in Landisville, Pa. She was born April 9, 1811, and is a member of the Mennonite church. Born to this union were Catherine (deceased); Jacob E., a farmer of East Donegal township; Peter, a farmer in Rapho township; Elizabeth, who is living in Landisville, the widow of Joseph Nissley; Jonas, a hotel proprietor in Marietta, Pa.; Anna, married to Jesse Myers, of Carroll county, Md.; Henry, a farmer in East Donegal township; and Fannie, who married Jacob M. Sauder.

SAMUEL DORSEY (deceased) was during his life time a prominent and well-known farmer of Fulton township, this county. He was born in Cecil county, Md., Sept. 28, 1828, and died in Fulton township, Lancaster Co., Pa., March 23, 1896. He was a son of Nathaniel and Phoebe (Enning) Dorsey, natives of Maryland, who were the parents of four children: William A. is a retired farmer of Cecil county, Md.; Oliver is deceased; Samuel is deceased; John is a retired farmer of Drumore township, Lancaster county. The Dorsey family have nearly all been Democrats in politics, and Presbyterian in religious belief.

Samuel Dorsey married Miss Martha Reynolds, a daughter of Elisha and Sophia (Weeks) Reynolds, of Fulton township. The Reynolds family is a pioneer family of Lancaster county, and its members have always enjoyed high repute for sterling worth. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dorsey was blessed with a family of seven children: Sophia, born March 26, 1852, died in childhood; Melissa is also deceased; Mary L., born Aug. 4, 1857, died March 23, 1882; Annie, born Oct. 23,



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1860, married Anson Ambler, and died July 13, 1899, leaving three children—Clyde D., Norman E. and Martha M.; Elmer E., born Nov. 24, 1866, died in childhood; Oliver J., born May 21, 1868, died in childhood; and Harriet Eliza, born Oct. 30, 1872, died young.

Mrs. Martha Dorsey, widow of Samuel Dorsey, was born in Lancaster county April 11, 1830. When she and her husband were married they were poor, but by toil and industry they owned, at the time of Mr. Dorsey's death, two fine farms and a nice mill property in Fulton township. Mr. Dorsey became a substantial citizen, and was well liked by his neighbors. For a time he followed the carpenter's trade, and many of the houses in the vicinity were put up by him. Mrs. Dorsey is the only surviving member of her family, her husband and children having gone before. She is comfortably situated in McSparran village, where she enjoys the universal esteem of her neighbors.

ABRAHAM B. KAUFFMAN, a prosperous general farmer and highly respected citizen of Cordelia, West Hempfield township, is a native of that place, and was born May 3, 1840, a son of David and Susan (Bishop) Kauffman, of Lancaster county.

David Kauffman was a teamster, owning his own team, and was chiefly employed in handling ore from the banks or pits to the smelting furnace at Columbia. To his marriage with Susan Bishop were born four children, viz.: Abraham B.; Harry B., who died in 1885; Martha B., wife of John B. Eshleman, of West Hempfield township; and Catherine B., who married Gideon H. Smith, a blacksmith at Silver Spring. David Kauffman was called away in 1847, aged forty-three years. His widow married Michael Kauffman, a brother of David, and to this union were born four children, viz.: David, a stonemason in Cordelia; Jacob, deceased; John, a puddler in the Columbia Rolling mill, but lives at Cordelia; and Sarah, wife of Horace Brookhart, a retired merchant at Columbia. Mrs. Susan Kauffman died in 1873, at the age of fifty-four. She was a member of the United Brethren Church.

Abraham B. Kauffman has himself been twice married—first in 1862, in Cordelia, to Catherine Irwin, a daughter of James and Catherine Irwin, of Lancaster county, and to this marriage was born one child, Effie, who is the wife of Jacob Kindig, a drover at Silver Spring. Mrs. Catherine Kauffman died in 1864, at the age of twenty-four years, and was buried in Columbia. On May 30, 1866, Abraham B. Kauffman chose for his second wife Anna Eisenberger, and to this union have been born thirteen children, viz.: Samuel E., married to Anna Musser and living in Columbia; Elizabeth E., wife of David Hershey, a carpenter, also in Columbia; Harry E., who married Susan Daum, and is a puddler at Columbia, but lives at Cordelia; Edward E., a puddler at Columbia, and married to Mary Berntheitzel; Amos

E., a railroad man, at Columbia, and married to Elizabeth Lichty; David E., also of Cordelia, and married to Emma Harry; Franklin E., Abraham E., John E., Horace G., Flora E., Anna E. and Christian M., all seven at home.

Mrs. Anna M. (Eisenberger) Kauffman was born in Kinderhook, West Hempfield township, Dec. 6, 1842, a daughter of Samuel and Anna (Mumma) Eisenberger, the former of whom was a quarryman and died in 1885, at the age of seventy-three years, in the faith of the Reformed Church; the latter had died in 1872, when fifty-nine years old. To their marriage were born eleven children, namely: Abraham, of Reading; Peter, who died young; Margaret M., married to David H. Kline, at Klinesville; Catherine, also deceased; Anna; Elizabeth, married to Henry Kline, of Columbia; Mary, of York county, wife of John Kline; Henry, a bricklayer in Kinderhook; Christian, who died young; Barbara, wife of John Evans, of Cordelia; and Samuel, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna M. Kauffman were Abraham and Margaret (Slough) Eisenberger, natives and farming people of Lancaster county; and her maternal grandparents were Peter and Anna (Gramm) Mumma, also of Lancaster county, and followers of agricultural pursuits.

Abraham B. Kauffman began life by handling ore, but also began renting farms in 1868, doing hauling and farming together. He is a Republican, has served as judge of elections, and is now inspector of elections.

CHRISTIAN C. LIPP, who has resided on his present place, in Pequea township, since 1885, was born of German descent, in Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, Jan. 23, 1852.

Christopher Lipp, his grandfather, emigrated from Germany when a young man, and engaged in farming and general work. He wedded Miss Martha Kreider, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of nine children: Susan, wife of Benjamin Miller, of Providence township; Jacob, of West Lampeter township; Christian, the father of our subject; Mary, deceased; Barbara, deceased; Martha, wife of John May, of Columbia; Benjamin, deceased, who was a resident of Pequea township; Elizabeth, wife of John Krieder, of Martic township; and John, of Lancaster.

Christian Lipp, son of Christopher, was born in Pequea township about 1830. His father dying when he was but twelve years of age, he went to live with Jonas Harnish for a short time, and from there went to live with Thomas Groff, of Providence township. Later he learned the blacksmith trade with William Amet, of Lancaster county, after which, for some years, he worked at his trade for different men. For some years he engaged in well digging, and it is said he dug 100 wells in Lancaster county. He married Miss Mary Charles, of Conestoga Center, and

they have had six children: Christian C. (our subject) and Daniel C., twins, the latter a resident of Lampeter township; Benjamin, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Dagen; Benjamin (2), who lives at home with his father; and Miss Martha, at home. The parents are both members of the United Evangelical Church, and Mr. Lipp was for some time trustee of that church.

Christian C. Lipp remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-four years of age, receiving a common school education. He then married Kate Christ, daughter of Amos Christ, of Manor township, and began life for himself, being employed at general work, and in raising tobacco. In 1885 he purchased the farm where he now resides, and he has since engaged continuously in farming. He has a stand in the Central Market in Lancaster City, where he disposes of the products of his farm every Saturday morning. Mr. Lipp is one of the energetic, progressive residents of his township, and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mr. and Mrs. Lipp are both members of the United Evangelical Church at Millersville. They are the parents of seven children, four living and three deceased: Mary Cora, deceased; Susie Alice, at home; Esther Naomi, deceased; Christiana Augusta, Charles Parson and Edna Irene, at home; and Raymond Arthur, deceased.

REV. ABRAHAM M. WITMER. This devoted servant of God is a member of the ministry of the Mennonite Church, whose creed was the faith of his ancestors, as it is of his children. His family is of Swiss origin, but the name of the earliest ancestor who emigrated from Switzerland to America is not known. He settled in Manor township, however, and it was there that his son Jacob, Mr. Witmer's great-grandfather, was born in 1760.

Jacob Witmer was a farmer, and, like most farmers of his day, toiled early and late to cultivate the soil and subdue the rebellious forces of nature. He married Fannie Kauffman, and was the father of three sons and four daughters: John, Abraham, Jacob, Anna, Fannie, Elizabeth and Magdalena. Of the daughters Fannie and Magdalena remained spinsters; Anna married Abraham Herr; and Elizabeth married Henry Stoner; John married Lizzie Martin, of Lancaster county, and later removed to Franklin county, where he met death through falling from the limb of a tree; Jacob was a Lancaster county farmer, and the husband of Elizabeth Ensmann.

Abraham Witmer, the second son of Jacob, was Rev. Mr. Witmer's grandfather, and was also engaged in farming. His death occurred after his fortieth birthday. He married Maria Kilhiffer, who bore him three sons and one daughter: Jacob, Abraham, Christian and Elizabeth. Jacob lived in the old homestead; he married Mary Miller, but their union was without issue. Abraham was the father of Rev. Mr. Witmer, and a more extended story of his life is given in the following paragraph.

Christian died in July, 1902, at the age of eighty; he had been twice married, his first wife, Susan Funk, leaving him with two sons, Abram F. and Martin F.; his second marriage was with Elizabeth Kendig, the issue being three daughters: Mary (Mrs. John G. Kreider), Lizzie (widow of Aaron Newcomer) and Fannie (who lives at home, unmarried). Elizabeth, the only daughter of Abraham (first) became the wife of Christian Charles, of Manor.

Abraham Witmer (2), son of Abraham, was, himself, a minister in the old Mennonite Church, having been ordained in 1849, and he faithfully served his people in a clerical capacity for nearly a third of a century. His labors were chiefly in the churches at Masonville and Habacker. By trade he was a cabinet maker, but after his marriage he began farming, and in 1849 bought a farm of 102 acres in Manor township. This is now owned by Rev. Mr. Witmer, who has added eight acres thereto. In 1875 he gave up active work, and on Oct. 15, 1882, he passed from earth, to enjoy a better estate than the world can give. He married Leah, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Kaufman) Miller. Their five children were: Maria, Abraham M., Isaac, Mattie and Jacob. Isaac and Jacob died in childhood.

Abraham M. Witmer was born on his father's farm (now owned by S. M. Kaufman), near Central Manor, Nov. 5, 1842. He received a good common school education. On his thirty-second birthday he married, and at once took charge of the home farm. For many years he was a director in the Mennonite Fire Insurance Co., but since ordination to the ministry on Sept. 8, 1892, he has devoted all his time and energy to the service of the Church. His work has been chiefly in the same fields of labor as those cultivated by his father, although while the latter addressed his flocks in German, the son preaches in English. His earnest piety and blameless life have greatly endeared him to the people among whom his lot has been cast, while his broad, Christian spirit, kindly disposition and spotless integrity have won for him the unaffected respect of the community at large. The devotion of such labors in the Lord's vineyard cannot go unrewarded.

The maiden name of his wife was Mary Eshbach, whose father, John, was well known and highly esteemed. She was born Jan. 5, 1853, and died Nov. 15, 1886. Six children were born of their marriage, one died in infancy and the surviving five live at home, unmarried, with their bereaved father. Their names, with dates of their births, are as follows: Fannie E., Jan. 17, 1876; John, March 13, 1877 (died Oct. 14, 1878); Abraham E., April 17, 1879; Benjamin E., March 10, 1881; Annie E., Dec. 13, 1882; and Leah E., Oct. 4, 1884.

HENRY S. ESHELMAN, a retired farmer and a native of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born on a farm adjoining the village

of Cordelia Sept. 14, 1826, a son of David and Maria (Summy) Eshelman, who were farming people—the father dying in 1833, at the age of forty-eight years, on the homestead in West Hempfield township, and the mother in Clark county, Ohio, in 1880, when seventy-one years of age.

David and Maria Eshelman had born to them a family of eleven children, namely: Anna, Jacob and Benjamin, deceased; David, a retired farmer in Illinois; John, died in Ohio; Elizabeth, in Carlisle, Ohio, and widow of Joseph Musser; Peter, a retired merchant in Carlisle, Ohio; Martin, a carpenter in Illinois; Henry S., whose name opens this sketch; Maria, deceased wife of Isaac Neiswanger, of Ohio; and Barbara, who is married and is living in Springfield, Ohio.

Henry S. Eshelman lived on the home farm until twenty years of age; and then began an apprenticeship at shoemaking in Manor township, with David Bixler, with whom he worked four years, then returned to his home, worked at the trade until 1857, and then began farming on a small scale, purchasing fourteen acres of his present farm in 1858.

On Aug. 5, 1852, Henry S. Eshelman married, in Lancaster, Miss Hettie Weller, and there have been born to this union ten children, as follows: Mary, wife of Abraham Meisky, of Columbia; Sarah, unmarried and at home; Albert, deceased; Emma, widow of Benjamin Herr, of Columbia; Alice, who died a young lady; Anna, wife of Amos Schuman, farmer of Manor township; Ulysses G., professor of music at home; Aaron, also a professor of music at Lancaster; Elizabeth, wife of James Youtz, a machinist at Mountville; and Martha, twin of Elizabeth, married to Philip Bard, a stonemason in West Hempfield township.

Mrs. Hettie (Weller) Eshelman was born in West Hempfield township April 2, 1833, a daughter of Frederick and Anna (Kuhns) Weller, early settlers of the township. Frederick Weller was a shoemaker and died in the township in 1875, when seventy-five years old, and his widow died in Lancaster in 1882, at the same age. Both were members of the Lutheran church, and to their marriage were born the following children: Mattie, who died in Ohio, the wife of Jacob Binkley; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Frank Piffer; Hettie, now Mrs. Eshelman; Fred, who was killed in an ore bank in West Hempfield township; Anna, widow of William Irwin, of Columbia; Fannie, deceased wife of Henry May; Isaac, an ex-soldier in Dayton, Ohio; and Harriet and Sarah, twins, living in Lancaster.

Henry S. Eshelman is a Republican in politics, is very popular with his party, and has served as assessor one year, supervisor one year, and as register-assessor fifteen years. He is a member of the G. A. R., having been in the military service of the United States, although never in battle. Mr. Eshelman enlisted at Lancaster, in February, 1865, in Co. F, 195th P. V. I., under Capt. John Rutler, for twelve months or during the war, but as the war

closed in April, before the regiment reached the part of the front where active hostilities had been going on, Mr. Eshelman was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., and was mustered out at Philadelphia.

HENRY S. HOTTENSTEIN, a well-known and representative business man of Mt. Joy township, carries on his furniture, cabinetmaking and undertaking business in a well equipped building located on the Manheim road, some two miles from the village of Elizabethtown. There he was born July 17, 1857, son of Benjamin and Susan (Shiffler) Hottenstein, the former of whom was a native of East Petersburg, Lancaster county, and the latter of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Hottenstein, the father of Henry S., was a son of Jacob and Catherine (Neece) Hottenstein, of East Petersburg. Jacob Hottenstein was a well-known manufacturer of brushes, spinning-wheels, etc., for many years, his work being considered excellent in every particular. He retired from business after a long career of usefulness, and died in Elizabethtown at a good old age. Benjamin inherited much of his father's skill and also became a manufacturer in wood. He moved to the location previously mentioned in 1855, and prior to his death, in 1893, at the age of sixty-nine years, the firm became Hottenstein & Son, Henry S. being the junior partner. The mother of Henry S. Hottenstein was a daughter of Henry and Catherine Shiffler, natives of Dauphin county, who later lived in Lancaster county; the life of Henry Shiffler ended in Naperville, Ill., where he was engaged in farming. Mrs. Hottenstein died in November, 1896, at the age of seventy-one years, and was interred in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Henry S. was the only child of his parents.

Henry S. Hottenstein was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county and learned his business with his father, becoming the latter's partner at the age of twenty-four years. Since that time he has conducted a very successful and prosperous furniture and cabinetmaking business. He is one of the best educated undertakers in the township, having been instructed in embalming in Harrisburg. Mr. Hottenstein is a member of the German Baptist Church. In politics he is a stanch Republican.

On Nov. 11, 1880, Mr. Hottenstein was united in marriage with Miss Mary A. Gruver, and two children were born to this union: Amos G. and Sarah A., the latter dying when one day past her third birthday. Mrs. Hottenstein was born Aug. 28, 1863, in Mt. Joy township, died April 7, 1900, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of Christian and Rebecca (Stauffer) Gruver, of Lancaster county, the former of whom for a long period was engaged in the grocery business in Elizabethtown, and had retired but a few months prior to his death, which occurred in March,

1894. Mr. and Mrs. Gruver had a family of four children, namely: Jacob, who died at the age of twenty years; Peter, who is a farmer in Conoy township; Mary A., the late Mrs. Hottenstein; and Sarah, the wife of Oliver T. Leinbaugh, who is in the sewing machine business in Harrisburg.

As a business man of reliability Mr. Hottenstein is highly regarded in his community, and he merits the esteem he enjoys as a first-class citizen.

JOHN SCHOCK, a native of Manor township, was born Oct. 15, 1854, and is a descendant of one of the earliest settlers of the county. The family is of German origin, and a brief record of the American branch is as follows:

Jacob Schock, the founder of the Lancaster family bearing his surname, was from Hessen, Germany, and emigrated to this country about 1750, making his first purchase of land from the United States Government in 1759. This tract, situated in Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., comprised 185 acres in the woods, from which, through untiring industry, he wrought out a comfortable home, as it is a well known fact that he was a poor man on his arrival in the country. Jacob Schock married Esther Grove, who bore him the following named children: Barbara, born Feb. 13, 1746; Anna, Aug. 18, 1747; Elizabeth, Jan. 3, 1749; Fannie, Sept. 20, 1750; Mary, Jan. 25, 1752; Jacob, Aug. 16, 1753; John, Jan. 16, 1756; Magdalena, Oct. 6, 1758; John, March 25, 1761; and Abraham, July 25, 1764. The parents died in the faith of the Dunkard Church, leaving a name of which their descendants are justly proud.

John Schock, son of Jacob, married a Miss Stoner, and reared a family of seven children, viz.: Fannie, born July 1, 1802, married Abraham Hostetter, and died Aug. 4, 1882; they left no descendants. Kathrine married Conrad Zigler, of Donegal. Magdalena married Christian Engel, also of Donegal. Anna married a Mr. Zook, from Franklin county. Barbara married a Mr. Myers, of Franklin county. Jacob married a Miss Strickler, from York county. John is next in the line of descent.

John Schock, son of John, was born Nov. 29, 1795, on the old homestead farm in Manor township, which his father willed to him. He married a Miss Seigrist, who died very young, and his second wife was Fannie Kurtz, who was born Sept. 13, 1793, and died in 1857. His death occurred in 1867. They had two children, Jacob and Magdalena, the former of whom will be spoken of in full a little farther on. The latter, born July 11, 1826, died unmarried Nov. 3, 1899, at the age of seventy-three, highly respected.

Jacob Schock, son of John, was born Oct. 17, 1824, and was reared to farming on the old homestead. He married Rebecca Strickler, who was born in York county, Pa., in 1823, and they reared a family of five children, and lost five who died in

infancy. The others were as follows: Mary, deceased wife of Tobias Seagrist, of Manor township; Fannie, married to Martin Hostetter, of West Hempfield township; Rebecca, unmarried; John, whose name opens this sketch; and Isaiah, who died at the age of seventeen years. Jacob Schock died in the faith of the Dunkard Church Nov. 22, 1875, and his widow survived until March 22, 1899.

John Schock was reared on the old homestead one mile north of Creswell, and was educated, like most farmer lads, in the district school. On March 27, 1877, he married Mary Musser, who was born in West Hempfield township Dec. 17, 1854, daughter of Martin and Catherine (Hostetter) Musser. To this felicitous union have been born twelve children, whose names and dates of birth are as follows: Martha, June 1, 1878; Katie, Oct. 2, 1879; Isaiah, Nov. 6, 1881; Rebecca, Aug. 1, 1883; Martin, July 25, 1885 (died in infancy); Jacob, Feb. 27, 1887; Mary May, May 26, 1889; Amelia, Feb. 17, 1891 (died in infancy); Naomi, Sept. 12, 1892; John, June 16, 1894; Elizabeth, Nov. 26, 1896; and Fannie, Aug. 23, 1899. The family, so far as the parents and elder children are concerned, are strict members of the Dunkard Society, to the teachings of which they have faithfully adhered, and they have gained the esteem of all who know them.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HERSH, a general blacksmith in East Donegal township, was born in East Hempfield township Nov. 24, 1858, and is a son of Cyrus and Catharine (Hertzler) Hersh, who were natives of Drumore and Manor townships, respectively. Both died in West Donegal township, where the father was engaged in blacksmithing. He was born Jan. 19, 1832, and died April 3, 1894; the mother, who was born June 26, 1831, died Nov. 1, 1894. They were buried in Graybills Church cemetery, and both had been for years honored and respected members of the Mennonite Church. They had three children: Elam, a machinist at Rheems Station, Pa.; Benjamin F.; and Harry, a painter at Rheems Station.

Cyrus and Elizabeth (Cohic) Hersh, the paternal grandparents of Benjamin F., lived in Pequea township. His maternal grandparents, Jacob and Catharine (Herr) Hertzler, lived in Manor township. All are now deceased, and they are buried in the Millersville and New Danville cemeteries, respectively.

Benjamin Franklin Hersh was married, in Columbia, Pa., Sept. 27, 1887, to Miss Amanda N. Risser, and to this union have been born three children: Willis R., Katie M., and Esther R., bright young people who give promise of a useful future.

Mrs. Amanda N. (Risser) Hersh was born in the township of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, Nov. 29, 1859, daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Nissley) Risser. Her father was born in Dauphin county, and her mother in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county. Joseph Risser died in Mt. Joy township

Jan. 1, 1896, at the age of seventy-three. He followed farming all his life, coming into Lancaster county to engage in the cultivation of the soil a few years before his death. Mrs. Fanny Risser died Feb. 4, 1883, at the age of sixty-two, and was buried in Risser's Church cemetery, in Mt. Joy township. Mr. and Mrs. Risser had the following children: Levi, who was killed by a separator; Elizabeth, who married Christ Good, a farmer of Conoy township; Mary, of Elizabethtown, wife of Rev. Levi Ebercole, a minister of the Mennonite Church; Anna, deceased wife of Levi Longenecker; Joseph, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Fanny, who married A. B. Deramy, and lives in Elizabethtown; Martin, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Amanda N.; and Amos, a farmer in Mt. Joy township.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Hersh were Peter and Fanny (Witmer) Risser, who lived on a farm in Dauphin county, where they were married. Her maternal grandparents were Martin and Elizabeth (Hershey) Nissley, lifetime residents and farming people of Lancaster county.

Benjamin Franklin Hersh remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-nine years. When he was eighteen he entered the blacksmith shop, thoroughly learning the trade, which he followed until 1887. That year he came to the home where he is now found, and put up the shop in which he has been doing business for over fifteen years to the satisfaction of his patrons and his own credit. Mr. Hersh is a member of the Mennonite Church, and is a Republican in his political ideas.

L. SCOTT KURTZ, the well known dealer in saddlery, was born June 21, 1853, in Spring Garden, Salisbury township, Lancaster Co., Pa., one-half mile north of his present place of residence, a son of Rev. Jonathan and Prudence (Good) Kurtz, of Salisbury township and Chester county, respectively.

Christian Kurtz, the great-grandfather of L. Scott, died in the eighty-eighth year of his age. His wife, Mary, died in her sixty-third year.

Christian Kurtz, grandfather of L. Scott, was married twice, first to Ann Weaver, by whom he had seven children, all of Lancaster county, viz.: Maria married Moses Sharp, a farmer of Leacock township; Susanna married Moses Eaby, a merchant of Intercourse; Elizabeth married Peter Eaby, a farmer of Salisbury township; Jonathan is mentioned below; Lydia married Christian Umble, of Salisbury; David W. was a farmer of Salisbury township; Joseph died in his twentieth year. For his second wife Christian Kurtz married Elizabeth Mason.

Rev. Jonathan Kurtz was a farmer as well as a local Evangelical preacher for about twenty-five years, and died Dec. 6, 1879, at the age of fifty-nine years, four months, nine days, his body being buried in Pequea United Evangelical cemetery; his widow lived until Feb. 13, 1893, dying at the age of seventy-one years, one month, ten days. The five children of Jonathan and Prudence (Good) Kurtz were

named as follows: Newton L., who is a farmer in Salisbury township; L. Scott; Park M., who died when six years old; Howard H., a clerk in the clothing house at Christiana, Lancaster county; and Ida D., who was married to Thomas H. Livingston, and who, with her husband, is now deceased.

John Good, the maternal grandfather of L. Scott Kurtz, was born Feb. 9, 1788, and his wife, Barbara Brunner, was born Dec. 4, 1789, in Chester county. They had eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, who was married to Daniel Hetherey; Owen B.; Jesse, living retired in York county; John, retired, in Downingtown, Chester county; Prudence, Mrs. Kurtz; Abraham; Mary A., deceased wife of Benjamin F. Clemerson, a Methodist Episcopal clergyman in Delaware; and Barbara, wife of N. W. Benun, also a clergyman of Delaware.

L. Scott Kurtz was educated while still under the parental roof, from which he departed at the age of seventeen, beginning an apprenticeship at saddlery with William Phillips in Salisbury township, with whom he served four and one-half years. In 1876 he returned to his old home and engaged in the harness business until July 22, 1879, when he erected his present shop in Spring Garden. On Nov. 21, 1878, he married Lavinia M. Livingston, and this union has been graced with nine children, namely: William Jonathan, Walter Scott, Anna Araminta, Ida Elva, John Blanchard, Frank Livingston, Abram Carl, Harry Edgar and Clement Baldwin. William Jonathan, the eldest son, died Jan. 21, 1902, in Philadelphia, in his twenty-third year, and was laid to rest in the Pequea United Evangelical cemetery.

Mrs. Lavinia M. (Livingston) Kurtz was born in Salisbury township Sept. 13, 1856, daughter of William G. and Rachel (Lindville) Livingston, the former of whom was born in the same township in November, 1828, and is a stock dealer. Mrs. Rachel Livingston died in 1860, at the age of thirty-two years, and her remains were interred in Sadsbury Meeting House cemetery, she, with her husband, having been a member of the Society of Friends. She was the first wife of William G. Livingston, and they had four children, namely: Ann J., who was married to John R. Wilson, a merchant of Spring Garden, and died in 1879; John L., a farmer residing in Philadelphia; Lavinia M., Mrs. Kurtz; and William E., who died in infancy. The second marriage of William G. Livingston was to Catherine D. Mong, of Stark county, Ohio, and to this union have been born five children, namely: Edwin M., William C., Henry S. (a traveling salesman), all of whom have their home in Philadelphia; Mary E., a school teacher in Salisbury township; and Alice G., wife of Charles Trout, a carpenter. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kurtz was John Livingston, and Hon. J. B. Livingston, of Lancaster, was her uncle.

L. Scott Kurtz is a Republican in politics, and has served as a county committeeman. Fraternally he is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., Intercourse Council, No. 650. He is an up-to-date business

man, and has maintained a most enviable reputation not a breath of reproach ever having been breathed against his fair name. As a citizen he enjoys the respect of every resident of Spring Garden and Salisbury township. He is regarded as a substantial and public-spirited gentleman, ready on all proper occasions to advance from his means his full share of such funds as may be necessary to consummate the construction of such public improvements as may be essential to the convenience and comfort of his fellow citizens, and he is ever foremost in suggesting and promoting all projects designed for the happiness and health of the community and the increase of its prosperity.

REV. REUBEN S. NOLT. Not only is Lancaster county justly noted for the wonderful fertility of her soil, but also for the superiority of her farmer citizens, many of them being consistent members of the devout religious body known as Mennonites, whose frugality and industry produce the signs of thrift and prosperity shown in their surroundings. Among these worthy people who have for generations exerted a beneficial influence through the county are the representatives of the Nolt family, an exemplary member of which is Rev. Reuben S. Nolt, a leading citizen of Strasburg township.

Reuben S. Nolt was born Feb. 23, 1844, in West Hempfield township, a son of Jonas and Elizabeth (Schrader) Nolt, both of whom have long since passed away, the father when Reuben was but four years of age. Blessed with a most devoted and pious mother, he grew to manhood with good principles, obtaining his education in the public schools, and remaining on the old farm, his mother's helper, until the spring following his marriage, in 1876. At this time he removed to his present farm in Strasburg township, purchasing eighty-six acres of very desirable land, at that location, and here he has since built up a beautiful home, erecting commodious buildings, not only for comfortable residence but also for the proper housing of his fine stock and the yield of his fields. Reuben S. Nolt is a very intelligent agriculturist, and realizes the advantage of good machinery and proper drainage and cultivation of the land, as well as the desirability of giving attention only to the best of stock and cattle.

On Oct. 31, 1876, Reuben S. Nolt was married to Lavinia Herr, a daughter of Abraham and Leah (Mayers) Herr, of West Lampeter township, who was born Nov. 22, 1848. To this union seven children have been born: Lizzie L., Nov. 5, 1877; Emma, born Oct. 11, 1878; Lettie, born Dec. 22, 1880; Annie M., born May 6, 1882; Willis, born July 31, 1883; Harry, born April 13, 1885; and Fannie, born Jan. 1, 1887.

Since 1885 Mr. Nolt has been connected with the Reformed Mennonite Church, and on Dec. 30, 1894, was ordained to its ministry by Bishop Elias H. Hershey. His ministerial work covers Lancaster county, where he is everywhere recognized as a

man of worth and sterling traits of character. In his estimable wife he finds a worthy help-mate. Mrs. Nolt belongs to two of the best known and respected of the old pioneer families of the county, her ancestry dating as far back as 1709.

DANIEL F. HARNISH, whose home is in Manheim township, a half mile west of Neffsville, was born in Conestoga township July 21, 1831, a son of David and Susan (Torrey) Harnish, both of whom are now deceased. He was but a small boy when his parents moved into Manheim township, and there his life has passed. His education was received in the common schools, and in 1860 he married and located on the old homestead. In 1865 he moved to a second farm, near his present home, and there he cultivated rented land for four years, when he moved to East Hempfield township for a stay of two years. In 1871 Mr. Harnish purchased the farm of forty-three acres which is his home at the present time, and here he has made many improvements, remodelling the house, erecting a tobacco barn, and other farm buildings. Always interested in public affairs, he is known as one of the old and substantial citizens of Lancaster county.

On Nov. 20, 1860, Mr. Harnish was married to Miss Salinda L., a daughter of George and Fannie (Landis) Wiedler, who was born in Manor township Feb. 10, 1836. To this union have come three daughters: Clara W., born Sept. 3, 1862, married Harris Bumisderfer, of Kissel Hill, and has five children, Charles C., Fred G., Stanley G., Luke and Grace; Ellen W., born March 12, 1864, married Levi Erb, of Landisville, and has six children, Zenas, Ellen, Mabel, Jacob, Barbara and Salinda; Ida W., born April 6, 1867, married Nathan Bush, of Lititz, and has four sons, Roy, Guy, Robert and Nathan. Mr. and Mrs. Harnish are members of the German Baptist Church of the Mountville District, of which he is one of the trustees. They are highly esteemed for their upright characters and good lives.

JOHN L. MILLER was during many years of his life a well-known business man of Lancaster, as well as a highly respected citizen. He was born near Rohrerstown, West Hempfield township, Jan. 30, 1822, son of David and Barbara (Landis) Miller.

David Miller was a farmer in West Hempfield township, and there he married Barbara Landis. To this union were born these children: Elizabeth, who married Jacob Bosler, of West Hempfield township; John L., the subject of this sketch; Christian, who is a retired farmer of Warwick township; and David, who is a retired farmer of Petersburg. The Miller family is of Swiss descent.

John L. Miller grew up on his father's farm and attended the district schools. He remained in West Hempfield township engaged in farming until 1869, when he removed to Lancaster and embarked in the dry-goods business. He was a man of most excellent business judgment and carried on a success-

ful business until 1885, when he retired from activity. He died in his home in Lancaster March 22, 1899, and was buried in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church, in Millersville. He was much interested in all matters pertaining to the church, and set a good example both by action and precept. He was a director in the Mennonite Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

On Oct. 31, 1843, in Lancaster, John L. Miller married Barbara Bair, and the children born to them were: Amos B., who married Fanny Bear, is a practicing physician in Lancaster; Lizzie, who married Benjamin Snavelly, of Lancaster; Miss Fanny, at home; and Anna, who married Joseph R. Dickeler, of Lancaster. Mrs. Barbara (Bair) Miller was born in East Lampeter township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Landis) Bair, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a farmer who died Nov. 14, 1843, aged forty-five years, nine months and eleven days. The mother died Feb. 18, 1870, at the age of seventy years, eleven months and seventeen days, and both were buried in this county, the former at Lancaster, and the latter in the cemetery of the Mennonite Church at Landis Valley. Two children were born to this union: Christian, who died April 25, 1851, at the age of thirty-two years; and Barbara, the widow of John L. Miller. The mother contracted a second marriage, Michael Martin becoming her husband, but there were no children born to this union. Mrs. Miller and her unmarried daughter still reside in Lancaster, where they are numbered among the most esteemed members of the Mennonite Church.

MARTIN H. BAER, one of the enterprising farmers of the township of East Hempfield, Lancaster county, now residing on his fine farm three and one-half miles west of Lancaster City, was born on the farm adjoining his present one August 31, 1843.

Martin Baer, son of John and father of Martin H. Baer, died when the latter was only six weeks old, at the early age of thirty-five. All of his life was spent in East Hempfield township, where he was born and where he carried on farming. He married Mary Baer, and three children were born of this union: Levi, a resident of East Hempfield township; Sara, widow of Dr. John W. Hess, now residing in Lancaster; and Martin H. The mother of these children married again, her second husband being Jacob Bausman, to whom she bore one child: J. W. B. Bausman, president of the Farmers National Bank, of Lancaster City. The death of the mother occurred in 1857, when she was only forty-five years of age.

The early life of Martin H. Baer was spent upon the home farm, and he attended first the common schools of the neighborhood, and later the State Normal school at Millersville. At the age of twenty-five years he began farming operations for himself, purchasing a farm of nine acres along the Har-

risburg pike, in East Hempfield township, where for sixteen years he lived, making extensive improvements, and then selling at a good profit. His present home was purchased, and consists of ten acres of the best farming land in this section of country, and upon it Mr. Baer carries on general farming. During the time he has owned this property he has made many improvements, and has one of the most attractive and comfortable homes in East Hempfield township.

In 1869 Martin H. Baer married Miss Susan H. Krieder, a daughter of Jacob Krieder, of Pequea township. Eight children have blessed this union: Ella, wife of Louis Koenig, of Reading; Annie, at Lancaster; Sadie, at home; L. Miles, a druggist of Philadelphia, who married Bertha Sener; Walter, a student at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Clyde, a drug clerk in Philadelphia; Martin, a clerk in the Northern National Bank, Lancaster; and Grace, at home. Mrs. Baer is an active member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and all of the family are highly respected throughout the entire community in which they make their home. Mr. Baer is recognized as one of the substantial men of the township, and he is one of its public-spirited and representative citizens.

DAVID P. BITNER. During the greater part of his active life David P. Bitner was creditably identified with business enterprises in Lancaster, and his death, March 26, 1901, removed from accustomed haunts a man of most honorable intent, and apt money making capabilities. A native son of Lancaster, he was born Aug. 12, 1843, a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Porter) Bitner, of Lancaster county. An extended account of the Bitner ancestry may be found in the monograph of Abraham Bitner, a nephew of David P., and a prominent business man of Lancaster.

In his youth Mr. Bitner had fair educational advantages, and in later life it was his pride to read much and to maintain an interest in current events. All things combined to throw him upon his own resources, and to make him, while quite young, the arbiter of his own destiny. He seems to have planned wisely and well, for he left considerable property, and was safely launched in the confidence of the business and social world. In early life he was in the employ of the freight line firm of J. R. Bitner & Bro., and he afterward repaired to Philadelphia and hauled freight for the Pennsylvania railroad. Upon returning to Lancaster he was at one time a member of the freight line firm of C. A. Bitner & Co., afterward dissolved, and he was also a member of the coal firm of Bitner, Sprecker & Coho. Eventually he embarked in an independent coal business, and at the time of his death was known as an extensive dealer in this necessary commodity.

On April 12, 1863, Mr. Bitner was united in marriage with Amelia, daughter of Samuel and Mary E. (Brown) Kurtz, of Lancaster, the former a gun-

smith by trade, but for the last thirty-three years of his life a railroad engineer. He died in 1876, at the age of sixty-two, having been survived by his wife, who died in 1880, at the age of sixty-five. The parents were members of the Trinity Lutheran church, and were buried in Lancaster county. Besides Mrs. Bitner, who was the youngest of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz, there were: Paul, deceased; Clarence, deceased; and Haldy. To Mr. and Mrs. Bitner were born the following children: A. Wayne, a coal merchant of Philadelphia; Samuel K., who married Elizabeth Wicker, and lives in Philadelphia; David B., unmarried, and living at home; Hattie M.; Bessie A.; James V.; Paul, deceased; and L. Haldy, deceased. Mrs. Bitner and her children are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and are among the prominent and popular people of the community.

JOSEPH KURTZ, general farmer and lime manufacturer of Salisbury township, is one of its leading and highly esteemed citizens. He was born on the old homestead in this township April 8, 1841, son of John and Mary (Boley) Kurtz.

John Kurtz, the father of Joseph, was a prominent and successful farmer of Salisbury township, owning at the time of his death six of the fine farms of that township. Although no member, he was a constant attendant and a very liberal supporter of the Old Mennonite Church, of which his wife was a consistent member. John Kurtz died April 16, 1871, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife died in January, 1888, aged eighty-eight years. Both were buried on the old Kurtz homestead in Salisbury township. The children born to John and Mary Kurtz were as follows: Daniel is a retired farmer of Salisbury township; Nancy, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Worst; John died in Kentucky, and was brought for burial to this township; Martha married Harvey Sweigert, a farmer of Salisbury township; Jacob, a soldier during the Civil war, died in New Mexico; Abraham is a retired farmer in Salisbury township; Samuel resides in Denver, Colo.; David is a farmer of Salisbury township; Mary married James Roseboro, of Lancaster; Martin resides on the old homestead; and Joseph is a farmer and lime manufacturer in Salisbury township, and the subject of this sketch.

Jacob Kurtz, the paternal grandfather of Joseph Kurtz, was an intelligent and prosperous farmer of Lancaster county, although he began his business career as a poor man on the old John Warner farm, near the Pequea Meeting House. He was noted as being unusually large physically, weighing 200 pounds. He married Martha King, of Manheim township, who died at the age of seventy-four years. Jacob died in 1822, at the age of seventy-five years and two months, and both were interred on a part of their old farm twelve miles east of Pequea Meeting House. They were consistent members of the Amish Church.

Joseph Kurtz grew up on the farm and attended the public schools, remaining with his father, assisting in agricultural work, until within three years before his marriage. Then he began farming in East Earl township, where he remained for two years, when he came to his present fine farm of 120 acres in Salisbury township. In 1869 Mr. Kurtz began the manufacture of lime, and with three kilns he manufactures 27,000 bushels of lime yearly. The business is well managed and produces a fine income. In politics Mr. Kurtz is a Republican, and he takes a great interest in all public affairs.

On April 20, 1869, Mr. Kurtz was married to Miss Elizabeth Ranck, and the children born to this union were: Flora, who married Charles Norris, a mail agent in Salisbury township; Ada, who married Lytle Skiles, a hotel keeper in New Holland, and has three children; Sallie, deceased, who married Ralph Seabold, a railroad ticket agent at Honeybrook, and had two children; Charles H., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal.; Jennie, who married Harry Eshleman, of Coatesville, and has three children; Lydia, who married David K. Sweigert, mail agent at White Horse, and has two children; Mabel, Barton S. and Chester L., all at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Ranck) Kurtz was born in East Earl township April 8, 1843, daughter of Samuel E. and Sallie (McElroy) Ranck, of Lancaster county. Mr. Ranck was a prominent man in East Earl township, was identified with politics, filled the offices of supervisor, assessor and tax collector and it was through his influence that a post office was established at Green Bank, Pa., of which he was postmaster for many years. He died in 1889, aged eighty-two years, his wife surviving until 1896, dying also at the age of eighty-two years. Both were buried in the Ranck Church cemetery, in East Earl township. They were members of the U. B. Church. Their children were as follows: Sallie, who died in infancy; Laban, a resident of Camden, N. J.; Aaron, a resident of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Elijah, a shoemaker who resides at Blue Ball, Pa.; Elizabeth, who is Mrs. Kurtz; Edward, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lydia, widow of Isaac Seldomridge, and a resident of Coatesville; and Phoebe, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kurtz were Peter and Margaret (Eckholtz) Ranck, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were James and Sarah (Wisher) McElroy, farming people of Lancaster county, all highly respected in their various localities.

REV. GEORGE BUCHER, a noted preacher and farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born at Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa., July 21, 1845, son of Jacob and Veronica (Brubaker) Bucher.

Jacob Bucher was a son of Dr. Benedict Bucher, who was born at Denver, Lancaster county, in August, 1759, and grandson of Dr. Bens Bucher, a native of Switzerland, who settled at Denver, this coun-

ty, in the earlier part of the eighteenth century. Dr. Benedict Bucher located at Cornwall, where he practiced medicine many years. Of his children, (1) John B., who was born in 1785, was a farmer in Lebanon county. He and his wife and four children are deceased. One of his grandsons, Cyrus, of Astoria, Ill., is a minister. (2) Benedict, born in April, 1792, had two daughters, and died in Lebanon county. His daughter, Eliza, married Isaac Brubaker, a minister, and his daughter, Sarah, became the wife of Michael Hershberger, of Lebanon county. (3) Christian, born in 1796, was a practicing physician in Lebanon county for many years. His family consisted of Dr. Samuel, of Freeport, Ill., now deceased; Susan, wife of Henry Houck, deputy State superintendent of schools, of Lebanon county; Dr. Alfred, deceased; Mary A., wife of Frank Goshert, of Lebanon county; Dr. Isaac, who is a prominent resident of Lebanon county; and Elizabeth, who was Mrs. Rocky. (4) Henry Bucher, born in 1798, settled near Cornwall, where he engaged in farming. He was the father of the following children: Mary A., wife of Dr. A. Smith, of Lebanon county; Catherine, wife of Joseph Horst; Dr. Benedict, of Lebanon; Lovina, unmarried; and Henry, a farmer of Lebanon county. (5) Susanna, born in 1802, died unmarried. (6) Maria, born in 1804, married Michael Snyder, and died in Lebanon county, leaving six children, Henry, Susan, Mary, Leah, Israel and Josiah. (7) Jacob was the father of Rev. George.

Jacob Bucher was born March 24, 1807, at Cornwall, and was reared in Lebanon county, where he followed farming all his life. His death occurred in November, 1871. He married Veronica Brubaker, who was born in January, 1812, at Cornwall, and died in November, 1868. In his religion Mr. Bucher was a member of the German Baptist Church. He took a prominent part in school matters, being a member of the school board at the time free schools were established in Lebanon county. To him and his good wife were born the following children: (1) Christian became a minister early in life, and is now a bishop of the German Baptist Church. He has a wife and seven children, Mohler (a deacon), Alice, Esther, Allen (a minister), Clara, Amy and Ada. (2) Anna married Henry Horst, and is deceased. (3) Jacob, a successful farmer, is now residing near the old home in Lebanon county. (4) Susan married William Gingrich, of Lebanon county, and they have a son, Alfred, in the ministry. (5) Veronica married Jonas Royer, of Lebanon county. (6) Elizabeth married John Kettering, of Lebanon county. (7) George is mentioned below.

Rev. George Bucher was reared at the old homestead and received a district school education. Beginning life as a farmer, he also taught during the winter seasons for a time in Lebanon county. When a young man he was called to the ministry, and for thirty-six years has preached the gospel in Lebanon

and Lancaster counties, being self-supporting. In 1896 he purchased a farm near Mechanic Grove, where he has followed farming, and he still preaches on the Sabbath. In 1898, very largely through his influence, a church was erected at Mechanic Grove, where he ministers to a congregation of some thirty families of the Dunkard faith.

In 1866 Mr. Bucher was married to Miss Anna Pfoutz, who died in 1881, leaving him seven children: (1) Mary is the wife of Prof. and Rev. Isaac Newton Harvey Beahm, now of Elizabethtown, who has proved himself one of the best of teachers and preachers. His labors have extended from the Atlantic to the Pacific. They have four children, Annie, Sadie, Willie and Esther. (2) Lizzie, for a time a successful teacher in Lebanon county, is the wife of Prof. L. D. Eikenbury, principal of the North Manchester (Ind.) College, and has two children, Anna and Flora M. (3) Sarah is the wife of John J. John, a minister, and teacher in the Union Bridge College, in Maryland, and they have three children, George B., Eva and Donald. (4) Prof. Aaron, born in Lebanon county, is unmarried, and lives in South Bend, Wash. He is a graduate of the Lebanon Business College. (5) George lives in the State of Washington, with his brother Aaron, who has filled important positions in Eastern colleges. (6) Annie lives with her parents. (7) Benoni also resides at home.

Rev. George Bucher was married Sept. 26, 1882, to Mrs. Fianna (Pfoutz) Philippy, at that time the widow of Peter F. Philippy. She was born Sept. 21, 1850, and belongs to one of the old families of Lebanon county, her father, Amos Pfoutz, being an old tailor and farmer of the county. To this union have come: (1) Rufus, born in 1883, who was selected for the ministry in 1901; (2) Fianna, born in June, 1886; and (3) Willie, born in September, 1888.

Mr. Bucher has never taken any part in politics, devoting himself entirely to his work as a preacher of the Gospel and to his farming, owning two large and well cultivated farms. Beginning with but little education, by close application and a lifetime of study he has become one of the best informed men in the county. His integrity is unquestioned, and he is greatly respected by all who know him.

HENRY F. ESHBACH, one of the representative farmers of Lancaster county, now retired from the active conduct of his farm, belongs to one of the old and honored families of the State of Pennsylvania.

Christian Eshbach, grandfather of Henry F., was born in Conestoga township, this county, accompanying his father, John Eshbach, to Lancaster township, when he was a lad of eight years. He was reared on the farm which is still in the possession of the family, and became one of the most successful agriculturists of the county. Christian Eshbach was a good, honest, conscientious man, be-

loved by his family and the community, and valued in the Old Mennonite Church, of which he had long been a member. He married Mary Brant, and they became the parents of three children: John, deceased, who was a farmer of Lancaster township; Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Herr; and Christian, father of Henry F.

Christian Eshbach (2), son of Christian, was born on the old homestead Jan. 29, 1833, and continued on the place until he had attained his majority. His education was acquired in the common schools of his locality, and he managed the home farm until 1877, when he retired from activity in favor of his son, Henry F. In 1853 he married Miss Anna Forey, and one son was born to this union, Henry F. Both parents are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Henry F. Eshbach was born on the old family homestead Sept. 29, 1854, and was educated in the common schools of the county. Taking entire charge of the farming operations at the age of twenty-two, he has devoted all his energies to agriculture and kindred lines. The members of this family have long been known as the best of farmers, and Henry F. Eshbach has kept up the standard of excellence. In the spring of 1896 he retired, moving from the old homestead to his present comfortable residence, on the Millersville pike road, within three miles of the city of Lancaster.

Henry F. Eshbach was married Sept. 26, 1876, to Barbara M. Denlinger, who passed out of life Dec. 21, 1899. Mr. Eshbach is one of Lancaster county's most highly respected citizens, is public-spirited and liberal minded, and has been identified with all of the progressive movements in his section, in the interests of morality and good government.

JACOB M. STAUFFER (deceased) was born in West Hempfield township July 18, 1849, and died on the family farm Aug. 19, 1899. He was buried in the Chiques Hill Meeting House cemetery in Rapho township.

John Stauffer, his father, was a farmer of West Hempfield township and died there in May, 1849, at the age of fifty years. He married Mary Miller, who died May 14, 1900, at the age of eighty-one years, and is buried on Mussers' farm, in West Hempfield township. She belonged to the Old Mennonite Church. To the union of John and Mary Stauffer were born the following named children: John M. (deceased), who was married twice, first time to a Hossle, and second to a Greider; Abraham (deceased), who married Miss Kate Nissley; Henry M., of Rossmere, Lancaster county; Anna M.; and Jacob M.

In November, 1878, Jacob M. Stauffer married Miss Ella Young, of Lancaster, and to this union were born: Cyrus Y., Alice Y., Abraham Y., David Y. and Jacob Y. Mrs. Jacob M. Stauffer was born in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Abraham and Susan (Hershey) Young,

of that township, where they now reside on a farm. Mr. Young was born in 1833, and Mrs. Young was born in 1832. They are members of the German Baptist Church. For a number of years Mr. Young was a school director. Mr. and Mrs. Young had children as follows: Jacob H., a farmer of Mt. Joy, married Miss Anna Heistand; Clayton H. died in infancy; Ella H. is the widow of Jacob M. Stauffer. Mrs. Stauffer's grandparents on her father's side were John and Susan (Kauffman) Young, and her maternal grandfather was Jacob Hershey, who married a Witmer. All were of Lancaster county.

Jacob M. Stauffer remained with his parents until two years prior to coming of age, after which he worked for different farmers in the neighborhood. After his marriage he engaged in the manufacture of lime for two years, and then took his father-in-law's farm in Mt. Joy township, where he remained four years. He then took the David Hershey farm, in Mt. Joy township, where he remained thirteen years. In April, 1898, he purchased and took charge of the John L. Brandt (formerly Sam Hossler) farm, in Rapho township, where he remained until his death. He was a good Christian man, and an active member of the German Baptist Church. His widow remains on the farm, which is a fine place of ninety-seven acres, managed for her by her sons. They are progressive, and under their efforts the tract is very profitable. The family is well known and respected in the community and none stand higher in the good will of all who know them, than Mrs. Stauffer and her sons and daughters.

JOSEPH G. JAMISON. Among the energetic and representative farmer citizens of Little Britain township, residing in Oak Hill, is Joseph G. Jamison, who carries on a prosperous machinery and implement business in that place, doing business for the Walter A. Wood Harvesting Machine Co. He also manages a small, well kept and finely improved farm, and is one of the successful and reputable citizens of his part of the county.

Mr. Jamison was born in Little Britain township June 7, 1848, son of John and Mary (Gyles) Jamison, of the same township, the latter a daughter of Joseph Gyles, of Chester county. John Jamison was a son of John and Mary Ann (Patton) Jamison, the former of whom was born in Ireland, and was an early settler in Lancaster county. Of their twelve children, nine grew to maturity: Joseph, James, Samuel, John, Adam, William, Isabel, Catherine and Margaret, all of whom have passed away.

John Jamison was born in 1820, and was married in 1842. His wife died in 1866, and he survived until Aug. 5, 1896. Their eleven children were: Robert P., who died during the Civil war; Mary A., who married Allan C. Dance, of Wilmington, Del.; Joseph G.; Laura J. and Florence E., twins, the former of whom mar-

ried Elwood Young, of Chester county, and the latter of whom married John Ritter, of Westchester, Pa.; Harvey, who lives in Chester county; Estella, who died at the age of fourteen years; and several who died in infancy. John Jamison was a true patriot and loyal citizen, serving faithfully and well in Company D, 178th P. V. I. In politics he was a Republican, and he was an honorable and industrious citizen.

Joseph G. Jamison was reared on the farm, and was educated in the public schools of his district. In his eighteenth year, during the Civil war, he was in the employ of the United States Government at Giesboro Point, Washington, D. C. Fraternally Mr. Jamison is connected with several orders, being a past grand of the I. O. O. F.; sachem of Ocloconee Tribe, No. 324, I. O. R. M.; and a member of the Good Templars. He has also organized a lodge of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, by a commission of the supreme organizer, John W. Cruett, of Baltimore. In political preference he has long been a stanch Republican, and is school director of Little Britain township. He is prominent in business as well as in social and political circles.

On Dec. 9, 1869, Mr. Jamison was married to Miss Hattie Reburn, born Jan. 6, 1849, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Featherman) Reburn, of Chester county. She was one of a family of six children born to her parents, the other members being: Michael, a resident of Fulton township; Nancy Jane, unmarried; Benjamin, of Lancaster; Elizabeth, unmarried; and Jane.

JOHN BENDER, the genial proprietor of the "Eden Hotel," is a representative of an old settled family in Lancaster county.

David Bender, the great-grandfather of John, was born in Upper Leacock township, July 26, 1741, and died April 20, 1824. His wife, Margaret, was born Oct. 1, 1755, and died Sept. 21, 1809. Mr. Bender was one of the founders of that branch of the German Reformed Church which is known as the Heller's Church. He was a successful farmer, and when he died left his two sons, John and George, each a fine farm. He also was the father of five daughters: Catherine, the wife of Joseph Heller; Susan and Sarah, who died unmarried; one who married a Mr. Whideler; and another who married a Mr. Shreiner.

John Bender, son of David and grandfather of John, was born in Upper Leacock township, where he followed farming until his death. Elizabeth Rinzer, his wife, became the mother of eleven children: One that died in infancy; David; Michael; Mariah; George; William; John; Adam; Diller; Joseph; and Widler.

George Bender, the father of John, was born in Upper Leacock township in 1819, and was a life-long farmer. He was married Feb. 10, 1842, to Miss Harriet Johnson, of Maytown, by whom he became the father of the following children: John,

whose name introduces this article; Mary C., the wife of Daniel R. Donor; Diller, deceased; Anna E., widow of Samuel Patterson; Carpenter W., of Newhall; George J., of East Dubuque, Iowa; Alice, wife of Milton Groff; and Frances L., wife of David Myers.

John Bender was born March 3, 1843, in Upper Leacock township, where the family had long been established, and where he was reared on the farm. He was educated in the public schools, and when he was about twenty-eight years of age, he began farming for himself in Earl township, where he remained some five years. He was in West Earl township one year, and in 1880 removed to Manheim township, to take charge of a farm for Mr. B. J. McGrann, following farming and teaming for two years. At the end of that time he sold his stock and bought the hotel at Eden, which he conducted for four years. After selling it, he bought it back again in 1889, and continues as its landlord to the present date. A genial and pleasant man he has proved peculiarly successful in his hotel work, which has proved very profitable to him. As a farmer he excelled, and at a plowing contest in the county won a prize of \$500 offered for the straightest furrow and the most even plowing. Mr. Bender is a broad-gauge man, and is deeply interested in the public welfare. He bears one of the old and honored names in Lancaster county, and his life has been such as to add to its lustre.

Mr. Bender was married Feb. 27, 1882, to Miss Serena B., a daughter of Jacob and Selma (Bodderf) Longenecker; she was born near Lincoln, Lancaster county, Aug. 19, 1849. They are pleasant and affable people and are among the most worthy and respected citizens of the community. Mr. Bender takes much pride in the memory of his ability as a teamster in the days when he was on the road. He won the "bells," given as a token of being the best driver on the road.

FRANKLIN BOOKS, a noted farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in that township near the Colerain line, Feb. 24, 1840, a son of Samuel and Mary (Reed) Books, both natives of this county.

Samuel Books was born in 1800, a son of Michael and Nancy (Groff) Books, one of the old families of Lancaster county, who reared a large family, all the members of which are dead. He settled on a twenty-five-acre tract, now a part of the Books farm, on which he erected a small house. Gradually he increased the farm by frequent purchases of small amounts of land, until he had come to own one of the large farms of the township. In 1870 he built the house where Franklin Books is now living, and where his wife, Mary Reed, who was about four years his junior, died in February, 1874, preceding him to the Better Land by some five years. Samuel Books and his wife were the parents of sixteen children, twelve of whom were living at

the time of their death. We have record of the following: (1) William died unmarried in 1892; (2) Samuel, born in 1832, lives in York county; (3) George, born in 1836, died in childhood; (4) Jacob, born in 1838, is married, and lives in Oxford, Chester county; (5) Franklin is our subject; (6) Benjamin, born in 1842, lives in Indian Territory; (7) Alice, born in 1843, is the widow of William Lewis, of Little Britain, and is the mother of two children; (8) James, born in 1846, is married and has a family in Little Britain, where he is engaged in business as a farmer; (9) Michael and (10) Elizabeth, twins, born in 1848, of whom Michael is a farmer and has a wife and family in Chester county, while Elizabeth is the widow of David Rimer, of Eden township; (11) Ivan, born in 1852, is married and lives in Chester county; (12) Sarah, born in 1854, married Frank Conklin, and died, leaving one son, Lindley; (13) Mary, born in 1857, is the wife of Harry Brooks, of Lancaster, and the mother of Daisy, Warren, Cora and Nellie.

Franklin Books was reared on the home farm, and has remained on the parental home, caring for his parents as long as they lived, and he still holds the farm. When a young man he engaged in teaming and in hauling ore and lime.

In March, 1883, Franklin Books was married to Miss Lizzie J. Suters, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Book) Suters, long established in the county. The father was born in Little Britain, and the mother in Colerain township. They lived on a farm in Colerain township, where Mrs. Franklin Books was born in 1846, having her education in the public school of East Drumore township, where her parents soon established their home, and where they lived and died. Shortly after his marriage, Franklin Books established himself in Chester county, and four years later he bought the old Books farm, on which he is found at this writing.

Franklin Books and his wife are the parents of four children: Harry, born in 1884; Gaylon, born in 1885; Anne, born in 1887; and George C., born in 1890, but who died in infancy. Mr. Books is a Republican, and holds the same political ideas which his father cherished. He and his wife are among the most respected people of this section of Lancaster county, and their generous hospitality is shared by many neighbors and warm friends.

DAVID LEAMAN, one of the old and honored citizens of Lancaster county, has his residence on his farm, one mile southeast of Neffsville. He was born on a farm in West Lampeter township, March 31, 1831, a son of Abraham and Barbara (Buckwalter) Leaman, and has worthily sustained the honor of the name.

Abraham Leaman was the eldest in the family of eight children of Benjamin Leaman. He died when only thirty years of age, but though cut off early in life, gave indication of a strong and virile nature. He married Barbara Buckwalter, a daughter of

David Buckwalter, of East Lampeter township, and had five children: David; Benjamin, of Lititz; Miss Catherine, a resident of Lancaster; Maria, deceased wife of Daniel Book, of West Lampeter township; and Samuel, who died in childhood. After the father's death the mother was married to Isaac Powell, by whom she had two children, Eli and Amanda, both residents of Lancaster. The mother died in her eighty-fifth year. She and her husband were members of the Mennonite Church.

David Leaman was reared on the farm in East Lampeter township, and educated in the common schools. When he was twenty-one years of age he entered into business activities for himself, and began farming on the place he now occupies, containing seventy-four acres. Following farming steadily until 1888, he then retired and located in a handsome and attractive house which he had built on the farm adjoining the old family homestead, where he expects to spend his declining days in peace and quiet.

Mr. Leaman was married Oct. 22, 1850, to Elizabeth Landis, a daughter of Abraham and Barbara Landis, born in East Lampeter township, Sept. 27, 1829. This union was blessed with eight children, of whom two are deceased: Barbara, wife of David Rohrer, of Upper Leacock township; Matilda, wife of Ezra Groff, of Lower Leacock township; Abraham, a farmer of Manheim township; Mary Ann, wife of Frank Landis, of East Lampeter; David, who lives in the old homestead and is wedded to Lizzie B. Hess; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Hess, of Oregon; and Benjamin and Ezra, who both died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Leaman and their children are members of the Landis Valley Mennonite Church, where Mr. Leaman has been a deacon since 1873.

JOSEPH AIKIN, a resident of Vintage, Lancaster county, was born in County Antrim, near Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 22, 1834, a son of William J. and Margaret (McCormick) Aikin, the former of whom was a carpenter, and lived and died in Ireland, as did also the latter.

Joseph Aikin was reared in his native land, and had his education in the local schools. In 1851 he came to the United States, and located at Williams-town, Lancaster county, where he had an uncle and an aunt living, with whom he made his home. He determined to learn the cabinet-maker's trade, and for the ensuing three years he was engaged in serving the necessary apprenticeship. At the end of that time he went into business for himself as contractor and builder, which he followed until 1899, when he sold out his business to his sons, Joseph and William. In contracting and building he had developed an extensive patronage, and was widely known throughout the eastern part of Lancaster county, as a reliable and capable workman, whose word could be safely taken. In 1879 Mr. Aikin purchased some six acres of land, and the following year erected a very handsome residence, which is still counted among the most attractive and desirable in the village.

On May 25, 1858, Joseph Aikin was married to Miss Sarah W. Walker, a daughter of James and Mary (McFadden) Walker. James Walker, who was a native of County Derry, Ireland, came to this country when a lad of sixteen years, settling in the vicinity of Williamstown, Lancaster county, where he made his home until his death, in 1849, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mary (McFadden) Walker, who was the second wife of James Walker, was born in Lancaster county, and she became the mother of two children: Sarah W., wife of Joseph Aikin, and Anna, who married George Bower, of The Gap, and died in 1900. By his first wife, who was Miss Anna Kane, Mr. Walker had one son, Isaac, who died at Peoria, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Aikin are the parents of five children: (1) James W. married Mary Witwer, and lives at Nine Points, Lancaster county; he is a blacksmith, and holds the office of justice of the peace. (2) William John married Miss Clara Hershey; he is a contractor and builder at Williamstown, where he has taken up his father's business. (3) Anna Mary married Edward Charles, a farmer at Thorndale, Chester county, Pa. (4) Elizabeth is the wife of Amos K. McIlvaine, of Philadelphia. (5) Joseph Leman is in business with his brother, William J.; he is unmarried. All the family belong to the Paradise Presbyterian Church, where Joseph Aikin serves as a trustee.

JAMES M. LONG, one of the leading citizens of Kirks Mills, Little Britain township, was born June 26, 1861, in East Drumore township, a son of Hugh and Rebecca (Pusey) Long, the former of whom is one of the most highly respected of the citizens of that township.

Hugh Long was a son of James Long, and a grandson of John Long, who came from England about 1750, and settled near Chestnut Level. By trade he was an iron worker and some of the iron work which has stood the storms of many years in the Presbyterian Church in Chestnut Level, attests his skill. The children born to Hugh Long and wife numbered three, namely: James M. of this sketch; Annie, who is the wife of Martin Coulter, of Bart township; and Sanders, who manages the home farm.

In his youth James M. Long attended the district schools of his locality, growing up accustomed to farm duties. His choice of career made of him an agriculturist, and although at first his means were limited and there was great need of industry, he conquered all difficulties, and he is now one of the substantial and leading farmers of his neighborhood. His estate comprises one of the valuable and desirable tracts of land in Little Britain township, located within one and one-half miles of Kirks Mills; it contains 192 acres of fine land, improved with excellent buildings of every kind.

On Nov. 28, 1889, Mr. Long was married to Miss Alice C. L. Lanborn, of Drumore township, a daughter of Aquilla B. and Ann (Ambler) Lanborn, born

Feb. 14, 1867. Her parents had a family of three children, the others being William, who was killed by a kick of a horse; and Addie, who resides with Mrs. Long. Mr. Lanborn can trace a long line of ancestry, as far back as the year 1697, when occurred the birth of Robert, in Berkshire, England. Robert had a son Robert, who came to America, and his son George was born in Lancaster county, Pa. George (2), son of George, was born in Chester county Dec. 23, 1763, and his son, Smedley Lanborn, was born June 6, 1807, and became the grandfather of Mrs. Long. Aquilla B. Lanborn was born Feb. 23, 1833, and he resides in the home of his daughter; his wife, born March 25, 1831, died Jan. 11, 1894.

In 1888 Mr. Long removed from East Drumore township and purchased his present farm, and has ever since been prospering in farming and stock-raising. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Long are: Ralph W., born Aug. 30, 1891; Wynona May, born July 19, 1893; Anna M., born Sept. 6, 1895; and Forest, born June 1, 1901. In their pleasant country home, surrounded by their bright and interesting children, Mr. and Mrs. Long realize the best there is in life. Mrs. Long was reared in the Quaker belief, but Mr. Long is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and both of them are among the most highly respected residents of this township, where they have lived so long.

AMOS M. RETTEW, master-painter for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co., was born in Cordelia, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, April 20, 1848, and is still a resident of the village.

George Rettew, father of Amos M., and also a native of West Hempfield township, was a teamster by vocation, and also served many years as constable. He died in 1866, aged forty years, and was buried in the Brookhart cemetery in West Hempfield township; his widow died in 1898, when seventy-two years old, and her remains were interred in the United Brethren cemetery, at Cordelia. To the marriage of George Rettew with Elizabeth Mumaw were born nine children, namely: David, who died young; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Amos M.; George, who died young; Henry, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Adeline, wife of John Eiker, a carpenter in Cordelia; Harriet, unmarried; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Kidinger, of Stark county, Ohio; and Andrew, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Amos M. Rettew were David and Mary (Kellar) Rettew, of French extraction, the former a farmer in West Hempfield township, who passed his latter days in retirement and died in Marietta; his wife died in Maytown. The maternal grandparents were Peter and Catherine (Metzgar) Mumaw, the former being a wood-cutter, living in Lancaster.

Amos M. Rettew began making his own livelihood at the age of fourteen years by hauling ore in the banks, and five years later went to work in

the smelting furnaces, where he remained four years, when he entered the employ of the R. & C. R. R. Co., as fireman. After two years, he returned to work in the furnaces, and a few years later opened a tavern in Cordelia, which he successfully conducted four years, and then became a painter for the P. & R. R. Co., and was advanced by degrees until, in 1892, he was made foreman—the position he still holds.

In August, 1868, at Lancaster, Amos M. Rettew married Mary Hoffman, and to this union have been born three children, viz.: George, who married Mary Strictmeyer, and is a laborer in Cordelia; Lizzie, deceased wife of Albert Bard, also a laborer in Cordelia; and Frederick H., deceased. Mrs. Mary (Hoffman) Rettew was born in West Hempfield township Dec. 12, 1850, a daughter of Frederick and Magdalena (Snyder) Hoffman, who were born in Germany, but who were married in Lancaster county, Pa., and who died in West Hempfield township—the father in 1889, at the age of seventy-one years, and the mother in 1885, when sixty-seven years old. They were members of the German Lutheran church, and their remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery in West Hempfield township. Their children, five in number, were as follows: Peter, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Mary, wife of Amos M. Rettew; Gertrude, wife of Albert Harthorn, a farmer of Conoy township; Kate, married to George Stubenfall, a carpenter in Philadelphia; and Lena, deceased.

Amos M. Rettew is a member of the P. & R. Relief Association, and in politics is a Republican. He has led an industrious and strictly honorable life, and his present prosperous condition is the result of his integrity and good management, as well as of his unfailing courtesy toward all with whom he had business transactions or social relations.

DAVID H. HARNISH, a substantial farmer and business man of Pequea township, who is quite extensively engaged in the truck gardening branch of agriculture, and who also through the winter seasons is a large slaughterer of hogs for the markets of the country, belongs to that thrifty, frugal class which has given character and standing to Lancaster county.

Mr. Harnish was born in the year 1841, in what was then Conestoga township, but is now Pequea, son of Martin and Fanny (Harnish) Harnish, and the grandson of David Harnish, who was a successful farmer and land owner of this locality. The latter married Lizzie Snively and to them were born children as follows: Jacob, a resident of the City of Lancaster; David, a resident of Stark county, Ohio; Abram, who also moved to Ohio, and who died in that State; Fanny, married to Abner Rohrer, and now deceased; John and Eliza, also now deceased; and Martin.

Martin Harnish, the father of David H., was reared to agricultural pursuits. On reaching mature years he was married to Fanny Harnish, who

was born March 11, 1804. They were plain, unassuming country folk, good Christian God-fearing people, who reared their children in that line and to habits of industry and usefulness. They were identified with the Reformed Mennonite Church. They died, the father in 1884, and the mother in 1887, and their remains rest in the cemetery at New Danville. Their children were: Fanny (died in infancy), Lizzie, Annie (deceased wife of John L. Brenneman), Martin and David H.

David H. Harnish was reared on the home farm, and not unlike lads of the general farmer of that period, had only such schooling as the neighboring district schools afforded. These he attended but for a brief period between work in the winter months, for through the seasons of preparation and planting and harvesting he was hard at it in ploughing, sowing and reaping; and in the winter season between the doing of his chores and the riding of horses in tramping out and threshing the grain, he had only intervals at school, and hence meagre educational advantages. He has for years paid considerable attention to gardening, the raising of vegetables, etc., for the city markets. He is largely engaged through the winter slaughtering hogs for market, in which business he is probably the most extensively engaged of any one man, outside of the city, in Lancaster county. In the winter of 1899-1900 he killed between 200 and 300 head. He has been industrious, energetic and frugal, and through his persistency and his tenacity of purpose, has risen to a creditable position among his fellow men. He has been a good manager, and has met with deserved success. He adheres to the religious faith of his forefathers, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, as are also all members of his family.

On October 31, 1878, David H. Harnish was married to Barbara Eckman, daughter of Isaac and Delilah (Benedict) Eckman, and two children have blessed the union, namely: Noah, who is associated in business with Riley Brothers & Raub, hardware merchants of Lancaster; and Cora.

T. M. ROHRER, M. D., a well known member of the medical profession in New Providence, Lancaster county, was born Dec. 7, 1854, a son of John K. and Mary (Peoples) Rohrer.

The ancestors of John K. Rohrer came from Alsace, Germany, and emigrated to this country, settling in Lancaster county in the early days. John Rohrer, the grandfather of our subject, left a family of two children, by his first marriage. John K., the father of our subject; and Maria, who married John Sides, and moved to Sterling, Ill., where she is still living at an advanced age. By a second marriage he had four children: Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac and Annie.

John K. Rohrer, son of John, settled in New Providence, where he followed merchandising until his death in 1863. His wife, Mary Peoples, daughter of John and Susan Peoples, pioneers of Lancaster

county, died in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer were survived by four children: (1) B. F., born in 1843, was reared in Lancaster county, and received his education in the schools of the county and at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; he married Miss Kate Kelley, of St. Louis, and they now reside at Hummelstown, Dauphin Co., Pa., where Mr. Rohrer is engaged as a bookkeeper for the Brown Stone Co.; they have three daughters: Sue, Mary and Katie, all graduates of the Millersville State Normal school. (2) Susan, born in 1846, is the wife of Dr. W. J. Wentz, of New Providence. They have a family of six children, as follows: Bertie, wife of A. W. Moyer, of Lancaster county; John, of Providence; B. Frank, a physician of Philadelphia; Mary; Emily; and Charles, a student in the Philadelphia Medical College. (3) John, born in 1848, married Miss Annie Leaman, of Lancaster county, and they reside on his farm in Strasburg township; they have a family of seven children. (4) Dr. T. M. is the subject of this sketch.

Dr. T. M. Rohrer was reared in Lancaster county. He attended the State Normal school at Millersville, and then entered the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he graduated in 1881. He located in the town of Quarryville after graduation, and has since practiced his profession in that town.

In 1890 Dr. Rohrer married Miss Sue E. Hensel, and three children have been born of this union: Mary H., born in 1891; Robert H. and Richard P., twins, born in 1895. Mrs. Rohrer was born in 1863, daughter of George W. (deceased) and Anna M. Hensel, of Quarryville borough. She is a lady of culture and refinement, and is a graduate of Linden Hall Seminary, in Lancaster county. Dr. Rohrer is a Republican in politics, and has been a Burgess and member of the council. The Doctor and wife are members of the Reformed Church. He is a member of the Lancaster County and the State Medical Societies. The Doctor owns and occupies a fine house in the borough, and is one of the well-to-do practitioners of the district. He is a kind-hearted and charitable gentleman, whose hand has always been open to the deserving. He is well-known and universally respected for his merit as a man and a member of society.

WESLEY MILLER, tax collector of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, for the past five years, and a lifelong farmer, is one of the best and most favorably known residents of Silver Spring. He is yet a comparatively young man, but represents one of the old families of Lancaster county. He was born in East Hempfield township Oct. 20, 1857, son of Christian and Catherine (Moul) Miller, natives, respectively, of East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and of Cumberland county.

Christian Miller, born in June, 1828, followed farming through life and is now a resident of Fulton township, Lancaster Co. His wife, Catherine, was born in April, 1828, daughter of John Moul.

To Christian and Catherine Miller were born the following children: Caron, deceased; Edwin, deceased; Franklin, a farmer of Pequea township; Wesley; John, deceased; Richard, of Fulton township; Hiram, a farmer of Fulton township; Mary, at home; and Susan, wife of Winfield Smith, of Fulton township.

Wesley Miller was reared on the farm, receiving a good common school education, and early applying his energies to agriculture. He married, Sept. 21, 1879, in Mountville, Pa., Miss Mary Leonard, born in Pequea township Sept. 14, 1856, the daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Shawb) Leonard. Her paternal grandparents were Frederick and Elizabeth (Lutz) Leonard, of Manor township, the grandfather serving as a soldier in the war of 1812. Her maternal grandparents were Martin and Catherine (Book) Shawb, prominent farmers of Providence township. Abraham Leonard died May 25, 1898, aged eighty-seven years; his wife died in December, 1875, aged fifty-four years. Both were devout members of the Dunkard church. Their family of four children consisted of Martin, a carpenter of West Hempfield township; Mary, wife of Wesley Miller; Catherine, deceased; and Aaron, a farmer of West Hempfield township. To Wesley and Mary (Leonard) Miller three daughters have been born, of whom Katie, the eldest, and Stella M., the youngest, are at home; and Alice B. is deceased.

In 1899 Mr. Miller retired from active farm life, and is now a resident of Silver Spring. In politics he is a Republican and is one of the leading members of the party in West Hempfield township. He is a member of the Mystic Chain, and in the social and business interests of the township is popular and influential.

CLINTON E. REMSBURG. Among the flourishing industries of the town of Maytown is the bakery business, and a leader in this line is Clinton E. Remsburg, who, since 1894, has there conducted a first-class modern bakery, and is the purveyor through the surrounding country of fine bread, cakes, pies and pretzels, requiring two wagons to supply his customers.

Mr. Remsburg was born in Walkersville, Frederick Co., Md., Jan. 22, 1862, a son of Edward and Sarah (Pacely) Remsburg, the former a native of Maryland, the latter of France. Both parents are residents of Walkersville, where they live retired, and both are valued members of the Reformed Church. To them were born: Cordelia, who married Jacob W. Cramer, a farmer near Walkersville; Lauretta V., widow of John V. Cramer; Americus E., of Fairfax county, Va.; Florence J., the wife of Dr. M. E. Leatherman, an eye and ear specialist of Washington, D. C.; Alice M., wife of Milton Sparr, of Woodsboro, Md.; Charles D., a druggist of Washington, D. C.; and Clinton E.

Although Clinton E. Remsburg has made a success as proprietor and manager of the Excelsior Bak-

ery of Maytown, he was reared on a farm in his native State, where he was educated and remained until he was twenty-two years old. His natural bent was in the direction of a business life, and for two years he was a very successful salesman in the wagon and carriage line, but in 1887 he changed his residence from Walkersville to Marietta, Pa., and for a year was engaged in the leaf tobacco business. Later he saw a better opening in the sign and house painting line, which he followed for five years, coming to Maytown in December, 1894.

Mr. Remsburg has no practical knowledge of the baking business, but he is a capable manager, and understands the needs of the line into which he has entered with such success, hiring the most thorough workmen and using only the very best materials. In this way he has built up a trade second to none outside of the cities of the State, and his patronage is constantly increasing, as he endeavors, in every way, to fulfill every demand and keep abreast of the times, in all kinds of substantial and delicate bakery goods.

Mr. Remsburg was married, Dec. 11, 1884, to Miss Alice G. Brenneman, of Frederick, Md., and to this union have been born the following children: Charles R., Elwood, Walter and Robert, the last named deceased. Mrs. Remsburg was born in East Donegal township May 14, 1863, a daughter of John B. and Fanny (Engle) Brenneman; the family removed to Frederick, Md., in 1865. In 1885 Mr. Brenneman, with his family, returned to East Donegal, in 1891 removing to York, where he is now successfully engaged in the grocery business. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Church of God. They have had children as follows: Anna, who married Hon. R. M. Neighbors, an official of the Frederick county, Maryland, Orphan Asylum; Lizzie, who married George E. Longenecker, of Philadelphia; Monroe, deceased; Martha, who married William Kellar, foreman in a large mill in Ellicott City, Md.; Rhoda, who married E. E. Grove, of Maytown; Alice G., Mrs. Remsburg; Ella, who married H. B. Picking, of York; Sallie, deceased; Myra, who married George Anthrom, a ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railway Co.; Harry, deceased; Lotta, who married Harry Kochenwawer, of Lancaster; Mary, who married William Kellar, assistant superintendent of the coal mines at Irwin, Pa.; and Daniel, who assists his father in the store.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Remsburg are leading members of the Reformed Church, and in his political affiliations he is a Republican. Mr. Remsburg occupies a high position in the public esteem, and is universally regarded as one of the substantial and representative citizens of Maytown.

CHRISTIAN H. HOOVER. By both his paternal and maternal lines of ancestry Christian H. Hoover, one of the prosperous and influential citizens of Paradise township, is the representative of one of the oldest family names in

Lancaster county. It was originally spelled Huber, and the pioneer forefathers of Christian H. were known by that name. He is a son of Jacob H. and Annie (Huber) Huber.

Christian Huber, his maternal grandfather, was a son of Christian Huber, and was born in Strasburg township, where he passed his entire life as one of the sturdy and prosperous farmers, owner of a property of 141 acres, located two miles south of the borough. He married Miss Annie Shaub, and to them were born the following named children: Henry S., who was a farmer of Providence township; Barbara, who married first Martin Groff and later Samuel Wenger, of Providence township; Fannie, who is still living, unmarried, at the age of eighty-two years, in Strasburg township, with D. E. Groff; Martha, who died unmarried; Maria, wife of Martin Huber, of Willowstreet; Christiana, who married Henry H. Huber, and removed to Illinois; Christian, a farmer, who died in Strasburg township; and Annie, the mother of Christian H. Christian Huber, the father of the above children, lived to the age of almost seventy years, and his wife reached the age of seventy-two. They were faithful and earnest members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob Huber, the paternal grandfather of Christian H., was born in West Lampeter township, near Big Spring, and remained there engaged as a farmer until his death, at the age of forty-five years. He married Mary Herr, and to them were born the following children: Jacob H., father of Christian H.; Martin, of Willowstreet; Henry H., who went West and there died; Eliza, who married Cyrus Zittle, of Lampeter; and Susan, who is living unmarried, in Lancaster, at the age of sixty-eight years.

Jacob H. Hoover, father of Christian H., was born in West Lampeter township May 7, 1822. He was reared in his native township and prior to his marriage removed to Strasburg township, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Miss Annie Huber, who was born in Strasburg township in 1822. Of their eight children four died in childhood. The survivors are Christian H.; Amos, a farmer of Sterling, Ill.; Fannie, wife of Elias Esbenschade, of Strasburg township; and Elias, of Paradise township. The father died in 1895, at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother on Aug. 12, 1896, aged seventy-four.

Christian H. Hoover was born Nov. 4, 1842, and was reared on the farm. He received his education in the public schools, and when twenty-three years of age began his career as an agriculturist in Strasburg township, where for nine years he farmed on rented property. He then removed to the farm he now owns, which was then the property of Peter Herr, his father-in-law. This farm he continued to operate under lease until 1894, when he purchased the property. It contains ninety-four acres, and is one of the finest farms in Lancaster county. Its improvements, which are among the best, were made by Mr. Hoover, who has amply evinced that he is

one of the wide-awake and public-spirited farmers of the county. He does not farm merely as a means of livelihood, nor because that vocation was nearest to him, but because he likes the work, and it is his fondness and interest in agricultural work that account very largely for his marked success.

Mr. Hoover married Miss Martha Herr, who was born March 14, 1839, on the farm they now occupy, daughter of Peter Herr. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have no children of their own, but have given a home to a nephew, Moris H. Mylin. They are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and their lives, in one of the rich and favored regions of Lancaster county, have been spent in usefulness and value to those about them. They are most highly respected by all who know them.

THE REV. SYDNEY KEY EVANS, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Manheim, and of Hope Church, Mount Hope, is from an old English family, which has achieved much distinction in Theology, Medicine and Law. He was born at Aberavon, South Wales, Oct. 20, 1873, and is the son of William and Elizabeth (Key) Evans. With his parents he came to America in 1885, and settled at Scranton, Pa. After graduating from the Scranton high school, in 1890, he finished his preparation for college at the "School of the Lackawanna," Scranton, and in September, 1891, entered Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. Many prizes in Latin, Greek and English, and other college honors, the presidency of his class, the editorship of his college paper and the *College Annual*, fell to him. At the college commencement, in June, 1895, he delivered the Latin Salutatory, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with special honors in Latin, Greek and English. While at college Mr. Evans was a member of the I. K. A., the second oldest college society in America, and at the end of his junior year his scholarship won him an election to the Phi Beta Kappa Society. In 1898 his Alma Mater conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

In September, 1895, Mr. Evans entered the General Theological Seminary, New York, where he pursued his studies with much distinction. At his graduation, in May, 1898, he was one of five in a class of fifty to receive a special degree of Bachelor of Sacred Theology. On June 15, 1898, Mr. Evans was ordained to the Diaconate at St. Luke's Church, Altoona, by the Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, D. D., Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; and on Dec. 18, 1898, at his old parish church, St. Luke's, Scranton, he was ordained to the Priesthood by the same Bishop. On July 1, 1898, he became curate at St. James' Church, Lancaster, but resigned this charge to assume his present rectorship, on Thanksgiving Day, 1898. Under his devoted care there has been a remarkable spiritual and material development in the churches at Manheim and Mount Hope. It was a happy day for Mr. Evans, when, on St. Luke's Day, 1900, Hope Church, Mount Hope, was re-opened

after a year spent in enlarging and remodeling the church by the addition of a new Chancel, Vestry and Porch, with a beautiful stone Altar and Pulpit and Font, and many other memorials, at a cost of over ten thousand dollars, the whole expense being borne by Miss Daisy E. B. Grubb, of Lancaster, in memory of her beloved parents, the late Clement and Mary Brooke Grubb. On Christmas Day, 1902, a splendid Baptistery, with three beautiful memorial windows, were unveiled. The Baptistery is also a gift from the same generous friend of the parish, in memory of her parents.

St. Paul's, Manheim, has more than quadrupled its communicant list under its present rector. The parish is now out of debt, has made many improvements, and has secured the ground and a goodly sum of money toward a new and larger church building, which has become a necessity. After such success, and with the outlook so promising, it is not strange that the Rev. Mr. Evans has received numerous calls to other and larger fields, but he has laid them all aside in unselfish devotion to his people. And it goes without saying, that his people are devoted to him.

SOLOMON R. HERR. Prominent among the representative farmers of Lancaster county residing in Upper Leacock township is Solomon R. Herr. A native son of the county, his whole life has been spent here, carrying agricultural pursuits to the highest perfection, and by a life of industry and integrity, reflecting credit upon a very old and honorable name in this part of the State. He was born at Bird-in-Hand, in East Lampeter township, Oct. 4, 1858.

His paternal grandparents were Benjamin R. and Mary (Rank) Herr, farming people of East Lampeter township, while on the maternal side of the family he is a grandson of Solomon and Elizabeth (Hoover) Myers, the former of whom was a native of Upper Leacock, and the latter of Earl township, they, too, being wealthy and prominent farmers.

Jacob R. and Susannah (Myers) Herr, the parents of Solomon R., were natives of Leacock and Upper Leacock townships, the former still residing in his native locality, where he was born March 18, 1828. Since 1891 he has lived retired. The mother of our subject was born Nov. 16, 1828, and died July 24, 1884, her remains now resting in the Myers cemetery in Upper Leacock township. The children born to Jacob R. and Susannah (Myers) Herr were: Benjamin; Solomon R.; Martin, who died in infancy; Jacob M., deceased, who married Anna C. Shaffer, and died April 30, 1888; Daniel, who died in infancy; Samuel M., a farmer in Paradise township; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; and Abraham M., a farmer in East Lampeter township.

Solomon R. Herr was reared on the farm and attended the district schools, assisting his father until his marriage, when he took entire charge of the old homestead farm for one year, removing to an-

other tract in Upper Leacock township, where he remained for three years. In 1893 he removed to his present most valuable, improved and finely cultivated farm where he has continued ever since.

On Jan. 10, 1889, Mr. Herr was married to Miss Lydia A. Landis, a representative of one of the oldest and most substantial families in the county. No children have been born to this union. Mrs. Lydia A. (Landis) Herr was born in Upper Leacock township, May 10, 1856, a daughter of Christian R. and Hettie S. (Landis) Landis, of Upper Leacock township. Mr. Landis retired from active farming operations twenty-five years prior to his death, and he was one of the leading and influential citizens of Lancaster county, being a director in the Lancaster County National Bank; director in the Bridgeport Pike Co.; poor director; and prison inspector. He was one of the substantial and consistent supporters of the Mennonite Church of his township, and was the promoter of many religious and moral enterprises in the county. His burial was in Stumptown. His estimable widow, who was born Nov. 2, 1819, died March 22, 1902. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Landis were: Henry L., who died in 1899, married Mary Sechrist; Abraham L. died Jan. 9, 1842; Amos L. died on the same day and was laid away in the same grave; Reuben L. resides with our subject; Adam L., a farmer of East Lampeter township, married Lavinia Landis; Milton L., a farmer of Upper Leacock township, married first Mattie Becker, and second Lizzie Becker; and Lydia A. is the wife of our subject.

Mr. Herr has always been a Republican in politics. Both he and wife have from youth been members of the Mennonite Church. They are most highly respected people, are esteemed through the neighborhood, and valued in the Mennonite Church.

HENRY B. WOLGEMUTH, who is one of the leading farmers and prominent citizens of Mt. Joy township, belongs particularly to this locality, having been born on his present farm Oct. 21, 1852, and having made it his home during many years. His parents were Henry and Fanny (Brubaker) Wolgemuth, the former of this township, and the latter a native of Rapho township.

Henry Wolgemuth, the father of Henry B., was a farmer in this township for many years, continuing to manage his land until within four years of his death, the latter event occurring on his farm, Dec. 19, 1885, at the age of fifty-nine years, one month and four days. His burial was on his own land, in a private burial place, sacred to the family. His widow, who was born in 1834, resides in Mt. Joy township. Mr. Wolgemuth was a member of the River Brethren Church. Their children were: Henry B., who married Lizzie Witmer, is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Isaac B. married Sarah Horner, and is a retired farmer at Dallas Center, Iowa; Daniel B. married Maria Shelley, and is a farmer in Rapho township; Eli B. married Amelia Gantz, and

is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Fanny B., Elizabeth B., Abraham B. and Catherine B., died in infancy; and Barbara B. died at the age of eleven years.

The paternal grandparents of our subject were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, the former of whom was born in Lancaster county, Dec. 13, 1778, and died Sept. 13, 1851; the latter was born April 21, 1789, and died April 4, 1866. Both were buried on the old farm where our subject now resides. Grandfather Wolgemuth was a farmer, and both he and family belonged to the River Brethren Church. Their children were as follows: Joseph; Samuel, who married Barbara Sherrer; Henry, who became the father of our subject; Barbara, who married Jacob Engle; Catherine, who married Henry Heisey; and Nancy, who married Abraham Brubaker. On the maternal side the grandfather was Henry Brubaker, a native of Lancaster county, whose wife, a member of the Longenecker family, was born in Dauphin county. Both died near Florin, in Rapho township.

Henry B. Wolgemuth of this sketch, remained in his childhood home with his parents, until he was prepared to found a home of his own. The succeeding five years were spent in operating the farm for himself. He finally left his present farm to his parents and went on an adjoining farm. For seven years he operated a farm in Cumberland county, and after his return to Mt. Joy township, worked on another farm for one year, and then purchased the old farm from his father's estate. Thus Mr. Wolgemuth has had a long and thorough experience, and well deserves his reputation of being one of the leading and reliable agriculturists of the township. He has taken considerable interest in educational matters, and has served very acceptably as school director for six years. In politics he belongs to the Republican party, and he is always well posted on current affairs.

On Sept. 28, 1876, in Harrisburg, Pa., Mr. Wolgemuth was married to Miss Lizzie Witmer, and three children have been born to this union, namely: Abraham W., a farmer in Rapho township, married Emma Ober; and Katie F. and Emily A. are at home. Mrs. Wolgemuth was born May 1, 1856, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth (Urich) Witmer, natives of Lancaster county. They moved to Franklin county in 1844, remaining there until 1857, Mrs. Wolgemuth being born there. Later removal was made by the family of Mr. Witmer to Dauphin county, where he died in 1890, at the age of seventy-one years. The mother of Mrs. Wolgemuth died at the latter's home in 1883, at the age of seventy-two years. They were buried in Chambers Hill cemetery, in Dauphin county. Both belonged to the River Brethren Church. The children born to this union were: Fanny C., the widow of Samuel Braham, of Steelton, Pa.; David W., a farmer in Dauphin county; Abraham W., a farmer in Dauphin county; and Elizabeth B.

The Wolgemuth family and its connections are all prominent in both agricultural and financial circles in Lancaster county. They also are noted in all the branches for producing estimable women and men who make reliable, law abiding and useful citizens.

JOHN G. KURTZ, one of the well-known and respected citizens of Lancaster county, who was for many years a resident of East Earl township, and now a resident of Earl township, belongs to one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county. The first of his American ancestors came from Germany.

Joseph Kurtz, his father, was born in Earl township, son of Samuel and Barbara (Showalters) Kurtz, the former a farmer in that township. Joseph Kurtz followed farming, and made a name as a thoroughly successful man. He married Mattie Groff, a descendant of Hans Groff, and a daughter of John Groff, of Earl township. He died in his seventy-ninth year; his wife died in her fifty-first year. They had three children: Maria, who married John Zimmerman, a resident of Earl township; Leah, who died young; and John G. They belonged to the Mennonite Church.

John G. Kurtz was born Aug. 29, 1834, and was reared on the farm of his birth, and his education was received in the public and boarding schools. When he was twenty-three he located in East Earl township for himself, where he owns the old homestead of 120 acres, and followed farming until his retirement in 1883. Always a public-spirited man, he held several of the town offices in his more active days.

John G. Kurtz was married to Annie Musser, a daughter of Henry and Anna (Martin) Musser. Seven children blessed this union: Emma, wife of Barton Z. Martin, of East Earl township; Mary, wife of A. G. Giffen, of Buckhannon, W. Va.; Martha, wife of Weaver Musselman, of Earl township; Martin, a resident of Shillington, Berks county; Lizzie, wife of Samuel High, a resident of Earl township; Clara, wife of W. C. Grube, a resident of Lancaster; and Viola, wife of H. S. Muntzer, of Leola, West Earl township.

WAYNE BARD, who ranks among the prominent and substantial farmer citizens of Upper Leacock township, was born on the farm adjoining his present place of residence, Dec. 15, 1842, son of George and Caroline (Shindle) Bard. He is a brother to George Bard, one of the prominent citizens of the same township.

Until his marriage Mr. Bard remained assisting his father on his farm, removing then to another tract, on which he remained for three years, then removing to Chester county. There he remained six years, occasionally changing his location, and in 1878 he came to his present fine and well improved property.

Mr. Bard was married, in October, 1866, in Lan-

caster, to Miss Susannah Weidler, and they have had one son, Nathan W., who conducts a mercantile and grocery business in Wilmington, Del.; he married Gertie Diamond, and they have three children, Nathan W., Paul F. and Ruth S. Mrs. Bard was born in Manheim, in August, 1846, daughter of Jacob G. and Margaret (Stoner) Weidler, who live in comfortable retirement in Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Bard has been a lifelong Democrat and upholds the principles of his party, believing they are the best for the country. Both himself and wife are consistent members of the Lutheran Church, where they were highly esteemed.

JOSEPH WOLF. Among the well-known residents and retired business citizens of Lancaster is Joseph Wolf, who for a number of years carried on a large blacksmithing establishment, which enjoyed a large patronage on account of the excellent work turned out and the honest and satisfactory methods employed. Mr. Wolf was born in Baden, Germany, June 9, 1830. His father was a blacksmith by trade, and died in Baden in 1843, at the age of fifty-six years. His widow, Catherine, survived until 1851, dying at the age of sixty years. Both parents were worthy members of the Catholic Church. Their five children were: E., who died in Germany; John, who died in Philadelphia; Shaffear, who died in South America; Catherine, who died in South America; and Joseph, of this sketch.

Joseph Wolf attended school in Germany through childhood, but when only thirteen years old entered his brother's blacksmith shop in order to learn the trade. He worked there as a journeyman until 1850, and then emigrated to America, going, for the first few months, to his brother, John, in Philadelphia. He then found work at his trade, which he followed there for twelve years. After coming to Lancaster, he worked through two years for Mr. Noltz, and then for others, but a little later he started into business for himself and continued so engaged until 1897, at which date he retired from active life. Mr. Wolf was very successful and had a high standing among business men. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F. He is a constant attendant upon the services of the Reformed Church, and a liberal contributor to its support, although he is not formally connected with it as a member.

In 1858, in Lancaster, Mr. Wolf was married to Miss Barbara Ressler, and the following children were born to this union: John A., who operates his father's business at the old location, being himself a skilled workman; Emma L., Alice A., Kate and Ida E., young ladies at home, the last named being a successful teacher and a talented artist; Mary J., widow of George Harm, residing at home; Barbara E., at home; Joseph M., a blacksmith also, married to Lizzie Shaffer; and Miss Bessie, at home.

Mrs. Wolf was born Dec. 23, 1837, in Baden, Germany, daughter of Martin and Catherine (Holsworth) Ressler, of Baden, where their lives were

passed. The former was a farmer and he died in 1850, at the age of fifty-five years, while the latter died in 1843, at the age of thirty-six years. Their children were as follows: Martin, who died in Lancaster; Jacob, who lives in Dauphin county; John, who died in Philadelphia; Mary, widow of George Hulsworth, of Canada; and Barbara, who became the wife of our subject.

Mrs. Wolf and her children belong to the Reformed Church where they are valued and beloved. Mr. Wolf is a fine example of sturdy, well-preserved manhood and his kind manner and friendly neighborliness have made him many warm personal friends. The Wolf home is one of comfort, culture and modern conveniences, and is adorned with specimens of the talented daughter's brush. Socially the family is prominent.

PHILIP STUMPF (deceased) was for many years a prominent builder in the city of Lancaster and surrounding country, where he enjoyed a high reputation both as a tradesman and as an honorable business man, for his interests never suffered from any lack of ability in either respect.

In common with many of the most substantial citizens of this locality, Mr. Stumpf was of German nativity, having been born Oct. 10, 1844, in Hessen-Darmstadt. He was a son of John and Lena (Prees) Stumpf, also natives of the Fatherland, who followed him to the United States in August, 1865, and settled in Laneaster, Lancaster county. There the father died in 1875, at the age of sixty-six years, but the mother is still living in Lancaster, with her son Jacob since 1868, at the advanced age of over ninety, having been born May 30, 1811. She is well preserved, being very active, and possessing a remarkable memory. This worthy couple had children as follows: Adam, who died in Germany; Philip, mentioned below; Mary, deceased wife of Martin Binkley; and Jacob, a successful contractor and builder of Lancaster.

Philip Stumpf passed his early years and received his education in his native land, but he soon decided that his ambition needed another field. On coming to this country, at the age of sixteen years, he made his home in Lancaster, Pa., and was so well satisfied with his location that he passed the remainder of his life there. He gave his entire attention to his trade, that of cabinetmaker, carpenter and builder, and was rewarded by an ample competence, every dollar of which he earned by well directed industry. The frugal habits of his race, coupled with honest work and good management of its returns, insured his success, and, what was of far greater value, secured for him an enviable place in the confidence and esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Stumpf built St. Joseph's Hospital and many other well-known buildings. He was progressive and displayed this spirit in his work as well as in efforts for advancement in matters of public and private concern.

In 1863, Mr. Stumpf was married in Lancaster,

Pa., to Henrietta Fritsch, and this union was blessed with the following named children: John, who was police patrolman two years, then police sergeant of Lancaster for four years, is now engaged in the hotel business in that city; he married Lizzie Swartz. Mary M. married George Effinger, who is in the hotel business in Lancaster. Charles, who is also in the hotel business in Lancaster, married Mary Utzinger. Miss Rosa lives at home. George has been police sergeant in Lancaster for the past three years, and resides at home. Albert married Florence Pickel; he is engaged in wall paper and decorating business with his brother Philip. Philip is single and at home. Harry, a brick layer in Lancaster, married Mary Burgie. Edward, who lives at home, is a cigarmaker by trade. The family are Catholics in religious belief, and Philip Stumpf, the father, held membership in St. Joseph's Church. He was a fine singer, and was a member of the local Liederkrantz, of which he served as president. His political support was given to the Republican party. His death occurred at the present home of the family in Lancaster, March 15, 1896, and he is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. Henrietta (Fritsch) Stumpf was born June 26, 1844, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, daughter of Sebastian and Theresa (Judith) Fritsch, of Hessen-Darmstadt, but who later came to America. Mr. Fritsch was a stone mason by trade. He died in January, 1898, aged eighty years, and his wife, who preceded him to the grave, in 1893, reached the age of seventy-five. They are buried in St. Joseph's cemetery. Their children were: William, deceased; Henrietta, Mrs. Stumpf; Anna, Mrs. John Snyder, of Lancaster; Charles, now deceased; John, a retired resident of Lancaster; Rosa, wife of Jacob Winginder, a baker of Lancaster; George, who carries on a cigar factory in Lancaster; and Frank, deceased.

BENJAMIN F. BLEACHER, in his life-time a prominent and respected farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born Dec. 18, 1842, a son of Benjamin and Mary (Herr) Bleacher. The father settled on the farm in East Drumore township, where Walter Winters now lives, and became one of the prosperous farmers of this section of the county. To him and his wife were born eight children, of whom Benjamin F. was the second. The others are mostly living in the West.

Benjamin F. Bleacher attended the school at Buck when a boy, and in early manhood enlisted in Co. F, 122nd P. V. I., his regiment being assigned to the 3d Brigade, 13th Army Corps. Mr. Bleacher participated in the battles of Clouds Mill, Va., second battle of Bull Run, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. In this last conflict he was wounded by a bayonet in the right leg, and so injured, that he was ordered discharged in February, 1863.

In December, 1865, Mr. Bleacher was married to Miss Ellen E. Graybill, who was born April 15, 1848, in East Drumore township, a daughter of

Christian and Mary A. (Young) Graybill. Her father was born in 1808 in Lancaster county, while his wife was born in Northumberland county, the following year. They made their home in East Drumore township, where he lived until his death, in June, 1889. The wife and mother passed to her reward in August, 1879. They left two sons and one daughter: Amos; Samuel, of York county; and Mrs. Bleacher.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Bleacher settled on a farm in East Drumore township, which has been the home of the family to the present time. Mr. Bleacher died Feb. 13, 1890, leaving a widow and nine children, as follows: (1) Oliver F., born in September, 1866, located in Philadelphia in his early manhood, where he is engaged in the barber business; he married Jennie Gamber, and they have three children, Ella, Nellie and Mary. (2) Erastus J., born in January, 1868, is now a resident of the city of New York. (3) William H., born in October, 1870, is a farmer and lives in East Drumore township, where he married Sarah Shop, and they have three children, Sarah, Martha and Walter. (4) Benjamin, born in August, 1872, lives in East Drumore township; he married Mary Walton, and is the father of three children, Earl, Ira and Alta. (5) Mary E., born in November, 1874, married Walter Graybill, lives with Mrs. Bleacher, and has one daughter, Ella. (6) Ephraim, born in September, 1876, died when eighteen years old. (7) John, born in September, 1879, is single, and is a typewriter and phonographer, and helps support the family at home. (8) Catherine N., born in April, 1883, married Milton Graybill, and has her home in East Drumore township. (9) Samuel A., born Aug. 7, 1888, is at home.

Mr. Bleacher was always a Republican, and was a devoted member of the Methodist Church at Mount Hope. He was well known, and widely respected for his many good qualities and his excellent character.

AARON B. DEMMY, the leading paper hanger, painter and wall paper merchant of Elizabethtown, is a man of extensive business interests, and in addition to his work just mentioned, he is president of the Elizabethtown Electric Light Co. He was born in Mount Joy township, Lancaster county, Jan. 1, 1850, a son of Christ. and Matilda (Brandt) Demmy, both natives of Lancaster county.

Christ. Demmy was a farmer and a shoemaker, and at one time served his community as tax collector. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and they died in Mt. Joy township, much respected for their peaceful and industrious lives. They were parents of the following children: Harriet, wife of Emanuel Flowers, of Harrisburg; Fiana, who married, first, Daniel Killian, and after his death Harrison Shultz, a notary public at Elizabethtown; Sarah, wife of William Connely, of Harrisburg; Miss Lavina, a resident of Harrisburg;

Aaron B.; Miss Tillie B., a resident of Elizabethtown; and Lydia, wife of George Smith, a painter of Elizabethtown. The father died in 1883, at the age of seventy-one, and the mother in 1890, at the age of seventy-three; both were buried in the Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. The mother was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Balmer, to whom she bore one child, Fanny, deceased wife of Abraham Shaffer. John Demmy, the father of Christ. Demmy, and the grandfather of Aaron B., was a life-long resident of Lancaster county.

Aaron B. Demmy was married, in 1877, in Bainbridge, Pa., to Miss Fanny Risser, and three children were born to bless this union: Phares, deceased; Lillie R.; and Ada R. Mrs. Fanny (Risser) Demmy was born in Mt. Joy township Jan. 10, 1854, a daughter of Joseph and Fanny (Nissley) Risser, natives of Lebanon and Lancaster counties, respectively, and both died at their home in Mt. Joy township. Her father was a farmer, and died in December, 1896, at the age of seventy-seven years. The mother died in March, 1882, at the age of sixty-four, and their remains are resting in the cemetery connected with Risser's Church. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were known as thoroughly honorable and upright people.

Mr. and Mrs. Risser have had the following children: Lizzie, wife of Christian Good, of Conoy township; Levi, who married Amanda Nissley, and is now deceased; Mary, who married Rev. Levi Ebersole, a Mennonite clergyman in Elizabethtown; Anna, who married Levi Longenecker; Fanny; Joseph, a farmer located on the old homestead in Mt. Joy township; Martin, a farmer and minister at Zion's Church; Amanda, wife of Ben Hersch; and Amos, a farmer in Mt. Joy township.

Mrs. Demmy's paternal grandfather was Peter Risser, of Lancaster county, where he passed his entire life. Her maternal grandfather was Martin Nissley, also of Lancaster county, where his life was passed in agricultural pursuits; his wife's maiden name was Hershey.

Aaron B. Demmy remained on the farm with his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he began to learn the painter and paper-hanging trade at Harrisburg. When his apprenticeship of three years was over, he came to Elizabethtown, and embarked in business for himself under very favorable auspices, which have been amply fulfilled by the large and profitable trade he has secured. He and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church, and in his political views he harmonizes with the Democrats. Not very long ago in connection with several wise and conservative investors he bought the Elizabethtown Electric Light Co., of which he was made president, and which has proved an extremely profitable investment.

JONAS L. MINNICH. Among the well-known citizens of East Hempfield township is Jonas L. Minnich, the popular auctioneer of this whole

locality, who was born at Landisville, Lancaster county, July 5, 1858, a son of Simon and Elizabeth Brubaker Minnich.

Reared in the village of Landisville, Jonas L. Minnich had the advantages of an excellent education, and as early as seventeen began his business career by engaging in the raising of tobacco, two years later beginning to show ability in the line of an auctioneer. Although he still continues to farm and owns one of the finest places in the neighborhood, containing 120 acres, he has made a reputation for himself through the whole county as a most capable and successful auctioneer, and much of his time is occupied in this calling, for which he is well fitted, being a genial, pleasant man, with a great fund of anecdote, and a pleasant manner. He has no superior in his line in Lancaster county.

Mr. Minnich is one of the progressive and intelligent stockraisers of the county, also, and has devoted much attention to the improvement of the stock of this section. His active participation in the councils of the Republican party has brought him into prominence in the county, where he is regarded as one of the representative men.

Jonas L. Minnich was married on May 4, 1880, to Annie M. Stehman, a daughter of H. H. Stehman, of Millersville, and two children have been born of this union: An infant son, deceased; and Barbara Elizabeth.

ELWOOD H. TOWNSEND. One of the representative farmers of Little Britain township, who owns and operates an estate of 120 acres near Kirks Mills, is Elwood H. Townsend, who is also a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of southern Pennsylvania. He was born in that township June 19, 1847, a son of Henry and Sarah (Spencer) Townsend, the former of whom was a son of John and Matilda (Paxton) Townsend, and a grandson of Joseph Townsend, one of the early English settlers of Chester county, Pennsylvania.

Henry Townsend was born May 25, 1820, and his only sister was Elizabeth, who married John Bowden. His marriage to Sarah Spencer occurred in 1843, and they reared a family of nine children, namely: Marietta, with whom her mother lives, on the old homestead; Joseph S., who is a farmer in Little Britain township; Elwood H.; John P., who has passed away; J. H., who resides in Oxford, Chester county; Annie E., wife of Cecil Stubbs, a farmer of Little Britain township; William, who lives in Chester county; Sarah G., who resides at home; and Harvey, who has passed away. In politics Henry Townsend was one of the stanch Republicans of this section, and belonged to the religious body of Quakers, a man who was highly esteemed for his upright character. Henry Townsend was a man in whom his fellow-citizens could place implicit confidence, and he faithfully served them as school director and as supervisor. The family is one which is held in high esteem in Pennsylvania, many of its

members having become prominent in educational and philanthropic circles.

Elwood H. Townsend was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of his neighborhood. His father was an excellent agriculturist, and by example and precept inculcated lessons of industry and frugality, and the result may be seen in their prosperity. At the death of this honored father on July 26, 1897, he left a comfortable competency and large estate, while his children had grown to be respected and substantial members of the community.

On Dec. 31, 1868, Elwood H. Townsend was married to Susan Wood, of Little Britain township, a daughter of James and Mercy M. (Carter) Wood (a more extended notice of the Wood family will be found elsewhere in the sketch of Lewis Wood). Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend, as follows: James M., born May 19, 1870, married Minerva Pyle, of Fulton township, now deceased, and their two children were,—Leroy W. and Jesse W.; Elizabeth, who married Frederick Bicknell, of Fulton township, was born on Aug. 5, 1871; Mercy M., who was born on Nov. 20, 1874, resides at home, as do also Mary E., born Oct. 10, 1878, and Harvey, born Nov. 5, 1883.

Mr. Townsend cultivates 120 acres of fine land, raising the usual products of his locality in the greatest abundance, and showing his excellence as an agriculturist in all departments of that line of business. Like his father he is an ardent Republican, and, while not formally connected with the Society of Friends, has a leaning toward their simple faith. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F., No. 324, of Oxford; and with the order of Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 832. Few men in his locality are held in higher esteem.

JOHN S. BRADLEY, a prominent man of Rapho township, was born there July 9, 1847, son of Henry and Esther (Shelley) Bradley.

Henry Bradley, the father, was first a carpenter and weaver, but afterward took up farming, which he continued until he retired from active life, in 1852. He died in 1864, at the age of fifty-eight years, and was buried in Rohrer's private cemetery; Mrs. Bradley died April 22, 1892, at the age of seventy-nine years, and is buried in Erisman's Meeting House cemetery. There were born to this union the following children: Samuel S., of Rapho township; Miss Anna S., of Rapho township; Abraham S., a retired farmer of Rapho township; Henry S., formerly a teacher, and now a tobacco farmer; Mary S., wife of John M. Metzler, of Rapho township; John S., subject of this sketch; Catherine S., wife of Levi W. Nissley, farmer and creamery man of Rapho township; Benjamin, of Rapho township; Fanny S., wife of Samuel M. Cober, of Rapho township; and Barbara and Hettie, both deceased.

On Sept. 12, 1872, in Lancaster, John S. Bradley married Miss Emma S. Ebright, and there have

been born to them the following family: Miss Katie E., at home; John E., a farmer of Rapho, who married Miss Mary Buch, and has two children; Henry E., at home; Franklin E., deceased; and Morris E., Emma E. and Levi E., all at home. Mrs. Bradley was born Dec. 11, 1849, in Rapho township, daughter of George and Mary (Stauffer) Ebright, of Lebanon and Lancaster counties, respectively. George Ebright was a school teacher in Lancaster county for many years, and he died at Manheim, Pa., in 1867, at the age of forty-five years; his wife died in 1855, and they are buried in the cemetery at Manheim. Mr. Ebright was a member of the Reformed Church and Mrs. Ebright of the United Brethren Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Ebright were born: Henry, who died at the age of four years; Emma S., wife of John S. Bradley; Maria, who died at the age of two years; Kittie A., who died at the age of three years; Franklin, a resident of Illinois; and Lizzie, who died in infancy. Mrs. Bradley's paternal grandparents were Samuel and Ulda (Hoog) Ebright, of Lebanon county, Pa., and the maternal grandparents were John and Polly (Shank) Stauffer, of Lancaster.

John S. Bradley lived with his mother until his marriage, and in 1873 moved to his present farm, where he has since resided. At the age of seventeen years, after having attended the schools of the county, he began teaching school in connection with his farm duties, and continued this until 1872, when he gave up the profession. In 1879 he was elected assessor of Rapho township, and at every election since, having held the office continuously to the present time. In 1896 he assisted in organizing the Lawn Mutual Fire, Storm and Lightning Insurance Co., and became its secretary, but did not enter upon the duties of the position until Jan. 1, 1897, since which time he has filled the position with marked ability. Mr. Bradley and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church, of which he is steward and a member of the board of trustees. In politics he is a Republican. This gentleman is prominent in business and social circles, and no one stands higher among all classes than he does—an enviable position which he has gained by his strict integrity and affable manners.

JOHN AMMON. Probably the best known man of his years in Salisbury township is John Ammon, a general farmer and ex-proprietor of "Welch Mountain Inn," the uttermost building in the northeastern corner of Lancaster county. He was born in Salisbury township May 28, 1844, a son of John and Catherine (Reeser) Ammon, of that township.

John Ammon, the father, rented the present farm and the hotel alluded to above in 1852 from Squire Robinson and conducted both for three years, when he purchased them, and continued to operate them until 1864, when he retired, transferring them to his sons, John and Herman H., who managed them until 1868, when an elder brother of these, Jacob, took

charge and conducted them for three years. The hotel was next rented to various parties who carried it on until 1884, when it was finally closed, and John, the son, settled on the farm. John Ammon, Sr., was a son of John Ammon, a native farmer of Lancaster county, and died Jan. 12, 1884, at the age of fifty-nine years; his widow survived until Oct. 17, 1894, when she expired at the age of eighty—their remains being interred side by side in Pequea cemetery. Their children, nine in number, were as follows: Hiram, deceased; Jacob, a farmer in Chester county; John, the subject proper of this sketch; Elihu D., in the laundry business at Wooster, Ohio; Herman H., a merchant in Compassville, Pa.; William, who died in 1901; Bender, also deceased; Anna N., wife of Jonas Stauffer, a merchant in Reading, Pa.; and Cecelia, wife of Joshua Hoops, a farmer in Chester county.

John Ammon, whose name introduces this biographical notice, was united in matrimony in Salisbury township, in December, 1873, with Miss Emma J. Marple, who has borne him two children, namely: E. Estella, who still has her home under the parental roof; and Hurbert S., who died Dec. 23, 1891, aged five years and seven months. Mrs. Emma J. (Marple) Ammon is a native of Salisbury and a daughter of Benjamin M. and Anna (Stroll) Marple. Benjamin M. Marple was the proprietor of a tannery, which his father had owned before him, and also operated a saw-mill and was a manufacturer of washing machines and fork and rake-handles. He died in 1876, at the age of sixty-three, and his remains rest in Pequea Church cemetery; his widow, who was born Oct. 28, 1822, now finds a home with the surviving children of the nine of whom she was the mother, viz.: Emma J. (Mrs. Ammon); Susan E., wife of Isaac Allison, a resident of Mortonville, Chester county; Edith E., who died in infancy; Serena L., who is married to Samuel Reel, of Coatesville, Pa.; Harriet A., Abel N. and David S., deceased; Esther, wife of John Hammond, of Compassville; and Harriet E., married to Rev. Henry Mower. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ammon were Abel M. and Harriet (Mevay) Marple, the former of whom was a tanner and farmer in Salisbury township. The Marple family were very prominent people in their day, and the father of Mrs. Ammon left the impress of his strong individuality on his offspring, who even to this day manifest in a marked degree traits of his sterling qualities. The Ammon family have also been very prominent in the county for generations.

John Ammon is held in high esteem throughout Salisbury township, and although very popular with the Democratic party has never sought a public office, yet intimations have been given him to the effect that his acceptance of nomination at various times as a candidate for township positions would be acceptable to his party, as well as to the general public, and he has always turned a deaf ear to such solicitations. Mr. Ammon attends the Honey Brook

Methodist Episcopal Church quite regularly, and although not a member contributes liberally towards its support.

HARVEY BRENEMAN LUTZ, one of the younger members of the Lancaster County Bar, with residence in Lancaster, is closely identified with one of the oldest and most noted families of this section of the State.

The first of the name in Pennsylvania was Casper Lutz, a farmer, who came to America in 1738, locating first at Reading, thence soon afterward removing to Muddy Creek, this county. The descent of Harvey B. from Casper Lutz is through John, John (2), Jesse and Joseph K., the two last named being grandfather and father, respectively, of Harvey B. One of the ancestors was a colonel in the Revolution. Grandfather Jesse Lutz was an extensive manufacturer of hats in this county, and during the Civil war he also manufactured guns; he died Jan. 1, 1899, aged ninety-four years. At one time he owned the "Black Horse Hotel" property on North Queen street, Lancaster, a famous old hostelry, well remembered by the older citizens of the city. His wife was a member of the Clan Keith of Scotland, after whom was named the town of Keith in Banffshire.

Joseph K. Lutz, father of Harvey B., in early manhood engaged in mercantile business in Philadelphia, later owning stores in Fritztown, Berks county, and Blainsport, Lancaster county, finally embarking in the hardware trade at Reading, which he successfully carried on for years. He is now living retired at Blainsport. In 1868 he married Miss Frances J. Breneman, daughter of John and Mary Breneman, of Donegal, this county. Mr. Breneman died about 1861; he was a lineal descendant of Melchoir Breneman, who came to America in 1717, settling in this county, where he took up an extensive land grant from the Penns. To Joseph K. and Frances J. (Breneman) Lutz were born two children: Irwin B., a druggist in Denver, this county; and Harvey Breneman, who is fully spoken of below.

Harvey B. Lutz was born June 26, 1872, at Blainsport, Lancaster county, and was educated in part at the schools of his district and in part at Palatinate College (Myerstown, Pa.), Muhlenburg College (Allentown, Pa.), and Lafayette College (Easton, Pa.), from which latter institution he was graduated in 1893. Almost immediately after his graduation Mr. Lutz entered the law office of Charles I. Landis, now one of the judges of the courts of Lancaster county, and was admitted to practice Sept. 18, 1896.

On Oct. 12, 1898, Harvey B. Lutz was married to Miss Mabel O. Russell, daughter of Joseph C. and Teresa Russell, the former of whom is general superintendent of the National Transit Co., more familiarly known as the Standard Pipe Line Co., with offices in Pittsburg and elsewhere, Mr. Russell's chief office being in the Woolworth building, Lan-

caster. To Mr. and Mrs. Lutz have been born two children, Joseph Russell and Kathryn Teresa. Mr. Lutz, while at college, belonged to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. Socially he is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of the I. O. O. F., and of the Elks. In politics he is a Republican. The home occupied by the family is an ideal one, pleasantly situated on Marietta avenue, in the western suburbs of the city of Lancaster, and it is noted for the hospitality of its inmates.

DAVID L. MOYER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in Londonderry township, Lebanon Co., Pa., March 3, 1842, son of Jacob and Barbara (Longenecker) Moyer, of Lebanon county.

Jacob Moyer died in 1880, at the age of seventy-seven years, and the mother, in 1885, also at the age of seventy-seven years. They were both buried in private burying grounds on a part of their farm in Lebanon county. They were members of the Evangelical Church. Their children were: Catharine, wife of Cyrus Ruhl, a farmer of Lancaster county; Barbara, widow of Felix Gingrich, of Lebanon county; Samuel, a farmer of Dauphin county; Jacob, a retired farmer of Palmyra, Pa.; Anna, wife of Christ Brandt, a Lebanon county farmer; and David L. Jacob Moyer, the father, was a son of David Moyer, a farmer of Lebanon county.

In 1867 David L. Moyer married Miss Fanny Werner, of Lancaster. To this union were born the following children: Jacob, who married Miss Emma Moyer; Louisa, who became the wife of Aaron Dieffenderfer, a farmer of Mt. Joy, and has three children; and William, who married Miss Katie Minnich, of Penn township. Mrs. Moyer was born in Mt. Joy township, near Elizabethtown, Pa., Aug. 17, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Fanny (Gibble) Werner, of Rapho township. The father, who was born April 9, 1819, was a farmer until twenty years prior to his death, which occurred Feb. 22, 1894. Mrs. Werner was born Aug. 6, 1813, and died July 18, 1883, in the faith of the German Baptist Church. They are both buried in Chiques Church cemetery. There were born to this marriage the following children: William, a farmer of Rapho township; Fanny, wife of David L. Moyer; Elizabeth, wife of John Eshleman, of Mt. Joy township; and Amos, a farmer of Rapho township. Mrs. Moyer's grandparents on her father's side were Peter and Catherine (Shank) Werner, farmers, and her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Barbara (Wenger) Gibble, of Lancaster county.

David L. Moyer lived on the farm with his parents until he was eighteen years old, when he began to learn the wagonmaking trade. He continued at this sort of work for twelve years, and then went to his present home, where he began farming, and where he has since remained. It was in 1865 when he first came to Lancaster county from Lebanon county to work at his trade in Mt. Joy township.

He worked awhile at the wagon trade in Rapho township near his present farm before he took to farming, operating a wagon shop of his own for eight years of the twelve that he was in the business. He retired from active work in the spring of 1899.

Mr. Moyer has been a school director for three years, and was a director in Mt. Joy township Fire Insurance Co., for three years. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church and are prominent in its concerns. Mr. Moyer is a Republican in politics, and ever ready to aid the party by action or other means. He is well-to-do in worldly goods and has a high standing in his community for integrity, kind heartedness and progressive ideas.

J. FRANK BRUBAKER, a general farmer, and also a surveyor and regulator of New Holland borough, was born in Manheim township, Aug. 28, 1851, a son of Thompson and Anna L. (Bair) Brubaker, born in Upper Leacock and Leacock townships, respectively.

Thompson Brubaker was a farmer all his days, and died in Earl township, in March, 1900, at the age of seventy-five. At one time he was postmaster at Binkley's Bridge. His widow, who was born Aug. 8, 1828, is still living in Earl township. She was a member of the Reformed Church, and Mr. Brubaker while not a communicant member, was for years a trustee of Rolands Reformed Church in Earl township. Their children were: Oliver B., James W. and J. Frank. The parents of Thompson Brubaker were Samuel and Elizabeth (Eckert) Brubaker, farming people of Earl township. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Brubaker) Bair, both of Lancaster county.

J. Frank Brubaker was married in Hummelstown, Pa., in October, 1889, to Ellen C. Numbers, a daughter of Joseph W. and Hannah (Witwer) Numbers; she was born in Derry, Dauphin county, June 1, 1864. They have the following children: Edna D., Gerald O. and Mark A.

Joseph W. Numbers was married Sept. 25, 1855, to Hannah Witwer, in Lancaster. Soon after marriage they moved to Lebanon county, where they settled in 1856. He was a farmer, and died in Manheim, Pa., in 1881, at the age of sixty-three. His widow resides in Earl township. She was born Oct. 25, 1827, and became the mother of the following family: Clarissa R. married Oliver Brubaker, a farmer of Earl township; Erastus B. is a farmer of Earl township; Edward W. is a farmer of Earl township; and Ellen C. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Brubaker were Noah and Mary (Backman) Witwer, of Lancaster county. The mother was twice married, her first husband being Peter Diller, by whom she had the following family: Enos O., now a farmer near Sterling, Ill.; Emma E., married to John T. Bair, a farmer of Earl township; Francis, deceased; and Ada H., also deceased.

J. Frank Brubaker lived at home until 1876, when he went to Indiana where he spent two years work-

ing among the farmers, and in the butcher business. Returning to Earl township, he resumed work at home, and farmed until 1900. When his father died he took charge of the family estate and brought it to a settlement. His education was acquired in Millersville Academy, and in 1873 he attended Iron City Commercial College.

At the age of twenty-one he attended Academia College, in Juniata county, Pa., where he made a special study of surveying. For the past four years he has been auditor of Leacock township, and has been regulator of New Holland borough for the past six years, and had charge of the surveying for the electric road through New Holland. In politics he is a Republican, and holds a prominent place in the community. With his wife and family he belongs to the United Brethren Church.

JOSEPH HARNER, one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county, is a man of energetic character, who started out in life with very limited means, but who has lived in such an industrious and provident way, that he now is the fortunate owner of one of the fine farms of Martic township, where he is a representative man.

The birth of Joseph Harner occurred in Montgomery county, Pa., Sept. 24, 1832, the early ancestors of his parents having come from Germany, although both his father and grandfather were natives of Montgomery county, the latter, John Harner, having carried on a blacksmith business there through life. The parents of Joseph Harner were Joseph and Mary (Slingluff) Harner, the former of whom was both a farmer and a lime manufacturer. A family of seven children was born to Joseph Harner and his wife, Mary: John S., who is a retired farmer of Martic township; George, deceased; Samuel, a retired farmer of this township; Mary Ann, who married Thomas Cully, of Martic township; Elizabeth, who married J. Harrison Long, of Drumore township; Joseph; and Jesse, a retired farmer, of Drumore township.

Joseph Harner was reared on a farm and obtained his excellent education in the common schools, and in reading and associating with the world. Although in early life, his means were limited, his ambition was to become an honorable and substantial citizen, and to this end he has faithfully worked, being now so well placed that he can afford to live a life of ease, and to enjoy the results of former industry.

On Dec. 31, 1874, Joseph Harner was married to Miss Rebecca Sides, of Martic township, and one child was born to this union, but it passed away in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Harner have reared an adopted daughter, Emma J., who is now the wife of George Harner, of this township.

Mrs. Harner was born Nov. 17, 1839, one of a family of seven children born to Jacob Sides and wife, of Martic township: Grizzell, who married John Kilgore; Mary, who married Jesse Harner, the

brother of Joseph, and is now deceased; Rebecca; Clark; Jacob; James; and Elmyra, who is the wife of Owen Cramer, of this township, the greater number of these having more extended mention elsewhere. Jacob Sides was of Dutch descent, and his wife Rebecca, was of Irish extraction and one of the descendants of the Neil family.

Joseph Harner is a staunch Democrat and actively supports the principles of that party. He has long been a leading member of the Bethesda Methodist Church, to which his wife, adopted daughter and her husband also belong, and they endeavor consistently to practice in their daily life the principles they profess. In the community no residents have a larger circle of warm friends.

GEORGE A. KEMPER. The Kemper family, of which George A. Kemper, the reliable and prosperous hardware merchant of Akron, is a worthy representative, is one of the oldest in Lancaster county. The early records tell that John Henry Kemper, the founder of the family in America, was born in 1696, and sailed from Rotterdam for Philadelphia in the spring of 1738, in the good ship "Nancy," reaching his destination in the fall of that year. He came to Lancaster county and purchased land on the Conestoga creek and near Akron, in West Earl township, and here was born in 1748, his son David, who became the father of Henry Kemper, the great-grandfather of the subject of this biography.

Henry Kemper, his son, was born in 1804, and became the father of Jacob Kemper.

Jacob Kemper, one of the highly respected citizens of the community, was born March 20, 1824, and died April 25, 1899. He was a successful business man and prospered in the tinsmith and printer's trades. Starting in the tinsmith business in 1845, he was the pioneer in that line in this section, and he continued in it until 1880, when his son George took the same shop and added to it general hardware. Jacob Kemper was a justice of the peace for many years, and a notary public, having been appointed first by Gov. Hartranft. He was a member of the Bergstrass Lutheran Church of Ephrata township, of which he was deacon and elder, and for thirty-five years its secretary and treasurer. He was buried at Bergstrass Church. In 1847 Jacob Kemper married Margaret Bentz, daughter of Christian and Sarah (Zartman) Bentz, of Lancaster county. One child, George, was born of this union. Mrs. Kemper, at the age of seventy-four, is still living, making her home with her son.

George A. Kemper was reared in Akron and attended the common schools, supplementing this with a course in the Crittenden Commercial College, of Philadelphia, and he entered business life in the printing office in Akron under his father's supervision. At present he conducts one of the most complete hardware establishments in this vicinity, and finds time to attend to the duties of a notary public.

For some time he served as justice of the peace, and is one of the intelligent and active Republicans who exert a great influence in this neighborhood. He has also found time to study civil engineering and is following that profession in connection with his other work.

On May 16, 1875, Mr. Kemper was married to Miss Martha Hartman, of Lancaster county, who was born Oct. 26, 1849, a daughter of David and Maria Hartman. Enjoying the esteem and high regard of the community, Mr. Kemper well may be classed as one of the representative business men of the prosperous borough of Akron.

JOSEPH BURKHOLDER. Admirably situated but one mile from the flourishing town of Farmersville, the fine farm of Joseph Burkholder attracts the notice of the public on account of the air of neatness, thrift and prosperity which surrounds it. In this pleasant country home Mr. Burkholder has passed many years, and has become one of the respected and leading citizens of West Earl township.

Joseph Burkholder was born on June 8, 1838, a son of Jonas and Catherine (Sowders) Burkholder, the former of whom was one of the substantial farmers of the township and a leading member of the Mennonite Church. Eight children were born to Jonas Burkholder and wife: Isaac, deceased; Susan, who married Abraham Martin, deceased; Jacob, a farmer of West Earl township; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Bucher; Samuel, a farmer of West Earl; Joseph, of this biography; Katherine, who married Isaac Hoover, deceased; and Mary, who became the second wife of Isaac Hoover.

The name of Burkholder is an old and honored one in the agricultural regions of Lancaster county, Abraham Burkholder, father of Jonas and grandfather of Joseph, having been an early settler in this township. His family numbered nine children: Christian, Abraham, John, Samuel, Katherine, Elizabeth, Annie, Mary and Jonas, the greater number of whom married and reared families of their own, who are now among the best citizens of the county.

Joseph Burkholder received his education in the public schools. He was reared to farm life, and following the example of his ancestors, he adopted an agricultural life, which he has most successfully pursued ever since. His farm consists of ninety-two acres of finely improved land, and it also includes a very handsome residence and commodious barns.

On Sept. 17, 1865, occurred the marriage of Joseph Burkholder to Miss Emma Powell, of Leacock township, who was born in 1849. To this happy union have been born eleven children: John, born in 1866, resides near Lancaster; Susan, born in 1867, married Benjamin K. Herr; Eliza, born in 1872, married John B. Rupp; Mary, born in 1873, married Edwin H. Nolt; Levi, born in 1875, resides in Illinois; Ida, born in 1877, married Isaac N. Hoover;

Cora, born in 1879, is at home; Annie, born in 1881, is at home; Katie, born in 1885, is at home; Frank, born in 1887, resides at home; and Ezra, born in 1889, also remains under the home roof. This family has been carefully reared in the Mennonite faith, and its members are among the most highly esteemed in this locality. As a quiet, unassuming and law-abiding citizen, as well as an exemplary man, in every relation of life, Joseph Burkholder may be regarded as a fit representative of the best element of West Earl township.

ANDREW H. KREIDER, a respected and successful farmer of Penn township, is a son of Cornelius and Lydia (Hoerner) Kreider, the former of whom was born in Germany and settled in Lancaster county about 1828. For a short time he was employed in work on the railroad, later at a general line of labor, but finally located in Penn township, and continued to be a farmer until the end of his life, his death occurring in January, 1875. In the German Baptist Church he was a consistent and worthy member, and possessed the esteem of all who knew him. His five children were: Andrew, of this sketch; Susan, the wife of Samuel Graybill; Mary, the widow of Francis Meisky; John, a farmer of Penn township; and Lizzie, the wife of Lem Forney, of Manheim township.

Andrew H. Kreider was born in Penn township, June 26, 1839, and being the eldest son, he remained assisting his father on the home farm until he was twenty-seven years of age. His education was obtained in the common schools of his township, and all his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. In 1875 he bought the farm which he operates, this being situated about two miles south of Manheim; it contains 160 acres, and is justly regarded as one of the finest in this township. Here Mr. Kreider has made extensive improvements, which have increased its attractiveness and comfort, and have also added materially to its former value.

The marriage of Mr. Kreider was to Miss Hannah M. Kolp, a most estimable lady, a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and to this union were born four children: Mary, who is the wife of H. B. Bucher, of Clay township; Alice, who is the wife of A. G. Kurtz, a farmer of Penn township; Cornelius, who is a farmer on his father's estate; and John, who is at home. Mr. Kreider is not only one of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, but also is one of its best farmers and is so recognized. Both he and Mrs. Kreider have many friends and enjoy dispensing hospitality at their beautiful home.

JOHN HESS. The Hess family is a numerous one in Lancaster county, where it has been known and honored for many years. A worthy representative of this family in Strasburg township is John Hess, who was born on Aug. 16, 1851, a son of Benjamin and Susan (Leaman) Hess.

Benjamin Hess was a son of John and Martha

(Musser) Hess, of Providence township, the former of whom was born March 29, 1788, and died Dec. 16, 1842. Benjamin Hess spent his life as a farmer on the old Hess homestead, which is situated between New Providence and Quarryville. His death took place in 1894, his wife, Susan Leaman, surviving until April 1, 1899; both of them had been devout and worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their family consisted of eight children: Emma, who died when but nineteen; Amos, who passed away in childhood; Joseph, a resident of Strasburg, where he is a farmer and horse dealer; John, of this biography; Lydia, who died in childhood; Benjamin, who farms on the old homestead in Providence township; Sue, the wife of Will Conner, of Bart township; and Harry, who was a farmer of Providence township, but died May 15, 1896, in Strasburg township, leaving a widow and one child, Park.

John Hess grew to manhood on the home farm, in his youth attending school and also learning the details necessary for success in an agricultural life. Following his marriage, in October, 1877, he moved upon a farm of seventy-five acres which he had purchased, and for four years he operated it, and then sold it and removed to West Lampeter township, locating one-half mile south of Willowstreet upon a farm of 145 acres. For fourteen years he conducted that farm, but after his purchase of his present farm, which contains 142 acres, located but one-half mile northwest of Refton, he moved upon it and here has successfully engaged in general farming. Mr. Hess has his own ideas about farming, and has been very successful.

The marriage of Mr. Hess gave to him a most estimable companion, Miss Amelia Witmer, a daughter of A. R. Witmer, of Mountville, West Hempfield township, and five children have been added to the home: Minerva, born Oct. 15, 1879; Howard, born Feb. 8, 1882; May, born Aug. 21, 1884; Harry and Maud, twins, born July 21, 1888. In their pleasant home hospitality abounds, and probably no family in the neighborhood possesses the respect of the community in higher degree than that belonging to John Hess.

HENRY H. BOMBERGER, a prosperous farmer-citizen of Warwick township, is a descendant of one of the oldest settlers of Lancaster county. The first of this family came to this country from Baden, Germany, in 1722, and the land of which our subject now owns a part, was bought by the family from the Penns in 1738—this purchase comprising 544 acres.

John Bomberger, the grandfather of our subject, was born on the old place, Nov. 22, 1780. He was a carpenter by trade, and also cabinetmaker, following these trades with farming all his life, dying Nov. 16, 1861. His wife, Anna, was born in 1787, and died Dec. 6, 1861. They were members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their family consisted of children as follows: Christian, deceased,

the father of our subject; Jacob, deceased, who was a farmer; Maria, wife of David Doner, of Lebanon county; Anna, wife of Jacob Bollinger, of Lincoln, Pa.; and Elizabeth, wife of Jessé Gible, of Rapho township, this county.

Christian Bomberger was born on the old place, March 5, 1818. His occupation was also that of a furrier, and he followed the same until his death, which occurred Jan. 1, 1898. He married Miss Catherine Hess, who was born in Rothsville in 1819, and died in 1875. Both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, in the ministry of which he was ordained and served thirty-five years. They were the parents of eleven children, one of whom died in infancy; Annie, deceased, was the wife of Christian Bucher; Fannie, deceased, was the wife of David B. Huber; John H. is farming on part of the old homestead; Catherine is the wife of Rev. Henry E. Longenecker, a Mennonite minister; Christian H. lives in Warwick township; Barbara is the wife of Andrew G. Nissley, of Mt. Joy; David H. is a farmer in Elizabeth township; Martha is the wife of Amos B. Brubaker, of Petersburg, Pa.; Amos H. is a miller of Lititz; and Henry H. is our subject.

Henry H. Bomberger was born on the old place Oct. 24, 1863, and here he has resided ever since, having inherited the homestead at his father's death. He has throughout life given his entire attention to farming interests, and is a very extensive tobacco grower. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is one of the school directors. As one of the successful agriculturists of his community, and a man who has shown his ability and public spirit in various ways, he exerts a marked influence for good in his locality.

On Feb. 10, 1887, Mr. Bomberger was united in marriage with Miss Mary S. Huber, daughter of Abraham and Harriet Huber, and to this union have been born five children, as follows: Mazie H., Abram Z., Hattie H., Paul H. and Lloyd H., all at home. Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger are both members of the old Mennonite Church, and he is superintendent of the Sunday school.

LEVI LANDES. Among the many substantial, retired farmer citizens of Ephrata township, no one possesses in a higher degree the esteem and respect of his neighbors than does Levi Landes, who comes of fine old ancestry, dating back to both Switzerland and to Germany. He was born June 4, 1824, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Mohler) Landes, who were among the wealthiest residents of the township. They reared these children: Lydia, who married Israel Myers, deceased; Nancy, who married George Levan, of Lancaster city; Rebecca, single; Hannah, a resident of Ephrata; Catherine, who married Samuel Harley, of Ephrata; Levi, of this sketch; Simon, who lives in Boston, Mass.; and Samuel, deceased.

Levi Landes was reared on a farm, growing up like many hundreds of other farmer boys, and at-

tended the district schools of Ephrata township. When he started out for himself it was with very limited means, but he has demonstrated the fact that it is possible to accumulate large means honestly and rapidly, by the application of industry and energy. At present Mr. Landes is the fortunate owner of a fine farm in the township, as well as a most comfortable two-story brick residence, and he is able to enjoy the comforts of life earned by his own efforts.

On Dec. 28, 1847, Levi Landes was married to Miss Elizabeth Landes, who was born Feb. 11, 1828, a daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Wisler) Landes, of Ephrata township, and to this union six children were born: Ezra, born Nov. 6, 1848, died July 16, 1881; Israel, born July 15, 1851, died Sept. 21, 1874; Levi, Jr., born Jan. 1, 1853, resides in Hanover, Pa.; Jacob, born Nov. 7, 1854; Samuel L., born Nov. 14, 1858, resides in Illinois; and Mary Ann, born Aug. 9, 1860, resides with her parents.

Levi Landes has long been one of the leading members of the German Baptist Church, and is everywhere regarded as a man of exemplary Christian character. His connection has always been with the Republican party, and he is regarded as one of the best of citizens. Both he and his beloved wife are passing their declining years in peace and happiness, and they possess the good will of the whole community.

JOHN PENNYPACKER, leaf-tobacco merchant and packer at Mountville, Lancaster county, was born in Conestoga Centre, same county, Sept. 2, 1845, a son of James and Filena (Yentzer) Pennypacker, natives, respectively, of Chester county, Pa., and Conestoga Centre, Lancaster county, but now deceased.

James Pennypacker was a small farmer and school teacher, and also a scrivener, writing deeds, etc., for the people of his neighborhood. He died in Conestoga Centre in 1852, when forty-five years old; his widow died in Mountville in 1896, at the age of eighty-two years. Both were members of the Reformed Church. To their marriage were born the following named children: Mary A., deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Martin, a merchant in Conestoga Centre; Miss Elvina; Frank, retired; Amos, an iron worker of Conestoga Centre; John; Lena, who died young; and James, a stonemason of Lancaster city. The family is of German extraction.

John Pennypacker was reared on a farm until seventeen years old, and then learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until 1890. In 1870, however, he settled in Mountville, and in 1883 engaged in his present business of dealing in tobacco.

Mr. Pennypacker was joined in marriage in 1869, in Washington borough, Lancaster county, with Martha G. Brady, and to this union have been born the following children, Charles, a school-teacher in York, Pa.; Elvina, wife of Joseph Hoover, a confectioner in Mountville; Philena, who died young; and John B., still at home.

Martha (Brady) Pennypacker was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in August, 1849, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Getz) Brady, natives, respectively, of Hummelstown, Dauphin county and Lancaster county, both of whom died in Manor township. The father, who was born in 1810, died in August, 1875, and the mother, born in 1810, died in 1861. Mr. Brady was a miller. Both were members of the U. B. Church, and they are buried in Stehman cemetery. Besides Mrs. Pennypacker children as follows were born to Charles and Elizabeth (Getz) Brady: Caroline, who was married to Amos Harnish, a coachmaker at Harrisburg; Elizabeth, wife of Chris Frey, a farmer of Manor township; Anna, married to Hiram Wittmer, a farmer in the same township; Mary, deceased wife of Aaron Friday; Barbara, of Indiana, widow of Newton Lewis; and Samuel, of Manor township.

Fraternally John Pennypacker is a member of the I. O. O. F., and politically he is a Republican, under the auspices of which party he served as township tax collector for eight years. He has made his own way through the world, has always been industrious and steady-going; and has so lived as to win the confidence and esteem of all who know him, and there are very few in Mountville who do not. In July, 1864, Mr. Pennypacker enlisted in an independent Lancaster troop, P. V. I., for one hundred days, and was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 29, 1864.

TOBIAS LEAMAN, a retired farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 19, 1844, on the farm where he is to be found at the present time, a son of John and Mary (Landis) Leaman.

John Leaman died in Lampeter township in 1882, at the age of seventy-three years; his wife early passing to her rest, in 1847, at the age of thirty-three years. Both were buried in Mellinger Church cemetery. For some nineteen years before his death the father had lived a retired life. In religion they were members of the Mennonite Church. He had been township auditor, and was highly esteemed in the community where his quiet and useful life had passed. Mr. and Mrs. John Leaman were the parents of the following family: Benjamin was burned to death in infancy; Elias died in 1891; Esther married Emanuel Denlinger, and died in 1861; John L. is a retired farmer, and the subject of a sketch that appears elsewhere; and Tobias.

Tobias Leaman and Elizabeth Denlinger were married in Lancaster, Dec. 13, 1864. To them were born: Ida married Daniel D. Eby, a farmer in Salisbury township, and is the mother of four children; Anna married Phares B. Buckwalter, has five children, and lives on the old farm in Leacock township; Jason died when four years old; Ella married J. Frank Denlinger, a farmer in Salisbury township, and is the mother of one child; Minnie married Sem Eby, a farmer of Paradise township; and Elmer D., who is a telegraph operator, lives at home. Mrs. Tobias Leaman, who was born in Paradise

township in 1842, is a sister of John B. Denlinger, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

Mr. Leaman has spent his active life on the old homestead, and is still found on the farm where he was born. In 1881 he built the present comfortable and elegant home in which his family is located. For some years he has given up the active labors of farming, and has come to an old age of peace and comfort, in which he is well circumstanced, and is regarded as one of the solid and leading farmers of this end of Lancaster county.

NOAH G. HESS, a progressive and successful farmer of Rothsville, Lancaster county, is one of the active and intelligent citizens of his neighborhood, and is highly respected by all who know him.

Mr. Hess comes of good pioneer stock of Lancaster county. His grandfather, Henry Hess, was born Jan. 17, 1794, and was a farmer and miller all his life. He was a member of the old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Catherine Huber, and they were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Jacob, Susanna (wife of Isaac Huber), Catherine, Henry, Esther, Fanny, John, Sem, Martin, Levi H., Annie, Jonas and Cothem.

Levi H. Hess, the father of our subject, was born Jan. 1, 1836. He, too, was a farmer, and followed that occupation until he retired, in 1898. In politics he is a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some time. He is a member of the old Mennonite Church. Mr. Hess married Miss Salinda S. Gross, and to this union were born ten children, namely: Noah G., our subject; Harry G., who died when nine years of age; Martin G., cashier in the Keystone Bank of Manheim; Mary G., wife of Andrew Brubaker; Levi G., a merchant of Springfield, Mass.; Salinda G., at home; Phares G., a teacher, who is a graduate of the Pennsburg School and of Bucknell University; Elam G., attending College at Gettysburg; Ammon G., at Columbia, this county, employed by the Independent Telephone Company; and Jerome G., a teacher, still at home.

Noah G. Hess, whose name opens this sketch, was born in Penn township, Sept. 7, 1861, and received his education in the local public schools. He remained at home until he was twenty years of age, when he began life for himself, farming on his father's place for three years. He then moved to Lititz, where he was engaged at various kinds of work, and he was one of the first to start a creamery there, where he remained four years. At the end of that time he purchased the farm at Rothsville, where he now resides, and where he has given his entire attention to farming. He has one of the finest farms in Warwick township, and makes a specialty of fruits, such as peaches, pears and plums. Mr. Hess has spent a great amount of money in beautifying his place, and the entire surroundings bespeak thrift and enterprise of the owner. In politics he is in sympathy with the

Prohibition party, and was one time nominated for poor director.

On Nov. 27, 1884, Mr. Hess married Miss Harriet Becker, and to them has come one child, Carrie B., born Dec. 6, 1887. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are both members of the German Baptist Church.

REV. ABRAHAM Z. HESS. The Hess family enjoys the distinction of being one of the oldest and most respected of the families of the early settlement of Lancaster county. Like many other prominent ones, it originated in the freedom-loving land of Switzerland, and came with a colony of others to that part of Lancaster county, now known as Pequea township. Here Samuel Hess reared a numerous family. In 1734 one of his sons took up 200 acres of land, located one mile east of Lititz—this portion of the county being named Warwick township. A part of this land is owned by Jonas H. Hess, and here is located the old Hess Mennonite Meeting House and the cemetery in connection with it, where many of the family lie at rest.

From these ancestors came Abraham Hess, who married Elizabeth Musser, the former being born in Pequea township, and the latter in Providence township. Abraham was a son of Michael, and all were farming people who lived worthy, quiet, useful lives, and did their part in the conversion of Lancaster county into the home of a rich and contented people. To Abraham and Elizabeth (Musser) Hess was born a family of children, one of these being a son, Abraham M., who became the father of our subject.

Abraham M. Hess was born Feb. 18, 1829, in Pequea township, Lancaster county, and has lived a long and laborious life, well sustaining the name and position of an honest and independent farmer. At present he is living retired from active farming, his years giving him an excellent reason for retirement. Abraham M. Hess has been three-times married. By his first marriage one son was born, Emanuel, who is now deceased. His second marriage was to Anna Zeigler, who died July 3, 1867, at the age of thirty-three years. She with her husband belonged to the Brethren in Christ Church. She was the mother of these children: Conrad, who is engaged in farming on the old homestead; Benjamin, a farmer in Fulton township; Abraham Z., of this sketch; Rev. Noah, a farmer in Pequea township; Esli, deceased; Ezra, deceased; and Mattie, who married Paris Engle, of Columbia, Pa. Mr. Hess' third marriage was to Barbara Herr, by whom he had the following children: Anna, the wife of J. G. Mann, a farmer in Manor township; Enos, a clergyman in the Brethren in Christ church, also a professor in the Pennsylvania State College in Center county, Pa.; and Miss Elizabeth, at home.

The maternal grandfather of Rev. Mr. Hess was Conrad Zeigler, a highly respected resident of the

township of East Donegal; his nephew, Dr. Zeigler, of Mt. Joy, Pa., occupies a prominent position.

Rev. Abraham Z. Hess was reared on his parents' farm and when he reached the age of twenty years, married and moved to East Donegal, leasing his father-in-law's farm, which he operated a number of years. Later he bought the property, and has been engaged in its cultivation until the present time. The farm contains eighty-eight acres, and it shows thorough cultivation and most careful management. Mr. Hess took up carpentering in 1888, and has worked in that line also to some extent.

On Dec. 2, 1879, Rev. Mr. Hess was married, in East Donegal, to Elizabeth M. Musser, and to this union have been born these children: Anna M.; Martha M., who died young; Abraham M.; Mary M.; Katie M.; Henry M.; Barbara M. and Benjamin M. Mrs. Hess was born in East Donegal township, daughter of Michael B. and Catherine (Musser) Musser, both residents of East Donegal township.

Mr. Hess is a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church, and is counted one of the strong men of its clergy. Its preachers and pastors are expected to sustain themselves as do other men by the work of their hands, and he is no exception to the rule, an honorable and hard-working man, with high ideals and a sincere devotion to the faith in which he was bred. In 1894 he was ordained a minister, and his subsequent career has justified the action of the church to an unusual degree. An industrious as well as a thrifty man, he works hard at his manual labor, and brings to the pulpit the inspiring enthusiasm of a soul that feels the deep realities of religion.

JOSEPH N. RISSER, a general farmer and also a painter in Mt. Joy township, was born Oct. 15, 1856, son of Joseph and Fanny (Nissley) Risser, the former of whom was born in Lebanon county and the latter in Mt. Joy, Lancaster county.

The father of Mr. Risser moved to the farm which the latter now occupies in 1886, and there he died Dec. 1, 1896. The mother died on her old homestead in January, 1885, aged sixty-three years, the father living to be seventy-five. They were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and were buried in Risser's Meeting House cemetery, in Mt. Joy township. They reared a goodly family, as follows: Elizabeth, who married Christian Good, a farmer in West Donegal township; Mary N., who married Rev. Levi Ebersole, a retired farmer, in Elizabethtown; Levi N., deceased, who married Amanda Nissley, and she now lives in Elizabethtown; Anna N., deceased, wife of Levi Longenecker; Fanny N., who married Aaron Demmy, of Elizabethtown; Joseph N.; Rev. Martin H., a farmer on the old homestead and a preacher in Zion Church, who married Fanny Hosler; Amanda N., who married Benjamin Hersch, of East Donegal

township; and Amos N., a farmer of Mt. Joy township, who married Emma Lehman.

Joseph N. Risser came with his father in 1886 to the present farm, which is a well cultivated tract of twenty-two acres, and here he has resided ever since. In politics he is a Republican. He is a consistent member of the German Baptist Church, and one of the most respected men in this locality. In connection with his farming, he follows his trade as painter.

On Oct. 23, 1888, in Mt. Joy, township, Mr. Risser was married to Miss Lizzie S. Stauffer, and four children have been born to this union, namely: James S., Fanny S., Ivan S. and Herman S. Mrs. Risser was born June 20, 1864, in Mt. Joy township, near Milton Grove, where her parents, John G. and Maria W. (Shelly) Stauffer, still reside. Both Mr. and Mrs. Risser have a wide circle of attached friends, and both are most highly esteemed in the community.

JOHN S. WOLF, a well-to-do agriculturist of Warwick township, has passed all his life on the fine farm he owns and occupies, having been born there Sept. 9, 1850, in the house which is still his home.

Mr. Wolf is a member of one of the oldest families of this section, his grandfather, Jacob Wolf, having been born in 1779, in Ephrata township, about a half mile from the place where our subject now resides. He was a farmer and followed that calling exclusively until his death, which occurred in 1823. He married Miss Catherine Landis, and they were the parents of seven children; Samuel, who was a farmer in early life, was Station Agent at Akron, and also a coal and lumber dealer; George, a farmer; Jacob, a miller; Sarah, wife of Daniel Bard; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Landis; Lydia, wife of Abraham Zook; and Henry.

Henry Wolf, the father of our subject, was born in the old Wolf homestead in Ephrata township Nov. 10, 1820. He was reared to farming, and gave his entire attention to that occupation until his retirement in 1873. He died June 1, 1893. Mr. Wolf was successful in his business affairs, and was a director in the Lincoln Bank for some years. He married Miss Lavina Sheaffer, and they had two children: Elizabeth A., wife of Harry R. Erb, of Warwick township; and John S., whose name opens this sketch.

John S. Wolf was educated in the local common schools and at the State Normal at Millersville. In 1873 he commenced farming on his own account on the place where he was born, and has given his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has met with the substantial success he has well deserved. He has been a director in the Lincoln National Bank, for the past ten or twelve years, and he is regarded as a reliable business man by all who have had dealings with him. In 1874, Mr. Wolf wedded Miss Lizzie W. Rupp, daughter of Abram

and Anna Rupp, and to this union have been born four children: Bertha, who is the wife of Grabill G. Minnich; Henry Arthur, who died May 6, 1901, aged twenty years and nine months; and Anna R. and Mabel R. are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are both members of the United Evangelical Church, and he is a member of the board of trustees of that congregation. He occupies high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and as one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of his locality, is regarded with respect by all who know him.

FRANK A. RIEKER has been a resident of Lancaster for thirty-five years, during which period he has proved his interest in his adopted home in many substantial ways. In building up the industry with which he has for so many years been actively identified; he aided materially in the growth and prosperity of the city, where he has ranked high among the successful business men of his generation.

Mr. Rieker is a native of Germany, born March 10, 1844, in Wurtemberg, and his father, John Rieker, passed his entire life in that country. He was a farmer by occupation. John Rieker married Anna Lechleitner, a native of Wurtemberg, whose father, Jacob Lechleitner, was an Austrian, born in the Tyrol. After his settlement in Wurtemberg, Mr. Lechleitner engaged in the hotel business and farming. Mr. and Mrs. Rieker had eight children who grew to maturity, and seven still survive. Frank A. is the only member of the family that came to America. He lived with his parents up to the age of thirteen years, when he was apprenticed to learn the trade of brewer, working three years with his maternal uncle, a large brewer of Esslingen. For some time following he traveled—as is the custom among journeymen in the Fatherland—visiting different parts of his native land, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and other countries. In 1863 Mr. Rieker came to the United States, sailing from Hamburg, and for a year after his arrival in this country, he worked in New York City. His next location was in Philadelphia, where he was employed two years, and in 1867 he was engaged as foreman in Frank's Brewery, in Lancaster, in which position he remained another two years. He was also in the employ of Joseph Wacker, in the same line, for two years, before starting out in business on his own account. For a short period he carried on a brewery in Columbia, Lancaster county, and then returning to Lancaster became a partner in the firm of Sheid, Gertz & Co., who conducted the Lion Brewery. Subsequently, for one year, he rented the plant, in connection with Messrs. Struble & Co., and at the expiration of that time became sole proprietor of what is now known as the Star Brewery, and which he has developed into one of the finest and most complete establishments of the kind in the State. He rebuilt and greatly enlarged the old plant, until its capacity was 12,000 barrels per year. He erected his new brewery on modern principles, and equipped it with every de-

vice and improvement known to the business, including up-to-date ice machines, electric plants, etc. The present capacity of the establishment is 45,000 to 50,000 barrels per year, and the sales from 30,000 to 35,000 barrels. The brewery, a building five stories in height, and a block in depth, is located on West King street, First street and Rieker avenue. There are three storage houses, engine and boiler room, in addition to the main building. The principal building was erected in 1892, at a cost of \$95,000, and further improvements have been made at an expense of \$30,000, the plant now covering an area of one and one-half acres. Employment is given to forty-two.

In the long and successful conduct of the Star Brewery Mr. Rieker accumulated a handsome competency, the result of the practical application of those qualities characteristic of his nationality—perseverance, industry, honesty and thoroughness in every detail. Good judgment and executive ability, combined with an intelligent knowledge of both the commercial and industrial departments of his business, completed an equipment not to be despised, and which has stood the test of long years of competition, in a day when progress must be matched with progress, if one would succeed.

In 1868 Mr. Rieker married Cressentia Harmann, who was born in Lancaster, daughter of John Harmann. Six children have come to this union: Frank J., Annie M. (wife of Robert Ramsgate, a diamond broker of New York City), Mary, Charles, Harry and Ralph. The pleasant family home is at No. 606 King street. Mr. Rieker is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and fraternally affiliates with the B. P. O. E. He is independent in politics.

Frank J. Rieker, who since 1897 has been manager of the Star Brewery, is one of the most popular young men in Lancaster. He was educated in the common schools and Weidler's Commercial School. On Oct. 19, 1893, he married Katie E. Ganse, of Lancaster, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth E. Ganse. Politically Mr. Rieker is a Democrat, and he is chairman of the Democratic county committee. Socially he belongs to the Elks; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is trustee and D. D. G. P.; and to the Knights of Pythias, of which he is also trustee.

JOHN H. GAMBERLING, one of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's most competent engineers, with his residence in Columbia, was born in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, March 14, 1854, and is a son of Charles and Susannah (Cowder) Gamberling, natives of Maryland, and Lancaster county, Pa., respectively.

Charles Gamberling came to Lancaster county when a young man, was a painter by trade, and was married in Bainbridge. His death there took place in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years, and that of his widow, in 1890, at sixty-nine years of age, both being members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were born and named in the following order:

Barbara, wife of Henry Machin, a farmer in Bainbridge; Susan, widow of Joseph Poulton, of Harrisburg; Philip, Simon and Ella, deceased; and John H.

Philip Gamberling, father of Charles, was born in England, and his family name was in reality Chamberlain, but was changed after his arrival in America. He was a butcher and first settled in Havre de Grace, Md., where he carried on his business until driven off by the French, who fired his home. He then came to Harrisburg, Pa., where he and his wife passed the remainder of their days. Philip Cowder and his wife, maternal grandparents of John H. Gamberling, were natives of Germany; the father was a carpenter by trade, and both he and his wife died in Bainbridge, Pa., of which place they were early settlers.

John H. Gamberling attended school in Bainbridge, Pa., until eighteen years old. He then went to Churchville, Pa., and served one year at coach-making; his employers running out of work, he returned to Bainbridge, finished learning the trade with Henry Faus, and remained with him five years and a half, in all. Mr. Gamberling next went to Mount Wolf, York county, and for eighteen months carried on business on his own account; he next went to Steelton, Dauphin county, and was employed four years as a carpenter by the Steel Company; in 1880 he came to Columbia, served nine months as brakeman on the railroad, then eleven years as fireman and was then promoted to his present position of engineer.

In Columbia, in 1878, Mr. Gamberling married Miss Percilla Dohner, who was born in White Oak, Lancaster county, Sept. 8, 1857, and is a daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Diehm) Dohner. To Mr. and Mrs. Gamberling have been born four children, named as follows: Carrie, Orpha, Charles D., and Margaret. The family attend the German Reformed Church and are greatly respected by all who know them. Mr. Gamberling is a member of the B. L. of F., and B. L. E. In politics he is a Democrat.

JONATHAN M. WILSON, a prominent farmer of Little Britain township, was born June 22, 1840, and is a son of Needham and Jane (Patterson) Wilson, both of Little Britain township. Grandfather Benjamin Wilson was of English origin and married Anna Sidwell, whose ancestors were Scotch-Irish. They were early settlers in Lancaster county, and consistent members of the Society of Friends.

Needham Wilson, son of Benjamin and father of J. M., of Little Britain township, was born May 15, 1797, and died Sept. 22, 1872, while his wife was born May 10, 1797, married Nov. 26, 1826, and died Sept. 7, 1890, at the age of ninety-four years. Their children were: Dorestus, a farmer, in Chester county; Sidwell, deceased; Silvia A., who married George Bockius, deceased; Dr. Needham, a physician in Philadelphia; and Jonathan M.

Jonathan M. Wilson was born in a log cabin in this township, a relic of pioneer days, and obtained

his education in the public schools. His tastes have made him an excellent farmer and his well-cultivated and finely improved estate is one of the most valuable in this locality. His land consists of 100 acres of great fertility, and attractiveness, where a general line of farming is carried on, the most approved methods and machinery being employed.

Mr. Wilson was married Feb. 18, 1869, to Miss Rebecca E. Rummer, of Little Britain township. She was born June 14, 1843, and was one in a family of seven children: William, deceased; Rebecca E., who is Mrs. Wilson; George W., of Little Britain; Rachel, who is the wife of Ervan Hill, of Cecil county, Md.; Taylor, of this township; John R., of Drumore township; and Emma, the wife of Andrew Jackson, whose sketch appears in this volume. Grandfather William Rummer came of Dutch stock, and was one of the old settlers in his part of the county. The parents of Mrs. Wilson were Samuel and Annie M. (Pierce) Rummer, of Cecil county, Md.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were: Sanders, who is a penman, and who lives near Harrisburg, Pa.; Malinda, married; Margaret, residing at home, one of the leading teachers of music in this county, a lady of high attainments, and the graduate of several schools of music; Anna J., a valued teacher in this county, a lady of culture, refinement and education, who graduated from the Millersville Normal School at the age of seventeen; Elnora and Harriet, who died young.

Mr. Wilson is one of the leading citizens of this county, a member of the Democratic party, and one of the supporters of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church, of which he and family are consistent members. This is a very intellectual family and stands high in the esteem of the neighborhood.

A. JACKSON HARRAR, a successful and noted farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where he has passed his useful and industrious life, Oct. 13, 1844, his parents being Miller and Margaret (Galbraith) Harrar.

Miller Harrar was born in Delaware, in April, 1817, and his wife Margaret, in Colerain township, in 1821, a daughter of William Galbraith, a native of Ireland, and a farmer in Colerain township in his later years.

Miller Harrar was the son of Daniel and Margaret (Miller) Harrar, who came into Lancaster county from Montgomery county, after living for a time in Delaware. In 1823 they settled on a farm in Colerain township, their farm now being part of the place occupied by A. Jackson Harrar. They lived and died on the home farm, the father dying in 1865, and his widow in 1868. They had three sons and two daughters. (1) William, who married Isabelle Galbraith, a sister to the mother of A. Jackson Harrar, settled on a farm in Colerain township, where he lived and died, leaving one son, Daniel, who still lives on his father's farm. (2) Daniel married

Isabella Harrar, a daughter of Jesse Harrar, and settled on the old Harrar homestead until 1861. That year he bought the old Joseph Harrar farm, adjoining the one on which he had been living. Here he lived until 1893, when he bought a farm in Delaware, where he died leaving a widow and four daughters, who are residents of Chester county. (3) Lydia A., born in Lancaster county, died unmarried some years ago. (4) Margaret J., a young lady, died at the home in Colerain township. (5) Miller.

Miller Harrar received a somewhat limited education in the subscription schools of the time, and remained under the parental roof until he reached maturity. During his youthful days he learned the millwright trade, but he never followed it as a business. In 1843 he married Maggie Galbraith, and located on the old homestead, to which he added very substantial improvements, making this his home until his death, in Feb., 1888. His wife passed to her rest in 1886. They were members of the Baptist Church, and the Harrars were among the founders of the first Baptist Church in Colerain township. They were all Jacksonian Democrats. They were the parents of two sons and a daughter. A. J. was the eldest son. Francis Marion, born in August, 1849, was a student in the home schools, where he received a fair education, and married Miss Abbie Keehn, a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Keehn, of Drumore township. They moved in with the parents at the old home. After the death of the father, the farm was divided between Marion and A. J. Harrar, the latter keeping the old home for his residence. Marion died in May, 1896, leaving a widow, his son Earnest having died nearly two years before. The widow has since married Thomas Cassidy. Ida, the daughter of Miller Harrar, died in childhood.

A. Jackson Harrar, whose name introduces this article, received the benefits of the district school, and remained at home as long as his parents lived. For several years before his father's death he had the management of the farm in his own hands.

Mr. Harrar was married in Nov., 1867, to Miss Phoebe Lovett, the daughter of Patterson and Mary Lovett, of Lancaster county. Mrs. Harrar was born and reared in East Drumore township, and died at the old Harrar homestead in May, 1888, leaving one son, Ellwood A., who was born in Aug., 1868, and was educated in the home schools. For several years he was bookkeeper in a Philadelphia house. In 1896 he entered the Theological Seminary at Chester, Delaware county, from which he was graduated in 1899. He was given charge of a mission in the Baptist Church, and the same year he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Alpha Baptist Church, of Philadelphia. Miss Lillian Jeffries, who became his wife, was born in Philadelphia. They have one son, Norman Jackson.

A. Jackson Harrar was married to his second wife, Miss Ida Keehn, a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Keehn, in May, 1889. Mrs. Harrar was born Aug. 9, 1859, and received her education in the Union

High School. She became the mother of one child, who died when very young.

Mr. Harrar built a fine house and barn in 1889, and put his farm in good order. He is a fancier of good horse flesh, and has one of the finest horses in Colerain township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrar belong to the Baptist Church, where he has been trustee, treasurer and clerk, and an active worker for many years. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and has been tax collector of Colerain township. Mr. Harrar is agent for the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Lancaster county, and belongs to Lodge No. 544, I. O. O. F., at Kirkwood, in which he has filled all the chairs except that of treasurer. For several years he has filled the chair of financial secretary.

JOSEPH DENNISON, of Columbia, Pa., is one of the most reliable engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. He was born in Cenoy township, Lancaster county, in a log house, March 13, 1851, and is a son of John and Susan (Brubaker) Dennison, natives of West Donegal and Cenoy townships, respectively, the former of whom died on the home farm in 1893, at the age of sixty-six years, his remains being interred at Falmouth; the latter is still living on the old homestead at seventy-four years of age. The children born to these parents, five in number, were named as follows: Amanda, at home; Joseph; Sidney, at home; Anna, wife of Dr. Frank Hinkle, of Columbia; and John, of Bridgeport, Pa. The paternal grandfather of Joseph Dennison, Andrew, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., but died on his farm in Illinois. The maternal grandparents were David and Rachel (Brooks) Brubaker, the former of whom was an old tax collector of Lancaster county; of the Brubaker family an interesting sketch will be found elsewhere.

Joseph Dennison lived on the parental farm until thirty years of age and then came to Columbia, and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as fireman, in which capacity he served nine years and four months, when, for his faithfulness and attention to duty, he was promoted to engineer.

Joseph Dennison was united in marriage, in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, Dec. 24, 1872, with Miss Eliza Dohner, who has borne him three children, Norman, Abraham and Clement, the latter deceased. Mrs. Eliza (Dohner) Dennison is also a native of Lancaster county, and was born Aug. 5, 1851, daughter of Abraham and Eliza (Diehm) Dohner, of Penn township. Abraham Dohner was a carpenter in his early manhood, but in his latter years was a farmer in Cenoy township, and died on his farm in February, 1874, when fifty-six years old. Mrs. Eliza (Diehm) Dohner now makes her home with Mr. Dennison at Columbia. She was born Sept. 5, 1820, and is a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Her six children were named, in order of birth, as follows: Eli, who is a farmer in West Hempfield town-

ship; Sarah and Anna M., who died young; Eliza, now Mrs. Joseph Dennison; Emaline, wife of Samuel K. Miller, a railroad conductor residing in Columbia; and Priscilla, wife of John H. Gamberling, of the same borough.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Eliza (Dohner) Dennison were born in Lebanon county, Pa., were agricultural people, and early settled in Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents, John and Sarah (Seidsinger) Diehm, were respectively natives of Lititz, Lancaster county, and Berks county, Pa. John Diehm was a farmer and died on his homestead in Lancaster county in 1873, when seventy-seven years old; his wife had preceded him to the grave in 1867. They were the parents of five children, viz.: Eliza, mother of Mrs. Dennison; Leonard, deceased; Sarah, wife of David Smith, of Penn township; Harry, a retired railroad man of Middletown, Pa.; and Priscilla, deceased wife of Christ Ebersole. Michael and Margaret Seidsinger, maternal great-grandparents, came from Berks to Lancaster county at a very early day.

Joseph Dennison is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He belongs to the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in politics, but has never been an office seeker. He has always been attentive to his duties as a railroad man, has won the confidence of his company, and has also gained the unfeigned respect of all his neighbors.

JAMES C. LEISEY, an efficient and popular conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, with his residence at Columbia, was born in Cocalico township, Lancaster county, Feb. 25, 1853. His parents, Frank and Barbara (Zell) Leisey, were also natives of Lancaster county. The former worked at farming in the proper season and at other times at broom-making, and such other work as he could turn his hand to with profit. To his marriage with Miss Zell were born: Martin, a cigar manufacturer at Lititz; James C.; Frank, a mechanic at Lancaster City; Emma, wife of Albert Book, of Neffsville, Pa.; Alice, married to Milton Long, of Lancaster; Sarah, of Akron, Pa.; Reuben, a painter in Witmer, this county; and Allen, a farmer, also of Lancaster county. Frank Leisey, the father, died Nov. 14, 1898, at the age of seventy-two years, his wife having died eighteen years before, at the age of fifty-three; they were members of the Lutheran Church, and their remains were interred at Reamstown.

The paternal grandfather of James C. Leisey was Joseph Leisey, a farmer of Lancaster county, and his maternal grandparents were Nicholas and Barbara (Keel) Zell, of the same county, and also agricultural people of English extraction.

James C. Leisey worked about on farms until fourteen years of age and then learned cigar-making, a trade he followed for eleven years; he was then employed as brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad for a year and a half, when he returned

to farming for two years and then again to the railroad until July, 1884; he was next a flagman until March 28, 1898, when he was promoted to his present position as conductor.

May 5, 1879, Mr. Leisey was united in matrimony with Miss Ella Keinard in Lancaster. This marriage has been blessed with ten children, born in the following order: Ira, Minnie, Arabella, Oscar (deceased), Leon, Ferman, Raymond, Ola, May and Dora Ellen, all the survivors still having their home with the parents. Mrs. Ella (Keinard) Leisey was born in York county, Jan. 5, 1858, and is a daughter of Michael and Mary A. (Dellinger) Keinard, farming people, who had born to them the following family: Randolph, a farmer in York county; Elizabeth, deceased wife of John Kaufman; Anna M., deceased wife of John Quail; Aaron, also deceased; Catherine, wife of Peter Resline, farmer of York county; Martha, married to Howard Auble, of Wrightsville, Pa.; Caroline, wife of Harry Kramer, of Harrisburg; Louise, Henry, Milton and Emma, all deceased; and Ella. The mother of this large family died Jan. 10, 1871, at the age of fifty-five years, and the father in Nov., 1874, aged fifty-eight, both devoted members of the Evangelical Church.

Mr. Leisey in politics is a Democrat and as a citizen is greatly respected by the residents of Columbia generally.

CLIFFORD COOK, one of the leading farmers of Little Britain township, was born July 23, 1858, a son of Reuben and Deborah (Brown) Cook, the former of whom was born in Fulton township in 1818, and died on the old home place Feb. 10, 1889. Reuben Cook was a son of William Cook, who was born in Lancaster county, although the family originated in Wales. It has long been one of the most honorable among the old and established families of southern Lancaster county. By marriage it is connected with many of the names well known for many years in this part of the state. The children born to William Cook were: Clarkson; Allen; Mercy, who married Mark Haines; Ruth Ann, who married Warrick Coats; and Reuben, the father of Clifford Cook, of this sketch.

The mother of Mr. Cook was a daughter of Hon. Jeremiah Brown, who was a prominent member of the bar, a judge, a member of Congress and one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county. She was born in Fulton township, in 1822, and still survives and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. R. H. Archer, of Philadelphia. She was married to Reuben Cook about 1839, and the following children were born to them: Kersey, who resides in Jefferson City, Mo.; Howard, deceased, who was a captain in the Union army during the Civil war, and at the time of his death was a prominent physician in Omaha, Neb.; Walter B., who is a bookkeeper at the Broad street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Philadelphia, and who was for fifteen years in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad, at

Omaha, Neb.; Millard, who spent the greater part of his life in Kansas and Nebraska, but died at the old home, in Sept., 1901; Myron, who is a farmer in Labette county, Kansas; Clifford, of this sketch; Annie M., who is in the employ of Dr. Kelly's private institute, in Baltimore, Md.; and Alice B., who is the wife of R. H. Archer, of Philadelphia. During life Reuben Cook was a very prominent farmer in his locality, and was a man esteemed throughout the community.

The early education of Clifford Cook was acquired in the public schools of his neighborhood, and he grew up on the farm, learning practical agriculture. Although he has now a fine farm, of 150 acres, with a most comfortable residence and one of the most capacious barns in this township, he has been industrious and frugal all his life, and has earned his substantial position in the county. His land under his wise management and careful and intelligent methods, produces abundant crops in all the products of this section.

The marriage of Mr. Cook was on Dec. 2, 1888, to Mrs. Helen E. Mearns, the widow of J. A. Mearns, and the daughter of Joseph T. and Mary A. (Alexander) England, natives of Cecil county, Md. She was born Dec. 2, 1855, and was one of a family of three children, the others being Joseph and Isaac H., both of whom reside in Zion, Md. The children born to Clifford Cook and his wife are: Marian Virginia, born July 30, 1892; and Eugene Maurice, born April 7, 1901. Mrs. England still survives, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Few men in this township have taken a more intelligent interest in its progress than has Clifford Cook. As a leading member of the Republican party, he has most efficiently served in a number of the local offices. For the past six years he has shown his interest in educational matters by serving as school director and through 1882-83-84 he was township auditor. His religious connection is with the Society of Friends, and he enjoys the high esteem of all with whom he comes in contact, whether in public or social life.

E. S. WOLF, a resident of Hopeland, Pa., is a well-known farmer and miller of Clay township, and a leading citizen in this community. He was born June 10, 1863, son of Samuel and Lydia (Stief) Wolf, both deceased.

Samuel Wolf, the father of E. S., was a son of Jeremiah Wolf, a respected farmer and old settler of Clay township. Samuel Wolf married Lydia Stief and they had a family of seven children, namely: Harriet, Louisa, E. S., Salinda, Samuel, deceased, Cassie, and Amelia, deceased.

E. S. Wolf was reared on the farm and attended the common schools of his locality in his youth. For a number of years he carried on farming with success, and by his industry became the owner of valuable land. Recently he sold a farm of 148 acres of land and turned his attention to milling,

buying the Eagle Grist Mills, of Hopeland, which he operates, also running a portable saw mill. Mr. Wolf is a man of varied talents and succeeds in almost every business he undertakes. For quite a considerable period he engaged in the manufacture of cigars, but his time and attention are mainly given to his farming and milling at present. He is a staunch supporter of the Republican party, a progressive citizen who takes a great interest in his community, and serves with efficiency on the school board. Mr. Wolf is a member of the United Brethren Church.

In September, 1882, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage with Miss Salinda Druckenbrode, born in 1862, daughter of Jacob Druckenbrode, of Clay township. This marriage has been blessed with seven children, as follows: Alice, born April 18, 1883; Daisy, born June 28, 1890; Samuel, born Sept. 21, 1892; Elva, born Feb. 7, 1896; Bessie, born Oct. 18, 1897; Le Roy, born Dec. 25, 1899; and Irvin, born May 10, 1901.

Mr. Wolf is a prominent citizen in Clay township, an honorable man, a good neighbor, and one who has the welfare of his family, his church and his home very near to his heart, and who commands the esteem of all who know him.

JOHN F. HEIM was born in Columbia, March 27, 1861, and is one of the town's most respected citizens. For twenty years he has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Company, and in no relation of life has he ever been found derelict. He is the son of George Heim, and an outline of his family history may be found on another page. His boyhood was passed upon a farm, where he remained until twenty years of age, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a brakeman. After a year he was made a fireman and some ten years later was promoted to be engineer. This position he still holds. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers, and is one of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a consistent and active member and a liberal supporter. In political faith he is a Democrat.

On July 26, 1882, he was married to Miss Lizzie A. Ambrose, of Columbia. The issue of the union has been four children: Edgar F., Clara R. (deceased), Harry C. and Walter M. Mrs. Heim is a daughter of Benjamin A. and Martha (Morrow) Ambrose, and was born June 14, 1857, at York. Her mother died in 1858, but her father is still living. He is a son of parents who emigrated from Ireland early in life, and settled in York county, in this State. The same statement holds good, also, as to her maternal grandparents. Mr. Ambrose was born in 1822. In early life he was a boatman, but is now a farmer. For many years he conducted a mail route. He is a member of the M. E. Church. He has been three times married, Mrs. Heim being the second and youngest child born to the first union. Her elder sister, Anna A., died in childhood. His second wife was Mary Stormer, who also bore him two children,

Robert J. (deceased), and Charles, a farmer in York county. His third marriage was to Susan Brown, the issue being a son and two daughters. John A., the eldest child, resides in Lancaster; Ella married Edgar Hate; and Mamie married William Fry, both prosperous York county farmers.

AMOS ZIEGLER. Among the elegant homes and fine farms of Lancaster county, is that of Amos Ziegler, who resides in the village of Rowenna, seven miles from Columbia, Pa., living somewhat retired, but intelligently interested in the public affairs of the country, and through others, conducting operations on a large scale in mica and asbestos mining, in the State of Virginia.

The family of which Amos Ziegler is a worthy representative, is one of the old and important ones of East Donegal township, the founder having established himself here as early as 1782. Amos Ziegler was born May 14, 1851, a son of John and Barbara (Hertzler) Ziegler, the former of whom was one of the leading men of this part of Lancaster county; he was on the board of directors of the First National Bank, of Marietta, with which he was connected for many years. He died in 1894, leaving much property. His religious connection had been with the Dunkard Church, in which he was highly valued. The estimable mother of Mr. Ziegler was born Dec. 4, 1831, and since 1895, has made her home with her son Amos.

The family born to Mr. and Mrs. John Ziegler was as follows: Benjamin, who died in infancy; Jacob H., a successful farmer and owner of a creamery, in Rowenna; and Amos, the subject of this biography. The latter was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools, remaining engaged in farming pursuits until the spring of 1876, when he came to his present place, continuing to operate both farms, although not engaged in active labor himself. Mr. Ziegler, in 1892, laid out the flourishing village of Rowenna, being one of the most enterprising and energetic of men. In association with others, he is prospecting for mica and asbestos in Bedford county, Va., where there is every indication of remarkable results.

The marriage of Amos Ziegler was on Oct. 17, 1876, in East Donegal, to Miss Alice Musser, who was born in Rowenna, a daughter of John and Martha (Berg) Musser, of Donegal township. In May, 1900, Mr. Musser removed to Salem, Va., and now resides with his son, Henry C. From the foundation of the First National Bank, of Marietta, he was one of its officers, serving many years as its president, and was a prominent member of the Dunkard Church in this township. Formerly he was a Republican in politics, but latterly has voted with the Prohibitionists. His children were: Henry C., a farmer of Salem, Va.; Alice; Hiram, deceased; and Eugene, deceased.

Mr. Ziegler has served a number of years as school director and is fraternally connected with

the Masonic order, in politics being an Independent. A genial, pleasant man, Mr. Ziegler is an agreeable host, and delights to show his visitors his fine collection of birds, being something of a taxidermist, as well as one of the most intelligent citizens of this part of the county. The stanch old Ziegler family finds in Amos Ziegler, a worthy representative.

DAVID H. MEYERS, late a highly respected farmer of the township of West Donegal, was born in Conoy township, June 29, 1837, and is a son of John and Barbara (Metzgar) Meyers, born in Conoy township and in Dauphin county, respectively. The father died in Conoy township in 1841 at the early age of thirty-one years, having devoted his active life to farming. The mother, who was born in 1815, is still in good health. They were both members of the Lutheran faith, and to them were born three sons, Jacob and John, both of whom died young, and David H., whose name is given above.

Isaac Meyers, the paternal grandfather of David H., was born in Lancaster county, and moved into the far West about 1838. The maternal grandfather of David H. Meyers was David Metzgar, born in Dauphin county, where he lived and died as a farmer.

David H. Meyers was married Nov. 7, 1861, in Lancaster, to Miss Anna Shank, and to them were born the following children: (1) Catherine S. is single and at home. (2) Barbara S. married William H. Farber, who has a place adjoining that of her father, David H.; they have had six children, of whom Anna, Roy and David D. are dead; the others are Earl M., William C. and Katie B. (3) David S. died in infancy. Mrs. Anna (Shank) Meyers was born in Mt. Joy township, in Feb. 1836, and is a sister of Aaron Shank, of West Donegal township, of whom a sketch appears on another page, where will be found a full history of the Shank family.

David H. Meyers spent the first twenty-two years of his life at home, and then purchased the farm on which he lived until his death, making an enviable record as an honest man and upright citizen. For fifteen years he was school director, and gave much attention to school interests, discharging his duties in this connection with the same conscientious fidelity that marked all his other labors. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Mennonite Church. He died at his home June 11, 1902, when nearly sixty-five years old.

CHRISTIAN N. LANDIS was born Feb. 2, 1841, on the place where he yet resides, in East Lampeter township. His grandfather, John Landis, was also a native of that township, born in 1785. He was a prominent man in his day and filled many of the most important offices in Lancaster county. He was president of the Lancaster County Bank from the time it was founded, in 1841, until his death, which occurred in 1865. He was one of the Presidential Electors in 1848. In religion he was identi-

fied with the Old Mennonites of the county. Mr. Landis married Evanna Groff, and they were the parents of the following children: Betsey, wife of John Donar; Susan (deceased), wife of Tobias Herr; Hattie (deceased), wife of Michael Metzger; Polly, wife of John Leaman; Annie, unmarried; Benjamin, deceased; David, father of our subject; John, deceased; and Martin, of East Lampeter township.

David Landis remained with his parents until he was of age, and was educated in the common schools of the county. He then began life for himself, farming on the place where our subject now resides, and continued thus until his death, which occurred March 9, 1882. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Mary Neff, of East Lampeter township, by whom he had nine children, viz.: Susan (deceased), wife of Isaac L. Landis; Mary, wife of Benjamin Landis; John, of East Lampeter; Leah, wife of Jacob R. Buckwalter; Evanna, wife of Adam S. Runk; Christian, our subject; David, of Leacock township; Moses N., of Leacock township; and Annie N., wife of Michael L. Rohrer. The mother of these children died in 1841, and the father afterward married Miss Rebecca Eckman. To this union were born two children: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Hostetter; and Martin, who died in childhood.

Christian N. Landis continued to live with his father until the latter's death, and he inherited the farm, which is one of the finest in Lancaster county, comprising 100 acres of most productive land, which Mr. Landis has tilled with steady profit.

In 1866 he married Miss Leamon, daughter of Tobias Leamon, of East Lampeter township, and to this union have been born four children: Mary, wife of Frank K. Lefever; Lizzie L., (deceased) wife of David G. Landis; and Anna L. and David L., both at home. Mr. and Mrs. Landis, with their daughter, are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Our subject has given his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, and he is regarded as one of the intelligent, representative citizens of his section.

HENRY B. HOFFMAN, a noted merchant at Beartown, Lancaster county, was born in East Cocalico, July 7, 1850, and is a son of Henry and Barbara (Beam) Hoffman, natives of Berks county, and Brecknock township, Lancaster county, respectively. The father was reared in Morgantown, Berks county, and when a small boy was taken by his parents to East Cocalico.

Balser Hoffman, the grandfather of Henry B., came from Germany, and was, as is supposed, a very small child at the time of his coming. He was a farmer, and attained an advanced age.

Henry Hoffman, the father of Henry B., learned the trade of weaving, which he followed the most of his life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged. His death occurred in 1873, when he was seventy-four years of age; his wife passed away at the age of fifty-seven. To this marriage were born ten children: The first three

died in infancy; Susan married Henry Dietrich, of Ephrata, and is dead; Martin is a shoemaker at Martindale; Catherine is the wife of Henry Reed, of Earl township; Elizabeth is the wife of Harry Sload, of Rohrerstown; Louisa is the wife of Andrew Becher, of Elizabethtown; Lucetta is the wife of Henry Echenroad, of Murrell, Lancaster county; Henry B. is mentioned below.

Henry B. Hoffman was reared in East Cocalico until he reached the age of thirteen years, since which time he has taken care of himself. His career began in farm work, and at the age of seventeen he entered a cigar factory, to learn the art of making cigars. When he was twenty, he learned the carpenter trade, which he followed for some five years; at the end of this period he applied himself to tobacco farming on a tract of seven acres at Beartown. Almost every year he has had some tobacco, though in 1885 he engaged in a mercantile establishment at Beartown, which he has since very successfully conducted. For eight years he has been postmaster at Beartown, where he has resided continuously, with the exception of 1893, when he had a grocery store at Martindale, where he held the position of assistant postmaster.

Mr. Hoffman is a progressive and public-spirited citizen of Beartown, and is ever ready to lend a helping hand to any movement that looks to the public good. One of the leading Republicans of this part of Lancaster county, he has been supervisor of his township for two years. In 1874 he was married to Miss Katie Troop, a daughter of Samuel and Sallie (Miller) Troop. She was born in Brecknock township, and is the mother of five children: Ida is the wife of Diller Silknittler, of Caernarvon township, and they have one child, Gertie; Samuel married Clara Smith, and lives in Beartown, where they have one child, Gerlatine; Edgar, Harry and Katie are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman belong to the Lutheran Church, and are among the solid and substantial people of Lancaster county.

FRANKLIN G. HARPLE, farmer, justice of the peace, surveyor and conveyancer, of Bareville, Pa., is a well-known and highly esteemed citizen of Lancaster county. His birth occurred Oct. 2, 1840, in this village, and he was a son of Lewis and Anna M. (Knox) Harple, the former of whom was born in West Prussian Germany, and the latter, in Lancaster City, Pa. Father Harple came to America with his parents when he was but six years of age and settled near Spring Grove, Pa., later moving to Upper Leacock township. For many years Father Harple conducted a distillery for Adam Bare and John Hershey, operating it near Bareville, and in this place he died April 3, 1849, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother died June 13, 1863, both of them being buried in the old cemetery at Heller's Church, now Salem, being members of the Lutheran faith. In politics Mr. Harple was a Democrat.

The family of children born to Lewis and Anna

M. Harple included: Henry, who died in infancy; Henry L., who died at the age of thirty-nine, crushed by the cars at Gordonville, Pa.; Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Abraham Beerbauer, of Chester county; Lewis E., the trusted messenger of the First National Bank, of Lancaster; Sabrina, who is the widow of Henry W. Kessler, of Burt county, Neb.; Catherine, who was murdered Aug. 9, 1849, while picking blackberries in Upper Leacock township; Samuel, who is a carpenter, located in Erie, Pa.; John, a farmer, of Baltimore county, Md.; Anna Maria, deceased, who married George W. Deitrick; Martin, who died young; Elizabeth, who died young; and Franklin G.

The paternal grandparents of Franklin G. Harple were Ludwig and Anna M. Harple, or Harbill, of Germany, Lutherans who came to America in 1779, settling in Spring Grove, where the former carried on a weaving business until he removed to Upper Leacock township. He died at Lancaster. The maternal grandparents were Robert Knox, born in London, Eng., and Sabrina Stauffer, a daughter of the brave Swiss, Captain Stauffer, who commanded a company in the Battle of Brandywine, and assisted in bringing Hessian prisoners to Lancaster.

Justice Harple acquired a good education in the common schools of his district and passed his boyhood on a small farm consisting of ten acres of land, belonging to his parents. After they were called from earth, he located in his present place, in 1864, engaging in surveying under William Weidman, where he worked until he attained his majority and then returned and purchased the old homestead, farming there until 1873, when he made a trip to Wayne county, Ohio. There he made himself useful, working through the season on the farms and then went on to Erie, Pa., reaching that locality in July, 1873; here he found employment in carpenter work and in bridgebuilding, which kept him occupied until March, 1875, when he returned to Lancaster county.

After his return, Mr. Harple purchased his present home, in 1881, having previously farmed here, and then he began the business of surveying, on his own account, his previous work under Mr. Weidman having taught him all the details. Active in the ranks of the Republican party, he has been called upon to serve in many of the local offices, and has been township auditor, tax collector, deputy coroner and, on Oct. 9, 1881, he was appointed justice of the peace, his former efficient management of public office making this appointment gratifying both to Republicans and to Democrats. This has been proven by re-election ever since.

The marriage of Justice Harple and Miss Sarah L. Keplinger was celebrated on Dec. 9, 1864, in New Holland, and the children born of this union have been: Alfred, who died in infancy; Austin K., who married Sarah Poutz and is in the nursery business in Talmage, Pa.; Alice M., Franklin K. and Charles M., all of whom are at home.

Mrs. Harple was born in Earl township, March 9, 1844, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Bair) Keplinger, of Lancaster county, where they were farming people. The former died on Nov. 3, 1877, aged sixty-eight years and twenty days; the mother died on Jan. 25, 1885, at the age of seventy-three years, six months and fourteen days. They were members of the Reformed Church, good, Christian people. Their children were: David, who lives in Lancaster, Pa.; Barbara, who married Jacob Dierdorf, and lives in Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; Susan, deceased, married to James Neil; Sarah, who is the wife of Justice Harple; Samuel, who went to New Jersey and was not heard from; Emma, late wife of Michael Dissinger, of Leola, Lancaster county; Catherine, who resides unmarried in Philadelphia; and Elmira, who died while young.

Justice Harple enjoys the esteem of the community and is most highly regarded in both legal and business circles.

ISAAC MARTIN, the son of Christian Martin, was born in 1808, and died in 1885. His birth occurred on the Big Springs Farm in Earl township, and he spent his life in that vicinity, where he learned the milling business when a young man. After his marriage he purchased his father's mill property in Earl township, which he operated for a time, and then replaced it with the structure in 1833, which is still standing. There he was engaged in milling for twenty years, and made a reputation as an honorable and upright miller that was widely spread throughout his section of Lancaster county. At the end of that time he rented his mill property and engaged in farming, and was living on his farm at the time of his death. He is remembered as one of the thoroughly successful and reliable men of his community, where he was esteemed not only for his industrious habits, but for his integrity and general good character. He served as a school director, and took an active part in local affairs. In religion he affiliated with the Mennonite Church, and was one of its most devoted members and supporters.

Isaac Martin was married to Christiana Groff, a daughter of John Groff, of Groffdale, and to this union were born the following children: Fianna, who resides at Martindale, Lancaster county, the widow of L. Zimmerman; Susanna, the wife of Jacob Musser, who has her home in Groffdale; Isaac G.; Amanda, unmarried. Mrs. Martin lived to be eighty-one years old.

ISAAC G. MARTIN was born July 29, 1848, and was bred to the milling business. His education was gained in the public school, and when he was twenty-six years of age he was married and went into the milling business on his own account, at the old stand of his father. The mill property was bought by him, and he has since devoted himself to its operation. He does custom work very successfully. A farm of sixty-one acres, which was once the property

of his father, has descended to him, and he keeps it in a high state of cultivation. His standing at home is of the very best, and he is known as one of the leading men of the township. His public spirit is pronounced, and he is always ready to assist anything that looks to the public good.

Isaac G. Martin was married in 1873 to Miss Kate Mohler, a native of Ephrata township, and a daughter of Cyrus and Mary (Bitzer) Mohler. Mr. and Mrs. Martin had three children, only one of whom is living now. Nora died when twenty years old; she was a graduate of the State Normal School, at Millersville, and had become a teacher in the public schools of the county. Newton E. received his education in the public schools, and is a machinist. Alta Blanche died at the age of seven years. Mrs. Martin died Aug. 21, 1902, in her forty-eighth year.

Mr. Martin is a member of the German Baptist Brethren, or the Dunkard Church, of which he is a deacon in the church at Spring Grove. For the last twenty years he has been an active church worker, and is ever ready to lend an active support to any enterprise that looks to the prosperity of the church.

FRANKLIN W. SENSENICH, a well-known veterinary surgeon of New Holland, Pa., was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, May 23, 1841, and is a son of George W. and Anna (Worst) Sensenich. His father was born in East Earl township, and his mother in Pequea township.

George Sensenich was a tanner, and had a tannery in East Earl township for many years. He died in 1884, at the age of sixty-five, having lost his wife, who died in 1843, at the age of twenty-four. Both were buried in the Bridgeville cemetery in East Earl township. They were members of the Evangelical Church. To Mr. and Mrs. George Sensenich were born two children: John, who died in infancy, and Franklin W., whose name introduces this article. Mr. Sensenich was married a second time to Elizabeth Kurtz, by whom he had the following children: Lydia, who married James Emory, a farmer in Salisbury township; Harriet, who married Lavan Wenger, and is now dead; Emma, who lives in Caernarvon township, and is unmarried.

The paternal grandparents of F. W. Sensenich were Francis and Elizabeth (Weaver) Sensenich, farmer folks of Lancaster county.

Franklin W. Sensenich was married in Oct., 1865, in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, to Louisa R. Coffroath, by whom he has had the following children: Anna C., who is at home; Levi W., a farmer, and married to Susan Witmer; Mary A., at home.

Mrs. Sensenich was born in Caernarvon township in Feb., 1841, and is a daughter of Levi and Catherine (Weiler) Coffroath, farming people of Lancaster county. Her father died in 1895, at the age of eighty-two; her mother, in 1880, at the age of seventy-five. They were buried in the Bridgeville cemetery. To their union were born: Louisa R.,

who is noted above as the wife of Mr. Sensesnich; Mary, who married John Rife, a farmer of Caernarvon township; Lucetta, unmarried, and living on the old homestead in Caernarvon township.

Mr. Sensesnich remained with his parents until the death of his mother, when he went to live with his father's parents, remaining under their roof until he was fifteen years of age. The ensuing three years were passed with his father, and he was employed in the tannery. When he was eighteen, he entered a machine shop at Goodville, where he remained two years. When the shop closed at the end of that time, he secured a position in a store kept by John S. Weaver, in Goodville, with whom he spent two years. For several years after this he was engaged in the tannery business, and while thus occupied he began the study of veterinary surgery. After living a year in Philadelphia, he came to New Holland, in 1896. For some years prior to this he had lived on a farm in Caernarvon township. In East Earl township he filled the position of assessor, and in Caernarvon township was a school director. He and his family are members of the United Brethren Church. In his politics he is a Republican; and he has been school director in the borough of New Holland.

FRANK S. BRUBAKER, a respected farmer citizen of Warwick township, descends from one of the oldest and most prominent families of Lancaster county.

Joseph Brubaker, his grandfather, was born in Lancaster county and lived and died there. He was a farmer and followed that occupation exclusively all his life. He was a member of the old Mennonite Church. His children were as follows: Barbara, who became the wife of Christian Snyder; Catherine, who became the wife of a Mr. Bomberger; Levi, who was the father of our subject; Jonas, deceased; Joseph and David, who were farmers of Warwick township; John, a farmer of Manheim township; Anna, deceased wife of Jacob Shirk; Mary, who married Christian Bomberger; and Eliza, the wife of Levi Weaver.

Levi Brubaker, the father of our subject, was born in Warwick township May 1, 1822, received a common school education and gave his entire attention to farming until he retired, about 1873. He died Oct. 16, 1898. In politics Mr. Brubaker was a staunch Republican, and he often represented his party in State and county conventions. He held the office of school director for some years. On Oct. 23, 1845, he married Miss Elizabeth Sheaffer, who was the daughter of Jacob Sheaffer, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: Phares, of Fargo, North Dakota; Isavius, who died at the age of eighteen years; Frank S., our subject; Sheaffer S., of Warwick, Pa.; and Joseph, of Lancaster. The parents were both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Frank S. Brubaker was born Oct. 28, 1852, on the old homestead in Warwick township, and remained at home until he was twenty years of age. He was educated in the Lititz Academy, and began life for himself by farming on the old homestead for eight years. He then purchased the place where he now resides, in Millway, and he has given the most of his time to farming and droving. In 1888 he was appointed storekeeper and gauger, by the President, a position which he held four years and two months. Mr. Brubaker is a very active worker in the Republican party, but has never sought office.

On Nov. 5, 1872, Mr. Brubaker wedded Miss Emma, daughter of Martin and Sallie Gross, and to this union have been born three children: Gertrude M., born Nov. 12, 1875, who is the wife of Daniel J. Hahn, of Findlay, O.; Miss Stella E., born June 26, 1885, and Ralph G., born July 24, 1888, are at home. Mr. Brubaker is one of Lancaster county's most esteemed citizens and his public spirit is shown in many ways.

AMOS H. GROFF. One of the representative citizens and a descendant of one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county is Amos Groff, who has retired from an active life and enjoys the results of previous industry, in a pleasant home, located just east of the borough of Strasburg.

Great-grandfather Groff, who bore the name of David, a favorite one in the family, resided in East Lampeter township, as did his son David; the latter died there at the comparatively early age of forty-one years, and soon afterward occurred the death of his wife, five children being left orphans. These were: Benjamin, David, Elizabeth, Martin and Annie. Of these, the last died single; Martin is a resident of Manheim township, near Eden; Elizabeth is the widow of Jacob Erb and resides in Earl township; and David is a resident of East Lampeter township.

Benjamin Groff, the eldest of the family, was born in September, 1814, in East Lampeter township, and was but twelve years old when his parents died. His uncle, Jacob Miller, gave him a welcome to his home in Strasburg township, and there he grew to manhood and then returned to the old homestead in East Lampeter township, which he occupied during his active career. When he retired he erected a home upon the farm where he spent his last years, his death occurring Aug. 14, 1899. His marriage had been to Elizabeth Hoffman, a daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Miller) Hoffman, who was born in Strasburg in 1816 and died in 1854, having borne four children, three of whom survive: John, of West Lampeter township; Benjamin, who resides on the old homestead; and Amos H. The other brother, Jacob, died in July, 1890, leaving a widow and four children, who reside in Upper Leacock township. The second marriage of Benjamin Groff was to Hettie Landis, who still survives, a

highly esteemed resident of East Lampeter township. She had two children: Susan, who is the wife of Tobias Leaman, of East Lampeter township; and Franklin, who died at the age of sixteen. Benjamin Groff was well and favorably known, and at death had built up an admirable character which reflects honor on his children.

Ainos H. Groff, of this biography, was born on the old homestead Aug. 10, 1846, and grew up on the farm of his ancestors, receiving his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one he started out on his own account and began operating a farm of sixty-two acres, continuing on the same place for seven years; he then purchased a farm of 144 and one-half acres and soon became known as one of the most successful and prosperous agriculturists of the township. Mr. Groff engaged in general farming and also did considerable stock raising, his operations in this line doing much toward the improvement of stock in East Lampeter township. In 1898 he retired and removed to his present home, where all the surroundings are of the most attractive kind.

In 1867 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine D. Leaman, a daughter of Tobias and Elizabeth (Denlinger) Leaman, who was born in East Lampeter township May 9, 1847, and is the mother of three children: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Homer Weaver, clerking with Clay Miller, of Lancaster, and the mother of three children, Clyde, Ralph and Walter; Benjamin, at home; L. Leaman, residing in Philadelphia, all of them children who reflect credit upon their worthy parents. Lemuel Leaman Groff is a member of the well-known firm of Dittenbaugh & Groff, real estate and insurance agents, of Lancaster City. Both Mr. and Mrs. Groff are members of the Old Mennonite Church and are highly esteemed throughout the neighborhood.

JOSEPH S. RICE, a well-known and highly successful farmer, and one whose entire career has been run in his native township, was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, Aug. 7, 1843, and is a son of Daniel and Susan (Miller) Rice. The Rices and the Millers are both old and prominent families in the county. Daniel Rice was born in Bucks county, Pa., in March, 1802, and Susan Miller in this county in 1805. She was a daughter of John and Susau Miller, who came from Germany, and were among the early settlers here. Daniel Rice was a son of Edward and Elizabeth Rice, who were born in Berks county, of Scotch-Irish extraction. Edward Rice purchased the Nickel Mines property in 1824, and located in Bart township, where he lived and died, leaving two sons, Daniel and Edward, both of whom are dead. Edward Rice sold his property in 1852 and lived on a farm in Bart township, where he died, leaving a family. Daniel Rice sold his interest in the mines the same year and bought the Asel Walker property, on which he

lived for some years, when he moved to the farm now occupied by his son, Joseph S., and there he died in 1882. His wife passed to her reward in 1852, leaving her husband with the following family:

(1) Catherine Rice married Charles Stewart, of Lancaster, and she died leaving the following children: Bernard, of Lancaster; Alex H., of Philadelphia; Raymond, of Lancaster; Newton, of Lancaster; David, of Parkesburg, Pa.; Clara, the wife of George Johnston, of Strasburg township, where he is engaged in farming; Rebecca, the wife of John George, of Lancaster; Lizzie, the wife of Newton Hirst, of Lancaster.

(2) John Rice married Harriet Dunlap, of Leacock township, and moved to Indiana in 1857. In 1868 they went still farther to the West, and located in Chippewa Falls, Wis., where he died in 1898. His three children, Daniel, Jennie and Ida, live in Minnesota.

(3) Jacob M. Rice married Rebecca Wright, of Bart township, and located in Paradise township, where they died, leaving the following family: Willeanna, the wife of D. Miller, of Strasburg; Martha, who married Harry Hampshire, of Missouri; Joseph, living in Lancaster; George, living in Harrisburg; Art, a resident of Strasburg township; Jessie, in Paradise township; Freeland, in Oxford, Pa.; Lydia, the wife of John Lockwood, a section "boss" on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Bird-in-Hand.

(4) Sarah Rice, the wife of Alex. Stewart, lives in Chester county, and is the mother of two daughters: Anna, who is Mrs. Cooper, of Chester county; and Ada, who married Foster Rigg, of the same county.

(5) Susan Rice, the wife of George Whiteside, a butcher in Lancaster, has one son, George.

(6) Daniel Rice enlisted when a young man in Co. C, 79th P. V. I., and took part in the glorious achievements of that gallant command. He was with Sherman when he made his March to the Sea, and served throughout the war, having the misfortune to lose a limb at Bentonville, when the struggle had almost ended. He married Miss Catherine Nelson, of Bart township, and they are now living in Lancaster, where they have had a family of eight children: Elias B., Elizabeth, John H., Maggie, Mamie, William, Lottie A. and Daniel.

(7) Joseph S. Rice.

(8) Lizzie Rice married Edward Miller, and they are both dead, leaving one daughter, Rebecca, who married William Pearson, of Lancaster county.

All the members of the above family were born and reared in Bart township, and given such educational advantages as the situation of the parents and the advancement of the public school system made possible.

Joseph S. Rice enlisted in Aug., 1861, as a member of the famous 79th P. V. I., being a member of Company C. The command was mustered in at Pitts-

burg in Oct., 1861, and took steamer for Louisville. From there it was marched to Green River, Ky., to Bell City, to Bowling Green, and on to Nashville. The regiment fought its first battle at Surdus Grove. It was in the terrible conflict at Chattanooga, and in the battles of Sperryville and Edgefield Junction, at Nashville in the fall of 1862, and at Gallatin, Green River and at West Point, on the Ohio River. Late in 1862 the command was brought back to Louisville, where it was reorganized, and placed under the command of Gen. Buell, and on its battle flag are inscribed the names of the battles following reorganization: Perryville, where all the commanding officers of the regiment were killed or wounded; Stone River, Hoovers Gap, and Tallahoma. After this last battle Mr. Rice was prostrated with fever, and sent to the Nashville hospital, where he remained until Feb., 1864, when he rejoined his regiment in time to have a hand in the battle of Buzzard's Roost. After this he was transferred to the 78th Regiment, in March, 1864, and started in the Atlanta campaign, but was discharged at Atlanta on account of physical disabilities. He was wounded three times during the war, but survived all its perils. For ten days he was held a prisoner by the Rebels.

Mr. Rice returned to Lancaster county, where he was married in 1870 to Miss Lydia A. Wright, born in Bart township June 8, 1851, and a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Nickolson) Wright. Thomas Wright settled in Bart township in 1840, on a farm, where he and his wife lived and died. They left the following family: Rebecca, who married Jacob Rice, Levi and D. M., all dead; Sarah, who married Henry Hughes, and is a resident of Wilmington, Del.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of W. D. Brown, of Lancaster; Margaret, the wife of John Jackson, of Chester county; Charles, living in Bart township; Thomas, in Christiana; Louisa, who married Conrad Lowry, of Parkesburg; George, living in Wilmington, Del.; Lydia, Mrs. Rice.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice lived on a farm in Paradise township until 1876, when they purchased their present elegant home at the Nickel Mines, where they have lived to the present time. To their marriage have come eight children: (1) Anna Rice, born in 1871, is the wife of Winfield Thompson, and has her home in Sadsbury township, where they have a family of three children, Chester, Charles and Lydia Leslie.

(2) Joseph M. Rice, born in July, 1872, is at home with his parents.

(3) Lucy S. Rice, born in Nov., 1875, is the wife of Harry Welk, a farmer of Sadsbury township, and the mother of three children, Meta, Edna and Joseph.

(4) Harry Rice, born in Oct., 1877, married Miss May Beack, and lives in this county. They have two children, Lydia and Levina.

(5) Martha and (6) Mary M., twins, born in Nov., 1880. Martha is the wife of John Showaker,

of Bart township, and has one daughter, Elsie; Mary is the wife of Samuel King, of Paradise, and has one daughter, Bertha.

(7) Samuel W. Rice, born in April, 1884, and (8) Bertha E., born in April, 1887, are both at home.

In politics Mr. Rice has always been a Republican, and has served as inspector of elections. In religious matters he is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the 14th Veterans of Lancaster county. Personally he is a man honored and respected by all who know him, and his children may well be proud of his record, both as a soldier and as a worker in the arts and industries of peace.

SILAS STONER HERR. Among the respected and thrifty farmers of Fulton township, Lancaster county, none stand better than Silas Stoner Herr, who was born in Manor township, in the same county, April 21, 1846, and comes from the well known family of that name, which is of German origin.

Christian O. and Amelia (Stoner) Herr, his parents, were both born and reared in Manor township, and Christian Herr, his great-grandfather, was also a native of the same township, and one of the pioneers of Lancaster county. David Herr, grandfather of Silas Stoner, was the father of a family of eight children: Christian O.; Annie; Kate; David O.; Dr. E. B., who is a resident of Lancaster; Barbara, wife of Henry Stehman; Isaiah; and Susan, widow of George Kindig, of Millersville.

Christian O. Herr, father of Silas S., was married to Amelia Stoner, of Manor township, in 1843, and to this union came a family of eleven children: (1) David S., born Oct. 11, 1844, married Mary L. Rhodes, of Safe Harbor, who was born Sept. 22, 1850, and died June 1, 1901; David S. is a merchant at Pleasant Grove, Pa. (2) Silas S. is the subject of this sketch. (3) Annie Herr, born Sept. 3, 1848, is the widow of Rev. Amos M. Stirk, of Lebanon, Pa.; Rev. Mr. Stirk was born June 15, 1838, and died in Feb., 1899. (4) Barbara, born July 20, 1849, is the wife of Peter W. Pratt, of Delaware county, Pa., who was born May 12, 1847. (5) Mary A., born March 29, 1851, is the wife of Jacob Fry, of Manor township, who was born July 18, 1849, and is now a resident of Lebanon county. (6) Amelia, born Aug. 19, 1852, was married in Erie, Pa., to David Ohlwiler, of Altoona, Pa., who was born July 3, 1849. (7) Alice, born March 8, 1857, married John B. Fisher, who was born May 9, 1855. (8) Christian S., born Oct. 3, 1860, married Miss Nettie Peck, who was born Feb. 20, 1864. (9) Jacob H., his twin brother, married Miss Mary Davis, of Altoona, Pa., who was born June 19, 1864; both of these couples reside in Altoona. (10) Martha, born Dec. 29, 1862, married Edward Uhler Sowers, of Lebanon, Pa., who was born Sept. 1, 1864. (11) Elmer E., born Sept. 16, 1867, married Catherine Dean, of Williamstown, Pa., who

was born March 6, 1874; they reside in Trenton, New Jersey.

Christian O. Herr, the father of Silas S. Herr, was born Aug. 13, 1819, and died in Manor township July 23, 1875. His wife was born March 13, 1825, and is still living in Lebanon, Pa. Christian O. Herr was a worthy farmer and citizen, and a consistent member of the M. E. Church. He was always regarded as a leading man of his township.

Silas Stoner Herr was married May 19, 1870, to Miss Adeline Fry, who comes from one of the old families of Lancaster county, being a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Fry, of Manor township. This marriage has been blessed with a large family. David, Minnie and Ambrose died in infancy. Calvin E., born Jan. 4, 1875, married Miss Beaver, of Perry county, Pa. He is in the general mercantile business at Pleasant Grove, with his uncle, David Herr. Florence A., born May 4, 1877, who is at home, received her education at the State Normal School at Millersville. Clara F., who graduated at the State Normal School at Millersville, has been engaged in teaching at the Central school, in Fulton township. James Garfield, born Dec. 6, 1882, is at home on the farm; and Emmet L., born Jan. 16, 1887, is at home. Mr. Herr began life in very moderate circumstances, but now owns a splendid 160-acre farm, with fine stone dwelling and first-class outbuildings. He was a partner with his brother, David, in the general merchandise business, but sold out his interest to his son. In religion he is associated with the M. E. Church, and in politics votes the Republican ticket. Fraternally he is a Mason, being a member in good standing of Lodge No. 496, Millersville, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH MILLER, a substantial and prominent farmer of Martic township, was born May 18, 1844, son of Martin and Maria Miller.

Martin Miller, the father, was a son of Abraham Miller, a farmer of this township, and the father of four children, Christian, Fannie, Martin and Elizabeth, all deceased. Martin Miller was born in 1798 and died in 1880, a farmer all his life. When twenty-four years old he married Mary Breneman, who bore him two children: Elizabeth, who married Daniel Breneman, of Providence township; Abraham, who married Fanny Hidlebauch, of Pequea township. His first wife dying, Mr. Miller married Elizabeth Good. They had two children: Fanny, widow of James Huber; and Jacob, who died in childhood. Elizabeth Good Miller died in 1832, and for his third wife Mr. Miller married Maria Miller, daughter of Joseph Miller, of Conestoga township. They had four children: Martin, of Manor township; Mary Ann, the wife of John D. Sensenig; Susan, wife of Henry Good; and Joseph. Mr. Miller was a member of the Mennonite Church and when fifty years old was ordained a minister, serving for thirty-two years.

Joseph Miller grew up on his father's farm and

attended the public schools of Martic township. Through great industry and good business ability he has accumulated large means, although he began at the bottom of the ladder when he entered upon his business career. He now owns one of the best farms in Martic township, which he has made more valuable with excellent and substantial improvements. His farm comprises 150 acres, and his management of it has demonstrated his excellence as a farmer.

In Jan., 1869, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Miss Catherine Charles, of Pequea township, and to this marriage the following children have been born: Annie, the wife of John F. Shenk, of Providence township; Henry, a resident of the State of Wyoming; Elizabeth, at home; Elvina, the wife of Amos Nissley, of Manor township; Ida, at home; Catherine, at home; Martin; and Joseph.

Mr. Miller stands high in the estimation of his fellow citizens, and he is generally regarded as a man of the highest integrity, an excellent farmer, a kind neighbor and a first-class citizen. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Mennonite Church.

MICHAEL S. HANCK (deceased) was born in Manheim township, near Oregon, Feb. 28, 1841, and died June 30, 1888, being a son of George and Anna (Shriner) Hanck.

Mr. Hanck was reared on the farm, and followed farming all his life. To this work he added veterinary surgery, and also dealt in horses very extensively. His father was his instructor in the science of medicine as applied to animals, being well versed in anything that related to a horse. He was a man who made money on a large scale, but his kind heart and generous disposition would not permit him to deny his friends, and in one way and another he lost largely through his confidence in those he called his friends. Mr. Hanck purchased from his father the family estate, which consisted of fifty-one acres, a half mile south of Landisville, and there his widow and son are now found. Considerable stock in the Fruitville turnpike was owned by him, and he was always a broad-minded and public-spirited man. His ability and integrity were shown by his being called upon to settle a number of large estates. His political views were those of the Republican party, and he was an earnest advocate of its principles.

Michael S. Hanck was married to Miss Maria Myers, a daughter of Joseph and Esther (Rohrer) Myers, and a native of Leacock township, where she was born Nov. 13, 1838. To this union were born four children: Jacob M., born Nov. 8, 1866, a horse dealer in Lancaster; Annie, born March 8, 1868, died Feb. 18, 1877; Samuel M., born Oct. 26, 1869, a farmer and horse dealer; Michael, born March 25, 1880, unmarried, and living at home.

Mrs. Maria Hanck, the widow, is living on the homestead with her two youngest children, Michael

and Samuel. Both she and her husband were members of the German Baptist Church.

Samuel M. Hanck, the son who remains at home to conduct the farm for his mother, was educated in the common schools, and at the death of his father took charge of the farm. With his brother, Jacob M., he deals in horses, every two weeks buying and shipping from the West to Lancaster county a carload of horses. Some of the best stock in the county has been imported by them from western points. They are both thoroughly skilled in veterinary science as it is applied to the common needs of life, and are alive to the best interests of the community.

Samuel M. Hanck was married Dec. 1, 1898, to Ada, a daughter of Frank and Amanda (Badorf) Bentz, a native of Brunnerville, Warwick township, where she was born July 25, 1878. To this union were born two children, Anna Kathryn, Aug. 2, 1899, and Rhoda Alberta, born Sept. 2, 1902.

THOMAS POTTER FORDNEY, one of the representative citizens of Lancaster county, is a resident of Manheim township, and is a son of William B. and Ellen (Jenkins) Fordney. Both his father and grandfather, William Jenkins, were prominent members of the Lancaster bar. Mr. and Mrs. Fordney were people of more than ordinary character and worth, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of a wide circle of friends.

Thomas P. Fordney was born in the city of Lancaster, on Duke street, Nov. 8, 1840, received his earlier education in the very excellent public schools of that city, and was prepared for Trinity College, at Hartford, Conn., in St. Paul's School in Concord, N. H. Mr. Fordney was married in 1875 to Ida, a daughter of Sarah and Friend Cox. After their marriage they located on a farm near Lancaster, where they still live. Mr. Fordney is fond of agriculture and out-of-door life, and takes especial delight in his dog and gun. In politics Mr. Fordney affiliates with the Democratic party.

Mr. and Mrs. Fordney have the following children: Ellen, who is the wife of William B. Franklin, a merchant, of Philadelphia; Thomas P., a noted free hand artist; Mary; Sara; Alice; William Bush; all being at home except the oldest.

SAMUEL L. BRANDT, who passed away Oct. 10, 1890, was a lifelong resident of East Donegal township, and is remembered as one of the prosperous, intelligent agriculturists of that locality. Son of Christian and Elizabeth (Long) Brandt, he was born Oct. 20, 1841, on the farm where all but four years of his useful life were passed.

The Brandt family is of German origin, our subject's great-great-grandfather, Samuel Brandt, the first of the name to immigrate to the American shore, having been a native of the Palatinate. In 1732 he left Rotterdam, going to London, where he took passage on the ship "Samuel," Hugh Pierce, master. He settled in Rapho township, Lancaster

county, and his name appears among those assessed by the officials of that township in their report of 1756, the earliest on record. Besides the landed estate he owned there, he possessed several large farms in Dauphin county (then Londonderry township, Lancaster county), which were occupied by his sons, John and Michael. He engaged in farming in Rapho township up to the time of his death, in 1784. His children were named as follows: Michael, Christian, John, Yost, Anna, Maria, Elizabeth, Esther and Jacob. John Brandt, one of his sons, and the great-grandfather of our subject, after his marriage occupied a farm which lies on the right bank of the Conewago creek, in the township of the same name, Dauphin county, within a mile of the junction of the three counties of Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon. This place is now owned by Levi Meckley. After the death of John Brandt his widow, Maria, married a Mr. Dempsy, and lived in Elizabethtown. The children of John Brandt were: Christian, born Nov. 23, 1765; John, Feb. 24, 1767; Barbara, Feb. 11, 1769 (wife of Jacob Longenecker); Samuel, Oct. 9, 1771; and Michael, April 24, 1774. The father died in 1774.

John Brandt, grandfather of Samuel L. Brandt, in 1784, was indentured to George Rutt for three years and eight months to learn the trade of joiner and spinning wheel maker. After he had grown to man's estate, he, with his employer and fellow carpenters, built a number of Swiss barns in the vicinity of Maytown. Among these buildings was one erected for Christian Bucher, one of the wealthiest citizens of Donegal township, who was born March 27, 1742, and died Dec. 27, 1825. The young carpenter, John Brandt, fell in love with Mr. Bucher's third daughter, Frances, born Jan. 18, 1769, and they were married April 26, 1791. Her eldest sister, Anna, married John Taylor, and among her grandchildren was Bayard Taylor, of Chester county, the noted traveler, author and poet. After his marriage Mr. Brandt occupied a farm of 130 acres belonging to his wife's father, and adjoining his homestead, this place being situated about one and a half miles northwest of Maytown. In 1804 he bought the property, and there resided until his death, which occurred Dec. 14, 1842. His widow survived until Sept. 10, 1857. They were the parents of the following named children: Frances, born Jan. 28, 1792, who married James Maginnis, after his death became the wife of Samuel Bossler, and died May 8, 1874; Anna, born Sept. 15, 1793, who first married Joseph Clepper, and after his death, Jacob Holdeman, and died in Bennett, Ill., Jan. 20, 1880; Christian, born Sept. 12, 1795, died Jan. 7, 1870; John, who was born Oct. 7, 1797, married Catherine Hossler, and died Dec. 24, 1854; Joseph, who was born March 20, 1800, married Nancy Nissley, a widow, and died Feb. 12, 1845; Elizabeth, who was born Dec. 21, 1803, married John Hollinger, and died Oct. 5, 1829.

Christian Brandt, the father of our subject, was

born on the old Brandt homestead, and resided there throughout his lifetime. In 1827 he married Elizabeth Long, who was born in Lancaster county in 1808, and died in 1889; she was a daughter of Abram Long, who lived near Donegal Springs. Mr. Brandt was a tenant farmer until his father's estate was settled, when in 1858 he became the owner of the old farm. He was a Democrat, but took very little interest in politics. Religiously he was a member of the Mennonite Church, an exemplary christian, and, like his ancestors, was specially noted for his strict integrity, industry and sobriety. He died Jan. 7, 1870, when in his seventy-fifth year. He had eight sons: Jacob, who was born Oct. 11, 1829, and died from the effects of accidental scalding at the age of three years; John L., who was born Jan. 1, 1831, and married Mary Ann Hossler; Abraham, who was born Aug. 19, 1833, married Anna Mary Creider, and died Nov. 11, 1888; Christian, who was born April 19, 1836, married Susannah Rhoads, and died Oct. 7, 1891; David, who was born April 6, 1840, married Maria Hess, and resides in Londonderry township, Dauphin county; Samuel L., born Oct. 20, 1841, and mentioned below; Solomon, born Feb. 8, 1845; and Joseph L., cashier of the Exchange Bank at Marietta.

Samuel L. Brandt, whose name introduces this sketch, received his education in the public schools near his home, and was reared to the vocation of his ancestors. As previously stated, he spent only four years of his life away from the homestead. After his marriage he lived in a rented house, and worked for others for a time, but he finally purchased the home place, and continued in its cultivation up to the time of his death. The farm comprises ninety acres, all in a high state of cultivation, systematically worked, now, as always, with profit for the owner, and cared for with every regard for appearance. On June 15, 1869, Mr. Brandt was married, in Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Maria E. Stauffer, who was born in Jan., 1847, in Lexington, Elizabeth township, the daughter of Henry Stauffer. Eight children were born to this union: (1) Elmer E., who now manages the farm for his widowed mother, married on May 25, 1897, Mary Snyser, a trained nurse, of Philadelphia, who died Nov. 17, 1898, aged twenty-five years, leaving one child, Elmer E., Jr., who lives with his father and grandmother on the old Brandt farm; Mrs. Mary Brandt was buried in Reich's cemetery. (2) Harry S. is deceased. (3) Minerva S. married Ezra Briner, of New Bloomfield, Perry Co., Pa., who is county superintendent of that county. (4) Anna S. and (5) Agnes M. reside in Lancaster. (6) Elizabeth S., (7) Rylie S. and (8) Christian S. are at home. Mrs. Brandt is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, with which our subject also united. He was a Democrat in political affiliations. Mr. Brandt is interred in Reich's Meeting-house cemetery, in East Donegal township.

The Stauffer family, to which Mrs. Brandt belongs, have been residents of Lancaster county from

an early day. John Stauffer, her grandfather, was a farmer and butcher by occupation. He died in the southern part of the county. He married Anna Charles, and their son Henry, born in Lancaster county, was the father of Mrs. Brandt. He, too, was a farmer during his active years, but he lived retired for some time prior to his death, making his home in Mt. Joy. Henry Stauffer married Miss Maria Eitnier, who was born in Lancaster county, daughter of John and Maria (Hoffer) Eitnier, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, respectively. He was a tailor by occupation. Henry and Maria Stauffer became the parents of six children: Leah, Mrs. Daniel Shaub, deceased; Henry (deceased), who married Anna Horst; Maria E., Mrs. Brandt; Peter, now residing in Ohio, who married Rebecca Stabler; Samuel, a cabinet maker, of Philadelphia, who married Ella Shireman; and John, who died young. The father of this family died in 1874, at the age of seventy-two, the mother surviving until March 15, 1895, reaching the advanced age of eighty-three years. They are buried in Erisman's cemetery. Both were devout members of the Mennonite Church.

JOHN B. MYERS (originally spelled Mayer), a prosperous agriculturist and substantial citizen of Pequea township, resides on the farm on which he was born, and where his father before him had passed many years in agricultural pursuits.

David Mayer, the grandfather of our subject, was born Sept. 20, 1772, and died Dec. 25, 1847. He was a landowner and resident of Manheim township. His wife, Elizabeth, was born Sept. 25, 1774, and died Oct. 21, 1855. Their union was blessed with three sons and one daughter, the sons being as follows: David, father of our subject; Rev. Martin R., born April 3, 1798, died Oct. 4, 1873; and Benjamin, born June 12, 1812, died June 28, 1849. The remains of the father now rest in the private burying ground of the John Keller Farm. David Mayer was born Jan. 10, 1810, in Manheim township, was reared a farmer and continued so occupied throughout life. He was married when twenty-two years of age to Miss Barbara Burkholder, who was born March 3, 1807. Immediately after their marriage the young couple located on the farm which is now the property and residence of their son, and here they passed the remainder of their lives, he dying Nov. 9, 1881, and she Feb. 14, 1884. They were frugal, industrious people, and were held in high esteem and respect in the community in which they lived. To them were born children as follows: John B., referred to farther on; Amos B., who makes his home with his brother; Ana, died March 3, 1884.

John B. Myers, our subject, was born Sept. 20, 1836, and received such school privileges as were given the sons of the general farmers, attending in the winter season the district school of the neighborhood. Like his father and grandfather, he chose

the vocation of farming, and has made it his chief life work. He possesses a good farm of 150 acres, well improved and conveniently located, three miles from the city of Lancaster, in a southerly direction. He has made the raising of crops, and agriculture in general, a study, and through a long lifetime of practical experience has become possessed of much and valuable knowledge pertaining to his calling. In addition to his valuable farm Mr. Myers is the owner of a good mill property situated at the second lock on Conestoga creek, and in connection with farming he operates an extensive mill which is equipped with modern rollers and prepared for chopping purposes. Frugal and industrious through life, and being a good manager and financier, he has prospered and become possessed of a competence. He has been useful in his community, and is regarded by his fellow townsmen as one of their best citizens. His religious connections are with the Mennonite Church, of which he is a trustee. In political sentiment he is a Republican. He is a director and large holder of stock in the Lancaster County Bank.

At the age of twenty-six Mr. Myers was married to Martha B., daughter of Martin and Maria (Brubaker) Herr, and to this union have come children as follows: David; Ada, who married Frank Bausman, and has three children, John, Warren and Martha; Annie, who married David Bausman, and has two children, Edna and David; Martin, who married Elizabeth Snively, and has four children, Mervin, Arthur, Anna and Maud; Elam; and Henry, who married Elizabeth Bollinger. One son, Martin, is actively connected with educational matters.

MICHAEL S. SHUMAN has been a continuous resident of Columbia since 1844. He came to the town as a young mechanic, not yet out of his teens, and the place he has won in the history and development of Columbia marks the attainments of a self-made man. Alert for advancement, possessing an active and capable mind, he parted ways with a daily wage and launched on a long and prosperous business career as a contractor and builder in Columbia, where many of the finest buildings attest his superior workmanship. In later years insurance work has monopolized the time which he has wished to devote to active life, this business having been entered upon more than forty years ago, and followed successfully and persistently ever since.

Mr. Shuman was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Sept. 16, 1825, son of Jacob and Mary (Witman) Shuman, and a descendant of George Shuman, who in 1772 settled in Manor on the upper end of Turkey Hill. Jacob Shuman was born about 1781, and in his youth acquired the tailor's trade, which he followed through life. He died in March, 1837, aged fifty-six years. By his first wife, Mary Witman, his children were: George; Jacob; Daniel; John; Catharine; Henry, of Lafayette, Ind.;

Frederick, of Richmond, Ind.; and Michael S., whose sketch appears herewith. By his second marriage, to Margaret Wisler, Jacob Shuman had five children, namely: Christian, deceased; Andrew, who died in Chicago; Abraham, a mail agent of South Evanston, Ill.; Benjamin, of Iowa, now deceased; and William C., a school teacher of Evanston, Illinois.

Michael S. Shuman was reared on a farm. His mother died while he was an infant, and his childhood was passed at the home of an aunt, Mrs. Strebig, with whom he remained until he reached his seventeenth year. Deciding to learn a trade, he served a year with a millwright, but, the latter retiring from business, he was obliged to look elsewhere for employment. Coming to Columbia in 1844, he served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with John Young, and worked faithfully at the trade for a period of twenty-three years. In 1867 Mr. Shuman engaged in the refining of oil, being one of the firm of Truscott & Co., and continued in that business for eighteen years. During a portion of this time they also carried on a milling business which he later conducted alone. In 1885 Mr. Shuman practically retired from the active cares of a business life. However, he has retained his insurance work and now represents at Columbia the Farmers Fire Insurance Co., of York; the Continental of New York; and the Citizens Fire Insurance Co. of Missouri. He has been agent for the York company for the past forty-three years.

Mr. Shuman married at Lancaster, Pa., in 1857, Margaret Lehman, a native of York county, daughter of Daniel Lehman. To Mr. and Mrs. Shuman have been born these children: Mary, wife of Dr. William R. Powell, of Camden, N. J.; Catherine, wife of John R. Bucher, manager of the Columbia Crackerery bakery, Columbia, Pa.; Anna, deceased; George, deceased; Michael, a traveling salesman of Columbia, Pa.; Jane, wife of E. G. Smith, foreman in the Wilson Laundry machine shops at Columbia, Pa.; and John, of Columbia, who married Miss Lotie Menroe.

Mr. Shuman has been called to fill various local offices, and has served as councilman, school director and in other positions of trust and responsibility. He is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment. He has prospered in business, is regarded as a wide-awake and intelligent citizen, and holds the unstinted esteem and respect of all who know him.

ISRAEL PENROSE. Prominent among the estimable citizens of Fairfield is Israel Penrose, a retired farmer of Drumore township. His birth occurred in that township June 9, 1841, and he was a son of Benjamin and Hannah (Lukens) Penrose, who were natives of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania.

Great-grandfather Penrose was of Welsh descent; Grandfather Israel came to this country in

1827 and settled on the farm where his grandson Lukens now lives. He married Susan Folk, in 1790, and they had these children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 25, 1791; Edith, born June 25, 1794; Enos, born Oct. 15, 1796; Thomas, born May 23, 1800; Jane, born Jan. 31, 1802; Benjamin, born July 9, 1803; Edith, born Oct. 7, 1806; and Joseph, born Sept. 6, 1808.

Benjamin Penrose, the father of Israel, of this sketch, was united in marriage to Hannah Lukens, of Montgomery county, Pa., on Oct. 2, 1834. She was a daughter of Enos Lukens, who was of German ancestry. Eight children were born to Benjamin Penrose and wife: Lukens, born March 3, 1836; Edith, born May 3, 1837, the widow of Isaac B. Shoemaker, of Drumore township; Everard, born Aug. 19, 1839, a retired farmer, in Santa Ana, Cal.; Israel, born June 9, 1841; Lukens, born Sept. 6, 1845, on the home farm in Drumore township; Annie E., born Jan. 24, 1848, who died unmarried; Sarah S., born Oct. 10, 1850, the widow of Thomas Rutter, of Drumore township; and Charles L., born Jan. 8, 1853, who died young. The mother of Israel Penrose was born Nov. 20, 1813, and she died Dec. 25, 1869. In politics Benjamin Penrose was a Whig, and he and his wife belonged to the Society of Friends.

Israel Penrose, of this biography, was reared on the home farm and received a good common-school education. His life work has been in the line of agriculture.

In 1865 Israel Penrose was united in marriage to Lydia J. McPherson, the estimable daughter of James A. and Lydia McPherson; the children of this union died in infancy, the wife also passing out of life in 1869. On Feb. 2, 1875, Israel Penrose was married to Emma J. Rutter, who was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Rutter, natives of Montgomery county. There has been no issue of this union. Mrs. Penrose was one in a family of eight children, Ruth A., Edward, Mary, Thomas, Emma, James, William and Elizabeth. None remain except Mrs. Penrose, who was born June 4, 1840.

Politically Israel Penrose is one of the active supporters of the Republican party, and has served his township as auditor. His religious connection is with the Society of Friends, and he is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of this community. With his amiable and excellent wife he is living a somewhat retired life, in his very pleasant home in Fairfield.

GEORGE HARRY REED. The Lakeland Livery Stables and Cab Company represents the best service in this line which the city of Lancaster has ever enjoyed, and its genial proprietor is George Harry Reed, the only surviving son of the late George K. Reed, one of this city's oldest and best-known bankers.

G. Harry Reed was born on Dec. 7, 1868, a son of the late George K. and Mary (Fetter) Reed, the

former of whom passed out of life May 16, 1898, while the latter, a lady of lovely Christian character, resides in this city, one of its best beloved residents. G. Harry Reed received exceptional educational advantages and grew to manhood a self-reliant and respected citizen. Upon completing his studies at Beck's school, in Lititz, he entered the State Normal School, in Millersville. After leaving the latter institution he became associated with his brother, John, in the cigar and tobacco business until the death of his brother, when he opened up the Lakeland service, which he has conducted in a most satisfactory manner for the public and with substantial returns for himself.

The marriage of G. Harry Reed was to Miss Anna Grace Roth, a daughter of Mr. John B. Roth, a retired dry-goods merchant, of this city, and from this union one son has been born, Norman Elwood Reed. The sisters and brother of G. Harry Reed were: Susette Elizabeth and Catherine Hoff, both of whom died in early childhood; and John Fetter, who became prominent in Lancaster in both business and church circles, and who died Jan. 4, 1897.

WILLIAM H. HAMP, SR., now living retired in Gordonville, Pa., was born at Lancaster Dec. 3, 1843, and is a son of Christ and Eliza (Leonard) Hamp. His father was born in Germany, and his mother in Lancaster.

Christ Hamp came to Lancaster with his parents when only six years of age, and for many years carried on a butcher shop in Lancaster, Pa. In 1873 he left the shop, and retired to a ten-acre farm in West Lampeter township, where he died in Oct., 1885, at the age of sixty-six years. His remains were laid to rest in Woodward Hill cemetery. Father and mother were both members of the Lutheran Church. She is still living at Lancaster, at the age of seventy-six years. To them were born: William H.; Kate, who married Prof. Herman Newmeyer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; John, a butcher at Johnstown, Pa.; Emma, who married John Shilling, of Lancaster; Clara, deceased; Oscar, landlord of a hotel at Chambersburg, named "The McKinley;" Anna, with her mother; Ida, wife of Samuel Miller, of Lancaster, Pa.; Walter, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of William H. Hamp were John Hamp and wife, of Gap, Pa., where he was engaged in the butcher business. John Leonard was the grandfather on the mother's side.

William H. Hamp was married Feb. 11, 1866, at Honey Brook, Pa., to Anna E. Smith, who was born in Marcus Hook, Delaware Co., Pa., May 10, 1845, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Syfrit) Smith, both of old Chester, Pa. To this union were born: William H., Jr., a butcher in Gordonville, who married Esther L. Yarnall, of Lancaster, and has three children, William H., Charles Y. and Robert S.; and Minnie E., who was married, on June 25, 1902, to William F. Bell, of Philadelphia, engaged in the grocery and

provision business. Peter Smith was a farmer and builder, with much ability as a contracting architect. He died in 1847, at the age of thirty-seven years; his widow died Oct. 18, 1885, at the age of seventy-three years. They were members of the Episcopal and Methodist Churches, respectively. He was laid in the burial-ground of the church he built, and she was interred in the Woodward Hill cemetery. To them were born: Robert, who was wounded at Antietam, and died in the Fredericksburg hospital; Peter F., who died in infancy; Peter F., who was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville; Thomas; Anna E.; Fredrick J.; Henrietta and Marietta, twins, now dead, as are all the above, excepting Anna E.

Mr. Hamp was born and reared in Lancaster, where he was bred to the butcher business. In Sept., 1861, he ran away from home, and enlisted in Co. K, 79th P. V. I. His father found him at Pittsburg and brought him home. Aug. 2, 1862, was the date of his second enlistment, when he enlisted in Co. B, Pa. Reserves, serving under Capt. Thomas B. Barton, and Capt. William Bair; he entered for a three years' term, and passed through some of the severest fighting in the war, but returned home unwounded. Mr. Hamp participated in the following battles, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Mine Run, Bristol Station, in all of the battles of the Wilderness, and at Bezaziah Church. After his discharge in June, 1865, he came home and worked for his father until Sept. of the following year, when he went to Philadelphia, to take a position as brakeman and flagman on the Pennsylvania railroad, which he held for nine years, rising to be a conductor on the line. In 1875 he came to Lancaster, and resumed the butcher business, which he carried on until 1897, when he retired.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hamp belong to the Lutheran Church, and he is an active worker in the local post of the G. A. R., where his long and commendable services in the Union Army constitute him a valuable member. In his politics he is a Republican, and is regarded as one of the most substantial and influential citizens of the community.

JOHN H. CARTER, of Liberty Square, Drumore township, is one of the leading and honorable citizens of that township, and carries on a blacksmithing business in the village, where he has been located since 1870. Mr. Carter owns a very comfortable home, his shop and tools, and enjoys the respect and esteem of every citizen.

John H. Carter was born in Martic township, Oct. 21, 1840, and was a son of Alexander and Margaret (Fullerton) Carter, who were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Alexander Carter was a son of John Carter, a farmer of the township, who became the father of four children; Joseph, William, Alexander and Elizabeth, the latter becoming the wife of Samuel Smith. Great-grandfather Carter also bore the

name of John and he was one of the early settlers of southern Lancaster county. Alexander Carter was born in 1796 and died in 1874, his wife having been born about 1800; they were united in marriage in 1820 and had the following children: Hannah, who married Preston Smith; Rebecca, who married Thomas Cummings, of Lancaster City; William W., of Oxford, Pa., a retired merchant; Elizabeth, who died single; Margaret, deceased; Alexander; Franklin, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and John H., of this sketch.

John H. Carter was educated in the public schools of his district and commenced to learn the blacksmith trade at the age of eighteen years, at Liberty Square, under the excellent direction of Jacob Carrigan. When the Civil war broke out and his country needed his services, John H. Carter was not found wanting, his enlistment taking place on Sept. 26, 1861; he entered Co. E, 79th. P. V. I. under Capt. Wickersham, and H. A. Hambright as colonel, the beloved Gen. George H. Thomas being in command of the corps. Mr. Carter's army service took him through the Kentucky campaign against the army of Gen. Bragg, and he was present at the battle of Hoover's Gap, the shelling of Chattanooga, Tullahoma, Tenn., and at Dalton, Ga.; he was also a participant in the battles of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge, marching then with Sherman on his triumphal course to the sea and was with the other brave and gallant men at the grand review in Washington city, where he was honorably discharged on July 12, 1865. During this long and dangerous campaign he fortunately received but one slight wound.

After nearly four years of service, Mr. Carter returned to peaceful pursuits and took up his trade, first, however, spending some time at Elk View, in Chester county, where he was railroad agent, express agent and postmaster, going thence to Mountville, where he began work at his trade, but in 1870 coming to Liberty Square.

The marriage of Mr. Carter was to Miss Rebecca Fralish, of Mountville, Lancaster county, Dec. 24, 1865, and this marriage has been blessed with two children. Oliver F., who was born Sept. 30, 1866, married Miss Cynthia Tennis, of Drumore township, and they have four children,—Clarence E., Carrie L., Ethel E. and Reba May. Harry Erastus, who was born Aug. 31, 1869, married Miss Annie Blackburn, of York county, and they have three children,—Reba C., William N. and Letta May. Mrs. Carter was born March 29, 1848, one of a family of eleven children, six of whom grew to maturity. We have record of: Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Colm, of Mountville, Pa.; Harry, of Mountville; Fannie, deceased; Annie, wife of William Seitz, of Mountville; and Rebecca, who is Mrs. Carter.

In politics Mr. Carter has been active in the Republican party and has efficiently served as tax collector of his township. Socially he is connected with

the G. A. R., Post No. 556, of Rawlinsville. Mr. Carter has been particularly prominent in the Bethesda Methodist Church, where he has been a trustee for some twenty-five years, and for the past sixteen years has been vice-president of the Rawlinsville Camp Meeting Association. Mr. Carter is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his locality, having an honorable and enviable war record, and still holding his faith in the principles for which he fought. As a citizen, business man or member of social, religious or domestic circles he is truly representative of his part of Lancaster county.

DENNIS SOMMERS. The great traveling public owe a measure of regard to the efficient officials of the trains which enable them to cover so quickly and safely such immense distances, and probably no one holds so responsible a position as does the conductor, who, as his official name signifies, conducts the management and makes possible the passage of the great railroad trains with such safety and rapidity. To be a conductor requires long practice in other railroad work, and the Pennsylvania railroad does not place its patrons in the care of any unskilled or inefficient man. Since 1890, Mr. Dennis Sommers, of Columbia, has been one of the trusted conductors on the Pennsylvania lines.

Dennis Sommers was born in Columbia, in Nov. 1851, a son of Michael and Joanna (O'Neil) Sommers, of Wexford, Ireland, where they were born, reared and married, coming to Columbia in 1851. Michael Sommers entered the service of his adopted country during the Civil war, belonging to Co. K, 5th Pa. Reserves, and lost his life at Petersburg. He served practically through the whole war, dying at the early age of thirty-five years. The children left fatherless were: Dennis; William H., an engineer; and Mary, who married Moses Murphy, an electrician of Schuylkill.

When but a lad of twelve years, Dennis Sommers began to take care of himself, and found his first regular work on the canal. For five years he faithfully followed the tow path during the long, hot, summer days, and in winter there were few jobs of his capacity in the neighborhood that escaped his attention. After leaving the canal, he went into a blast furnace and worked there for two years and later engaged in various lines, always keeping busy, until by 1874, he obtained employment with the Pennsylvania railroad as brakeman, remaining in that position for seven years. Proving his reliability, he was made a flagman and then an extra conductor, in 1890, soon after assuming the duties of a regular conductor, giving at all times efficient service and satisfaction to the road.

The marriage of Mr. Sommers was on Sept. 19, 1876, in Columbia, in St. Peter's Church, to Miss Anna Rourke, and to this union were born two children: Michael H., who died at the age of twenty-two months; and William P., who is at home. The

birth of Mrs. Sommers was in County Meath, Ireland, Sept. 16, 1846, a daughter of William and Mary (Markie) Rourke, of Ireland, who came to America in 1847; they settled in Columbia for a few years and then went to Marietta, Pa., where the father was unfortunately killed by a horse, at Musselman Furnace on June 10, 1860. The mother was born March 24, 1825, and now resides in Steelton, Pa. She married a second time, her husband being James Kelley. The children of her first marriage were: Thomas, a retired hotel-keeper of Marietta; Mary (1), and Mary (2), both deceased; Katie, who married John Hanley, of Steelton; James, who lives in Sparrow Point, Pa.; William, a resident of Indiana; and Anna, who is Mrs. Sommers. The children of the second marriage were: Mary, who married Jerry Gorman, of Steelton; Cecelia, who married James Kirby, of Steelton, Pa.; John, a resident of Harrisburg; and Margaret, who is the efficient assistant postmaster, of Steelton.

Mr. Sommers is fraternally connected with the B. of R. C. and K. of St. Patrick; also of P. Relief, in all of which he takes an active interest. Politically Mr. Sommers affiliates with the Democratic party; he is a member of the Catholic Church. His record as an efficient official places him in the regard of the Pennsylvania road, and in Columbia he is looked upon as a worthy and respected citizen.

WALTER H. WINTERS, a noted farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Providence township, Aug. 6, 1860, his parents being Silas and Catherine (Marks) Winters. Silas Winters was born in Providence township, July 5, 1821; and his wife, Catherine Marks, in York county, May 14, 1821.

Silas Winters was the son of Christopher and Esther (Gochenauer) Winters, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, and came of German parentage. Christopher Winters was located in his early manhood on a farm near Providence, which he cleared from the woods. There his wife died, and he then moved to the West, where he died, leaving two sons and one daughter: Augustus, who settled in Providence township, and died a single man; Hetty, who married William Gontner, and settled in Lancaster, where they both died, leaving two daughters, Catherine, deceased, and Mary: Silas Winters, noted above. Mrs. Catherine (Marks) Winters belonged to one of the very old families of this county.

Silas Winters lived on his farm in Providence, where he had settled after his marriage, working as a cooper, until a few years prior to his death. In June, 1900, he moved to Lancaster, where he lived retired. His wife died on the old homestead in Providence township, in 1895, leaving a family of seven children: Ella M., born in 1844, is a seamstress in Lancaster. Mary A., born in 1845, married Martin Lefever, of Drumore township, and is the mother of seven children: Ida B., Minnie B.,

Charles A., William B., Walter C., Ella B. and Laura C., who died in early womanhood. Augustus, born in 1849, married Anna Esbenshade, and lives on his farm in East Drumore, where they have four children: Curtis G., Lulu M., Roxie A. and Robert C. Catherine, born in 1850, married Martin Reese, and resides in Lancaster; they have a large family of children; Ward, Harvey, Minnie, John, Clarence, Clements, Edna (deceased), Stella, Clayton, Gordon, Ray and Mary. John F., born in 1855, married Miss Louise Rockey, and lives in McKeesport, Pa., where they have a family of six children, Walter, Mabel, Charles, Anna, Cora, and a baby. Laura, born in 1856, married John A. Rockey, and resides in Atglen, Chester county, where they have a family of six children, Edna, Alma, Silas, Helen, Mary and Walter. Walter H.

Walter H. Winters had his education in the district school, and remained on the family homestead until he was twenty-three, when he began his own business career. In 1882 he was married to Miss Christie G. Kauffman, a daughter of Abraham and Anna M. (Geahr) Kauffman. Mrs. Winters was born in Manor township in Sept., 1857, and is next to the youngest of a family of eleven children. Her education was received in the local school and in the State Normal at Millersville. After their marriage they lived a year on his father's old home in Providence, and then removed to Martic township, where Mr. Winters was engaged in farming for seven years. In 1891 he bought the Bleacher farm in East Drumore township. This farm contains 108 acres and has a large brick house, and a commodious barn, making it one of the finest farms in the township. The place shows signs of improvement at his hands, and is largely devoted to cattle raising, as Mr. Winters owns one of the finest herds of Holstein cattle in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters belong to the Reformed church at New Providence. In politics Mr. Winters is a Democrat. He belongs to the Fulton Grange, No. 66.

Walter Winters began life with but small means, and the savings of his wages as a farm hand, judiciously invested brought him results by which he is able to hold, clear of incumbrance, the fine farm which is his present home. He is a born farmer, and of him it may truly be said, "that he has made two blades of grass grow where one grew before." While he and his good wife have no children of their own, their generous hearts and ample means carry sunshine into many other homes.

EDWIN S. STAIR, late a prominent dry-goods merchant of Columbia, was born in York, Pa., and was a son of George S. and Maria (Wall) Stair, natives, respectively, of York and Philadelphia.

George S. Stair was a shoemaker and a man greatly respected wherever known. To his marriage with Miss Wall there were born the following children: Amelia, wife of John Strickler, who

is in the iron business at York; George, a carpenter in Harrisburg; William, an ex-soldier; and Edwin S., deceased.

Edwin S. Stair at the age of twelve years entered a dry-goods store in York, being regularly apprenticed to the business. When his time had expired he went to Indianapolis, Ind., there lived several years and then returned to York. A year or two later he came to Columbia and clerked in Henry Fondersmith's dry-goods store and in the store of Mr. Haldeman until 1872, when he embarked in business for himself and had a successful career until the day of his death, August 8, 1898, at the age of fifty-two years.

The marriage of Mr. Stair took place in Columbia, March 22, 1871, to Miss Eunice Wike, and this marriage was graced with five children, viz.: George, who was called away at the age of eighteen; Nellie, who died when five years old; Edwin, Charles and Filbert are still at home with their mother.

Mrs. Eunice (Wike) Stair was born in Columbia, and is a daughter of George and Sarah Wike, and a sister of Milton Wike. Mrs. Stair, her three children and her mother, now constitute the family, and live in quiet retirement, honored and respected by the entire community.

The deceased Mr. Stair was a member of the Order of Artisans, the Heptasophs and the I. O. O. F., lodge and encampment. For some years he was a school director and was recognized generally as a useful citizen, while as a business man his name stood without a flaw or blemish.

J. F. WEAVER, miller, of New Providence, was born Nov. 1, 1861, in Strasburg township, son of Henry K. and Christianna (Hoover) Weaver, of Strasburg township.

Henry K. Weaver, a tailor and farmer, was a son of Samuel Weaver, who died at the age of thirty-three years, leaving four children; Samuel, George, Catherine and Henry, all now deceased. Henry K. was born in 1829 and died in 1891. In 1849 he was married to Christianna Hoover and they had a family of eleven children, ten of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Mary, who lives on the old homestead in Strasburg township; Amos A., a farmer of Strasburg township; Addie the wife of John E. Lantz, of Strasburg township; Hattie, the wife of Jacob C. Weaver, of Strasburg township; Lizzie, living with her sister on the old home place; Melo H., a farmer of Strasburg township; J. F., of this sketch; Samuel A., of Talbot county, Md.; Enos, deceased; and Catherine, deceased. Henry K. Weaver was an honorable, respected citizen, a member of the Reformed Mennonite Church. In political connection he was a Republican.

The early life of Mr. Weaver of this sketch, was passed on the farm, where he remained assisting his father and going to the public school until he was about nineteen years of age, when he went to

Paradise township and began to learn the milling business with H. S. Rohrer. After leaving Mr. Rohrer, he ran a mill for Elam B. Trout in the same township and then went to Cecil county, Md., where he took charge of a mill for S. C. Magrow, but later returned to Lancaster county, on account of failing health. After regaining his health, Mr. Weaver rented a mill for three years in Strasburg, and then came to the mill in New Providence, which he now owns. He rented this property for five months, then for one year and then for five years, at the end of this lease, in 1897, purchasing the property, which is one of the most valuable in its line, in the township. Mr. Weaver is now engaged in a general milling and grain business, and his plant is fitted with modern rollers and improvements which enable him to compete with any mill of its size in Lancaster county. In politics Mr. Weaver is a member of the Republican party. He belongs to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

On April 7, 1894, Mr. Weaver was married to Miss Amanda K. Rupp, of West Earl township, born in 1862, daughter of David and Sarah Rupp, the father deceased. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver, Herbert R. and Edwin R. Mr. Weaver stands very high in the esteem of his community, his influence and example being such as to command the respect of his fellow-citizens. A man who has never used tobacco in any form, one who has never used intoxicating drink of any kind, and one whose morality could not permit him to either gamble or make use of profanity, must of necessity exert a beneficial influence in any community. In addition Mr. Weaver is a law-abiding and public spirited citizen, a kind and loving husband and father, and a helpful neighbor, while his pleasant, genial manner wins him friends on every side. He is justly regarded as a leading man in New Providence, where his word is considered at all times as good as his bond.

JOHN L. MINNICH, a farmer of East Dru-
more township, Lancaster county, was born in War-
wick township, Jan. 31, 1853, son of John and Eliza-
beth (Longenecker) Minnich, natives of Lancaster
county, the father being born Jan. 18, 1818, in War-
wick township. Mrs. Elizabeth (Longenecker)
Minnich was born in June, 1818. They were both
of German antecedents, the great-grandfather of
John L. Minnich being German-born. His son, the
grandfather of John L., was born in Lancaster
county.

John Minnich and his wife were married in
1839, and lived for a time in Warwick township, and
then moved to Richland, Lebanon county, where
they spent three years, then selling out their farm
and coming back to Lancaster. Mr. Minnich pur-
chased a farm in Warwick township, on which he
lived until his death, May 10, 1895, his wife having
already passed to her reward, Jan. 8, 1882. They
were members of the German Baptist Church, which

is commonly known as the Dunkards, in which he
served as a deacon for many years. In politics he
was first a Whig, and in later life a Republican.

Mr. and Mrs. Minnich had a family of eight
children. (1) Elizabeth and (2) Maria, twins,
were born in Warwick township, in 1841. Eliza-
beth, the late wife of Aaron Swarr, of East Hemp-
field township, was the mother of five children:
Amanda, the wife of S. N. Root, of Landisville;
Harry, of Mountville, who married Clara Cassle;
Hiram, of Philadelphia; Lizzie, the wife of P. W.
Baker, living on the old Swarr homestead; John, who
married Anna Price, deceased. Maria, the other
twin, married I. G. Pfautz, and lives in Lititz, where
they have had the following family: Wellington,
a farmer of Warwick township; Lizzie, the wife
of A. Boyd, a merchant of Manheim; Isaac and Jo-
seph, residents of Philadelphia; Emmaline, the wife
of Rev. Paul Schultz, engaged with her husband in
missionary work in the West Indies; John, single,
and living on the old Pfautz homestead in Lancaster
county; Charles, single, and living at the home. (3)
Jacob Minnich, born in Warwick township, in 1844,
married Miss Harriet Graybill, of East Hempfield
township, lived on a farm in Warwick township for
three years, and then lived in Clay township until
1895; that year he moved back to the Minnich home-
stead. He and his wife have reared a large family:
Alice, the wife of John Badorf, of Warwick; Em-
ma, the wife of Benjamin Evans, of Manheim town-
ship; Graybill, at the home in Warwick township;
Hiram; Sadie; and Emma. (4) Amanda Minnich,
born in 1846, married Phares P. Swarr, now a re-
tired farmer of East Hempfield township, and is
the mother of one daughter, Ellen, who married
Rev. Milton Forney, and now has her home on the
old Swarr farm in East Hempfield township. (5)
Anna Minnich, born in 1848, is the wife of the
Rev. Henry Sonan, who lives in East Hempfield;
they have three children: Milton, married, and a
farmer on the old home place; Lizzie, the wife of
William Ridenbach, of Neffsville, Lancaster coun-
ty; Emma, the wife of Nire Bushong, of Leacock
township. (6) Emma Minnich, born in Warwick
township, Nov. 28, 1850, married Johnston Miller,
now deceased, but in his time a very prominent
man. He was the father of three children, John M.,
Bessie and Emma. (7) Fannie Minnich, born in
1856, married Jacob B. Neff, of Warwick township,
who for a time was a miller in Lancaster county,
and then a farmer in Ephrata township, where he
died, leaving five children: John; Alice, who is
Mrs. Samuel Young; Nathan; Jacob; and Chris-
tian. Mrs. Neff married for her second husband,
George Shreiner, and has her home in Lititz. (8)
John L., whose name introduces this article.

John L. Minnich was reared and educated in
Warwick township, and worked for his father until
he was twenty-one. In Oct., 1884, he was mar-
ried to Miss Barbara Stehman, a daughter of Henry
and Barbara Stehman, prominent people in Penn

township for many years. Mrs. Minnich was born June 23, 1853. Her youth was passed in Penn township, where she secured her education in the public schools. The young married couple settled on the old homestead in Warwick township, where they remained until 1895, when they purchased the old Barnes homestead adjoining the village of Unicorn, comprising 180 acres, and being one of the most desirable homes in Drumore township. Mr. Minnich has this place well stocked, and is provided with all the needed machinery for its successful operation. He owns many horses and cattle, and is regarded as among the brightest and most progressive farmers of this section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Minnich have had the following family: Ellen, who died in childhood; Katie, who was born in 1882 and died in young womanhood; Mahlon, born in Jan., 1876, married and residing at home; Harry, born in Dec., 1878, graduated from the College at Brentsville, Va., for a time engaged in business in Lancaster county, and now in business in California, having moved to that State in 1899; Bessie, born in Aug., 1880; Charles, born in April, 1884; Emory, born in May, 1886; Harrison, born Aug. 30, 1888; John, born in Sept., 1892; Stehman, born in Sept., 1894; Amanda, born May 26, 1896. Emory died Oct. 1, 1901; Bessie, and the others following, are all at home.

Mr. Minnich has always been a Republican, and is treasurer of the school board of East Drumore township. He and his wife belong to the German Baptist Church, and he is a deacon and treasurer of the organization at Mechanics' Grove. Rigidly does he adhere to the faith of his fathers, and his honorable life is open to all the world. Modest and retiring, and shrinking from popularity, he lives a true and noble life, and his kind and loving nature stands out plainly to the knowledge of his friends and neighbors.

CHARLES SWARTZ. One of the prominent and prosperous young business men of Talmage is Charles Swartz, who owns and conducts a successful mercantile business, and is well known as an excellent and reliable painter.

Charles Swartz was born on May 12, 1866, and he was the son of Jonathan and Matilda (Weidler) Swartz, of Berks county. Jonathan Swartz was a carpenter by trade, and was the father of nine children: Tillie, the wife of John Hoover, of Lebanon county; Angeline, the wife of John Aich, of Lancaster county; Cecelia, the wife of Samuel Bethel, of Berks county; Lizzie, the wife of Ben. Lemonworth, of Harrisburg; John, a resident of Hummelstown; Frank, a resident of Myerstown; Henry, who went to Indiana, in 1890, and since then has been lost sight of; Charles, of this biography; and Alice, who married John Bender, of the city of New York.

Charles Swartz is a self-made man. Left fatherless at the tender age of six years, and a mem-

ber of a large family, he was early obliged to face the world. Hiring out to neighboring farmers, he did such work as his strength permitted, and attended school, until he reached the age of fourteen, when he came to Lancaster county. Here he was employed in farm work until the age of twenty-one, when he went to Reading and obtained lucrative employment in the boiler shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Charles Swartz was married on Dec. 24, 1890, to Miss Kate Cooper, of West Earl township, a daughter of Martin Cooper, well known in this locality as an excellent painter. Three children have been born of this marriage: Grace E.; Matilda and Hanna, twins, the latter of whom died in infancy.

After his marriage Mr. Swartz began work for his father-in-law as a painter, and developed a great deal of skill in that line, still carrying it on. In 1898 he opened up a store in Talmage, stocking it with most desirable goods, and offering many attractions to the public, which have been appreciated, as his patronage is large and constantly increasing. The store is under the capable management of Mrs. Swartz, as Mr. Swartz finds his time occupied in his other line.

Mr. Swartz is a Republican in his political faith, an honest, industrious and progressive citizen. As a business man he has established a reputation for integrity, and in the home circle he is much beloved as a model husband and father.

LEVI SENER, a retired farmer residing in Mountville, Lancaster county, Pa., is a native of East Hempfield township, was born Jan. 9, 1839, and is a son of Jacob and Leah (Balmer) Sener, natives of Manor and Manheim townships, respectively, in Lancaster county. Jacob Sener, a farmer and drover, removed from East Hempfield to Lancaster city, in the spring of 1863, there lost his wife, she dying in 1870, aged fifty-five years, a member of the Moravian Church, and there, Nov. 1, 1880, he also was called away, at sixty-nine years of age. The remains of both were interred in the Lancaster cemetery. To Jacob and Leah Sener were born four children, viz.: Anna, still residing in Lancaster and unmarried; Harriet, wife of George Missincup, a horse dealer in Lancaster; Levi, whose name opens this paragraph, and Daniel, a farmer of Lancaster.

The paternal grandparents of Levi Sener were Gottlieb and Elizabeth (Bletz) Sener, the former of whom was a farmer and died in Manor township, Lancaster county; the maternal grandparents, the Balmers, were also farming people and died in Manheim township.

Levi Sener was brought up on the home farm in East Hempfield township. In 1851 his father removed to Lancaster, remaining there four years before returning to the former homestead. In the fall of 1867 Jacob Sener sold his farm, comprising 143 acres, to John McGovern and from that time

till he retired to his present home, in 1900, Levi Sener rented the place.

The marriage of Levi Sener took place in Lancaster, Pa., in Dec., 1862, to Lizzie Herr, and to this union were born the following children: Harry, who died at the age of sixteen years; Clara, wife of Hiram Bossler, a painter and tobacco packer of West Hempfield township, to whom have been born three children, Maud S., and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Lizzie (Herr) Sener was born in Providence township in Jan., 1837, and is a daughter of Abraham and Hannah (White) Herr, of New Providence, Lancaster county, both of whom died in Mountville. Abraham Herr was reared a farmer, but became a hotelkeeper and conducted the business at New Providence, Rawlinsville and Marticville, and in 1858 came to Mountville, managed a hotel for four years, and then retired. Abraham lost his wife in 1860, at the age of fifty-five years, and his own death occurred in 1892, at eighty-seven years. He was a member of the M. E. Church. To Abraham Herr and wife were born six children, viz.: Anna, widow of George Tangert, of Mountville; Louvene, widow of Henry McCann, of Reading; Mary, deceased wife of Henry Stone; Lizzie, now Mrs. Levi Sener; Abraham, D. D. S., of Reading; and Martha, deceased wife of Jacob Clair.

Mr. and Mrs. Sener are members of the United Brethren church and in politics Mr. Sener is a Democrat. He has been a hard working and thrifty farmer and well deserves the repose he is now enjoying and which his early industry has won for him.

DAVID E. BINKLEY, a prosperous and progressive farmer of Manor township, was born June 11, 1856, near Safe Harbor, Lancaster Co., Pa., reared to farming on his birthplace and educated in the public schools.

David F. Binkley, father of David E., was born about seventy-two years ago in Manor township, and is still one of the representative and leading citizens of this part of the county. Farming has been his life-long calling, in which success has been his from the beginning. His wife bore the maiden name of Annie Eshleman, is now about sixty-eight years old and has borne her husband eleven children, of whom nine grew to maturity, and were named as follows: Kate, wife of Rudolph Hess; Fannie, now Mrs. James McDevitt; Benjamin, deceased; David E.; Molly, widow of Christ Kupats; Jacob, a druggist of Norfolk, Va.; Aaron, a traveling salesman of Lancaster City; Isaiah, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Lancaster; and Abraham, a farmer of Neffsville. Two children died in infancy. The parents and the surviving children are conscientious members of the United Brethren Church and contribute liberally of their means to its support.

David E. Binkley until marriage assisted in car-

ing for the old homestead and then located on one of his father's farms in another locality, managing it until 1896; then he purchased 116 acres near Safe Harbor and has ever since been most successfully engaged in general farming, being one of the enterprising and active men of the township and county.

In 1879 David E. Binkley married Miss Annie J. Weidlich, daughter of Gottlieb Weidlich, of Martic township, Lancaster county. To this marriage have been born three children, Howard, Harry and Mary. The family attend the Methodist Church at Safe Harbor and in politics Mr. Binkley is a staunch Republican.

The oldest son, Howard, is married to Miss Annie Cramer, of Columbia, Pa., lives at Harrisburg, Pa., and is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The daughter, Mary, is married to Prof. Ira T. Warfel, of Conestoga, Pa., who is principal of the schools at Prospect Hill, Lancaster county.

JAMES J. KEYS. One of the successful and thoroughly self-made men of Columbia is James J. Keys, who occupies the important position of yard master for the Pennsylvania Railroad, at this point. The birth of Mr. Keys was on Dec. 1, 1861, in York county, Pa., a son of Thomas and Mary Ann (Doyle) Keys, the former a native of York county and the latter of New York city, the death of both occurring in Columbia, where they located in 1879. Mr. Keys was a laborer and both he and his wife were consistent and beloved members of the Catholic Church. The father lived to be fifty-one years old, dying in May, 1886, while the mother survived until April, 1900, dying at the age of sixty-three. The family born to these parents consisted of: Anna Columbia, who married John Metzler Barney, of Camden, N. J.; James J.; Clark, of Columbia; Mary, who married Edward Boyle, of Columbia; Joseph, of Columbia; Jennie, who lives in Germantown, Pa.; and Agnes, deceased, who was the wife of George Halter.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Keys, of this biography, were Thomas and Anna (McCune) Keys, and those on the maternal side were Dennis and Anna (Hurley) Doyle, of Dublin, Ireland, who came to America in 1817 and settled in New York city, later moving to Wrightsville, Pa., where he was a boatman and locktender on the canal.

When he was but a lad of nine years, Mr. Keys began to display those industrious habits which have succeeded in making him a man of substantial importance at present. His first work after the family settled in Columbia, was to drive horses on the canal, and seven long, hot summers were employed in this manner, and then he went into a stone quarry, the next winter finding him at work in a rolling mill, where three years were profitably passed. Several years more were spent in work in the repair department of the Pennsylvania Railroad; for

three months he acted as brakeman, and then was given the position of flagman, which very responsible situation he held for two years. The next nine years were spent as conductor and then he accepted his present position at Columbia as yardmaster for the great Pennsylvania road. Mr. Keys has given the best years of his life in service to this road and that he is highly valued may be seen by his long retention and promotions.

James J. Keys was married on Nov. 22, 1886, in Columbia, to Miss Clara Stein, and to this union have been born children as follows: Mary, Anna, Thomas, Vernard D., George, and John and Frank, twins. Mrs. Keys was born in Birmingham, Pa., on Sept. 8, 1866, a daughter of Frederick and Anna (Cornwall) Stein, of Guggleheim, Germany, who were married in Philadelphia, and after a residence of several years in Lancaster county, died in Columbia, the father, in 1887, at the age of fifty-six, and the mother in 1879, at the age of thirty-five. By trade Mr. Stein was a dyer, but in his latter days conducted a hotel in Columbia for two years. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Stein were Clara; Mary, who died young; Sophia, who married George Kauffman, of Columbia; Francis, who resides with Mr. Keys; and Mary, of Columbia. The parents were members of the Lutheran and Catholic Churches, respectively.

A characteristic of Mr. Keys is that he has never sought out the easy ways of work, all of his employment taking him into vigorous and manly lines, and thus he has become so thoroughly prepared for his present position. Thoroughly in earnest in all that he attempts, he has had a successful career, on account of that thoroughness. In his political sympathies he is a Democrat, and he is a member of several fraternal organizations, and of the Catholic Church. The Pennsylvania Railroad has no more capable or reliable employe, nor has Columbia a more desirable citizen, than James J. Keys.

WILLIAM H. McFALLS. Among the honorable citizens who once were prominent in Providence township, none are recalled with more sincere esteem and respect than William H. McFalls, for many years a well-known contractor and successful farmer. He was born Nov. 23, 1846, in Providence township, a son of Henry and Rachel (McCordle) McFalls, of that town, the family being of Scotch-Irish origin. Five children were born to these parents, as follows: John, Amos, William H., Oram and Mary, all of whom have passed out of life with the exception of Amos, who is an estimable citizen and resident of Lancaster city.

On June 6, 1869, the late William McFalls was united in marriage with Miss Susan Travis, born Jan. 19, 1849, daughter of Washington and Nancy McNarian (Robinson) Travis, the former of whom was a native of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Travis

had a family of four children, John, Ella, Joshua and Susan, the survivors being Joshua and Susan. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McFalls was blessed with six children. Aldus E. is a farmer of Providence township, who married Emma Styre and had two children, Chester, since deceased, and Annie. Ella Naomi is the wife of Aldus Worth, of Lancaster, and has had four children; William E. (deceased), Susan V., Harry C., and Aldus Wesley (deceased). William Wesley commenced business for himself at the age of twenty-three in Providence township, dealing extensively in timber, and at the death of his father purchased the family home, on which he now lives. Cora is deceased; and George and Harry are at home.

William McFalls was reared on the old family homestead now in the possession of Aldus E. and through life found his greatest pleasure in agricultural pursuits, although he was known as a successful contractor and dealer in timber. At the time of his death, March 30, 1899, he was possessed of a large and well improved farm, which had been acquired entirely through his own efforts. He was not only known as a most industrious and capable man, but also as one of the most honorable and upright citizens of his township. In his home circle his death was a sad affliction, his many lovable qualities having endeared him to all with whom he became associated. His interest in the public schools was constant; he there received his own education, and as school director he sought to improve those in his section in every way possible. His political affiliation was always with the Democratic party. The death of William H. McFalls was a distinct loss to Providence township, and he was sincerely lamented. He and his wife were both associated with the Methodist Church.

HARRY M. STAUFFER, postmaster, dealer in coal, lumber and feed at Leola, Pa., was born in New Holland, April 24, 1863, son of David and Anna (Miller) Stauffer, natives of Roseville and Landisville, respectively, who died at Leola, Pennsylvania.

David Stauffer was born in 1825, son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Yottie) Stauffer, of Lancaster county, Pa., and New Jersey, respectively. He was a pump manufacturer, and became quite prominent in public affairs, having been supervisor of Manheim township in 1850. He was a member of the New Mennonite Church. He died Jan. 16, 1894, highly respected by all, and his wife, Anna Miller, born in 1827, died April 5, 1899. She was the daughter of John and Catherine (Eshleman) Miller of Lancaster county, Pa. Her remains rest with those of her husband in the cemetery at Brownstown, West Earl township. To David Stauffer and wife were born: Fanny, who married Graybill Mentzer, ex-clerk in the recorder's office; and Harry M.

During his boyhood days, Mr. Stauffer worked upon his father's farm and learned all the details of

that occupation thoroughly. His education was completed at the Lebanon Valley College. On Nov. 7, 1889, in Blue Ball, this county, Mr. Stauffer was married to Lizzie Weaver, and to their happy union have been born; Fanny, Anna M., Claude R., Arleen M. and Elizabeth. For two years he farmed on his own account, but then his attention was turned to his present business of dealing in coal, lumber and feed. In Nov., 1890, he bought the ground where he is now located and established his business, erecting an up-to-date warehouse. Six years later this was superseded by a most complete three-story building, with a capacity of eighteen carloads of grain and feed, all accessible from the lower floor. To this building, besides elevator and grain cleaning machinery, have been added saws, planer and matcher, driven by a fifteen horse-power gasoline engine. In 1891 he received the appointment of postmaster, being generally recognized as the man best fitted for the place. He has built for himself a modern home, heated by hot water and containing the comforts and luxuries of latter-day homes. In 1901 a barn costing \$2,000, with ice-house and other shed attachments, was built; and in 1902 he erected a coal packet at a cost of \$6,000, with a capacity of 2,000 tons of anthracite coal. The yard contains buildings 20x100 ft. for feed in sacks, salt, etc., and also shed room, 20x760 ft., for lumber. This is considered the most complete country business property of its kind in the State. On Jan. 7, 1901, Mr. Stauffer was made one of the directors of the Conestoga National Bank of Lancaster.

Socially Mr. Stauffer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Blue Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M.; Goodwin Council, No. 43; Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43; and Lancaster Commandery No. 13, all of Lancaster. He is also a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Politically he is a stanch Republican, and both he and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist Church. Both as a private citizen and a public official, Mr. Stauffer has done his entire duty, and his sterling honesty and uprightness of character have gained for him the unqualified esteem of a large circle of friends.

JOHN P. MUELLER, of the firm of Stump & Mueller, the leading hardware merchants of Marietta, Lancaster county, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 12, 1866.

John C. and Margaret (Ulrich) Mueller, his parents, were natives of Gross Gerau, in the grand duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. John C. Mueller was a tailor by trade. With his wife and two children he came to America in 1854, settling in Lancaster, Pa., where his wife passed away in June, 1898, when sixty-six years old, and where his own death took place in Sept. of the same year, when he was aged seventy-two years. They were members of Zion's Lutheran Church, and their remains were interred in its cemetery. The children

born to Mr. and Mrs. John C. Mueller were; Elizabeth, who was married to Philip Lindeman and died in Lancaster; Rev. George P., a Lutheran clergyman, a resident of Philadelphia and superintendent of the Orphans' Home, who died in Reading while there on business, leaving his widow, Anna C. (Stump) Mueller, with eight children (she is now at Lancaster); Christopher, who died in infancy; Christiana, at home, in Lancaster; Mary and John Henry (a tailor), also at home; and John P.

John P. Mueller attended school in his native city until thirteen years old and was then employed as errand boy by Myers & Rathfon, later receiving promotion to the position of salesman. On March 12, 1891, he came to Marietta and formed his present partnership.

On April 12, 1894, Mr. Mueller was married, in Lancaster, to Miss Anna C. Hess, and to this union have been born three children: Anna M., Rosa E. and John Richard. Mrs. Anna C. (Hess) Mueller was born in Lancaster, daughter of John and Anna (Wittlinger) Hess, natives of Germany, who early came to Lancaster, Pa., where the father for some years conducted the "Swan Hotel" but in his declining years retired and passed the remainder of his life in ease and comfort, dying in 1885. His widow still resides in Lancaster.

Mr. Mueller may well be styled a self-made man, as it is through his own unaided exertions that he has attained his present high position. In addition to his duties in the mercantile work pertaining to his large hardware trade, he finds time to serve as a director in the Marietta Water Company and as auditor of the Building & Loan Association of Marietta. At the last borough election in Marietta Feb. 18, 1902, he was elected school director. In politics he is a Republican and in religion he is a member of Zion's Lutheran Church.

MICHAEL STUMP, senior partner in the popular hardware firm of Stump & Mueller, of Marietta, was born in Baden, Germany, in Jan., 1835, and was brought to America by his parents, Adam and Barbara (Culp) Stump, in 1852. The family located in Marietta, Pa., and here Mrs. Barbara Stump died in 1854, when forty-seven years old, a member of the Lutheran Church. Adam Stump with his son, Jacob C., then went to Ohio, and engaged in farming until within a few years of his death, which took place in 1886, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The children born to Adam and Barbara Stump numbered four and were named as follows: Michael; Jacob C., a farmer in Ohio; Lovina, widow of Adam Swartzculp, residing in Baltimore, Md.; and Caroline, widow of William Westenhafer, late foreman of the Haldeman quarry. Michael Stump at the age of ten years began plowing on his father's farm, and was held down to this labor until he was fourteen. He then served a three years' apprenticeship at shoemaking, and subse-

quently worked on a farm, then with brick and stone masons, in fact at anything he could find to do, until 1859, when he came to Marietta and found employment on his present premises. The place was then occupied as a general store, in which dry goods, hardware and other stock were handled. Although the store changed hands several times, the services of Mr. Stump were found to be indispensable, and eventually, in 1891, in partnership with Mr. Mueller, he purchased the stock from S. P. Sterrett & Co., founding the present prosperous firm.

Mr. Stump was married in Lancaster, in 1861, to Miss Leah Hoover, and to this marriage have been born three children, viz.: Anna, widow of Rev. G. P. Mueller, late of Philadelphia; John, deceased; and Rev. Joseph, a Lutheran clergyman in Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

Mrs. Leah (Hoover) Stump was born in Dauphin county, Pa., in 1844, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Conrad) Hoover, the former of whom was a farmer, and died in 1849. To Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were born five children, viz.: Kate, widow of Joseph Eversol, living in Columbia; Leah, Mrs. Stump; Mary, wife of Samuel Schrite, a miller at Mt. Joy; Abraham, in New Mexico; and Elizabeth, wife of John Haas, a railroad man in Marietta. Mrs. Elizabeth Hoover married, for her second husband, Jacob Dyer, also now deceased, and to this union were born three children, viz.: William, a farmer of Ironville; Louisa, wife of Harry Brant, of Mt. Joy; and John a carpenter of Florin. Mrs. Dyer, who was born in 1816, now resides in Florin, Lancaster county.

Mr. Stump is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been for years a trustee. In politics he is a Republican. He is a self-made business man, and has reached his present advanced position in mercantile circles entirely through his indefatigable industry and his strict integrity and square dealing. Mr. Stump is a director in the Home Building & Loan Association.

JOHN A. BRIMMER, proprietor of the Pretzel Bakery and one of the leading business men of Lancaster, Pa., was born in Dec., 1861, in Lancaster, Pa., on the premises he now occupies, son of Andrew and Sarah (Ehler) Brimmer, he a native of Germany and she of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Brimmer came to the United States in 1838, with his father, John Brimmer, and four brothers, the mother having died in Germany. After arriving in the new country, Andrew Brimmer settled in Lancaster, Pa., and was a cigar maker until 1861, when he embarked in the manufacture of pretzels, which concern is now so ably continued by his son, John A. Andrew Brimmer died Feb. 11, 1900, aged seventy-one years, while his wife passed away in 1885, aged fifty-six, both being buried in Lancaster cemetery. They were members of St. John's

Episcopal Church. The following family was born to them: Margaret C., married to A. H. Hammond, a printer of Lancaster; Albenia, who married F. S. Stacey, a saddler of Lancaster; Mary E., wife of O. J. Kindig of Lebanon, Pa.; Emma S., a school teacher of Lancaster; Sarah J., who died in infancy; John A.; James W., who died in Dec., 1901; George E., who died in infancy. The father was a man who commanded the highest respect of all with whom he had either business or social relations, and the mother was a woman of high Christian character, beloved by her family and a large circle of intimate friends.

As soon as he was old enough to enter his father's place of business, John A. Brimmer began to learn the trade of a baker, and later was associated with his father. When the latter died, John A. and his brother James W. assumed charge of the bakery, but in Dec., 1901, James W., too, died, and John A. became the sole proprietor. The Pretzel Bakery is the largest of its kind in this part of the State, the annual output being about fifty-two tons, all of which product finds a ready market, the reputation of this house for the excellence of its goods being widespread. Having devoted his life to the work, Mr. Brimmer understands every detail of it, and gives his personal supervision to every process of manufacture, thus insuring perfection in every particular.

On Sept. 9, 1880, Mr. Brimmer was married to Sarah R. Beitzel, of Lancaster, Pa., and one child has been born of this union, Edith R., a charming young lady, who resides with her parents. Mrs. Brimmer was born June 22, 1859, at Parkesburg, Pa., daughter of Charles and Henretta A. (Bear) Beitzel, natives of York and Lancaster counties, respectively. The father died in Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900, aged seventy-one years, but the mother still survives, and lives in Lancaster. By occupation, the father was a tailor, and was very successful in his business, leaving a comfortable amount of property at his death. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Beitzel were as follows: Charles E., pretzel baker of Lancaster; Sarah R.; Mary E., married to Edward S. Jones, a printer of Philadelphia; Martha A., married to Louis Darmstetter, a butcher of Philadelphia; William E., an electrician of Pittsburgh; Ella B., unmarried, who resides with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. Beitzel were consistent members of the Moravian Church, and Mrs. Beitzel is still greatly interested in its good work. During his lifetime, Mr. Beitzel enjoyed the highest respect of a wide circle of business associates, as well as numerous friends. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Brimmer was Benjamin Beitzel, a carpenter of York, Pa. On her mother's side, the grandfather of Mrs. Brimmer was Andrew Bear, of Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he was one of the leading men, being a merchant and one-time proprietor of a hotel at the old Pennsylvania station, Lancaster.

Mr. Brimmer is not only a most excellent business man, but he also takes great pleasure in his fraternal connections, belonging to numerous lodges, in which he has held all the chairs and contributed, both of time and money, toward their success, for he is a firm believer in the good effected by these institutions, not only in promoting good fellowship, but also in providing a convenient method of insuring against accident and death. Among the various lodges to which Mr. Brimmer belongs are the K. of P., in which he has been District Deputy for the past fourteen years; I. O. O. F., No. 123; Artisans No. 27, O. M. P.; Aerie No. 84, F. O. O. E.; treasurer of Lancaster County U. R. K. of P.; No. 6 Lancaster Maennerchor and Lancaster Liederkranz. Mr. Brimmer and family are members of St. John's Episcopal Church, in which they take an active part, and all are among the leading people of Lancaster. The political convictions of Mr. Brimmer are Democratic and he takes special interest in the work of that party.

JOHN W. WHITESIDE, a prominent farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where his busy and useful life is passing, Sept. 13, 1858, and is the son of James and Elizabeth (Irwin) Whiteside.

James Whiteside was born in Colerain township, Sept. 23, 1825; and his wife, Aug. 29, 1828, in Chester county, the daughter of Peter and Mary Irwin, who were born in Ireland. They settled in Chester county, where they left a family of five children: John, who is dead; Jane, married to John Pollock, of Downingtown, Chester county; Martha, who married William Mowdy, of Chester county, and is dead; Rebecca, late wife of C. Hammond; Elizabeth, who married James Whiteside.

James Whiteside was a son of James Whiteside, who first settled in Colerain township, being a native of this country, and of Scotch-Irish parentage. The Whitesides were Presbyterians in religion, and were interested in the founding of the first Presbyterian Church in Colerain township. They settled on the farm now owned by Charles Whiteside, where they made improvements on an extensive scale. The grandfather of James Whiteside, Sr., had four sons and one daughter. John, Robert, William, and James, all settled and died in Colerain township, James being the only one to marry and rear a family. The daughter, Tersey, died a maiden lady, aged eighty-two.

James Whiteside, the father of John W., settled on the old homestead, where he made extensive improvements, and where he died in Dec., 1891. His widow passed to her rest in March, 1894. They were consistent members of the Union Presbyterian Church, in which their children were reared. In politics Mr. Whiteside was a leading Democrat, and held local positions during his active years. He left a family of four children; John, Charles, Samuel and William. Charles Whiteside was born

April 16, 1860, married Carrie Turner, of Lancaster county, and has his residence on the old homestead. To them were born three children: Mary, Walter and Dora. Samuel Whiteside was born April 12, 1864, and lives at Colerain. His sketch may be found in another place. William Whiteside, born in May, 1866, is a merchant in Little Britain township, and is the father of a numerous family.

John W. Whiteside, whose name introduces this article, was educated in the Union High School, and when a young man, he farmed for his uncle, John Whiteside, at the present home, which he purchased after the death of that good man. Mr. Whiteside was married Feb. 22, 1880, to Mary E., the daughter of Frank and Jane A. (Farr) Jones, both born and reared in Philadelphia, and who settled in West Bradford township, Chester county, where they engaged in farming, and where they both died. Mrs. Whiteside was born in Chester county, in Nov., 1856, and was given such educational advantages as the local schools afforded. After their marriage they settled on the farm, and lived in a stone house, built by Samuel McCommon, and later the property of the uncle, as noted above. To Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside has come one son, James Fred, born in Aug., 1886. He is now a good and promising student in the Union High School. They are members of the Presbyterian Church, at Union. In politics Mr. Whiteside is a Democrat, and has had the office of collector for four years. He has been a member of the board, and has held other official positions.

Mrs. Whiteside has a sister, Mrs. Milton Keech, living in Colerain township. One brother, George Jones, is a business man of Chester county. Benjamin and Chester Jones live in Colorado. Lydia Jones married Joseph Darlington, of Chester county. Maurice Jones, now deceased, was a resident of Chester county, where he died, leaving two daughters: Della, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside, and Jennie, a resident of Chester county.

John W. Whiteside belongs to an old and prominent family of Colerain township. The Whitesides are good farmers, and their neat and well cultivated places are monuments to their thrift and industry.

JOSEPH A. HALL. This efficient and popular conductor in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company was born on a farm some three miles from the town of Oxford, in Chester county, on July 21, 1850. His grandfather was Isaac Hall, a farmer and cooper, and his father, whose name is Isaac A., is also engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother was Mary A. Newlin, and his parents removed from Chester to Lancaster county in 1855, settling near what is known as the Leaman place, in Paradise township. Isaac A. Hall has been a citizen of prominence, having served as a school director and supervisor for six years. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. He was born in 1823 and she in 1822. Joseph Hall

is the second child and eldest son of his parents. His elder sister, Margaret, married William Kennard, and died in May, 1896. A brother, Franklin, is a successful Lancaster county farmer. Salina, Mrs. Samuel Skeene, lives in Lancaster. Keziah married John Withers of Hanover. Ida is Mrs. Choat Heim, and resides at New Hanover. The two younger daughters, Elizabeth and Lizzie, are also married, the former to Thomas Withers, of Lancaster, and the latter to Aaron Delaney of Dillerville.

Joséph A. Hall grew up on the paternal farm, and not until he reached his twenty-sixth year did he decide to choose another pursuit in life. On Oct. 5, 1876, however, he came to Columbia, to become a brakeman for the Pennsylvania Company. After eight years he was made flagman, and in Oct., 1888, was promoted to be a conductor. That he is well qualified to discharge the arduous and responsible duties of his position is attested by his twelve years of faithful and successful service. He enjoys the well earned confidence of the company and the genuine respect of his fellow townsmen. He belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors, and in politics he is a Republican. All his family belong to the M. E. Church.

In January, 1871, at Bellemonte, he was married to Miss Mary E. Shaub. She was born at Strasburg, on June 7, 1853. Her father was Rudolph Shaub, a blacksmith, and her mother's maiden name was Aument. Both are deceased, Mr. Shaub having passed away at the home of Mr. Hall in 1880. Mary was the youngest child of their marriage, having had three sisters and two brothers older than herself, named Anna, Albert, Josephine, Frank and Nellie. Anna is Mrs. Hildebrand of Harrisburg; Albert is deceased; Josephine married Harry Tarbert, an engineer, and lives in Philadelphia; Frank is married and lives in Philadelphia; and Nellie is unmarried in Lancaster. Mrs. Hall died Dec. 15, 1898, and rests in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Her marriage was blessed with seven daughters and two sons. Anna E., the eldest, is a school teacher, and unmarried. Jennie E. married Owen McCullough, a telegraph operator of Wrightsville. The younger children, Bessie M., Eva R., Mabel G., Harry T., Nellie R., Leon T. and Gladys, live at home.

JAMES DE VEAUX MIFFLIN, a retired druggist, of Columbia, is a native of the borough and was born March 8, 1852, at No. 163 Walnut street, in the mansion now occupied by his brother, Dr. Houston Mifflin.

The parents of James De V. Mifflin were John Houston and Elizabeth (Heise) Mifflin, the former of whom was a portrait painter. After his marriage his attention was diverted to the care of his real estate, most of the property being within the borough of Columbia. John Houston and Elizabeth Mifflin were the parents of the following named children: Bethel, who died at the age of five years; Lloyd, landscape painter, and author of several volumes of

poems; Martha, who died young; Houston, a physician and surgeon in Columbia; James De V.; Mary, who died unmarried; and Charles, of New York City. The father of these children died in 1888, at the age of eighty-five years, and the mother in 1854, both in the faith of the Presbyterian Church.

James De V. Mifflin, at the age of twenty, engaged in the coal trade for three years. He then went to California on a prospecting tour, but after a year spent there, he returned to the East and secured a position as superintendent of an industrial plant at Deshler, Ohio. He next went to Philadelphia, where he was engaged in manufacturing for two years. He then went to North Texas, and for a season engaged in sheep-raising, after which, for six years, he was in New Mexico, successfully raising cattle. He then went to Pueblo, Colo., where for six years he was a druggist, and came back to Columbia, Pa., in 1894, to attend to his real estate interests.

In June, 1892, in Silverton, Colo., Mr. Mifflin married Miss Sallie G. Austin, who was born in Old Town, Grayson Co., Va., a daughter of John and Evaline Austin, the former of whom is a planter, the latter deceased. Mr. Mifflin cast his first presidential vote for U. S. Grant, but is now inclined to the silver policy, which is diametrically opposed to that of the Republican party. Mr. Mifflin is a member of the A. O. U. W., and of the W. of W.

PETER DORSHEIMER, Nos. 150 & 152 East King street, Lancaster, is a wholesale and retail dealer in wines and liquors, and imports direct Rhine wine, Holland gin, French brandies and Scotch and Irish whiskies. He has made ten trips to Europe in the interests of his business, purchasing direct from the distilleries the goods he cases. This gives his trade a great advantage, because the public knows he has the genuine article.

Mr. Dorsheimer was born in Hesse Darmstadt July 12, 1840. His father, also Peter Dorsheimer, sailed for America May 5, 1860, landing at New York, July 5. Accompanied by his wife and three children, the elder Dorsheimer went direct to Lancaster county, where he settled on a farm and prospered. Latterly he retired and spent his declining years in Lancaster, where he died at the age of eighty-two. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna M. Jenner, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, the daughter of Phillip Jenner, a highly educated man, for years a manufacturer of clay stoves. His brother, Dr. Edward Jenner, was the famous discoverer of vaccination which has proved such a blessing to mankind. Mrs. Dorsheimer died at the age of seventy-six years. Peter Dorsheimer, the wine and liquor merchant, was educated in his native land, being nineteen years old when he arrived in this country. He first secured work on a farm near Lancaster, but after five years went into the hotel business. He became interested in real estate and built between thirty and forty houses in the city and county, em-

ploying as many as one hundred men at times. Mr. Dorsheimer started his wine and liquor business in 1887 and has been very successful in it.

In 1860 Mr. Dorsheimer married in this city, Miss Anna E. Stauffer, who was born at Berne on the Rhine, and from this union twelve children were born, all of whom are living, as is also the mother. The children are Daniel M., a hotel keeper at Parkesburg, Pa.; Frank, a carriage builder at Coatesville, Pa.; Ada, at home; Henry P., a carriage builder at Parkesburg, Pa.; George, a carriage builder at Coatesville, he being in business in the west end, while his brother Frank manufactures vehicles in the east end; John, in the cigar business in Boston; May, wife of William Peterson, manager of freight shipping in New York City; Elizabeth, wife of Charles W. Pennypacker, with the Reading Railroad, at Reading; Benjamin F., associated with his brother, Daniel M., in the hotel business, at Parkesburg; Martin, engaged with his brother Frank in carriage building; Garfield, employed at Slaymaker's lock works, Lancaster; and Arthur, who assists his father in the wine and liquor business. This is surely a remarkable family record, seldom equalled, a family circle complete and unbroken.

All the family attend the St. Paul's Reformed Church. Mr. Dorsheimer is one of the popular men of Lancaster. He belongs to no secret society, and about the only hobby he has is the Lancaster Road Drivers' Association, of which he is a member and in connection with which he was a prominent figure in the great parade given by that association in Lancaster, Wednesday, June 12, 1901. No man in the parade was saluted oftener than Peter Dorsheimer, for no man is better known and liked.

HARRY LANDIS HERSHEY, collector of internal revenue, although a resident of Harrisburg and a native of Dauphin county, is descended from a family who were among the early settlers of Lancaster county, while his wife's father was at one time a merchant of Lancaster. For these reasons, if no other, Mr. Hershey is fairly entitled to representation in the biographical annals of Lancaster county. However, he has another and very substantial claim, in that he fills the most important office in this county, an office that has more to do with the people, in a financial way, than any other. His district includes fifteen counties, Lancaster, York, Dauphin, Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Juanita, Lebanon, Mifflin, Perry and Snyder. His office force consists of twelve clerks, and, besides these, he has thirteen outside deputies (one at Harrisburg and two at York), thirty-three storekeepers and gaugers, and three United States or general gaugers. Mr. Hershey has the distinguished honor of being the internal revenue collector for the biggest cigar manufacturing district in the United States, the output for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, having been 624,844,177 cigars; while the

moneys for which Mr. Hershey had to account for that year, amounted to the colossal sum of \$3,528,250.39. His term of four years expired June 1, 1902, and was continued after that date by filing a new bond. Collector Hershey is also custodian of the public building at Lancaster, Pa., and as such has made a great many improvements in it. It was during the first term of Collector Hershey, that the great Jacobs-Kending counterfeiting case was discovered and it was largely through his efforts that it was brought to light. For this the Secretary of the Treasury, L. J. Gage, and Commissioner of Internal Revenue G. W. Wilson highly complimented him.

Harry Landis Hershey is descended from one of three brothers who came to Lancaster county from Holland in the early settlement of Pennsylvania. Two of them left Lancaster county, one of these settling in Dauphin county, and there becoming the ancestor of Harry Landis Hershey. Christian Hershey, grandfather of our subject, was born in Dauphin county, where he engaged in farming until his death.

Henry Hershey, son of Christian, died forty-five years ago. He married Nancy Landis, daughter of Christian Landis, a distiller and farmer of Dauphin county, who owned teams and carried freight from Philadelphia to Pittsburg long before the days of railroads. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hershey became the parents of seven children, five of whom are living: (1) Diana, wife of Dr. Thomas G. Fox, a retired physician, ex-Representative of the House of Pennsylvania, and ex-Prothonotary of Dauphin county, of Hummelstown; (2) Christian L. Hershey, a retired farmer of Hummelstown; (3) Elizabeth, who became the wife of the late Dr. I. M. Groff, a practicing physician of Ephrata, and who died at her cottage at Asbury Park, in 1895; (4) A son who died in infancy; (5) Mary A., widow of Witmer C. Ranck, who with her daughter now lives on College avenue, Lancaster; (6) Henrietta, widow of George W. Boyd, a merchant of Harrisburg, Pa.; and (7) Harry L. Hershey, Collector of Internal Revenue.

Harry Landis Hershey was born at Hummelstown, Dauphin county, July 7, 1852, and, after being educated in the public schools of his district and in the Sunnyside Seminary at Hummelstown, went into the grocery and general merchandising business at Hummelstown, remaining at that for eight months. He then left the familiar scenes of his boyhood, and went to Philadelphia where he clerked for two years in the wholesale flour and feed store of Ronk & Bachman (who were Lancaster county people). Before beginning that clerkship, however, Mr. Hershey was graduated from Crittenden's Business College, in Philadelphia. Leaving Philadelphia, he went to Harrisburg, and there clerked in Bergstressen & Boyd's wall-paper store for three years, when the firm failed and Mr. Hershey bought the stock and entered into business for himself. This he continued with much success until he was elected clerk of the

orphans and recorder of deeds for Dauphin county. He entered upon the duties of this office Jan. 4, 1891, and, after serving three years, was re-elected. During the last year of Mr. Hershey's term as recorder of deeds, he made application for appointment as Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, receiving the appointment on April 30, 1898, and entering upon the duties of his office May 30, 1898.

In 1880 Mr. Hershey was married to Miss Mary Gertrude Buehler, a daughter of one of the early grocers of Lancaster. Her mother was Ann Locher Buehler, a sister of the late D. P. Locher, founder of the banking house of D. P. Locher & Sons, now known as the Lancaster City Trust Company. Mr. Hershey makes his home in the capital city of the State, but spends three and four days of every week in his office in Lancaster, where he is as popular, personally and politically, as he is in Harrisburg. In the latter city, it will be remembered, a big campaign club was named after him, the Harry L. Hershey Club, an organization that did very effective work in both of the McKinley campaigns, and which came to Lancaster and took part in a monstrous parade in 1896, Mr. Hershey accompanying them to this city. Always active in politics, Mr. Hershey was made chairman of the Republican City Executive Committee, of Harrisburg, for four consecutive years, and, after a lapse, was made chairman of it for two years more. Socially he belongs to no organization, save the Heptasophs, being entirely devoted to the discharge of the responsible duties devolving upon him, for the intelligent performance of which he has received so much well merited praise.

OLIVER B. MILLER. Among the substantial and much respected farmer citizens of Lancaster county, Pa., is Oliver B. Miller, the owner of one of the best farms in Strasburg township. His worthy father, Henry S. Miller, died in 1844, at the age of fifty-two years, in Lancaster city, although he was a native of Philadelphia, where he spent his early life and learned the trade of a shoemaker. His marriage took place in Philadelphia, to Susan Watson, a daughter of Oliver Watson, of Strasburg township, and they reared a family of children: Elizabeth, who married and moved to Illinois; Oliver; John, Tabitha, and Sarah, all deceased. By a previous marriage, the mother had two children, Mary and Lydia Ann Dunkle. Later Henry Miller moved to Lancaster city and engaged in his trade, for a time being associated with Jacob Gable.

Oliver B. Miller was born in Philadelphia, Oct. 19, 1840, but lived in Lancaster city until he was sixteen. On account of limited means, he was compelled to assist in the family support, entering the woolen mills as early as nine years. The educational advantages offered Oliver were very meager, six weeks of attendance at night school covering the whole period, but he did not on this account grow to maturity ignorant; with a desire for knowledge, he took advantage

of every opportunity to increase it, read every book within reach, and opened his intelligent mind to all chances for improvement, this resulting in an astonishing amount of general information. That Mr. Miller is an intelligent, well posted man, he owes entirely to his own persistent efforts, by which he overcame many obstacles which would have discouraged one less determined.

At the age of sixteen he left the mills and made his way into the surrounding country, determined to become a farmer and the owner of some of the fertile land of this vicinity. His first efforts were by the month, and during the following five years he was thus constantly employed, and then began to farm on shares, following this plan so advantageously that at the close of nine years he was possessed of sufficient means to purchase the fine farm which he now owns. This consists of eighty-four acres and is located three miles from Strasburg, and here he has successfully carried on general farming. Since locating here he has made many permanent improvements and now has one of the most desirable estates in this locality.

The marriage of Oliver B. Miller was on Dec. 19, 1860, to Elizabeth Lyons, a grand-daughter of Abraham Hoover, of Strasburg township, and to this union have been born six children: Edward C., a farmer on the home place, who married Mary Wolf, of Lancaster city; Frank H., now residing at home, who married Ella Weaver, who died in 1892; Gideon C., who died in 1899, at the age of thirty, a teacher, a graduate of the Millersville Normal School, and for seven years an employe of the government, married to Mary Garber, of Mr. Joy; Mary E., a teacher in the public schools, a graduate of the Millersville Normal School, and also of a college in Columbus, in penmanship and drawing; Ann Elizabeth, who married Enos H. Miller, a farmer of this township; and Park O., who died at the age of nineteen years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and the family is one of the most respected in the neighborhood. Mr. Miller has taken a great interest in educational matters, and has given his children every possible advantage.

WILLIAM K. GABLE. For twenty-four years Mr. Gable has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having risen from the position of brakeman to the more responsible post of engineer. In the discharge of these duties he has exhibited the keen intelligence, quick perception and rugged honesty which have characterized him through life. He was born in the township of West Hempfield, Dec. 15, 1852. His father, whose Christian name is Henry, was born in 1827. He is by trade a blacksmith, but ceased active toil many years ago, and is passing life's evening in well earned repose. The name of Mr. Gable's mother before marriage was Marl Cluke. She was born in 1831, and

passed away Oct. 4, 1891. Both she and her husband were earnest members of the Reformed Church. They came to Columbia to reside in 1877, and were the parents of four children: William K., Harry H., Anna and Martin. Harry H. is a Pennsylvania Company's flagman and lives in Reading. Anna is the wife of John Kleinfelter, of Cumberland county. Martin is also a railroad man, his home being in Reading.

William K. Gable remained at home until he had passed his thirteenth year, when, a mere boy in point of age, yet full of pluck and grit, he found his way to Chicago, Ill. For a year he attended school there, and for three years worked in a box factory. In 1870 he returned to Lancaster county, finding employment as an apprentice in a blacksmith shop in Mountville, where he remained for three months. From Mountville, he went to Lancaster, where he passed six months. The next eighteen months he spent in Mt. Joy. Having learned the trade he readily found employment in Harrisburg as a journeyman during the three and a half years following. He subsequently found work at his trade at Pittsburg and at other points, but his natural impulse was toward the exciting, perilous (and sometimes underpaid) life of a railroad man. His yearning was gratified in 1876, when he entered the Pennsylvania Company's service as a brakeman. Six months later he was made a fireman; and after riding in the cab for five years and eleven months in that capacity, he was promoted to the position of engineer. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and in politics is a Republican. Both himself and family attend the Lutheran Church.

He married, June 18, 1878, Sally E. Jeffers, who was born at Lancaster, April 3, 1857. Her father, John, was a Union soldier, who sacrificed an arm in his country's service. He died in 1864, in his forty-first year. Mrs. Gable's mother's name before marriage was Catherine Lingars. Mrs. Jeffers survived her husband for five years, and died in 1869, aged forty-two years. Mrs. Gable was their only child. Her mother, however, married again, her second husband being Benjamin Roodman. The issue of the second marriage was one daughter, Anna, who married William Noxtoof, of Lancaster. Twelve children have been born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Gable: Albert, Harry, Florence, William, Mattie and Stella (twins), John, Irene, Greda, Edna and Alex (twins), and Howard. Five survive and live at home with their parents: Albert, Harry, Florence, Stella and Howard.

THOMAS H. WENTZ, M. D., a prominent physician of Kirkwood, Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born near Peach Bottom, this county, Feb. 17, 1848, son of John S. and Sarah A. (Penny) Wentz, who were both natives of Lancaster county.

The Wentz family is of German origin. In 1277

is found mention of Wentzenfeld (Wentz's field), near Bingen-on-the-Rhine, which field was entailed to the Bishops of Mayence. In June or July, 1731, four brothers, Beltzer, John, George and Karl, sailed in the ship "Samuel" from the Palatinate, in Germany. Purchasing land on Skippac creek, in the northern part of Philadelphia (now Montgomery) county, they located there and built a church, which still exists, and is known as Wentz's Church. From these four brothers are descended the many of the name in Lancaster county.

John Wentz, great-grandfather of Dr. Wentz, settled in Lancaster county. He had a large family of children.

Joseph and Mary (Smith) Wentz, the Doctor's grandparents, were born in Bucks county. They lived for a time in Chester county, and then moved to a place near McCall's Ferry, where he owned a grist and sawmill. He was prominent and prosperous in his day, and continued to live at that place for many years, serving long as justice of the peace there. Joseph and Mary Wentz had a large family, of whom John S., the father of Dr. Thomas H., was the eldest. Joseph died unmarried. William died in Martic township, where he was a farmer. Isaac died in Illinois. Thomas is still at the old home near McCall's Ferry. Susan A. died unmarried. Sarah married Hugh Penny, who lived and died in Drumore, near the Buck; she is also deceased. Maria is the widow of James Penny, and has her home in Drumore township.

John S. Wentz, the Doctor's father, was born in 1805, in Martic township. He purchased a portion of his father's farm near McCall's Ferry, and devoted his life to its cultivation. His wife died at their home in 1874, at the age of sixty-two, and he passed away at the home of his son, the Doctor, in 1882. Both were consistent and devout members of the Methodist Church. Politically he was active in the Democratic party. Mrs. Wentz belonged to a family of Scotch-Irish extraction, members of which were named in the assessment rolls of Drumore as early as 1756.

To John S. and Sarah A. Wentz were born nine children, of whom Mary Wentz, the eldest, is the widow of William F. L. Morrison, resides at Chestnut Level, and is the mother of two children: Alice, who is the widow of Franklin McPherson; Retta, who died when a young lady.

Joseph Wentz, the first son born to John S. Wentz, was born at Liberty Square, in Lancaster county, married Mary McCreary and settled on a farm at Chestnut Level, Lancaster county. To them were born the following family: Harry E., an undertaker at Atglen; where he is married and stands high in the community; Zella, married to Thomas Ankrum, of Drumore; Myrtle, married to William Witman, of Little Britain; Sadie, wife of Morris Bunting, a resident of Colerain township; Ora, who married Thadeus Dennis, a merchant at Kirkwood, and who is now dead.

Dr. William J. Wentz, the second son, studied at the Millersville State Normal School, and received his professional education in Jefferson Medical College, one of the noted schools of Philadelphia from which he was graduated in 1865. He began his professional career at New Providence, where he is still in the active practice of his profession. His wife Susan Rohrer, belongs to an old and prominent family, and they have six children: Anna Laverta, who married Alfred W. Mayen, of Lancaster; John; Mazee; Emily; Frank, a practicing physician of Philadelphia; Charles, a student of medicine in Philadelphia.

Hugh P. Wentz, the fourth child, was born in Drumore township, where he was reared, married Miss Retta Steel, a native of Lancaster county, and settled at the old homestead, where he died very suddenly in 1898, aged fifty-seven, leaving a wife and three children, Dwight, Edgar, and Blanche.

John Wentz was born at the old homestead, where he was reared to manhood, and married Miss Lucy McPherson. They settled in Martic township, where he is engaged in a mercantile business, at Bethesda. His wife died, leaving him one son, Melville, and he was later married to a lady of Strasburg, by whom he has had four children: Ira, a merchant and a partner with his father; Maud; Emma, and Ida.

Thomas H. Wentz was the sixth child.

Emma Wentz married William C. Boyd, of West Drumore, and both passed away, leaving two children, Clarence, and Letta, who is dead.

Laura Wentz was born at the old homestead, married James McSparran, now of West Drumore, and is the mother of six children, Guy, Walter, Ellwood, Clyde, James and Sarah, who is dead.

Hattie, the youngest daughter of John Wentz, is the widow of John McComb, of Fairfield, Lancaster county, and is the mother of two children, Mabel and Helen.

Dr. Wentz, whose name introduces this article, received his education at the Chestnut Level Academy, and in a private school at Spring Valley under Prof. John Peoples. When a young man he taught school for three years, and in 1871 took up the study of medicine with his brother at New Providence, and the following year he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1874. The same year he began the practice of his profession at Kirkwood, where he has continued for twenty-seven years. He has purchased real estate in the village and put up a very neat and attractive home. He has been very successful, and stands high in his profession.

Dr. Wentz was married Jan. 7, 1879, to Miss Anna Roop, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Roop, and a descendant of an old and prominent family. Mrs. Wentz was born in Lancaster City, Oct. 6, 1860, was educated in the city schools, and is the mother of four children: Alletta M., a graduate of the West Chester State Normal School, class of

1901, and now teaching at Kirkwood; Paul R., a student for two years at Union Academy, for one year at Lowe Institute, Port Deposit, and now at the F. and M. College in Lancaster; Mary G., and Joseph C.

Dr. Wentz is a Democrat; he belongs to Christiana Lodge, No. 417, F. & A. M. Mrs. Wentz, Alletta, Paul and Mary are all members of the Union Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Wentz began for himself at the foot of the ladder of fortune, and has made himself what he is. When he came to Kirkwood, in 1874, he was without financial resources, and had only his own ability and courage to help him. By devotion to his profession, and by living a clean and wholesome life he has built up a profitable practice, and is now known as one of the leading physicians of the county.

HON. FRANCIS BERNARD McCLAIN, member of the Legislature from the city district, is one of the most conspicuous figures in the social, political and business life of Lancaster.

Francis McClain, Sr., his father, came to America from County Londonderry, Ireland, in 1840, and settled in Lancaster in 1841. After working for the McGranns for a time he went into the cattle business in partnership with the late Patrick Kelly. He is now leading a retired life, beloved by all who know him, and carrying his eighty odd years with wonderful vigor, mentally and physically. After locating in Lancaster he married Susan Mulhatten, a daughter of Bernard Mulhatten, whose old home at the corner of North Duke and James streets was for many years one of the landmarks of the town. To this marriage five children were born, four of whom are living, as follows: Francis Bernard, our subject; George Edward, of Philadelphia; Mary Gertrude, wife of James Maloney, in the Pennsylvania Railroad service at Dillerville; and John Charles, superintendent in the Kendig Chocolate Works, Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Francis Bernard McClain was born in this city, April 14, 1864, and after attending the parochial school, entered the High School and was graduated therefrom in 1881. Entering the employ of Levi Sensenig, the extensive live-stock dealer, young McClain was bookkeeper, buyer and salesman until 1890, in which year he went into the cattle trade with George R. Sensenig and Andrew F. Frantz. This continued until 1897, and from that time on Mr. McClain and Mr. Frantz conducted their business together. In 1894, Mr. McClain was elected to the Legislature by the Republicans of the city district, and was re-elected in 1896, and again in 1898; and Nov. 6, 1900, he was triumphantly elected for another term, which gives him more terms than any other man has ever had from the city district. Mr. McClain has made a record in the Legislature of which any man might well feel proud. He was a member of the special committee appointed to investigate

the State Treasury of 1897; on the committee to investigate the charges of bribery, in connection with the election for United States Senator; on the Committee on Buildings and Grounds; continuously, during all his terms, on the Committee on Ways and Means; Chairman of the Committee on Municipal Corporations—a committee that has to do with all the legislation affecting municipalities, 1897-99; and Speaker pro tem. of the House in 1897, presiding over all the stormy closing deliberations of that session. In 1901 he was Chairman of the Committee on Corporations; Vice-chairman of the Committee on Appropriations; Floor Leader of the House on the Republican side; and again Speaker pro tem.

In 1888, Mr. McClain was married to Miss Ellen Bernardine O'Neil, granddaughter of the late James McCafferty, for an ordinary life time connected with our cotton-mills; and a grand-niece of the deeply lamented and dearly-beloved Very Reverend Father Bernard Keeman, who was for more than half a century pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, of this city and at the time of his death, the oldest priest in the United States, having passed away at the age of ninety-seven years. One child was born of this union, but entered into rest in infancy. Mr. McClain possesses one of the finest tenor voices ever heard in this community, and he is the tenor soloist in St. Anthony's Catholic choir. He has taken part in innumerable concerts for charitable purposes and has never charged nor accepted the slightest remuneration for services thus rendered, or even for his expenses. A Catholic in faith, he is liberal in his religious views as he is in all other matters, and he never asks whether Protestants or Catholics are to be the beneficiaries when they knock at his door in the name of charity.

ANTHONY G. GREINER, a well-known and highly respected farmer of Mt. Joy township, who now occupies the old homestead farm of his ancestors, was born there May 19, 1853, son of David S. and Anna (Good) Greiner, both of Mt. Joy township.

The parents of Mr. Greiner located on this fine farm in 1852 and for many years David S. Greiner gave his attention to its care and cultivation. For seventeen years prior to his death, however, he took little part in active work. When he passed away June 20, 1900, he had reached his seventy-ninth year and left behind him the record of a kind, useful and benevolent life. The devoted wife survived him but a few months, her death occurring in November, 1900, at the age of seventy-two years. They were laid side by side in Hill Church cemetery, in Lebanon county. Both had been members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were as follows: Anthony G.; Elizabeth, married to Amos H. Brandt, of Rapho township; Anna, deceased; Mary E. married to Aaron Grossman, near Lititz, Pa.; Malinda, married to John L. Rue of Rapho township; and

George, who married Emma Filiart, and is a horse dealer.

Anthony G. Greiner was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the district schools. Until he was twenty-five years old he remained on the home farm, and then, for four years, worked by the day at various kinds of employment. He then purchased a small farm in Rapho township, which he operated for two years, and then returned to the present farm. In politics Mr. Greiner is a staunch Republican, and he is regarded as one of the substantial men and useful citizens of his township.

On Nov. 6, 1877, Mr. Greiner was married in Manheim, Pa., to Miss Malinda Ruhle, and three children have been born to this marriage, the eldest, William R., dying in infancy. Two other sons, Aaron R. and Harvey, reside at home. Mrs. Greiner was born March 10, 1857, in Rapho township, daughter of Cyrus and Catherine (Myers) Ruhle, natives of Lancaster county who now reside in Rapho township, engaged in farming. The father was born in 1823, and the mother in 1825, and both are members of the U. B. Church.

Mr. Greiner during an industrious career has accumulated ample means and enjoys the respect of the community, who know him to be a man of integrity and reliability.

EPHRAIM C. GINDER, a general farmer of Mt. Joy township, was born March 28, 1855, in Rapho township, Lancaster county, son of Samuel and Mary (Kapp) Ginder, natives of Lancaster county, who, at the age of over seventy years, still reside on their farm in Mt. Joy township. The mother is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah C., who married Morris McAllister, a miller in Mt. Joy township; Ephraim C.; Maria C., who married Thomas Smith, of Lebanon county; Kate C., who married Harry Bennesterfer, of Lebanon, Pa.; and Lizzie C., at home.

The paternal grandfather of Ephraim C. Ginder was Martin Ginder, a farmer of Rapho township, who married a Fishburn. The Ginder family is one of the old and prominent ones, wealthy, and highly regarded as farmers. The founder of the family came to Lancaster county from Germany about 1730, and many of the name can be found among the best and most substantial citizens of Mt. Joy and other townships. The religious connection of the family has been almost altogether with the Lutheran Church.

In 1879, in White Oak, Lancaster county, Ephraim G. Ginder was united in marriage with Miss Susan Baumberger, and three children were born to this union, viz.: Harvey, who died in infancy; and Morris B. and Farris B., two intelligent young men, residing with their parents. Mrs. Ginder was born in 1856, in Lancaster county, and died there in April, 1890. She was buried in Hill Church cemetery. She

was a daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Keller) Baumberger, both natives of Lancaster county.

Until his marriage Mr. Ginder lived at home with his parents, beginning at that time to operate his present farm, where he has remained ever since. He is a successful farmer and a much respected citizen. In politics he is a Republican. Like other members of his family, he belongs to the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM J. INGRAM, of Pleasant Grove, Fulton township, Lancaster county, is one of the most substantial citizens of his neighborhood. He was born in Bart township, July 20, 1845, and was educated in the common schools. He is the son of Archibald and Mary (Johnson) Ingram, of Bart township.

Archibald Ingram, Sr., the grandfather of William J., was a native of Lancaster county, of English origin. He was the father of these children: John, born March 1, 1811; Mary, Oct. 15, 1813; Nancy, Oct. 6, 1815; Archibald, Jr., March 10, 1816 (died Dec. 14, 1893); William, March 16, 1818; and Rebecca, born March 20, 1820. Archibald Ingram, the father of William J., married Miss Mary Johnson in 1841, and to this union came a family of five children: George W., born July 15, 1843, deceased; William J.; John M., born Jan. 5, 1848, deceased; Mary Rebecca, born July 30, 1852, unmarried; and Archibald Newton, born Sept. 5, 1856, residing in the West.

William J. Ingram married Miss Martha McElwain, daughter of William McElwain, of Lancaster county, on Dec. 24, 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram have had seven children, as follows: William A., born Sept. 26, 1875; Mary M., born July 24, 1877; Nellie A., born Nov. 17, 1879, all of them at home; Ila L., born July 26, 1883; L. Zaidee, born Oct. 29, 1885; Hattie May, born May 2, 1890; and Josiah Elmer, born Nov. 4, 1893.

Mr. Ingram was reared on the farm and chose that occupation of his own volition. Although poor at the beginning of his career, he has accumulated a sufficiency of worldly goods to keep himself and family in comfort. His farm comprises 104 acres and is well stocked and improved with all modern farm accessories. In politics this gentleman votes the Democratic ticket; in religion he is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Ingram was born Sept. 5, 1854, and was one of an interesting family of six children, the others being Amanda, John B., William E., Josiah E. and Ella R. Mr. and Mrs. Ingram and family have the respect and kindly regard of all their neighbors and are prominent in the social circles of the district.

HENRY FOX was during his life one of the leading business citizens of Gap, Pa., and a man of reliability and integrity. He was born May 28, 1841, in Benhausen, Germany, and passed away at his home in Gap, Pa., Jan. 29, 1895. He was interred in

Bellevue cemetery. His parents were Henry and Henrietta (Baker) Fox, both of Germany.

Henry Fox, the father of the late Henry Fox, came to America in 1852, with his family and settled in Paradise township, in Lancaster county, Pa. He was an accomplished musician, but also possessed a talent for mechanics, being able to manufacture many articles. He was an excellent broom-maker and carried on this business to some extent in Paradise township, where the family resided until the death of both parents. Mr. Fox possessed ample means. He died in 1872, at the age of sixty years, his widow surviving until 1886, dying at the age of eighty years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to this union were as follows: Jacob, a retired farmer of Stroudsburg; Barbara, deceased, who married Lawrence W. Ludwig; Peter, deceased; Henry; Elizabeth, widow of Samuel Etchels, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased; Christian, who is a machinist, painter and photographer in Parkesburg, Pa.; and Uriah is a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, living at Harrisburg.

Mr. Fox was a tailor by trade and this business he followed through life, beginning work on the table at the age of eighteen, in time widening its scope until it embraced all branches of merchant tailoring and clothing. He served his apprenticeship in Williamstown with John Falk, and there he did business on his own account for five years, removing then to Paradise, Pa., where he worked for two years. He was then engaged at various places until 1871, when he returned to Gap, where he found an excellent opportunity for opening up a first-class clothing and tailoring business. Mr. Fox had found just the place he desired and he concentrated his energies on this business to its great success. In 1879, with a careful father's forethought, he obtained possession of an adjoining store, which he fitted up as a restaurant, confectionery and tobacco store, in order to give his children employment and interest, and the excellence of his judgment has been demonstrated by the success which has attended this enterprise. Although the kind and provident father has passed away, the business is in the hands of his children, who have reason to be thankful for his care for their welfare.

Mr. Fox was for a long period a notary public, filling that office for some thirteen years. His political affiliation was with the Democratic party. In religious belief, he was a member of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and the Mystic Chain.

On July 25, 1863, Mr. Fox was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Brown, and the family born to this union consisted of the following members: Henrietta, deceased, who married Adrian Stone; Christian, who is a telegraph operator married Catherine Baldwin of Lancaster, and has three children; Mary died in infancy; Samuel M., the

Chicago collector of the *Philadelphia Press*, who married Anna G. Fisher, of Tacony, Pa., and has two children; Harry, at home, an assistant in the business, as are also Lizzie V., Thomas, Annie and Charles B.

Mrs. Margaret J. (Brown) Fox was born in County Derry, Ireland, daughter of Samuel and Margaret J. (Scott) Brown, of County Derry, who came to America in 1850 and settled in Gap, Pa. Mr. Brown was a linen weaver in his native land and followed the business of carpet weaving in his new home. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five years, his wife dying in 1878, also aged sixty-five years. They belonged to the Scotch Presbyterian Church, and they were interred in the Bellevue cemetery. Their children were as follows: Joseph, deceased; Robert, who enlisted for service in the Civil war, but never returned home; Sarah, deceased wife of John Patterson; Matilda, late wife of Lincoln Beck; Mary, who married Albert Gray, of West Chester, Pa.; Margaret J., who married Henry Fox; Elizabeth, who married Uriah Fox, a railway conductor at Harrisburg; and William, deceased.

Few women could have more successfully managed the cares of a large business than Mrs. Fox has done ever since the death of her husband. She was appointed notary public in his place and has also filled the duties of that position with excellent judgment. The business established by Mr. Fox is now a large department store filled with an assortment of both ladies' and men's furnishing goods of all kinds, fully up-to-date in every particular, comprising also clothing, while the restaurant continues to be as successfully conducted as formerly. Mrs. Fox with her very capable force is enabled to manage the store, the restaurant, and the cigar, tobacco and confectionery connection without outside assistance, and the same honest methods are employed which brought this business to the notice of the public in its beginning. Patrons are certain to meet with pleasant and careful attention, their wants are studied and in consequence no more popular, first-class establishment can be found in Gap. The family is held in high esteem, the children all having grown up to be thrifty, self-supporting, independent and respected.

ELIAS HERR, now living a life of retirement in his cozy home, No. 23 North Ann street, Lancaster, well deserves the ease and comfort he is enjoying, for he was for thirty years an active farmer.

One of the descendants of Hans Herr, the progenitor of most, if not all, of the Herrs in the United States, Elias Herr can boast of a very ancient, very numerous and very influential relationship in Lancaster county. His grandfather, Abraham Herr, was a farmer of Eden township, and his father, Benjamin Herr, was born on the old homestead in that township. Benjamin Herr removed to Leacock

township, near Bird-in-Hand, where, after farming for many years, he retired, continuing to live on the farm, however, until his death, which occurred in 1879; his beloved wife passed away in 1881. Benjamin Herr married Mary Ranck, a daughter of Jacob Ranck, a farmer of Strasburg township, and six sons and two daughters were born of this union, of whom only three are now living: Jacob, a retired farmer of Bird-in-Hand; John, a retired farmer of Bird-in-Hand; and Elias, of Lancaster.

Elias Herr was born on the old homestead in Leacock township, July 12, 1845, and after being educated in the public schools of the district, left school at the age of seventeen years to work on his father's farm, where he remained for nine years. Then he married and located in East Lampeter township, where he rented and worked a farm belonging to his father, afterward purchasing that place which he still owns. Mr. Herr, who is a Republican in politics, served two terms as a member of the board of school directors of East Lampeter township, and he was always among the foremost in advocating all that was advanced and modern in school matters. Religiously he is a member of the Reformed Church, as are also his wife and daughters.

Mr. Herr was married in 1870, to Miss Lydia Groff, daughter of the late Samuel Groff, a farmer of Leacock township. To this union have come two daughters, Mary A. and Maggie G., both of whom are at home and are assisting their mother. Mr. Herr had the good sense to retire at the age of fifty-six years, and spends his time pleasantly, taking especial delight in reading, and occasionally "running out" to his elegant sixty-five-acre farm near Bird-in-Hand, working about the old place just to "keep his hand in."

WINFIELD SCOTT KAUFFMAN, the genial and popular landlord and proprietor of the "Gordonville Hotel," at Gordonville, Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born at Roseville, Manheim township, Jan. 25, 1869, and is a son of Amos H. and Susan (Frey) Kauffman.

Amos H. Kauffman was born in 1846 in Manor township, and for thirteen years was engaged in the hotel business. The most of the time until 1875 he was a farmer, that year taking charge of a hotel at Mt. Joy, which he conducted for a year; for ten years he was a landlord of a popular hotel at Rohrerstown: at Masonville he was engaged in the same business something over a year. At the end of that time he resumed farming in Providence township, where he is still engaged in the cultivation of the soil. He married Susan Frey, who was born in 1847; and they are the parents of the following family: Winfield Scott; Anna May, who died young; George W., deceased; Harry, a farmer in Providence township; Frances, deceased; Ella, wife of Amos Groff, living in Drumore township; and Lilla, unmarried, and at home.

Mr. Kauffman's paternal grandfather, Isaac Kauffman, married a Hess, and they were farming people of Lancaster county; his maternal grandfather was Frederick Frey, also of Lancaster county.

Winfield Scott Kauffman and Laura E. Weiler were married at Quarryville, Pa., in November, 1893, and their union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Laura M.

Mrs. Laura E. Kauffman was born in Caernarvon township, Sept. 28, 1866, and is a daughter of Silas and Rebecca (Lockard) Weiler. Her father was born in Caernarvon township, and was in the hotel business at Quarryville at the time of his death in 1879. Her mother was born in Chester county, and after her husband's death, carried on the hotel until her death in 1898. She was seventy-two years old at her demise, and her husband fifty-six. Both father and mother were members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried in the cemetery connected with the Mennonite Church in Providence. They had the following children: Anna, married to James Jeffers, and now dead; Dora, married to Christ. Trout, and now dead; Heber, in the hotel business at Delta, Pa.; Theodore, a resident of East Earl township; Ida, unmarried, and living in Lancaster, Pa.; Thornton, deceased; Laura E., Mrs. Kauffman; Isaiah, deceased; Maggie, wife of Leaman Bair.

Mrs. Kauffman's paternal grandparents were David and Elizabeth (Beam) Weiler, of German birth. Her mother's parents were Samuel and Sarah Lockard, who were born in Ireland.

Winfield Scott Kauffman was reared in the hotel where he spent the earlier part of his life. When he was sixteen years old he was sent to Millersville Normal, where he spent two years. For a year he was employed on the farm, and then was engaged as a hotel clerk in various places until 1897, when he took charge of the hotel at Safe Harbor, where he remained a year and a half. In April, 1899, he came to his present location, and here he has achieved a decided success. Socially he is connected with the Red Men and with the I. O. O. F., where he has taken the Encampment Degrees, and holds important positions; he is also a member of the Patriarchs Militant, I. O. O. F., and Rebekah Degree, I. O. O. F.; a past officer in the subordinate Lodge and Encampment; and a member of F. O. E. Aerie No. 84. He is a Republican, and is making himself felt as a leading man in the community.

EZRA M. GOOD, who was until recently the popular and affable hotel proprietor at Central Manor, is a native of Lancaster county and was born June 11, 1863. He was reared on the farm of his parents, John J. and Elizabeth (Mylin) Good in Martic township, and was educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-one years he left the home place and for a year farmed on his own account, and for the next two years was engaged in burning (or making) lime. He

then succeeded David G. Good, at Marticville, as hotelkeeper, becoming quite a favorite with the transient as well as permanent population whose circumstances made it convenient to avail themselves of hotel accommodations, and the result to himself was so satisfactory that he retained the management of the hotel fully eight years. Mr. Good then purchased the commodious and well equipped establishment at Central Manor, succeeding Mrs. Brennerman, and this is the oldest and most home-like public house in the county. Mr. Good, however, on securing this hotel, at once set to work at remodeling and improving it in all its parts, making it one of the most attractive resorts in the county, as well as the most comfortable. He set a choice table, and took pains to have the attendants polite and attractive. The sleeping rooms are clean and well furnished, and the weary traveler or exhausted local-business man, if he be so fortunate as to find a lodging within the walls of this house, always secures a sound and refreshing night's rest.

On April 1, 1901, Mr. Good rented the "Central Manor Hotel" and moved to Millersville, Pa., where he bought a home. He also purchased a warehouse and is at present dealing in leaf tobacco, as well as carrying on a business known as the Safe Harbor Sand Co., with works at Safe Harbor and Refton, Pa., whose daily capacity is 300 tons.

Politically Mr. Good is a Republican, and fraternally is a member of Kosciusko Lodge, No. 374, I. O. O. F., and Royal Arcanum, No. 1105.

Mr. Good was united in marriage, in 1885, to Miss Cecelia M. Groff, daughter of Francis B. Groff, and to this marriage have been born three children: Gertrude, born Sept. 15, 1886; Hattie, born Dec. 15, 1891; and Stella, born Nov. 10, 1893.

Mr. Good is looked upon as one of the most progressive men in the county, and in his calling there is not one who equals him in popularity, or is held in higher esteem by the general public.

SAMUEL WILLIAM DILLER, clerk to the county commissioners of Lancaster county, belongs to a family that has for generations been prominent in the business affairs of this community. His grandfather, George Diller, was in his day and generation the most noted auctioneer in Lancaster. His father, Samuel Diller, has long been identified with local industries as a manufacturing coppersmith, and, although in his eighty-first year, still carries on that business. Samuel Diller married Mary Rebecca Kantz, daughter of the late J. F. Kantz, a government contractor, who was the intimate friend of James Buchanan, President of the United States. Five children were born of this union, three of whom survive, as follows: George J., a cigar dealer of Lancaster; Samuel W., our subject; and Charles G., who is assisting his father in the coppersmithing business.

Samuel William Diller was born in Lancaster, Feb. 7, 1863, and received his education in the pub-

lic schools. He left the high school to work at copersmithing with his father, remaining at that employment until January, 1899, when he was elected chief clerk of the county commissioners for one year, to fill an unexpired term. At the end of that time, by reason of his faithfulness and efficiency, he was re-elected for a term of three years, expiring on the first Monday in January, 1903.

Mr. Diller was married Dec. 11, 1886, to Miss Florence Beard, daughter of the late David F. Beard, of Lancaster. Mrs. Diller entered into rest June 15, 1900, leaving two children: May, who attends the Madame Cotta College; and Samuel W., Jr., also at school. Mr. Diller owns and occupies a comfortable home at No. 137 South Prince street. He is a member of the Artisans, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Blue Lodge and the Lodge of Perfection of the Masonic Fraternity. Religiously he is an Episcopalian, belonging to St. John's Episcopal Church. The Dillers have long connected with that denomination, in which some of the family have been prominent clergymen; a first cousin of Samuel W. Diller, Rev. Alonzo P. Diller, was among the victims of the terrible Johnstown flood. An intelligent and painstaking official, Mr. Diller has made hosts of friends as clerk of the county commissioners, a position that brings him in contact with great numbers of the most prominent people, and which calls for qualifications not necessary in performing the duties of an ordinary clerkship. All who have watched the affairs of the Lancaster county commissioners are free to admit, however, that Mr. Diller "is the right man in the right place."

HENRY R. BAIR, of Earl township, Lancaster county, belonged to a family which has been established in the country since about 1707, and worthily sustains an old and honored name. That year three brothers came from Germany, and settled in Earl township, near Ellsworth, or what is now known as Vici. Of these three, Jacob was the ancestor of Henry R. The three brothers took up a large tract of land in the southern part of Earl township, and making a clearing in the forest founded a home which to the present time has never wanted a Bair for an owner. It is said that when the Diffenderfers came into Lancaster county, they had hard fortunes, and Jacob Bair, the great-great-grandfather of Henry R., presented them with a cow, as a donation towards a fresh start in life. The Bair family were sturdy pioneers, honorable and industrious people, and early established a lasting reputation for honesty and integrity.

David Bair, the grandson of Jacob, noted above, is the next in the family line of whom anything definite is known. He and his wife, Barbara, were the grandparents of Henry R. Bair. He was a farmer, and died in 1848, at the age of eighty-one years. To this worthy couple were born nine children; William, Samuel, Martin, Isaac, David, Annie, Eliza-

beth, Rachel and Susan. This David Bair was a member of the Mennonite Church, and a man of character and standing in his day.

David Bair, noted as the fifth member of the above family of children, was born and reared in the vicinity of Ellsworth, where he spent his life, and died at the age of seventy-five years, in 1880. He kept close to the soil, and was a striking representative of the agricultural interests of Lancaster county. His landed possessions were quite extensive, and he became very prosperous. Magdalina Resh, his wife, was a daughter of Henry Resh, and was born in Leacock township, not far from Bird-in-Hand, on Jan. 21, 1810; she died Jan. 13, 1885. To them were born three children: Annie, who became the wife of Dr. Albright, of Lancaster, and died in 1871; Isaac, a resident of Philadelphia; and Henry R.

Henry R. Bair was born on the farm near Ellsworth, June 25, 1841, and when about twenty-two years of age began farming on the old homestead, where he remained some seven or eight years. About this time he sold out and went west to Darke county, Ohio, where he engaged in milling. After six months he was obliged to give it up on account of malaria, and returned to Lancaster county, to take up for a time the pump making business, putting out many of the "old common sense pumps" that are so numerous still in Lancaster county. For several years he was engaged in the ice business, erecting a large ice plant with a capacity for 1,000 tons. He did a wholesale business, and supplied New Holland and many other local points. His home, put up in 1875, was comfortable and pleasant, in everything indicated thrift and prosperity, and was one of the most attractive in the neighborhood.

Mr. Bair was married Dec. 31, 1864, to Miss Mary Bair, a daughter of John and Caroline (Eckert) Bair, of Upper Leacock township, where her parents lived.

John Bair was a farmer, and was also a drover, doing a large business, and was one of the prominent men of the county in his day. His death occurred in 1892. He was born in 1817. His wife was born Dec. 21, 1820, and died Feb. 7, 1887. They had a family of eight children: Levi, living in Lancaster; Mary, noted above as Mrs. Henry R. Bair; Elmira, the widow of John Royer, having her home in Leacock township; John T., who resides in Earl township; Caroline C., the wife of John Bair, and living in Leacock township; Anna M., the widow of David Kling, residing in Lancaster; George L., deceased; Rufus G., who lives in the West.

The grandparents of Mrs. Bair were George and Magdalina (Shaeffer) Bair. They were members of the Dunkard Church, and were farming people of Upper Leacock township.

Henry R. Bair and his wife had a family of six children who are living, and one who is dead: Elmira, the wife of Diller Honder, of Philadelphia,

Pa.; Emma and Caroline, at home; Annie, the wife of Milton Jackson, of Coatesville; Miss Mary, who is a cigarmaker at Philoda, Pa.; Alta R., at home. Mrs. Bair and her daughters belong to the United Brethren Church.

Mr. Bair was a Republican, and served by appointment for one year as a justice of the peace. The old family burying ground in Earl township, near the village of Ellsworth, where the family for many generations have been laid to rest, was incorporated under the name of the Bair Cemetery Association, Henry R. Bair being president, J. D. Bair being secretary, and Aaron H. Bair, treasurer. The fund for the preservation and maintenance of the cemetery, \$250.00, was donated by William Bair, an uncle of Henry R. Mr. Bair died Jan. 31, 1902.

MARTIN R. GOOD, a prominent citizen and well-known farmer of Salisbury township, was born in New Holland, Pa., July 16, 1843, son of Michael and Ann M. (Ranck) Good, this family being one of the old and honorable ones of Lancaster county. (More extended mention will be found in another part of this volume.)

Since he was ten years old, Mr. Good has taken care of himself, at that early age beginning to work among the neighboring farmers. He then learned the saddler trade and worked at it in various localities, at intervals, for twenty-five years. He spent one year at the trade in New Milltown, several months at Hinkletown, a few months at Philadelphia and then was at Blue Ball, Pa., where he worked until June, 1863. At this time he enlisted for a three months' service in the army, being discharged seven weeks later, in Reading, having been connected with the 47th P. V. He then went to Washington city and acted as night watchman in the Quartermaster's department for a few months, afterwards returning to Blue Ball, where he lived until Sept. 10, 1864, when he re-enlisted, entering Company K, 199th Regiment, P. V., for a one-year term, and was sent to the army then located near Richmond. He saw some hard service during this time, participating in all the battles of the regiment in the front of Petersburg, Bush River, Rice's Station, Farmville and Appomatox, and was mustered out of service at Richmond, Va., receiving his honorable discharge in July, 1865, at Philadelphia. After his discharge from the army, he went to New Holland, Pa., and for twenty years was engaged in the harness business in that place.

After his marriage, Mr. Good moved near Cambridge and engaged in tobacco culture for one year, moving to his present farm, in the spring of 1887. This valuable property comprises seventy-two acres and he has placed it under fine cultivation, making it not only a comfortable home, but a profit producing piece of property. He is a Republican in his political sympathy, while fraternally he is connected with the K. of P., being a P. C., and with the I. O. O. F.,

both lodge and encampment in this order, being a P. C. P. in the latter. Although he does not belong to the Reformed Church, he accompanies his wife, who is a member, and is one of the liberal supporters.

On March 9, 1886, at Anselma, in Chester county, Pa., Mr. Good was married to Rebecca E. Davis, and a little daughter Ann M. was born to this union, Oct. 28, 1890; she died in infancy. Mrs. Good was born in Uwchland township, Chester county, daughter of Madison and Ann (March) Davis, of Chester county, the former of whom was a successful farmer, who was born in 1813, and died in 1863. His wife survived until 1890, dying at the age of seventy-three years. They were members of the German Reformed Church. Their children were: Mary A., the widow of Jerome March, who lives with Mr. Good; Amanda, who died in infancy; Lavina, who died in 1899, the wife of Thomas Garber; Emma E., who married Penrose H. Emrey, a dairy farmer of Cambridge, Pa.; Maggie, who died in Kansas, May 12, 1894, the wife of John W. Barrett; Rebecca, the wife of Mr. Good; Ella R., who married John W. Overdorf, a farmer in Chester county, and who died Feb. 3, 1902; and Louis R., who died in 1885.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Good were Roland and Rebecca (Keely) Davis, of Chester county, where Mr. Davis was a farmer. He was of Welsh extraction. On the maternal side, the grandparents were farming people of German extraction, Nicholas and Elizabeth (Emrey) March.

Mr. Good is very well known in his community and enjoys in marked degree the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. Taking great pride in farming, and being a great reader of modern agricultural literature, he keeps well posted on all the latest topics, as well as experimenting a great deal on his farm. He is well in the front rank of his profession, so much so that his advice and counsel are often sought by his neighbors and friends, who place great confidence in him on all such matters.

JOHN KAUFFMAN WISLER, ex-deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, and now interested in the Lancaster Realty Company, at Nos. 18-22 East Orange street, is one of the best known men in Lancaster.

Mr. Wisler's great-great-grandfather came to America from Germany, so the family is a very old one in this country. His grandfather, John Wisler, who was a farmer of Montgomery county, Pa., long ago entered into rest. Mr. Wisler's father, Jomas Wisler, although now almost eighty years old, is actively engaged at farming in Drumore township, Lancaster county. Jomas Wisler married Fanny Kauffman, daughter of Henry Kauffman, a prominent farmer of Manor township, and eleven children were born to them, of whom seven are living, as follows: Frank, a retired resident of Lancaster; Mary, wife of William Henry, a farmer of Providence

township, this county; Jacob, a tobacco farmer of East Hempfield; Rachel, wife of George Shenk, of Lancaster city; Lavina, wife of David Martin, of Ephrata; Salinda, widow of Frederick Shoff, and now keeping house for her venerable father; and John Kauffman.

John Kauffman Wisler was born in Montgomery county, Pa., April 18, 1859, and, his parents having removed to Lancaster county, he was educated in the public schools of East Hempfield township. At the age of thirteen years he left school and went to work on his father's farm, remaining there until he was twenty-eight years old, when he married and went to farming on his own account, in Drumore township. There he remained four years. Tiring of farming, Mr. Wisler came to Lancaster, and, after serving one year as under keeper in the Lancaster county prison, became a deputy sheriff, remaining in that responsible position for six years under Sheriffs Hershey and Myers. We next find him an auctioneer for Moore & Rudey, the real estate dealers; then he became successor to Mr. Rudey, retired, and for a time was a partner of the auctioneer branch of the business. On the formation of the Lancaster Realty Company, Mr. Wisler became interested again in the auctioneering branch of the business, and so remains, having succeeded in building up an immense trade. It is not denied that Mr. Wisler has conducted more sales, during the years he has been in business, than has any other auctioneer in the city in the same period.

Mr. Wisler married Miss Lizzie Blotenberger, daughter of Christian Blotenberger, a prosperous farmer of East Hempfield township, and two children were born of the union, Eva and Chester, both of whom are attending school. Religiously Mr. Wisler is of the New Mennonite Church; socially he belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M.; politically he is a Republican; and politically, socially and personally, ex-deputy sheriff John K. Wisler is a justly popular man.

SAMUEL G. GENSEMER, who died April 24, 1896, was a pioneer in the modern building improvements of North Queen street, Lancaster. He erected the commodious store and dwelling now in the possession of Mrs. Gensemer, at a time when it took courage to erect such a large and costly building. He was also one of the promoters of the Northern Market, and was at one time an extensive stockholder there. After coming to Lancaster, Mr. Gensemer kept the "Washington Hotel" for three years, and then successfully engaged in the wine and liquor business for thirty-two years. He was very popular in business and social circles, and no man in the community died more lamented.

Mrs. Gensemer was, in her maidenhood, Mary A. Stauffer, daughter of the late Daniel Stauffer, a farmer of Manor township, and his wife, Martha Martin, daughter of Samuel Martin, a farmer of Drumore township, and a member of a long-lived

family. Mrs. Stauffer is now eighty-six years of age, one of nine children, seven of whom are living, among these are two pairs of twins, the oldest pair being now eighty-three years old and the youngest two, seventy-three. Mrs. Gensemer's grandfather died at the age of eighty-five years, and her grandmother at the age of eighty-two. In Daniel Stauffer's family was one pair of twins. Mary A. Stauffer was married to Samuel G. Gensemer, in 1862, and their union was blessed with two children: George, who died in infancy; and Emily, the wife of Samuel King, who, for the past nineteen years, has been engaged in the lumber business in Elizabethtown, N. C. Mrs. King entered into rest when her daughter, Emily Gensemer King, was only seventeen days old. From that day to this, Miss Emily has made her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Gensemer, who has shown her all the love and tender care that her now sainted mother could have given; she is in the class of 1903, Girls' High School, Lancaster.

Mrs. Gensemer is an earnest member of the Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, and being possessed of a gentle, kindly nature, has hosts of friends. She resides in the large and handsome home which her husband built at No. 251 North Queen street.

JOHN SHENBERGER (deceased), through the years of his identification with Columbia, enjoyed the highest respect of his fellow townsmen by reason of his strict integrity and sterling worth. He was an upright and honorable business man and the prosperity that crowned his efforts was certainly well deserved. His devotion to the public welfare also made him a valued factor in public life, and in his death, Columbia was deprived of one of her best citizens.

Mr. Shenberger was born at Margaretta Furnace, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1827, a son of George and Margaret (Poff) Shenberger, of that county, where the father died in 1840, aged about thirty-eight years, the mother in 1893, aged ninety-one years. At the time of her death the latter was living with her son in Columbia, but visiting in York county. The children of the family were: Sarah, widow of Henry Graybel and a resident of Hellam, York county; Mary, wife of Henry Reisinger; Margaret, deceased wife of Benjamin Kaufman; John; Eliza, deceased wife of Adam Goodman; and George, deceased.

The boyhood and youth of John Shenberger were passed on the home farm until fifteen years of age, when he came to Columbia and served an apprenticeship with John Shuman, a cabinetmaker and undertaker. On attaining his majority, he bought out his employer, John Shuman, and began business for himself along those lines, but in 1880 commenced handling carpets and furniture and devoted his attention to those lines and to undertaking until his death.

Mr. Shenberger was three times married, his first wife being Martha Wilson, who died leaving no children. His second wife was Eliza Schroder, a native of York county, who died in 1861, at the age of twenty-seven years. There were three children born of this union, but John died at the age of thirty years, and Mary E. at the age of twelve. The only one now living is William H., who succeeded his father in business, and now conducts a large furniture, undertaking and carpet establishment in Columbia. He is one of the most progressive and prominent business men of the city.

On Nov. 12, 1862, in Middletown, Del., Mr. Shenberger married Miss Anna J. B. Layton, who was born in Newcastle county, in that State, a daughter of Albert and Lydia A. (Straughen) Layton, natives of Salem county, N. J. Her father, who was a prominent farmer, died at the age of fifty-seven years, her mother at the age of sixty-seven. Both were active and faithful members of the M. E. Church. In their family were the following children: Hiram and Rachel, both deceased; Safety, a M. E. minister, who died in a hospital on Staten Island while returning from Mexico; Thomas, a car manufacturer of Wilmington, Del.; Lydia, widow of John Cleaver and a resident of Clayton, Del.; Albert and Nathan, deceased; Margaret E., who spent eight years as a missionary at Calcutta, India, and then returned home, but four years later went to Cawnpore, India, where she died of cholera; and Anna J. B., now Mrs. Shenberger.

Mr. Shenberger died Nov. 12, 1895, and was laid to rest in Mt. Bethel cemetery, Columbia. As a Republican, he took an active interest in political affairs, and served as chief Burgess of Columbia one year. Fraternally he was Master Mason, and also a member of the Artisans and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Encampment. He was an active and prominent member of the M. E. Church of Columbia, and was connected with the official board during his entire relation with the church. His life was manly, his actions sincere, and his example well worthy of emulation. His estimable wife is also an active worker in the church, and has been corresponding secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society for the past seventeen years.

EMANUEL P. HOSTETTER, a successful florist of Manheim, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on the old homestead about a half mile from that place, Oct. 6, 1856, a son of David and Maria (Piffer) Hostetter, also natives of Lancaster county, and representatives of two of its old families. The former was born on the old homestead near Manheim, the latter near Petersburg. It is supposed that the paternal grandfather, Rev. Jacob Hostetter, was also born on the old homestead, as he was a native of this county, and made his home there throughout life. He was a very ambitious man and very successful. Being a natural mechanic, he made some of his own

farm machinery and wagons, also did tailoring and shoemaking, and later in life made baskets, but farming claimed the greater part of his attention. He was a minister of the Mennonite Church many years, and served as bishop in the same. His wife, Elizabeth Miller, was also a native of Lancaster county.

David Hostetter, father of Emanuel P., was educated in the common schools, and during his active business life engaged in farming on the old homestead, where he died in 1885 at the age of sixty-nine years, three months, twenty-two days, his wife in 1898, at the age of seventy-eight years, eleven months and nineteen days. They were devoted to their family and were people of the highest respectability. They had ten children who grew to maturity, namely: Jacob P., now deceased, long engaged in farming near Lancaster Junction, but living a quiet, retired life near Manheim at the time of his death; Lizzie, the wife of Henry N. Eby, of Salunga, Lancaster county; Josiah, deceased, a farmer near Manheim; Abraham, a florist of Manheim; David M., a retired farmer, green house vegetable grower and florist, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Sarah A., a resident of Manheim; Nathan, a farmer living one mile from that place; Emanuel P.; Cephas, a farmer living near Manheim; and Benjamin F., a farmer and truck gardener of Lancaster.

During his boyhood Emanuel P. Hostetter attended the public schools and remained on the home farm until after the death of his father, when he came to Manheim and engaged in the trucking business for several years. In 1890 he commenced cultivating carnations and violets in a small way, erecting two green houses, 50x9 ft., but ere long he found his accommodations were not adequate to meet the demands of his constantly increasing business and he was compelled to enlarge his plant, which is now one of the finest in this section of the State. He has erected additional buildings from time to time, and now has between 70,000 and 75,000 feet of glass in his greenhouses. He raises carnations, violets, sweet peas, mignonette, pansies and vegetable plants, and finds a ready market for his goods in Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lebanon, Reading, Allegheny and Pittsburg. He grows annually as many as 45,000 plants, and devotes his entire time and attention to his business. Although he began as a novice, he has developed into a first class florist. Mr. Hostetter is also a stockholder and director of the Manheim & Lancaster Turnpike, and is a man of marked business and executive ability, energetic and progressive. In his political affiliations he is a Republican, and has efficiently served as a member of the city council.

MICHAEL SCHAIBLEY, a prominent wheelwright and successful business man of Columbia, Pa., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, Jan. 18, 1845, a son of Conrad and Catherine (Deitz) Schaibley, also natives of Wurtemberg, where the father successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1866, when they came to America and took up their

residence in Columbia, Pa., living retired throughout the remainder of his life. He died in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife in 1868, at the age of eighty-eight, and both were buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery, Columbia. They were earnest members of the Lutheran Church and were held in high regard by all who knew them. Of their twelve children four died in infancy and the others were as follows: Jacob, who died in Lancaster, Pa.; Mary, wife of John J. W. Duttenhofer, who is living retired in that city; Conrad, a farmer of Lancaster county; Catherine, wife of John Pfeffer, a retired resident of Columbia; Sophia, who married first Philip Hagert and second Conrad Myers and died in 1869; Margaret, who married John Metzger and died in Germany; Regina, who married Nicholas Wholes and died in Lancaster, Pa.; and Michael, who is mentioned below.

During his boyhood Michael Schaibley attended the public schools of his native land. Bidding good-bye to home and friends, he came to the New World alone, at the age of fifteen years and located in Columbia, Pa., where he served a three years' apprenticeship to the wagonmaker's trade with J. W. Duttenhofer. In March, 1863, during the dark days of the Civil war, he went to Washington, D. C., and entered the government service as a wagonmaker, and remained there until May 30, 1864, when he was transferred to the division of the army then stationed in front of Petersburg, where he remained until discharged, June 16, 1865. Returning to Columbia, Mr. Schaibley continued to work for Mr. Duttenhofer until April 1, 1867, when he purchased the business and has since carried it on with marked success.

On Feb. 20, 1867, in Columbia, Mr. Schaibley married Miss Dora Stetter, and to them were born five children, namely: William, who died at the age of three years and four months; Charles W., who married Mary E. Elden and is conducting a five and ten cent department store in Waynesboro, Pa.; Harry S., who died in 1880; and Emma R. and Edith M., at home. Mrs. Schaibley was born in the Grand Duchy of Hessen, Germany, June 30, 1849, and was brought to the United States in 1862 by her parents, William and Margaret Stetter, also natives of Germany, who located in Columbia, Pa. The father, who was a shoemaker by trade, died in that city in 1872, at the age of sixty-nine years, but the mother is still living at the age of ninety and now makes her home with Mr. Schaibley. Their children were Hannah, wife of Philip Habel, of Columbia; Elizabeth, wife of Michael Beinhauer, of the same place; Mary, wife of Joseph Grab, of Germany; William, a railroad engineer of Columbia, Pa.; and Dora, wife of Michael Schaibley of this review.

Mr. Schaibley affiliates with the Republican party, is a Lutheran in religious belief, and in his social relations is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge and Encampment, and the Heptasophs. His

business interests have been so managed as to win him the confidence of the public and the prosperity which should always attend honorable effort, for he has led an upright and useful life.

JOHN H. BAILEY, one of the prominent engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a highly esteemed citizen of Columbia, was born June 3, 1857, in West Fallowfield township, Chester county, Pa., of which county his parents, John H. and Catherine (Albright) Bailey, were also natives. The father was a farmer by occupation and one of the prominent and influential citizens of his community, filling several township offices, such as assessor, tax collector and supervisor. His religious belief was more in accordance with the doctrines of the Baptist Church, while his wife held membership in the M. E. Church. He died in Chester county, June 4, 1871, aged forty-seven years, and she departed this life at Gap, Lancaster county, May 24, 1884, aged fifty-eight. In the family of this worthy couple were six children, all of whom are now deceased, with the exception of John H., the fourth in order of birth. The others were Sarah A., wife of Samuel McDonald; Salinda, who died in infancy; Catherine, wife of Adam Wise; Benjamin F.; and Elizabeth L., wife of George Brown.

Mr. Bailey, whose name introduces this review, was reared on a farm, and at the age of fifteen commenced operating a threshing machine, being thus employed for a few years. In 1879 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the humble capacity of water carrier for the trackman, and on his removal to Columbia was given a position as brakeman, serving as such until 1884, when he commenced firing on an engine. On May 9, 1892, he was promoted to engineer, and is today one of the most careful and painstaking engineers on the road.

On March 1, 1881, in Columbia, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage with Miss Ida R. Martin, and to them were born five children, namely: Maud M.; Haslett, deceased; John H., Jr.; James J.; and Charles E., deceased. Mrs. Bailey was born in Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., Feb. 28, 1859, a daughter of James and Rachel (Guestwite) Martin, also natives of Cumberland county, whence they came to Lancaster county in June, 1859, locating in Columbia, where the father engaged in teaming until killed on the Pennsylvania Railroad Feb. 24, 1880, at the age of forty-eight years. The mother, who was born March 17, 1837, moved to Lancaster, Pa., in May, 1900, and there she now makes her home. Mrs. Bailey is the oldest of their children, the others being Johnson S., a railroad conductor of Columbia; Cora A., who is the widow of John Eys and lives with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey; George B., a railroad conductor of Camden, N. J.; Mary A., wife of Harry Heckinger, of Columbia; James H., a molder of Columbia; Elizabeth C., a silk weaver of Lancaster; Martha E., at home with her mother; and Charles E., a

druggist of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Bailey's paternal grandparents, Johnson and Mary (Baker) Martin, were natives of Cumberland and York counties, Pa., respectively, and farming people, while her maternal grandparents, Moses and Elizabeth (Brady) Guestwite, were both natives of Cumberland county.

Faternally Mr. Bailey is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the Pennsylvania Relief Association, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Independent Order of Heptasophs; and politically he is identified with the Democratic party. He has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether public or private and is justly entitled to the high regard in which he is uniformly held.

ISRAEL MANUEL, a prominent conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, whose home is in Columbia, Pa., was born in Silver Springs, Lancaster county, Oct. 28, 1859. His parents, Isaac and Anna (Meiskey) Manuel, were natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, respectively, and were married near Silver Springs, where they made their home until 1882 and then removed to Columbia. The father, who was a farmer by occupation and served as constable in West Hempfield township for three years, died Sept. 13, 1884, at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother departed this life Feb. 19, 1892, at the age of sixty, their remains being interred in Mt. Bethel cemetery. She was an earnest member of the Mennonite Church. The children of the family were: Rebecca, wife of William Strebig, of Columbia; Elizabeth, widow of George Fry and a resident of Columbia; Anna, wife of Samuel G. Rooth, of the same place; Israel, the subject of this review; Aaron, a resident of Columbia; Elmer and Clayton, both deceased; Josiah, a railroad brakeman and a resident of Jersey City, N. J.; and Sarah, wife of David Nolte, of Columbia.

Israel Manuel was reared in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his day, and remained on the home farm until 1880, when he came to Columbia and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, in which capacity he served for two years. During the following two years he was flagman and brakeman, and in 1884 was made regular flagman, serving as such until promoted to conductor in Jan., 1888, since which time he has filled that position in a most creditable and acceptable manner.

At Columbia, in April, 1885, Mr. Manuel married Miss Catherine Witmer, a native of Little Washington, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Seiple) Witmer, who were also born in Little Washington, and there the father, a miller by trade, died in 1880, at the age of forty-two years. The mother is still living at the age of fifty-eight years, and now makes her home in Columbia. Both held membership in the Church of God. Their children were: Alberta, wife of John English, a railroad engineer of Columbia; Alice,

who died at the age of nine years; Catherine, now Mrs. Manuel; William and Harry, both residents of Columbia; George, a machinist of the same place; Esther, wife of Charles Hull, of Columbia; and Lettie. Mrs. Manuel's paternal grandparents were Jacob and Martha (Huber) Witmer, who were born in Lancaster county, and died in the city of Lancaster. The grandfather was a miller by trade. The maternal grandparents, William and Lucy (Olds) Seiple, were also born in Lancaster county and died in Washington, this State. Mr. Seiple was a farmer by occupation.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Manuel, namely: Ella, Lucy, Anna, Harry W., Lettie and Helen, all at home; Ralph, Catherine and Raymond, who died in infancy; and Ethel, at home. Mr. Manuel is a member of the Church of God. He belongs to the Pennsylvania Relief Department, and in his political affiliations, is a Republican. He is a man of exemplary habits, commendable purpose and unbending integrity, and in all life's relations merits the confidence so freely accorded him.

SQUIRE S. C. BAER. A career of usefulness as an educator, a manufacturer, a justice and a public spirited citizen, marks the subject of this sketch as one of the important factors in the upbuilding of Quarryville, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he has made his home for many years.

Mr. Baer was born in Mechanicsville, Lancaster county, Dec. 25, 1856. His parents were Henry M. and Fannie (Kauffman) Baer, who were both born in Lancaster county, the former in 1813, and his wife in 1820.

The Baers came of German parentage while the Kauffmans have a Swiss origin. For half a century the father of our subject was well known and popular among travelers who used the old pike between Lancaster and Manheim. It was here he made his home, keeping a hotel and working at his trade, that of blacksmithing, until his death in 1890, his worthy wife having preceded him in 1884. They raised a family of eight children, four of whom are living. Andrew Baer was born in 1841, and married Mary Blontz, of Brickerville, Lancaster county, and settled at Lancaster city, where he was manager of the "Cooper House" until his death in 1879. He left a wife and two sons, Edward and Milton. Malinda Baer was born in 1843, and married John H. Hollinger, of Lancaster city, where they resided at the time of her death in 1898, leaving her husband and two sons. The elder of these, Walter B. Hollinger, is one of the auditors of the Reading Railroad, and resides in Philadelphia. John W. Hollinger is a New York traveling man. Mariah L. Baer was born in 1845, at the old homestead. She is the deceased wife of Amos Minich, who settled near his wife's home on a farm. She left one daughter, Fannie B., of Manheim. Amelia A. Baer was born in 1847, at the old home, where she grew to womanhood, and married Jacob M. Baker, of Lancaster county. They

resided at Lititz, where she died in 1894, leaving four children: Florence, a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster county; Joseph, a student in the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, where he is preparing for the ministry; May, a resident of Lititz, and a graduate of the local schools; and Helen, who has remained at home. Henry Baer was born in 1850. He married Miss Mary Lee, who resided in the same county. They live in the town of Manheim. They have one daughter, Nora V., the wife of John S. Matter, a teacher in the Manheim schools. They have two daughters, Edith and Lillian. John F. Baer was born in November, 1852, and married Miss Fannie Gingrich, of Lancaster county. They reside on the old homestead. Two daughters, Leona and Grace blessed this union. Edwin K. Baer was born in 1859, and married Miss Katie Wolf, of Lancaster. They reside at Lancaster City, where for a number of years he manufactured cigars. He is now manager for a Lancaster cigar firm at Lititz, Pa. He has one son, Edwin.

The subject of this sketch, S. C. Baer, grew to manhood at the old home, where he attended the district schools and laid the foundations for a wider and deeper knowledge. Later he spent some time in the Manheim select schools, preparing for the higher branches. Here he developed a taste for teaching and soon decided upon a career as a teacher. In 1875 he attended the State Normal School, at Millersville, and further prepared himself for teaching. For twenty years he has been one of the successful teachers of Lancaster county. Two years of this time he was school director in one of the districts. In 1877 he married Miss Lizzie G. Swarr, the estimable daughter of Jacob and Maria (Groff) Swarr, members of the pioneer and prominent families. Mrs. Baer was born near Lancaster City, in August, 1858, and grew to womanhood in this county, receiving a fair education in the district schools. Mrs. Baer and one brother, Levi G. Swarr, are all that is left of this old family. Our subject first settled in East Drumore township, where he resumed his profession of teaching in the local schools. Eight years of success followed, and in 1885 he purchased real estate in Quarryville, and he erected a good house. Here he resumed teaching, continuing until 1898. In 1892 he was appointed by the Governor of Pennsylvania to fill a vacancy in the office of justice of the peace. In this important capacity he has served the people to the present time, discharging his duties conscientiously and faithfully, in accordance with the letter of the law and with justice to the people. Squire Baer is the father of three children: Charles C. Baer, the eldest, was born in East Drumore township, in 1880. He graduated from the Millersville State Normal School in 1898, being one of the youngest graduates of that school in years. After serving two years as druggist under Dr. Rohrer, of Quarryville, he entered the School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia. Both at home and abroad Mr. Baer

has been recognized as a bright and scholarly young man, a worthy son of his father. Annie L. Baer, the second child, was born in December, 1887. She is now a student in the high school, junior class, of Quarryville. Edna M. Baer was born in October, 1892.

Our subject was always identified with the Republicans, his father having been a Whig in the early days of the party. Religiously Squire Baer and his wife have for many years been identified with the Reformed Church of Quarryville, where they have taken an active part in church work, Mr. Baer being an elder, a member of the choir and secretary of the Sunday-school and other church organizations. He is one of Quarryville's foremost citizens in church and school work, and a man honored and respected by his fellow townsmen.

JOHN JACOB SHERTS, who for the third part of a century has been a dealer in groceries and general merchandise in Lancaster, his present place of business being at the corner of East King and Ann streets, comes of an ancestry in this country antedating the Revolutionary war. The first of the name in America were three brothers who came from Germany some time prior to the Revolution, and one of these, by name Jacob, was the grandfather of John Jacob Sherts. A farmer by occupation, he settled on a large tract of land in what was then Paradise township, in the eastern part of Lancaster county. Henry Sherts, son of Jacob, and the father of John J., was also an agriculturist. He married Miss Elizabeth Pickel, of Bart township, daughter of a well-known farmer of that locality, and seven children were born of this union, five of whom are yet living: J. H., a farmer of Strasburg township; Anna, widow of Isaac Esbenshade, a farmer of Paradise township; Miss Elizabeth and Miss Rebecca, both living in the borough of Strasburg; and John Jacob.

John Jacob Sherts, whose name opens this sketch, was born in March, 1845, on the old homestead in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Pa. After attending the public schools and, for a time, the State Normal School at Millersville, in 1863, he entered the Union army. For eight months he served in Co. I, 20th Pa. Cavalry, his brother, J. H. being at the same time in Gen. Stoneman's cavalry corps. Mr. Sherts' horse fell on him, inflicting a painful injury to his right leg, but otherwise he escaped hurt of any kind. On his return from the army he carried on farming for several years in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, and then embarked in a mercantile business in Strasburg, conducting it successfully until 1894, in which year he removed to the city of Lancaster. Here he opened a grocery store at the corner of East King and Plum streets, where he remained until March, 1898, at that time purchasing the Hopkins property (with a dwelling house thereon) at the corner of East King and Ann streets. This he converted into a

grocery store and dwelling combined, adding many improvements, and making it one of the most attractive corners in the East end of the city. The ground of this property extended for half a block south, along Ann street, and at the southern end of this tract Mr. Sherts built six of the finest two-story mansard-roofed dwellings in the city, three of which he sold shortly after completion.

On Nov. 17, 1868, Mr. Sherts married Miss Catherine J. Withers, daughter of George Withers, a retired farmer living in Willow street, Lancaster county, who later removed to 27 S. Lime street, Lancaster City. The first of the Withers family in this country was Augustine Wither (as the name was then spelled), two of whose sons served in the war of the Revolution, a third son being employed by the Federal government as a gunsmith. Augustine Wither, who died in 1766, had evidently, judging from records, been in this country a long time prior to his decease, though the exact date of his coming has never been fully determined.

To Mr. and Mrs. John J. Sherts were born five children, one of whom, J. Clarence, died in September, 1895. A brief record of the others is as follows: Elizabeth and Ann C. are graduates from the Girls' High School of Lancaster; G. Howard learned the art of printing, but is now connected with his father's store; and H. H. is a coach trimmer. With the exception of one daughter, who is a Lutheran, the creed of her mother's people, all the family, including the parents, are Presbyterians. Socially Mr. Sherts is affiliated with the F. & A. M. and the I. O. O. F., also with Capt. Neff post, G. A. R., and it may be truly said of him that no man in the community ranks higher in all that pertains to good citizenship.

Among the treasured heirlooms of his ancestors Mr. Sherts prizes none more highly than an encyclopedia, a large and copiously illustrated volume printed in the German language in 1560, and brought to this country by one of the three brothers already mentioned. These brothers secured a grant of land from the Penns and one of them served in the war of the Revolution, his sword and pistol being still in the possession of his descendants.

HARRY A. BENNETT, a native of Columbia, Pa., was born May 10, 1857, and is one of the most trustworthy locomotive engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. On another page of this work a full biographical record is given of his parents, Joseph M., and Frances N. Bennett, and it is therefore unnecessary to speak further of them at this point.

Harry A. Bennett, after leaving school in Columbia at the age of fourteen years, went to work for six months in Purple's brickyard, and then clerked for two and a half years in a general store, after which he worked in the Susquehanna Rolling Mill nine months. Dec. 4, 1878, he began braking for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and on

Nov. 8, 1879, was made a fireman, in which capacity he faithfully labored until Aug. 16, 1886, when he was promoted to his present responsible position of engineer.

Mr. Bennett was joined in marriage, in Columbia, Feb. 12, 1880, with Miss Mary M. Speckenbach, who was born in Columbia Feb. 2, 1859, and is a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Butt) Speckenbach, natives of Germany, but married in Columbia, Pa. Peter Speckenbach was a laborer, and to his marriage with Margaret Butt there were born six children, as follows: John, deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Bennett; Frederick, Henry, Anna and John, all of Columbia. The father of this family died in 1889, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother in 1894, when sixty-four years old. The children that have blessed the marriage of Harry A. Bennett and wife are seven in number and are named Joseph F., William E., Fannie L., Frederick P. (deceased), Maggie E., Mary I., and Harry T. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, in the faith of which they rear their children.

In politics Mr. Bennett is a Democrat, and has been a member of the town council for the past two years. He has always been filled with a spirit of enterprise for the good of the public and was one of the original citizens to encourage the people to take the step that resulted in the Columbia Centennial celebration in 1888. He is a member of the I. O. R. M., of the B. of L. F., of the B. of L. E., of the Pennsylvania Relief; he is also a member of the board of managers and a trustee of the P. R. R. Y. M. C. A. He and his family live on their own premises, and enjoy to the full the esteem of all who know them.

LEMON S. LANDIS. One of the most thrifty and successful florists in Pennsylvania is Lemon S. Landis, proprietor of the East End Green Houses, near Lancaster. This popular center of floral supply has a more than local reputation, for the products of its gigantic green houses are shipped for the greater part to Pittsburg, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and New York. In their greatest perfection enormous quantities of roses, violets, carnations and other standard flowers are reared in the three houses, each covered with fifteen thousand feet of glass.

A native of Lancaster county, Pa., Mr. Landis was born at the City Mill Farm, Lancaster township, Feb. 12, 1869, and is a son of Eli and Mary A. (Johns) Landis, and grandson of Abraham Landis, the latter a farmer of Swiss extraction. Eli Landis was also a farmer in Lancaster county, and came to an untimely death through a run away team in 1875, at the age of thirty-eight years. His wife died at the home of her son, Lemon S., in the east end of Lancaster City, April 17, 1900, at the age of fifty-two years. The parents are buried in Meltinger's cemetery. Besides Lemon S., who was the

oldest in the family, there were born Minnie, the wife of attorney A. S. Johns, of Lancaster; and Lizzie, the wife of Luther Able.

Lemon S. Landis was reared to an agricultural life, and when thirteen years of age entered the employ of A. D. Rohrer and brother, under whose capable instruction he mastered every detail of the florist business. In 1892 he started a business along the same line on his own responsibility, and two years later entered a partnership with his former employer, Mr. Rohrer. The same year he married Elizabeth Groff, daughter of Harry E. Groff, a well driller. Mr. Groff does a large business in his line, employs six men and drills wells all over the State. Mr. Landis is a Republican in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is progressive and enlightened, and adds to a pleasing personality and honest name an exhaustive insight into his delightful and remunerative occupation.

HARRY E. GROFF, justice of the peace and well driller, residing on the outskirts of Lancaster City, was born in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7, 1849, a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Griffin) Groff, natives, respectively, of Lancaster county, Pa., and the state of Maine. Abraham Groff left Lancaster when a boy and settled in Detroit, Mich., where he engaged in the drug business until 1872. He then returned to Lancaster and continued his former occupation until three years prior to his death, in 1900, at the age of seventy-six years. His last days were spent with his daughter, Carrie, in comparative retirement, in Wilmington, Del. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Groff came to Lancaster in 1867 and up to 1887 engaged in the carpenter business. He then became interested in well drilling, of which he has made a distinct success, his services being in demand in this and surrounding States. He is a careful, painstaking workman, and understands all there is to know about his business. A Republican in national politics, Mr. Groff was elected justice of the peace in 1890, and has served continuously ever since. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is one of the upright and reliable members of the community.

JACOB D. HERSHEY, M. D., a young and popular physician and surgeon of Manheim, Pa., is a native of Lancaster county, born in Mountville March 31, 1875, and a son of Jacob R. and Catherine Hershey, of that place. He had good educational advantages, attending first the public schools and later the Millersville Normal. In 1893 he commenced the study of medicine with Dr. Martin Ringwalt, and a year later entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in the class of 1898. Soon after his graduation Dr. Hershey located in Manheim and opened an office. He now has a well established practice which is constantly increasing, and he is meeting with marked success in his chosen calling.

He is a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and also affiliates with the Knights of Malta, Odd Fellows and Free and Accepted Masons. He belongs to the Republican party. Socially he is a whole-souled, genial gentleman who makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

The Doctor was married, Nov. 15, 1898, to Miss Elizabeth McBride, a native of Philadelphia, and a daughter of the late J. F. McBride.

EDGAR L. McSPARRAN. The McSparran family is one of the oldest in Lancaster county, and was founded by one James McSparran, who emigrated from the north of Ireland, and with his wife, a representative of the Fleming family, settled near Peach Bottom. He had an enormous family, and his son, James, was born on the old homestead in 1764, married Elenor Neel, daughter of Thomas and Gresall (Penny) Neel, and died March 18, 1827. Mrs. Elenor (Neel) McSparran died Aug. 12, 1841, and was laid to rest beside her husband in the old cemetery near the Presbyterian Church at Chestnut Level, to which all the family are faithful adherents. There were fifteen children born to this union. (1) James and (2) Isabella Fleming (twins), were born May 25, 1801, of whom James married Amelia F. McCollough March 8, 1832, and died May 31, 1863. His widow owned the fine old homestead farm, where she lived with her daughter, Lizzie (since deceased) and son, Thomas, who now owns the place. Isabella married John King April 26, 1827, and died Dec. 14, 1871. Of her daughters, Ellen married B. F. Sides, M. D., and Jeanette married Sanders McCollough. (3) Thomas Neel was born March 6, 1803, and died March 28, 1820. (4) Gresall, born Oct. 31, 1804, married Samuel Morrison June 2, 1831, and died Dec. 31, 1856. (5) Eliza Martha, born Sept. 12, 1806, married James Barnes July 26, 1827, and died Oct. 5, 1853. (6) John, born July 15, 1808. (7) Elenor Jean, born Feb. 15, 1810, was the second wife of James Barnes, and died Sept. 22, 1874. (8) Rachel Neel, born Feb. 4, 1812, died Aug. 28, 1819. (9) Margaret, born Dec. 8, 1813, married William Steele and died May 27, 1866. (10) Samuel, born Nov. 20, 1815, was accidentally shot by his brother, James, Feb. 18, 1837. (11) Fleming McSparran, born Sept. 12, 1817, is mentioned below. (12) Thomas Neel and (13) William, twins, were born Nov. 20, 1820. Thomas married Lydiann Pusey, sister of the wife of Fleming. William married Alice, daughter of James Caldwell, Esq., who lived but a short time after her marriage. He married again, his second wife being Marcilena Williamson. (14) Joseph was born June 26, 1823, and died July 24, 1834. (15) Rachel, born March 7, 1827.

Fleming McSparran was ten years old when his father died, and James Penny, who was appointed his guardian, apprenticed him when he reached the

age of sixteen to William Eves, of Chester county, Pa., for two and a half years, to learn "the art, trade and mysteries of tanning." After serving his apprenticeship he worked on the home farm for his brother, James, for some time. About 1838 he went to Illinois, where he was engaged in agriculture for a year. The following year he spent boating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from Pittsburg to New Orleans. Traveling from Pittsburg on horseback, he returned to Lancaster county, and with Amer Stubbs, April 4, 1840, entered the business of lumber dealer on the Susquehanna, at Barnes' saw-mill, now known as Benton Station, on the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad; the firm-name was Stubbs & McSparran. In this business he continued two years, when, suffering from bad health, he sold out to James Barnes. For the near 1842 he was tax collector for his district. The following April, with his brother, Thomas, as partner, he returned to the lumber business at the same place, where he remained until March 15, 1845, when he purchased the store property at Fairfield, and there spent the remainder of his life. While in the lumber business he and Joseph Woodward were contractors for rebuilding the public road around Mitchell's Rock, near Benton. The road had been previously washed away by the ice and high water, but the new contractors were triumphant, and built a road that has borne the floods and battering of ice for years, and still remains an example of honest workmanship thoroughly done. On Dec. 30, 1846, he married Mary E. Pusey, of Puseyville, and opened a store at Fairfield the following spring. A large family was born to them, as follows: Emma Housekeeper, born Oct. 3, 1847; James Mahlon, Dec. 23, 1848; Lydia Ellen, Jan. 21, 1850; Edwin Pusey, April 26, 1851; Samuel Cheyney, Oct. 28, 1852; Mary Alice, Nov. 27, 1854; Ida Elizabeth, April 9, 1856; William Fleming, Dec. 13, 1857; Marion, Sept. 19, 1859; Edgar Lyons (the subject of this biography), June 18, 1861; Isabel King, June 16, 1863; Margaret Steele, May 15, 1866; and Anna Pusey, May 4, 1867. Edwin died Aug. 14, 1867; Mary, May 16, 1855; Margaret, Sept. 10, 1866; and Anna, March 28, 1871. Emma married David Weidley Oct. 2, 1876. James M., a farmer, married Laura H. Wentz Dec. 24, 1879. Samuel C. married Floretta C. Cain Dec. 29, 1880. Fleming McSparran died March 20, 1876, and his wife March 4, 1879, greatly beloved and deeply regretted by the whole community.

Edgar L. McSparran, son of Fleming, is one of the honorable and thrifty citizens of Fulton township. His education was obtained in the public schools, Chestnut Level Academy and the York Collegiate Institute. Later he was graduated from a business college in Philadelphia, after which he clerked for Peter Wright & Sons of the Quaker City for a time, and then entered the employ of W. H. Phelan, of the same place, as foreman in the lumber business. At the end of three years he took

a pleasure trip through the West and in 1887 returned to Lancaster county. He located in Goshen, and engaged in the creamery business, in which he continued until Jan., 1902, with marked success. He has purchased a large farm of 225 acres in Dru-more township, and has made other profitable investments.

On Jan. 14, 1891, Mr. McSparran married Harriet A. Hess, a daughter of J. M. and Martha Hess, of an old settled family of German origin. Like his ancestors, Mr. McSparran is a Presbyterian of the old school. Politically he is a Democrat, but has no ambition to hold public office. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Washington Lodge, No. 156, Quarryville. He is a man of considerable business ability and is strictly upright in all his dealings, thereby well meriting the high esteem in which he is held.

JACOB KELLEY, a pleasant and popular railroad conductor residing in Columbia, Pa., was born six miles from Middletown, Lancaster county, Jan. 20, 1862, a son of Henry and Mary E. (Eshleman) Kelley. The father was born in the West and was a son of Michael Kelley, who was born in County Clare, Ireland, and died in the West. The latter's wife was an English lady. Henry Kelley came to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1851 and settled near Elizabethtown, where he was employed as repairer by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His first wife was a Miss Hossler, by whom he had one daughter, Kate, now the wife of William Little, a shoemaker of Marietta, Pa. His second wife, Mary E. Eshleman, was a native of Elizabethtown. She died in March, 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years. She was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church and a most estimable lady. Her children were: Richard, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who married George Little and died in Feb., 1893; Henry, who died in infancy; John, a butcher, who died April 26, 1889; Jacob, whose name introduces this sketch; and Anna M., wife of Frank Straub, a furnace man of Marietta, Pennsylvania.

Jacob Kelley was only a year old when the family removed to Marietta, where he made his home until 1891, and has since been a resident of Columbia. At the age of thirteen he commenced working in a glass furnace, and after coming to Columbia worked in the rolling mills of that place from April until June, 1891, after which he was employed in a coal yard until he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, Jan. 17, 1893. Three years later he was made flagman, and at the end of another three years was promoted to conductor, in which capacity he is still with the company, one of its valued and trusted employees.

Mr. Kelley was married, in Marietta, April 20, 1882, to Miss Josie Dowhower, who was born in that city Feb. 15, 1867, a daughter of Jacob and Rosetta (Stape) Dowhower, of Lancaster county, who died in Mt. Joy, the former in May, 1896,

aged seventy-three years, the latter in Feb., 1899, aged seventy. Both were earnest members of the Mennonite Church; the father was a blacksmith by occupation. Their children were: Julia Ann, who died in childhood; Harry, a resident of Mt. Joy; Elizabeth, wife of John McCloskey, of Wrightsville, Pa.; Jacob, deceased; Mary, wife of James L. Pell, of Mt. Joy; Susan, wife of Levi Hollinsworth, a school teacher of Dauphin county, Pa.; Frank, living in Nebraska; Emma, wife of George Lannig, of Neb.; Oma, wife of John Eshleman, of Neb.; Josie, now Mrs. Kelley; and Elva, wife of Eli Shickley, of Columbia. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelley were born seven children, namely: Bessie A., Mamie E., William J., Harry H., Horace M. and George, all at home; and Leo, who died young.

Since attaining his majority Mr. Kelley has affiliated with the Democratic party, and takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs. He is a faithful member of the M. E. Church, and an active member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the Pennsylvania Relief Association and the Improved Order of Red Men.

AARON BILYEU HASSLER, a member of the Lancaster bar, now occupies the position of county controller.

Mr. Hassler's great-grandmother on his father's side was a daughter of John Waldschmidt, a distinguished Reformed clergyman, a gentleman noted as one of the most earnest and most successful of the pioneer missionaries; and his great-grandfather was one of the Hasslers who removed from Lancaster county to the Cumberland Valley, settling in Franklin county. John Hassler, his grandfather, was a farmer and married Katura Clugston, of Scotch-Irish descent.

Rev. John Waldschmidt Hassler, son of John and Katura Hassler, was born in Franklin county, Pa., was graduated from Pennsylvania or Gettysburg College in 1852, and in 1854 was ordained a Lutheran clergyman. Muhlenberg College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him. Rev. Dr. Hassler married Miss Abbie Bilyeu, daughter of Aaron P. Bilyeu, a contracting builder of Philadelphia, and this union has been blessed with five children, three of whom have passed away: Lilly Patton, who died in 1865 in infancy; Luther S., a clerk in the Internal Revenue office, died in 1895, aged thirty-four years; and Helen, who married Rev. H. N. Bassler, a Reformed clergyman of Franklin county, and died in May, 1896. The survivors are: Mary, wife of J. S. Hoffman, a leather dealer of Philadelphia; and Aaron B. Hassler, of Lancaster.

Aaron Bilyeu Hassler was born at Center Square, Montgomery county, April 13, 1860. His early education was acquired in the public schools of New Holland, to which place his father moved when the subject of this sketch was only five years old. He was graduated from Muhlenberg College in

1882, and then taught school for one year in New York City, attending the Columbia Law School while engaged in teaching. Returning to Lancaster county, Mr. Hassler registered as a law student with the late George Nauman, was admitted to practice on June 5, 1885, and was subsequently admitted to the Supreme and Superior Courts. In politics he is a Republican. He served as solicitor to the board of prison inspectors of Lancaster county for two years, and was county solicitor for three and one-half years, resigning from the latter office May 17, 1901, to accept from Gov. Stone the appointment of county controller for Lancaster county, which appointment was for the term ending in the first Monday in January, 1902. He was elected in November, 1901, to a three years' term of that office, succeeding himself in January, 1902. Mr. Hassler belongs to the Young Republicans. He is a member of Lodge 43, F. A. M.; of Lancaster Lodge of B. P. O. Elks, of which he is Past Exalted Ruler; of the Knights of the Golden Eagle; of the Odd Fellows; of the Hamilton Club; the Tucquan Club; the Conestoga Country Club; and of the State Bar Association. At college he was a member of the Chi Phi fraternity. He is also a member of the board of examiners for admission to the Lancaster bar. Mr. Hassler is unmarried, and, with his parents, lives at No. 26 North Lime street.

JOHN ADAM GREER. This distinguished veteran of the Civil war is one of the great intelligent, well-to-do middle class which must always constitute the very backbone of a true and rightly constituted democracy. He is at once a trusted employe of the great Pennsylvania Railroad Company and an honored citizen of the community in which he has lived for many years. Although he has reached the age of three score years he stands erect, strong and vigorous in body, and with undimmed mental faculties.

Mr. Greer is the son of Joseph and Mary (Fogle) Greer, and was born in Bart township Oct. 31, 1840. His father was a native of the same locality, while his mother was born in Manor. The elder Greer was a farmer, and died in 1853, at the age of forty-six; his widow is yet living. John A. was the first born of five children, the others being Mary, Joseph, Susan and Martha. Mary married Hiram Kendig, a successful farmer, now retired from active cares and living in Lancaster. Joseph is deceased. Susan is the wife of B. Frank Althouse, a farmer of Bart; and Martha, whose husband is also a farmer, is Mrs. Franklin Deets, of the same township.

Mr. Greer's paternal grandfather, also Joseph, was born in Ireland, but came to this country in early life, settling in Susquehanna county, Pa., and becoming a farmer. His mother was the daughter of Adam and Susan Fogle, of Germany, likewise immigrants, who settled in Lancaster county. Mr. Fogle was also a farmer and a man who command-

ed high respect for his many admirable qualities. He was for many years a justice of the peace, and became a large property owner.

John Adam Greer was united in marriage, on Aug. 31, 1866, at Lancaster, to Miss Lillie L. Herring. She was born at Sunflower, in Paradise township, Lancaster county. Her father was John Herring and her mother, Catherine McCoy. He came to Lancaster county in 1828, settling in Paradise township. His wife, Mrs. Greer's mother, was born in Bart township. He was a shoemaker by trade, but in addition to working in his shop was also a schoolmaster. They are both dead, he having passed away in 1888, and she in 1892. Their respective ages were eighty-four and eighty-eight. They were both devout members of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Greer was their fifth child, their offspring having been six in number. The eldest, Elizabeth L., married Michael Freimeyer, of Lancaster county, and is deceased. Sarah J., John and Joseph died either in infancy or early childhood. Margaret, who has also died, married Charles Alt. Mrs. Greer's paternal grandfather was Patrick Herring, a substantial farmer of Morrisville. Her mother's parents were Daniel McCoy and Ruth E. McCrady. Daniel McCoy was born in Ireland and his wife in Scotland; both crossed the ocean at an early age, he when but a boy of sixteen, and both settled in Lancaster county, where they were married, he having become a prosperous farmer.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Greer has been blessed with nine children: Alma Glendora, unmarried and living with her parents; Elsie Britanna, the wife of George S. Deeg, an iron worker; Mary Catharine, the wife of John A. Watson, a Columbia merchant; Joseph, a stove molder of Columbia, who married Elizabeth Freymeyer; Martha E., the wife of Wilson Snyder, a Columbia druggist; John Armor; William Scott; Truman K.; and Adam Humphriss. All the four younger boys are living at home.

John A. Greer was reared upon a farm and acquired his strong vitality and rugged health from the hard toil which farmers' sons have to undergo. At the age of fifteen, however, he found other, and perhaps more laborious, employment in the Gap nickel mine, Lancaster county, Pa., and on Sept. 16, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Co. H, 79th P. V. I., for a period of three years. At the expiration of this term, on Oct. 3, 1864, at Atlanta, Ga., he reenlisted, this time in Co. B, 215th P. V. I. On April 6, 1865, he was promoted to be corporal. He was mustered out July 12, following. He participated in many engagements, and was present at the surrender of Johnston to Sherman. He also took part in the grand review at Washington at the close of the war. While noted for his gallantry in action, he was never wounded; yet his devotion to the cause of his country in the malarial swamps and bayous of the South implanted in his constitution the seeds of rheumatism, from which he yet suffers. He

keeps alive the memory of his eventful life during those stirring times, through his membership in Post Relief of the G. A. R.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Greer returned to Columbia. For several years he was employed as a stationary engineer in different posts of trust, and for a time was in the service of the Keystone Bridge Company as a bridge builder. In 1868 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railway as a brakeman. After three years he was made a flagman, and within five years was promoted to be a conductor. This responsible position he has filled for a quarter of a century, discharging its duties with the same fidelity and gallantry which he laid upon the altar of his country in the gloomy, trying days of our great internecine struggle.

SIMON E. GARBER, a farmer in West Donegal township, whose neat and well-kept place shows the hand of a man who loves his calling and believes in modern and progressive agriculture, was born on the old Garber homestead in West Donegal township Nov. 19, 1863, and is the son of John S. and Susan (Erb) Garber. A sketch of his parents appears on another page, and it contains their history and ancestral data.

Simon E. Garber and Fanny F. Eby were united in marriage in West Hempfield township Nov. 10, 1887, and to them have come the following children: Henry F., Norman E., Susan E., John S., J. Clarence and Monroe E. Mrs. Fanny F. (Eby) Garber was born on the old Eby homestead in West Hempfield township May 31, 1866, and is a daughter of Henry N. Eby, one of the old and prominent citizens of that township. A. F. Eby, of East Donegal township, whose history appears elsewhere, is her brother.

Simon E. Garber remained with his parents until shortly before the completion of his twenty-fourth year, when he was married, and at once located with his wife on the farm where he is found today. Making good use of the opportunities that came to him for an education, he is a bright and brainy young man, and was elected school director in Feb., 1900. In his politics he is a Republican, and in his religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church.

JOSEPH CARRIGAN, one of the highly respected retired farmers of Lancaster county, now a resident of Fairfield, was born in that town, in the house which is now occupied by Mr. N. N. Hensel, on Dec. 6, 1850. Michael Carrigan, the grandfather of Joseph, was a native of Conestoga township, this county, was of Irish origin, and was the father of two sons: Jacob, the father of Joseph, who was born July 15, 1826, and died June 14, 1881; and Amos S., who was a volunteer in an Indiana regiment and died during the Civil war. The maiden name of Grandmother Carrigan was Elizabeth Warfle.

The parents of Joseph Carrigan were Jacob and

Ann (McLaughlin) Carrigan, the latter of whom was a daughter of Joseph McLaughlin, of Providence township; she was born Oct. 6, 1825, and died July 13, 1881. Their marriage, which took place in 1848, was blessed with two sons: Enos, who was born July 22, 1849, resides in Drumore township, and married Bertha Penrose, their children being Rena, Leora, Harry, Lester and Grace; the other was the Joseph Carrigan of this sketch. Jacob Carrigan was a blacksmith by trade, and became a man of means, owning at the time of his death one hundred and fifty acres of fine farming land. In his early years he worked very hard, for on account of the death of his father the support of his mother fell upon him. He received but \$10 per month while learning his trade, but by close economy and much self-denial he was able to save \$300 in the three years, which he used to purchase land, and as this increased in value he sold and bought other land, thus by good management acquiring much more than a competency. During life he adhered to the principles of the Democratic party.

Joseph Carrigan grew up under his father's roof, receiving a good, common school education, and has followed farming all his life. His present farm consists of ninety-five acres of rich land and he also has a comfortable and convenient home in Fairfield.

The marriage of Mr. Carrigan was on Dec. 5, 1878, in Drumore township, to Miss Iowa Ambler, who was a daughter of Edward Ambler, a cabinet-maker of Drumore township. This marriage has been blessed with three children: Kersey, born Nov. 3, 1879, is a graduate of the State Normal school at Millersville, later followed teaching for a time, and has recently accepted a position as book-keeper in the Quarryville National Bank; Lulu, born Aug. 7, 1881, is also a graduate of the Normal School, and is one of the most successful teachers in Lancaster county; M. Murrell, born Oct. 1, 1889, died Oct. 1, 1891.

Mrs. Carrigan was born May 5, 1858, and she was reared in a family of four children: Anson, a farmer of Fulton township; Iowa, who is Mrs. Carrigan; Evan L., who is teller in the Quarryville Bank; and Harry C., who is a merchant of Liberty Square. Mr. and Mrs. Ambler reside near Liberty Square and are among the leading residents of the county.

In politics Mr. Carrigan is a Democrat, while the religious connection of the family has always been with the Methodist Church. Mr. Carrigan is highly esteemed in this neighborhood, where he is known for his many estimable characteristics, and is one of the prominent citizens.

MATTHIAS S. HELFRICH, the genial and hospitable proprietor of "Helfrich's Hotel," at Cordelia, West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, Jan. 16, 1854, and is a son of Michael and Susan (Van

Staten) Helfrich, also natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, where they lived until 1856, when they came to the United States and settled in the neighborhood now known as Cordelia. There, in 1865, the father opened the hotel now operated by his son, Matthias, and conducted it quite successfully until about 1887, when he retired. Mrs. Susan (Van Staten) Helfrich was called away in 1889, in the faith of the Catholic Church, when she was sixty-seven years old, and her mortal remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery in Columbia; Michael survived until March 28, 1897, when he also passed away, at the age of eighty years and twenty days, in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and was buried at Ironville cemetery.

To Michael and Susan (Van Staten) Helfrich were born eight children, namely: Peter, married and farming in Carroll county, Md.; Frederick, a carpenter in Cordelia, Pa.; Matthias S., mentioned at the opening of this brief sketch; George, mining for gold in Alaska; Mary, deceased wife of Emanuel Wells; Elizabeth, wife of F. M. Bard, of Cordelia; Michael, a railroad man in Tacoma, Wash.; and John, a farmer in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Matthias S. Helfrich was reared to his present business and thoroughly understands it, as he had assisted his father from boyhood up to the latter's death, and then purchased the interest of the other heirs. The "Helfrich" is to-day one of the best and most popular hotels in the county, and has a reputation much more than local.

NATHAN EVANS WIKE, who has been conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad since 1873, is one of the most respected citizens of Columbia, and belongs to a family whose members have long commanded the high regard of their fellow citizens in Lancaster county. He was born in Columbia Jan. 26, 1835, son of George and Sarah (Eberlin) Wike.

George Wike was born Jan. 11, 1805, in Columbia, and spent all his life in that township. He learned the trade of cooper, but for many years was a pilot on the Susquehanna river, was employed in his latter days as a slip boss, and finally retired to pass the remainder of his days in ease and comfort. He also engaged in contracting, and built a portion of the Tide-Water Canal from Wrightsville to Havre de Grace. He died in Columbia Dec. 31, 1857, at the age of fifty-two years, a Lutheran in his religious belief, although not a member of any congregation. His widow, who was born Nov. 3, 1806, still survives, and has her residence in Columbia. She is a member of the Episcopal Church. They were married in Columbia April 26, 1827, and the children born to them were fourteen in number, as follows: Susan, who died when five years old; John F. E., who was married, but is now deceased; Milton, spoken of elsewhere in this volume; Ann Jane, of Philadelphia, the widow of Jacob Wall; Nathan E., the subject of this sketch; Emma

Frances, who died young; George Washington, married to Mary J. Wagner; Henry M., who was killed in the army; Hannah G., wife of Henry Mullen, of Philadelphia; Samuel F. (a widower), a railroad engineer, in Columbia; Andrew J. and Albert, who died young; Eunice, widow of Edwin Stair, who was a dry-goods merchant of Columbia; and Franklin, who died young.

George Wike, paternal grandfather of Nathan, was a shoemaker by trade, was a native of Germany, and came from Berks county to Lancaster when a young man. * Later he removed to Columbia, where he died at an advanced age. Mrs. Wike was twice married, and had children as follows: George, John, Mary (Mrs. Henry Mathiot), Sarah (Mrs. John Hudders), and Betsey (Mrs. Mullen). Our subject's maternal grandparents, John and Anna (Neil) Ebetlin, were natives of Germany and Lancaster county, respectively. John Eberlin was born in Wonseck, a town in the Margrave der Bysith, in the circle of Franconia, Nov. 25, 1755, and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. His father, also named John, was a butcher, and also a burgomaster of Wonseck, and his mother bore the maiden name of Margaret Ballach. John, the younger, landed in America June 3, 1777, and on May 4, 1784, married Anna Neil, who was born in Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., April 6, 1767, and was a daughter of John and Jean (Mease) Neil. To their union were born the following children: John, born Oct. 15, 1785, died Oct. 20, 1785; Jean, born Sept. 30, 1786; Margaret, born June 14, 1788; and Elizabeth, born April 10, 1790. All the children had their nativity in Columbia, and all, with the exception of one who died in infancy, were married.

Nathan E. Wike remained with his parents up to the age of nineteen, and worked until then with his father, in the butcher business. For the next four and a half years he was employed as fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, after which, until the Civil war broke out, he was in St. Louis, Mo., engaged as a street-car conductor. On July 12, 1861, he enlisted, for three years or during the war, in Co. I, 8th Mo. V. I., under Capt. Hart, and he took part in numerous important engagements, among them the battles at Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg and Missionary Ridge. At Larkinsville Landing, Ala., on April 4, 1864, Mr. Wike was wounded in the shoulder and side, by minie balls, and he was unfit for duty up to the time of his discharge, in St. Louis, July 12, 1864. The intervening time he spent in three different hospitals, being first taken to a field hospital, and finally to the hospital at Jeffersonville, Ind. After his discharge our subject returned to Columbia, where he was in the recruiting service a few months, and he then went to St. Louis, taking his old position on the street cars for six months. Since then he has made his permanent home in Columbia, and has been continuously in the employ of the Pennsylvania road, the first few months working as switchman. Then for several

years he worked as brakeman, and in 1873 he became conductor, in which position he has been retained ever since, most convincing evidence of faithful and satisfactory service. Mr. Wike belongs to the P. R. R. Relief Association, and fraternally unites with the Red Men. His political sympathies are with the Republican party.

On June 18, 1870, Mr. Wike was married in Mount Nebo, Lancaster county, to Miss Elizabeth Gohn, and children as follows have been born to them: George A., a stove molder, of Lansdale, Pa., married to Sarah Welsh; Edwin S., a molder, residing in Columbia, married to Fanny Brubaker; Warren C., Mary L., Elva W., Sarah and Milton died young; Nellie S., Charles M., Nathaniel G., Percival W. and Anna V. are at home; Blanch and Flora died young.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Gohn) Wike was born Dec. 12, 1852, in Columbia, daughter of George and Mary (Strohman) Gohn. Her father first married Nancy Sweeny, by whom he had five children: Daniel, of Columbia, who is a brick manufacturer; James, now deceased; Anna, deceased, who married Jonas Cromwell, of York county, Pa.; Susan, widow of George Snyder, of Columbia; and Mary, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Hogentogler. Mr. Gohn married, second, Mrs. Mary (Strohman) Glatz, widow of John Glatz, by whom she had five children, all of whom died young. Three children were born to this later union: Elizabeth (Mrs. Wike) and George T., twins, the latter deceased; and Sophia, who died young. For his third wife, Mr. Gohn married Elizabeth Shaffer. No children were born to them.

JOSEPH AMBROSE ULRICH, a prominent citizen of Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he is engaged in the leaf tobacco business, was born in Cornwall, Lebanon Co., Pa., June 20, 1860, son of Sebastin and M. A. Catharine (Eagle) Ulrich, natives of Baden Baden, Germany, and Maytown, Pa., respectively.

Sebastin Ulrich, now a retired farmer of West Donegal township, was born Jan. 20, 1826, son of Anthony and Engleberth (Conrad) Ulrich, of Baden, Germany, where their entire lives were spent, the father dying in 1838, at the age of forty-four, and the mother in 1845, at the age of forty-five. They were the parents of five children: Rosannah, deceased wife of a Mr. Galvarish; Sebastin; Charles, in Germany; Constantine, a farmer of Minnesota; and Barbara, wife of John Walsh, of Wisconsin. Sebastin Ulrich remained with his parents until he had attained the age of seventeen, when he came to America, landing at New Orleans after a voyage lasting forty-six days. He remained in that city for four months, but owing to the outbreak of the yellow fever was obliged at the end of that time to find another location. He accordingly came to Lebanon county, Pa., where he had an uncle residing, and remained in that county until 1867 when he purchased his present fine farm in West Donegal township.

After coming to America, he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked until after he had erected the comfortable house on his farm. He has become one of the prominent citizens of his town. In politics he is a Democrat and has held a number of local offices, among them being that of tax collector. In religious belief, he is, as was his father before him, a devout adherent of the Roman Catholic faith. In November, 1854, in Elizabethtown, Pa., Sebastin Ulrich was united in marriage with Catharine Eagle, who was born in East Donegal township in 1832, a daughter of Henry and Ann M. (Felix) Eagle, and to this union have been born children, as follows: Henry, a farmer of Dauphin county, Pa., married to Ella Dougherty; Anthony, a farmer and stock raiser of British Columbia; Mary, wife of J. P. Daugherty, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Joseph Ambrose, of Elizabethtown; Steven F., a cigar box manufacturer; Dr. Sylvester, a successful physician of Elizabethtown; John E., a cigar and liquor merchant of the same town; Anna, now Sr. Mary Joseph, Superior of Saint Patrick's School, in Charleston, S. C.; Catharine, now Sister Serena of St. Joseph's Academy of Tekoa, Wash.; Ida, now Sr. Sylvia, in Holy Cross Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Jerome, at home with his parents in Elizabethtown.

Joseph Ambrose Ulrich was reared on his father's farm, making that place his home until his marriage. During this time he acquired a thorough knowledge of agriculture under the excellent practical tuition of his father, and at the age of sixteen began to learn the business of packing tobacco. He has ever since continued in the tobacco industry, in 1882 going into the business on his own account, locating in Elizabethtown in the spring of that year. He is very industrious and owes his success to his unceasing toil and careful business methods. He is thoroughly up-to-date and in any measure for the general good of his town, he may be found among the leaders of the movement.

On April 16, 1885, Mr. Ulrich was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Lynch, daughter of James and Mary Lynch, and five children have blessed their union: Sylvester, Mary, James, all living; and William and Ambrose, deceased. In religious connection the family are all communicants of the Catholic Church, and active in its work.

JAMES A. LYNCH, a prominent retired farmer and cattle dealer of Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Londonderry, Dauphin Co., Pa., July 21, 1838, son of James and Mary A. (Gross) Lynch, of Middletown, of that county.

Dennis and Bridget (Sweeney) Lynch, who founded the family in this country, left County Donegal, Ireland, in 1800, to found a new home on the western shores of the Atlantic ocean. They settled in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, later moving to Dauphin county where they made a permanent home. He followed the distillery busi-

ness in Ireland and in Dauphin county, Pa., and became a man of means, operating many stills in this section.

James Lynch, son of Dennis and father of James A., was a school teacher in early life, conducting a school of his own until his marriage to Mary A. Gross, daughter of George Gross, a carpenter and cabinet maker of Dauphin county. After his marriage Mr. Lynch took one of his father's farms and operated it in connection with brick making and the hotel business. He became one of the prominent public men of that section and held a number of important offices in the town, serving as justice of the peace for two terms, and school director for several terms. In 1858 he moved to Elizabethtown, where he also conducted a hotel, besides being ticket and freight agent and express messenger until his retirement in 1867. In Elizabethtown, as well as in his former home, he became one of the well known progressive citizens, taking an active part in the political life of the day, and being especially interested in educational questions, serving several terms as school director. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief a Roman Catholic. He died Nov. 1, 1890, aged seventy-nine, and his good wife on Nov. 29, 1893, aged eighty-one; the remains of both rest in the Catholic cemetery in Elizabethtown. Their children were: Mary Ann, widow of William Kirby, a retired drover of Harrisburg, Pa.; James A.; John T., a retired merchant of Harrisburg; Margaret, wife of George Baxstresser, a shoe merchant of Elizabethtown; Catherine, of Elizabethtown; and Louisa, wife of Joseph Ambrose Ulrich, a leaf tobacco merchant of Elizabethtown.

James A. Lynch was reared on his father's farm, where he remained until he attained the age of sixteen years, when he went to Harrisburg and clerked in a grocery store for two years. At the end of that time he returned home and worked on the farm until 1858 when he came to Elizabethtown and operated market cars between there and Philadelphia, continuing in that work for two years, when he engaged in the clothing business for a year, and afterward in the cattle business, making trips as far west as Chicago to purchase his stock. This naturally led him back to farming, and he settled down to agricultural pursuits in West Donegal township, where he continued to make his home for twenty-four years. He met with uniform success in his undertakings, and finally retired to pass the remainder of his life in the enjoyment of his hard earned competency. He rose to important place among the citizens of his town and for a time served as school director, but finding his own affairs engrossed so much of his time that he could not give it the attention he felt it deserved, he resigned. In politics he is a Democrat, and in religion, like all of his family, is a communicant of the Church of Rome.

In February, 1867, Mr. Lynch was married to Miss Louisa Gable, who was born in Lancaster, Pa.,

in August, 1841, daughter of Jacob and Mariah (Buchas) Gable, the former a tinsmith and prominent man of Lancaster. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lynch, of whom James died in infancy. The others are: Mary A., at home; Ada, wife of James Wittman, a blacksmith, of Elizabethtown; Margaret, Katie and Agnes, all at home.

DAVID K. GOOD, dealer in general merchandise at Disston, Lancaster county, occupies a high place among the young business men of his section. He comes of a family whose members for several generations have been among the respected residents of the county, being a grandson of Franklin Good, who was born in the county, where he lived and died. He was a cooper by trade, and followed same in connection with farming until his death, which occurred in 1876. He married Miss Elizabeth Sengerwalt, and they had one child, Jacob S., who was the father of David K.

Jacob S. Good was born in Lancaster county, and has given his entire attention through life to farming. He married Miss Margaret R. Kiehl, and their family consisted of five children, two of whom died in infancy: Miss Lizzie K. is at home; David K. is mentioned below; Franklin K. is engaged in farming on the old homestead.

David K. Good was born in West Earl township, this county, May 10, 1868, and remained at home until he was nineteen years of age, meantime receiving a good common-school education. Mr. Good clerked two years for J. A. Frynyer, at the same store which he now occupies, and two years later entered the business for himself. He keeps a general line of merchandise, and enjoys a good share of the patronage from the town and the surrounding country. Fair dealing and good business methods have won him success from the start, and have also gained him the good will and respect of all with whom he has come in contact. He was appointed postmaster by John Wanamaker in 1891, and has held the office ever since.

On Sept. 4, 1890, Mr. Good wedded Miss Rebecca Michael, daughter of Cyrus and Katie Michael, and to this union has come one child, Katie Elizabeth, born April 24, 1893.

ERNST ROCHOW, a native of Columbia, Lancaster county, was born June 8, 1868, a brother of Charles Rochow, in whose biography will be found the genealogy of Ernst Rochow. Ernst is the present clerk of the business conducted by Charles, who is a wholesale and retail dealer in rags, tallow, etc., at Columbia.

Ernst Rochow left his home in Columbia, at the age of fourteen years, and went to Chicago, Ill., where from 1882 until 1886 he served an apprenticeship at electrotyping, and then returned to Columbia, where he has since been very ably assisting his brother in his present business.

On May 13, 1890, Ernst Rochow married, in

Columbia, Miss Amelia Reller, and to this union have been born three children, viz: Amelia M., July 8, 1891; Oscar O., April 22, 1894, and Edna F., Nov. 14, 1895. Mrs. Amelia (Reller) Rochow was born at Miltonsburg, Monroe Co., Ohio, July 24, 1870, a daughter of Michael and Mary (Deakick) Reller, who were born respectively, Sept. 1, 1826, in Rheinpfalz and April 22, 1833, in Hessen Darmstadt, Germany, but who were married in McKeesport, Pa., and now reside at Miltonsburg, Ohio. Michael Reller is a wheelwright by trade, and manufactures and deals in wagons, plows, buggies, etc., doing a wholesale and retail business. Mr. and Mrs. Reller have had born to them a family of eleven children, namely: Michael, deceased; Charles, a painter in Barnesville, Ohio; Rev. Henry, a clergyman in the German Lutheran Church, at Albany, N. Y., but who at one time had charge for ten years in Columbia, Pa., and during this period his sister Amelia, while on a visit to him, first met her husband, Ernst Rochow; John, a farmer at Smithland, Iowa; Rev. Herman, a minister of the English Lutheran church with a charge at Aspinwall, Pa.; Louis, a grocer at Saltsburg, Pa.; Otelia, deceased; William, manager of five groceries in Chicago, Ill.; Amelia, wife of Mr. Rochow; and Edward and Otto, both deceased. The parents of this family are devout members of the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rochow are members of the German Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Rochow is a Democrat; he is also a member of the Society of Heptasophs. In social circles Mr. and Mrs. Rochow occupy a very high position, and as a business man, Mr. Rochow is regarded as shrewd and enterprising, but as being strictly upright and of unswerving integrity in all his dealings.

SAMUEL W. RANCK. One of the prominent and successful farmers and stock dealers of Lancaster county, is Samuel W. Ranck, who was born in Upper Leacock township, near Bird-in-Hand, on Oct. 21, 1872, and he was a son of A. M. and Caroline (Wenger) Ranck, of this township.

Samuel W. Ranck attended the district schools of his locality, was reared on the home farm where he remained until the age of twenty-one years, and then entered the employ of Milton Kendig and for seven years was engaged in the business of selling horses and mules, on the road. Then Mr. Ranck rented his present fine farm from his father, and since that date has successfully carried on his former business in his own interest.

On March 24, 1894, Mr. Ranck was married in Akron, Ephrata township, to Frances M. Pfautz, who was born in Warwick township and was a daughter of Hiram G. and Louisa (Reisener) Pfautz, the former a native of Warwick township, and the latter of Lebanon county. Mr. Pfautz was born in 1835, his wife two years later, and until 1900 when he retired from activity, he was a prominent farmer of Warwick township. The children

of Mr. and Mrs. Pfautz were: Emma and Mary, deceased; Graybill, a teacher in Rothsville; Alice, who married William Tausnach, a bookkeeper of Lititz, Pa.; Harry, a cigar manufacturer, of Rothsville; and Monroe, a conductor on the Pennsylvania and Reading Railroad.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Ranck were Joseph and Martha (Graybill) Pfautz, farmers of Lancaster county, of Swiss ancestry, while the maternal grandfather was Christian Reisener, who married a Miss Smith; the former came to America from the city of Worms, Germany, when he was young. His father had been a judge and the mayor of that city.

ANDREW BAKER ROTE, proprietor of the A. B. Rote Architectural & Structural Iron Works, Lancaster, has had a phenomenal career as a manufacturer. He is descended from a family who have lived in Lancaster for generations, and his father, William Rote, was a locomotive builder in his younger manhood, and now assists his son (A. B.) in the Architectural Iron Works.

William Rote married Miss Mary A. Hartley, whose people were from Carlisle, Cumberland county. From this union nine children were born, seven of whom are still living.

Andrew Baker Rote was born in Lancaster, Oct. 26, 1871, and was educated in the public schools. At a very early age, he became an apprentice at engraving, then entered a clothing store for a time, next worked at making and engraving umbrella handles, and at the age of fifteen went into the iron business as an errand boy. He was promoted to be draughtsman in the establishment, and at eighteen years became superintendent of the works. Mr. Rote's next move was to start in the iron fence and architectural iron business for himself. This was in 1891, but the business gradually grew into building and structural steel and iron work, and the plant, located on East Chestnut street, soon became too small for the rapidly growing trade. In 1898 Mr. Rote bought the Brady Edge Tool Works at Cherry and Walnut streets, and after enlarging and remodeling the place to his use, carried on his business more extensively than ever. Among the notable structures for which the A. B. Rote works have supplied the iron and steel work are the Lancaster County Insane Asylum, the Woolworth Building and the Woolworth Roof Garden, the new Y. M. C. A. Building, the American Caramel Company Building, the new Science Building of Franklin & Marshall College, the bridge and iron work for the Armstrong Cork Works, all the steel work for the Lancaster Electric Railway, Light and Power Co., all the steel and iron work for the Pennsylvania Railroad freight station at Lancaster, and the grand entrances for St. Mary's and Greenwood cemeteries; and, at the time this sketch was written (Jan., 1903) they had the contracts for the iron and steel work of the annex to the Follmer-Clogg umbrella works,

all the fire escapes and iron stairways of "Hotel Wheatland," and the structural steel and iron work for the big annex to the Hamilton Watch Factory, and the fine building which Frank B. Trout is erecting next door to "Hotel Wheatland." These are only a few of Mr. Rote's larger contracts in the vicinity while among his out of town work may be mentioned the beautiful iron entrance at Lititz Springs, and the fence and entrance to the Morrisville Cemetery near Trenton. So vast has this line of work become, indeed, that Mr. Rote has opened a large lot near his works for structural iron work, and has secured a commodious warehouse on Walnut street. As we write, he is engaged on the iron and steel work for the new General Hospital of Columbia, and the new General Hospital of Lancaster, as well as on the grand new entrance for Lancaster cemetery. His career, in brief, has been simply wonderful.

Mr. Rote was married, on April 4, 1893, to Lillie M. Boehringer, a daughter of J. George Boehringer, a well known citizen of Lancaster, and this union has resulted in the birth of two children: Mary Regina, aged eight years, and Andrew Herbert, aged five years. They live in a cosy home at No. 110 S. Ann street, which Mr. Rote purchased early in his married life. Religiously, the family is identified with Trinity Lutheran Church, while socially, Mr. Rote is a member of the Lancaster Board of Trade, the Young Republicans, Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta, American Mechanics, Royal Arcanum, and Artisans. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and has served the people of the seventh ward for one term in the common council, and has been re-nominated for a second term, for he is as popular politically as he is personally.

... EZRA W. NEWCOMER, V. M. D., is one of the leading veterinary surgeons of his section of Lancaster county, and, though yet a young man, has by his skill won the confidence of his patrons in a degree often attained only after years of successful practice. Mr. Newcomer was born March 31, 1876, in Rapho township, this county, where the family has long resided.

His grandparents, Christ and Catherine (Nissley) Newcomer, were natives of Manor township, and settled on a farm in Rapho township, where they died. Jacob N. Newcomer, the father of our subject, was born July 28, 1835, in Rapho township, where he still resides. He adopted his father's calling, has been a life-long farmer, and owns a fine farm of 104 acres. Mr. Newcomer married Miss Barbara Weidman, who was born May 26, 1838, in Rapho township, daughter of Amos and Barbara (Snively) Weidman, farming people of Lancaster county. Children as follows blessed this union: Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Amos, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; David died March 23, 1902; Fanny, wife of Henry Bear, a farmer of East Hempfield town-

ship; Alice, wife of John E. Garber, a farmer of West Donegal township; Levi, unmarried, who lives with his parents; Jacob, a farmer of East Donegal township; John, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Barbara, who died April 10, 1902, wife of Ira Longenecker, a farmer of East Donegal township; and Ezra W., whose name opens this sketch. The parents are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Newcomer is a Republican politically, and he has served three years as supervisor of his township.

Ezra W. Newcomer remained on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age, meantime receiving a practical education in the local public schools, which he supplemented by one year's attendance at the Millersville State Normal School. He then clerked a year in a drug store in Mt. Joy, spent the following year on his father's farm, and at the end of that time entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he took a three years' course, graduating in June, 1899, with the degree of V. M. D. He has since been located in Mt. Joy, where he has devoted himself to the practice of veterinary surgery, in which he already enjoys a lucrative patronage. Mr. Newcomer bids fair to establish himself among the most respected and substantial citizens of the community, and toward that end he cannot do better than to follow the example of his honored father. He is a Republican politically.

Mr. Newcomer was married in April, 1900, to Miss Minnie Breneman, of East Donegal township, where the wedding took place. Her parents, Henry and Harriet (Heidler) Breneman, natives of Lancaster county, reside in East Donegal; he is a veterinary surgeon.

ABRAHAM E. BINKLEY is one of the bright and progressive young men of the community in which he lives, and belongs to an old honored family of Lancaster county. The respected name which he bears suffers no loss of credit in his industrious and useful life.

Mr. Binkley was born in Manor township, near Safe Harbor, June 7, 1874, and is a son of David and Mary Ann (Eshleman) Binkley, both of Manor township. Reared on the farm, and educated in the public schools, at the age of twenty years he began life for himself, and worked a year in the nursery of his father-in-law, Daniel D. Herr, of Manor township; then removing to a property he had purchased at Neffsville, Manheim township, which contained thirty-four acres. Since then he has bought four acres more, and in 1898 erected a beautiful modern residence, which is a credit to the town. Here is his home, and his attention is devoted to farming and dairying, as he has a milk route in Lancaster. In 1901 he purchased a new threshing outfit and is now threshing, crushing stone, shredding fodder, etc., throughout his community.

Mr. Binkley was married Dec. 5, 1895, to Miss Lizzie H. Herr, a daughter of Daniel D. Herr, the noted nurseryman of Manor township. Mr. and Mrs. Binkley have a family of three children who are living, and have lost one child. Their children are as follows: Anna Mary; Miles Lloyd, who is dead; Howard Melvin; Clarence Ray. Mr. and Mrs. Binkley belong to the Mennonite Church, and are esteemed and respected by all in the community for their many good qualities.

ELDER HENRY B. HOFFER, a general farmer of Rapho township, was born in Penn township Sept. 4, 1857, son of George and Mary (Baumberger) Hoffer, of Penn township.

George Hoffer, the father, died in Rapho township, Jan. 3, 1890, at the age of sixty-three years and is buried in Hershey Meeting House cemetery, Rapho township. During his younger life he worked at the carpenter trade but afterwards bought a farm and resided on it until his death. The widow of George Hoffer was born March 9, 1831, and resides in Manheim, Pa. Both the deceased and his widow were members of the Mennonite Church. They were the parents of the following children: Fanny, wife of Abraham Summy, a Penn township farmer; Allen B., a Rapho township farmer, married to Miss Fanny Hershey; Henry B., the subject of this sketch; Emanuel, a Rapho township farmer; and Cassie, wife of Joseph B. Ginder, a Mt. Joy township farmer.

Mr. Hoffer's paternal grandparents were Emanuel and Barbra Hoffer, of Lancaster county, the family being of Swiss origin. His maternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Baumberger, of Penn township.

On Oct. 5, 1884, Elder Hoffer was married to Miss Anna Shelley, of Rapho township, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Jacob M. Engle. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffer. Mrs. Anna (Shelley) Hoffer was born in Rapho township, in 1860 and is the sister of Mrs. A. M. Sheetz, wife of Rev. A. M. Sheetz, of Rapho township.

Mr. Hoffer lived with his parents until the time of his marriage, after which he sought various farm employments in the vicinity. He then rented a farm on shares and conducted it successfully for three years. In 1888 he purchased his present home place and has prospered finely with it. In 1892 Mr. Hoffer was ordained a minister of the Brethren in Christ Church, of which he is a member, and in 1896 he was made an elder. In this church elders have the same jurisdiction that a bishop of the Mennonite Church holds. It is a very honorable and responsible clerical office and is only bestowed on the most capable men of the church. Elder Hoffer has the esteem and confidence of the whole community, irrespective of religious belief, for he is tolerant and fair, in his views on all subjects, secular or otherwise.

WALTER C. HOWRY, for some years a carriage maker and blacksmith at Marietta, Lancaster county, was born in Willow Street village, West Lampeter township, this county, June 18, 1872, son of Rev. Christian K. and Susan (Shroad) Howry, of East and West Lampeter townships, respectively. Christian Howry was a tailor by trade. He was a pious and moral man by nature, and was a Mennonite clergyman for twenty-seven years, dying June, 1900, at the age of seventy-two years, beloved by all who knew him. His widow, who now resides in Lancaster, is about sixty-nine years old. The children born to Rev. Christian K. Howry and his wife were ten in number, and were as follows: Samuel, deceased; Mary, unmarried, who is residing with her mother; Ernest, deceased; Tilly, widow of Hiram Horting, and now married to Jacob Andes, a farmer and fruit-grower of Ephrata; John, deceased; Edward, a truckman, of East Lampeter township; William, a carriage-maker in Shiremanstown, Pa.; Kate, wife of Martin Weaver, a florist of East Lampeter township, Lancaster county; Phebe, wife of Elmer Trout, of Lancaster; and Walter C. The paternal grandparents of Walter C. Howry were Abraham and Elizabeth (Keephart) Howry, farming people, and quite prominent in West Lampeter township.

Walter C. Howry at the age of sixteen years left his home and went to Paradise, Lancaster county, and there served an apprenticeship of four years at the blacksmith's trade with Jacob Winger. His "time" completed, he went to Lancaster City, where he worked seven years for Edward Edgerley. In January, 1900, he came to Marietta and established his blacksmith business, which he conducted very successfully. Late in 1902 he went out of this business to take his present position as foreman in the automobile business at Chester, Delaware county.

In Soudersburg, Nov. 30, 1893, Mr. Howry married Miss Ida M. Andrews, and to this union have been born two children, Reba M. and Aaron D. Mrs. Ida (Andrews) Howry was born in East Lampeter township, in November, 1874, and is a daughter of Christian F. and Mary A. (Dieffenbaugh) Andrews, natives of the same township, where the father, who was a shoemaker, passed away Sept. 3, 1874, at the early age of thirty years. Mrs. Howry was the sole off-spring of these parents. Mrs. Andrews remarried, and is now the wife of Aaron Denlinger, a retired farmer of East Lampeter, but to this union no children have been born.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Howry were Daniel and Catherine (Farrie) Andrews, of Cumberland, and East Lampeter township, Lancaster county; Daniel was a school teacher and farmer, and a son of Peter Andrews, a native of Germany, and a Mennonite preacher. The maternal grandparents were Abraham K., and Fanny (Hess) Dieffenbaugh, of East Lampeter township, the for-

mer of whom was a farmer and a son of Harry Dieffenbaugh, of Lancaster county, and whose parents were born in Switzerland.

In politics Mr. Howry is a Republican. He is an expert mechanic and through his accommodating disposition he secured a very large patronage.

DAVID L. GLATTFELTER is a great-great-grandson of Casper Glattfelder, who was a son of Felix Glattfelder and Barbara Gorins, and a grandson of Hans Glattfelder, who for many years held the office of Ammann (the president and sheriff) in the town of Glattfelden, Canton Zurich, Switzerland, in the very early days of the seventeenth century. The family comes remotely from Celtic sources, deriving the name from "Feld der Glatt," a branch of the River Rhine. Prof. Dr. Daendliker, of Zurich, the well-known Swiss historian, says: "We find the name connected with the earliest history of the community, as also of the parish church at Glattfelden. Recent investigation shows that the town of Glattfelden was founded by the ancestors of Casper, where they held important offices." The name is still well represented there.

Casper Glattfelder was born in 1709, at Glattfelden, and in 1843 came with his wife to America. They journeyed down the Rhine to Rotterdam, where they took passage in the "Francis and Elizabeth," and arrived in due time at Philadelphia, where he qualified as a citizen Aug. 30, 1743. [Sec. Archives of Pennsylvania, Vol. 17, 2d Series] Casper Glattfelder settled in Springfield township, York county, which was then a part of Lancaster county, and applied himself to his trade of millwright, which was perhaps the most valuable at that time in the Colonies. Five sons were born to him, and four of these bore arms in the Revolution.

Casper Glattfelder, Jr., the great-grandfather of David L., served in the 5th Company, 7th Battalion, under command of Capt. John Erman and Col. David Kennedy. His three brothers, Michael, Henry and Felix were enrolled in the 6th Company under Capt. George Geiselman. Casper Glattfelder, Jr., was in his lifetime a very extensive real estate owner, and followed farming the greater part of his life. In religion he was a member of the Reformed Church. He was the father of six sons and two daughters.

John Glattfelder, grandfather of David L., was a millwright, and there are mills in this part of Pennsylvania which are still in operation that show the character of his handiwork. To him were born four children, of whom Isaac K., the youngest, was the father of David L.

Isaac K. Glatfelter was born in 1825, and in early life taught school. He took an active part in establishing the free school system. His wife, Sarah Feiser, daughter of Peter Feiser, a much respected farmer, bore him nine children, of whom David L. was the youngest.

David L. Glatfelter was born Feb. 29, 1872. After completing his education he taught school for a time. In 1890 he accepted a position in the Drivers' and Mechanics' National Bank of York, Pa., and in 1892 he was elected a clerk in the First National Bank of Columbia, where he filled the position of discount clerk for a number of years. When the Columbia Trust Company was organized he became its teller, and is still continued in that position, which he ably fills. He is secretary of the Home Building and Loan Association and is variously connected with other local enterprises. Known throughout this part of the county as an enterprising and pushing business man, he is esteemed alike for his manly character, business integrity and genial disposition.

Mr. Glatfelter was married in 1893 to Anna L., a daughter of H. M. Crider, bookseller and publisher of York, Pa. They have three children: David, born in 1895; Frank, 1896; and Sarah, 1899.

MISS MAGGIE E. McCOMMON, a retired lady of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in this township, in Feb., 1853, and is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Hays) McCommon.

JOSEPH McCOMMON was born in Colerain township, June 13, 1813, while his wife was born in Little Britain, in June, 1815. She was a daughter of John and Margaret (Clendenin) Hays, and came of a Scotch-Irish parentage.

Joseph McCommon was the son of James and Elizabeth (Patterson) McCommon, who were among the first settlers of Colerain township. He cleared a farm and erected a home where some of his descendants still live. They left a family of five sons and three daughters. (1) Samuel married Isabella Ross, of Chester county; they lived in Colerain township some years, and then moved to Oxford, Chester county, where they died, leaving a family of children: James, of Oxford; Ross, of East Drumore; Petterson, who died in Colerain; Howard, of Marysville, Mo.; Samuel, of Virginia; Leal B., who died in Colerain; Lester R., who lived and died in Virginia; Jemima R., of West Grove, Chester county. (2) James McCommon died unmarried. (3) Robert died in Ohio. (4) John died on the old homestead. (5) Mary married Hugh McConnell, and moved with him to Ohio, where she died. (6) Margaret married Alexander Morrison, and died at their home near Kings Bridge, leaving five children: Rev. James, of Washington; Dr. Joseph, of Marvville, Mo.; Samuel, who died in Missouri; Alexander, of Little Britain; Annie E., widow of E. King, of Little Britain. (7) Eliza McCommon died a maiden lady at Oxford. (8) Joseph was the father of Miss McCommon.

Joseph McCommon grew to manhood on the farm, and was educated in the home schools and the Hopewell Academy, where he received a fine classical

training, and for a number of years was a popular and successful teacher. After his marriage he purchased the farm where Miss McCommon lives today. There he died in 1894, his wife having passed to her reward in Dec., 1893. Both Mr. and Mrs. McCommon were active members of the Presbyterian Church, where he was an elder for a number of years. In the building and founding of the present church of that faith in Union, he was actively interested, and always contributed to its support. In politics he was a Democrat, and held local offices during his life. They left one daughter, Maggie.

Miss Maggie E. McCommon received her education in the Union high school, and was a young lady of more than ordinary culture and character. She has always remained at home, and before the death of her parents took charge of the farm, and continued its management. She was a tender, loving and dutiful daughter, and gave her parents every attention in their declining years. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is greatly esteemed in the community for her many good qualities and characteristics.

JOHN M. YOUNG, of Lancaster, a notable example of a self-made man, was born in Philadelphia, Aug. 11, 1872, son of William L. Young, a native of Philadelphia, whose father came from Hamburg, Germany, to settle in the Quaker City. William L. Young was engaged for twenty-seven years as a horse dealer in Easton, and later in Allentown.

John M. Young received a limited public school education as a boy, and the broader and deeper knowledge which he now enjoys, is the result of his own efforts in his battle with the world. When he reached the age of eleven years, he began his career in life as an errand boy in a store, where he earned a dollar a week and his breakfast, his day's work beginning at five o'clock in the morning. At the age of fourteen years he attended a business college, working for a crockery house before and after his school hours. Completing his course at the end of a year, this industrious youth assisted the management of the school in the night sessions, but worked during the day to earn a little more money. Beginning as an errand and general utility boy in one of the stores of the Grand Union Tea Company, he worked his way up until he became a manager, remaining with this company for twelve years, five of which were spent in Lancaster.

On Sept. 30, 1899, Mr. Young resigned, and in company with George R. and E. R. Heisey, of Marietta, he established the H. Y. H. Tea and Coffee store, at No. 114 North Queen street. In this business William L. Young, mentioned above, took part as an assistant. The business grew so rapidly that inside of a year it was converted into a department tea and coffee store, introducing brands and grades of goods never before offered to the Lancaster public, the firm thus becoming educators and pioneers.

In this departure from old time methods, Mr. Young was cheerfully and gladly sustained by the public. Late in the summer of 1901, after having been in business about two years, the H. Y. H. Tea and Coffee Company closed its affairs, and retired from business. Mr. Young was recalled by the Grand Union Tea and Coffee Company and again became the manager of their Lancaster store, a frontier he had held before with so great credit to himself and with so much satisfaction to the company.

PETER A. KRODEL. Among the prominent and enterprising business citizens of Columbia none are better or more favorably known than Peter A. Krodel, who conducts one of the largest mercantile houses in the city, his line including dry-goods, millinery, cloaks and notions.

Mr. Krodel was born in Columbia, March 29, 1844, son of Conrad and Anna Dorothea (Eller) Krodel, who were born in Bavaria, Germany, Dec. 22, 1794, and July 2, 1800, respectively. In 1812 Conrad Krodel was conscripted, and he served six years in the Prussian army, seeing some hard service until the fall of Napoleon Bonaparte. In 1818 he was honorably discharged, and returned home. Some years later he married. In the fall of 1837 he started for America with his family, landing at New York, Jan. 1, 1838, and arriving at Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., a week later. There he made his home until 1848, when he moved his family to York county, and there engaged in farming until 1865, when he sold out and moved back to Columbia, where he died in 1867. The mother survived until 1876. Both were buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. During life both father and mother were active and consistent members of the German Lutheran Church, in which they were beloved and respected. Three children were born to them: Margaret, who died in 1856; John J., who died in 1891, in Elizabethtown, where he was well known as a most reliable carpenter and builder; and Peter A.

Peter A. Krodel spent his early years on a farm, but his natural inclination has never been toward an agricultural life. When he was but four years old his parents moved to York county, where he remained until 1862, at which time he engaged with Jacob Sneath, then living at Mountville, to learn the carpenter's trade, at which he continued until 1876. He then opened up a grocery business, successfully conducting the same until 1880, when his energy and enterprise induced him to open up the magnificent store which is an adornment to the town. He carries on a business of which Columbia is proud, and has built up a trade very gratifying to himself. His relations with his customers are such that he has gained their confidence, a feeling which is constantly on the increase.

Mr. Krodel was married in Columbia, in October, 1872, to Miss Emily F. Fischer, and the following named children have been born to this union:

Mary and Della, who died in infancy; Anna, who died at the age of seven; Florence, who died in infancy; Charles, who died at the age of four; and Charles F. and T. Johnson, the latter of whom has been organist of St. Paul's P. E. Church since the age of seventeen, and is an accomplished musician, both on the piano and pipe organ. Charles is a fine violinist, and leader of Krodel Brothers Orchestra; both the boys are bright and intelligent, and are particularly gifted in music.

Mrs. Krodel was born in Columbia, on the same block in which she now lives, daughter of John and Barbara (Siebert) Fischer, of Mecklenburg and Bavaria, Germany, respectively, the former of whom located in Columbia, where he followed his trade of cabinetmaker, polisher and engraver, and was considered a finished workman. His death occurred at the age of fifty-eight, his widow surviving until 1899; she was seventy-three at the time of her death. Mr. Fischer was a man of wealth and prominence in his native country. He was much missed, and was buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. He and his wife had been connected with the Lutheran Church, in which they were known as worthy and deservedly esteemed people. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Fischer were: Mary, who married Charles F. Fager, of Columbia; Emily F., Mrs. Krodel; Lydia, who died at the age of twenty; and Barbara, who lived to be but two. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Krodel were Ernest and Magdalena (Schroeder) Fischer, of Mecklenburg, Germany, where they lived out their lives, and were people of wealth and prominence; all the relations surviving are there yet and occupy important stations both socially and politically.

Mr. Krodel has been connected with the Masonic fraternity for over thirty years, being a past officer in Chapter, Commandery and Illustrious Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. Although the family are not formally connected with the Lutheran Church, they worship there, and are most generous and willing contributors to all its charities.

CHRISTIAN HERSHEY was in his life time one of the well-known men of Paradise township, where his industrious habits, honest character and genial disposition made him one of the leading farmers of that portion of Lancaster county.

Mr. Hershey was born in Leacock township, May 7, 1813, son of Christian, Sr., and Susie (Hershey) Hershey, and died May 15, 1895. All his earlier years were spent in his parents' home. His first marriage occurred in February, 1837, when Barbara Stauffer became his wife. She became the mother of four children: Susie and Henry, both deceased; Isaac, who died at the age of thirty-two years; and Annie, wife of Samuel Denlinger, of Paradise township. Mrs. Hershey died in 1844, and Christian Hershey was married in 1845 to his second wife, Magdalena Metzler, a daughter of Christian and

Nancy (Werner) Metzler; she was born in Conestoga township, Oct. 12, 1824, and is still living. When she was a little girl the family moved into Paradise township, where her life has since been passed. Christian Hershey followed farming until he retired, which he did some years before his death. One of the successful farmers of Lancaster county, he was widely known as an upright and kind-hearted man.

Christian Hershey and his wife Magdalena had the following family: Lizzie, who died at the age of sixteen years; Barbara, wife of Elam Brockhill, of Paradise township; Mary, wife of Christian Brockhill, collector of Paradise township; Abraham, who resides in Detroit, Mich., where he is engaged in the furniture business (he married Martha Cling); Christian, who died in infancy; Benjamin, a retired farmer, living at Gordonville, where he is a member of the school board; Magdalena, at home; Hettie, who died in childhood; Sarah, wife of Levi Wenger, of Gordonville; Israel, a resident of Lancaster, who married Magdalena Eaby; Joseph, who married Magdalena Hershey, and resides at Paradise; and Amos, who married Miss Sarah Groff, and resides in the old home in Paradise township, where he is a tax collector.

Mr. Hershey, his wife, and all their children with the exception of three, joined the Old Mennonite Church. Two of the three belong to the Reformed Mennonite Church, and all are counted among the very best people of this part of Lancaster county. There are thirty-one grandchildren in the family, and are all bright and intelligent young people, giving promise of success and honor in life.

WILLIAM LLOYD JACKSON, a retired farmer of Christiana, is a son of James and Abigail (Rakestraw) Jackson, who were born in Chester county, Pa., and in 1843 settled in Bart township, Lancaster county. The father was a farmer. He died in April, 1881, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother was seventy-one at the time of her death, in October, 1881. They were members of the Society of Friends, in which the father was a minister for some twenty years. They had the following children: Mary, who married Joseph Brocius, of Chester county, Pa.; Thomas, who died at the age of two years; Eliza, deceased, who married Thomas Baker; Edith, who died young; Lydia, who married James Brinton; William L., whose name appears above; Ellwood, a farmer at Nine Points, Lancaster county; and James J., a farmer in Lancaster county.

William Lloyd Jackson was married March 23, 1865, at the home of the bride, in Sadsbury township, to Lydia Walter. Children as follows were born to this union: Hannah married Charles Maule, a farmer in Sadsbury township, by whom she has three children; James died at the age of nineteen; Mary married John Morris, and lives in Chester

county; Elsie married Gilbert Everson, a farmer in Sadsbury township; Jessie Walter is attending the University of Michigan; George Walter is at home. Mrs. Lydia (Walter) Jackson was born in Chester county, daughter of George H. Walter, and sister of B. F. Walter, a leading citizen of Christiana.

William L. Jackson lived with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming in Sadsbury township. Twenty years later he bought the property upon which he now resides. He has led a useful life. He owns three good farms, and is one of the thrifty and provident farmers whose industry and integrity have greatly raised the level of agriculture in Lancaster county. For more than twenty years Mr. Jackson has filled the position of school director, and he has taken a lively interest in every move and enterprise looking to the common good and the welfare of all. He is a member of the Society of Friends, and in politics is a Republican.

ROLANDUS BRUBAKER, a most worthy representative of an old and honored family of Lancaster county, and an esteemed citizen of Martic township, was born in Providence township Jan. 27, 1827, son of John and Martha (Sides) Brubaker.

John Brubaker, the father, was born in 1800, and died in 1855. He married Martha Sides, of another old family of the county, and they had ten children, nine of whom grew to maturity: George, of Lancaster; Rolandus; Barbara, deceased; John, of Martic township; Susan, wife of Thomas Lebozier, of Martic township; Henry, of Martic township; Benjamin (a twin brother of Henry), who died in 1863, in the army; Martha M., wife of David Kreider of Martic; and Fannie, wife of John Alexander.

Rolandus Brubaker is one of the substantial and highly respected men of Martic township, and his long and honorable life of adherence to duty teaches its own lesson and shows its reward. His early efforts were carried on with very limited means, and when the country needed his services he put aside his own interests and became, in 1863, one of her defenders. He served in the 50th P. V. I., in the Army of the Potomac, and made a fine record as a soldier. Subsequently he became a successful farmer, and he is entitled to his life of ease in retirement from activity, having worked hard to accumulate his ample means. His large, well improved farm contains 223 acres, well stocked.

In 1849 Mr. Brubaker married Miss Jane Steward, who was born in 1829, and died in 1897, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Nelson) Steward, of Lancaster county. Four children came to this union, namely: William, born in 1850, is an engineer, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio; Oscar D., born in 1855, married Miss Dora McGuigeon, of Martic township, and has charge of the old home place; John T., born in 1857, is a blacksmith of Mt. Nebo, and prominent in local politics; Harry C., born in 1868, is a resident of Lancaster.

In politics Mr. Brubaker is a staunch Republican. He has long been a member of the M. E. Church of Mt. Nebo. He is held in the highest esteem in his community as a man of integrity, of charitable impulses, and of exalted Christian character, one who numbers the best in his neighborhood among his warmest personal friends.

GEORGE W. GRESS, a well-known resident of Columbia, Lancaster county, and a conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad, was born on a farm in Franklin county, Pa., Dec. 18, 1845, son of George and Mary (Thomas) Gress, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Franklin county, Pennsylvania.

George Gress, the father, was born in 1810, and came to America when a young man with two brothers, one of whom was Adam. George was a shoemaker and farmer. He was married in Franklin county, Pa., and to this union were born nine children, in the following order: John, who died in Salisbury prison, N. C., during the war of the Rebellion; Sarah, deceased wife of Jacob Weiser; Margaret, married to Abram Zimmerman, a farmer of Ironville, Pa.; George W., whose name opens this sketch, Catherine T., of Columbia, widow of Henry C. Long; Peter C., a physician in Atchison, Kans.; Ellen M., unmarried, and a resident of Philadelphia; Matilda, deceased wife of Frederick Stotts; and Hezekiah, of Mechanicsburg. George Gress, the father of this family, passed away in 1885, a member of the German Reformed Church, and his wife died in 1889, when sixty-nine years old.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Gress, also named George, was sixteen years in the German army as cavalryman, was an officer, and died in his native land. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Sarah (Ballow) Thomas, of Franklin county, Pa., the former of Irish parentage.

George W. Gress, whose name opens this sketch, lived on the home farm until twenty years old, and then worked on a farm in Illinois for two years. Coming east again he worked in a tannery two years, and on Oct. 18, 1870, took up his home in Columbia, entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company as brakeman and flagman; he filled these positions ten years, and was then promoted to conductor.

On Nov. 12, 1874, in Lancaster, Mr. Gress married Miss Mary B. Hiestand, and to this marriage have been born five children, viz.: Minnie Kathrynne was married, Jan. 30, 1901, to Daniel Webster Meredith, of New York; Harvey Hiestand enlisted in 1898 in Co. G, 4th United States Infantry, for three years, and served three years in the Philippine Islands, in that command and in Co. G, 21st Infantry, receiving an honorable discharge June 3, 1902; Elizabeth Mae, Anna Mary and Charles W. are at home.

Mrs. Mary B. (Hiestand) Gress was born in

West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Oct. 11, 1847, daughter of Jacob D. and Mary (Bruckhart) Hiestand, both of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Hiestand had three children, namely: Elizabeth, who died young; Mary B., now Mrs. George W. Gress; and Martha B., unmarried, and a resident of Freeport, Ill. Mr. Hiestand died in August, 1849, at the early age of twenty-eight years, and his wife died in November, 1851, aged twenty-six years.

The paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Gress was a patriot in the war of the Revolution, and her paternal grandparents, John and Susan (Gamber) Hiestand, were farming people in Lancaster county, as were also her maternal grandparents, John and Martha (Kridner) Bruckhart.

Mr. Gress and his family are members of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he is a Republican. Socially the family are held in very high esteem, and each member is individually respected for his or her personal merits.

CHRISTIAN G. CARPENTER, a prosperous cigar manufacturer and farmer of Brunnerville, is descended from an old German family of Lancaster county. His grandfather, who lived and died in the county, was the father of the following named children: Mary, Mrs. Weidner; George, a farmer of Warwick township; Jacob, who was engaged in general work; and Emanuel, the father of Christian G.

Emanuel Carpenter was born in 1812 in Warwick township. He learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and followed it until about 1868, during the remainder of his active life keeping hotel at Brunnerville and Warwick. He died in February, 1896. Mr. Carpenter married Miss Fianna Good, and they became the parents of nine children: Mary, wife of Levi Kemper; Frank, deceased, who kept hotel at Warwick and Brunnerville; Joseph, deceased, who was a carpenter by trade; Samuel, of Kansas, also a carpenter; Christian G.; Rebecca, wife of John B. Graybill; Emanuel, who was employed at general work; Josephine, wife of George Hallacker; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

Christian G. Carpenter was born in Brownstown, Lancaster county, Sept. 11, 1841, and lived at home until he was seventeen years old. He was educated in the common schools of the county. On beginning life for himself he clerked two years for Bare & Hissill, in Oregon, this county, and there, at the call of his country, he enlisted, Sept. 21, 1861, in Co. F, 9th Pa. Cavalry, for three years. He was mustered out of the service in Harrisburg Jan. 5, 1865. After a short vacation he went to work for the Pennsylvania Railway Co., at his trade, in Philadelphia, and continued thus for about twenty years. The next two years he spent in the oil regions of Pennsylvania. In 1893 he moved to his present place of residence, where he has carried on cigar manufacturing and farming, meeting with good success. Mr.

Carpenter is a member of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, in Philadelphia. In religious connection he is a member of the M. E. Church, and active in its work, being superintendent of the Sunday-school.

Mr. Carpenter ranks among the best citizens of his locality, and takes high standing in business, social and church circles. He was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Seth and Hannah Buckwalter, of Lancaster county, and to this union have been born two children: Florence May, born Dec. 7, 1867, who lives at home; and Stella Lajune, born Jan. 31, 1875, wife of John M. Reighter, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

JOHN KESSLER, a blacksmith and coach-maker at Kinzer's, Lancaster county, was born in Soudersburg, this county, Sept. 5, 1857, a son of David and Mary (Myres) Kessler. The mother, who still survives, is now aged seventy-six years. The father died at the age of sixty-eight years, in 1892, at the home of his son John. David Kessler was born in Lancaster county, and was a son of Leonard Kessler, who came from Germany, was a wheelwright by trade, and carried on that business for years at Soudersburg, finally selling out to his son David (noted above as the father of John), who continued the business for years. Finally selling out, he bought a farm in Salisbury township, containing some eighty acres, not far from Cambridge. To this he added a small tract, and there he made his home as long as he lived. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church at Pequea, Salisbury township. Mrs. Kessler was born in Berks county, Pa. To Mr. and Mrs. Kessler were born the following family: Lizzie, the wife of Henry Gault, of Cambridge, Amos, a blacksmith, of Cambridge (he married Miss Abbie Obenkirk); John; Dollie, the wife of William Witman, of Mast, Salisbury township; Ida, who married Jacob Fisher, of Chester county, and is deceased; Harry, who went to blacksmithing in 1877, and died in 1878, aged eighteen years; Susie, who died unmarried; and Sallie, who died in infancy.

John Kessler was reared on the farm, and received his education in the public schools. When he was eighteen he began to learn the blacksmith's trade, which he mastered, and then located, in 1879, in Buena Vista, where he carried on his trade for seven years. His second location was at Kinzer's, where he is still engaged in business. There he purchased ground and erected a building for the manufacture of carriages and all kinds of vehicles. He thoroughly understands his trade, and his own work is rated very highly. He has done as much as, or more than, any other man in the town in the way of building up the village, having erected three dwelling houses and a large shop.

John Kessler was married, Dec. 23, 1878, to Miss Mary Skiles, who was reared in the family of Samuel S. Kauffman, of Kinzer's, and to this union have

come two daughters, Laura Amanda and Sarah Emma, the latter of whom died in infancy; they also have adopted a son, Charles Fisher. Mr. and Mrs. Kessler are members of the Gap Methodist Church, of which he has served as a trustee for fifteen years. They are associated with the best elements of the community in which they live.

REV. CLEVELAND FRAME, the present pastor of Pequea Presbyterian Church, was ordained in 1897. He was born in Philadelphia, a son of Samuel and Mary (Armstrong) Frame, who still reside in that city, and to whom have been born eight children, as follows: William, who died in infancy; Sadie H., wife of Jacob Sieman, of Wilmington, Del., now deceased; William James, Mary and Samuel, who died in infancy; Rev. Cleveland; Asher, living in Philadelphia; and Elwood T., living at Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Cleveland Frame was educated primarily in the public schools of Philadelphia, which he attended until thirteen years old, and was then employed in a retail dry-goods store for five years, and for two years was employed in a wholesale dry-goods house. He left the mercantile world at the end of that time and prepared for college at Rittenhouse Academy, in Philadelphia, and, in 1890, entered Princeton College, from which he graduated in 1894; he then entered Princeton Theological Seminary, and graduated from there in 1897. During his theological course he also did post-graduate work in Princeton College, and in 1896 had conferred upon him the degree of M. A. In 1896, also, he was licensed to preach by the Philadelphia Presbytery, and in 1897 he was ordained in Lancaster by the Westminster Presbytery and assumed his present charge, which includes the librarianship of the John McAlly Library, in South Hermitage, for which he purchases all the literary matter.

In 1897 Rev. Cleveland Frame was married to Miss Mary Robinson Hunter, who was born in Philadelphia, and is the daughter of Charles and Catherine (Robinson) Hunter. The mother is now deceased and the father resides in Philadelphia. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were born five children: Margaret, wife of Rev. Robert H. Kirk, pastor of the Union Church of Colerain township; Andrew, a physician, living at McKeesport, Pa.; Mary R., the wife of Rev. Cleveland Frame; Catherine and Robert J., living in Philadelphia.

MARTIN K. BRUBAKER. In reviewing the prominent and representative men of Mt. Joy the name of Martin K. Brubaker comes to the front, as a successful farmer, tobacco raiser and cider manufacturer, as well as one of the most highly respected citizens of the locality. Through ancestry and marriage Mr. Brubaker is connected with some of the oldest and most honorable families of Lancaster county.

Martin K. Brubaker was born in Warwick township Nov. 11, 1854, son of Jonas and Leah G. (Kellar) Brubaker, the former of whom was a prominent farmer in his township, and served as a school director. He was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. He died in Warwick township May 10, 1897, at the age of seventy-one years, nine months, eighteen days, his widow only surviving until Dec. 18, 1897, when she passed away at the age of sixty-six years, eight months, twelve days; both were laid to rest in Erb's cemetery, in Warwick township. The children born to these good people were: Nathaniel, a cider manufacturer of Warwick township; Catherine, who died young; Clement, a retired farmer of East Donegal township; Anna, who died young; Martin K.; Elizabeth, who resides on the old homestead; Barbara, who died young; Levy, who resides on the old homestead with his sister; and Jonas, who died young.

None of the retired farmers of Brunnerville, this county, enjoyed more respect than did Joseph and Mary (Bucher) Brubaker, Mr. Brubaker's paternal grandparents. His maternal grandparents, Frederick and Magdalena (Gross) Kellar, were highly esteemed among the farming people in the neighborhood of Lititz.

The life of Mr. Brubaker has been almost entirely devoted to agricultural pursuits. Born and reared on a farm, he remained at home until he was twenty-five years old, and then removed to one of his father's farms, in East Donegal township, where he remained for three years. He then came to Mt. Joy and entered upon the business of tobacco farming, which he pursued for a number of years very successfully. In 1900 he again resumed tobacco farming, and has been very successful in his culture of that plant. In 1887 he engaged in the manufacture of cider on a large scale, placing a very fine article on the market. Since 1883 the family has resided upon the present location, which is one of the most desirable in the neighborhood.

Martin K. Brubaker was married Oct. 30, 1879, on the old farm, to Miss Anna Bear, and the following named children have been born to this union: Irvin B., born March 29, 1881; Nathan B., Oct. 20, 1884; Edwin B., March 4, 1887; Jonas B., June 7, 1889; Samuel B., Aug. 17, 1891; Ruth B., March 18, 1897; and Anna Vesta, June 17, 1901. All are under the parental roof, a happy, united family.

Mrs. Anna (Bear) Brubaker was born in Mt. Joy July 22, 1861, the estimable daughter of Samuel and Anna A. (Lane) Bear, of near Lititz, and of Manheim township, respectively. Samuel Bear came to Mt. Joy in 1857, and followed the trade of milling, dying there in 1866, at the age of thirty. The mother of Mrs. Brubaker died in Manheim township in 1875, at the age of thirty-eight, and both were buried in the township where their last days were passed, the former in Donegal, the latter in Manheim. The mother was a devout and consistent

member of the U. B. Church. By her first marriage she had two children: Anna, Mrs. Brubaker, and Frances M., who married Amos R. Nissley, a retired farmer of Florin. Mrs. Bear married for her second husband John Keehler, and became the mother of three children: Alice, who married Milton Landis, a farmer of Hinkletown; Elizabeth, who died young; and John, a farmer of this county. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brubaker were Gabriel and Anna (Rudy) Bear, of Chester county, the former of whom was a son of Samuel and Barbara (Weaver) Bear. The maternal grandparents were Abraham and Anna (Long) Lane, farming people of Manheim township.

Mr. Brubaker has always taken an intelligent interest in matters of public policy, and has voted with the Republican party, and both he and his wife are among the leading members of the Mennonite Church.

JOHN B. MYLIN, deceased. On Sept. 17, 1899, there passed from life one of the representative men of Lancaster county, a member of the old and honorable family of West Lampeter township. Mr. Mylin was born in the old Mylin homestead in Willowstreet, Nov. 10, 1809, when the nineteenth century was still young, and lived a long and useful life, at the close of which the esteem in which he was held was only equaled by the love and affection he had inspired, not only in his own family, but throughout the community.

John B. Mylin was a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Barr) Mylin, was reared on the farm, and was the only one of the five sons who clung to the soil. Others went out into the world in search of careers, but he found a congenial life occupation in farming and the raising of stock, and in time became one of the leading agriculturists of the county. His delight was in fine horses, and his finely bred animals were noted for their excellent points. John B. Mylin received his education in the public schools, in which he ever after took a deep interest, and he served on the board of education for a period of twelve years. Of a genial, pleasant disposition, he made many friends, and was known for his generosity and benevolence. His massive frame and agreeable personality made him a noticeable figure among his neighbors, by whom he was affectionately styled "Uncle John." He was a man of strong convictions, and as a Republican he never left any one in doubt as to his party affiliations. Delighting in the best farm, the best cattle and the finest horses in West Lampeter township, John B. Mylin, in 1884, erected one of the finest houses in his section of the country, in the village of Willowstreet, where he lived until his death, at which time he was a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church.

John B. Mylin married Mattie Stehman, the only daughter of Tobias and Mattie Stehman, of Conestoga township, who was born June 26, 1819, and died

March 2, 1888. A family of four children survived them: Henry S. married Levinia M. Hoover, and at the time of his death was a farmer; Aldus C. is a farmer on the old homestead in West Lampeter township; Martha E. was married Dec. 7, 1892, to Abraham Lincoln Eshbach; and Amanda C. married Martin Lefever, of West Lampeter township.

ABRAHAM L. ESHBACH was born at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Pa., son of Michael and Anna R. (Haverstick) Eshbach, the former of whom died Oct. 1, 1879; the latter, who still survives, is a resident of Lancaster city. The father was born in Millersville, and was reared there and educated in the public schools. Later he adopted farming as his vocation, and became one of the representative agriculturists of his section. He was a lifelong member of the Old Mennonite Church, as was also his wife, and both were noted for their admirable traits of character. Michael Eshbach married Anna R. Haverstick, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rush) Haverstick, and to them were born seven children: Jacob, who is a resident of Lancaster city; Elizabeth, also a resident of that city; Katie, who died in childhood; Teresa, deceased, who was the wife of F. F. Able, and died at the age of forty-seven; John, a farmer of Martic township; Isaac, a farmer of Providence township; and Abraham L.

Abraham L. Eshbach was reared at Millersville and remained with his parents until the age of maturity, when he engaged in farming for himself, locating at Neffsville. There he continued for five years, after which he accepted a position as clerk in a general store in the city of Reading, Pa., where he was engaged for three years. Coming then to Willowstreet, he opened up a general mercantile business, and for four years successfully conducted the same. Two years after his location in that place he was appointed postmaster at Willowstreet, which position he has held continuously ever since 1893. The cares of his office and of the conduct of his large farm induced Mr. Eshbach to dispose of his stock of goods. As the owner of 230 acres of some of the finest land in Lancaster county, and as one of the largest stock and cattle raisers of the locality, he is justly regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of West Lampeter. In April, 1899, he purchased the store property which he occupies, and which is in the best part of the village of Willowstreet, being considered one of the best locations, from a business point of view, in that part of the country. All of his property is kept in good repair, the five complete sets of buildings on the farm receiving careful attention, and the whole estate being conducted in a thrifty and judicious manner.

Like his respected father-in-law, Mr. Eshbach is a staunch Republican, and he has taken an active part in the deliberations of the local wing of his party. The religious connection of both himself and wife is with the Beohms Methodist Episcopal Church at Willowstreet, in which Mr. Eshbach is a trustee, a

steward and superintendent of the Sunday-school. His interest in church and educational matters is well known, and he has been a delegate to the M. E. conventions at times, the last one being held in Harrisburg, in 1900. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eshbach are among the most highly respected residents of their part of Lancaster county.

J. MONROE MARKLEY, who is engaged in the butcher business and farming at Lexington, is one of the prosperous and respected residents of that section of Lancaster county. He descends from an old German family of the section, his grandfather, Leonard Markley, having emigrated from Germany and settled in Lancaster county, where he followed farming all his life. He was the father of the following named children: Abraham, the father of J. Monroe; John, deceased, who was a merchant in Ohio; Jacob, a watchmaker of Whiteoak; Isaac, deceased, who was a farmer of Lancaster county; Elizabeth, wife of David Hellman; Mary, wife of Fred Uncle, of Philadelphia; and Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of George Unger.

Abraham Markley was born in Lexington in 1829. He was occupied as a carpet weaver and stonemason, and in the latter part of his life he started butchering, in Lexington, in all these lines meeting with success. He married Miss Annie Markley, daughter of Michael Markley, and they became the parents of two children: Louisa, deceased wife of Harry Eusminger, a painter of Manheim; and J. Monroe, whose name introduces this article.

J. Monroe Markley was born in Lexington Feb. 19, 1854. He remained at home until he was twenty-five years of age, and learned the butcher business. During his boyhood he attended the common schools of the county. On commencing business life for himself he started butchering in the place where he is still located, and has been engaged in that line continuously, as well as in farming. Industry and good management have brought their just rewards, and he has met with deserved success in business.

In October, 1879, Mr. Markley was married to Miss Mary B. Brubaker, daughter of Moses and Mollie Brubaker. This marriage has been blessed with two children: Edwin B., born Aug. 28, 1880; and Harvey B., born March 17, 1883. Mr. and Mrs. Markley are both members of the German Baptist Church.

JOHN H. WARFEL, a resident of East Hempfield township, whose home is at Rohrerstown, Lancaster county, belongs to an old and honored family, and worthily wears a noble name.

John B. Warfel, his father, was born in Conestoga township, where he was reared, and where he spent his life engaged in farming. Jacob Warfel, the grandfather of John H., was a farmer, and a resident of Conestoga township. John B. Warfel owned and conducted a farm of 115 acres, where he died in

1867, at the early age of forty-three years. He married Elizabeth Hess, daughter of Abraham Hess, a minister in the Dunker Church, and she is still living, having her home in Conestoga Center. They had a large family, remarkable for both its numbers and the general intelligence and high character of all its members: (1) Fannie is the wife of Frank Hackman, of Rohrerstown; (2) Lizzie is the wife of George Fry, of Manor township; (3) Hettie is the wife of James Entis, of Rohrerstown; (4) Jacob married Anna Johnson, and lives in Strasburg township; (5) Susan married Abraham Charles, of Manor township, and is deceased; (6) Barbara is deceased; (7) Annie is the wife of Benjamin Kreider, of Rohrerstown; (8) Benjamin married Mary Herr, and is deceased (his widow resides in Millersville); (9) John H. is mentioned below; (10) Emma married Harvey Miller, of East Hempfield township, and is deceased; (11) George married Christie Witmer, and lives in Rohrerstown; (12) Frederick is deceased. The parents of this family were devout members of the Dunker Church.

John H. Warfel was born Aug. 27, 1860, and was reared in Conestoga and Manor townships, where he attended public school until he was sixteen years of age, at which time he started out for himself, being employed for a time at farm labor. In 1881 he began market gardening and fruit raising on the place where he is now located. His fruit culture is very interesting, his work covering such a wide range, being attended with such excellent results. He has extensive greenhouse facilities, and all his operations are thoroughly modern and up-to-date.

Mr. Warfel was married, in February, 1880, to Miss Sonora Peifer, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Manning) Peifer, and to them has come one child, Oscar P., who is at home. They attend the Church of God, of which Mr. Warfel is a member. The family are well regarded and much esteemed by those who know them—their neighbors in the community where they live. Mr. Warfel is a Republican.

ISAAC DILLER EBY, prison inspector for Lancaster county and a general farmer of Salisbury township, is one of the leading men and much respected citizens of his locality. He was born on his present farm May 14, 1863, son of Christian and Margaret (Diller) Eby, of Salisbury township.

Christian Eby was brought by his parents to his son's present farm, at the age of eighteen months, and there made his home through life, his death occurring March 29, 1891, at the age of sixty-seven years, two months, twenty-seven days. He was buried in Hershey's Mennonite cemetery. His widow, born in 1829, still resides on the old homestead. Their children were: Anna, who married Alfred Wanner, a farmer of Salisbury township; Amanda, who married Samuel Reeser, of Salisbury township; Isaac D.; and John N., who married Ida Reeser, and died at the age of twenty-eight years.

Isaac Diller Eby was educated in the common schools of his locality, and has followed an agricultural life almost exclusively. He is well-known in his neighborhood as one of the solid, reliable men and intelligent and upright citizens, and has been somewhat active in politics. His sympathies are with the Republican party. For the past two years Mr. Eby has been the very capable prison inspector of Lancaster county, a position requiring an excellence of judgment and an eye to business details which few men possess to a greater degree than he. For three years he served on the school board, and was active in effecting a number of desirable improvements in his district.

On Oct. 14, 1886, in the Salisbury township Presbyterian parsonage, Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Miss Martha E. Worst, and three children have been born to this union, namely: Chester W., Margie J. and Anna L. Mrs. Martha E. (Worst) Eby was born in Salisbury township, July 25, 1865, daughter of Samuel and Anna (Kurtz) Worst, the former of whom is a retired farmer of Salisbury township. Mrs. Worst died Feb. 8, 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years, and was interred in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery. Both parents were long connected with the Presbyterian Church and most highly esteemed in that religious body. Their children were: Mary, who married J. F. Seldomridge, proprietor of a hotel at White Horse, Pa.; Ida, who married Milton Bair, of West Leacock township; Amanda, who married Milton Hershey, of Leacock township; Barbara; Martha E.; Susan; Frederick; and Laurel. These families and their connections represent some of the best and most substantial people of Lancaster county, citizens noted for intelligence, high moral character and social prominence.

FRANK X. SCHLEGELMILCH, the popular assistant freight and ticket agent of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, at Watts Station, in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born at the Station Feb. 2, 1859.

Frank Schlegelmilch, his father, was born in Baden, Germany, Jan. 28, 1828, and was a wagon-maker by trade. After a voyage of sixty-eight days on the ocean he landed in America, in 1846. He first located at Florin, then known as Springville, Lancaster Co., Pa., and in April, 1853, removed to Watts. He was married in Lebanon, Pa., to Miss Elizabeth Hartman, who was born in Berks county, Pa., Aug. 14, 1829. This union was graced with four children, viz.: Rebecca, Michael and Leo, deceased, and Frank X. The father continued active work at wagonmaking until 1882, and then retired to enjoy in peace the competence his industry had won. The paternal grandfather of Frank X. Schlegelmilch, also named Frank, was a distiller, and lived and died in Germany; the maternal grandfather, Michael Hartman, was born in Berks county, removed to

Lebanon county, and passed his life in agricultural pursuits.

Frank X. Schlegelmilch at the age of thirteen years began learning his trade in his father's wagon shop, and continued at the business nine years. He next worked at the Vestra furnace for three months, and then, May 2, 1884, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as assistant freight and ticket agent—a position he has since filled in the most satisfactory manner.

Mr. Schlegelmilch was united in marriage, in Philadelphia, with Miss Anna Cleary, and this union has been blessed with three children, viz.: Frank X., Elizabeth M. and Anna R. Mrs. Anna (Cleary) Schlegelmilch is a native of Ireland, and is a daughter of James and Eunice Cleary, the former of whom was a farmer by vocation. Both parents died in their native land, in the faith of the Catholic Church, leaving four children: William, who manages a hydraulic crane; James, a machinist; Isabella, wife of Peter Gormley—all of Philadelphia; and Anna, Mrs. Schlegelmilch.

Frank X. Schlegelmilch is a Democrat, in politics, and for three years was town councilman of Marietta, in which borough he resided for nineteen consecutive years, then returning to his native township, in 1898. In religion he is a devout Catholic, freely contributing to the support of his church and aiding it every way in its good work. He is attentive to his duties, and has won for himself the good-will and esteem of his neighbors and of the general public, both in Marietta and at Watts Station.

JOHN D. HERR is one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, as well as an extensive grower of tobacco. His farm is in Manor township, and his home is located about one mile east of Mountville.

Mr. Herr was born in that township, on a farm once owned by his father. The old family residence is yet regarded as the "homestead," though now occupied by Isaac M. Neff. The family removed to the present residence of John D. Herr when he was a boy of fourteen years. Like most boys of his day and generation Mr. Herr received his early educational training in the common schools of his district. On attaining his majority he assumed the conduct of the farm, bringing to the discharge of this duty, experience, intelligence and fidelity. Through good judgment and hard work he became the owner of 150 acres in Manor township, which in 1894, for family reasons, he divided into two farms, reserving a portion for himself, which he devotes to tobacco culture. He began handling tobacco in 1887, in company with George Derr, and the venture proved a success from the outset. The partnership continued for five years, when John H. Gamber bought the interest of Mr. Derr. The partnership between Messrs. Herr & Gamber lasted about two years, and since then Mr. Herr has conducted the business

alone. He has a large, well-built warehouse standing on his farm, where he stores and handles his stock. His business success has been pronounced, and has been due alike to his native capability and his recognized integrity. Mr. Herr also owns two farms in West Hempfield, their acreage aggregating 154 acres, and forty-five acres of woodland in Martic township, as well as property in Mountville. His farm buildings are among the finest in the county, and no one can drive through his land without receiving the impression that the controlling spirit has its origin in conservative thrift, careful attention and farseeing perception. An illustration of his astute management may be readily given. In 1875 he erected a fine barn, which was destroyed by fire in 1897, but within two months it was rebuilt, on a better plan. Nor has he neglected his property in West Hempfield. Active, energetic and farseeing, he is ever on the alert to guard his interests. Genial and generous, he readily makes friends and easily retains them. A man of broad public spirit, he commands the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen. In 1887 he was one of the incorporators of the Mountville National Bank, and has ever since served on the directorate of that institution. In 1890 he was one of the organizers of the Mountville Manufacturing Company, and is still a director of that corporation, in whose councils he has held the office of vice-president for many years. Mr. Herr was one of the organizers of the Mennonite Church in Mountville, and has always been one of the trustees. The present edifice was erected in 1897. The successful career of such a man affords at once a guaranty and a promise to the rising generation.

On Nov. 13, 1873, Mr. Herr married Barbara G. Nissley, who was born July 7, 1855, daughter of John and Barbara Nissley, of Rapho township. Six children have blessed the union: Anna N., born Sept. 7, 1874, is the wife of Amos K. Musser, of West Hempfield. Barbara N., born Oct. 10, 1876, married Christian N. Nissley. Alice N., born Oct. 7, 1878, married John H. Herr, of Lancaster township. Mary N. was born April 14, 1881; Sadie N., Feb. 16, 1883; Fannie N., May 13, 1891. The three younger children are at home. Mrs. Musser and Mrs. Nissley, the two eldest, are, like their father, consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

AMOS B. HARNISH. The stamp of the twentieth century is upon farming operations as well as on the conduct of metropolitan life. The primitive plough, the heavy flail, the awkward scythe, have given place to machinery manipulated by steam; the leanto shed and rail corncrib, to spacious barns and commodious outbuildings; the fences no longer consist of split rails; and instead of great swamps fields of waving grain bear evidence to the efficiency of the present drainage system. Among the progressive farmers of East Hempfield, Lancaster county, is Amos B. Harnish, who was born in West Hemp-

field township, this county, Nov. 3, 1859, a son of Levi and Leath (Butt) Harnish.

Abraham Harnish, the grandfather of Amos B., was one of the successful farmers of Pequea township, Lancaster county. His home farm was at Willowstreet, in that township, and in addition to that good-sized property, he owned several farms in the vicinity. He married Elizabeth Hoover. In religious belief he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He lived to the age of seventy-five.

Levi Harnish, the father of Amos B., died Feb. 12, 1902, at the advanced age of eighty-five, having been born Sept. 2, 1816, in Pequea township. Always following farming, he located in West Hempfield when about twenty-seven, and there remained until 1885, when he took up his residence in East Hempfield township. The home farm consisted of 119 acres, which was conducted so successfully that he became a wealthy man, all through his own exertions. Late in life he connected himself with the Old Mennonite Church, of which he remained an honored member until his death. The faithful partner of his joys and sorrows passed away in 1891, at the age of sixty-eight. They had a family of nine children: Benjamin, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Abraham B., a farmer of East Hempfield township; Maggie, wife of George Hellman, of West Hempfield township; Lizzie, wife of Martin Witmer, of Manor township; John B., a farmer of West Hempfield township; Mary, wife of Henry Hattenstein, of East Hempfield township; Amos B.; Leath, wife of Daniel Landis, of East Hempfield township; and Barbara, wife of Benjamin Barr, of West Hempfield township.

Anios B. Harnish was reared upon his father's farm, receiving his education in the excellent schools of the district and during his entire life has followed the calling of a farmer, with the exception of three years, when he bought and packed tobacco. In 1894 he married Miss Elizabeth S. Spangler, daughter of Jacob Spangler, of West Hempfield, and after his marriage removed to Lancaster city, but within a year he returned to his farm in East Hempfield township. In 1895 he was called upon to take charge of his father's large property, and the following year purchased a tract of five acres in the vicinity. To himself and wife have been born two bright little children: Rena, who was taken away when but ten months and twenty-seven days old, and Lloyd S., born June 3, 1897.

Amos B. Harnish is one of the leading young Republicans of his township, and has served for three years upon the county Republican committee. When the Centerville Cemetery Association was incorporated Amos B. Harnish was very active in the organization and was selected as the man best fitted to fill the post of president, which position of trust he still holds. In all the relations of life he has proven himself worthy of the highest esteem, and justifies the

confidence his fellow citizens have placed in him. In religious matters both he and his wife are consistent members of the United Brethren Church, and prominent in its good works.

EDWIN H. STAUFFER. Among the flourishing interests of Willowstreet, Lancaster county, is the mercantile business, and its most successful representative is Edwin H. Stauffer, one of the progressive and public-spirited men of the community. He bears a name that has long stood for business integrity in Lancaster county, and is a fit representative of an old and honored family.

Grandfather Isaac Stauffer was reared in Lancaster county, and spent his life there. Early in his business career he conducted a mercantile business in Pennville, where he lived until a short time prior to his death, when he removed to Lancaster city and opened up a coal business with his brother, Henry. His death occurred about a year later. His religious connection was with the German Reformed Church. His family consisted of seven children: William, Samuel, Albert, Delilah, Henry, Amanda, and one that died in early childhood.

Henry Stauffer, son of Isaac, was born at Pennville in 1842, son of Isaac and Catherine (Erb) Stauffer. He was about eight years of age when his parents removed to Lancaster, and one year later his father died, and he went to Adamstown, where he learned the trade of harnessmaker, and remained there some three years. Going then to Reamstown and thence to Reading, he spent three years at the latter place, and then located at Churchtown, Pa., in which village he conducted a business of his own for some three years more. He spent a short time in Ohio, but later returned to Lancaster county, locating first at Chestnut Level, where for eighteen years he was the best workman in the neighborhood. He then came to Willowstreet, and has since been firmly established in that village. In connection with harnessmaking, he also engages in trucking, and for three years was the Republican appointee for deputy coroner.

In 1865 Henry Stauffer married Margie Houston, a daughter of William Houston, born in Williamsport, Pa., and three children came to this union: Edwin H., the principal merchant of Willowstreet; Carrie B.; and John P., who is engaged with his father in harnessmaking.

Edwin H. Stauffer was born in Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1869, a son of Henry and Margie (Houston) Stauffer, esteemed residents of Willowstreet. He was but eight months old when his parents moved to Lancaster county, and he was reared in Drumore township and educated in the public schools. At the age of seventeen he became a clerk with the firm of George A. Frippie & Co., of Safe Harbor, remaining two years as an employe in their general store, and then went into the butcher business with J. W. Roher, in Willowstreet, for five years. But his tastes lay

in the direction of merchandising, and he embraced the opportunity offered by A. L. Eshbach, and for one year was his efficient clerk. In 1893 he succeeded to the business. At that time the stock was worth only \$700, but he immediately increased it to more than \$12,000 worth, and he has built up a trade second to none in Lancaster county outside of Lancaster city. Mr. Stauffer is possessed of keen business faculty, and his energy, combined with good judgment, and assisted by a pleasant personality and courteous manner, will insure his future success as he yearly extends his business. One much appreciated feature he has introduced, for the enjoyment of his country trade, is that of dispensing ice cream, both wholesale and retail, during the heated term. The line carried by Mr. Stauffer includes almost all articles generally found in a first-class establishment of the kind, necessities and also luxuries, and for the past four seasons he has added farm machinery, for the convenience of his many country patrons.

On May 10, 1894, Edwin H. Stauffer was married to Carrie M. Caddy, a daughter of John R. and Louisa Caddy, and one child, Mildred, has come to this union, born in July, 1896. Socially Mr. Stauffer is a member of the K. of M. and the K. of G. E., in both of these organizations being deservedly popular. A stanch Republican, he has since Aug. 22, 1894, been the efficient deputy postmaster at Willowstreet.

DANIEL S. FISHER, superintendent of the Chestnut Hill Ore Mine, in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and a resident of Silver Spring, was born at Sarah Furnace, in Harford county, Md., March 12, 1857, son of Anthony W. and Catherine (Schetroupf) Fisher. The parents were natives of Chester county, Pa., and Germany, respectively, the father born Aug. 12, 1819, the mother on Feb. 25, 1828. They came to Lancaster county, Pa., locating in 1868, in New Providence township, whence they removed in 1890 to Drumore township. Anthony W. Fisher is a mechanical engineer by calling, but is now retired from active labor; his last service for many years was with Christopher Geiger, in Lancaster city. He is a Republican in politics, and has served as county committeeman. Mrs. Catherine Fisher is a devout member of the Lutheran Church. To the marriage of Anthony W. and Catherine Fisher have been born seven children, in the following order: Anna M., wife of Peter Snyder, a farmer in Strasburg, Pa.; Josephine, wife of Harvey Smith, a mine superintendent living in Lancaster; Alford, a stationary engineer in New Providence township; Daniel S., whose name introduces this biographical memoir; Rebecca, married to Charles Wittick, a farmer at West Willow, this county; Ida, now Mrs. John Potts, of Eden township; and Clara, wife of David Potts, of Strasburg, this county.

Daniel S. Fisher remained with his parents until

twenty-one years old, and then began work on his own account. He had entered a mine at the age of thirteen years, and from that time on followed mining with the exception of five years passed on the railroad, as repairman. Mining continued to be his occupation in Lancaster county until 1892, when he came to West Hempfield township and entered the Chestnut Hill Ore Mine, to the superintendency of which he was promoted in 1896.

On April 2, 1885, Daniel S. Fisher was united in marriage, in Quarryville, Lancaster county, to Miss Anna Potts, who has borne him nine children, in the following order: Eugene, Robert, Paul, Blanche, Lester, Helen, Carrie, Anna and Daniel H., Jr. Mrs. Anna (Potts) Fisher was born in New Providence township Feb. 10, 1867, daughter of Frank and Sarah Potts, of Lancaster county, who now reside in New Providence township, where the father is engaged in carpenter work.

Daniel S. Fisher has reached his present responsible position through his personal merits, industry and devotion to his employers' interests. He began at the foot of the ladder and persistently ascended, rung by rung, until he reached the top, where he now stands, an honored and respected man and citizen. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., and politically he is a Republican.

JOSEPH B. WEAVER. Prominent among the excellent agriculturists of East Lampeter township is Joseph B. Weaver, a worthy representative of one of the old families of Lancaster county, who still occupies the farm which was the property of his grandfather, Joseph Weaver, this estate originally consisting of 260 acres, but now comprising only 125 acres.

Joseph Weaver became a well-known and influential man in the township, and was the father of a large family, which, by marriage, has become connected with many of the other old and honorable county families. He was first married to Barbara Bear, and to this union were born: Isaac, father of Joseph B.; Ephraim, who died unmarried, at the age of forty-five; Jacob, whose death, at the age of sixteen, was due to an accident; Annie, who became the wife of John Frantz; Mary, who resides in Lancaster; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Christian Witmer, and had one son, John, who became a druggist in Philadelphia, and died at the age of twenty-nine; and Susan, who resides with her sister Mary, in Lancaster. The mother of these children died March 5, 1840. The second marriage of Joseph Weaver was to Esther (Stehman) Brubaker, widow of Samuel Brubaker, and to this union two daughters were born: Barbara, who is the wife of Amos Bowman, of Lampeter Square; and Annie, who is the wife of John Kurtz, of Lancaster. All of the family were born on the old farm now owned by Joseph B. Weaver. Joseph Weaver was an upright man, a minister in the Reformed Mennonite Church, and

he and both his wives were interred in the Longenecker burial ground.

Isaac Weaver, the eldest son of Joseph, was born Sept. 20, 1820, on the farm now owned by his son, and died in 1887. His life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, in which faith they reared their children. On Oct. 20, 1850, he married Catherine Barr, and the following named children were born to them: Mary A., wife of John F. Girvin, a farmer and miller of Leacock township; Joseph B.; Aaron, Benjamin F. and Milton L., farmers of Manor township; and Elizabeth F., who died March 27, 1897.

Joseph B. Weaver was the eldest son of Isaac and Catherine (Barr) Weaver, and was born Oct. 23, 1853. His educational advantages were meager, but he has supplemented them with observation and reading, and is now regarded as one of the best-informed and most intelligent farmer-citizens of his locality.

In 1876 Mr. Weaver married Lizzie Houser, a daughter of John and Lydia (Lefever) Houser (the former of whom was a farmer), who were the parents of: Christian, deceased; Jacob L., a farmer in West Lampeter township; Kate, the wife of Abram Bachman, a farmer of Lampeter; and Lizzie, Mrs. Weaver. The parents of Mrs. Weaver are buried in the Longenecker Meeting House cemetery. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver: Clara M., Harry M., M. Roy, Ada L. and Anna M.

As a successful farmer Mr. Weaver is known throughout his township. In addition to attending to his agricultural interests he also operated a chopping and saw mill, although these were conducted more for his own convenience than for any other purpose. On April 1, 1902, he purchased and took possession of the C. Musselman property, at Witmer, consisting of a coal, lumber, hay and grain business, and a feed mill. He has also continued to improve that property, adding a chopping mill. Mr. Weaver believes in modern methods and is a most progressive man. His improvements are of the latest description, and his country home is fitted up with the conveniences of a modern city residence, heated by steam, and water is conveyed to all parts of his buildings by means of pipes. Mr. Weaver's religious connection is with the church in which he was reared, and in which his family has long been a leading support. In the community, in all the relations of life, Joseph B. Weaver is considered a truly representative citizen.

HENRY H. SNAVELY is of German descent, both his parents, Christian and Elizabeth (Hartman) Snively, having been born in the Fatherland. They emigrated from Wurtemberg early in the present century, and were married in America. Both were poor, but they were industrious, and little by little, through thrift and good management, they accumu-

lated a competence. The father began life as a farm laborer, and at the time of his death, in 1871, he was the owner of three farms, well situated and well improved. His wife survived him for twenty-seven years, passing away in 1898. Mr. Snively was a Republican in his political creed, and both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Their marriage was blessed with seven children. The three eldest—Christian, Catherine and John—are deceased. Elizabeth is the wife of Samuel M. Nolt, of Oregon, Lancaster county. Tobias is a farmer, living near Lititz. Henry H. is the sixth in order of birth, and Moses, the youngest, is a farmer of Lititz. Mr. and Mrs. Snively, with those of their children who have died, sleep in Landis Valley.

Henry H. Snively was born in Oregon, Lancaster county, Jan. 1, 1859. His early life was passed much after the fashion of the sons of other farmers of the neighborhood. The common schools gave him the only education which he ever received apart from that obtained in the broad school of experience, but he was ambitious, active and enterprising, and at the age of twenty-one he began farming on his own account. However, he found that life too quiet, and going to Rothsville Station he opened a coal and wood yard, at the same time acting as ticket agent for the Reading & Columbia railroad. From Rothsville he went to Millway, where his duties and line of business were similar. There he remained for more than three years, thence coming to Lititz, where he embarked in the hotel business, in which he was eminently successful, being well qualified for the duties of a landlord by a genial temperament and an intuitive knowledge of human nature. In 1888 he purchased the "Warwick Inn," which hostelry from 1890 until 1901 was under his personal management. He remodeled it throughout, providing accommodation for one hundred guests. In the spring of 1901 Mr. Snively retired from hotel-keeping in order to give his whole attention to his other lines of business, which have been constantly on the increase. In 1900 he commenced the erection of a comfortable modern dwelling in Lititz, the finest in the borough, where he took up his residence in 1901. For the past two years he has dealt heavily in cattle, shipping in stock cattle in the fall, and shipping out fat cattle. He also deals extensively in fancy horses. In the fall of 1901 he established a market in Lititz, where he has succeeded in establishing a lucrative patronage. After coming to Lititz Mr. Snively purchased the race track in the town, which he rechristened the Warwick Driving Park. This he conducted for five years, holding exhibitions for the trial of speed. In 1897 he opened the Warwick Sales Stables, where sales are held every alternate Saturday, and which have proved of no little advantage to the farmers in the surrounding county. Much against his own inclinations he has found himself obliged to fill the role of auctioneer, and the urbanity and honesty with which he discharges this onerous task have

added not a little to his established popularity. In 1899 he purchased the Lititz Camp Grounds, where annual camp gatherings are held, and his management of the same has thus far been extremely successful. Mr. Snively is interested in all projects for the public good.

Mr. Snively was married, in 1880, to Miss Lizzie M., daughter of Jonas B. Nolt, and they have one child, Christian. Mr. Snively is one of the most esteemed and honored citizens of Lititz, broad-minded, generous and public-spirited, and has made hosts of friends who admire him for his many amiable traits and respect him for his unassailable integrity.

CHRISTIAN ESHLEMAN. Not only is the State of Pennsylvania pardonably proud of her position in the sisterhood of States, and of the number and variety of her natural resources, but she claims superiority also on account of the class of citizens which forms her agricultural community. Among these the residents of Lancaster county take no obscure place, and one of the most flourishing of its communities may be found in West Lampeter township.

The Eshleman family well represents the farming interests of West Lampeter, its members having been good citizens and industrious and worthy tillers of the soil of Lancaster county for generations. Martin Eshleman, who was the head of the branch of this family now located in West Lampeter, was a native of Providence township, where he became not only a large landowner, but an influential man, both in the affairs of the township, and also in the Old Mennonite Church. He married Elizabeth Groff, and to them came an estimable family of six stalwart sons and seven worthy daughters, who inherited excellent traits from both parents, and became the progenitors of families of their own. These children were: John; Martin; Samuel; David; Jacob; Abraham; Ann, who married Adam Thomas; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Herr, and moved to the West; Maria, who married Martin Hoover and also moved West; Fannie, who married Andrew Reese; Susie, who married David Martin; Katie, who married John Groff; and Barbara, who married Samuel Dieffenbach. The parents lived to a good old age, respected by all who knew them.

Samuel Eshleman, son of Martin, was born in Providence township in 1770, and became a very capable miller, following that vocation in his home township. After his marriage he conducted the plant known as Strohm's mill, later moving to Hummels-town, in Dauphin county, where he conducted a successful milling business for some time. Desiring to retire from this industry, he then moved into Lancaster county again, and purchased a farm in Strasburg township, upon which he remained the balance of his life, passing away at the age of seventy-three. When he could not work on the farm he kept busy

teaming to both Wilmington and Philadelphia, as he was a most industrious man, energetic and frugal.

Samuel Eshleman married Anna Martin, who was born in Strasburg township in 1772, daughter of Christian and Anna (Bear) Martin, and died in her eighty-third year. Her ancestors belonged to the oldest families in the State. Two children were born of this marriage: Jacob, who died in his forty-third year, the father of Christian; and Ann, who died March 16, 1902, aged ninety years, ten days. Both Samuel Eshleman and his wife were consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

Christian Eshleman resides in West Lampeter township, between Lampeter Square and Big Springs, on a small farm which he cultivates himself, his large farm of 136 acres, located in Strasburg township, being occupied by his son. Mr. Eshleman was born in Strasburg township Aug. 10, 1834, a son of Jacob and Barbara (Miller) Eshleman, was reared on the home farm, and was a student in the public schools until the death of his father, at which time he was fifteen years old. Thus early deprived of a father's care and advice, he assumed responsibilities beyond his years, at the age of twenty-one taking entire charge of one of his father's large farms, in Strasburg township, where he followed farming for a number of years. Later he sold that place advantageously, and purchasing another farm in the same township, remained thereon for some years, the time he spent on both these farms aggregating twenty-eight years. In 1885 he purchased the farm upon which he now resides, containing but twelve acres, which is small enough to permit him to operate it comfortably without assistance. His line has been general farming, and he has proved himself a very efficient agriculturist.

Christian Eshleman was married Nov. 13, 1856, to Mary Cassel, who was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and came to Lancaster county with her parents, Samuel H. and Barbara (Hansbery) Cassel, both of whom are deceased. Samuel H. Cassel was born in Montgomery county Oct. 15, 1795, son of John and Elizabeth Cassel, the former of whom died in 1844, the latter in 1838. They were the parents of three children: Abraham, born in 1783, was a farmer of Strasburg; Maria, born in 1785, married Joseph Rittenhouse, a farmer of Montgomery county; and Samuel H. was the father of Mrs. Eshleman. Samuel H. Cassel married Barbara Hansbery, of Montgomery county, and they had the following children: Martin, born in 1820, a coachmaker, died at Witmer; Elizabeth, born in 1821, died eleven years later; Lydia, born in 1825, died at the age of sixty-four; John was born in 1826; Magdalena, born in 1828, died at the age of sixty-one; Samuel, born in 1831, a coachmaker by trade, a resident of Lancaster, was for many years one of the efficient teachers of the county, and now supplies the market with produce; Mary, born April 29, 1833, is the wife of Christian Eshleman; Aaron, born in 1835, is a coach-

maker, residing in Witmer, Lancaster county; and Emanuel, born in 1837, is a truck farmer of West Lampeter township. When a young man Samuel H. Cassel, the father, learned the trade of cabinet-maker, and became a fine mechanic, but later in life he followed farming and labored faithfully as a minister in the Reformed Mennonite Church. His advent into Lancaster county was in 1853, and his ministerial labors extended over both Lancaster and Montgomery counties.

A large family was born to Christian and Mary Eshleman: Annie, born Aug. 12, 1857, died March 9, 1881; Franklin, born Dec. 6, 1858, is a farmer of Chester county, and married Grace Hall; Elizabeth, born Sept. 10, 1860, married Benjamin F. Byers, a butcher, of West Lampeter; Samuel, born Jan. 17, 1862, is a farmer of West Lampeter, and married Emma Harnish; Christian, born May 3, 1863, conducts a creamery at Shippensburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., and married Annie Albright, of Chester county; Mary, born Sept. 9, 1864, married Dr. A. J. Shartle, of Millersville, and died in 1889; Eietta was born June 4, 1866; Elam, born Oct. 28, 1868, for the past fifteen years has been one of the efficient teachers in the public schools of the county, having been thoroughly educated in the State Normal School at Millersville and in the Ohio Normal University, and also in Philadelphia (he married Mary Shaw, of Tioga county); John, born March 18, 1870, died in August, of the same year; Barbara, born Feb. 21, 1872, died in 1890; Willis E., born April 13, 1877, is a butcher by trade, and follows that profession in this locality. Christian Eshleman and his wife have reared this large family to be worthy citizens, and in religious faith all are in harmony with the teachings of the Reformed Mennonite Church. They are among the most esteemed residents of West Lampeter township.

KAUFFMAN. The earliest progenitor of the Kauffman family to settle in Lancaster county was Andrew Kauffman. He emigrated from Switzerland during the first half of the eighteenth century and located on a tract of five hundred acres near what is now Central Manor, for which he had obtained a grant. A very considerable portion of this tract yet remains in the possession of his descendants, and ranks with the best farming land in the county. Andrew Kauffman died about 1760. He was a Mennonite, and his descendants have been reared in the same religious faith. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were the parents of six sons and six daughters, viz.: Michael; Andrew; Christian; John; Jacob; Isaac; Anna, wife of Alexander Stockslager; Elizabeth, wife of Christian Myer; Mary, wife of Christian Shenk; Barbara, wife of Michael Shenk; Magdalena, wife of John Correl; and Verronica, wife of Jacob Witmer.

Michael Kauffman, the eldest son of Andrew, and the ancestor of the line we are tracing, passed his days at the paternal homestead. He married a

Miss Immel, by whom he had seven sons who grew to maturity, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, Andrew, Christian, John and Benjamin. Jacob was a miller, and erected what is now known as the Landis mill; he died after attaining the age of eighty-eight years. Abraham removed from Pennsylvania to Maryland, taking up his residence in Baltimore, where he conducted a hotel; he died in his eighty-ninth year. Isaac was a farmer of Manor township, and died in 1825, aged seventy-one years. Andrew, the fourth son, lived in Washington borough; he was a scrivener, and for many years held a commission as justice of the peace. Christian had his residence at the old homestead, and was for a half century an earnest and efficient minister of the Mennonite Church; he died Feb. 11, 1849, after reaching the age of eighty-four. John studied medicine, and was for many years a successful practitioner at Mountville. Benjamin was a farmer; he took a deep interest in public affairs, and commanded the respect of his fellow citizens to such an extent that they chose him to represent them in the Colonial Assembly; he died at the age of forty-five years.

Christian Kauffman, son of Michael, married Elizabeth, daughter of Isaac Kauffman. She was born Jan. 19, 1767, and died April 10, 1832. They had five children, and their eldest son, Benjamin, succeeded to the ownership and occupancy of the homestead, where he died in 1854, in his sixty-second year. Abraham, the second son, was a school teacher, and was held in high regard; for many years he filled the office of township assessor, and he died unmarried, at the age of seventy-two. Isaac, the third in order of birth, was a farmer; like all the members of the family, from one generation to another, he was a Mennonite, and was for many years a deacon in that denomination; he passed away at the ripe old age of eighty-six. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, married Henry Schopf, of Manor; she died at the age of "three score years and ten." Barbara, the second daughter and fifth child, became the wife of Jacob Newcomer.

Benjamin Kauffman, the eldest son of Christian, was noted for his quiet, unassuming manners, and he seems to have been equally distinguished for a kindly and liberal disposition. He appears, however, to have viewed his "house" very much in the light of a "castle," and to have shut himself up therein after a rather exclusive fashion. He married Anna Myer, whose parents, Samuel and Barbara (Harnish) Myer, were well-known and sincerely respected residents of Conestoga township. To Benjamin Kauffman and his wife were born nine children who reached mature years. A brief mention of each may prove of interest. The eldest (1) Elizabeth, is the widow of Abraham Miller, of Manor township. (2) Leah (deceased) was the wife of George S. Mann, of Millersville. (3) Samuel is a farmer, owning and cultivating fifty-one acres of the original ancestral tract; he married Martha, daughter of Henry and

Anna (Hertzler) Mellinger, and is the father of three children, Annie M., Henry M. (mentioned below) and Lizzie M. The mother died in 1879, at the age of forty-eight. (4) Benjamin C. is mentioned below. (5) Christian, born in July, 1835, is a retired farmer, and lives at Letort. He is unmarried. (6) Reuben, who resides in the same place, was born in 1838. He married Esther Hershey, daughter of Joseph and Barbara Hostetter Hershey. (7) Anna did not marry. (8) Abraham M. died leaving a wife and one child. (9) Nathaniel died unmarried.

BENJAMIN C. KAUFFMAN was born Aug. 27, 1833, grew up on the old homestead, and was educated in the common schools, the first "seat of learning" which he attended being the "old log school house" in the school district in which he was born. He was a young man of twenty-two when his father died, in 1854. The management of the homestead at once devolved upon his sturdy young shoulders, and he met the grave responsibility with the same quick perception, the same practical common sense, and the same dauntless courage, with which he has encountered every vicissitude in his latter years. At that time the paternal estate consisted of 123 acres, which is now his property, and through judicious purchase he has increased his holdings to 188 acres. This property he has improved and beautified until it has become one of the most valuable and attractive places in Manor township. He has devoted not a little attention to the propagation and raising of choice varieties of stock, and has been for many years an importer of fine breeds of Jerseys and other breeds of cattle. By this means he has done much toward improving the county's standard of cattle, thereby proving himself a public benefactor. For the last few years he has made a specialty of this branch of farming, and has become a recognized authority on the breeding and raising of stock. He is thoroughly progressive in his ideas on all subjects, and keeps fully abreast of every advance made in his day and generation. His political creed is Democratic, and both he and his family are members of the Old Mennonite Church. On Jan. 20, 1862, Mr. Kauffman married Barbara, daughter of Jacob Hoover and Barbara Shenk. She was born in Lancaster township Aug. 23, 1831. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman had two daughters and one son, Annie, Ephraim H. and Amelia. The eldest married George W. Mann, of Manor township. Ephraim H., who married Mary Meck, lives upon the old homestead. Amelia is unmarried and lives at home.

HENRY M. KAUFFMAN was born Sept. 21, 1862, and even from youth exhibited those rare gifts of intellect which have so largely contributed to his phenomenal success. Early in life he learned the trade of machinist, and readily qualified himself as an engineer. From early boyhood he exhibited a natural aptitude for mechanical pursuits, and while he is, in large measure, self-educated, he has over and again demonstrated his superior ability in his

chosen profession. His early years were passed in farm work, and his first experience in engineering work was obtained in the management of a portable threshing machine. He still owns one of these, but his own energies are exercised in a higher and broader field. He erected his present plant. As a manufacturer of steam fittings for residences he met with success from the outset, and today he commands and controls the very best custom in his line. There is no branch of the work with which he is not familiar, and no detail in any department of his establishment which does not fall under his own personal supervision, from the signing of a contract to the turning of a screw. He employs no foreman whom he does not know to be thoroughly competent, yet over all is the guiding, directing, controlling hand of the master. Apart from his extensive dealings with owners of private dwelling houses he has done excellent work for manufacturing plants. His shop is conceded to be one of the best equipped in the country as regards its facilities for the repair of farm machinery, while he also handles engines, separators, stationary engines, and boilers. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been repeatedly nominated by his party for office. On Dec. 18, 1900, Mr. Kauffman married Miss Mary F. Herr.

ANDREW MELLINGER GARBER, of Salunga, known to almost every man, woman and child in Lancaster county as the "Pillsbury flour man," comes from one of the oldest and most prominent families in that section of the State. His ancestors came to America from Switzerland, and his grandfather was a prominent farmer near Mountville, in West Hempfield township. Reuben Garber, his father, was a farmer and miller, living half a mile from Salunga, in West Hempfield township. He married Susan Mellinger, daughter of Christian Mellinger, a farmer of Manor township, and a representative of an old and influential family. Five children were born of this union, three of whom are living, namely: Reuben, who is a merchant; Christian, a farmer near Mountville; and Andrew Mellinger.

Andrew M. Garber was born on the old homestead at Silver Spring, Feb. 15, 1851, and was educated in the public schools of the district. When seventeen years old he left school and went to Mt. Union, Huntingdon county, where he secured employment at \$13 a month, and paid \$15 a month board and \$1 a month for his laundry. This state of affairs continued for one year, when young Garber, thinking that he had had enough of this "deal," took charge of the establishment, continuing thus until 1867. He then took charge of his father's mill near Salunga, where he built up an extensive trade, and, in addition, became a wholesale dealer in Western grain and mill feed. But his enterprise did not end here, for he became the general selling agent for the Pillsbury flour, and it is in this connection that his name has become most familiar to our people. No man ever

worked harder, or more successfully, in building up a trade. The sales of Pillsbury flour have increased every year since Mr. Garber represented the goods in his community, and the business is now an immense one.

Mr. Garber married Miss Minnie Herr, daughter of Daniel B. Herr, a retired resident of Rock Hill, and three children have been born of this union, one of whom died at the age of six months. The survivors are Miss Anna L., who was educated at Darlington Seminary, West Chester; and Andrew H., who was educated at Annville, the Millersville State Normal School, and the Pierce Business College, Philadelphia, and now assists his father in the business. Socially Mr. Garber belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, but he has little time for such matters, devoting himself constantly and ardently to his business. He has spared neither time, labor nor money to bring the Pillsbury flour before the public, and his handsome exhibits at county and State fairs have always been features of those gatherings. It is to his credit, as well as to that of the great flour company which he represents, that he has invariably taken first premium wherever he has exhibited, for the good taste which he displayed in arranging and presenting these goods. This fact, added to his pleasant personality, has assisted him greatly in introducing and popularizing his goods among the citizens of Lancaster county—a county that is noted for its own good flour, and where people are therefore competent to judge of the quality of the goods handled by Mr. Garber.

JOHN B. MILLEYSACK, cigar manufacturer of Lancaster, and member of a family long represented in America, was born in Lancaster in 1856, a son of Jacob and Mary (Milton) Milleysack, natives of Wabank, on the Conestoga, near Lancaster. His paternal grandfather, George Milleysack, was also a native of this county, was a lumberman by occupation, and served during the war of 1812.

When a boy Jacob Milleysack came to Lancaster city with his parents, and in early life he was a contractor and builder. He later turned his attention to the manufacture of tobacco cases for the general trade, but for the six years preceding his death, in 1881, at the age of seventy-two, he was retired from business activity. He served in the Civil war, and took an active part in politics. He worshipped in the Church of God. His wife died in 1881, at the age of sixty-nine, and is buried beside him in Lancaster cemetery. They had the following children: Julia, deceased wife of Franklin Dollar; Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Chilles; George, a soldier in the rebellion, now deceased; Rebecca, who died at the age of sixteen; Augustus, who died in the Civil war; Sarah, wife of John F. Sutter, a groceryman of Lancaster; Samuel, a soldier during the Civil war, now living at Brilliant, Ohio; Andrew, who was ac-

cidentally killed when young; Jacob, a soldier of the Civil war, now deceased; and John B.

At the age of sixteen John B. Milleysack learned the cigar-making business, and in 1882 he started an independent business for himself. He has been very successful, and owes his advancement solely to his own thrift and perseverance. In politics a Republican, he has been a school director for many years, and has taken an active interest in local political undertakings. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons, Knights of Malta, I. O. O. F., Artisans, A. O. M. P., and Jr. O. U. A. M.; he has been treasurer of the latter for many years.

In 1879 Mr. Milleysack married Mary J. Sheridan, a native of Lancaster, daughter of John and Catherine (Henry) Sheridan, of Lancaster. Mr. and Mrs. Milleysack are the parents of four children, Bertha I., Mary C., John B., Jr., and M. Alma.

JOHN S. HELLER. Among the highly esteemed and representative citizens of Lancaster county, one who for many years has successfully engaged in agricultural life in the same locality, is John S. Heller. John Heller, his grandfather, was a resident of East Lampeter township, where the father, Isaac D. Heller, was born, and where he died July 25, 1900, at the age of sixty-eight years. Isaac D. Heller married Barbara E. Stauffer, who, at her death, in 1863, aged twenty-seven years, left a family of three children: Elizabeth, deceased, who married Amos Leaman; Annie, who married David H. Kendig, of Reading, Pa.; and John S. Isaac D. Heller married for his second wife Maria Landis, who died without issue, and he then married Mary R. Buckwalter, who bore him one child, Mary, who died in infancy. Mrs. Heller still survives. Isaac D. Heller was a farmer all his life, and was a most worthy citizen, taking a great interest in educational matters in his township and serving efficiently on the school board. A leading member of the Old Mennonite Church, his influence was ever in the direction of temperance and morality. Although no politician in the public acceptance of the term, he voted the Republican ticket, and took an active interest in the success of the party which in his opinion upheld the principles which promised best for the country.

John S. Heller was born Oct. 9, 1861, in the old family homestead, and was educated in the public schools. He remained at home until he had attained his majority, assisting on the farm and being a comfort to the declining years of his parents. In November, 1882, he was married to Fannie H. Gamber, a daughter of John L. and Fannie D. (Herr) Gamber, who was born in Manor township, on the old Gamber homestead. For the eight succeeding years Mr. Heller and his family remained on the old home place, in the spring of 1891 removing to the present farm, in East Hempfield township, one mile west of the

city of Lancaster, along the Columbia pike. It is a most desirable location, in one of the most fertile portions of the Keystone State. Upon this place Mr. Heller has expended time, energy and means, making it one of the best tracts of land in the locality. The place comprises eighty acres, upon which general farming is carried on, and the thorough cultivation and fine improvements make it very attractive; its proximity to the thriving city greatly enhances its value.

To John S. Heller and his wife a family of six children has been born, namely: Mary G., Hettie G., John G., Fannie G., Amanda G. and Anna G. Mr. Heller was carefully reared in the faith of the Mennonite Church, which several of his family have also joined. Like his lamented father, he is a staunch Republican, and is one of the most respected and substantial residents of the township.

GEORGE M. ROBINSON. It is not unusual for a mechanic to become a leading member of his community, but there are also those who, through force of character, aided and improved by mechanical training, become indispensable factors in the progress and prosperity of the community itself and its perpetuation by their handiwork. To this class of useful citizens does George M. Robinson, the well-known blacksmith and carriagemaker at White Horse, Pa., belong.

Mr. Robinson was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, March 4, 1850, being the third of the six children born to the marriage of William and Rebecca (Adair) Robinson, namely: John H., born in Salisbury township, Jan. 8, 1847, a blacksmith in Limeville, Pa.; Sarah, wife of Joseph Humphrey, of Philadelphia; George M.; Mary, wife of Christian Fox, of Parkesburg, Pa.; William, a farmer of Harristown, Pa.; and Westley, a merchant now deceased. William Robinson, the father of this family, was also a native of Salisbury township, was a carpenter by trade, and died in March, 1876, when fifty-six years old, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church; his remains were interred in the cemetery of that congregation at Bellevue. The mother, who is likewise a native of Salisbury township, was born there Feb. 2, 1821, and now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Fox, in Parkesburg. She is a daughter of John and Mary (Orr) Adair, the former of whom was lost in the war of 1812.

At the age of nineteen years George M. Robinson entered the blacksmith shop of his brother John, in Salisbury township, where he served an apprenticeship of three years; he then worked as a journeyman one year, at the end of which time he started in on his own account, in a country district in the same township, and in 1880 came to White Horse.

On Jan. 30, 1873, at Honey Brook, Chester county, George M. Robinson was joined in matrimony with Miss Mary Groff, who was born in Ches-

ter county, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Edwards) Groff, and died July 3, 1898, at the age of forty-five years, the mother of seven children, namely: Rebecca C., who died in infancy; Mary R., wife of Benjamin Spence, a farmer in Salisbury township; Lavinia C., married to Reuben Althouse, a decorator, at White Horse; Lillian, wife of David Spence, of Paradise township; and Ida M., Harry and Westley, at home. The remains of the beloved mother were interred in the Baptist Church cemetery in Salisbury township. On Dec. 25, 1900, Mr. Robinson married for his second wife, Emma J. Templin, who was born in Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, May 14, 1852, daughter of James and Sarah Templin.

George M. Robinson is in politics a Republican, and, although he takes an active part in the management of local affairs and is well versed in the details of the movements of his party, he has never yet accepted a public office, although he has frequently been solicited to accept nominations at various times, and for various positions, and has been instrumental on more than one occasion in securing the success of his party at the polls, being individually very popular.

JOHN SMITH. Among the prominent and representative citizens of Christiana was John Smith, who, after a long and successful agricultural life in Lancaster county, lived for a number of years before his death, April 18, 1902, retired. His birth, on June 8, 1811, reaches back almost to the beginning of a century which has accomplished more for the world's progress than any of those which preceded it, and Mr. Smith saw some very wonderful changes in his life of more than ninety years. His parents were Jackson and Esther (Maxwell) Smith, and their residence was near Russellville, in Chester county, where they were prominent and highly respected farmers, leading members in social circles and in the Presbyterian Church. They died in 1855 and 1859, respectively, and both were buried in the cemetery of the Manor Presbyterian Church, in Chester county. The family of children born to Jackson Smith and wife numbered eleven: William; Robert; Joseph; Steward; John; Mary, who died single; Jackson, who died unmarried, a man of wealth; Martha, deceased wife of Isaac Moore; Abraham, who died wealthy, unmarried; Caleb; and Isabella, deceased wife of Jesse Smith. All of the family passed away.

It was not until after his marriage that John Smith became a resident of Lancaster county, having been reared to manhood on his father's estate, in Chester county. For two years succeeding his marriage, he operated a farm in East Lampeter township; moving then into Bart township, he lived for six years in White Hall, and lived one year at Eshleman's Mill. In 1855 he removed to Lancaster, and there engaged in the teaming business, making a specialty of the hauling of flour, and pursued this business for

nine years. The two succeeding years were passed on a farm at Nine Points, in Bart township, and after this Mr. Smith retired to his late home in Christiana, where he afterward lived, surrounded by all the care and attention of a most devoted and capable daughter.

In January, 1847, John Smith was married, in Mt. Pleasant, Pa., at the home of the bride, to Miss Barbara Trout. One daughter blessed this union, Miss Lettie, who remained her father's attentive and self-sacrificing companion. Mrs. Smith was born in Mt. Pleasant, Bart township, April 1, 1812, and she died in the late home, on Oct. 8, 1886. She was a devoted member of the Mennonite Church, and she was laid to rest in the Longenecker Mennonite cemetery. Her parents, John and Mary (Free) Trout, were of Lancaster county, where the former was an undertaker, and both were consistent members of the New Mennonite Church. The children born to John and Mary Trout were: Barbara, who wedded John Smith; Anna, who married Benjamin Hand, of Goldsboro, N. C.; Catherine, wife of John Bachman, of Mount Pleasant; John, who died young; Henry, retired, living in Mt. Pleasant; George; John, deceased; Josiah, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Augustus Miller, of Lancaster; Hannah and Susan, twins, both deceased, the former the wife of John Knighty, and the latter of George Heidlbaugh; and Abraham, deceased.

John Smith for many years was one of the most industrious and energetic men of his time, always performing his duty in any situation in which he found himself. The infirmities of age made some inroads upon a naturally robust constitution, but his eye to the last kindled and a welcome was extended to friends who crossed his hospitable threshold. In his very capable daughter, Miss Lettie Smith, he not only had a devoted child and companion, but a business manager of most excellent judgment and ability. Although Mr. Smith was reared in the Presbyterian Church, his mind leaned in the direction of the New Mennonite Church, his beloved wife having been an exemplar of that quiet, peaceful and unostentatious sect. Mr. Smith was much esteemed in Christiana, and his death was greatly deplored.

JOHN H. SCHENCK, a retired farmer in West Donegal township, is living on the farm where he was born, and which was purchased from William Penn by his great-grandfather, Mathias Blazer, nearly two hundred years ago. The remains of many of his descendants and of the progenitors of John H. Schenck are buried in a private cemetery on the farm.

John H. Schenck was born March 3, 1821, a son of Jacob and Anna (Horst) Schenck. His father was born on the farm and his mother in West Donegal township, and both died on the farm from which Jacob Schenck never removed. He was born April 15, 1791, and died Aug. 15, 1855; his widow died in

1870, and both were buried on the farm. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and had the following children: John H., whose name appears above; Joseph, who died when thirteen years old; Jacob, who died when forty-eight years old; Elizabeth, deceased in infancy; and Abraham, who was killed by a tree limb falling on him.

Joseph and Barbara (Blazer) Schenck, the paternal grandparents of John H., spent their lives on the Schenck homestead. John Schenck, the father of Joseph, came from Switzerland.

Jacob Schenck had the following brothers and sisters: John, who was born in 1781, married Barbara Reitzel; Barbara, born in 1783, died single at the age of twenty-one years; Mathias, born in 1786, lived to be eighty-three years old, and died unmarried; Joseph, born in 1780, died when young; Ephraim, born in 1794, died unmarried at the age of forty-eight; and Elizabeth, born in 1796, married Jacob Eshleman, and died at the age of seventy-seven years.

The maternal grandparents of John H. Schenck were Jacob and Elizabeth (Longenecker) Horst, born in Conoy and West Donegal townships respectively, both ending their days in the last-named community. John Horst, the father of Jacob, came from Switzerland; he had the following children: Jacob, Joseph, John, Martin, Mische, Susan, Barbara and Elizabeth.

John H. Schenck was married March 10, 1845, in Elizabethtown, to Mary Kauffman, by whom he became the father of the following children: Jonathan K., who married Amanda Stacks, and is living at home with his father, following the carpenter trade during the season; Jacob K., who married Mary Ann Ebersole, and lives on a farm in West Donegal township; Christian K., a farmer in West Donegal township, who married Elizabeth Oberholtzer; Elizabeth K., who became the wife of John L. Witmer, a farmer in West Donegal township, and had two children, both of whom are deceased; and Mary K., who died when but a year and one month old.

Mrs. Mary Schenck was born in West Donegal township, May 19, 1822, a daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Good) Kauffman, both born in West Donegal township, and reared to a farming life. The father died in 1871, at the age of eighty-one years; and the mother passed away at the age of seventy-seven years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Three children were born to them: Mary; Anna, who died young; and Elizabeth, widow of Martin Breneman, who has her home in Mt. Joy borough. John Kauffman, her paternal grandfather, lived in Lancaster county.

Mr. and Mrs. Schenck have spent their married life on the farm where he is found today. They have been industrious, careful, and thrifty, and sustain a deservedly high reputation at home and abroad. Mr. Schenck has filled from time to time local positions of considerable importance; for nine years he was supervisor, and for three years has been assistant

assessor. He is a Republican, and has been judge and inspector of elections. Both husband and wife are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Schenck has a commanding physique, being over six feet in height, and 200 pounds in weight, and he is quick and active for his years.

JOHN S. STEHMAN, who for many years has ranked as one of the leading agriculturists and progressive men of Lancaster county, has resided on a finely cultivated and improved farm located three miles northwest of Petersburg. This land was originally brought into the family by his grandfather, John Stehman, who purchased it, and then erected the building which is still used as a residence, its stanch timbers and fine workmanship bearing well the strain of wind and weather for more than a hundred years. This residence has been remodeled and converted into one of the most comfortable and attractive of modern dwellings; the days in which it was built were not those of cheap and shiftless labor or of inferior material. The other fine modern buildings which mark this estate as belonging to a capable, careful and successful farmer were all erected by John S. Stehman, the commodious and well appointed barn being built in 1892. Nothing so truly indicates thrift and prosperity as do the improvements on a farm, and in this direction Mr. Stehman has displayed both taste and utility. His beautiful farm land has also been placed under such cultivation that it has been generally conceded to be one of the finest in the rich county of Lancaster.

Grandfather Stehman was a farmer all his life, but only reached the age of forty years. He married a lady named Airhart, and to them were born five children, two sons—John and Henry—and three daughters, none of whom survive.

John Stehman, father of John S., was born on the farm May 4, 1810, and made his home there throughout life, following agriculture, living quietly, and leaving behind him the record of a good citizen. He married Fannie Snavelly, who was born Jan. 23, 1823, a daughter of John Snavelly, and died April 10, 1895. She was the mother of three children: Jacob S., of Mt. Joy; John S.; and Mary Ann, now deceased, the wife of Abraham Summy. The parents were both consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, where for many years their places were never vacant.

John S. Stehman was born Aug. 11, 1848, on the old farm, and was educated in the locality, attending the public schools. He engaged in farming for his father until he was twenty-two years old, at which time he continued the conduct of the place alone, taking the responsibility on himself, and in 1890 became the owner by purchase. He is known throughout the vicinity as one of the most capable and successful farmers of the county, as well as one of its most prosperous and substantial citizens. Aside from the old homestead, he became the owner of several

other very valuable pieces of property, one of these being a tract of six acres, adjoining the homestead, which contains a complete set of buildings, but which he sold in 1901. In 1900 he purchased the Martin Peifer farm, which contains 101 acres of finely improved land, and remodeled the barn and house, and his son Elam now cultivates this place. In 1902 Mr. Stehman built himself a home in East Petersburg, equipped with all the latest conveniences, and situated in a very pretty part of the town, where he intends to pass the remainder of his days.

Mr. Stehman was married Oct. 25, 1873, to Annie B. Nissley, daughter of Christian Nissley, of West Hempfield township, and they have become the parents of five children: (1) Emma died at the age of two years. (2) Elam was married Oct. 18, 1900, to Birdie May Garber, daughter of Reuben Garber, and they are the parents of one daughter, Maybeth. (3) John and (4) Anna were twins; the latter died at the age of eight years. (5) Fannie is at home.

Mr. Stehman is justly considered one of the influential men of his township, his influence being always in the direction of improvement, and he is ever in favor of measures which he considers for the public good. Both he and his most estimable wife are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church and faithfully follow its teachings in their lives.

ABRAHAM ESBENSHADE, for many years one of the leading farmers of Lancaster county, who, after a long life of industry, now lives in the enjoyment of former labor, was born and reared in East Lampeter township. His birth was on Oct. 1, 1827, and he was a son of Henry and Catherine Esbenschade, of Lancaster county.

Henry Esbenschade was a son of Peter Esbenschade, who located in Lancaster county at an early day. He was born in Germany, and he married in this country and spent a long and useful life as a farmer. The four children born to Peter Esbenschade were: Henry, who was born in 1803 and died in 1878; Jacob; David and Joseph.

Henry Esbenschade, who was the father of Abraham Esbenschade, married Catherine Bowman, who was born in 1803, and died in 1895. They reared a family of seven children, one child dying in infancy: Martha, deceased; Abraham; Mary Ann, wife of Ephraim Buckwalter, of Paradise township; Kate, wife of Jacob Bochman, deceased; Joseph, of California; and Benjamin and Elizabeth, twins, residents of Lancaster county, all of these being among the most reliable and substantial people of this part of the State. For twenty-five years Henry Esbenschade followed the trade of miller, but his last years were spent in agricultural pursuits.

Abraham Esbenschade grew up on the farm and attended the public schools. When he started out for himself, he possessed limited means, but he was filled with determination to succeed, and very soon his energy and industry brought results. As years

passed Mr. Esbensshade continued to accumulate means, and he is now the owner of one of the most valuable estates in the township. This consists of 170 acres of well-cultivated land which Mr. Esbensshade operated for many years, retiring of late years from activity, and leaving the work to younger hands.

The marriage of Mr. Esbensshade was in October, 1852, to Miss Mary Ann Buckwalter, of Leacock township, a daughter of Henry and Susan Buckwalter. To this marriage were born ten children: Annie, the wife of August Winters, of East Drumore township; Catherine, the wife of Walter Chester, a merchant of Camden, N. J.; Henry, a resident also of Camden, N. J.; Elizabeth, of Camden, N. J.; Mary S., of Colerain township; Emma F., the wife of Charles Winters, of Colerain township; Sarah J., of Camden, N. J.; and Henrietta, at home. The others died in infancy.

Mr. Esbensshade is an ardent Republican in political belief, and is a leading member of the Methodist Church. For eleven years he served his township as school director, and has always taken an interest in all matters pertaining to education.

CAPT. HENRY RANSING (deceased) was a son of George Hiram Ransing, who died in Holland, and whose widow came to the United States when Henry was a lad of two years of age. She became the owner of the land between East Orange, Plum, Marion and Center streets, and this land she sold little by little as the march of improvement took its course in that direction.

Henry Ransing was educated in the Lancaster public schools, and at the age of thirteen years entered a cotton mill, where he worked until the breaking out of the Rebellion. At that time he enlisted as a private in Co. G, 79th P. V. I., and at the end of his first term of enlistment, he re-enlisted for the war. He rose rapidly and presently attained the rank of captain. When the company came back in which he first enlisted, he was its captain, though only nine of the original members survived the dangers of war. He was in twenty-seven battles and eighteen skirmishes in the Western Army, but was never wounded, though at the battle of Bentonville his clothing was perforated by sixteen bullets. After the war Capt. Ransing was presented by the members of his company with a magnificent sword, sash, belt and epaulets, the sword bearing this inscription: "Presented to Capt. Ransing by the members of Company G, 79th regiment of Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteer Infantry, as a token of respect and friendship; and for the gallantry displayed in all the battles in which he participated." Capt. Ransing was a member of the Committee on the Monument to the memory of the men of the 79th P. V. I., who fell at Chickamauga.

The war ended, Capt. Ransing became an overseer in the Lancaster Fulton Cotton Mills, where he remained until the factory was partially destroyed

by the explosion of the boiler. After this he gave up his position in the mill, on account of the objection of his wife to his being in what she regarded as a dangerous place, though he was in the line of promotion to the superintendency. Capt. Ransing engaged in business, opening a small grocery, which soon assumed large proportions under his close and careful management, soon necessitating the construction of the fine brick building on East Orange street, where for ten years a successful business was carried on. At the end of that time this building and business was converted into a hotel, for which he secured a license, and established the "East End Hotel." After a prolonged absence from the hotel, and a residence in another part of the city, Capt. Ransing finally returned to it, where he died May 19, 1900, deeply regretted far and wide. The following poem was published in the *New Era*, shortly after his death:

IN MEMORY OF A GALLANT SOLDIER.

We mourn, but we comfort feel,
When of our friend we're thinking,
That when on him Death pressed the seal
He died brave and unshrinking.

He feared not death: Why should he fear?
He who with musket's rattle
And shot and shell and wildest cheer
Feared not the bloody battle!

No mocking yell his soul could quell;
He fought to save the Union;
Stood like a rock while others fell,
Stood firm against disunion.

He rose from private rank to lead
The gallant volunteers,
He rose from merit and with speed,
Rose with his comrade's cheers.

They honored him by act and word,
And to attest their feeling,
They gave to him a handsome sword,
Their deep love thus revealing.

The war was o'er. His sword was sheathed,
And doing good to others,
No gentler, kindlier heart e'er breathed,
Beloved by all his brothers.

For all the world to his kind heart,
Were just like sisters, brothers;
He never failed to do his part,
In lending help to others.

His soul's at rest; his battle's done.
He's done with care and striving;
He left a light like noonday sun
To comfort the surviving.

To danger he was first to go,
None quicker in advancing,
No braver man e'er met a foe,
Than gallant Captain Ransing.

Capt. Ransing was married in 1866, to Rose Roth, who survives him, as does his only son, Henry Edward. The latter was born Sept. 16, 1877, and

after securing a partial education in St. Anthony's parochial school, finished his education in Franklin and Marshall College, but was compelled to leave school before graduation that he might assist his father, who became seriously ill three years before his death. Henry E. Ransing has since succeeded to the hotel business. He was married Sept. 20, 1900.

Capt. Ransing was a devout Catholic, having taken his first communion at old St. Mary's Church when twelve years old. In his later years he was associated with St. Anthony's Church. He was the founder of St. Michael's Catholic Benevolent Society, and was chief marshal of the great parades that attended the laying of the corner stone of St. Anthony's Church, at the dedication of St. Anthony's Institute, and at other notable Catholic occasions in this city, besides leading his society frequently to other cities to participate in prominent events. Few men indeed were better known in Lancaster than Capt. Henry Ransing, and none more esteemed.

ABRAHAM METZLER is one of the old and highly respected citizens of Lancaster county, and has his home in Paradise township. He was born near Morgantown, March 24, 1822, a son of Christian and Nancy (Werner) Metzler.

Valentine Metzler, the great-grandfather of Abraham, and the founder of the family in Lancaster county, was born in Switzerland, Feb. 14, 1726, and came to this country in his early manhood. In Lancaster county, where he made his home, he was married Nov. 19, 1749, to Anna Wissler, who was born in the county Dec. 9, 1727, and died March 29, 1793, surviving her husband, who died July 24, 1783. The home was on a farm several miles north of the city of Lancaster, and there they reared the following children: Abraham, Jacob, John, Anna, Henry, Christian, Martin and Elizabeth.

Abraham Metzler, noted above, was the grandfather of our subject. He was a farmer living a mile south of Morgantown. All the family have been members of the Mennonite Church.

Christian Metzler, son of Abraham and father of Abraham Metzler, whose name introduces this article, was born March 6, 1791, and died Jan. 7, 1878. His wife, Nancy Werner, was born in 1790, and died Jan. 1, 1867. They had the following family: David; Abraham, who married Susan Eby; Magdalena, who became the wife of Christian Hershey; Elizabeth, who married Joseph Brackbill; Susanna; and Anna, who died unmarried. Mr. Metzler was a man of high character and unblemished reputation, standing well among the leading people of the county, and giving the influence of his life to the uplifting of the community.

Abraham Metzler was born in Conestoga township, and accompanied his parents when nine years old to the farm in Paradise township, where he is found at the present time. Farming was his life

work, and he retired about 1878. During the course of his long but uneventful life he has done much to help the community to a higher state, and has exerted a good influence by his quiet life and daily industry. His farm comprises 113 acres, and today he bears himself with remarkable vitality and vigor for a man eighty years of age. All his life he has been associated with the Mennonite Church.

JOHN RODKEY is an honored representative of one of the German families which settled in Lancaster county about a half century ago, for he has reached an enviable position as a business man, and politically has become prominent through the franchises of his fellow citizens. In 1900 he was elected supervisor of West Hempfield township, where he has had his lifelong residence.

Christian and Eva (Resch) Rodkey, his parents, were both natives of Germany. Christian Rodkey was in early life a shoemaker, and in 1853, when about thirty years of age, he migrated to America, coming directly to Lancaster county and settling in West Hempfield township. Soon after his arrival he married Eva Resch, whose father, John Resch, had emigrated from Germany to Lancaster county in 1852. In Lancaster county Christian Rodkey followed farming in connection with his trade of shoemaker. He died in 1864, aged forty-one years, and his wife died in 1878, aged fifty-two. They are buried at Columbia. Both were devout members of the German Lutheran Church. Six children were born to Christian and Eva Rodkey, namely: John, whose sketch appears herewith; Lizzie, wife of Abraham Shenck, a farmer of Manor township; Mary, wife of Harry Lindeman, of Lancaster; Anna, wife of William Merritt, of Philadelphia; George, deceased; and Rosa, wife of Albert Loller, of Lancaster.

John Rodkey, the eldest child, was born in West Hempfield township Feb. 10, 1854. He remained on the home farm carried on by his father until he was about twenty-four years old. On Jan. 27, 1877, at Columbia, he married Miss Mary Frey, a native of West Hempfield township, daughter of Peter and Eleanora Frey, farming people of that township. Six children came to this union, as follows: Christian, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Laura, wife of Edward Moore, a lace weaver of Philadelphia; John, a lace weaver, living at the old homestead; Fred, at home; May, at home; and Anna M., deceased. The wife and mother died in 1891, aged thirty-two years, and for his second wife John Rodkey married, Oct. 11, 1893, at Columbia, Mrs. Amelia (Ulmer) Hinkle, a native of that city, and the widow of Charles H. Hinkle. She is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Gertrude (Hineland) Ulmer, who were married in Wittenberg, Germany, their native land, in 1837, and six years later emigrated with their family to America. Their destination was Ohio. Traveling westward by water, the boat stopped at

Columbia over Sunday. There by chance they met a sister of the wife, and were persuaded by her to remain at Columbia. Joseph Ulmer was a shoemaker by trade. After his settlement in Columbia he built and operated the old "Wagner Hotel." It was destroyed by fire, but was rebuilt by Mr. Ulmer, who managed it in all about fourteen years, retiring from the hotel business in 1866, and resuming his old trade of shoemaker. He died at Columbia in 1894, aged eighty-five years. His wife died in 1884, aged seventy-two years. They were earnest, faithful members of the Lutheran Church. A large family blessed the union of Joseph and Mary Gertrude Ulmer, namely: Lizzie, wife of George Cowden, of Pittsburg; Fred, deceased; Mary, who married George Newberry, of Philadelphia; Margaret, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Henry, deceased; Amelia, wife of John Rodkey; Martha, deceased; George, a railroad man of Columbia; Joseph T., deceased; Charles, of Columbia; and Laura, deceased. In 1867 Amelia Ulmer married Charles H. Hinkle, and to them were born five children, James B., Lizzie C., Lotta, Clara and Mary.

After his first marriage John Rodkey rented a farm in West Hempfield township for three years, at the end of that time moving to Columbia and operating the "Farmer's Hotel," known now as the "Hotel Columbia." He then purchased his parents' farm of fourteen acres, which he has brought to a high stage of cultivation. Besides engaging in general farming he is quite an extensive grower of tobacco. He has been eminently successful, and ranks as one of the leading citizens of West Hempfield township. In religious faith Mr. Rodkey is a member of the Lutheran Church. He is prominent in fraternal orders as a member of the Red Men and of the Artisans. In politics he is a staunch Democrat, and he was elected township supervisor in 1900 by a large majority.

EMANUEL M. RESH, a citizen of Leacock township, Lancaster county, has his home farm on a part of the old homestead where he was born Oct. 31, 1851, son of Christian E., and Susanna (Landis) Resh. Reared on the old home place, he attended the local schools and Millersville Normal School, and when he became a young man was married to Miss Anna Landis, an estimable young lady of Lancaster county. This union has been blessed with two daughters, Mabel, born May 6, 1884; and Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1888.

Mrs. Anna (Landis) Resh was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Oct. 28, 1855, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Kreider) Landis.

DAVID D. WEAVER, one of the up-to-date and enterprising citizens of East Hempfield township, whose home is a half mile west of Petersburg, was born in Manheim township April 26, 1849, son of David and Annie (Denlinger) Weaver, and descends

from a family long established in Lampeter township. The father died in 1887, at the age of seventy-four years, and the mother passed away in March, 1883, at the age of sixty-four years. In early life David Weaver was a carpenter, but at his marriage became a farmer, and owned several places in different parts of the county. He had a family of nine children, four of whom lived to attain maturity: (1) Jacob died in the spring of 1901; he was a truck farmer, and resided on Columbia avenue, Lancaster. (2) David D. is mentioned below. (3) Benjamin is a truck farmer in East Hempfield township. (4) Annie is the wife of Christ. Shenck, of East Lampeter township. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver were associated with the Reformed Mennonite Church.

David D. Weaver was born in Manheim township, two miles north of Lancaster, was reared on the farm, and was educated in the public school. At twenty-nine he married, and following his marriage engaged in trucking on a farm in Manheim township. Presently he rented a larger tract, and engaged in general farming for some six years. In 1886 he located on the farm where he has since made his home, which comprises fifteen acres, and is devoted to kitchen gardening and fruit growing. In his management of this place he shows that he has made a study of the proper methods of farming, and is progressive and public-spirited to a very unusual degree.

Mr. Weaver was married, Dec. 12, 1878, to Miss Rachel Bair, a daughter of Adam and Martha (McElree) Bair; she is a native of Lancaster, but was reared in West Hempfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of three children, Martha Ann, Alice May, and Viola B. They are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church, and move among the better people of the town.

WILLIAM H. ECKMAN, who has for many years been prosperously engaged in contracting and building in his section of Lancaster county, bears a name that has long been respected there. He is a grandson of Henry Eckman, who was born in the county, and passed all his days here. He was a plow-maker by trade, and was engaged in the iron business quite extensively, also in the mercantile business. Henry Eckman married Miss Hannah Shirtz, and they were the parents of six children: Hannah, Elizabeth and Catherine, all of whom died unmarried; Mary, wife of Michael Market, of St. Mary's, Pa.; Christian, father of William H.; and Amos, who is deceased.

Christian Eckman was born about 1823 in Paradise township, where he yet resides. He learned the carpenter's trade in early life, and followed it until obliged to retire on account of age, meeting with substantial success. He married Miss Sarah Powers, of Paradise township, and to them were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy: Amanda died at the age of nineteen years; Sarah became the wife of Franklin Slaymaker; Catherine married Will-

iam Sharp; Emma J. married William Proudfoot; William H. is mentioned below; Mabon F. is a resident of Paradise township; George W. lives in East Lampeter township.

William H. Eckman was born in Paradise township Nov. 12, 1846, and lived at home until he was twenty-two years of age. His education was acquired in the common schools, and he learned the carpenter's trade with Jacob Hidlebaugh. He commenced work on his own account as journeyman for George Miller and Amos Fralick, continuing thus about eleven years, after which he started in business for himself, contracting and building in East Lampeter township. Mr. Eckman has continued to follow his chosen calling up to the present time. He erected the second creamery that was started in Lancaster county, for Bowman & Maver, and many substantial structures in the region testify to his activity and efficiency as a builder. In politics he is a stanch Republican, and at present holds the office of school director.

On Feb. 6, 1868, Mr. Eckman wedded Miss Catherine Proudfoot, who was born April 16, 1842, and this union has been blessed with six children, as follows: Alice N., born Dec. 11, 1868, died Feb. 16, 1869; Mylin E., born Dec. 11, 1869, is a carpenter of Lancaster city; Aldis M., born March 29, 1874, died Dec. 17, 1875; Minnie M., born Dec. 28, 1876, is the wife of Lyman Strickler, of Paoli, Chester county; Barton F., born Jan. 26, 1878, residing in East Lampeter, is telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railway Company; Anson W., born Jan. 17, 1881, is a carpenter of East Lampeter township. Mr. and Mrs. Eckman are both members of the M. E. Church, in which he is steward and member of the board of trustees.

LEWIS WOOD. The Wood family of Pennsylvania traces an ancestry to Thomas Wood, who was born in Lancashire, England, and came to America in early Colonial days, buying land of William Penn, near Philadelphia. His children were: William, Joseph and Richmond, the last named being born on the passage to the new home. Thomas Wood was a leading member of the Quaker sect, and in his native land had belonged to a family of prominence, his brother, William Wood, being a member of the British Parliament. Since those early days, members of the Wood family have been among the most law-abiding and peaceful, and also loyal, citizens of this great country, representatives of it being now distinguished in many States.

Joseph Wood, son of Thomas, married Catherine Day, Jan. 12, 1769, and their children were: Thomas, Joseph, Jesse, Lydia, Elizabeth, David, John and Day.

Jesse Wood, son of Joseph Wood, was the grandfather of Lewis Wood, of this sketch. By his first marriage he had two sons, John and Day, and by his second marriage, had one son, James, who became

the father of Lewis. Grandfather Wood was a successful farmer and an honorable and upright citizen.

James Wood was during life one of the leading citizens of southern Lancaster county. For many years he was the president of the Farmers' National Bank, of Oxford, Pa., and as one of the leading members of the Republican party, he served most efficiently in various township and county offices, being county commissioner at one period. In his domestic life he was one of the kindest and most considerate of men, and closely followed the simple teachings of the Society of Friends. James Wood was born July 17, 1821, and his death occurred Aug. 9, 1894. In 1845, he was united in marriage to Mercy M. Carter, who was born on Nov. 29, 1822, and who still survives in Britain township. This marriage was blessed with eight children: Alfred, who lives in Fulton township, and whose sketch appears elsewhere; Susan, wife of Elwood Townsend, whose sketch also appears elsewhere; Jesse, a resident of this township, mentioned elsewhere; Mary, deceased wife of Davis E. Allen; Lucretia, wife of John W. Smedley, a retired farmer of Oxford; Lewis, subject of this biography; James; and Ida, who died unmarried.

Lewis Wood, of Kirks Mills, Little Britain township, was born Jan. 27, 1854, and was reared to agricultural pursuits. His education was obtained both in the common and the select schools of his locality, and he was thus well prepared to become the progressive and intelligent farmer that he is. His farm comprises 204 acres of very valuable land, upon which he has placed good improvements.

On Jan. 25, 1893, Lewis Wood was married to Luella King, who was born in Fulton township July 22, 1857, a daughter of Thomas P. and Phebe (Preston) King, and was one in a family of four children, the others being: Elmira, who is the wife of Alfred Wood, of whom a sketch is given in another part of this volume; Luretta, deceased wife of Samuel Kirk, of Fulton township; and William P., who is a farmer of Fulton township.

The children born to Lewis and Luella Wood are: Ida P., born May 12, 1894; and Edith A., born Dec. 19, 1896. In politics Lewis Wood is a stanch supporter of the Republican party. Like his ancestors for many generations, he is a consistent member of the Society of Friends. Both he and wife are among the most highly esteemed residents of Little Britain township.

GEORGE L. CASSEL, M. D., the youngest son of A. N. Cassel, was born in Marietta, April 30, 1861, and his literary education was obtained in the public schools of that place and at York Collegiate Institute. In 1881 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, where he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1884, but the following two years he devoted to the lumber business in Marietta. Re-

turning to Philadelphia in 1889, he entered St. Agnes Hospital as interne, and was connected with that institution thirteen months, after which he entered the Union Mission Hospital as a member of the staff, as assistant surgeon of the eye clinic, remaining there until 1897. In the meantime he also engaged in private practice in Philadelphia, and in 1896 opened an office in Lancaster, where he is still engaged in practice, though his family reside in Marietta. His Lancaster office is at No. 153 East King street. The Doctor is a member of the medical staff of St. Joseph's Hospital in that city, and is also a member of the County, State and National Medical societies, and the Lancaster City Pathological Society. Since 1897 he has devoted his attention to Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

On Nov. 5, 1885, Dr. Cassel was united in marriage with Miss Mary Horn Cadwallader, a daughter of Col. C. N. Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, and to them have been born three children: Charles Cadwallader; George L., Jr.; and Miriam. The family hold membership in the Presbyterian Church. Socially the Doctor also belongs to Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. Elks; Donegal Lodge, No. 129, I. O. O. F., of Marietta; Marietta Encampment, No. 76; and Canton Lancaster, M. P., No. 25. He is assistant surgeon general on Gen. E. C. Deans' staff, Department of Pennsylvania, and he is a member of Marietta Council.

NATHANIEL K. BRUBAKER, a retired farmer of Lititz, is a descendant of one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, being a great-grandson of John Brubaker.

Joseph Brubaker, his grandfather, was born Sept. 23, 1785, in Elizabeth township, this county, and engaged in farming in Warwick until his retirement, about twenty-five years before his death, which occurred April 11, 1875. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Maria Bucher, and they had eleven children: One who died in infancy; Catherine, who became the wife of John Bomberger; Joseph, a farmer in Warwick township; Barbara, who married Christian Snyder; David, a farmer, a deacon of the Old Mennonite Church; Mary, the wife of Christian Bomberger; Elizabeth, wife of Levi Weaver; Levi, a farmer; Jonas, the father of Nathaniel K.; John, a farmer of Manheim township; and Annie, who became the wife of Jacob Shirk.

Jonas Brubaker was born in Warwick township July 22, 1825. He gave his entire attention to farming until about ten years before his death, which occurred May 10, 1897. He was a good business man and an able manager, and was one of the founders and a director of the Northern Market of Lancaster city. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Jonas Brubaker married Miss Leah Keller, daughter of Fred and Catharine Keller, and they had a family of nine children: Nathaniel K.; Cath-

arine, who died in childhood; Clement K., a retired farmer of East Donegal; Martin K., a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Miss Lizzie K., living near Lititz, who is engaged in sustaining foreign missions, and has especially used her influence for the suffering of India; Annie K., who died in infancy; Levi K., who is business manager of the missionary institute at Nyack, N. Y.; Barbara, deceased in infancy; and Jonas, who died in childhood.

Nathaniel K. Brubaker was born Nov. 28, 1849, in Warwick township, where he received a common-school education. He lived at home until he was twenty-five years of age, and then began life for himself, farming in Warwick township, at the same place where he now resides. He gave his entire attention to agricultural pursuits until 1894, since which time he has lived retired. He succeeded his father as a director in the Northern Market of Lancaster city; is a director of the Lititz and Rothsville pike, and also of the Lititz and Lexington pike. Mr. Brubaker has always been considered one of the most enterprising and energetic citizens of his township, and his interest in the welfare of the community has been shown by activity in various lines.

Mr. Brubaker was united in marriage, Nov. 3, 1874, with Miss Mary A. Hess, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Shenk) Hess, and to this union have come three children: J. Clayton, born Dec. 5, 1875, graduated at the Shippensburg State Normal School in 1896, and has taught four years, two years in the Cherry Grove school, in Elizabeth township and two years in Hubers school, in Warwick township; Annie Leah and Elnora both died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

DANIEL K. DENLINGER, a prosperous and thoroughly respected farmer of East Lampeter township, was born there Dec. 6, 1850, and belongs to a family whose various members have shown themselves worthy of the esteem of their fellow men.

Abraham Denlinger, the grandfather of Daniel K., was born July 21, 1785, and died March 6, 1836. He married Annie Landis, and they had the following children: Martin, born April 30, 1812, married Barbara Jauntz, and died Feb. 5, 1879; Benjamin, born Aug. 6, 1814, died Aug. 27, 1888; Mary married John Kreider; Barbara and Elizabeth were twins; the former married Daniel Kreider, and is now deceased; and the latter is the widow of Tobias Leaman.

Benjamin Denlinger, son of Abraham, married Anna Kreider, and they had a family of thirteen children, as follows: Martin and John (mutes); Abraham, who was twice married, first to Annie Buckwalter, daughter of Rev. David Buckwalter, and second to Hettie Landis, daughter of Benjamin Landis; Annie, deceased, who married David L. Buckwalter, son of Deacon Michael Buckwalter; Benjamin K., a farmer of East Lampeter, who mar-

ried Maria Wenger, daughter of Joseph Wenger, of Leacock township; Tobias K., who married Martha Brubaker, daughter of Deacon John Brubaker; Daniel K., who is mentioned below; Esther K., who married John Musser; Mary K. and Elizabeth K., twins, the former of whom is the widow of Henry E. Metzler, and the latter the wife of Christian M. Brackbill, a minister in the Mennonite Church; Barbara K., who married John H. Mellinger, son of Jacob Mellinger; Lydia K. (a mute), wife of Daniel Rohrer (also a mute); and Catherine K. (a mute), wife of Henry Kulp (also a mute).

Daniel K. Denlinger received his education in the public schools near his home. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-four years of age, at which time he began farming for himself, having been thoroughly trained to that vocation. He was located in Leacock township four years, after which he moved to the place on which he now resides, and which has been his home continuously until the present time. He purchased the farm in 1882. The place contains about sixty-three acres, on which he has made extensive improvements.

On Nov. 10, 1874, Mr. Denlinger married Miss Hettie M. Hershey, and to this union have been born ten children: Aaron H., who is a farmer in West Lampeter, and married Mary L. Groff, of East Lampeter township; Annie H., wife of Abraham L. Heller, of East Lampeter township; and Lizzie H., Hettie H., Jacob H., Mary H., Lydia H., Daniel H., Martin H. and Katie H., who live at home. Mr. and Mrs. Denlinger, one son and three daughters are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Denlinger is a valued resident of his community, where public spirit and devotion to local interests are appreciated.

ANDREW JACKSON FUTER, a well known and highly respected farmer of Leacock township, Lancaster county, where he has also followed the vocation of carpentering, was born in Salisbury township, March 16, 1837, a son of Stephen and Sarah (Bowman) Futer, the former of whom was born in France, while the latter was a native of Lancaster county.

Stephen Futer was born Dec. 14, 1799, and came to America about 1816, and located in Philadelphia, where he served an apprenticeship at the tailoring trade. When he had mastered it he came to Lancaster county, and was located in Leacock township for about a year, when he removed to Salisbury township, and there remained the rest of his life. He died March 16, 1872. His widow, who was born June 17, 1807, passed to her rest March 3, 1884. They were members of the United Brethren and the Old Mennonite Churches, respectively, and were buried in the cemetery connected with Rolands Church. Stephen Futer and his wife had the

following children: Elizabeth married first, Martin Sweigert and after his death, William A. Pradiager, and now lives in Paradise township; Catherine is the widow of Samuel R. Lindwell, and lives at Gap, Pa.; Sarah is the widow of Thomas Dunlap, and lives at Chenoa, Ill.; Elias is a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Melchisadec is deceased; Stephen is a farmer, carpenter and undertaker of Salisbury township; Andrew; John is deceased; Aaron is a farmer in Ford county, Ill.; George died young; Amos is a farmer and carpenter in Leacock township, and his sketch may be found elsewhere; Jemima and Jeremiah, twins, of whom the former is deceased, and the latter a carpenter in Philadelphia; Elmira lives in Philadelphia unmarried; and Anna M. died young.

The paternal grandparents of Andrew J. Futer were Mr. and Mrs. George Futer, natives of Alsace, France, where they spent all their lives. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Futer were Abraham and Elizabeth (Leaman) Bowman, both of Lancaster county. Mr. Bowman had a hotel at White Horse, and was wealthy before the Revolution, but lost his property in that struggle.

Andrew Jackson Futer was married Sept. 14, 1865, in New Holland, Pa., to Ann Elizabeth Brubaker, who was born in Strasburg township, Nov. 27, 1835, a daughter of Samuel and Esther (Stehman) Brubaker. This union was blessed with the following children: Stephen L., a carpenter of Philadelphia, married Ella H. Younger; Miss Esther A. is at home; Samuel B. a contractor and builder, is at home; Sarah E. died young; Benjamin F., who is engaged in the bicycle business at Lancaster, married Martha Hoover; and Andrew L. a partner of his brother, Benjamin F., married Mary A. Kraft, of York, and lives in Lancaster.

Samuel Brubaker died in Strasburg township in 1837, at the age of thirty-four years. His widow died May 11, 1890, at the age of eighty-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and their children were: Josiah, who died young; Rebecca, who married Christian Weaver, a farmer of Lancaster; John, deceased; Ann Elizabeth; and Naomi, deceased. Mrs. Brubaker was married second, to Joseph Weaver, who died in 1885, at the age of seventy-six. They had two children: Barbara A., who married Amos Bowman, now a retired farmer of Lancaster township; and Esther A., who married John Kurtz, a retired farmer of Lancaster.

Andrew Jackson Futer remained with his parents until 1863, when he was employed by the Government to build bridges and do other carpenter work. He helped in the construction of two buildings at Sangster Station, Va., and was foreman of two construction crews during the Rebellion. When the war closed he came home to follow his trade beginning business as a contracting carpenter in 1866. In 1871 he settled at the home where he is found to-day. In his politics he is a Republican,

and he takes a deep interest in the welfare of his party. In religion he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he lives an honest and upright life.

GEORGE K. MANNING, the best known undertaker and cabinet maker in Manor township, Lancaster county, was born in Highville, this county, May 6, 1843, and is of English origin.

John Manning, the founder of the family in Lancaster county, came from England in 1716 or 1717, as a cabin boy on a sailing vessel, and was left in Philadelphia by its captain as a hostage, or apprentice, until his passage-money had been worked out or earned.

John S. Manning, grandson of the apprentice above alluded to, and a son of Jacob Manning, was born in Manor township in 1789, was a weaver by trade, and also a butcher, at which trades he worked in winter, and in summer followed farming. He always made his home in Manor township, with the exception of one year passed in Indiana. He married Elizabeth Kline, daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Doerstler) Kline, who were of German origin, the grandfather of Peter Kline having been the founder of the family in Pennsylvania. The wife of John S. Manning died in 1868, at the age of seventy-two years, the mother of fourteen children, viz.: Jacob, who was a butcher and weaver, but is now deceased; Rebecca, widow of Abraham Renard, of Cumberland county, Pa.; John, deceased; Peter K., of Illinois; Benjamin K., a farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county; Amos K., deceased; Martin K., a farmer of Manor township; George K.; Adam, Elizabeth, Henry, Abraham, David and Elias, all deceased.

George K. Manning was educated in the public schools of Highville and when eighteen years of age began to learn the trade of carpenter and builder with Jacob Frey, and after serving his apprenticeship worked several years as a journeyman, and then began contracting and building on his own account, erecting many of the best buildings in the county besides doing considerable work on the State Normal School at Millersville, a model of which he made for the Centennial Exhibition.

In 1876 George K. Manning relinquished contracting and carpentering, and began to devote his attention exclusively to undertaking and cabinet-making, and as a funeral director now stands at the head of the calling.

DR. HUGO CROSTA HARK, one of the rising young professional men of Lancaster county, descends from an old and distinguished family. Dr. Bute, his great-grandfather in maternal lines, was contemporaneous with the great Hahnemann, and with the latter rendered signal service during the yellow fever scourge in Philadelphia. On the paternal side, his grandfather, Dr. Joseph Hark, is

now enjoying the evening of life, having rounded out a full eighty years, after a long and useful career as a homeopathic physician. Dr. J. Max Hark, the father of Dr. Hugo Hark, of Lititz, is one of the most distinguished clergymen of the Moravian Church, who for almost thirteen years ministered to the Moravian Church of Lancaster, and during that time was regarded as one of the foremost clergymen of the city. At present, he is the honored principal of the justly celebrated Young Ladies' Seminary, in Bethlehem, having resigned the Lancaster charge in order to accept this position. Dr. J. Max Hark was married to Miss Theresa Crosta, daughter of Francis Crosta, of Riverton, N. J., who died in 1895. From this union, three children were born: Hugo C., and Misses Hilda Theresa and Anna Amelia, who are attending the seminary in Bethlehem.

Dr. Hugo Crosta Hark was born in Lebanon in 1874, and received his primary education in the public schools, supplementing this with first, a course in Franklin and Marshall College, and then with a classical course in the Moravian College at Bethlehem. He next entered the Dental Department of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1898, and soon after began the practice of his profession in Bethlehem, where he remained until Dec. 1, 1900. At this time he became the successor to the dental practice of the late Dr. J. G. Weltmer, occupying the latter's old office, as a reception room, to which he has added another larger apartment, which he uses as an operating room.

WILLIAM WELCHANS. In December, 1897, a familiar face was missed from the streets of Maytown, and sorrowing neighbors lamented that William Welchans had passed out of life. He was born Aug. 31, 1822, and his life had been spent in Lancaster county, the staunch old region of substantial German settlers whose thrift has done so much to give the great Keystone State its reputation and prosperity.

The paternal grandparents of William Welchans were Joseph and Sabina Welchans, of York county, the family residence being near Wrightsville. Joseph Welchans was a prominent man, long being "Squire," and he was a thorough and enthusiastic musician, taking the long walk to Maytown every two weeks, in order to play the organ for the congregation of the Reformed Church. The worthy parents of the subject of this biography were Joseph and Margaret (Witmer) Welchans, of York and East Donegal townships, respectively, where the former followed the business of farming; he was also a carpenter, but in his latter days lived a rather retired life. To this union was born: William; Ann, who married Jacob Bowers, deceased; Margaret, who married Abraham Geltmacher; Jane, who married William Drebenstadt; and Charlotte (de-

ceased), who married Abraham Sloat. The father died in 1869, at the age of seventy-six, the mother in 1864, aged sixty-eight, both being buried in the Reformed cemetery.

On Nov. 9, 1845, William Welchans married Anna M. Drebenstadt, and to this happy union were born: Clara, who died young; Joseph, a carpenter, in Harrisburg, Pa.; Amra, who married Jefferson Shireman; Samuel, who died in 1889; Barbara, who married Jacob Heisey, a cigar-maker, of Maytown; Anna, who married William Stumm, of Sac City, Iowa; George, a carpenter at home, who married Barbara Hollinger; and May, who married Daniel Stewart, of Lancaster.

The birth of Mrs. Welchans occurred in Maytown, Oct. 10, 1825. She is a daughter of Samuel and Barbara (Poist) Drebenstadt, the former of whom was a weaver by trade, who acceptably filled the office of assessor for the township, and died in 1877, at the age of eighty-one, his wife having passed away in 1870, at the age of sixty-six, and both were buried in the old Lutheran cemetery, having been consistent members of the Lutheran Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Drebenstadt were: Anna M.; George, who was drowned at the age of nine years; William, who conducts a butchering business, in Middletown, Pa.; Theodore, who died in youth; Samuel, a cigar-maker in Maytown; Charlotte, who married John Brown, of York, Pa.; Franklin, who died a victim of the prison at Andersonville, during the Civil war; and Horace, who died young.

William Welchans learned the carpenter trade with his father, and learned it thoroughly so that in after years his name was a guaranty for excellence. While a young man he removed from Wrightsville to Maytown, and continued for many years one of the prosperous workmen of that village, accumulating a competency, and enabling his family to pass their days in comfort after he was taken from them. A good man in every condition of life, his memory is cherished by his family and many friends.

Mr. Welchans was a valued member of the Lutheran Church, his wife of the Reformed Church, and in politics he was a Democrat. His wife survives him, and is residing in the old home in Maytown which he built in 1847. Although somewhat of a sufferer from rheumatism, she is a very pleasant and intelligent lady, and remembers many interesting events of the life of herself and husband in this locality when they first made it their home.

ELWOOD M. TOWNSEND, one of the leading business citizens of Smyrna, in Sadsbury township, was born in Christiana, Pa., Feb. 17, 1859, a son of Jacob R. and Susan (Homsher) Townsend, both of whom were natives of Sadsbury township, more extended mention of whom will be found elsewhere in this volume.

Elwood M. Townsend was afforded excellent

educational advantages, finishing first the common-school course, and at the age of sixteen entering the Millersville State Normal School, there completing his schooling, but he is one of those intelligent men who continue to learn all their lives. Such men we generally find in the front rank of both professional and business life. Mr. Townsend passed his twentieth and twenty-first years as an educator, and then embarked in the hard wood and lumber business, in Sadsbury township, coming to the town of Smyrna, in 1887. Here, in association with his father, he entered upon a mercantile business, and upon the death of the latter he purchased the other half interest, from the estate, and has had full control ever since, his energetic and business like methods building up a large and constantly increasing trade. Mr. Townsend is also the popular and obliging postmaster of the town.

The marriage of Elwood M. Townsend was in 1887, in intercourse, to Ida E. Diller, and one daughter, Marian D., has been born to this union. Mrs. Townsend was born in Leacock township, a daughter of George and Hannah (Rutter) Diller, both of Lancaster county. The father is deceased, but the mother still resides in Intercourse, where the family is well and favorably known.

Mr. Townsend is fraternally connected with the Masonic order, and has been Past Master of Christiana Lodge, No. 417. In politics, he is a supporter of the Democratic party and exerts considerable influence in his locality. As a business citizen he is of great value to the community, and both he and wife are prominent in social circles.

JACOB MUSSER DENLINGER, now a farmer in Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born on the farm where his active years have passed, Aug. 25, 1853, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Musser) Denlinger, whose other son, David, born in Leacock township in November, 1857, is now a motorman on the electric railroad. Samuel Denlinger was born in East Lampeter township, March 17, 1830. His wife, Elizabeth Musser, who was born in Leacock township May 25, 1833, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Musser, died April 19, 1872, in her thirty-ninth year, having been an invalid for twenty years.

Jacob Musser Denlinger was married in New Holland, Pa., Nov. 8, 1877, to Miss Anna Musser and there were born to this union, two children, Elizabeth M. and Samuel, Jr.

Mrs. Anna (Musser) Denlinger was born in Paradise township, Dec. 12, 1852, a daughter of John M. and Susannah (Wenger) Musser. Her father, who was born in Earl township, died in Hinkletown, Pa., Aug. 21, 1896, when he was almost sixty-seven years of age. He was a farmer, and during his active and useful life he was called to office as supervisor by the Republican party, to which he was a life-time adherent. Mrs. Susannah

(Wenger) Musser, who was born in West Earl township, Jan. 18, 1833, died June 29, 1900. Both she and her husband, who were members of the Mennonite Church, were buried in the cemetery at Groffdale. To John M. Musser and his wife were born the following children: Benjamin W., of Upper Leacock township; Susanna, who married Benjamin Kreider, and is now deceased; John W., a farmer in East Lampeter township; Jacob W., a farmer and miller in West Earl township; Mary, widow of Adam D. Sheaffer, and now living in Earl township; Lizzie, who married Willard Eaby, a merchant at Intercourse, Lancaster county; Magdalena, who married Harry Risser, of Clay township; Henry, a merchant at Hinkletown, Pa.; Martin, a merchant at Ephrata, Pa.; Israel, who died in infancy; and Anna, Mrs. Denlinger. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Denlinger were Henry and Anna (Martin) Musser, both of Lancaster county; and her maternal grandparents, Benjamin and Anna (Erb) Wenger, were also of Lancaster county.

Mr. Denlinger spent the earlier part of his life on the farm where he is found to-day, but in 1880, he moved to another farm in Leacock township, where he spent a year, and was then engaged for some five years in managing a store in Mascot, Upper Leacock township. He returned to his present location at the end of that time, and has continued there to the present time. For some three years Mr. Denlinger filled the position of school director, and he is a public-spirited and capable citizen. In his political relations he is a Republican, and is very highly esteemed in the community where his useful life has been passed.

MRS. SUSAN KURTZ. No record of Ephrata township would be complete without the names of those members of the community whose youth is past, but whose advancing years make them more highly esteemed by those who have known their lives for so many years. Among this class no one more richly deserves the respect of the community than does the lady whose name opens this biography, who is universally regarded as a type of lovely Christian character.

Susan Kurtz was born July 27, 1827, a daughter of Sebastian and Susan (Mishler) Gockley, of Ephrata township. In 1844 she was married to Emanuel Mohler, a son of John Mohler, of Ephrata township, a good and worthy man who lived up to all that he believed to be his duty, was a good citizen, a Democrat in politics, a kind husband and indulgent father. His death occurred May 28, 1866, lamented by all who knew him. To Mr. and Mrs. Mohler were born seven children: John G., born Sept. 7, 1845; Sarah, born Feb. 5, 1847, married Cyrus Miller, of Adamstown; Susan, born April 29, 1849, married Benjamin Keller, of Nebraska; Richard, born Dec. 2, 1850, lives near Grand Rapids, Mich.; Rachel G., born March 17, 1853, married Henry

Herchelroth, of Ephrata borough; George E., born Dec. 9, 1854, is deceased; and Elizabeth, born Jan. 7, 1857, married Milton Sproecheer.

The second marriage of our subject was in 1870, to Israel Kurtz, who was born in 1822, and died in 1896. Mr. Kurtz was a most excellent man, a staunch Democrat, and one of the prominent members of the German Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kurtz is most pleasantly located in Ephrata, owning and occupying a comfortable two-story brick dwelling on State street, and possesses ample means to provide for more advanced age. Her life has been full of kind deeds and good works, and her example and influence have ever been in the direction of charity and good will. Everywhere is she known as a most lovable lady, and she has friends wherever she has made acquaintance, who wish that her days may be long in the land and filled with comfort and peace.

ROBERT J. KNOX, a retired farmer at Intercourse, Lancaster county, is enjoying the fruits of a long and industrious career. His venerable years, upright character and kindly disposition command the confidence and respect of the community to a marked degree, and his last years are passing very pleasantly, as should pass the closing period of a noble career.

Mr. Knox was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Aug. 18, 1821, a son of August and Martha (Stoner) Knox, both of Leacock township, where his father died in 1842, at the age of sixty-five. His mother died in Chester county, Pa., at the age of ninety-six years. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and were buried in the Leacock cemetery. Born to this union were the following children: David, deceased; Robert J.; Samuel, deceased; John, a farmer in Paradise township; Letitia, who married Molton Sample, who was buried Oct. 11, 1902, in Leacock cemetery; and Nathaniel, deceased.

Mr. Knox has been twice married. His first wife, Catherine Beam, was the mother of one child, who died in infancy; his second wife was Mary Ann Diller, who was born in Earl township, in March, 1831, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Besore) Diller, the former of whom was born in Earl township; the latter in Paradise township. Jacob Diller was a farmer, and died in 1881, at the age of seventy-eight years; his wife died in 1870, at the age of sixty-eight years. Jacob and Mary Diller had the following family: Catherine died unmarried; Elizabeth married Harry Graybill, and is deceased; Louisa married John Ranck, who is retired in New Holland, Pa.; Elias, who lives retired in New Holland, married Eliza Ann Graybill; Margaret died young; and Mary Ann is Mrs. Knox.

Robert J. Knox remained with his parents until he was twenty-two years old, when he engaged in farming for himself in Leacock township, his cous-

in, Martha Dunlap, keeping house for him. After three years of this life he began buying and selling horses, and moved to Salisbury township after his first marriage. There he was engaged in farming until 1887, when he came to Intercourse. No children of their own have come to bless their home, but Mr. and Mrs. Knox have adopted and reared to excellent manhood Willis R. Knox, who was a noted and successful teacher in Lancaster county schools. He is unmarried, and lives at home, being now engaged in selling farm seeds.

MARTIN N. HEISEY is a good representative of the younger generation of Lancaster county farmers, and was born on the old homestead of the Heisey family in West Donegal township, Nov. 28, 1873, a son of David G. and Martha (Nissley) Heisey.

Martin G. Heisey, his grandfather, was born on this farm. He married Magdalena Gochenauer, who was born near Petersburg, Lancaster county, and died in 1871 at the age of sixty-two years. Martin G. Heisey was a farmer and died in 1871, at the age of sixty-five years. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and were laid to rest in a private burying ground adjoining the Heisey farm. The following children were born to them: Joseph G., a retired farmer in Elizabethtown; Elizabeth G., the widow of Henry M. Witmer; Andrew G., a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Henry G. and Martin G., both deceased; David G., the father of Martin N.; and Abraham G., the manager of the laundry at the Axle Works in Elizabethtown.

Henry and Elizabeth (Gish) Heisey, the great-grandparents of Martin N., lived and died on the Heisey homestead.

David G. Heisey is one of the leading citizens of West Donegal township, where he was born Jan. 27, 1850, on the farm where his parents lived and died. He was married, Nov. 28, 1872, in Lancaster, to Martha Nissley, and they became the parents of the following family: Martin N., whose name introduces this article; Harry N., manager of a laundry in Elizabethtown; Elizabeth N.; Lotta N.; Irvin N.; Walter N.; Mary N.; Martha N.; Anna N.; and Ella N. All but the two older children are still under their parents' care and protection.

Mrs. Martha (Nissley) Heisey was born in West Donegal township in 1856, a daughter of Peter and Lizzie (Hoffman) Nissley, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father died in 1867, at the age of forty-five years, and her mother in 1859, at the age of twenty-three years, and they were laid to rest in Mt. Tunnel cemetery in Elizabethtown. They were the parents of the following children: Amanda, widow of Levi Risser, of Elizabethtown; Martha, Mrs. Heisey; Anna, wife of A. J. Heisey, a resident of Elizabethtown. The Nissleys are an old and respected family in and around Elizabethtown, and the history of the Lancaster branch of the

family may be found elsewhere under the Nissley name.

David G. Heisey was born, as stated above, on the farm where he is found to-day, and where his home has been made all his life with the exception of a few years prior to his marriage, when he worked out among the neighboring farmers. For twelve years he has been a school director, and his business standing and ability is unquestioned, as is his moral character. A man of the strictest integrity, he is regarded as one of the most upright and altogether reliable men to be found in this township at the present time. In his political relations he is a Republican, and in his religious connections he is a member of the River Baptist Church.

Martin N. Heisey and Anna S. Brinzer were married in Dauphin county, Nov. 28, 1898. Mrs. Heisey was born Nov. 27, 1879, in Dauphin county, a daughter of Rev. Solomon and Lizzie (Sherrer) Brinzer, natives of Dauphin and Lancaster counties, respectively. They now reside in Hillsdale, Dauphin county, where her father is engaged in ministerial life as a preacher of the United Zion Children Church. They were both born in 1848, and have the following children: Harrison S., principal of the Bainbridge school; John S., a farmer and a dairyman in the township of Mt. Joy; Matthew S., a blacksmith, and an inmate of the parental home, as is his sister Kate, who married Allen Demmy; Anna, who is Mrs. Heisey; Martin S.; Amos S., who is with Martin N. Heisey; Ezra, deceased; Ira and Lizzie, with their parents.

The Rev. Matthew Brinzer, born in Dauphin county, was a farmer and a bishop of the United Zion Children faith, being the founder of that denomination and the builder of the church at Hillsdale. He died in 1889, at the age of ninety-three years; and his widow in 1897, at the age of ninety-two years.

Martin N. Heisey remained at home with his parents until his marriage when he settled on his present farm, a choice place of seventy acres, and he is making a good name for himself as an active and pushing young farmer, of unwearied industry and strict integrity. In his politics he is a Republican, and is fast becoming prominent and well-to-do.

GEORGE L. KNOBB, a general farmer of Leacock township, was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, May 8, 1858, a son of George and Harriet (Garber) Knobb. His father was born near Reading, and his mother in Lancaster county. The elder Knobb was a farmer, and died near Reading in 1864, at the age of twenty-five years. His widow survived sixteen years, and died in 1880, at the age of forty years. They had two children: George L.; and a daughter, who has not been heard from since childhood.

George L. Knobb was married in Leacock township, Dec. 24, 1892, to Mary Ann Seldomridge, by

whom he has had two children: Mabel F. and Alta C. Mrs. Knobb was born Nov. 2, 1857, a daughter of Jeremiah Seldomridge, whose sketch appears elsewhere.

George L. Knobb remained with his mother until he was four years of age, when he went to live with his grandmother Garber, with whom he remained until he was thirteen years old. At that time he began a career of honest industry on his own account, and for several years he was employed among the neighboring farmers, gradually working himself into his present comfortable circumstances. In 1896 he removed from Buyerstown to the farm where he is found today. Mr. Knobb is a thrifty and up-to-date citizen of the community where his upright life and industrious habits, together with his genial nature and business ability, have won him many friends.

DANIEL T. HESS, carriage builder of Quarryville borough, Lancaster county, was born in Fulton township, March 10, 1853. His parents, William J. and Elizabeth (Brown) Hess were also born in Fulton township, and the family is one of the best known in Lancaster county. The father of William Hess, Jonas Hess, was of German parentage and fought through the Revolutionary war. William J. Hess spent the early portion of his life as a Fulton township farmer. He abandoned farming, and engaged in hotel keeping at Wakefield, Lancaster county, for a number of years. Then, removing to Quarryville, he acquired what is now known as the "Armstrong Hotel," near the railroad station, which he conducted for several years. After managing several other places in the county, he moved to Cecil county, Maryland, where he devoted himself to farming until the time of his death. Mrs. Hess followed him to the grave a few years later. A family of nine children were born to this couple, four of whom died in childhood: Frank, the eldest, married Miss Mary McQuarry, of Colerain township; they settled in Quarryville where he engaged in a mercantile and lime business for a number of years previous to his death. He left a wife and four children who reside in Lancaster. Although cut off in early life, he had made a reputation in the community, and was regarded as one of the best accountants and business men of Lancaster. J. H., another son of William J., was born in Lancaster county, and is now a farmer and business man of Cecil county, Maryland: he married Miss Ella Painter, of Lancaster county, and to them five children have been born: Howard, Grace, Paul, Lawrence and Louisa. George M. was born in Lancaster county in 1856, and married Miss Martha Painter, of the same county, where they still reside. Two children, William and Leon, have been born to them. Harry Hess was born in Lancaster county, and moved to Cecil county, Maryland, where he is still living unmarried.

Daniel T. Hess was reared in Drumore town-

ship, and was educated in the district schools. He worked on his father's farm, until the age of fourteen years, when he began to learn the trade of cabinet and carriage maker. He followed work of this kind until 1873, when he married Miss Maggie Myers, of Eden township, daughter of Augustus and Margaret Myers. The family is an old and respected one in the community. Mrs. Hess was born Nov. 17, 1858, and grew to womanhood and was educated in the schools of Lancaster county. After marriage the couple settled in Quarryville, where Mr. Hess has since engaged in the manufacture of vehicles of all classes. He has established a large and lucrative business, and has invested considerable means in real estate in the village. His home, built under his own direction, is one of the very pleasant ones in the place. Six children, four of whom survive, have been born to this couple: Harry, the eldest, was born April 13, 1874, and was educated in the school of the county, graduating from the High school at Quarryville. He afterward took a course in the Lancaster Business College, graduating from that institution in 1896. He married Miss Jeanette McClure, of Lancaster county, and the couple reside in the county, where Mr. Hess is engaged in the mercantile business. They have no children. Laura M. died at the age of two years. Lottie was born in Quarryville, in August, 1881, and was educated in the schools of her native town. Rengier was born in 1885, and died at the age of two years. Emma, born in December, 1888, is a student in the local schools, and Daniel C. was born in 1892.

Daniel T. Hess is a Democrat in politics, and has held a number of borough offices from time to time. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and hold a prominent standing in that denomination. Mr. Hess started in life with small means, but by industry and frugal habits has acquired a competency. The family is one of the most respected in the community, and deservedly so. Mrs. Hess takes an active part in church and charitable work, and is a lady of culture and refinement.

REV. HIRAM G. KAUFFMAN, one of the esteemed citizens of Lancaster county, where he is known and beloved for his earnest labors as a minister in the Old Mennonite Church, was born in East Hempfield township, near East Petersburg, on the old Kauffman homestead, March 18, 1869. His education was received in the public schools of his district, and he remained under the parental roof until a short time previous to his marriage, engaging there in agricultural pursuits.

In 1891 he began farming operations for himself on the farm he now occupies, just south of the village of Landisville, a fine tract of seventy acres, well situated and watered, and under an excellent state of cultivation, for while Rev. Kauffman is an energetic worker in the Church, he is also a practical farmer and understands the best methods of managing his land.

At the age of twenty-three he became a member of the Old Mennonite Church and took charge of the Sabbath school, and some two years later was ordained as a minister of the Church, the solemn rite of ordination taking place June 14, 1894, Rev. Jacob Brubaker officiating. He was assigned to the Salunga district, and confines the most of his labors to that vicinity. At the time of his ordination, he was the youngest minister in the county, but he has displayed unusual ability in his work, and has met with the approval of both his people and his brother ministers. Patient, kind and sympathetic, he is ever ready to give time or means to all who need his services, and has been most generous with both, in every service of the Church. His friends are numerous, and he has the confidence and true respect of the whole community.

Rev. Hiram G. Kauffman was married, Nov. 18, 1890, to Fannie K. Cassel, a daughter of John and Adeline (Kridner) Cassel, and one daughter, Dora, was born to this marriage. The life of Rev. Kauffman is passed in doing good works and in performing his duty toward his family, country and Church, and he has had every reason to believe that it finds favor with the Master he so faithfully serves.

JOSEPH PAXON COOPER, for many years in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co., and late an engineer, with his residence at Columbia, was born three miles north of Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1847, on the farm and in the house in which his father was born, and he was accidentally killed on the road Jan. 27, 1901.

Matson Cooper was born in October, 1820, and married Mary A. Miller, also a native of Chester county, born in 1823. To this union were born the following named children: Evan T., of Columbia, and an ex-soldier; James T., a railroad conductor at Harrisburg; Keziah, wife of Harry Roy, of Columbia; Joseph P., whose name opens this sketch; Sally, who married Zachariah Baldwin, of Atlantic City, N. J., and a former mayor; Henrietta, now Mrs. James Boyd; John, a brakeman who was killed on the road in 1896; Timothy, deceased; and Mary, who died young. Mrs. Mary A. (Miller) Cooper died July 1, 1897, at the age of seventy-four, a member of the Society of Friends, and Matson Cooper, also a Quaker, and a retired drover, auctioneer and merchant, came to Columbia in 1889, and made his home with his son, Joseph P.

Joseph Paxton Cooper, at the age of seven years, left the home farm and went to live with William McKnight, a butcher, and during his four years' residence with him gained a very fair knowledge of the butchering business, besides rendering assistance on the farm. His next experience was for two years and nine months with Preston Wickerson in a flour mill, and he then returned to Mr. McKnight, with whom he remained until he was sixteen years old, when he went to Kansas City, Mo. In 1866 he went to Baltimore, Md., and served three months in

the State Militia, and in 1867 came to Columbia and entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co. as a brakeman. Five months later he was appointed flagman; after four months' service in this position he was placed in charge of a local freight train as conductor for six months, and then served as fireman about one year and nine months. In June, 1873, he was promoted to engineer, and in that position he gave unqualified satisfaction until his lamented death.

On Jan. 16, 1873, Mr. Cooper married, in Columbia, Miss Amanda U. Campbell, a native of the borough, born July 19, 1855, a daughter of George Campbell, of whom further information may be found in the biography of Samuel Campbell, on another page. To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Cooper were born the following children, in the following order: George M., a locomotive fireman, who married Nettie Krieder, and became the father of one daughter, Harriet L., was killed on the road March 27, 1899; James T., also a fireman, married Ella Wills, and has one daughter, Alverta U.; John C., who served in Co. C., 4th P. V. I., in Porto Rico, married Hattie Shultz, and is now at home; Evans T., Daisy M., Mary, Joseph M., Lillie, Della, William, Lloyd, Gardner, and Charles and Samuel (twins), all at home.

In politics Mr. Cooper was a Democrat, but was never ambitious of holding office. He was greatly respected for his personal merits, as is his widow, and the children fully share the general esteem of the community.

JACOB R. TOWNSEND (deceased). For many years the late Jacob R. Townsend was well and favorably known through Lancaster county, having been prominently identified with many lines of activity. An excellent farmer, a successful lumber manufacturer and a prosperous merchant, he was brought into contact with very many of his fellow-citizens, all of whom unite in their estimate of him as a man of the most exalted personal honesty and unimpeachable integrity.

Mr. Townsend was born in Sadsbury township, Oct. 25, 1820. His death occurred April 18, 1891, at the age of seventy years, five months and twenty-three days, and he was buried in the cemetery connected with the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, at Gap, Pa. His parents, John and Catherine (Wagner) Townsend, were farming people, the former of whom belonged to the old Quaker family of that name in Bucks county, and the latter of Sadsbury township, where both died, the former on Aug. 27, 1858, at the age of sixty-six years, seven months and three days, and his remains were interred in the Friends cemetery in Sadsbury township. Mother Townsend was born on July 12, 1793, and died on Oct. 7, 1873, at the age of eighty years, three months and five days, and was buried at the Octoraro Presbyterian Church, in Bart township. The children born to John and Catherine Townsend

were: Polly R., who married Henry Rea, deceased; John, deceased; Jacob R., deceased; Catherine, widow of Joseph Ressler, of Cochranville, Pa.; George, who died in the West; Amos, who also died in the West; Isaac; Martin, a resident of Iowa; Robert, the principal of the High school, in Reading, Pa.; Susan, deceased, wife of Samuel Virtue, of Bart township; and Samuel, who lives retired at Christiana. The paternal grandparents were of English extraction, and Grandfather John Townsend was a successful and respected farmer and miller well known through Bucks county; his death occurred in Sadsbury township.

Jacob R. Townsend was reared to farming pursuits, and remained an agriculturist until 1846, at which time he embarked in the mercantile business, opening up a general store at the location of his son, in Smyrna. Here he continued until 1850, at that time disposing of his merchandise to Joseph C. Walker & Bro., who continued the business. Mr. Townsend then moved to Christiana, and in that growing town engaged extensively in a warehouse business, including lumber, coal, grain, etc., handling each commodity with excellent results for the succeeding seven years. With his brother-in-law, Theodore Homsher, he had a branch warehouse in Good Hope, in the Cumberland Valley. Tiring of the cares of business, Mr. Townsend returned to the old homestead farm, and began its operation, and also in this connection, managed a sawmill, but in 1873, in association with his son, Howard L., he resumed mercantile operations, buying back his old stand. For the following ten years, Mr. Townsend again became a well-known merchant of Smyrna, with his young partner, and when business changes came, calling his son to other fields, Mr. Townsend took his brother-in-law, Samuel Virtue, as partner, this firm continuing for two years, ending in 1882. At this date Elwood M. Townsend, another son, purchased the interest in the business belonging to Mr. Virtue, and this partnership lasted until the death of Mr. Townsend, in 1891, when Elwood M. purchased his father's interest, and since that time has conducted the business upon the same principles established by his honorable father so many years ago.

Jacob R. Townsend was married on Nov. 1, 1850, in Sadsbury township, to Susan M. Homsher, and the children born to this union were: Howard L., who married Evana Pownall, and has four children, is a shoe merchant in Philadelphia; Ashmer H. died in infancy; Elwood M., who married Ida Diller, and has one child, is postmaster in Smyrna, and his father's successor in the mercantile business there; Elizabeth married Dr. Fred. Baker, a well-known physician of Philadelphia; Ella V., a talented and highly cultured young lady, is the principal of the Fulton High school; and Maris S., who married Bessie Lefever, resides in Smyrna.

The Homsher family of which Mrs. Townsend was a representative, is an old and honored one in

Chester county, Pa. It is also well known through Lancaster county, and extended mention is made of this family elsewhere. Mrs. Townsend was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, March 6, 1830, a daughter of John and Mary (Coon) Homsher, natives of Chester county and of Oxford, Pa., and she was a sister to Franklin Homsher, a well-known citizen of Christiana.

Notwithstanding his many business interests, Jacob R. Townsend became prominent in Democratic political circles, and was interested in all progressive and educational movements, serving for a number of years as school director, and encouraging all enterprises looking to the advancement of a higher educational standard. His devotion to his family was only equaled by his adherence to the Presbyterian Church, he being for many years a consistent member and liberal supporter of the Bellevue Church. His estimable widow resided in the home erected by her husband, at Smyrna Cross Roads, until her death, July 31, 1902, and she was universally esteemed throughout the neighborhood.

HENRY L. WENGER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in this township Aug. 19, 1835, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Lehman) Wenger.

Christian Wenger was a farmer, and died in 1875, at the age of eighty-four years, after having lived a retired life for the thirty years previous. His wife died in 1896, at the age of eighty-two years, and the couple are buried in private grounds on their farm. They were members of the Old Mennonite Church. There were born to them the following children: Joseph, who died at the age of sixty-six years; Abraham, who died at the age of sixty-four years; Peter, a carpenter at Manheim, Pa.; and Henry L. By a former marriage, contracted with a Miss Brubaker, Christian Wenger had one son named John, who recently died at the age of eighty-two years.

Henry L. Wenger has been married twice. In 1854 he wedded Miss Anna Hershey and to this union were born: Christian, a farmer of Penn township, married to a Miss Miller; Lizzie, wife of Henry Greiner, a farmer of Rapho township; and Benjamin, married to Miss Amanda Keener and living on the homestead with his father. Anna (Hershey) Wenger was born in West Hempfield township, and died in 1889, at the age of sixty-nine years. She is buried in Shoemaker's cemetery. She was the daughter of John Hershey, of Lancaster county. On Sept. 24, 1891, Mr. Wenger was married to Miss Emma Long, daughter of Jacob Long, in Manheim, Pa. No children have been born to this union. Mrs. Emma (Long) Wenger was born in Manor township and is the daughter of Jacob and Frances (Mellinger) Long, the former of whom was a farmer. After his death the widowed mother married Jacob Harnish, who enlisted for service in the Civil war, and was taken prisoner after a severe

battle with the Confederates. He was confined in Libby Prison, Richmond, and died in February, 1865, at the age of forty years, in consequence of treatment received at that place. His widow died in January, 1898, at the age of seventy years, at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Wenger. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Her children, all but Mrs. Wenger born to her second marriage, were: Emma, wife of Mr. Wenger; Lizzie, wife of Preston Reeves, of Omaha, Neb.; William, deceased; David, of Lancaster; Amos, of Lancaster; Clara, deceased; Jennie, wife of Job Wylie, of Lancaster; Alice, wife of Thomas Fisher, of Lancaster; Jacob, of Lancaster; and Henry, of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Henry L. Wenger remained at home with his parents until he was of age, after which he farmed for two years on shares. He then removed to his present farm. The members of the family, including himself, attend the Reformed Church. Mr. Wenger is a solid substantial member of the community, and is well known and respected. He is attached to his home and family, but is also a prominent factor in any movement undertaken for the benefit of the locality in which he lives.

JOHN H. BROWN, a general farmer and prominent citizen of Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township, April 18, 1866, a son of Jacob J. and Barbara E. (Bard) Brown.

Jacob J. Brown was born in Little Britain township, June 14, 1827, and passed out of this life in Bart township, June 14, 1888, and was laid to rest in the Union cemetery. His parents were Samuel and Eliza (Pennell) Brown, farming people of Lancaster county, who reared these children: John; Jacob J.; Letitia, who married Henry Jenkins; and Rachel A., who married Henry Jenkins, after the death of her sister, and they had a family of thirteen children, nine of whom were daughters and all became school teachers. The second marriage of Samuel Brown was to Jane Scotten; the children of this marriage were: E. Albert (sometimes known as E. Alvin), who resided in Little Britain, Pa., died Nov. 28, 1901, and was buried in Little Britain Presbyterian Church yard; and Emma, who is married, lives in Lancaster county.

On Feb. 5, 1865, Jacob J. Brown was united in marriage to Barbara E. Bard, and the children born to this union were: John H., who married Lizzie Brown, is a farmer in Sadsbury township, and has three children; William H. is a farmer near Rosemont, Pa.; George F. is a farmer near Rosemont; and Sarah J. is of Avondale, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Barbara E. (Bard) Brown was born near Strasburg in this county, and she was a daughter of Elisha and Mary Ann (Hagen) Bard, farming people of this county, where Mr. Bard died March 19, 1898, at the age of seventy-eight years. Mrs. Bard died Oct. 2, 1868, at the age of forty-six years. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bard were: Lizzie,

who married Isaiah Cassel, of Norristown, Pa.; Anna, deceased, who lived in Montgomery county, Pa.; Hannah, who married Warren Smith, of Parkesburg; Barbara E.; Martin, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Samuel, of Unicorn, Pa.; Benjamin, of Mechanics Grove, Pa.; and Harry, of Cochranville.

Early in life Jacob J. Brown learned the milling business, and was interested in that during his entire life, dying in Bart township. During the Civil war he was drafted into the service, but circumstances prevented his leaving, and he paid a substitute a sum of \$300 to take his place. In his political sympathy he always supported the Republican party, and was a man who was highly esteemed in his locality.

John H. Brown was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the public schools of his township. Until the age of fourteen he remained with his mother, and then assisted in agricultural work among the neighboring farmers, continuing until he took charge of the present farm, this formerly belonging to the late Lindley T. Brown, the esteemed father-in-law of our subject.

On August 3, 1892, John H. Brown was married to Miss Lizzie Brown, the estimable and only daughter of Lindley T. and Margaret (Clinger) Brown, and the children born to this union are: Ralph, Leah and Lela, all of them bright and attractive children. Mrs. John H. Brown was born on the present farm on Newport Pike. Her father, Lindley T. Brown was born in Cecil county, Md., Sept. 1, 1820, and his death occurred on the farm now owned by his son-in-law May 14, 1888. His parents were Caleb and Elizabeth (Clemson) Brown, the former of whom was a native of Cecil county, Md., and the latter of Chester county; she died July 12, 1848. Caleb Brown had carried on a blacksmith business in Little Britain, Lancaster county, for a number of years. The children born to him and his wife were: Clemson, deceased; Elizabeth, who died young; and Lindley T. Caleb Brown died in Cecil county, Md., Dec. 13, 1860, and he and his wife are buried at Eastland Friends Burying Ground.

In Philadelphia, Feb. 23, 1870, Lindley T. Brown was united in marriage with Margaret Clinger, and one daughter, Lizzie, was born to this marriage. The birth of Mrs. Margaret (Clinger) Brown occurred in East-town township, Chester county, June 8, 1832, and she was a daughter of Henry and Mary A. (Hipple) Clinger, of Chester county, Pa., where Mr. Clinger was a farmer. There he died in 1867, at the age of sixty-eight years, the mother passing away in 1842; both were buried in Pikeland, Chester county. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Clinger were: Anna E., who resides unmarried, at Green Tree, Pa.; Margaret; Martha, deceased, who married Jacob H. Mullen; Mary J., deceased, unmarried; and Sarah M., deceased, who married George H. Detterline. The maternal grandfather of Margaret C. Brown was a soldier

in the Revolutionary war, and great uncle John Hipple served in the war of 1812 and in the Mohawk war.

The second marriage of Mr. Clinger was to Miss Sarah J. Biddle, and their children were: George B., of Philadelphia; Harry R., of Philadelphia; Maria L., who is the widow of John Kunkle; Kate, who married William Armstrong, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad; and Frank, who is a letter carrier in Philadelphia. The grandparents of Mrs. Lindley Brown were Jacob and Anna M. (Sloyer) Clinger, of Chester county, the former of whom for many years operated a hotel on the Philadelphia and Lancaster pike road.

Lindley T. Brown was a farmer all his life, coming to Sadsbury township from Little Britain township in 1868. In politics he was a Republican, and he was long a leading member of the Society of Friends, a man of responsibility in his locality. He is buried at Pikeland, Chester Co., Pennsylvania.

John H. Brown is a prominent member of the Republican party, an excellent farmer, and one of the progressive and public-spirited citizens of his community. The family is one of the most highly esteemed in this part of Lancaster county.

MRS. ANNIE SNAVELY, a resident of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, where she commands many friends by her excellent character and genial disposition, was born Nov. 22, 1834, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Bleacher) Shaub.

John Shaub, her grandfather, was a native of Lancaster county, and of German extraction, as was also his wife, Elizabeth Gochenauer. They settled on government land probably as early as 1809, and they became the parents of sixteen children who settled in York and Lancaster counties.

Joseph Shaub, son of John and father of Mrs. Snavely, was born in Lancaster county in 1805. He married Susanna Bleacher, who was born in Providence township, same county, in 1802. They were married about 1825, and settled on a farm of his father near Hawkesville, Providence township, where they remained until about 1842, when, his father John, having died, Joseph Shaub bought the old homestead, and removed to it, continuing to operate it until 1871, when he retired. He died Aug. 27, 1880, his widow surviving until Jan. 28, 1885. They were both active and devoted members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born seven children: (1) Mary, born in October, 1826, married Isaac Herr, of Pequea township, and died in Lancaster county, four years after her marriage, leaving two children: Alice, wife of Elias Wiggins; and Mary, wife of Edward Aston. (2) Joseph, born in 1829, married Anna Phillips, and settled in East Drumore township, where he died in January, 1891, leaving a widow and a family. (3) Benjamin, born in 1831, married Susan Lefever, settling in Providence township; his wife was killed on the railroad at Belmont, near Learnan Place, leaving a

large family. (4) Annie, Mrs. Snavely, is fourth in the order of birth. (5) Elizabeth, born in 1837, married the late Albert Groff, and with her family still resides on the old homestead. (6) Ephraim, born in 1842, married Amanda Cline, and lived in Providence township some years, but now with his wife and family resides in Lampeter township. (7) Rudolph, born in 1845, married Anna Money, who died leaving four children: Milton, now deceased; Mary A.; Frank; and Emma S., now a young lady of eighteen years, and reared by Mrs. Snavely.

Mrs. Annie (Shaub) Snavely was born in 1834, and received her education in the district school. On Sept. 9, 1858, she was married to Benjamin Groff, of Providence township, who was born in 1815, son of Joseph and Mary Groff. Mr. and Mrs. Groff settled on his farm in Providence township, where they remained until 1861, when they moved to East Drumore township, where he died in 1870, leaving his widow with three children: (1) Mary Groff, born in September, 1859, married John Frank Newsmenger, by whom she has the following children: Benjamin, now a clerk for Barton Witmer, of Quarryville, is married and has one son, Vernon; Jacob G.; Ella S.; Charles; Earl; Harry E.; Frank H.; Amos; and Thomas. (2) Benjamin S., born in 1863, married Ida M. Bleacher, of East Drumore, lives in Bart township, and has one son, Clarence B. (3) Susan, born in 1866, married John Shetrompf, and resides in Philadelphia, where he was employed on the street cars until his death in December, 1901; their children were: Arthur, Anna, Walter, John, Mary and Paul.

Mrs. Groff was married second in October, 1878, to Jacob Snavely. They lived on his farm in East Drumore township, and were engaged in farming until his death in 1882. To this marriage came one son, John Snavely, born Jan. 1, 1881, who has been a student in the Franklin and Marshall College; in 1900 he entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., to prepare for the ministry, and has proved himself so thorough a student that in 1901 he was awarded a first prize. Mr. Snavely was a member of the Mennonite Church, of which Mrs. Snavely has been a member for fifty years.

Mr. Snavely was a Republican, and took an active part in the work of his party. Mrs. Snavely is a lady of intelligence and wide information. She delights in the study of nature as well as of books, and it is a pleasure to meet her in social conversation. She is a lady of genial disposition, and is the center of a delightful circle of friends.

JOHN W. McELHANY. Commercial progress in a town like Quarryville, where the subject of this sketch resides, owes its development to the energy, perseverance and foresight of young men, who during their earlier experience realize the importance of integrity, economy and the smaller details of business. It is the observance of these important factors that have contributed success to Mr.

McElhany as a merchant and as a citizen. Coming from a line of Scotch ancestry, it is but natural that he should inherit some of the practical, sound judgment of the race that has furnished some of the most successful merchants in the world.

John W. McElhany, general merchant of Quarryville, was born in Marticville, Lancaster county, Oct. 15, 1858. His parents are David S. and Sarah (Guiles) McElhany, of Lancaster county. David S. McElhany was born in Chester county, Pa., in November, 1823. His wife was born in Strasburg, Lancaster county, in 1825, a daughter of William Guiles, of an old family of Strasburg, which dates back to Revolutionary time and fame.

David S. McElhany was the son of Samuel McElhany, who was born in Scotland and settled in Chester county on a farm where our subject's father grew to maturity. They raised a large family, some of whom are still living: Lottie, one of the daughters, became the wife of John Ewing, of Philadelphia. Frank is a dentist. David S., our subject's father, was raised in Chester county, where as a young man he engaged in the brick making business. At the age of twenty-two he came to Lancaster county, and settled at Marticville, where he married and continued the manufacture of brick. In addition to his other interests he purchased a track of land near Marticville, where he erected a house and engaged in farming. In 1889 he retired from active life, living at his old homestead. It was in 1896 that his estimable wife, the companion of so many years, died leaving her husband with six children. She was a consistent Christian and a member of the M. E. Church. Their children were: (1) Lizzie McElhany was born at the old home in Lancaster county, in Sept., 1847. She qualified herself for a teacher at the State Normal School, and was for a number of years a successful teacher in the Lancaster county schools. She became the wife of James Douglas, of Washington borough, Lancaster county, a teacher. They now reside in Danville, Pa., where she keeps a millinery store. They have two children, Reno S., who is a rising young attorney in Chicago; and Meda. (2) Sallie was born in 1853, and educated in the home schools. She grew to womanhood and became the wife of Charles Costello, of Lancaster city. They have four children: William, a merchant at Bird-in-Hand, Lancaster county, married Miss Bell Bear, of the same place, and they have two children, Elizabeth and Mary Bell; Valentine, married, is a coach painter of Lancaster city; Lottie is a clerk in Williamson's store in Lancaster city; Rose is a teacher in the Quarryville school. (3) William, born at the old home in 1857, died from sun stroke July 2, 1901. (4) Lottie, born in 1856, has remained single and resides with her father. (5) John W. was the fifth in order of birth. (6) Laura another daughter and the youngest of the family, was born in 1861. She is the wife of George Loflin, of Philadelphia, one of the leading contractors and

builders of that city. They have an interesting family of four children.

John W. McElhany was educated in the schools of Marticville. After finishing his course he remained with his father in business until he was twenty-six years of age. In 1884 he engaged in the general merchandising business, in the village of Bird-in-Hand. Here he continued in business for about nine years. In 1895 he purchased the general store of Hensel Lefever & Co., at Quarryville, where he has continued the business up to the present time with success to himself and satisfaction to his trade. As the business stands to-day it represents the success of one man, who began in a small way, and who was willing to win his way by merit and perseverance. The social side of Mr. McElhany's life has also been a success. In 1882 he married Miss Ella Herr, the estimable daughter of Martin and Mariah Herr, members of one of the foremost families in that section. Mrs. McElhany was born in 1858, and was educated in the State Normal school. For a number of years she was recognized as one of the best teachers in the county. This union has been blessed with four children: Clare, born in 1887; Frank, born in 1891; Emma, born in 1896; and Esther, born in May, 1900.

Politically our subject has always been identified with the Republican party, and has held some minor offices. Religiously he and his wife have long been identified with the M. E. Church, in which they both take an active interest, Mr. McElhany being one of the trustees, and steward of the Quarryville Church.

AARON WEAVER. Well known and highly respected throughout West Earl township is Aaron Weaver, one of the substantial farmers, who traces his ancestry to three brothers, who came from Switzerland to America, and located in Lancaster county, probably about 1730. The line of descent went down, through Henry (or Haeny, as his name is sometimes spelled, who died May 11, 1826, aged eighty-nine years and eleven months), Michael (the great-grandfather, who was a farmer of Earl township), to Jacob, the grandfather, who was not only a thrifty farmer, but a well-known minister of the Mennonite faith, and became the father of: Magdalena, deceased; Henry M., of Indiana, deceased; John M., the father of Aaron; Catherine; Jacob M., and Mary, Elizabeth, Michael and Annie, all four of whom have passed away.

John M. Weaver is a prosperous farmer of West Earl township. He married Mary Weaver, and they reared these children: David, deceased; Annie, deceased; Aaron; Jacob, a farmer of Earl; John, deceased; and Mary, who is the wife of John M. Weaver, of Earl township.

Aaron Weaver was born Nov. 9, 1851, and received his education in the common schools of his township. All of his life has been passed in agricultural pursuits, and he has become known as one

of the best and most thorough farmers of the township. Although he is now the owner of a well-cultivated farm of forty-one acres, well improved, and owns most comfortable residence and other buildings, life has not always been easy with him. Industry, economy and perseverance have enabled him to accumulate ample means, and he and his wife are able to enjoy the results obtained by earlier self-denial.

On Dec. 10, 1870; Aaron Weaver was married to Miss Elizabeth Seible, born Feb. 19, 1850, a daughter of Leonard and Mary (Mink) Seible, natives of Germany, but residents of West Earl township. To Mr. and Mrs. Weaver have been born: Isaac S., a farmer of Earl township, who married Kate Stoner, of that township; Frank S., a hose manufacturer, of Ephrata, who married Minnie Murr; Mary, who died in childhood; and Annie, who married Daniel Zimmerman, of West Earl township. Mr. Weaver has never taken any active interest in politics, but is inclined in the direction of the Republican party, and both he and wife have been consistent members of the Mennonite Church for more than a quarter of a century. In the community he is known as one of the most upright, generous and kind-hearted of men, and he is esteemed and valued by a large circle of friends.

BARTON WITMAN, who died Aug. 14, 1902, was long a well-known citizen of Caernarvon township.

William Witman, the founder of this family in Caernarvon township, was born in Bucks county, Pa., near the "Plow Tavern," and when a young man, came to Churchtown, to take a position as clerk in the Post Forge. Here he mastered the details of the business, and soon became manager of the Company's office. For twenty-one years he was connected with the establishment, and it was during his connection with it that he bought a farm of sixty acres, fourteen of which were wooded, which became his home after his retirement from the iron works, and here he remained engaged in farming as long as he lived. During these last years he dealt extensively in stock. One of the active Democrats of this section of the county, he filled various local positions in a very satisfactory manner, one of the offices he held being that of assessor. When he died he was about seventy years of age, and he had led an honorable and useful career. His wife, Catherine, was the daughter of Adam Zell, of the east part of the county. She became the mother of nine children: Barton; Ann, who married David Williams, and is deceased; Harvitt, deceased; Margaret, who married Levi DeHaven, and is deceased; Catherine, Susan and Ellen, deceased; William, who lives in Little Britain township; and Edgar, who lives in Little Britain township. William Witman and wife were members of the Episcopal Church.

Barton Witman was born Aug. 23, 1825, and received his education in the public schools. As long

as his father lived he remained in his employ, assisting in his farming and in cattle buying enterprises. After the death of the father, Barton took charge of the homestead, which is situated about a mile and a quarter southwest of Churchtown, and devoted his life to its cultivation. Always was he active and progressive, and he kept thoroughly in touch with all modern and advanced ideas.

Mr. Witman was married, Sept. 6, 1872, to Miss Caroline Dempster, a daughter of Robert Dempster, of Philadelphia, Pa., where she was reared. To this union were born two children: Robert, is unmarried, and at home; Catherine married George D. Witmer, a farmer of East Earl township, and they have two children, George Robert and an infant daughter.

Mr. Witman was warden of the Churchtown Episcopal Church, of which he was a member many years. Mrs. Witman was reared a Methodist, and she is one of the highly respected residents of the community in which she lives.

CAPT. MARTIN H. SMITH (deceased) was one of the highly respected residents of Columbia, Lancaster county, and a full record of his life will be found in the biography of Mrs. C. C. Smith, his mother, mentioned elsewhere. He married Miss Mary E. Moore, and to this marriage were born, Mildred M. and Gertrude C. Mrs. Mary E. (Moore) Smith was born in West Hempfield township near Columbia, a daughter of Joseph A. and Sarah (Shay) Moore, natives of West Hempfield township and Marietta, Lancaster county, respectively, and both died on their old homestead, now known as Norwood. Joseph A. Moore, besides being a farmer, was a pressed-brick layer. He died Aug. 26, 1885, at the age of forty-eight, having lost his wife, March 27th of the same year, at the age of forty-four years. They were members of the First English Lutheran Church, and their remains lie interred in the family graveyard on the Norwood estate. Their children, seven in number, were named in the order of birth, as follows: Mary E.; Daniel S., on the old homestead, and also a boss puddler; Christine, wife of Harry Hartman, a painter in Columbia; Ella M., married to Ralph Sweeny, a paper-hanger of the same borough; Armour N., boss puddler in the rolling-mill at Columbia; and Julia A. and Susie L., who both died young. The paternal grandparents, Samuel A. and Elizabeth A. (Albright) Moore were natives of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents, Shay, were born in Ireland, but died in Lancaster county.

Capt. Martin H. Smith passed away Sept. 5, 1898, honored by all who knew him. He had a fine reputation as a sharp-shooter, and as such secured several prizes in closely contested matches. After his death, a handsomely enameled medal which the Captain had won in several revolver contests was presented to his estimable wife by those who had it in custody, as a token of the esteem for the deceased,

and respect for his widow. Mrs. Smith's many good personal qualities and amiable disposition have won for her a host of warm friends. She still conducts the business, under the name of the M. H. Smith Estate, with the Captain's sister, Annie G. Smith, as manager.

JOHN K. ROHRER, an old and highly respected farmer, who is now living with his son John, in Philadelphia, was a retired farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county. He was born on the farm adjoining the one he lately left, Aug. 3, 1829, a son of John and Susan (Kauffman) Rohrer, also residents on this same farm. The parents were born in Rapho and East Hempfield townships, respectively, and both are now deceased. The father was an active farmer until twenty years prior to his death, in 1874, at the age of seventy-two years. The mother, who died in 1868, at the age of sixty-one years, was buried in Erisman's Meeting House Burying Ground in Rapho township. They had the following children: Mary, widow of Emanuel Cassel, of Penn township; Jacob, who was drowned while fishing in the Ohio river; John K.; Christian, who died in 1888, on the old homestead; David, who died young; and Anna, widow of Andrew Hershey, now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Mary Cassel.

The paternal grandfather of John K. Rohrer was John Rohrer, who had a farm in Rapho township, where he spent his life in the cultivation of the soil. His wife belonged to the Shank family. The maternal grandfather of John K. Rohrer was Christian Kauffman, who was born and who spent his life in Lancaster county.

John K. Rohrer was twice married, his first marriage occurring in June, 1851, in Lancaster county, to Catherine Heistand, by whom he became the father of the following family: Albert, deceased, who married Amanda Ginger, and had two children; Martha, who married Michael Sechrist, a tobacco dealer, at Columbia, Pa.; Susan, wife of Hiram Minnich, of near Lititz. Mrs. Catherine (Heistand) Rohrer was born in East Hempfield township, and passed away in 1856, when only twenty-four years of age. Her remains were interred in Rapho township in a private burying ground. She was a daughter of Christian and Catherine (Heistand) Heistand, who were farming people, both of Lancaster county. Her father died in August, 1880, at the age of eighty-four; her mother entered into rest in March, 1881, when she was aged eighty-two years. Their ashes were interred in Landisville, Pa. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Prior to his death Christian Heistand lived retired for fifteen years. He was the father of the following children: John, who died in California; Christian, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who married Henry Hoffman; Anna, who married Christian Long, of Landisville, Pa.; Barbara, wife of Henry Landis, living in Mt. Joy, Pa.; Catherine; Jacob, who was drowned; Abraham, a retired farmer, with his home

in Mt. Joy; Samuel, deceased; and Mary. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Catherine Rohrer were John and Anna Heistand. John Heistand was married three times. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Rohrer were Jacob and Barbara (Lehman) Heistand, also of Lancaster county.

In March, 1857, John K. Rohrer was married in Lancaster county, to Mary, a younger sister of his first wife. Born to this union were the following children: John, who was a farmer in Osborn, Ohio; Clinton, who married Fianna Berto, is a farmer in West Hempfield township; Christian, a farmer in Rapho township, who married Lizzie Felker; David, who married Laura Snyder, and is a carpenter in Pekin, Ill.; Frank O., a farmer, who married Irene Hetter; Herman, who married Anna Baker, and is a farmer, and runs a threshing machine, but who resides with his father; Ferris, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Malinda, who married Walter Rutledge, and has her home in Philadelphia; and Mabel, wife of John L. Stewart, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Mary (Heistand) Rohrer was born in East Hempfield township in 1838. She is a good wife and mother, and is beloved for her many excellent qualities.

John K. Rohrer remained at home with his parents until he was somewhat past his majority, when he established himself on a neighboring farm. There he remained until 1853, when he built the brick house which was his home until he joined his son in Philadelphia, and established himself in a manner most satisfactory and creditable to him and his family. Mr. Rohrer is a Republican, and is regarded as a man of character, intelligence and integrity. For some seven years he was a director of the Union National Bank at Mt. Joy, and has exercised a marked influence in the business affairs of this section of the county. His personal integrity is beyond question, and his genial disposition and generous spirit have won him many friends, to whom he is strongly attached.

LEVI RISSER (deceased) was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, March 18, 1847, and died in the same township, June 21, 1888, his remains being put to rest in the cemetery connected with Risser's Church.

Joseph and Fanny (Nissley) Risser, his parents, were both natives of Lancaster county. The father died in December, 1896, at the age of seventy-five years; and the mother in 1882, at the age of sixty years. They were members of the Mennonite Church. The following family blessed their home: Levi, whose name appears above; Mary, wife of Levi Ebersole, a retired farmer of Elizabethtown; Joseph, a Mt. Joy township farmer; Anna, deceased, who married Levi Longenecker; Anna, wife of A. Denny, a painter of Elizabethtown; Martin, a Mt. Joy township farmer; Amanda, wife of Benjamin Hersh, a blacksmith in East Donegal, whose biog-

raphy will be found elsewhere; and Amos, a Mt. Joy township farmer.

Levi Risser was married in Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 26, 1872, to Miss Amanda Nissley, by whom he had the following children: Norman N. married Sadie Denny, and is now engaged in farming near Elizabethtown; Joseph N. married Eliza Root, and is a carpenter and farmer in West Donegal township; Abraham N. is a bookkeeper in Philadelphia; Levi N. is deceased; Clayton N. is a clerk in Philadelphia; and Ferris and Tillman N. are at home.

Mrs. Amanda (Nissley) Risser was born in West Donegal township, in September, 1854, a daughter of Peter B. and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Nissley, whose peaceful and well-ordered lives are mentioned elsewhere. The father died on his old home in West Donegal township full of years and honor; the mother passed away in 1859, when only twenty-five years old, leaving behind memories of a devoted wife and a tender mother. Hiram H. Nissley, of Elizabethtown, is a half brother of Mrs. Risser.

Levi Risser was born and bred a farmer, and followed that occupation all his days, his death being caused by his horse while operating a separator. Until his marriage Mr. Risser resided with his parents. When he became the head of a family he established himself on the farm in the township of Mt. Joy where he was living at the time of his early death. Here he had attained an enviable position in the confidence and esteem of the community, and served as school director for some three years. In politics he was a Republican, and with his wife belonged to the Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Risser is a woman of far more than the ordinary character, and in the rearing of her young family has displayed much wisdom and motherly devotion. When her husband died she moved to a small farm near Elizabethtown, where she remained until 1898, when she moved to an adjoining place, just inside the borough lines. Her oldest child was fifteen years of age when she was left a widow, and the character, industry and integrity of her children attest the value of the motherhood that has watched over them so wisely and well.

JACOB S. SEACHRIST, a retired farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born on his present farm Dec. 18, 1844, a son of Michael and Susan (Seitz) Seachrist, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield and Manor townships, and descendants of old and highly respected families of Lancaster county. The sisters of Michael Seachrist were: Catherine Garber, Mary Bowers and Mrs. Martin Musser.

Michael Seachrist was a substantial farmer, a vocation he followed all his life, and he died on his farm, the present homestead of Jacob S., April 15, 1876, at the age of sixty years, and his remains were interred in Silver Spring cemetery; his widow, who was born in the year 1816, now resides with her son,

Jacob S. There were born to the marriage of Michael and Susan Seachrist the following family: Miss Anna; Lizzie, deceased; John, deceased; Fanny and Jacob S., both single; Martin, a farmer in East Donegal township, and married to Lizzie Flora; Mary, widow of Henry Mellinger, of Petersburg, this county; and Michael, in the tobacco business at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

"Michael" seemed to be a name inherent to the family of Seachrists, as that was the name of the father of Jacob S. Seachrist, of his paternal grandfather, and of the male progenitor of the head of each family for five generations prior to the grandfather, or in other words, of seven consecutive generations. The first Michael of these seven was the pioneer of the family in West Hempfield township and settled at Silver Spring in 1769. The maternal grandparents of Jacob S. Seachrist were Jacob and Elizabeth Seitz, of whose family mention in full is made in the sketch of C. C. Seitz, to be found elsewhere. To Jacob and Elizabeth Seitz were born the following named children: John, Tobias, Susan (mother of Jacob S. Seachrist), Henry and Fanny (wife of John Smith), all, save Susan, of Cumberland county, Pa.; Leah, who died in 1896, the wife of Joseph Lehman, also deceased; Nancy Doner, now deceased; Benjamin and Jacob, both deceased; and Lizzie, wife of Christian Garber.

Jacob S. Seachrist has a fine farm of 103 acres, but since 1899 has ceased to give it any active attention, having retired from labor to enjoy the remainder of his days in the peace and comfort that his early industry has won for him, and in quiet association with old-time friends. In politics he is a Republican.

HENRY B. LANDIS belongs to one of the old and most honorable county families, his grandfather, Henry Landis, having settled in Upper Leacock township, in Lancaster county, in 1815. In 1836 he purchased the farm where Henry B. now resides and during a long life, devoted his best energies to the development of his land. A quiet, unostentatious man, he was a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Mary Johns, and their only child was Peter J., who in turn, became the father of Henry B.

Peter J. Landis was born in Upper Leacock township, on March 3, 1833, and moved to the old homestead when three years of age. His education was obtained in the public schools of the township, and his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. Prior to his father's death he took charge of the farm, operating it until his death, Feb. 9, 1899. He married Martha Barr, a daughter of Christian Barr, who still survives him, in her sixty-ninth year. Six children were born to this union: Martha, who died at the age of two years; Christian B., a carpenter of Lancaster city; Annie A., wife of Joseph Leamon, of Lancaster county; Mary E., wife of

Benjamin H. Rohrer, of Upper Leacock township; Dr. Eli B., who died in 1899, and who was a practicing physician in Seoul, Corea; and Henry B.

Henry B. Landis was born on the old homestead where he now resides, Oct. 20, 1861, and he remained at home, assisting his father until he was twenty-three years of age, receiving his education in the common schools. He married Miss Mary Groff, of Manheim township, and after marriage he remained engaged in farming for his father, until the death of the latter, and then purchasing twenty acres of the old homestead has continued to operate this ever since. It is located within two and one-half miles of the city of Lancaster, and here the owner has made extensive improvements, carrying on a large dairy also, and disposing of his products in Lancaster. His land is situated in the very garden of the rich lands of the county, and he carries on general farming with success.

Henry B. Landis was reared in the Old Mennonite religious faith, both of his parents being most worthy members of that religious body, and he also is one of its leading members, and is one of the most highly respected men of this locality.

ADAM S. SHAFER. The business interests of the borough of Ephrata, Lancaster county, are in the hands of careful and capable men, who have studied with good results the different lines of trade in which they are engaged. Among those who, since 1888, have contributed to the comfort and convenience of the public in this locality, is Adam S. Shafer, the popular grocer, who is well and favorably known to almost every resident.

Adam S. Shafer was born May 24, 1831, a son of the late Henry and Margaret (Stober) Shafer, both of Lancaster county, but of German descent; the father of Henry Shafer emigrated from Germany in the early days, and served in the Continental army under George Washington. Adam S. was one of six children born to his parents: Isaac, John, Lavina, Henry, Adam S. and Daniel. He was reared on a farm and received his education in the common schools of Ephrata township, and at the age of seventeen decided to learn the trade of shoemaker at Akron. For more than forty years he continued in the shoe business, but upon removal into the borough, in 1888, he opened up a grocery business which has occupied his attention ever since. Mr. Shafer deals in all kinds of staple commodities and strives to please his patrons, with the result that he has built up a fine trade, using only honest methods and dealing fairly by rich and poor. A man of standing and prominence in the Lutheran Church, he also has the esteem of the business community.

On Jan. 10, 1869, Adam S. Shafer was married to Miss Elvina Texter, a daughter of Daniel Texter, of Berks county. To this worthy couple have been born four children, of whom one daughter died in childhood; the others are: Lizzie, who married James Heninger, and has two daughters, Esther and

Blanch; Emma, who married John F. Schreck, of Ephrata, and they have four children, Paul, Ralph, John and Lester; and Carrie, who married Jacob Smith, of Philadelphia, and they have one daughter, Pauline.

In politics Mr. Shafer adheres to the old Jeffersonian principles of the Democratic party. Both he and wife are passing their advancing years in comfort, esteemed by all, and conscious that they have lived uprightly and set a good example to their posterity.

PETER R. NISSLEY, a young and prosperous farmer in the township of East Donegal, was born on his present farm Sept. 6, 1863, a son of John K. and Maria (Reist) Nissley. His father was born on the adjoining farm, and his mother in the township of Rapho, and both died on the old homestead.

John K. Nissley was a prominent farmer in his day, and for nineteen years was president of the Mt. Joy Fire Insurance Co. For six years he served as school director. He died in February, 1898, at the age of sixty-four years; his wife died in August, 1891, at the age of fifty-four years. They were both laid to rest in the cemetery connected with the Graybill Church in East Donegal township. They were members of the Mennonite Church, in which he was a trustee, and they were known as good and honest people, kind neighbors, and good citizens. To them were born: Sarah R., who married Clayton Nissley, a farmer in East Donegal township; Maria R., widow of George R. Risser, now living on the old farm; Peter R.; Fannie R., who died at the age of eighteen years.

Peter and Catherine (Kreider) Nissley, the grandparents of Peter R., were both natives of Lancaster county, and the former died in East Donegal township, where he spent sixty-five years. For fifty-three years he was a Mennonite minister, and his death occurred in 1890, when he was aged eighty-seven years. His remains are resting in the Graybill Meeting House cemetery. He was married three times, and had a goodly family of descendants.

John and Mary (Brubaker) Reist, the maternal grandparents of Mr. Nissley, were both natives of Lancaster county, and were farming people all their lives.

Peter R. Nissley was married Nov. 4, 1886, at the home of his wife's parents, to Harriet E. Garber, by whom he has become the father of the following children: Alice G., John G., Maria G., Hiram G., Esther G., Gertrude G. and Simon P. They are all bright and promising children, and give promise of a useful career in the world.

Harriet E. (Garber) Nissley was born in the township of West Donegal, Oct. 24, 1865, a daughter of John S. and Susan (Erb) Garber, both natives of Lancaster county. Her father, who was a farmer and a man of considerable prominence in his day, was a director of the First National Bank at Marietta, and served as a school director for many years.

He died in March, 1888, when he had reached the age of sixty-one years, and his remains were interred in the Bassler Meeting House burying grounds in the township of West Donegal. Her mother, who was born in 1830, is now residing on the old homestead. To John S. and Susan (Erb) Garber were born the following family: Miss Anna E., who is at home with her mother; Henry E., a farmer in West Donegal township; Amos E., farming on the old homestead; John E., a farmer in West Donegal; Miss Katie E., who is at home with her mother; Mary E., deceased; Simon E., a farmer in the township of West Donegal; Harriet E.; and Samuel E., a farmer in East Donegal township. Mrs. Nissley's paternal grandparents were John and Catherine (Secrist) Garber, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, and are referred to in a sketch elsewhere. Her mother's parents were John and Veronica (Berg) Erb, and are also mentioned in a sketch found elsewhere.

Peter R. Nissley remained with his parents until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he began the cultivation and management of the home farm, and here he has remained until the present time. The farm consists of 112 acres, and is one of the best in the township. Mr. Nissley takes a prominent part in commercial and business affairs, and for ten years has been a director of the Mt. Joy Union National Bank. Since the death of his father he has been a director of the Mt. Joy Fire Insurance Co. In his religious connection he is a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

DAVID H. MARTIN. Prominent among the substantial retired farmers of West Earl township, was David H. Martin, a highly esteemed citizen well and favorably known through Lancaster county, who passed away June 14, 1902. He was born in East Earl township, Nov. 3, 1840, a son of David K. and Leah (Hoover) Martin, of East Earl township, where the former was a leading farmer.

For a period of ten years David K. Martin lived a retired life, prior to his death in 1871, at the age of fifty-eight. His wife passed away in 1858, at the age of forty-three. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and they were interred in Weaverland cemetery, in East Earl township. Their children were: Nancy, deceased, wife of Amos Witmer; John, deceased; Martha, widow of John Witmer, of West Earl township; Leah, who married H. C. Martin, a retired farmer of East Earl township; David H., of this sketch; Joseph, a farmer and preacher in Ephrata township; Israel, a retired farmer of Earl township; Isaac, a farmer of Earl township; Martin, a farmer of East Earl township; Elizabeth, who married Amos Martin, of Salisbury township; Mary, who married John Gamber, of Manheim township; Rev. Amos, a farmer and preacher in Brecknock township; and Levi, who died in infancy.

David H. Martin remained with his parents until his marriage, working on the home farm and assisting the neighbors through the heavy work of haying and harvesting, but after his marriage he began farming on his own account in West Earl township, where he remained for one year, and then moved upon a farm in East Earl township, cultivating that place for five years. At this time he returned to his West Earl township farm where he spent the years until 1899, when he retired from activity and settled upon his late home. During these years Mr. Martin was very busily engaged outside of farming operations, being chosen to settle up both the estates of his father and that of his father-in-law, attending to this tedious business with efficiency.

In politics Mr. Martin was a staunch Republican, and he was honored by his fellow-citizens with offices of trust and responsibility, having served for nine years as township auditor and as school director for a long period. For the last eighteen years he was one of the directors of the Earl Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and for the last fifteen years he held the honorable position of trustee of the Groffdale Meeting House.

On Oct. 29, 1863, Mr. Martin was united in marriage in West Earl township, to Miss Elizabeth Wenger, who was born in West Earl township June 17, 1843, a daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Erb) Wenger, natives of West Earl and Manheim townships. The death of Mr. Wenger occurred on his old homestead, in 1872, at the age of sixty-six years; he had lived without business care for twelve years prior to his death. He was a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church, and for many years was one of its deacons. He was a man of such good understanding that he was continually called upon to settle up estates and to attend to legal business for his neighbors. His wife died in 1879, at the age of sixty-nine years, and both of these worthy and highly esteemed parents lie sleeping in the cemetery at Groffdale. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wenger were: Rev. Emanuel, deceased; Joseph, a retired farmer and preacher of Earl township; Maria, who married Rev. Michael Horst; Susannah, who married John Musser, and died in 1901; Benjamin, a retired miller of West Earl township; Jacob, a retired farmer of Wayne county, Ohio; Michael, a farmer of West Earl township; Anna, who married Isaac Stoner, a retired farmer of Ephrata township; Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Martin; Fanny, deceased; Esther, who married first Martin Weaver, and second, Deacon M. W. Nolt, a retired farmer; and Henry, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Martin were Rev. Joseph and Maria (Horst) Wenger, of West Earl township, the former of whom was a Mennonite preacher and farmer, who died in 1850, at the age of eighty-four years, at which time he appeared to be a man of much less age. Time had treated him kindly, leaving him almost the vigor of youth, and he possessed the sound teeth of a tem-

perate and abstemious man, this being a very unusual occurrence. The maternal grandparents were Emanuel and Susannah (Landis) Erb, of Lancaster county, the former of whom died in 1861, at the age of seventy-four years.

No children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, but several children found a home with them, one child being reared to maturity, and two others being married under their hospitable roof. In the neighborhood, Mr. Martin was esteemed in the highest possible way, and was much beloved, as is his widow, on account of the neighborly kindness extended to those in trouble or sickness. Although Mrs. Martin has no diploma to testify to her merits as a physician, she is able to point to a number of serious cases which have been in her care, and which she succeeded in curing when regular practitioners had given the patients up to die. Her presence carries healing with it, her kind and sympathetic heart giving encouragement and help whenever possible. Although she makes some use of medicine, she has methods of her own by which she rarely fails to give ease from pain.

ABRAHAM ERB. Perhaps one of the most desirable farms in Lancaster county is the well situated and finely cultivated one of seventy-four fertile acres, located just west of East Petersburg, in East Hempfield township, which is owned and operated by Abraham Erb, who has become well known as one of the most successful agriculturists of this locality.

Abraham Erb was born in Lancaster county, Dec. 19, 1856, a son of Daniel B. and Catherine (Hernley) Erb, and a grandson of Jacob Erb, who was born May 30, 1800, on a farm located between Lititz and Manheim, in Warwick township, a son of Daniel and Annie (Baumbarger) Erb.

Jacob Erb was reared on the farm, and he remained a farmer all his life, his death occurring in 1875, in the old home. His wife, Mary (Bucher) Erb, a daughter of Jonas Bucher, was born in Warwick township, in 1808, and died in 1883, both of them having been among the most respected and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Eliza, widow of Benjamin Hernley, of near Elizabethtown; Jonas, a retired farmer of Warwick township; Daniel B., father of Abraham; Susan, widow of Benjamin H. Stauffer, of the State of Maryland; Annie, deceased; Catherine, deceased; Jacob B., a farmer of Newton, Kans.; and Elias, who died in childhood.

Daniel B. Erb was born Nov. 26, 1829, and was reared on the old homestead, where he learned to be a good farmer, and he continued to live in Warwick township for a number of years, but in 1872 he removed to Washington county, Maryland, and spent four years on a farm near Hagerstown, when he removed to East Donegal township, Lancaster county, and for the eleven succeeding years was one of the excellent farmers of that locality. He then moved

to East Petersburg, where he has since been engaged in the profession of veterinary surgeon, for the past thirty-five years being engaged in this line. Few in the county have had more experience, and he has been unusually successful, and has saved the life of many a valuable animal for the owner. Since 1890 he has given his entire time to his profession, and his services are in constant demand all over the county. For some time he has been the efficient tax collector of the township, and is serving his second term as such.

On Oct. 28, 1851, Daniel B. Erb was married to Catherine Hernley, who was born in Rapho township, May 30, 1832, a daughter of Christian Hernley. They are the parents of five children: Albert, a farmer of Rapho township; Abraham, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Mary; Henry, of Mt. Joy; and Amos, the foreman of a tobacco warehouse at Rohrerstown. Both Daniel B. Erb and wife are worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are among the most respected citizens of the township.

Abraham Erb was reared on the farm and received excellent instruction as his father was so successful an agriculturist, and was educated in the public schools, remaining at home until he had reached his twenty-third year, at which time he began farming operations for himself. Since 1890 he has, in addition to general farming, dealt largely in tobacco, and makes a success of handling the products of the Maryland Fertilizing Company.

Abraham Erb was married Oct. 16, 1879, to Annie G. Herr, a daughter of Daniel H. Herr, who was born in Penn township, and a family of ten children has been born of this union: Elmer, Daniel, Abraham, Katie, Emma, David, Rudy, Annie May, Alice and Mable. The religious connection of the family is with the Old Mennonite Church, where they are highly esteemed. Abraham Erb is a good citizen, and is regarded by the community as a good neighbor, kind friend and one worthy of the highest respect.

BENJAMIN L. LANDIS, who entered into rest Aug. 5, 1902, was a successful farmer of East Lampeter township, and belonging to one of the wealthiest and most prominent, as well as numerous, families of Lancaster county.

John H. Landis, his grandfather, was an extensive farmer in East Lampeter township, and was a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. His marriage was to a member of the Snively family, another of the old and prominent ones of the county. They reared a large family, its members being now scattered through many parts of the Union.

Abram S. Landis, who was the father of Benjamin L. Landis, was born in East Lampeter township, June 2, 1798, and during life was a large and successful farmer, being also a minister in the Old Mennonite Church. Abram Landis took part in pol-

itics to a limited degree, was a Republican, and served as school director and as supervisor in his township for some years. Abram Landis married Barbara B., a daughter of Benjamin (known as Big Ben) Landis, and they were the parents of ten children: John L., deceased, was a farmer of East Lampeter township; Barbara L. was the wife of Henry Musser; Mary Ann was the wife of Joseph Leamon; Anna L. was the wife of John Kreider; Elizabeth L. is the wife of David Leamon; Esther L. is the wife of Benjamin Groff; Susannah L. is unmarried; Abram died at the age of two years; Benjamin L.; and Lydia L. is the wife of John Groff. The mother of this family was born Jan. 31, 1799, and died Aug. 7, 1881.

Benjamin L. Landis was born Nov. 17, 1837, in the house where he resided at his death, and was educated in the public schools, living at home until his marriage, about his twenty-third year, when he began farming for himself on the old homestead.

Benjamin L. Landis was married first to Fannie Bossler, and eight children were born to this union, two of whom died in childhood, the others were: Abram B., a farmer of East Hempfield township; Anna B., who died unmarried; Fannie B., wife of Abram Huber; Hettie B., wife of Elam Buckwalter; Lizzie, who died unmarried; and Benjamin F., at home, unmarried. The mother of this family died Jan. 8, 1890. The second marriage of Mr. Landis was to Mrs. Hettie L. Leamon, and to this union one child was born, May 25, 1896, Bertha K. Landis, a dainty little maid, the pet of the family.

Mr. Landis devoted his entire time to farming on the old homestead, this becoming his property at the time of his father's death. It is located on the Horse Shoe Pike road, two and one-half miles from the city of Lancaster, and contains 101 acres of valuable land, this being one of the most desirable farms of Lancaster county. His death, which was due to a cancer of the stomach, removed from East Lampeter township one of its most highly esteemed citizens. Mr. Landis was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, to which his widow also belongs, and he was one of the most respected and substantial citizens of his township. Few men stood higher than Benjamin Landis in the estimation and respect of his neighbors and friends.

CHARLES B. STEPHAN, a produce and ice merchant in Elizabethtown, Pa., was born in Rust, Baden, Germany, May 27, 1856, a son of Bonifaz and Sophie (Schwartz) Stephan, both natives of Rust. The father was a farmer and dealer in coal and potatoes. In his younger days he owned and operated boats on the Rhine, and from 1864 to 1867 he kept the "Ferry Hotel" at Sasbach on the Rhine, in Baden, where he in connection operated a ferry. He died in his native town in 1877, at the age of fifty-one years. His widow, Sophie Stephan, was a daughter of Johann Schwartz, deceased, also at

the time one of the largest land owners of said town. She was born May 15, 1828, and is still living in Rust, Baden. Both parents were born and bred in the Roman Catholic Communion. They had two children: Franziska, who died in infancy; and Charles B.

Samuel Stephan, the paternal grandfather of Charles B., was Mayor of Rust during the Rebellion of 1848, and was a man of more than local importance in his active years. He was a large land owner in Rust, and owned several boats on the lower Rhine. He was the first vesselman that passed through the Rhine Gap, at Bingen, on the lower Rhine, after the part passing the celebrated Mouse Tower was made navigable in 1846, for large ships. Under his term as Mayor the Rust Town Hall was built in 1847. He was also one of the few mayors from the south part of Baden, who attended the dedication of the monument at Riegel, Baden, dedicated by the Grand Duke Leopold in commemoration of the Baden-Leopold Canal, his name being on the monument with others. He was drowned at Sasbach on the Rhine in 1866, while visiting his son Bonifaz, being taken with a paralytic stroke, and falling overboard in the presence of his grandson, Charles B., then a lad of ten years, whose brave, but fruitless efforts to rescue his grandfather were honored by a diploma from the authorities, who bestowed upon him also a cash sum of ten florin. The presentation of the diploma and money was made by the delegated Judge of the District of Breisach am Rhein, in the town Hall of Sasbach, in the presence of the town council and friends in 1866.

Charles B. Stephan was married Sept. 23, 1880, to Miss Anna E. Morck (this name is also spelled by some members of the family Marks), who has borne him the following children: Sophie M., Angelina T., Frances M., Charles M. and George L. Mrs. Anna E. Stephan was born June 26, 1854, in Lancaster, a daughter of Frank and Margaretha (Herzog) Morck, who were married in 1850. Frank Morck was born in 1830, in Kreuznach, Rhenish-Prussia, Germany, and came to this country with his parents as a boy. He is now engaged in trucking. Mrs. Margaretha Morck was born in 1836, in Sandhausen, Baden, Germany. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morck are members of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, of Lancaster, Pa. They have the following children: Anna E., Mrs. Stephan; Mary; George, deceased; Peter and Lena, deceased. Andrew Morck, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Stephan, was born in Germany, but came to Lancaster in 1840, and he was one of the founders of the German St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church, of Lancaster.

Charles B. Stephan attended the town school of Rust for five years, and then entered the higher Citizens College at Ettenheim, Baden, where he remained for five years. At the age of sixteen he entered as a clerk in business houses in Freiburg, in Baden, also in Muehlhausen and Strassburg, in Al-

sace, Germany. In September, 1873, he sailed from Bremen, Germany, on the steamer "King William," and arrived Oct. 31, 1873. During the panic of that fall, he was searching for nearly three months for a position and was finally employed by a Mr. Shloeder, a cigar manufacturer on First Ave., remaining for several months, but he concluded to go to Lancaster, Pa., and there in Feb., 1874, he was welcomed by his aunts, Mrs. Frances (Stephan) Hatter and Mrs. Stefan (Stephan) Hauser. Not finding a suitable position in Lancaster he engaged in selling notions on the road, traveling through Lancaster, Dauphin, York and Lebanon counties, Pa., and parts of Maryland. In 1880, the year he was married, he took charge of a hotel in York, Pa., where he remained for two years, but he determined to return to Lancaster, where he resumed the occupation of a peddler, with a horse and wagon, selling notions, woolen goods, shoes, etc., at the same time trading in poultry, butter and eggs. In 1884 he moved to West Donegal township, where he engaged only in buying poultry, and the next spring he moved to Elizabethtown, locating on Washington street, where he resided until 1887, when he removed to what was formerly the old "Washington Hotel" stand, in the same town, where he remained thirteen years, dealing in produce. In 1890 he built his first ice house and started the first ice delivery for the town. In the fall of 1898 he moved to his present place, where he is eminently successful. His numerous teams make regular weekly gathering trips among about four hundred farms in this section. He is interested in other places in the same line of business, but especially has he made the egg business his leader, and he has gained a reputation in New York and Philadelphia markets. Mr. Stephan has established a branch wholesale and retail house in Atlantic City, N. J., dealing under the assumed name of Anchor Produce Co. Through his energy Elizabethtown turned to be the principal produce shipping point between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. Through his deep interest in advocating and encouraging the egg production, this section got to be the greatest egg-producing section in Pennsylvania. He was the first dressed calf shipper to the New York Market between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, who shipped dressed calves during the hot summer, as well as cold winter—thus beginning an enterprise which has assumed some considerable proportions and has made Elizabethtown its heaviest shipping point.

Mr. Stephan began his career in the most modest way, and his present prosperity has come as the direct result of his unflagging industry and honest and punctual methods.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephan are members of the Roman Catholic church, and are active in the work of St. Peter's Parish at Elizabethtown. Mr. Stephan is also a member of the following Catholic Benevolent Leagues, of Lancaster, Pa.: St. Peter's and St. Michael's Societies, also Father Grothen-

mev Council of the Pennsylvania Catholic League, and the Shiller Death Benefit Association. Mr. Stephan is a Democrat in politics. He encouraged the establishing of a branch of the National Building and Loan Association, of Lebanon, Pa., of which he is second Vice President.

DR. ISRAEL A. MILLER, a widely known veterinary surgeon, and now a retired farmer in Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Elizabeth township, Lancaster county, in October, 1843, his parents being Moses and Margaret (Appel) Miller. They were both born in Lancaster county, and descended from old and prominent families. The father is still living in the home adjoining the farm, in Elizabeth township, but the mother died in the summer of 1902.

Moses Miller was a son of Leonard Miller, and his wife, Eve, who were both natives of Germany. They made a home in Elizabeth township, where Moses was born and reared. They had a large family of children, all of whom have long since passed to the Heavenly land. Moses Miller had a family of five children: Mary A., who married Henry A. Dunmire, of Elizabeth, and died, leaving a family of four children: Lizzie, Annie, Susan and Alice; Caroline, who married John Edwards, and lives in Lancaster county, with a family; Margaret, who married Jacob Jocley, and died, leaving one son, Edward; Emma, who died when a young girl; and Israel A.

Dr. Miller, the youngest member and the only son of the above family, was reared to manhood on the parental estate, and secured such education as the home schools afforded. Until 1875 he was a farmer. That year he took up the study of veterinary surgery, and became very successful in that line. This has been his occupation, aside from farming, up to the present time. In 1881 he bought the William Whitman farm in Colerain township, which has become one of the finest farms in this section of the county under his able management. Here he has a large brick house, a good barn and all the out-buildings needed for the successful conduct of this fine place.

Dr. Miller was married in 1861 to Miss Annie Koehler, who was born in 1845, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Koehler; they were born in Lancaster county of German descent. To this happy union have come seven children: Milton, born in 1862, is living on a rented farm in Bart township; he married Miss Ella Draucker, and they have four children: Benjamin, Calvin, Margaret and Harriet. Ella, born in Lancaster county, married Enos Wiker, of Bart township, and has one daughter, Darthy. William F., born in Elizabeth township, married Miss Lizzie Groff, of East Drumore township, and lives on the Edwards home, near Quarryville; they have two children, Ira and Harry. Ada E., born in Lancaster county, married William Phillips, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of one daughter, Ruth I. James Monroe, born in Elizabeth township married

Miss Susan Sharp and they have one daughter, Esther. Anna Mary, born in Elizabeth township, married Robert Montgomery, and has one daughter, Beatrice Irene. Rena Mae, born in Colerain township, is unmarried, and remains at home.

Dr. Miller is a Republican, and was supervisor in Elizabeth township. Reared a Lutheran, he is now an attendant upon the services of the Reformed Church. He has been successful and prosperous through his long and busy life, and commands the confidence and respect of his neighbors to an unusual degree.

SAMUEL S. ESHLEMAN. Few families of Lancaster county are entitled to more extended mention in a representative work than is that of Eshleman. Some members of this large and prominent family may be found in almost every section of the county, and they are usually among the leading and substantial citizens. Samuel S. Eshleman, of Mt. Joy township, is a farmer of prominence there. He was born Oct. 1, 1866, near White Oak, a son of Rev. Daniel M. and Mary (Shank) Eshleman.

Rev. Daniel M. Eshleman was born June 18, 1845, in Penn township, Lancaster county, son of Samuel G. and Mary (Minnich) Eshleman. The father died on the old home place in Penn township, in 1847, at the age of forty-one years, and was buried in the private cemetery of the Minnich family on the latter's old farm. His widow, the grandmother of Samuel S., was born in 1815, and still resides in Mt. Joy township. She is a member of the German Baptist Church, to which religious body her husband also belonged. Their children were: Samuel, a farmer in Penn township; Mary, the widow of Abraham Miller, of Rapho township; and Rev. Daniel M., the well-known minister of the German Baptist Church, a man respected and beloved by all who know him. Mrs. Eshleman married Samuel Sherrer after a few years of widowhood, and one daughter was born to them, who is Anna, the wife of Henry Baker, a farmer of Mt. Joy township. Tracing the family ancestry still farther back we find the paternal grandfather to have been Abraham Eshleman, a farmer of Lancaster county, whose wife was a Kraybill, and on the maternal side the grandparents were Abraham and Maria (Shoemaker) Minnich, also of Lancaster county.

Until he was eight years of age, Daniel M. Eshleman remained with his widowed mother, his father having died when he was two years old. He was then made a member of the family of his uncle, Samuel Minnich, with whom he remained eight years, and he then worked around in the neighborhood for different farmers who were ever ready to employ an industrious and sober youth. For two years succeeding his arrival at maturity, he rented farming land, and after his marriage purchased his present farm where he has continued to reside ever since. In 1895 he was ordained a minister in the German Baptist Church, and since that time has faithfully per-

formed his religious duties, attaching to himself all who come within reach of his convincing instruction. In his earlier years Rev. Eshleman belonged to the Republican party, but does not now take any part in politics. The first marriage of Rev. Daniel M. Eshleman was in October, 1865, in Lancaster, to Mary Shank, and two children were born to this union, namely: Samuel S., of this sketch, and Emma S., who died at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Eshleman was born in Penn township, and died in 1882, at the age of thirty-six years, her burial being in Green Tree cemetery. She was a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena (Buckwiler) Shank, of Lancaster county. The second marriage of Rev. Daniel M. Eshleman was in November, 1883, in Mt. Joy township to Miss Sarah Eshelman, and four children were born to this union, namely: Salome E., Daniel E., John E., and Sadie E. Mrs. Eshleman was born in July, 1859, in Mt. Joy township, daughter of John and Barbara (Witmer) Eshelman, of Mt. Joy township, the former of whom died in Elizabethtown, in 1898, aged sixty-five years, and was buried in Green Tree cemetery. For six years prior to his death he lived retired. His widow, born in 1838, resides in Elizabethtown. Both long were members of the German Baptist Church. Their children were: Peter, who is a farmer in Dauphin county; Sarah, who married Rev. Mr. Eshleman; Samuel, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Miss Fanny, who resides in Elizabethtown with her mother; Isaac, a school teacher in Elizabethtown; and Mary, who died at the age of twenty-one years. Mrs. Eshleman's paternal grandfather was Isaac Eshelman, of Lancaster county, whose wife's maiden name was Longenecker, and the maternal grandfather was Christian Witmer, of Lancaster, and his wife was a member of the Culp family.

Samuel S. Eshleman was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools. When he was about twenty years old he took an enjoyable trip through the West, being from home some nine months. This gave him broader views of life and was considerable of an education in itself. The attractions of the great West, however, did not induce him to make his home there, and upon his return he remained on the home farm with his parents for two more years. He then went into the creamery business which occupied him for some nine years, but in 1900 he located on his present farm which he has been operating ever since. Mr. Eshleman is regarded as a model up-to-date farmer and every evidence of capability is shown in his thrifty and attractive surroundings. He is identified with the Republican party, and in religion he belongs to the German Baptist Church.

The first marriage of Mr. Eshleman was in 1894, in Mt. Joy township, to Miss Clara Myers, and to this union two sons were born, Walter M. and David M. Mrs. Eshleman was born in East Donegal township, and died Feb. 8, 1897, at the early age of nineteen years. She was buried in Green Tree cemetery.

Her parents were David B. and Mary H. (Shoemaker) Myers, of East Donegal township. The second marriage of Mr. Eshleman occurred in May, 1898, in Milton Grove, when Mattie Ginder became his wife. She was born in Mt. Joy township, daughter of John and Sarah (Eby) Ginder, of Lancaster, the former of whom was a farmer in this county, and died in 1893 at the age of sixty-one years. His widow, born in 1840, resides in Mt. Joy township. Their children were: Amos, deceased; Kate, who married Henry Baker, of this township; Barbara, who married Allen Ober, of Mt. Joy township; Jacob, a farmer of East Donegal township; Miss Lizzie; Mattie, who married our subject; Andrew, deceased; Fianna, who married Jacob Miller, of Rapho township; and John, Nathan, Sadie and Henry, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman have one son, Earl, a bright and attractive child. As a man of reliability and substance, Mr. Eshleman is highly regarded in his locality. He is a kind neighbor, benevolent Christian and first-class citizen.

JACOB T. WHITSON. An esteemed citizen of Oak Hill, Little Britain township, is Jacob T. Whitson, who for many years was prominently identified with the mercantile, lumber, grain and coal interests of Lancaster county, residing at Christiana. He was born in Sadsbury township, Chester county, Oct. 18, 1830, a son of Moses and Elizabeth (Taylor) Whitson, natives of the same county and prominent members of the Society of Friends. His grandfather, Thomas Whitson was of English origin, and was born on Long Island, where he lived a consistent member of the Society of Friends.

Moses Whitson was born Aug. 24, 1798, and he died in 1853. In 1828, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Taylor, who was born in 1805, and who died in 1844. Their children were: Mary, born March 4, 1829, is the widow of Samuel P. Bailey, of Chester county, Pa.; Jacob T.; Anna M., born Oct. 2, 1833, married David Hood, of Chester county, who died in 1901; and Moses, born Jan. 24, 1840, resides in Hagerstown, Maryland. During an honorable life, Moses Whitson was known as a man of integrity and high character. His ownership of land was large. He resided in Sadsbury township, Chester county, and did much legal business there, in the way of surveying, conveyancing and settling up of estates.

Jacob T. Whitson was reared in Sadsbury township, but as stated above he later became a merchant in Christiana. In 1888, he moved into Little Britain township and bought a farm, comprising 245 acres of some of the best land in southern Lancaster county. This property has recently been purchased of him by his son, Charles S.

On March 25, 1863, Jacob T. Whitson was united in marriage to Mary Russell, of Drumore township, and to this union were born four children: Russell T., who is a professor in Peirce's Commercial College, in Philadelphia; Charles S., who is a success-

ful farmer of Little Britain township; Emily, wife of Henry R. Hoopes, a prominent manufacturer of wheels, in Westchester, Pa.; and Horace G.

Mrs. Whitson was a daughter of John N. and Amelia (Kirk) Russell, who were among the early settlers and leading citizens of Drumore township. John N. Russell was born July 3, 1804, and died Dec. 23, 1876. For many years he was identified with the various reformatory and philanthropic enterprises of his section of the State, being a strong anti-slavery man and a tireless worker in the cause of temperance. His efforts brought forth much good, and he was long known as the friend of the poor and oppressed, and was noted for his honesty and truthfulness. John N. Russell was a remarkable man for his times, and many the reforms he advocated are now parts of the laws of the land. In every relation of life he displayed a true Christian character.

Jacob T. Whitson is a member of the Society of Friends. His political sympathy has always been with the Republican party, and his influence has ever been in the direction of education and morality.

ELMER K. DENLINGER, manager of the Gap Creamery Company, Branch No. 2, at Intercourse, and of a feed and grist mill at the same place, is one of the prominent and enterprising citizens of Lancaster county who have done so much to promote its best interests.

Mr. Denlinger was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Nov. 22, 1864, son of Abraham H. and Mary Catherine Denlinger, both natives of this county, the father born in Leacock township, in 1839, and the mother in Stroudsburg, in 1840. They are now residing in Kinzers, Lancaster county, Mr. Denlinger having retired from agricultural pursuits, to which his active years were devoted. They are members of the Mennonite Church. In his more active years the father was a man of affairs, and long served as school director. To Abraham H. and Mary Denlinger were born the following children: Harry, deceased; Salome, widow of A. H. Eby, and now living with her parents; Elmer K., whose name appears above; Abraham, who lives at Intercourse, and is with his brother Elmer K.; Daniel, deceased; Mary, who is at home, unmarried; John, a farmer of Leacock township; and Harry, a machinist in Philadelphia. The parents of Abraham H. Denlinger were Daniel and Margaret (Hershey) Denlinger, of Lancaster county.

Elmer K. Denlinger was married Sept. 13, 1888, in Williamstown, to Mary Charles, by whom he has had three children. Harry A., Edith M., and Marion C. Mrs. Mary (Charles) Denlinger was born in Leacock township, March 29, 1866, daughter of Hiran and Hannah (Bowman) Charles, of Lancaster county. Her father is a retired farmer of Paradise township; he was born in 1834. Her mother died Feb. 2, 1901, at the age of sixty-seven years. She belonged to the Mennonite Church, with which her husband also unites. They were the

parents of the following children: Abraham, who died at the age of thirty-two years; Susan, who married George Penninger, a farmer of Salisbury township; Edward, a farmer in Chester county, Pa.; Flora, widow of Albert Berkie, and living in Earl township; Samuel, who married Lizzie Rohrer, and is a farmer in Strasburg township; Mary (twin sister of Samuel), Mrs. Elmer K. Denlinger; Sallie, who married Harry Latchau, a farmer of Witmer; and Lydia A., who married J. Milton Kling, a farmer of Intercourse, and died in 1896, Mr. Kling dying in 1897 (they left a daughter, Lydia, who lives with her grandparents, Isaiah and Martha Kling, at Intercourse). Hiram Charles, the grandfather of Mrs. Mary Denlinger, lived in Lancaster county, as did her mother's parents, Daniel and Susan Bowman.

Elmer K. Denlinger was reared on the home farm, and remained with his parents until his marriage, after which event he followed farming in Paradise township until 1898. In that year he came to Intercourse to take charge of the creamery plant, where he has remained up to the present time, alert and attentive to anything that concerns the interest of his patrons, or the prosperity of his employers. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion both he and his good wife belong to the Mennonite Church. In the summer of 1901 he put up an extensive feed and grist mill for himself, and has already secured a very profitable patronage.

HENRY J. BESORE, a prominent and successful saddlery merchant of New Holland, was born March 15, 1844, in Smithsburg, Md., where his parents, David S. and Eliza (Roads) Besore, were conducting a hotel at the time. Later they lived in Franklin county, Pa., where the father taught school and gave singing lessons until incapacitated by age, and finally established a home in New Holland, where they passed their last days. D. F. Besore, a brother of Henry J. Besore, also lives in New Holland.

Henry J. Besore was married Dec. 10, 1867, in New Holland, to Ella R. Darrow, and to this union has been born one child, Mary D., who married Harry K. Storb, member of the New Holland firm of T. M. Storb & Sons, mentioned elsewhere. Mrs. Ella R. Besore was born in New Holland Oct. 11, 1848, daughter of James and Hannah (Leeds) Darrow, both natives of New Holland, where her father was engaged in business as a shoemaker. He served as township collector of New Holland before the organization of the borough. He died in 1867, when fifty-five years old; his wife passing away in 1876, at the age of sixty-two years. They were buried in the cemetery of the Reformed Church at New Holland, with which organization they had long been associated. They had the following children: William S., who is deceased; Susan, deceased; Mary, who married B. F. Bard, of Coatesville, and is deceased; Anna, wife of William Shirk,

residing in Lancaster; Catherine, deceased; Emma, who married S. S. Ranck, and has her home in East Earl township (her husband is a station agent on the Pennsylvania railroad); Ella R., Mrs. Besore; Marcus H., a resident of Philadelphia; John H., a horse dealer in New Holland; and James, who died in infancy.

Henry J. Besore remained with his parents until he reached the age of fifteen, when he began clerking. When he was eighteen he entered a saddlery shop with Richard Weaver, in New Holland. During the Rebellion he served as a musician. When he was thirty-three he set up in business for himself, and has made a substantial position for himself in the business world. He was tax collector for the borough five years. With his family he belongs to St. Stephen's Reformed Church. In politics he is a Democrat. Fraternally Mr. Besore is associated with the I. O. O. F., and the Grand Encampment of that fraternity, the K. of P., the Red Men and the Royal Arcanum.

ELI L. LANDIS. Prominent among the prosperous young farmers of West Earl township is Eli L. Landis, who resides on a most valuable farm, comprising ninety-five acres, desirably located but one mile from the flourishing town of Farmersville.

The name of Landis is well known and respected in Lancaster county. Benjamin Landis, grandfather of Eli L., was a native of Manheim township, of German ancestry, and reared a family of eleven children: Henry L.; Isaac L.; Benjamin; Israel; Daniel; Anna, wife of Samuel Hershey; Fianna, wife of Benjamin Garber; Amelia, wife of Michael Nolt; Fanny, wife of Samuel Hess; Elizabeth, wife of John Hess; and Maria, wife of Levi Getz.

Isaac L. Landis, second son of Benjamin, married Elizabeth Long, of Manheim township, who bore him one son, Levi L. Her life ended early, and for his second wife Isaac L. Landis married, in Manheim township, Miss Susan N. Landis. Five children were born to this union: Noah L., a farmer of Manheim township; Milton unmarried, also of Manheim; John L., a farmer of the same township; Annie, wife of Rudolph Herr, of Manheim; and Eli L.

Eli L. Landis was born June 9, 1876, was reared a farmer boy, and ever since finishing his schooling has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has been one of the most successful of the young farmers of his locality, his fine place showing the highest degree of cultivation and giving good yields. The residence of the family is a fine three-story brick dwelling, which is considered one of the finest country homes in the township, while his great brick barn is the most commodious and imposing in that part of the county.

Eli L. Landis was married, Nov. 18, 1897, to Miss Hettie H. Nolt, a daughter of John W. Nolt, who was born April 11, 1878, and is a lady well fitted to adorn the lovely home in which she presides.

Three children have come to this marriage: John N., born Dec. 27, 1898; Mabel, Aug. 26, 1900; and Harry, Sept. 1, 1902.

In politics Mr. Landis is a Republican, and he is regarded as one of the rising young men of his locality. His standing is high in the township, as an exemplary husband and father, an intelligent citizen and a consistent member of the Mennonite Church.

ISAAC W. HOFFMAN, of Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, is an extensive farmer in that old and populous agricultural region, and also manager, as well as owner, of the Elizabethtown Creamery, one of the model butter making establishments of eastern Pennsylvania. He is also a manufacturer of fine and popular ice cream, which is shipped to all parts of Lancaster and adjoining counties, and in this line alone he carries on a very extensive business. He has within the last few years erected, besides his own dwelling, a number of fine brick houses, which he rents to desirable parties at a very low figure, and as they are very substantial buildings, fitted up with all the modern conveniences they have added very materially to the growth and beauty of the city.

Mr. Hoffman is a great-grandson, on his father's side, of Jacob and Sophia (Dunkle) Hoffman, and a grandson of Jacob, Jr., and Catherine (Keizer) Hoffman. On his mother's side, he is a great-grandson of Christian and Christena (Eshleman) Wolgemuth, and a grandson of Christian, Jr., and Anna (Metzler) Wolgemuth.

Mr. Hoffman is a son of John K. and Elizabeth (Wolgemuth) Hoffman, and was born in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, Aug. 3, 1851. John K. Hoffman was born in Rapho township, and his wife in the township of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county. They moved to Elizabethtown in 1890, to spend their few remaining years, and there the father died March 6, 1898; his remains were laid to rest in the Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Both the parents were members of the Dunkard Church. The mother was born Feb. 26, 1824, and she is now residing with her son Isaac W. John K. and Elizabeth (Wolgemuth) Hoffman, were the parents of seven children, as follows: John, who is a farmer in Londonderry township, Dauphin Co., Pa.; Anna, who died in September, 1899; Lizzie, who died in infancy; Isaac W.; Jacob, who died at the age of seven years; Mary, who is the wife of John Martin, a farmer in the township of West Donegal; and Matilda, who became the wife of Leander Gantz, a farmer of Mt. Joy township and died Oct. 8, 1901.

Jacob and Catherine (Keizer) Hoffman, grandparents of Isaac W., were both life-long residents of Rapho township and were farming people of standing and character in the community in which they lived. Mr. Hoffman lived to be eighty-eight years old, dying April 2, 1889. Mrs. Hoffman was at the time of her death, in 1885, seventy-eight

years, ten months and twenty-eight days old. They were both interred at the Green Tree German Baptist Meeting House, in Mt. Joy township. These were their children: John K., deceased; Jacob, also deceased; Samuel K. a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Isaac K., of Dauphin county, Pa.; Nancy, widow of Christ Wolgemuth, of Elizabethtown; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Witmer, of Elizabethtown; and Catherine, the wife of Levi Kopp, a stone mason of Milton Grove, Pennsylvania.

Christian Wolgemuth, Jr., and his wife Anna Metzler, the maternal grandparents of Isaac W. Hoffman, were farming people of Mt. Joy township, and were well-known throughout that part of the county in which they lived. Mr. Wolgemuth died March 17, 1888, aged eighty-eight years, eleven months, and twenty-nine days. Mrs. Wolgemuth died Nov. 18, 1895, at the age of ninety years, one month and fourteen days. Both are interred at the Cross Roads Church, near Florin, Lancaster county. They were the parents of eight children, three of whom died in infancy, and the others are as follows: the Rev. John, a minister of the River Brethren Church, and a retired farmer in West Donegal township; the Rev. David, also a minister of the River Brethren Church, and a retired farmer; Jane, the widow of Henry Nissley; Mary, the wife of John Kaylor, who is a retired farmer, living at Elizabethtown; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Hoffman.

Isaac W. Hoffman was married Oct. 20, 1870, to Miss Susan Hernley, and by this marriage became the father of one child, Amanda, who is at home unmarried. Mrs. Hoffman was born in the township of Penn, May 16, 1852, the daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Erb) Hernley. Her father was born in the township of Rapho, and her mother in Cumberland county, Pa. Mr. Hernley died Dec. 6, 1887, at the age of sixty-two, and his widow, who is now making her home with her son, Ephraim, has reached the age of seventy-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Hernley were the parents of three children, Mary, the wife of Christ Longenecker, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Susan; and Ephraim, a farmer, on the old homestead in Mt. Joy township. Mrs. Hoffman's paternal grandparents were Christ and Mary (Hershey) Hernley, farming people of Rapho township; her mother's parents were Jacob and Mary (Bucher) Erb, farming people of Warwick township.

Isaac W. Hoffman remained at home with his parents until he attained the age of nineteen years, when he left home, and began farming for himself on what was known as the old Jacob Hoffman farm, on the cross road leading from the Manheim road to Risser's Mill. After living on this farm one year, Mr. Hoffman purchased it; he stayed there five years, then sold it and bought another farm on the Harrisburg and Lancaster Pike, near Elizabethtown. For eleven years he remained at that place, when he sold it and moved to his present home, where he now conducts a very extensive business in various lines. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman are both

members of the Mennonite Church, and always take an active interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare of the community in which they live.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SAYLOR, Lancaster's leading photographer for many years, is known to the community as an honorable man and a reliable tradesman.

Henry Saylor, his father, was born in 1796, and Elizabeth Derr, his mother, was born in 1804. Their home was at Trappe, Montgomery county. The father, who was a contracting carpenter, met an accidental death, while at work on his own premises, and the papers of that section gave lengthy accounts of the tragic death of one whom they regarded as a most worthy and estimable man. This occurred in 1851, when he was fifty-five years old, Mrs. Saylor dying eight years later, Oct. 12, 1859, at the same age as her husband was when called home.

Benjamin Franklin Saylor was born Feb. 24, 1838, and was educated in the public schools of Montgomery county, and left Trappe for Philadelphia when he was twelve years old. In 1858 he became a student of photography at Ninth and Spring Garden streets. In 1865 he came to Lancaster to take charge of the late Charles Eberman's gallery, which he later purchased. This gallery was on the north side of West King street, and in 1882 he bought the building where his residence and gallery are now found on the south side of the same street. It is one of the fine buildings of the block, and contains two stores besides the gallery and the residence.

Mr. Saylor was married Feb. 23, 1876, to Miss Anna Catherine, a daughter of the late Emanuel Shober, proprietor of stage and mail routes in Lancaster county before the railroad and trolley line. He had a hotel at the corner of North Queen and Orange streets, a popular and familiar establishment with the traveling public. This property is now in the hands of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Shober, who died in 1869, was the owner of two paper mills, one at Eden, and the other at Slackwater. He is known in history as the pioneer paper manufacturer in this section of the country. To Mr. and Mrs. Saylor were born the following children: Paul, who died of diphtheria, aged one year; Benjamin Franklin, Jr., now employed at the freight station of the Pennsylvania railroad; and Carl Frederick, telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Saylor's ancestors were German; their religion was that of the Lutherans, and he and his wife are members of the same church. He has served at various times as vestryman, warden and elder, as well as assisting in the choir for fully thirty years. Ever since his arrival in Lancaster he has served in the Sunday School. Mr. Saylor was among the promoters of Christ and Grace Lutheran Churches, children of Old Trinity, and in the early history of Grace Church, was choir-

master, secretary of the Church Council, and Superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Saylor is a charter member of the Lambertson Lodge of Masons, and a member of the Council, Chapter and Knights Templars. He became a member of Franklin Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., of Philadelphia, in 1859.

Apart from his devotion to his family and his art, Mr. Saylor finds delight in hunting, and yearly makes hunting excursions with Dr. Miles L. Davis into the wilds in search of health and strength. Mr. Saylor has finely mounted specimens of the deer family in his commodious home, which are trophies of his many hunting expeditions. A bear-skin rug attests his prowess in the pursuit of big game, and his reputation in that line of adventure in this community is favorably regarded by his fellow sportsmen. Mr. Saylor is a fine conversationalist, and his narrations of forest life are as interesting as instructive. His political views are staunchly Republican, first, last and always, though he has never sought or held any position of political complexion, pursuing by preference the various demands of his professional calling, and the duties and privileges of an everyday citizen.

PETER ESBENSHADE, the progenitor of the Esbenschade family in Lancaster county, was of German ancestry, having been born near Bingen on the Rhine. With two brothers he emigrated to America and settled in Lancaster county, where he worked at his trade of shoemaking. Prospering, he purchased a farm in Paradise township, on which he settled, taking up the tilling of the soil. He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Howry) Lefever, and reared a family of four sons, Henry, Jacob, David, and Joseph. Peter Esbenschade was a man of strong character and sturdy honesty, and throughout life commanded the respect and confidence of the people of the community in which he lived. He and his wife are buried in the Strasburg Mennonite burying ground.

Joseph Esbenschade, the youngest son of Peter, was born June 1, 1809. In his youth he attended the public schools, and for a time the high school of his native township. He was a man of tireless energy and resolute purpose. Intelligent to a marked degree, and having made his name synonymous with integrity and honor, he occupied a unique position in the township and in a wider circle. Joseph Esbenschade was markedly averse to speculation, and made the large fortune he possessed by upright legitimate business methods. His kindness to and fondness for animals endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He never sold a horse. Once in his possession, the animal remained his property until its death.

Joseph Esbenschade married Dec. 17, 1839, Elizabeth Cassel, only child of Henry and Barbara Cassel. Mrs. Esbenschade was born Oct. 8, 1820, and died March 30, 1897. Mr. Esbenschade died Jan. 24,

1897, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. The remains of both these faithful servants of God repose in the old burying ground at Mellinger's Meeting House, near the old family home, both having been members of the Mennonite Church and attendants at Mellinger's Meeting House. Their children were three in number, namely: Henry C., Eliza A. and Joseph H.

Henry C. Esbenshade was born on the home place, and followed the life of the farm until, on Sept. 3, 1861, he answered his country's call for defenders by enlisting in Battery E, 1st Pa. Artillery. He served as corporal with distinction and marked gallantry for eighteen months, when, his health having been undermined by the privations and hardships of military service, he was granted a furlough that he might return to his home. He never regained his strength, and on April 17, 1863, he answered the final roll-call and was gathered to his fathers. Henry C. Esbenshade never married, and his remains lie buried at the same spot where rest his father and mother.

Eliza A. Esbenshade was married, on Nov. 27, 1874, to George L. Buckwalter, and died Nov. 25, 1878, without children.

Joseph H. Esbenshade was born Dec. 17, 1857, on the home farm, which is now owned by him, and where he resides with his wife and daughters. In common with most boys of his neighborhood he attended the schools of his township, and he proved an apt and studious pupil. In November, 1877, he entered Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., intending to take a full course at that institution, but ill-health caused him to return home, where, when twenty years of age, he assumed the heavy responsibilities of the management of his father's farms. From that time on he devoted himself to the care of his parents, who had been bereft of their other children, and in the shadows of the evening of their lives was the mainstay and comfort of his father and mother. To the conduct of his large farming and business interests Mr. Esbenshade has brought strong native intelligence, sound business sense and a high sense of fidelity to every trust. He is widely known as one of the leading farmers of Lancaster county, following his father's practice of avoiding speculation, and devoting all his energies to straight business and agricultural problems. In January, 1900, Mr. Esbenshade was elected a director in the Lancaster County National Bank, a widely known financial institution, and there his business training serves to make him one of the best known members of the board. Politically Mr. Esbenshade is a Republican; he has never sought office.

On Oct. 27, 1881, Mr. Esbenshade married Miss Mary E. Hess, whose father, Daniel Hess, is a prominent resident of Martinsville, Lancaster county. Two daughters have come to them: Annette, born in 1883; and Eliza, born in 1889.

Widely known in the county, the several mem-

bers of the Esbenshade family have uniformly stood for solidity, and their broad expanse of acres, all in a high state of cultivation, is pointed out as being made up of model farms.

ADAM V. WALTER, M. D. Among the leading and successful practicing physicians of Lancaster county stands prominent the gentleman whose name here appears. The Doctor is of German descent, and of the third generation of the family in America, his paternal grandfather having come from the Fatherland and settled in Lancaster county, Pa., near the Lebanon county line.

Isaac Walter, father of Dr. A. V., was born Sept. 9, 1845, near Reamstown, Lancaster county, and is now a prominent farmer of Bowmansville, Lancaster county. In 1870 he married Emma Von Neida, who was born Oct. 18, 1852, in Bowmansville, a daughter of Henry and Sarah Von Neida, natives of America, and children as follows were born to them: Adam V., sketch of whom follows; Charles, born Jan. 14, 1873, who is farming the homestead along with his father; and Henry, born Feb. 7, 1879, at present a student at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.

Adam V. Walter was born March 19, 1871, at Bowmansville, Lancaster Co., Pa., was reared on the home farm and received his education at the common schools and at the Millersville State Normal. At the age of seventeen years he commenced to teach school, and when nineteen years old he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he graduated with second honors on a thesis written on the practice of medicine, and received a gold medal for merit. In the fall of 1895 he commenced the practice of medicine at Brownstown (now West Earl), Lancaster county, and though yet a young man he has, by his skill and ability, succeeded in securing an enviable position in the profession.

On Oct. 13, 1894, Dr. Walter married Miss Sue Etta Snader, daughter of William D. Snader, a well-known farmer of East Earl township, and one daughter, Luella, born April 13, 1896, has brought another ray of sunshine to the home.

In his political preferences Dr. Walter is a Republican, and in religious belief he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church. The Doctor is a man of scholarly attainments, broad-minded and progressive in his views, and an intelligent and esteemed gentleman, whose affable and courteous manner has won for him hosts of warm friends among his wide circle of acquaintances.

BENJAMIN GOOD, who has occupied his present fine farm in Pequea township for over thirty-five years, belongs to a family which has been identified with agricultural pursuits in Lancaster county for many years.

Jacob Good, his father, was born in Lancaster county, and lived and died here. He remained at

home until he was about thirty years of age, working at distilling and farming. He then began farming for himself in Pequea township, and continued thus until his death. Although he received very limited education, he was quite successful in life, and accumulated quite a large amount of farm property. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Good married Miss Maria Gochanaur, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of twelve children, six sons and six daughters: Christian, of Pequea township; Jacob, of Pequea township; Benjamin, our subject; Simon, of Providence township; Amos, of Lancaster county; Michael, of Pequea township; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Kreider; Mary, deceased wife of Jacob Kreider; Annie, wife of Jacob Harnish; Susan, deceased wife of Martin Eshleman; Martha, wife of John Risell; and Fannie, deceased, wife of Frank Weaver.

Benjamin Good was born July 29, 1834, in Pequea township, and was educated in the local public schools. He lived at home until he reached the age of twenty-five years, and when he began life for himself did general work for two years. He then farmed for two years for Samuel Hess, of Pequea, after which he purchased and moved to the place where he now resides. His integrity and industrious habits have won him universal respect. Mr. Good takes a hearty interest in all that concerns the welfare of his township and county. In religion he is a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Benjamin Good has been twice married, his first wife being Miss Susan Kling, of Pequea, who died Nov. 18, 1869, the mother of four children, namely: Amaziah; Jacob; Elizabeth K., wife of Solomon H. Good; and Benjamin, deceased. On Aug. 12, 1893, Mr. Good married for his second wife, Annie (Herr) Hiney, widow of Marcus Hiney, and to this union has been born one child, Susan.

OWEN CRAMER. Among the successful and well-known citizens of Bethesda, Pa., is Owen Cramer, who for twenty years has been a reliable painter and carpenter in this locality, as well as the owner and operator of a small farm in Martic township. Mr. Cramer began life with small means, but honest and patient endeavor, combined with industry and ability, have generously rewarded him. He was born Dec. 28, 1849, a son of Samuel and Susan (Bellamy) Cramer.

Samuel Cramer was a farmer of Martic township, born Dec. 5, 1815; he died Aug. 4, 1885. He was a son of John and Mary (Phite) Cramer, natives of Lancaster county but of German parentage. The children of John Cramer were: Christopher, David, Samuel, John, Elizabeth, Anna, Mary, Susan and Abigail, all of these having passed away except Susan and Abigail. To the marriage of Samuel Cramer and Susan Bellamy, in 1841, were born six children: Mary, the wife of Jacob Foltz, of the city of Lancaster; Lewis, of Martic township; Owen; Thonias, also of this township; Regina, the

wife of Abraham Isenberger, of Martic township, and Margaret, also a resident of this township.

Owen Cramer grew up on the farm and attended the public schools. His inclinations led him into learning the carpenter's trade in all its branches, and for twenty years he has been a very reliable and highly regarded workman in the line of painting, carpentering and contracting, his skill being always in demand.

Mr. Cramer was married on Dec. 7, 1882, to Miss Elmyra Sides, of Martic township, who was born on Jan. 31, 1844, a daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Neal) Sides. One daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cramer, Carrie R., born on April 5, 1885. Mrs. Cramer's brothers and sisters were: Grizzell, deceased; Mary, deceased; Clarkson, deceased; James, deceased; Jacob, of Martic township; and Rebecca, the wife of Joseph Harner. The family is one of the old and well-established ones of this county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cramer are consistent and valued members of Bethesda Methodist Church, to which they contribute generously and are active in its charitable enterprises. In politics Mr. Cramer is a Democrat. In public estimation this family is highly respected as worthy representatives of two of the leading families of Martic township.

ABRAHAM L. HERSHEY, painter and tobacco raiser, who resides at Silver Spring, Lancaster county, was born in Rapho township, in the same county, March 25, 1845, son of Jacob H. and Susan (Long) Hershey, of Rapho and East Hempfield townships, respectively.

Jacob H. Hershey, who now resides in Silver Spring, was born Oct. 4, 1817, and was reared to farming. He was a very public-spirited citizen, in politics was one of the original Abolitionists of the State, and afterward became a Republican. For twenty years he was president of the Penn Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and was a director from 1865. Mrs. Susan (Long) Hershey died in West Hempfield township Oct. 16, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years, and was buried in Silver Spring cemetery. To this worthy couple were born the following children: Amelia, deceased wife of Rev. L. H. Shenk, a Mennonite clergyman of Rapho township; Washington, ex-member of the State Legislature from Marietta; Abraham L., subject of this review; Webster, a farmer and former teacher of East Hempfield township; Benjamin, farming on the old homestead; Horace, who died in 1864, at the age of sixteen years; and Franklin, who died in infancy.

Abraham L. Hershey was married May 30, 1869, in Lancaster, to Miss Fanny Mellinger, and there have been born to this union the following family: Anna L., deceased wife of Henry Eicker; Minnie M., married to David Baker, a railroad man at Columbia; Salem L., a mail carrier of Philadelphia, married to Florence Huber, of Silver Spring; Bertha C., wife of Samuel Little, foreman in the Lancaster Silk Mill; Florence F., wife of David W.

Newcomer, a railroad fireman of Columbia; Melville E., deceased; and A. Garfield, still under the parental roof. Mrs. Fanny (Mellinger) Hershey was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Aug. 10, 1848, daughter of Martin and Anna (Kauffman) Mellinger, of Manor township, both of whom died in West Hempfield township—the father in 1888, when eighty-eight years old, and the mother in 1876, at the age of seventy-one. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and the remains of both are interred in the Kahler cemetery. To this couple the following large family were born: John deceased; Magdalena, wife of Jacob Frye, of Hanover, Pa.; Martin and Christ, deceased; David, a farmer in Refton, Lancaster county; Anna, widow of Joseph Hinkle; Elizabeth, wife of Christ Musser, a farmer; Benjamin, deceased; Abraham, baggage master at Columbia; Jacob, deceased; Henry, toll gatekeeper at Silver Spring; and Fanny. Mr. Hershey has ten living grandchildren. One, Fanny M. Eicker is deceased. The others are Leon Paul Eicker (who lives with our subject) and Chester Hershey Eicker, sons of Annie; Salem Leon Baker, Ida M. Baker and Fanny F. Baker, children of Minnie; William E. Hershey and Abraham E. Hershey, sons of Salem; Osmond W. Little and Hershey M. Little, sons of Bertha; and Garfield H. Newcomer, a son of Florence.

Abraham L. Hershey left his home March 7, 1864, and enlisted in Co. D, 2d P. V. C., being transferred to Co. G. He participated in the battle of the Wilderness, Sheridan's raid, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, Old Church, and at Charles City Cross Roads was captured by Wade Hampton's cavalry, June 24, 1864, and imprisoned in Libby, Andersonville, Thomasville and elsewhere until 1865, when he was released. On his return home he attended the Millersville Academy several terms, then taught school fourteen terms, and next engaged in the coal business at Silver Spring, where he was appointed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. as ticket and freight agent and telegraph operator from 1872 to 1888, and then began painting, farming, etc.

In politics Abraham L. Hershey is a Republican. He has been elected justice of the peace for three consecutive terms, and has been a member of the school board for the past six years. He is also a notary public. Fraternally he is a member of the G. A. R., the O. U. A. M., A. O. K. of M. C., and I. O. R. M. Both as a business man and as an official Mr. Hershey has won the unfeigned esteem of all his associates and personal acquaintances, and socially his family mingle with the best people of Lancaster county.

HENRY HOFFMAN, manufacturer of shirts and half hose, at Ephrata, Lancaster county, was born March 7, 1847, a son of David and Katherine (Eberly) Hoffman, the former of whom was a highly respected farmer of Brecknock township, a

son of Baltzer Hoffman, a farmer also. David Hoffman and wife reared these children: Susan, born in 1840; David, born in 1842; Salinda, born in 1845; Henry, born in 1847; Israel, born in 1849; Samuel, born in 1850; William, born in 1852; Elizabeth, born in 1854, and Kate, born in 1856. David Hoffman was born in 1808, and married Katherine Eberly in 1839.

In early youth Henry Hoffman felt the privations which prevented his attendance at school, as even then he was obliged to look out for himself to a great extent. It redounds all the more to his credit that the years have worked so great a change in his financial position, as it required the exercise of many admirable traits in order to accomplish it, and to retain the esteem of his fellow-citizens, as Mr. Hoffman has done. For a time he worked on a farm, as a day laborer, but always self-respecting, and in the course of time accumulated enough means to enable him to purchase a small farm. This he later sold and bought a still larger one, and still later opened up an ice business, extending his energies to take in a grocery and confectionery, and succeeding so well that in 1893 he was able to build a shirt factory. Possessed of tireless energy, Mr. Hoffman sees business opportunities very quickly, although he is noted for his good judgment also. Into his factory he is putting a number of knitting machines which will increase its usefulness very materially. Mr. Hoffman has added much to the industrial activity of the neighborhood and is justly considered one of its best citizens.

In 1867 Mr. Hoffman was married to Miss Sarah Trago, a daughter of Eli Trago, and both he and his estimable wife possess the respect and esteem of the community.

JOHN H. OSTERTAG. The most successful business men, with few exceptions, are those who in their younger days have by slow and patient steps learned the details of their occupation. Not all good mechanics rise to the possession of an excellent business of their own, but most influential merchants and manufacturers have served long and faithful apprenticeships. John H. Ostertag is one of the most prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of Columbia. He has earned his position, having chosen his field of labor and won its laurels by his own exertions. As a furniture dealer and undertaker he ranks high among the business men of his city, having the finest establishment of its kind in the town, if not in the county.

Mr. Ostertag was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Jan. 5, 1857, son of Andrew and Eva M. (Hettinger) Ostertag. The father, a native of Baden, Germany, is one of those sturdy emigrants whose settlement in America has afforded many examples of sterling citizenship, worthy of emulation. At the age of twenty-five Andrew Ostertag came to the United States and settled in Pennsylvania, purchasing a tract of land in West

Hempfield township, Lancaster county. There his capacity for enlightened agricultural labor was quickly demonstrated, and he attained to the possession of a most admirable estate, operating same until 1894, when he retired and moved to Columbia. In politics he is a Democrat; in religion he holds stanchly to the Lutheran faith—the faith of his forefathers. To him and his wife were born four children, of whom two survive. John H. and Andrew M., a younger brother. The latter is a cabinet-maker by trade, and is foreman in the furniture establishment of his brother.

The boyhood of John H. Ostertag was very much like that of most farmer boys of his time and place. There was upon the farm an abundance of hard work awaiting the industrious, and John H. was not lacking in application. His education he received in the district schools, and at the age of fifteen years he began to work out on farms at \$10 per month. A little later he entered the Chestnut Hill ore mines, where he worked for \$1 per day until he was eighteen years old. The advantages of a trade impressed themselves upon the ambitious mind of the young and willing laborer, and he accordingly began an apprenticeship at the trade of cabinetmaking, at which he continued faithfully three and one-half years. For a short time he returned to farming, but in weighing the advantages and prospects the trade won, and he resumed work as a cabinetmaker at Littlestown. He received good wages, and had the prudence to save a portion of them, with such good results that in January, 1882, at the age of twenty-five years, he was enabled to establish himself in business as a furniture dealer and undertaker in Columbia. This business he carefully nurtured and extended until he owned and managed one of the best equipped and most extensive houses in his line in the city, later adding a full line of carpets, and taking orders for cabinetmaking.

In 1882 Mr. Ostertag married Mary Westerman, and their family consists of six children: Charles A., Harry C., Celia A., John W., Mary M. and William R. Mr. Ostertag and his family are active members of the Lutheran Church, of which for many years he has been a liberal supporter. In politics he is an ardent Democrat, especially in State and National affairs. He is particularly prominent in fraternal societies, holding membership in Lodge No. 286, F. & A. M., Columbia, of which he is past master; Corinthian Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest; Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, K.T., of which he is past commander; Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; and Harrisburg Consistory, 32 degree. He also affiliates with Lodge No. 20, of the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection. Mr. Ostertag takes special interest in everything pertaining to the Masonic fraternity, and is an authority on all its various organizations.

In business connection Mr. Ostertag is identified with the Funeral Directors Association, having served as president of the Pennsylvania State Or-

ganization two years, and is a prominent member of the Retail Merchants Association of Columbia, having served as president thereof. He is also a member of the board of managers of the Columbia Hospital, and has served one term as president of the board. As a parliamentarian Mr. Ostertag is conceded to be without a superior in the town, and has an equally high reputation as a debater. His character is above reproach, his inherent integrity and energy of purpose winning for him an enviable position among the business men of Lancaster county.

ABRAHAM Z. WITMER, who carries on general farming on the old family homestead, in Mt. Joy township, is a well-known and highly esteemed citizen. He was born on an adjoining farm, May 5, 1849, son of John B. Witmer and brother of D. Z. Witmer, of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Although Mr. Witmer was not born on his present farm, he has spent the greater part of his life here, being but two years old when his father located upon it, and he lived here until his marriage at the age of twenty-two years. With his young wife he removed to a property in Rapho township, upon which they lived for two years, and then returned to Mt. Joy township. Mr. Witmer then located upon a farm near Anchor, and remained there fifteen years, and then spent one year in West Donegal township. In 1884 he returned to the old farm, and since then has turned his attention to its successful operation. In politics Mr. Witmer is a Republican. He is a member in the German Baptist Church, and one of its most liberal supporters.

On Oct. 9, 1870, Mr. Witmer was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie G. Nissley, and to this union were born three children, namely: Hiram N., a farmer, who married Amanda P. Reist, and their little family consists of Stella, Earl, Anna and Mary; Anna N., who married John L. Heisey, a merchant in Elizabethtown, and their children are, Abraham, Samuel and Ferris; and Miss Sadie N., at home.

Mrs. Witmer was born April 11, 1853, in West Donegal township, daughter of John H. and Anna (Gish) Nissley, of Mt. Joy and Rapho townships, respectively. The former was a farmer who died at his home in West Donegal township, Oct. 6, 1867, at the age of forty-six years, and was buried in Chiques Hill cemetery. The mother of Mrs. Witmer was born May 21, 1831, and resides with her only daughter, Mrs. Witmer. The family is an old and honorable one in Lancaster county, on both the paternal and maternal sides. The maternal great-grandparents were Abraham and Anna (Eshleman) Gish, of Lancaster county. The grandparents were Jacob and Maria (Hollinger) Gish, of Rapho and West Hempfield townships, respectively. Grandfather Gish died Dec. 1, 1872, aged seventy-two years, eleven months and sixteen days. Grandmother Gish followed him Feb. 19, 1888, aged eighty-three years, eleven months and twenty-seven days, and their re-

mains lie in Chiques Hill cemetery. They were members of the German Baptist Church. Their children were: Abraham, who died at the age of fifty-one, unmarried; Isaac, deceased, who married Elizabeth Witmer, sister of our subject; Barbara, who died in infancy; Anna, who married John H. Nissley; George, deceased, who married Elizabeth Dohner; Catherine, deceased, who married Samuel L. Groff; Jacob, an undertaker, in Omaha, who died in 1878; Mary, who married Henry Swartz, a pump manufacturer in Manheim; and Elias, who is in the undertaking business in Omaha.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Witmer were Henry and Elizabeth (Hershey) Nissley, of Mt. Joy and Penn townships, respectively. They died in West Donegal township, but were buried in Mt. Joy township. Their children were: Henry A., Christian A., Isaac H. and David H., all deceased; Abraham H., a retired farmer of Mt. Joy township; Mary H., deceased wife of Abraham Risser; Elizabeth A., widow of Jacob Shank, of Dauphin county; and John H., the father of Mrs. Witmer.

STEPHEN JONES. When a youth of seventeen Stephen Jones, now a prosperous and prominent agriculturist of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, left the farm of his parents in York county and began for himself a career in the adjoining county to the East. It is remarkable that he has ever since been located on the same farm, the fertile and well tilled property he now owns, and that the three successive stages of farm laborer, tenant and owner mark his progress. For four years, or until he attained his majority, he worked on the farm. Then, in 1880, he leased the property, continuing as a tenant for three years, at the expiration of which period he purchased the place, which he has ever since continued to cultivate most successfully.

Stephen Jones is of Scottish extraction. His great-grandfather, Robert Jones, emigrated from Scotland and settled in Trenton, N. J. Thence Robert, son of the emigrant, and the grandfather of Stephen, moved to York county, where he and his wife Catherine reared a family and engaged through life in farming.

Henry Jones, son of Robert and father of Stephen, was born in York county about 1818, and was there a lifelong farmer. He married Elizabeth Houseal, who was born about 1822, daughter of John and Catherine Houseal, residents of York county, where the father followed the vocation of hatter. Henry Jones died in February, 1900, aged eighty-two years, his wife passing away in 1889, aged sixty-eight years. She was a member of the Evangelical Church. To Henry and Elizabeth Jones were born the following children: Henry, who died in infancy; John, who died young; Elizabeth, who died young; Maggie, wife of Henry Puff, a farmer of York county; Amanda, widow of John Fowler, of Lancaster county; Robert, a farmer of York county; Ellen, wife of Benjamin Woods, of York coun-

ty; Sarah, wife of Jacob Howard, a farmer of York county; Stephen, whose name appears above; David, of York; Mary, wife of Peter Elfiner, a farmer of York county; and James, a farmer and painter of York county.

Stephen Jones was born in York county May 15, 1859, and received a good common-school education in his native locality, but as he started out in life for himself comparatively early his education has been mainly of a practical character, won by experience and observation. For his first wife Stephen Jones married, in 1881, in West Hempfield township, Miss Emma Sterline, who was born in New York City. One child blessed this union, Mary S., now at home. The wife and mother died in October, 1897, and for his second wife Stephen Jones married, Feb. 21, 1899, Miss Elizabeth Wittel, a native of Lancaster county, a daughter of John and Susan (Gallagher) Wittel. In politics Mr. Jones is a Democrat. He is prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Knights of Malta, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Mystic Chain. He is a substantial citizen of his section of Lancaster county, and stands high in the estimation of his many friends and acquaintances.

DANIEL H. MELLINGER, a well known and highly respected farmer residing near Central Manor, Lancaster county, was born Dec. 21, 1844, near Safe Harbor, this county, son of Dr. Henry and Anna (Hertzler) Mellinger. He was reared a farmer, and was educated in the public schools. On Feb. 25, 1883, Daniel H. Mellinger married Catherine Musser, and in March following they settled on the farm of twenty-nine and one-half acres which they now occupy, and on which Mr. Mellinger had been living about two years prior to his marriage, with his brother and sister. However, he is now sole owner of the farm, and has added twenty and one-half acres to the original tract.

To the marriage of Daniel H. and Catherine (Musser) Mellinger have been born six children, of whom Anna died June 23, 1891, at the age of seven years, five months, three days; Susan M., was born April 13, 1886; John M., July 2, 1888; Henry M., Nov. 13, 1891; Daniel M., Aug. 7, 1894; and Elmer M., March 28, 1898. The parents are members of the River Brethren Church.

Mrs. Mellinger's father and mother, John and Susan (Stoner) Musser, died, respectively, in 1875, at fifty-six years of age, and in January, 1864, at the age of forty-four years. The father was a farmer of Mountville, West Hempfield township, and died in the faith of the River Brethren Church, respected by all who knew him. The Musser family consisted of nine children, viz: Abraham and Isaac, deceased; Annie, deceased, wife of Christian Seagrist; Christian, residing near Columbia; Amos, deceased; Jacob, a farmer near Mountville; John, also a farmer near the same place; Susan, of Manor township; and Catherine, Mrs. Mellinger.

EUSEBIUS K. HERSHEY, a prominent and successful agriculturist of Manor township, is a representative of an old and honored family of Lancaster county.

Abraham Hershey, his grandfather, was born near the city of Lancaster, and about 1800 located on a farm one-half mile from Creswell, where his children were born. He was a man of considerable note, being a great singer and a minister of the United Brethren Church, and one of the chief promoters of the church in this county. For many years church services were held in his own home, which was large, having been erected by him with that end in view. He was widely known, and was often called upon to conduct funerals many miles from his home. He was a great student of current and historical events, being well posted on events in this country and also on foreign affairs. He was noted for his good works, and was particularly active in helping new arrivals in Lancaster county. He was prominently identified with the common-school movement which culminated in the adoption of the common-school law in 1834. He was an intimate friend of Gov. Ritner, being frequently a guest of the family, and when the Act of 1834 was attacked in 1836, and pressure brought on Gov. Ritner to veto the new bill drawn by W. H. Burrowes, Mr. Hershey urged his friend, the Governor, with all his persuasive eloquence, to sign the bill which gave to rich and poor alike that priceless heritage—a chance to get a common-school education. It was the political death of Ritner, but he always thereafter held his plain old friend in the highest esteem for aiding him, by his counsel, to stand firm for a measure which was so bitterly opposed, yet gave the Governor lasting fame.

Abraham Hershey wedded Mary Herr, and to them were born twelve children, as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1802, never married; Barbara, born in 1804, married Daniel Peifer, a minister of the United Brethren Church; Mary, born in 1805, married John Hertzler; Anna, born in 1808, married D. W. Witmer, of Mountville; Abraham, born in 1810, married Martha Martin; Christian, born in 1813, was lost track of; David, born in 1815, died young; Esther, born in 1816, died young; John, born in 1818, married Barbara Peters; David (2), born in 1820, married (first) Anna Derstler and (second) Lizzie Kauffman; Jacob, born in 1824, is mentioned below; and Catherine, born in 1825, married (first) H. Zell, (second) H. Stoner, and (third) H. Powers.

Jacob Hershey, father of Eusebius K., was educated in public and subscription schools, and on starting out in life for himself adopted the calling to which he had been reared, that of farming. After the death of his father, which occurred when he was sixteen years of age, he opened the home farm for his mother, and later bought the place, which he continued to carry on until 1882, since which time he has had his home with his son Eusebius. They have a fine farm of thirty-two acres, one mile north

of Creswell, in Manor township, which denotes the care that has been lavished upon it. The father is a strong supporter of the Republican party, and is a man highly respected and esteemed by all who know him. He married Miss Fannie Kauffman, a daughter of Henry and Fannie Kanffman.

Eusebius K. Hershey, the only child of Jacob and Fannie (Kauffman) Hershey, was born July 1, 1851, and during his boyhood and youth pursued his studies in the common schools. He also attended a normal college one winter, and at the age of twenty years taught one term of school, since which time he has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits. He is a practical mechanic, and has done some difficult work in that line, being often called upon by his neighbors to repair their watches, clocks, and farm machinery.

On Jan. 18, 1875, Mr. Hershey was united in marriage with Miss Amanda Livesy, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Shuman) Livesy, and to them have been born two sons, Elam L. and Harry L. The former graduated in pharmacy and chemistry at the Valparaiso (Ind.) Normal School, and was selected by the dean of that institution to conduct a pharmacy in Valparaiso, Ind., for a time, but is now chemist for Sherman, Willoughby & Co., miners, and Pilling, Crane & Co., whose mines and furnaces are at Port Henry, New York.

Mr. Hershey is a fluent writer and has contributed to the local journals since 1871. He has served as agent for the Northern Mutual Insurance Company, of Lancaster county, since 1885, and in May, 1899, was elected a director of the same. He has been a member of the county Republican committee, was registrar, assessor one year, census enumerator in 1880, and is now serving his second term on the school board. His official duties have always been discharged with a promptness and fidelity worthy of commendation.

GEORGE SMITH, tobacconist and railroad engineer, of Columbia, was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Aug. 5, 1844, son of Charles Peter and Anna (Johnson) Smith, natives of Ireland and Lancaster county, respectively. Charles Peter Smith was a child when brought to America by his parents. He was a potter by trade. To his marriage with Anna Johnson were born two children, Margaret (widow of Franklin Faguery) and George. The father died comparatively young, in 1846, but the mother survived until 1894, passing away at the age of eighty-two years. The maternal grandfather of George Smith came from Scotland during the Revolutionary war and joined the American army.

George Smith was reared on a farm until sixteen years of age, and then for two years worked in a quarry in Paradise township. He then enlisted, at Lancaster, in Co. I, 22d P. V. I., for nine months, and at the expiration of his term was discharged at Lancaster. He re-enlisted for three years, in Co. M,

20th Pa. Cav., under Capt. Lewis Y. Evans, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Piedmont, Lynchburg, Sailors Creek and Appomattox, but escaped uninjured, save by a few slight scratches. He received a second honorable discharge and was finally mustered out at Philadelphia in 1865.

On his return to Paradise township Mr. Smith was employed until 1870 as track repairer by the Pennsylvania Railway Company, and was then transferred to Lancaster. After being employed three years as fireman he was promoted to engineer, in 1873, and in 1877 came to Columbia, as engineer. In 1893 he engaged in the tobacco trade as a side business.

Mr. Smith was joined in marriage, in 1866, at Lancaster, with Miss Martha M. Shaub, and this union has been blessed with children as follows: Luther C., a railroad flagman in Columbia, who married Rebecca Henderson; Clarissa, who died at the age of eight years; Jacob, who died young; Katie M. and George W., at home; William, who died at an early age; and Harry E., a printer, who served with Co. C, 4th P. V. I., in Porto Rico, and is now at home. George Smith, the father, is an honored member of the G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat, and he and wife are respected members of the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Martha M. Smith was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, in May, 1843, daughter of Christian and Clarissa (Griffs) Shaub, natives of Lancaster county and Massachusetts, respectively, who had a family of six children, viz: Anna M., widow of Thomas West, Jacob, a retired railroad man, and John, all of Lancaster; Lizzie, wife of Jacob Johnson, of Osborne, Kans.; Martha M., now Mrs. George Smith; and Clarissa, deceased. Christian Shaub was a farmer by vocation. He died in 1888, at the age of eighty years; Mrs. Clarissa Shaub came to Lancaster county when young, and died there, aged seventy-eight years.

LEMON C. WOLF takes a prominent position among the leading business men of West Earl, being a very successful tobacco farmer and cigar manufacturer, and also the principal confectioner of his section, making a specialty of ice cream, both wholesale and retail. Mr. Wolf is a man of property and is considered one of the substantial and representative citizens of his locality. The family is of German origin, and is one of the oldest in the section.

Jacob Wolf, the grandfather of Lemon C., was a miller by trade, and built the mill known in the locality as the Wenger mill, at Brownstown. He was the father of three sons: Rudy; John W., postmaster at West Earl; and Jacob, deceased.

Rudy Wolf was born in 1821, and died in 1883. He was a miller by trade, and a well-known resident of the township. In 1842 he married Elmyra Cooper, who was a daughter of George Cooper, of Ephrata township, and four children were born of this

union: Lemon C.; Frank, born in 1858, who died at the age of eighteen; Louise, born in 1860, wife of Monroe Balmer, of West Earl; and Jacob, born in 1862, who resides in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Lemon C. Wolf was born Oct. 13, 1856, and his youthful years were spent around the mill. When he was eight years of age he was hired out to a neighboring farmer, and did farm chores and went to school, but when he reached the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the carpenter's trade, and for two years was engaged in that line. However, he returned to farming, has been very successful in tobacco culture, and is interested at present also in the manufacture of cigars.

Lemon C. Wolf was married, in 1878, to Miss Hannah Meade, a daughter of Patrick Meade, of Sinking Spring, who was born in 1858. A fine family of twelve children has come to Mr. and Wolf: Schuyler F., born Sept. 25, 1878, died June 8, 1882; Rudy M., born Nov. 10, 1880, resides at home; Lemon M., born April 21, 1882, lives at home; Landis M., born Oct. 19, 1883, died Sept. 4, 1889; Elmyra M., was born Dec. 19, 1885; Georgie M., born July 9, 1887, died Aug. 25, 1889; Callie was born Sept. 7, 1889; Mamie was born March 2, 1891; William McKinley was born Oct. 29, 1893; Charles, born June 18, 1895, died in 1896; Cora was born July 16, 1898; and Lena Victoria, born Sept. 15, 1900, died Oct. 29, 1900.

Politically Mr. Wolf is a staunch Republican, and he has efficiently served as inspector of elections, and was assessor of West Earl for eight years. His means are now ample, although he was obliged to commence life with no start except health and energy, and he has been able to care comfortably for his large family, to which he is a most devoted father. Among the possessions of Mr. Wolf are his attractive residence, a large three-story house and hall, in the town, besides other property in Brownstown, while his business is in a most prosperous condition, owing to his honest and upright methods of dealing with the public. Mr. Wolf is a highly respected citizen, and is a man of exemplary life and a thorough gentleman.

CHARLES F. FAGER, a skillful and trusted locomotive engineer at Columbia, Pa., was born in Mill Creek, Montgomery county, this State, Sept. 15, 1836, a son of Daniel F. and Wilhelmina (Ibach) Fager, of Reading, but who both died in Philadelphia, the father March 8, 1856, at the age of forty-eight years, and the mother in June, 1856, at the same age, and both in the faith of the Lutheran Church.

In his earlier days Daniel F. Fager was a paper-maker, but from 1841 until 1856 was an engineer on the old State road. To his marriage with Miss Ibach the following-named children were born: Margaret, wife of William H. Lochard, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Atlantic City, N. J.; Nathaniel, a railroad engineer in Phila-

delphia; Peter, who was also an engineer, but is now deceased; Charles F.; Mary, widow of John Gilliland, who served through the late Civil war; A. Jackson, a deceased carriage-painter; Emma, deceased wife of Lewis Smith, a farmer; Edward, a railroad engineer at Harrisburg; George, a railroad engineer in Columbia, and Daniel, similarly employed in Philadelphia. The paternal grandfather of Charles F. Fager (who spelled his name Feger), came from Germany, settled near Reading, where he operated the first paper-mill in America.

Charles F. Fager attended school in his native town until thirteen years old and then went to a point about four miles above Philadelphia, where he worked at butchering until twenty years of age, and then for one year worked for the same employer in Philadelphia. In August, 1859, he began with the Pennsylvania Railway Co. as a fireman, and eighteen months later was promoted to be engineer, his present position.

On March 10, 1864, Mr. Fager married, in Philadelphia, Miss Mary A. Fisher, and to this union there were born three children, viz.: Edwin, a traveling salesman of Columbia and married to Mary Snyder; George H., proprietor of a machine and general repair shop in Columbia, and married to Elizabeth A. Landis, and Werner, who died in infancy. Mrs. Mary A. (Fisher) Fager was born in Little Washington, Pa., but was called away July 9, 1888, at the age of forty-three years.

John Fisher, father of the late Mrs. Mary A. Fager, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, in 1810. He was reared a cabinet-maker and engraver, and he came to America in 1848, and to Columbia, Pa., in 1850. There he married Barbara Seibert, and to this marriage were born: Mary A., Mrs. Fager; Lydie, unmarried; Emma, wife of P. A. Krodell, a dealer in dry-goods, millinery, etc.; and Barbara, who died in infancy. Mr. Fisher died in 1862, but his widow survived until June, 1899, when she passed away at the age of seventy-three years. Ernest and Magdalena (Dorothy) Fisher, paternal grandparents of Mrs. Fager, were also natives of Germany, where the former was the proprietor of a blacksmith and wagon shop; the maternal grandparents, Peter and Barbara (Eberly) Seibert, of Bavaria, Germany, came to Columbia, Pa., in 1839, where Peter Seibert, did an extensive business as a cabinetmaker and undertaker the remainder of his life.

Charles F. Fager settled in Columbia in 1864, and here he has made many friends and made an enviable reputation. He is a Red Man, a Knight of Pythias, and a Master Mason. In his religious belief he is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics, a sound Democrat.

JOHN A. ALEXANDER, a prominent farmer and leading citizen of Martic township, was born Sept. 2, 1853, son of John and Susan (Zaroher) Alexander, also of that township.

John Alexander, the grandfather of John A., was the father of six children, namely: Thomas, Samuel, David, James, Rachel and John, all of whom have long since paid their debt to nature.

John Alexander (2), the father of John A., was born in 1803, and in 1829 married Susan Zaroher, of Lancaster. He died in 1877. They had seven children, as follows: Maris, who died on the field of battle during the Civil war; Martha, wife of Amos Walton, of Fulton township; Mary A., widow of Lewis Jenkins; Samuel, of Martic township; Rebecca J., wife of Harry Marsh, of Lancaster; John A.; and Calvin, deceased.

John A. Alexander grew up to farm life, in which he takes a deep interest and has prospered. As a poor boy, with but limited school opportunities, he began his business career for himself, but he believed in industry, in perseverance and in sensible frugality, and he can now show, as the result of following those principles, a fine farm, embracing 196 acres, upon which he has erected a commodious and comfortable residence and some of the most substantial barns and other improvements to be found in the county.

On Dec. 24, 1874, Mr. Alexander was united in marriage with Miss Lydia A. Eshleman, who was born May 5, 1853, daughter of Benjamin and Catherine (Harnish) Eshleman, of Conestoga township. Seven children have been born to this union, namely: Katie, wife of Calvin Hambleton, of Harford county, Md.; B. Emmerson, who married Bertha Reece, of Martic township; Clinton, of Martic; John Wesley, of Martic; and Martha M., Garbutt R., and Lena A., at home.

Mr. Alexander has long been very active in church work, being for many years a class-leader in the Methodist Church and for twelve years the efficient and beloved superintendent of the Mt. Nebo Sunday-school. Both he and his wife are valued highly in this connection. Mr. Alexander is a strong advocate of temperance, living as he talks, working by precept and example for the cause of prohibition. He is known as an honorable, upright and reliable citizen, a truly representative man of Martic township.

DR. MARY ADELAIDE UNDERWOOD enjoys the distinction of being the first practitioner of medicine of her sex to be admitted to the city and county medical societies of Lancaster. The societies honored themselves quite as much as they did her, not only by receiving her into membership, but by sending her as a delegate to the State and National Medical Conventions.

Mrs. Underwood is the daughter of Edward Marklew, who came to this country from Birmingham, England, about fifty years ago, and settled in Philadelphia. He served in the United States Navy for a time, and then became a prominent manufacturer of pearl buttons in Philadelphia, being engaged in this line at the time of his death.

some twenty-eight years ago. Mary Jane Manuel, his wife, was the daughter of a French officer, and both of Dr. Underwood's grandfathers fought at Waterloo, one under Wellington, and the other under Napoleon. Mrs. Underwood's parents had two children, one of them dying in infancy, his young life going out with his mother's soon after his birth.

Dr. Mary Adelaide Underwood was born in Philadelphia, where she was partially educated, reaching the high school, but leaving it to accompany her father to Birmingham, and she finished her girlhood education in that city. She returned to this country about thirty years ago, and was married in 1876 to Dr. Robert Rutherford Underwood, now and for many years past one of Lancaster's prominent dentists, who today enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Mrs. Underwood began reading medicine in 1887, graduating from the Women's Medical College in 1890, and becoming resident physician in the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia for the year following her graduation. In 1894 she took a post-graduate course in Johns Hopkins Hospital, and spent the summer of 1896 in the hospitals in Birmingham and London. Thus thoroughly equipped she returned to Lancaster, and resumed her practice which has grown steadily and rapidly. The Lancaster Medical Society sent her to the State Medical Society, which met at Wilkesbarre, and to the National Medical Society, which met at Atlantic City, in 1900. Dr. Underwood is on the staff of the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia, and her professional character and standing are recognized on every hand.

Dr. Underwood takes a deep interest in every movement that tends to the improvement of the world around her, and gives much time and thought to social and religious labor. For five years she was president of the Y. W. C. A., when that organization was struggling for a foothold. She and her husband, Dr. Robert R. Underwood, are members of the Presbyterian Church, and there as elsewhere their influence is felt for good.

Mrs. Underwood, while never for a moment losing sight of her profession, in which she holds a front rank, never fails to make herself felt as a thoroughly womanly woman, full of tenderness and sympathy, always alive to the needs of the unfortunate, and quick to assist worthy projects and worthy people.

HOWARD MILES BAIR, the well-known funeral director, of No. 136 East King street, Lancaster, is descended from a family who have lived in this county for generations. Originally there were three brothers who settled in the vicinity of New Holland, early in the eighteenth century, and Mr. Bair is a lineal descendant of one of these brothers.

Henry Bair, father of Howard M., was a prominent hotel-keeper of this county, and died in 1878, aged seventy-nine years. He had been blind for his last twenty-one years. The mother, Mary (Miller)

Bair, died in 1882. The three children born to this union were: Charles Fremont, who is a finisher with a large New York establishment engaged in the manufacture of architectural and structural iron; Elsie B., wife of William M. Shaum, head bookkeeper in the Lancaster *Intelligencer* office; and Howard M., of this sketch.

Howard Miles Bair was born in Strasburg, March 9, 1859, his father being at that time proprietor of the "Washington House" of that borough, but the latter died when Howard was nineteen years of age. In 1873 he became an errand boy in Shultz Bros.' hat store, this city, and later spent years in the service of Zecher Bros., liverymen, and also in the Brimmer livery service. After 1895 he turned his attention to the study of funeral directing and embalming, and in November, 1897, became a graduate embalmer. On April 1, 1900, Mr. Bair purchased the well-established and extensive undertaking business of Mr. Henry Wolf, which he has since conducted as an up-to-date undertaking establishment.

In January, 1878, Mr. Bair was married to Miss Mary L. Martin, of Bridgeport, Conn., and one child was born of this union, Miss Agnes E. Bair, who was graduated from the College of St. Xavier, at Beatty, Pa., in June, 1900. Socially Mr. Bair belongs to the Eagles, and the Vetlan Veterans. He and his wife and daughter live in the marble front dwelling at No. 125 North Duke street, and their hospitable home is a favorite resort of a large circle of devoted friends.

PARK B. SHANK is a leading citizen and business man of Peters Creek, Fulton township. He is a grandson of Alexander Shank, who was a weaver by trade, and who had a family of eleven children: William (the father of Park B.), Joseph, Alexander, Thomas, John, Isabel, Mary, Adeline, Anna, Elizabeth and Margaret. William Shank was born in Ireland in 1808, and emigrated to America with his father, Alexander Shank, while yet a youth. In 1831 he married Eliza Burkins, and eight children were born to them: Margaret, deceased; Rachel, wife of Henry Medley, of Drumore township; Park B.; Alexander, a carpenter in Clinton county, Pa.; Harriet, wife of Joseph Barnett, a blacksmith of Drumore township; Catherine, wife of Miles Fite, of Philadelphia; Adeline, wife of Bruce Rush, of Ohio; and William, a shoemaker by trade, who died in Drumore township in 1870, leaving a widow who followed him to the grave in 1887.

Park B. Shank was reared in Drumore township and received his education in the common schools of the district. In 1873 he married Dora, daughter of John Dorsey, and to this union have come eleven children, seven of whom are living, as follows: William, Charles, Park, Grover, Harriet, Thurman and Andrew. Park B. Shank commenced the active duties of life at the age of fourteen years, as a raftsman on the Susquehanna river, and followed that vocation for nearly forty years. In

1866 he opened a lumber yard at Benton Station, and soon afterward bought a sawmill and opened a business at Peach Bottom Station, Peters Creek. Since 1885 he has also carried on a coal business, contracted for slate work, and done general contracting and building. Besides his various other enterprises he operates a large farm of 300 acres of the finest land, and does it in the most approved manner at that. He is a large real-estate proprietor, owning six dwellings in Peters Creek, besides a sawmill and lumber yard, a warehouse, and other buildings located at various points.

Mr. Shank started in life with only his ability as a "hustler" for capital, and may be justly regarded as a self-made man in the proper sense of the term. He is the soul of honesty, and his word is as good as his signature, a proud distinction to have in these days. He attributes his more than usual success in life to hard work, economy and strict attention to business. Financially he stands among the best of the neighborhood, and all his wealth has been gained by his own unaided efforts. He is a splendid specimen of American citizenship, and is highly respected by all who know him.

Mr. Shank is a Democrat in politics, and believes in the strict Jacksonian doctrines of his party. He is a Democrat from principle, but has no political aspirations for himself, only the belief that Democracy will eventually prove the salvation of this country. In his religious views Mr. Shank is a Protestant, but he is a member of no church.

ISAIAH M. KLING, a prosperous and prominent general farmer of Leacock township, was born on what is a part of his present farm, Aug. 16, 1847, son of Jacob and Rachel (Miller) Kling, farming people of Leacock township.

Jacob Kling died in 1866, at the age of forty-seven years; his widow passed away in 1876, at the age of fifty-three years. Both were interred in the Bare burying-ground in Earl township. He was a school director and a prominent man in his day. Mrs. Kling was a devout member of the German Reformed Church, and both were highly esteemed in the community where their useful career was run. They had the following children: Isaiah M.; John B., a tobacco farmer at Buyerstown, Pa.; Elam E., a farmer in Earl township; David K., who died at the age of forty-four years; Anna M., who married Theodore Hoar, a blacksmith in Lancaster; Martha A., who married Abraham Hershey, and lives in Detroit; Jacob L., a farmer in Leacock township; Emma C., wife of Edmond Bair, a blacksmith at Rock Hill, Lancaster county; Ida R., who married Noah Campbell, and is deceased; Miller E., a hotel clerk in Lancaster; and Mary S., who married James Hoar, a farmer in Leacock township. John Kling, the father of Jacob, was a farmer in Lancaster county. Jacob and Mary (Skiles) Miller, the parents of Mrs. Rachel (Miller) Kling, were lifelong residents of Lancaster county.

Isaiah M. Kling was married Nov. 14, 1872, in Paradise township, to Miss Martha Denlinger, by whom he has had the following children: (1) J. Milton, who died at the early age of twenty-four, married Lydia A. Charles, who is also deceased, and their only child, Lydia C., is living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kling; (2) Anna R. is unmarried and at home; (3) Victor D. is also at home. Mrs. Martha (Denlinger) Kling was born in Paradise township, Dec. 23, 1848, and is a sister of John B. Denlinger.

Isaiah M. Kling remained at home until he was sixteen years of age; spent the ensuing four years at farm work, and when he was twenty worked at carpentering for a year. At the end of that time he rented a small farm, and a sister kept house for him. From 1879 to 1887 he was engaged in business as a butcher in Intercourse, and for the past twenty years, in connection with his other work, he has been an auctioneer. He came to his present farm in 1883. It has one especially attractive feature aside from its neat and well cultivated acres, and that is a stream of clear spring water that runs through it, and is well stocked with trout.

Mr. Kling is a Republican, and he and his wife belong to the Mennonite Church. They are substantial people, well-fixed in life, and enjoy the confidence and respect of all who know them.

MRS. ANNIE K. YOCOM, an esteemed resident of Fulton township, was born Sept. 7, 1829, and is now living retired in her pleasant home a mile southwest of Wakefield. She belongs to the King family, the first of whom in the United States was one James King, who came from England to Lancaster county in the early days and took up land in the county from William Penn, in about the year 1690. James King married Miss Mary Pennell, in 1709, and the following children came to them: Mary, born Dec. 19, 1710; Margaret, Oct. 20, 1712; Michael, Oct. 30, 1714 (he gave the five acres of land upon which was built the first Quaker meeting-house in this part of Pennsylvania, now known as the Wakefield or Penn Hill Church); Thomas, 1716; Jane, 1718; Vincent, 1720; and Hannah, 1722. James King, the father of the foregoing family, died in 1768, at the advanced age of ninety-five years.

Thomas King, son of James, had children as follows: James, born in 1756; Thomas, 1757; Isabel, 1759; Margaret, 1761; Michael, 1763; Jane, 1765; Vincent, 1768; Ann, 1770; Mary, 1772; Hannah, 1774; and Miriam, 1776.

James King, son of Thomas had children as follows: Ann, born in 1782; Thomas, 1783; Mary, 1785; Phoebe, 1786; James, 1787; Moses, 1789; Amos, 1791; Pyle, 1793; Lewis, 1794; and John, 1799.

John King, son of James, was born in Fulton township, Lancaster county, and married Mary Reynolds, who was born and reared in Cecil county,

Md. They had children as follows: Annie K., Mrs. Yocom, born Sept. 7, 1829; and Amos L., born Aug. 25, 1833.

Annie King was married to Jesse Yocom, of Ohio, on Aug. 19, 1872. They had no children. Mr. Yocom died Oct. 10, 1896, at the age of sixty years. He was a farmer and a member of the Society of Friends, and all his life was an honorable and honest man. His widow is now spending her time in ease and retirement on a highly improved and valuable place of seventy-three acres near Wakefield, as already stated. She has lived a goodly life, and has followed the doctrines of the Friends faith from childhood. Her home is the ancestral homestead taken up by her kinsman from William Penn, and where four generations of the family have been reared and have died. Mrs. Yocom will spend her remaining days on the place, loved, revered and respected by all who know her, as she is a noble and kind-hearted lady.

HORACE H. KLUGH. Among the prominent citizens of Maytown is Horace H. Klugh, a worthy representative of one of the old families of Lancaster county, the founder of the Klugh family having come to America from Wittenberg, Germany, among those who first made a home in this part of the State of Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Horace H. were Henry and Barbara (Hutzapple) Klugh, natives of Lancaster county, where the former followed the trade of shoemaker, and they passed their whole existence here, dying in Maytown; their remains rest in the old Lutheran Church cemetery. The family born to them consisted of six children: Frederick, Henry, Mary, Barbara (who married Berry Hill), Christiann (who married Daniel Brown) and Benjamin, all of whom have passed out of life.

Henry Klugh, the father of Horace H., was a potter by trade, and later conducted a distillery. He married Margaret King, of Chanceford, York county, and reared the following named children: Benjamin, who is a physician of Florin, Pa.; Horace H.; Viola, deceased; Anna, deceased; and Jacob Nienan, deceased. The parents were consistent members of the Lutheran and the Methodist Churches, respectively, and the father died in October, 1857, at the age of thirty-nine, the mother surviving until 1894, when she too passed away, at the age of seventy-six.

Horace H. Klugh was born in Maytown Nov. 13, 1844, and there attended the village school, but at the early age of thirteen he lost his father, and was obliged to earn his own living. Nothing daunted, he found employment in the office of a daily paper, in Lancaster city, and for three years carried on the paper, proving satisfactory in every way. The next step in his business career was his entrance into the shop of Collins & McCurdy, to learn the shoemaker's trade, and he remained with that firm for three years.

In July, 1864, Mr. Klugh enlisted for service in the Civil war, in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., being mustered in at Harrisburg for 100-days service. He then went to Elizabethtown, where he continued work at his trade until March, 1865, when he re-enlisted, entering Co. D, 77th P. V. I., under Capt. George W. Skinner, and was placed on guard duty, traveling through Texas. He was finally discharged, at Victoria, Texas, in December 1865.

After his war experience Mr. Klugh returned to Maytown, where he worked during the summers in a brickyard and occupied his winters with his trade, but he later discontinued the former employment, and since 1889 he has been entirely engaged at shoemaking. In politics he is a Republican, and for six years he was the very efficient constable, also serving one term acceptably as register and assessor of his district. For many years Mr. Klugh was connected with the Lutheran Church.

In July, 1866, Mr. Klugh was married in Elizabethtown, to Miss Sarah Jane Hagerly, and to this marriage have been born: Mina E., who married Walter B. Sharp, of Marietta, Pa.; and Henry, who died young. The parents of Mrs. Klugh were Joseph and Leah (Jacobs) Hagerly, the former of whom died in 1869, aged fifty-nine years, the latter in 1885, at the age of seventy-one. The children of this worthy couple were: Mary, who married Webster Buller, of Philadelphia; Sarah J., born April 9, 1845, in Maytown, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of twenty-one.

Mr. Klugh is ranked by his fellow-citizens among the representative, substantial men of East Donegal, and is one of the most highly esteemed residents of Maytown. His energy and perseverance have enabled him to conquer early disadvantages successfully.

CHARLES H. FREY, a descendant of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Lancaster county, is a son of Jacob L. Frey, who is the oldest surviving dealer in cigars and leaf tobacco in Lancaster, and is now retired from business. During his long years of activity he built substantial dwellings, and contributed in no small degree to the natural growth and development of the city.

Jacob L. Frey, the grandfather of Charles H., was a pioneer merchant and carrier in this State, owning and running the old-time Conestoga wagons for freight between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, before the building of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The Freys were a sturdy, honest and progressive family, and from this substantial stock came Charles H. Frey, the successful shoe merchant.

Mr. Frey was born in Lancaster April 1, 1862. After passing through the city schools up to graduation in the high school he entered Weidler & Musser's Business College in this city, from which he was graduated in due time. Mr. Frey took up the shoe trade, establishing a partnership with W. K. Eckert, under the firm name of Frey & Eckert.

These two gentlemen continued in business together for three years, and then Mr. Eckert retired, leaving Mr. Frey as sole manager, his location being where he is still found, at Nos. 3-5, East King street, where he has built up a colossal business. Realizing that many of the Lancaster people went to Philadelphia to buy the highest grade shoes, he determined that all they desired could be found at home, and very soon he made the public understand his lines of fine footwear were as fine and complete as could be found anywhere. The result was an increase in his business that showed the wisdom of his enterprise.

Mr. Frey was a pioneer in the movement for early closing, 6:00 P. M. He closed his store every night of the week excepting Monday and Saturday nights, and soon brought his many competitors in co-operation. The trades people, however, appreciated Mr. Frey as their friend, and stand by him to the last. This prompt action on his part gives the keynote of his character, quick action when once a clear understanding is had of what a conscientious regard for the rights of others demanded. Mr. Frey has been very successful in his career, and the success he has won is richly merited.

Mr. Frey was always deeply imbued with the spirit of religion, and has taken a most active interest in all departments of church work. For fifteen years he has been a teacher in St. Paul's Reformed Church, taking an active share in the work of the Christian Endeavor, and of the Y. M. C. A., of which he was a director for six years. In this line, as in other lines, he gives his heart to his work.

JACOB M. FRY. The early records of the Fry family in Lancaster county recall the fact that Martin Fry, a native of Alsace, France, now a principality of Germany, came to America some time before the Revolutionary war and settled in Berks county, Pa. In 1780 he removed from Berks county, and located in Lancaster county near the present home of the Fry family in Ephrata township, and there founded a family that has become widely scattered, having honored members in all the walks of life, through many States. That Martin Fry belonged to a family in Alsace above the ordinary, is shown by his coat of arms, a copy of which has recently come into the possession of the family. Its motto "Never Despair," is one any family may well adopt. John Fry married Elizabeth Fry, who was not a relative, although of the same name. To this pioneer couple were born two children, John Martin and Christiana. By the wife of a second marriage a large family was born to him, but as John Martin was the progenitor of the family of whom this sketch is written, their record will not be traced.

John Martin Fry, the great-grandfather of Jacob M. Fry, served as private in Capt. Abraham Dehuff's company of Pennsylvania troops in the Revolutionary war. After the close of his service in the army, he purchased the land now known as the Fry

homestead on which he passed the remainder of his days. He married Catherine Capp, and their children were: Peter; John; Jacob; Martin; Margaret, who married Christian Bentz; and Mary, who married Jacob Bricker. Part of the homestead was originally purchased from the Penns, and the deed for the same, which is now a highly prized relic of the Fry family, is known as the "Red Rose Deed," as one of the payments provided for was a red rose, which was to be given annually if called for. Upon the land which has so long been the home of the Fry family (the sixth generation now living on it) stands the old mill which was built in 1749, and in which grinding is still carried on.

Martin Fry, son of John Martin, was born Sept. 15, 1780, and was both a farmer and miller. He was a man of no ordinary ability, and was looked upon by the people as a man of fine judicial qualities, and as law giver he was sent for from far and near to settle disputes. He married Susannah Houck, and to them were born four sons, Samuel M., Martin H., Jacob and John. Martin Fry died in September, 1848, and his wife died in 1854.

John Fry, the father of Jacob M., was born on the old homestead, Aug. 29, 1815, and died there May 12, 1888. He married Elizabeth Merkle, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Merkle. She was born June 8, 1822, and passed away Feb. 6, 1902. Their children were: John H., a prominent attorney of Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob M.; Lafayette, who resides on the homestead with his brother; Susan, who married John Seldomridge of Ephrata, Pa.; Katherine, who married B. C. Kready, a member of the Lancaster Bar; Caroline, who married William M. Cline, of East Earl township; and Lizzie and Ida, who reside on the old place with their brother. John Fry made for himself a reputation for honesty and industry his children will make no mistake in following. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, as was his wife. In politics he was a Whig, and when the Republican party was formed became a member of that.

Jacob M. Fry was born Feb. 18, 1859, on the home farm and there grew to manhood. As was natural, he early took an interest in agricultural pursuits, although it was not allowed to interfere with his desire to acquire an education which should fit him for other occupation than farming if he so desired. Until he was seventeen he attended school regularly, after which he taught school when not engaged on the farm. When twenty-five years old, he took up and carried on milling as well as farming, and was, as might be expected from a man as intelligent and well informed as Mr. Fry, successful in both callings. In his political belief he is a Republican, not because his father was, nor because the party is so largely in the majority in his State, but because as a close student of national events and needs he, as a man of independent thought, believes his party stands for the greatest good to the greatest number. For many years he has been an earnest

and consistent member of the Lutheran Church and is rearing his family in that faith.

On April 14, 1884, Mr. Fry was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret Ruth, daughter of Isaac and Eliza (Ruth) Ruth, of Sinking Springs, Berks Co., Pa., and their union has been blessed with four sons and two daughters, as follows: John Martin, born Oct. 16, 1885; Morton H., Jan. 27, 1887; M. Elizabeth, Sept. 1, 1889; Jacob R., April 20, 1891; Miles W., March 13, 1898; and Ruth, Feb. 26, 1900.

DAVID H. HUBER, a leading farmer and esteemed citizen of Martic township, who lives retired from active labor in his handsome residence in Rawlinsville, was born in Marticville, Dec. 30, 1839, son of Henry and Anna (Hess) Huber.

The Huber family is one of the old and honored ones of the State, and was founded by four brothers of the name who came hither from Germany, sometime in the seventeenth century. One of these brothers settled in Lancaster county, Pa., and another in Bucks county, while all trace has been lost of the other two. John Huber, the great-grandfather of David H., was a farmer and one of the early settlers of Martic township. His son Abraham was well known in the township, and was the father of the following children; Henry, Nancy, Jacob, Martin, Joseph, Frederick, Benjamin, David, Martha, Barbara, John, and one who died young.

Henry Huber, father of David H., was born Oct. 19, 1815, and died Jan. 20, 1885. He married Anna Hess, of Conestoga township, on July 16, 1838; she was born in 1821 and died Feb. 16, 1896. They had a family of nine children, namely: Martha, deceased; David H.; Mary Ann, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Abraham, of Conestoga township; Henry, deceased; Jonas, a prominent citizen of Marticville; Sarah Ann, the wife of Henry Rohrer of Lancaster; and Samuel, also of Lancaster. Henry Huber was a merchant and tailor in Marticville for fifty years; was a lifelong member of the Mennonite Church, and a respected and honored citizen.

David H. Huber was reared in Marticville and attended school there in his youth. From assisting his father in the store, he became interested in the mercantile business and engaged in it for a period of thirty years. In 1883 he closed his mercantile business and engaged in farming, which he followed until 1900, when he retired to Rawlinsville where he owns one of the finest residences to be found in Martic township. Mr. Huber is a man of large means, owning several fine farms in the township and other valuable property.

On Oct. 10, 1864, Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Catherine A. Good, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dietrick) Good, of Martic township, and this marriage has been blessed with four children, namely: Laura, born March 26, 1866, wife of Benjamin Herr, of Providence township; Amelia, born April 18, 1868, wife of Samuel Siefred of Martic township; Aaron D., born Sept. 21, 1871,

who married Selma Warfel, and is a farmer in Martic township; and Mary Ella, born Feb. 4, 1874, at home.

Mr. Huber is a man whose name carries weight with it in Martic township, where he has passed his life, and where he is known as a responsible, reliable man. He is a Republican in politics. His interest has always been in support of educational legislation and he served as school director a long period, and also held other local offices. His life has been one which enables him to command the esteem and respect of the whole community.

ALONZO DILLER AMMON, a successful farmer and representative citizen of Lancaster county, was born in Salisbury township, Sept. 6, 1856, and was a son of Henry and Sarah J. (Patton) Ammon, of Salisbury township. Henry Ammon was born in 1830 and is a carpenter and also a farmer, residing in the village of Gap, in Salisbury township. His estimable wife was born in 1832, and their children are: Alonzo D.; Samuel, of Lancaster; Lemuel, a baker in Gap, Pa.; and Garfield, a blacksmith, in Lime Valley, Pa. The oldest child, Lillie, died in infancy.

Alonzo Diller Ammon remained in his parents' home until his marriage, and obtained his education in the public schools. Becoming a practical farmer, he first rented a tract of land in Salisbury township for a period of three years, moving then to Chester county where he rented a farm for one year, later purchasing it and operating it for eight years, when he sold it, although he remained there as a renter for one more year, coming then to his present well-stocked and improved farm in Sadsbury township, in Lancaster county, his estate comprising forty-six acres. Mr. Ammon has taken a decided stand in Republican politics and in 1900 was elected supervisor, performing the duties of this important office with the close attention which he has always paid to his personal business.

Alonzo Diller Ammon was married in Salisbury township, March 15, 1877, to Miss Lucy C. Worst, and the children born to this union were; Susan J., Martin L., Ella M., Chester A., William H., Mollie E., who died in infancy, Pearl A., Margaret L., Alonzo D., Kate L., Harry E., Eddie S., Charles J., Earl B. and Park. All of these are bright, intelligent children, reflecting credit upon the estimable parents, and promising to grow into the best type of American citizens.

Mrs. Ammon was born in Salisbury township, on March 15, 1858, a daughter of Elias and Susannah (Kraybill) Worst, the former of whom was born in Salisbury township, and the latter in Earl township, both of them passing out of life in the former place, the father in 1888 at the age of sixty-three years, and the latter in 1886 at the age of fifty-three. Both were laid to rest in Springville in a private cemetery on their old farm. They were members of the Presbyterian Church, and were

highly respected in their neighborhood. Their children were: Shaffer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Lucy C.; Kraybill, deceased; Anna M., who married Edward Seldomridge, of Salisbury township; and Elias B., a farmer of Salisbury township. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Ammon was Henry Worst, a farmer of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were John and Margaret (Shaffer) Kraybill, of Lancaster county.

AARON BUSHONG LANDIS, who is now serving his third term of three years as deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, belongs to one of the oldest and best known families in that county.

Isaac S. Landis, his father, is now a retired farmer of Witmer. He married Lydia Bushong, a daughter of Henry Bushong, a farmer of Witmer. Nine children were born to this union, six of whom are living: Aaron B., whose name appears above; Israel, a farmer of Witmer; Amos, a farmer in Witmer; Annie, unmarried; Amanda, widow of Henry Denlinger, a farmer of Monterey; and Sarah, wife of Elam Rohrer, a farmer in Oklahoma. Of those deceased, Levi was a farmer of East Lampeter, but he died in Kansas.

Aaron Bushong Landis was born on his father's farm in East Lampeter township, June 22, 1855, and was educated in the district school. When he was nineteen years of age Mr. Landis took possession of his father's farm as a tenant. On March 16, 1880, he was married to Miss Emma Brubaker, a daughter of Andrew B. Brubaker, a farmer of Rohrerstown, East Hempfield township. After his marriage Mr. Landis began farming his father-in-law's place, in the cultivation of which he is still engaged. To this union were born six children, four of whom are living: Clayton, a farmer; Mabel; and Herman and Howard are both at school.

Mr. Landis belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Mystic Chain, the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Knights of Malta, the Young Republicans, and is a trustee of the Reformed Church of Rohrerstown. In his politics he is an unflinching Republican, and has served as township auditor. For four years he was supervisor in East Hempfield township. His appointment as deputy sheriff came as a just recognition of his ability and character as well as of his devotion to his party principles. In this position he has given great satisfaction to the people generally. He is now serving his third term, which will not expire until January, 1906.

J. PETER HERMAN, the proprietor of the Gordonville Warehouse and Elevator, is a farmer, who is also engaged quite extensively in the produce business. He was born in Snyder county, Pa., July 8, 1855, and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Breon) Herman, both of Snyder county. After

their marriage his parents moved to Union county, Pa., where the father died in 1871, at the age of fifty-five. His widow is now living in Union county, at the venerable age of eighty-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Born to this couple were: Joseph, a farmer in Union county; as were his brothers, Noah, Jesse and Henry; George, who died in infancy; Maggie, who married Levi Oberlin, a farmer, of Earl township; Lucy, deceased, wife of Charles Leiby; J. Peter; Ada O., married to William Lynch. The paternal grandparents of J. P. Herman were natives of Germany.

J. Peter Herman and Hannah F. Snyder were united in matrimony in Christ Church, Leacock township, Dec. 20, 1883, and to their union have come Samuel S., Leon, Arthur S. and John F.

Mrs. Hannah F. Herman was born in Paradise township in September, 1856, and is a daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Fenniger) Snyder. Her father was born in Germany and her mother in Lancaster county. Aaron Snyder came from Germany with his parents when a boy, and located in Leacock township, where he learned the butcher trade. He was killed in 1871 while walking on the railroad track at McIlvaine's Quarries, and died at the age of forty-five. His widow died in 1881, at the age of sixty years. They were both members of the Episcopal Church. Born to them were the following children: Sarah, who died unmarried at the age of forty-two years; Jane, living unmarried in Lancaster; Samuel, who died at the age of fifty-three; Rebecca is unmarried, and has her home in Lancaster; Hannah F.

Mr. Herman remained on his parents' home place until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he spent a year in the employ of a neighboring farmer, coming into Lancaster at the expiration of that period, to be employed in farm work two years. As a dealer in produce, he was busy some five years in Leacock township on the Old Road, and then coming to Gordonville established himself as a farmer and a produce dealer. In April, 1901, he added the warehouse and elevator to his present business, carrying along all three lines with decided success. Mr. Herman has fought his way to his present enviable position, without a dollar or an influential friend; his strength, character and industry have made him what he is. Many are his friends, and the respect in which he is held is very marked. In his politics he is a Democrat.

L. RUTTER HASTINGS, a well known farmer and esteemed citizen of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born at the old Hastings homestead in East Drumore, March 3, 1849, a son of John and Rebecca (Russel) Hastings.

L. Rutter Hastings received his early education in the local schools, and was a student at the State Normal School at Millersville a year. His home was with his parents until his marriage, Nov. 26,

1874, when Miss S. Anna Ewing, of Martic township, became his wife. Mrs. Hastings was born in March, 1855, the daughter of John and Letitia (McElhaney) Ewing, and was educated in the public schools.

Mrs. and Mrs. Hastings were settled for a time on one of the farms belonging to his father. This farm was located in East Drumore township, and was bought by him from the estate after his father's death. In 1898 he sold it and devoted himself to the sale of farming implements and carriages. After following this occupation for three years, he rented the John Russel farm in the southern part of East Drumore township. This place comprises 400 acres and is still under his excellent management.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have come six children. (1) Rebecca V. Hastings, born in October, 1875, was educated in the Lancaster high school, and married W. H. Hamill, in December, 1896. He is in the creamery business in Chester county. They have one child, Mildred J. Robert R. Hamill died an infant. (2) Jessie Irene, born in January, 1877, was educated in the home schools, and in a Philadelphia business college, and is now a stenographer and typewriter in the office of her uncle, William Hastings, of Philadelphia. (3) Louisa L., born in August, 1881, received a good education in the Lancaster high school and is at home. (4) Harry E., born in March, 1885, is now engaged with the American Telephone Company. (5) Isabelle R. was born in October, 1890. (6) George R. was born Feb. 2, 1894.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and for three years has been school director of East Drumore township. Socially he belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 156, A. F. & A. M., at Quarryville. George R. and W. S. Hastings belong to the same fraternity at Christiana.

SIMON U. EISENBERG. Prominently identified with all of the most important interests of Millway, Pa., is Simon U. Eisenberg, who is the prosperous proprietor of a general merchandise establishment at that point. The location is an excellent one, on the Reading and Columbia Railroad, some four miles south-west of Ephrata.

Simon U. Eisenberg was born Dec. 13, 1849, a son of Myers and Zetta (Uhlman) Eisenberg, the former of whom was born in Germany in 1811 and emigrated to America at the age of fourteen years. With three comrades, he landed in Philadelphia, soon after coming to Adamstown, Pa., where in the course of time he married the excellent daughter of Daniel Uhlman; to this union six children were born: Simon U.; Daniel, born in 1850, married a Miss Fisher from New York and later decided to migrate to Bismark, South Dakota; he relates how he reached there with no shoes on his feet, but now is able to back almost any financial enterprise;

Mary married Charles Stamm, of Millway; Jacob lives near Canton, Ohio, where he is a prominent merchant; Hannah married Charles Shirley of Millway; and Levi, lives in Livingston, Montana, where he is successfully engaged in the mercantile line.

Mr. Eisenberg received his education in the common schools, this being supplemented with a short course at the Millersville Normal school, where he proved himself a very apt pupil, and was considered competent to teach at the early age of fourteen; he continued in this profession for the following five years, and left it to become a clerk in an establishment at Schoeneck, Pa. In 1875 he opened up a business of his own, which he has since most successfully conducted. Mr. Eisenberg deals in a general stock of first-class merchandise and has a trade that is continually extending, and he also is connected with the manufacture of cigars.

The first marriage of Mr. Eisenberg was to Miss Annie Wolf, of Millway, in 1874, a daughter of David and Lydia (Hull) Wolf; her death occurred in 1886. His second marriage was to Miss Kate Heiser, of Akron, Pa., Oct. 13, 1890. No children have been born to Mr. Eisenberg and his wife, but their kind hearts opened to a little adopted daughter, Katie, born Jan. 1, 1891, and under their rearing she will never miss any parental love or care.

An intelligent and reliable man, Mr. Eisenberg has been called upon by the Republican party to fill some of the local offices, but he considers himself no politician, consenting to serve only as judge of elections, school director and as one of the auditors of Ephrata township. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and the Patriotic Sons of America. Like many another successful business man, Mr. Eisenberg began life crippled by lack of means but he is a very capable man, and during his active life of the past twenty years, has gained considerable property, owning at least five comfortable houses in Millway, aside from his other interests. As a citizen he possesses the esteem of the community, and in the Reformed Church he is known as one of the most cheerful and generous givers to all benevolent and charitable objects.

WILLIAM P. BRINTON, who is now a retired nurseryman in Christiana, Pa., owns a system of greenhouses in the borough that covers nineteen acres and requires over 35,000 feet of glass. It was established in 1858 by Mr. Brinton, and meets every demand of the market for cut flowers, general bedding plants and nursery stock. It is regarded as one of the most complete plants in this part of the State, and has commanded a widely extended patronage. Mr. Brinton was born Oct. 20, 1835, on a part of his present property about a quarter of a mile northeast of his present home, and is a son of Samuel and Lydia P. (Jackson) Brinton.

Samuel Brinton was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, and followed farming all his

days. His death occurred on the place where his son now resides, May 5, 1857. He was born Feb. 3, 1789, and led a long and useful life. Lydia P. (Jackson) Brinton was born in Cecil county, Md., Oct. 10, 1798, and died March 22, 1869. Both were buried in the cemetery of the Old Friends Meeting House in Sadsbury township. The husband and father was a man of more than local prominence, and held various offices, being called on also to settle many estates. To them were born the following children: James J., deceased; Susan, unmarried, in Sadsbury township; Lewis, deceased; Cyrus, a farmer in Sadsbury township; Mary A. who married Thomas Stubbs, a farmer in Fulton township, but who now resides in Westchester; William P.

The parents of Samuel Brinton were Joseph and Susan (Rigbee) Brinton, residents of Leacock township. Joseph Brinton was a son of Moses Brinton, who settled in Lancaster county, coming from Chester county at a very early day.

William Brinton, the American ancestor of the family, was reared near Birmingham, England, where he married. He had one son. In the spring of 1684, in company with his wife and son, he embarked for the colony, leaving three daughters in England. His landing in America was on the Delaware River, at the point known as Grubb's Landing, now a part of Brandywine, Newcastle Co., Del. There was already a settlement at this point, and the most of the company elected to remain there, but William Brinton, at that time advanced in years, with long white hair, surprised the others by moving into the wilderness, and locating on the Indian Trail, twelve miles back from the river. He did not prepare for the rigors of the coming winter, and would have starved and perished, had not the Indians of the neighborhood helped him out with game. The following summer he made a clearing for a log cabin, planting a pear tree in front of his door. This structure was torn down in 1812, but the tree survived until 1853, when it was destroyed. In 1686 he purchased fifty acres of land from Thomas King, in the north end of Concord. In the same year he received a patent for 450 acres of land from James Claypole and Robert Turner, commissioners for William Penn. This was located in Birmingham township. The Indians belonged to the Lenni-Lenape tribe of the Algonquin family. The settlement of these Indians was known as Brinton's Run, and the last of the tribe, "Indian Hannah," died in 1803.

Mr. Brinton was sent in 1687 on a delegation to Philadelphia to ask that liquor be forbidden to the Indians, by sale or otherwise. In 1697 the Society of Friends erected a meeting house in Concord, to which William Brinton contributed three pounds and ten shillings, and his son two pounds and sixteen shillings. The will of William Brinton was proved in December, 1700, in Philadelphia, no register of wills existing in Chester county before

1714. It was drawn in June, 1699, and is still in preservation. Its wax seal bears the seal of a lion rampant. One hundred pounds was left to each of his daughters, who had married and had come to America about 1685.

William Brinton, son of the emigrant ancestor of the family, married Jean Thatcher in 1690, by whom he had the following children: Joseph, William, Edward, Ann and John. In 1714 and again in 1721 Mr. Brinton was a member of the Provincial Assembly, and in 1721, when the Birmingham meeting house was erected, he was one of the trustees of the title. His wife was a highly educated member of the Society of Friends, and when she was fifty-four years old she accompanied a "public Friend," Elizabeth Webb, on a visit to members of the Society in New England.

Moses Brinton, who was the son of Joseph, noted in the preceding paragraph, and who married Mary Pierce, was the great-grandfather of William P. Brinton. Joseph had his home near the head waters of the west branch of Chester Creek, in Thornbury township, Delaware county, Pa. The house which he built was torn down in 1816. He was an extensive land owner in Leacock and Lampeter townships, Lancaster county. The first representative of the Brinton family in Lancaster county came to Leacock township in 1747.

Moses Brinton was born Sept. 27, 1725, married Eleanor Vaman, March 5, 1747, and died, Jan. 31, 1789. They had the following children: Mary A., born June 14, 1748, married to Robert Moore, Nov. 10, 1768; Abigail, born Dec. 14, 1751, who married Ellis Pussey, Oct. 30, 1777, and died in 1842; Joseph, born Nov. 22, 1754, married to Susan Rigbee in 1784; William, born Jan. 26, 1759, married to Lydia Ferree, April 21, 1785; Moses, Jr., born Aug. 26, 1761, who married Elizabeth Whitson, and on her death, Hannah Chamberlain; Samuel, born Dec. 1, 1765, died Feb. 9, 1773; Eleanor, born July 28, 1769, who married Thomas Henderson, and died March 29, 1853. Moses Brinton settled on 500 acres of land in Leacock township, Lancaster county, given him by his father.

Joseph Brinton and Susan Rigbee, of Leacock township, were married in 1784, and became parents of the following children: William, born Nov. 22, 1785, married to Juliema Cooper, who was born Dec. 13, 1782, and died in 1878; James, born Feb. 25, 1787, who died unmarried; Samuel, born Feb. 3, 1789, who married Lydia P. Jackson, Dec. 25, 1823, and died May 5, 1857; Mary, born Oct. 3, 1790, who married Joseph H. Cole, May 4, 1815, in 1830 was again married to David Townsend, and died in 1880; Sarah, born March 16, 1793, married to Joseph Cooper, born April 17, 1785, both of whom passed away in 1858.

The Brinton family had its home in England in the parish of Ledgerley, Staffordshire, where John Brinton was living seven miles south of Church-Eaton in the closing years of the fifteenth century.

Here was born William Brinton, who married Ann Bagley in 1659. Three years prior to her marriage she had united with the Friends in company with her mother. Her father, Edward Bagley, was a man of wealth, character and standing in the community. These were years in which the friends were exposed to many persecutions, and could find neither law nor justice in the land. In 1683 William Brinton was fined twenty-six shillings for refusing to take the oath, and had goods taken from him to the amount of five pounds and eleven shillings. The following year, as noted above, he sought a peaceful home in the New World, his family at that time consisting of his wife, Ann, his only son, William, Jr., and his three daughters, Ann, Elizabeth and Esther.

The Brinton family in Lancaster county, comes of the best stock; and its various representatives have been noted for their business ability, their industrious habits, and their sterling manhood. Almost without exception they have followed the religion of their progenitors, and have been worthy and consistent members of the Society of Friends.

William P. Brinton, whose name introduces this article, was married in Bird in Hand, Lancaster county, in 1867, to Miss Mary E. Cooper, by whom he has had the following children: Lucy, who married Maurice Phillips, a farmer and manufacturer of Keystone Dehorners at Pomeroy, Pa., and is the mother of one child; Morris J., who married Gertrude Rakestraw, (whose father Henry Rakestraw operated a creamery in Christiana, Pa., and is now dead), and has one child; Anna, who married Norman Entrekin, mechanical engineer at Work Brothers' Iron Mill, at Coatesville, Pa., and is the mother of one child; Alice, married to Howard Brosius, cashier in the bank at Avondale, Pa.; Estelle, a student in the University of Michigan; Ethel, at home. Mrs. Brinton was born in East Lampeter township, and is a sister of Calvin Cooper.

William P. Brinton remained at home until his marriage, when he built his present property. There his mother and sister lived with him until 1867, when they returned to their old home. Mr. Brinton has been assessor of the township, and is a member and trustee of the Friends Meeting, and is a member of the building committee, which has charge of the erection of the new house of worship, which is now being built. He was one of the organizers of the State Horticultural Society, and has been its corresponding secretary for many years. In temperance labors he takes advanced ground, and has won more than a local reputation for his zeal and enthusiasm in this great reform. The green houses which he established are now operated by his son. In politics he is a Republican, and cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont.

JOHN C. SMITH, a rising and greatly respected general farmer of Cordelia village, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, is now in the

prime of life, having been born on his present farm, March 25, 1852.

John K. Smith, father of John Christian, was born Aug. 8, 1797, also on a part of the West Hempfield farm, was reared to farming and was twice married, the first time to a Miss Mumma, who bore him seven children, namely: Eliza, who was married to John Dellinger; Gideon, deceased; Barbara, widow of H. G. Brookhart, and living in Columbia, Pa.; Joshua; Susan, widow of John Harnish and residing in Manheim township, Lancaster county; and Henry and John, who both died in infancy. The second marriage of John K. Smith was to Magdalene Sterline, and to this union were born four children, viz.: John Christian; Albert, deceased; Laura, widow of David Slaughter, late of Columbus, Ohio; and Horace, deceased. The father of these children, John K. Smith, died in October, 1876, a member of the United Brethren Church, and his remains were interred in Silverspring cemetery; his widow, Magdalene, born in 1825, is now a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

Rev. John C. Smith, father of John K. Smith, was also a native of Lancaster county, Pa., was ordained a minister of the Gospel in 1809, was one of the founders of the United Brethren denomination, and died on the John Christian Smith farm, near Cordelia, in 1860, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was a Miss Kertz.

On Jan. 19, 1876, John Christian Smith married in Columbia, Pa., Miss Linda G. Mellinger, who has borne him seven children, viz.: Elsa A., still at home; Bessie C., wife of William Kelly, a wholesale butter merchant in Philadelphia; Lucy B., also residing in the City of Brotherly Love; Arthur D., Bertram B., Jennie M. and Phebe M., all at home. Mrs. Linda G. (Mellinger) Smith was born in East Berlin, Adams Co., Pa., and is a daughter of Dr. David and Jane (Gallaway) Mellinger, who settled in Lancaster county in 1860, lived four years in Elizabethtown, then awhile in Columbia, and then retired to Running Pump, near Elizabethtown, where the Doctor passed the remainder of his days with a daughter. Not only was Dr. Mellinger a physician, but he was a politician of some note, and served one term in the State legislature from Adams county. The Doctor died in 1894 at the age of eighty-four years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church; his wife died in 1892, when seventy-five years old, was also a Lutheran, and the remains of both were buried in Columbia. They had twelve children, viz.: Samuel, who died in Cuba, in 1878; Martha, wife of Christ Myers, a coachmaker in Elizabethtown, Pa.; Edward, who died in Cuba in 1870; Penrose, who died in infancy; John, a painter in Lancaster; Phebe, living in Columbia; Mary, who died when seventeen years old; George, deceased; Linda G., now Mrs. John C. Smith; Katie, James and another, who all died in infancy. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Smith, Gallaway, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war.

John C. Smith lived on his present farm until twenty-six years of age, then rented a small farm near by, and cultivated it six years; he then came back to his present farm, on which he lived thirteen years; then passed two years in Philadelphia; came again to his old farm of forty-three and a half acres, and there has lived in ease and comfort and prosperity ever since, honored and respected by all his fellow citizens. In politics Mr. Smith is a Republican.

SAMUEL J. PUGH, one of the successful business citizens of Hollinger, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on English soil of English ancestry, near the great city of London, Jan. 1, 1855, a son of James and Mary (Janes) Pugh.

James Pugh was a brewer in his native country, but also understood machinery, and after locating in America, in 1857, he engaged in business for a time, in Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., and then removed to Salem, where he took charge of the engine in the Nickel mines and operated it for thirty years, retiring on account of advancing age, and spending his last days with his son Samuel. His death occurred at Hollinger in 1897, at the age of seventy-six years, the mother dying in 1898, at the age of seventy; both of them lived blameless lives, consistent members of the M. E. Church, and the former was the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath-school for twenty years. A family of five children were born to these worthy people; Samuel J.; Annie, who is the wife of Frank Martin of Lancaster; Mary, who is the wife of Harry Marr, of Gordonville; William T., who is the miller and postmaster of Wheatland Mills; Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Donnelly, of Hollinger.

Samuel J. Pugh was reared in his native place until he was two years old, when his parents came to the United States, and he received his education in the public schools of Lancaster county. When still quite young he began work in the Nickel mines, but at the age of eighteen he began to learn the milling business under Jesse P. Rauk, at Rauk Station, remaining there some eight years, when he entered into the employ of Samuel Rauk, of Lancaster City, in the same business. Later he returned to his old mill and operated it for two years in the interest of a milling company. At a later date, in 1887, he engaged in the same business in association with his brother, William T., under the firm name of Pugh & Bro., at Horse Hollow, using the Abraham Herr mill for three years, when the firm was dissolved, Samuel J. Pugh withdrawing. At this time he purchased the plant he is still operating, the water right only, as the mill had been destroyed. In 1890 he erected the present modern structure, which is fitted with all the latest improved machinery and milling appliances, a four-story building with a capacity of sixty barrels a day, the motive power being both water and steam, and his trade purely custom. In 1900 he estab-

lished a store in Lancaster City, with a branch in Reading, where are marketed his leading brands of flour; the best known ones are the Daisy and the Red Seal, both of them products of the highest milling art.

In 1879 he was married to Sarah Mullen, a daughter of Stephen Mullen, who was born in Lancaster county; their children were Mary, James, Blanche, Walter, Clarence and Elizabeth. The family connection is with the Reformed Mennonite Church, of Willowstreet, in which Mr. Pugh is on the official board and is one of the most active workers in the Sabbath-school.

Samuel J. Pugh has a high standing among his fellow citizens as a moral, worthy and honorable man, and is regarded as one of the substantial members of the community, being the owner of considerable property in the vicinity, which he uses for renting purposes.

JOHN G. STAUFFER. The name of Stauffer is one which is well known and universally respected in Lancaster county, where it represents wealth, prominence, social position and good citizenship. Among those who have worthily held this honored name for sixty years is John G. Stauffer, a leading farmer of Mt. Joy township, who was born July 12, 1840, on a farm adjoining the one which he now owns, a son of Jacob and Mary (Groff) Stauffer, both natives of Mt. Joy township.

Jacob Stauffer was born Jan. 5, 1811, a son of John and Anna Stauffer, natives of Lancaster county, and he died Jan. 7, 1879, having been a prominent man in his locality for a number of years, serving as supervisor for a long period. He was a member and liberal supporter of the German Baptist Church. His widow, who was born July 2, 1814, died July 11, 1890, and both were buried in Chickies Meeting House cemetery, in Rapho township. Their children were as follows: Fanny G., widow of Samuel Risser, of Lebanon county; Mary G., widow of David Moyer of Mt. Joy township; Rebecca G., deceased, wife of Christian Gruber; John G., Abraham G., a farmer in Lebanon county; and Jacob G., a resident of Elizabethtown, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere. The family originated in Switzerland and probably located in Pennsylvania early in 1700. Mrs. Mary (Groff) Stauffer was a daughter of John and Veronica Groff, of whom the former was born Aug. 20, 1789, and died Nov. 23, 1859, aged seventy years, two months and three days; his wife, who was born Aug. 3, 1794, died March 16, 1831, aged thirty-six years, seven months and thirteen days.

The early rearing of Mr. Stauffer was in a good home, under kind and wise parents, with whom he remained until his own marriage, acquiring his education in the district schools. After marriage Mr. Stauffer and his wife settled upon a farm which they still occupy, which comprises 190 acres, and this with an additional forty-acre tract, adjoin-

ing, makes an estate of 230 acres which is universally regarded as the very finest farm in Lancaster county. Mr. Stauffer is a thorough farmer, and with his progressive ideas has yearly added to the value and productiveness of his farm. He has other large business interests, owning a sawmill and manufacturing lumber, being a prominent factor in that trade in this locality.

In addition to these enterprises Mr. Stauffer has been identified with a number of the leading financial organizations of the township, for twenty years having been a director in the Mt. Joy National Bank, and for the past twenty-five years has been one of the board of directors of the Mt. Joy Mutual Fire Insurance Co. His interest in the progress of education in his township has been shown by his service on the school board for a period of nine years. With his family he belongs to the German Baptist Church.

On Oct. 11, 1860, in Lancaster City, Mr. Stauffer was married to Miss Maria W. Shelley, a member of an old and prominent Lancaster county family. To this marriage were born the following children: Mary A., born July 5, 1861, married John W. Heistand, of Lancaster Junction, where he engages in farming; Lizzie S., born June 20, 1864, married Joseph N. Risser, of Mt. Joy township, extended mention of whom will be found in this volume; Emma S., born July 2, 1866, married Monroe B. Forney, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Benjamin, born Jan. 2, 1869, married Lizzie B. Keller, and is a farmer in Lebanon county, Pa.; and Sarah S., born Jan. 23, 1873, married Monroe G. Hollinger, a farmer in Mt. Joy township. Mr. Stauffer gave his children the educational advantages afforded by the excellent schools of the township, and many of them have located in his vicinity and are among the respected and useful citizens of Mt. Joy township.

Mrs. Maria W. (Shelley) Stauffer was born Sept. 22, 1840, in Rapho township, Lancaster county, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Witmer) Shelley, the former of whom was born in Rapho township and the latter on the farm now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer. For ten years prior to his death Mr. Shelley lived retired from active life. He was an extensive farmer and prominent and wealthy citizen. For a quarter of a century he was one of the directors of the Mt. Joy First National Bank, and took a leading part in the life of his neighborhood. At his death he was lamented as one who had been a good, upright and useful citizen. Mr. Shelley was born Jan. 12, 1809, and died Nov. 6, 1885. The mother of Mrs. Stauffer was born Jan. 16, 1808, and died July 29, 1848. She was a member of the River Brethren Church. Both parents were buried in the private burying ground on the old Shelley homestead, on the farm where Mr. Shelley was born. Their children were as follows: Anna, who is the widow of Alva Earhart, resides in Manheim, Pa.; Fanny, who married Rev.

S. R. Zook, a German Baptist minister, resides in Mastersonville; Lizzie is the widow of Samuel Kraybill, of Manheim; Abraham, who is a retired farmer, lives in Mastersonville, Pa.; Susan, who married Benjamin R. Zook, a retired farmer, lives in Rapho township; Maria W. is the wife of Mr. Stauffer; and Harriet, who married Abraham G. Stauffer, a brother to John G., resides on a farm in Lebanon county, Pa. Mr. Shelley married for his second wife Lizzie Gantz, by whom he had one son, Reuben, now a resident of Steelton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer are among the most highly esteemed residents of Mt. Joy township. Many warm personal friends enjoy their friendship and hospitality, while in public life and business circles Mr. Stauffer is recognized as a man of most upright character.

HENRY R. OBER, a retired farmer of Rapho township, was born in that township Sept. 13, 1844, son of Christian and Barbara (Ruhl) Ober, also of Rapho township.

Christian Ober, the father, died in 1873, at the age of sixty-six years. He was a farmer, but also held various township offices. His wife died in April, 1883, at the age of sixty-one years, one month. They are buried in Hernley's cemetery. They were members of the Mennonite and United Brethren of Christ churches. The following children were born to them: Harriet R., deceased; Michael R., retired farmer of Penn township; Moses R., retired farmer of Rapho township; Barbara R., wife of George Keener, a farmer; Anna R., wife of Jacob Nornhall, a farmer in Oklahoma; Henry R., subject of this sketch; Christian R., deceased; Sarah R., deceased; Aaron R., a farmer of Rapho township; Martha R., who married first Jacob Sahm, and afterward Joseph D. Brown, carriage builder of Manheim, Pa.; and Mary R., deceased wife of Abraham Heht. Christian Ober was a son of David Ober, a farmer of Lancaster county.

On Oct. 16, 1866, Henry R. Ober married Miss Mary Ann Metzler, of Lancaster, Pa. To this couple have been born the following children: Fannie married Pharis Rohrer, a farmer of West Hempfield township, and has three children; Agnes married Alva Lehman, of Lebanon county, and has four children; Phillip, a Lebanon county farmer, married to Miss Ida Holderman; Susanna M. is the wife of Oliver Litch, a farmer of Rapho township; Nathan M. married Miss Anna Baker, of Lebanon county, and has one child; Anna M. is unmarried and at home. Mrs. Ober was born Nov. 20, 1844, in Rapho township, and is the daughter of Henry and Anna (Hershey) Metzler, of Lancaster county. The father, who was a farmer, died in 1889, at the age of fifty-nine years, and is buried in Hernley's Meeting House cemetery. Mrs. Metzler, the mother, was born in 1824, and is still living with her daughter, Mrs. Isaac Cup, at Centerville. Both

she and her husband were members of the Mennonite Church. There were born to this union: Christian, a retired farmer of Rapho township; Mary Ann, wife of Henry R. Ober; John, a farmer of Warwick township; Fanny (deceased) wife of Paul Gible; Mrs. Isaac Cup, of Centerville; Henry, farmer of Rapho township; Samuel, a Washington township farmer; Jacob, deceased; Farris, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Anna, wife of Isaac Stauffer, farmer of Warwick township; and Isaac, a farmer in Oklahoma. Mrs. Ober's paternal grandparents were John and Hettie (Eshter) Metzler, of Lancaster county.

Henry R. Ober remained at home with his parents until after he attained his majority, after which he began farming on his own account and continued to do so until he retired in March, 1892. For the four years preceding his marriage he farmed his father's place on shares and did well at it, but after that event he took the farm for his own. Mr. and Mrs. Ober are members of the Mennonite Church, and are prominent in both religious and social circles. Mr. Ober is a prominent man in his neighborhood, and is well regarded as a man of influence and position in the community. By care and intelligent management he has accumulated a fortune, and he is able to enjoy the declining years of his life in ease and comfort, respected by all who have the pleasure of his friendship and acquaintance.

HON. J. C. GACHELL, M. D. Few citizens of Martic township are better known or more highly esteemed than is Dr. J. C. Gatchell, late member of the State Legislature, a successful physician and prominent and public-spirited citizen.

Dr. Gatchell was born May 1, 1835, in Chester county, Pa., son of John P. and Caroline (Simpers) Gatchell, the former of whom was a son of David Gatchell, a resident near East Nottingham, where he carried on farming and brought up his family in the Quaker faith. The seven children born to Grandfather Gatchell were Joseph, Jesse, Joshua, Enoch, John P., David and Lydia, all of whom have passed out of life. John P. Gatchell married Caroline Simpser and they were the parents of five children, namely: Dr. J. C.; Ellis, deceased; David K., deceased; Eli, who was killed while serving his country during the Civil war; John E., a resident of Washington, D. C. John P. Gatchell was an esteemed citizen, a Republican in his political belief, and in religious matters he adhered to the principles of the Friends.

Dr. Gatchell was reared on his father's farm and his education was acquired in the public schools of his district and in the Unionville Academy. After finishing his general course of study the young man became a student of medicine for three years, in 1860 was graduated at the Pennsylvania Medical College and upon his return to Lancaster county began practicing in New Texas, in Fulton township. Although enthusiastic in his work in that locality, in

1864 he left it to become assistant surgeon in the 55th P. V. I., and remained with his regiment until the close of the war. After his return from the army Dr. Gatchell located for practice in Marticville.

On Feb. 7, 1862, Dr. Gatchell was united in marriage to Miss Sarah H. Garver, of Oxford, Pa., and the three children born to this union are: Clara, the wife of E. P. Dalberry, of Chester county; John W., also of Chester county; and Reba, at home.

A man of fine education and broad outlook, Dr. Gatchell has always been actively interested in public affairs and has served his township most efficiently in many offices, on the Republican ticket. He was chosen representative to the General Assembly from the southern district of Lancaster county, was re-elected in 1872 and 1878 and was again honored in 1888, performing the duties of his high office with the ability which characterizes all his efforts. Since his return to private life he has resumed the duties of an absorbing practice and in his profession he is recognized as a leader in Lancaster county.

JOHN B. APPLETON, whose death in 1871 was deeply lamented by the community in which he lived and where he was known as an industrious and honorable man of business and a kind and helpful neighbor, was born in Chester county, Pa., in 1836, son of Joseph Appleton, of the same county, of English origin. On Sept. 12, 1856, he was married to Miss Mary Stevenson, born Feb. 11, 1831, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Daulin) Stevenson, of Lancaster county, and was one of a family of eight children, as follows: Matilda; Mary, Mrs. Appleton; Harriet, wife of Gilbert Smith, of Philadelphia; Malinda, deceased; Samuel, of Mt. Nebo; Marinda, deceased; Miss Elizabeth, of Philadelphia; and James, deceased. The Stevenson family is one of the oldest now residing in Martic township, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Appleton coming hither from England a great many years ago.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Appleton was blessed with six children, namely: Wilmot C., of Oxford, Chester county; William M., of Rawlinsville; Elizabeth, the wife of J. F. Bair, of Lancaster; Luella, a stenographer in Philadelphia; Mabel V., the wife of Levi Shank, of Long Island, New York; Jane, the wife of Elmer Walton, of Lancaster. Mr. Appleton was a cabinetmaker and followed the business of undertaking. In 1864 he volunteered in the defense of his country and faithfully served as a soldier in Co. D, 69th P. V. I., and it was during this time that his health was so undermined that his recovery was never complete, and he died in 1871. The widow was left in straitened circumstances, with the care of six young children, and it redounds to her credit that she not only cared for them physically but also managed to educate them and fit them for the honorable positions they now hold in society. Mrs. Appleton is a respected and beloved

member of her community, a lovely Christian woman, daily performing acts of kindness and showing the fruits of an exemplary life.

JOSEPH STAUFFER BRUBAKER, now and for many years the leading pharmacist of Vinton, Iowa, is a native of Lancaster county, but went West in 1855, and there became a very prominent citizen. He is a native of Rapho township, and belongs to one of the oldest and most influential families in the county; for, although the Brubakers alone would constitute enough people—numerically as well as financially—to fill and run a good sized city, the relationship does not end with that name, for they are closely related to the Erismans, the Strickers, Rohrsers, Fricks and Stauffers.

Originally there were three brothers in the ancestry of Joseph S. Brubaker, and those three brothers came from Switzerland generations ago and settled in Rapho township, where they have ever since been among the most substantial people.

Abraham Brubaker, grandfather of Joseph S. Brubaker, grew to manhood in Rapho township, and there wedded Maria Erisman, daughter of Jacob Erisman and wife, who were also prominent people of that district. From this union fourteen children were born, eleven sons and three daughters, as follows: Abraham, Christian, Benjamin, Jacob, Samuel (who was the father of Joseph S.), David, John, Daniel, Henry, Peter and Martin. All were farmers and all are deceased. The daughters were Adaline, who married a Bletcher; Maria, who married a Hollinger; and Nancy, who married a Shoemaker.

Samuel Brubaker, the father of Joseph S. Brubaker, was born on the old homestead in Rapho township, and there lived all the days of his life. After a career of much usefulness he entered upon his reward, and his remains were laid to rest in the private cemetery on the Stauffer homestead. His wife was Catherine Stauffer, and to them were born two sons and two daughters, as follows: Samuel, deceased, who married a Miss Shelley; Joseph S., now of Vinton, Iowa; Maria, deceased, who married Christian Miller; and Catharine, who died young.

Joseph Stauffer Brubaker, of Vinton, Iowa, is the last survivor of his family. He was twice married, his first wife having been Harriet Hostetter, daughter of Abraham Hostetter, of Lancaster county, and his second wife, Susan S. Smith, daughter of Christian Smith, of Warren, Pa. Mr. Brubaker is the father of three sons and one daughter, his sons being Stauffer Joseph (who married a Miss Hostetter and has a daughter), Frank H. and Charles W. Charles W., the youngest, was honored by an election for two successive terms to the responsible office of treasurer of Benton county, Iowa, and is as popular as he is trustworthy.

No man who has ever left Lancaster county has become more prominent in the home of his adoption

than has Joseph S. Brubaker, his name ranking with that of Hostetter of Stomach Bitters fame, who located in Pittsburg, and with Dr. S. B. Hartman, of Peruna fame, now living in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Brubaker (Joseph S.) is not only the leading druggist of his section but is interested in almost everything tending toward the advancement of the place. He is one of the directors of the People's Saving Bank, of Vinton, and is interested in many business enterprises. This sketch can be concluded in no better way than by quoting the following from a newspaper article published in Vinton, where Mr. Brubaker has lived these many years, and of which place he is now so important a part:

"No branch of the business is more important to the community at large than that of the druggist, and this house (Mr. Joseph Stauffer Brubaker's) is one of its most prominent representatives. It is always supplied with a full and comprehensive line of pure drugs, chemicals, perfumes, toilet articles and a complete stock of all the proprietary remedies of acknowledged merit and standard reputation, druggists' sundries and physicians' supplies. This house is indorsed by the leading physicians on account of the reliability and purity of its drugs, and scientific service in the prescription department, where the utmost caution is taken in compounding medicines of all kinds. The laboratory is supplied with all the requisite facilities for compounding the most difficult prescriptions, and has won the well-merited distinction of being the leading pharmacy in the locality. Mr. Brubaker, the proprietor of this model pharmacy, is a native of Lancaster county, Pa., but came West in 1855, beginning his business career at twenty-five years of age, since which time he has been engaged in the drug business. He has the honor of being the oldest established druggist in the Cedar valley, having had forty-three years' practical experience. He is one of the most substantial and highly respected citizens, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community, and is numbered among the leading and most progressive business men in the place."

BENJAMIN EAVENSON, burgess of Christiana, and a successful cattle dealer of that borough, was born in Thornbury township, Chester county, this State, Nov. 3, 1831, and he has long been one of the notable men of Lancaster county.

Jonas and Emily (Valentine) Eavenson, his parents, were hotel keepers in Chester county many years, and they died in Philadelphia. For a time the father was in the mercantile business, and then later in the stock dealing. For the last few years of his life he and his son, Alben T., were soap manufacturers in Philadelphia, and made a large quantity of that article: later his son, Marvin M., was admitted, and subsequently his grandsons, F. V. Eavenson and William J. Eavenson, were admitted as members of the firm and the above, together with Lewis L. and Roland M. Eavenson, sons of Alben

T. and Marvin M., are now the largest soap manufacturers in Pennsylvania. Jonas Eavenson died March 14, 1883, in his seventy-ninth year. The wife and mother died Dec. 18, 1868, at the age of sixty-six. She was a Quaker, and lived a beautiful life as befit her faith. Their children were Alben T.; Lydia Ann, deceased wife of Nathan E. Dubree; Francis, who died young; Benjamin; Reece, a cattle dealer and a farmer in Sadsbury township; John, who died young; Richard; George; Mary, who married L. F. Davis, a contractor and builder in Philadelphia; and Marvin.

The paternal grandfather of Benjamin Eavenson was Richard Eavenson, of Chester county, Pa., of Welsh extraction, while the maternal grandparents were John and Mary (Taylor) Valentine.

Benjamin Eavenson was married on March 1, 1855, in Compassville, Lancaster county, to Martha Gibbs, by whom he had the following children: William J., who married Mary Scheide, is in the soap business noted above; Harry, who died at the age of twenty-four; Mary, who died when about two years old; Clara, deceased at the age of eleven; and Marvin M., a horse dealer and liveryman in Christiana, who married Ida L. Whiteside.

Mrs. Benjamin Eavenson was born near Compassville, Lancaster county, Feb. 7, 1830, a daughter of William A. and Mary (Evans) Gibbs, farming people of Lancaster county. Her father, who died at the age of fifty-five years, was born Sept. 29, 1794. The mother, Mary (Evans) Gibbs, was born Sept. 8, 1798, and died June 18, 1838. They left seven children as follows: William A., Susan, Elizabeth, Joseph, Martha and Mary (twins) and James. Of these Mary died young and Martha (Mrs. Eavenson) died Aug. 3, 1899, in the seventieth year of her age.

Mr. Eavenson lived on a farm until 1849, when he set himself to learn the trade of a plasterer, which he followed until 1863. That year he took up the cattle business, and still later was a merchant at Black Horse, Chester county, where he held the postoffice until 1881. That year he came to Christiana, and for about two years was out of business, taking up the stock business at the end of that time and he has earned a comfortable competence.

In February, 1901, Mr. Eavenson was elected burgess for three years, and had been councilman for three years. In his politics he is a Republican. He stands high in the community, and is known as a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

JOHN GIBSON (deceased). For many years the larger part of the building interests of the city of Lancaster, were in the capable hands of the late John Gibson, who was well known through Lancaster county, not only for his prominence as a builder and contractor of reliability, but also as a most estimable and worthy citizen. He was born April 20, 1813, in Lancaster, and his lamented death occurred Aug. 12, 1891. He was interred in Woodward Hill

cemetery. His parents were Alexander and Mary Gibson, also of Lancaster, their family consisting of four sons, namely: Alexander, Michael, William and John, all now deceased.

The first marriage of John Gibson was to Miss Elizabeth Nagle, two children being born to this union: John, who died at the age of twenty years, and Elizabeth, who died young. The second marriage of Mr. Gibson was to Miss Susan Miller, in Lancaster, who was born Feb. 17, 1823, in Providence township, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Raub) Miller, who were farming people in this county. They were both consistent members of the Lutheran Church; his remains rest in Woodward Hill cemetery in Lancaster, while she sleeps in Providence township. Their children were: Jonas; John; Jacob; Elizabeth; Esther; and Susan, who is the widow of Mr. Gibson. The children born to Mr. Gibson's second marriage were: Miller, who died at the age of four years; Jonas, who died at the age of five years; Ada, who married Christian Farlick, of Lancaster; and Emma, who married Daniel Yackley, and has had four children, John, Walter and Ada being deceased, and Elmer L. surviving.

The useful life of Mr. John Gibson was passed in Lancaster. He learned the trade of brick-layer and in the course of time became a prominent contractor and builder. His thoroughness and reliability made him known over a wide extent and placed many important contracts in his hands. He was the builder and contractor to whom Lancaster owes the greater number of the stately, handsome and substantial buildings which were erected during his active life. Among these may be mentioned the Stevens House, German Lutheran Church, Trinity Chapel and a large number of the artistic residences which mark this city as one of great beauty. One of his most remarkable feats was the erection of the Mishler "twenty-four hour" house, which was started and finished within twenty-four hours, ready and complete to live in. For fifteen years prior to his death he lived retired from active endeavor. He was a strong supporter of the Republican party, but would never consent to accept office. For a number of years he was a valued member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

A. C. ILYUS is best known as 'Squire Ilyus to his fellow citizens in Manheim township, where he served twenty-nine years as justice of the peace. He has held various other public positions of trust, and has from early manhood been identified with the best interests of Lancaster county, forwarding every enterprise which promised benefit to his town and county.

The Squire was born Jan. 17, 1837, in West Hempfield township, son of Abraham and Mary (Clair) Ilyus, and comes from one of the old and respected families of Manor township, where his father was born. Abraham Ilyus died Feb. 21, 1856, in the prime of life. He was a shoemaker by trade.

His wife survived him many years, dying in 1889, at the age of seventy-six. She was born in Rapho township, as was also her father, Jacob Clair, a farmer and weaver. Mr. and Mrs. Ilyus had the following children who grew to maturity: Barbara, wife of William Watts, of Brentwood, Ark.; A. C., our subject; Susan, wife of Christian Snyder, of Kansas; Anna Mary, wife of Harry Bertzfeld, of Columbia, this county; Elizabeth, wife of Michael Kreider, of Lancaster county, but now deceased; Magdalena, deceased wife of Amos Sehner, of East Hempfield township; and Sarah, deceased wife of William McClain, of Lancaster county.

Until twenty-two years of age our subject lived in West Hempfield township. He was reared on a farm and attended the neighborhood schools. After a course of study in the Mount Joy Academy, he began teaching during the fall of 1853, in Penn township, and for twelve terms successfully conducted schools. The last six terms he was stationed in two schools in Manheim township, and he taught four terms, in the Neffsville school, where he located permanently in 1859. In 1866 he abandoned teaching, becoming a clerk in the recorder's office in Lancaster, and the following year was transcribing clerk in Harrisburg. In 1863 he was first elected assessor, which office he has held altogether for over thirty-five years. In 1869 he was elected justice of the peace, discharging the duties of this office up to January, 1894, when he resigned. Each time he was re-elected on the Republican ticket, and was the only one to fill the office in Neffsville. Having been re-elected assessor of Manheim in 1872, he has continuously held that position up to the present time. On April 15, 1893, he was nominated on the Republican ticket for the office of Prothonotary, and was elected that fall, taking his office at the beginning of the following year, and serving for a term of three years. For about seventeen years he was collector of the school tax in this township, and is also a conveyancer.

In West Hempfield, 'Squire Ilyus was married, in September, 1857, to Victoria Musselman, a native of Cumberland county, born July 12, 1838, daughter of Henry Musselman, who taught school in Mt. Joy and other places. In 1864 he enlisted in the 184th P. V. I. At the battle of Petersburg his tongue was shot off by a minie ball, he was made a captive and he died in a Rebel hospital. At the time that he volunteered his services he was over the regulation age, and he was a faithful and valiant defender of the flag to the last. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ilyus, three are living: Harry M., who attended the Millersville State Normal school and is running a shoe store on North Queen street; Edward B., formerly a student at the State Normal, and now a practicing physician at No. 13 East Walnut street; and A. Charles, a graduate of the high school, who served as deputy clerk while his father held the office of prothonotary, continued with Capt. Stauffer, our subject's successor, and

with the present incumbent some fifteen months. Mrs. Ilyus, who passed away July 1, 1896, was a member of the Lutheran Church and a most estimable lady. On Oct. 8, 1901, the 'Squire married Mrs. Julia A. Groff, widow of Martin S. Groff, late of Kissel Hill, this county, and daughter of John G. Hollinger, of Ephrata township.

For over a quarter of a century, 'Squire Ilyus has been clerk of sales. He is particularly busy during the winter, managing about 120 sales a year, besides which he has administered a number of estates. From 1885 to 1888 he was jury commissioner of the county, elected on the Republican ticket. When nominated in the spring of 1893, he was the successful one of four candidates, receiving a majority of 168 votes. He is a stockholder in the People's Trust, Savings & Deposit Co., of which he was one of the organizers, and is a director in the People's National Bank, of Lancaster. Since the organization of the Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Co., in 1878, he has been secretary thereof. Nearly \$1,800,000 of insurance have been placed in the township, and only thirty cents on \$1,000 a year has been paid out in losses. The Manheim & Penn Turnpike Co. was organized in 1881 and built the road on contract. It is a great convenience to the township, and the 'Squire was very active in carrying the movement forward. He served some fourteen years as secretary of the company. Of late he has been very active in promoting the construction of electric railroads in the county.

HENRY WEAVER EBY. Our sister republic, little Switzerland, is bound in sympathetic ties to the greater republic of the Occident, although thousands of leagues of water and thousands of miles intervene between the only two republics, pure and simple, that exist on the face of the globe, and demonstrate to the nations that man is capable of self-government and competent to enact and maintain laws that redound to the greatest good of the greatest number. While no truly great or famous man has come to America from the little republic to here make his home, nor any great numbers of the peasantry and middle classes sought a refuge on the soil of the United States, there have been planted several Swiss colonies throughout the Union, and numerous instances of individual immigration resulting in permanent residence within our country's bourn. The reason for this sparse coming is obvious. The Swiss are a free people. Climatic rigors in the Alpine hills and low-priced lands in this country are among the causes that lead to Swiss emigration chiefly, more especially of the agricultural classes, and these are invariably steady-going, intelligent and industrious husbandmen, and they become most excellent and useful citizens.

Among the early pioneers of Lancaster county, Pa., was Theodorus Eby, who came from Switzerland in 1719, and settled in Salisbury township. From him have descended all of the family name

in the State, including several of more than a local reputation.

Henry Weaver Eby, a retired farmer of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, a descendant of Theodorus above mentioned, was born on the farm he still occupies Dec. 9, 1826, a son of Peter Eby and a brother of Bishop Isaac Eby, to whom this farm of 140 acres belongs; an adjoining farm of eighty acres is the property of Henry W. In 1866, however, Henry W. retired from active participation in the cultivation of the place, but still keeps a supervision over it.

Mr. Eby in politics is a Republican. He served thirteen years on the school board, and is still very popular with his party, as well as with the public in general. While not a member of any church, he has, nevertheless, proved himself a friend of all religious movements. He is of a genial disposition and a gentleman of unswerving integrity, while his life of usefulness has won for him the unfeigned respect of his neighbors and made for him warm-hearted friends by the score far and near.

JACOB R. MYERS, a well-known farmer of Manor township, is a grandson of George Myers, and son of Jacob Myers, both of Lancaster county.

George Myers lived and died in Manor township, where he conducted a distillery. Of his early life not much is known, but he is supposed to have been born there. He was twice married, first to a Miss Hagentobler, by whom he had four children, Barbara, Betsey, Annie and Jacob (father of Jacob R.). The six children by his second marriage, which was to a Miss Knisley, were named Daniel, George, David, Benjamin, Joseph and Henry. It is with those of the first union that this narrative is particularly concerned, since it is through that branch of the family that Jacob R. Myers traces his descent. Barbara became the wife of Henry Ament, of Washington Borough. Betsey was three times married, her first husband being Rudy Stehman, her second a Mr. Waller, and her third Michael Shenk. Annie was twice married, first to Christian Stehman, and after his death to John Landis.

Jacob Myers, the father of Jacob R., passed most of his life in Manor township, where he owned a large farm which he cultivated with notable success until within a few years of his death, when he retired and took up his residence in Mountville. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, a man of substance, and deservedly held in high esteem by his neighbors and acquaintances. His first marriage was to Anna, daughter of Abraham Rohrer, of Manor, and after her demise he married Annie White. To the first union were born six children: Daniel, Elizabeth (wife of Levi Shuman), Mary, Jacob R., Annie and Abraham. Daniel was a farmer, and both active and influential in local affairs; he married Mary Lehman, and died in 1899, at the age of sixty-two. Elizabeth married Levi Shuman. Mary married Abraham Charles, of Washington borough,

Lancaster county. Annie (deceased) was the wife of Amos Lehman, of Manor. Abraham had his home at Steelton, Pa., he was formerly a merchant, but is now in the ministry of the United Brethren Church. By his second marriage Jacob Myers had a son, Henry, who resides at Columbia; and a daughter, Sadie, who is the wife of Abraham Kauffman, of Philadelphia.

Jacob R. Myers was born in Manor township Feb. 26, 1843. He lived with his father on the latter's farm, until he had completed his thirtieth year, when he moved to his present home, one mile south of Mountville. There he owns and conducts one of the finest farms in Lancaster county, comprising 101 acres, highly improved. He is energetic and liberal, progressive and public-spirited, and one of Lancaster's most influential citizens. He was one of the organizers and is a director of the Mountville National Bank, and is secretary of the Mountville Manufacturing Co. Mr. Myers has held local offices, among them that of school director. His political creed is Republican, and in religious faith he is a Mennonite. He takes a deep and active interest in church affairs, contributing liberally to the cause of religion, is a trustee of the Habecker Church, and was among the foremost in securing the erection of the church edifice of his denomination in Mountville.

On Jan. 3, 1873, Jacob R. Myers married Elizabeth Seitz, daughter of Jacob Seitz, of Manor township, and one son has blessed their union, Charles. He was born Jan. 29, 1876, and is by trade a machinist. He married Martha Shenk, daughter of Abraham Shenk, of Manor, and resides in Columbia.

JOHN HOMSHER, long time a successful merchant at Bartville, Lancaster county, was born in Sadsbury township, Jan. 27, 1826, son of John and Mary (Coon) Homsher.

Daniel Homsher, his grandfather, was born in 1761, in Germany, and came to this country, settling in Montgomery county. His wife, Barbara Spearling, was also born in Germany in 1761. They had a family of five sons and two daughters: Peter, John, Jacob, Samuel, William, Maria and Catherine.

John Homsher, son of Daniel and father of John, was born in Montgomery county in June, 1792, and was reared and educated in his native county, where he learned the tailor's trade, which he followed until the death of his wife in 1858. From that time until his death in April, 1872, he made his home with our subject. John Homsher and his wife, who was Mary Coon, a native of Philadelphia, were reared as Presbyterians, but in later years became members of the Methodist Church. They had a family of ten children: (1) Mary J., born in 1822, married William R. Leach, a native of Bart township, and after some years moved to Pomeroy, Chester county, where she died leaving three sons, John, William and Louis, all of whom have become prominent in Ches-

ter county. (2) Frank, born in March, 1824, is now a retired business man of Christiana. (3) John is the subject of this sketch. (4) Theodore, born in Lancaster county, in 1828, is now a retired merchant of Kearneysville, W. Va., where he has a family of four children: Mary, Frank, Bell and Virginia. (5) Susan B., born in March, 1830, married J. R. Townsend, a prominent business man of Smyrna, Lancaster county, and is the mother of five children: Howard, Ellwood, Morris, Ella and Elizabeth. (6) Lydia A., born in 1832, married William H. James, a commission merchant of Philadelphia, and they have three children: Theodore, Mary and Alice. (7) Amanda, born in 1836, married John Supplee, who died in Philadelphia, where she still resides. They had one daughter, Mary, who is the wife of John Casey, of Philadelphia. (8) Charles W., born in 1839, in Lancaster county, where he was reared to manhood. He enlisted in one of the Indiana cavalry regiments, and served during the Civil war, and for nine months was in Libby Prison. After the war he came back to Lancaster county and was married to Miss Ella Baughman, of Philadelphia. He became a foreman in one of the marble works of that city, and he was killed by a slab of marble falling upon him. (9) Sarah L., born July 4, 1841, married Samuel Townsend, of Smyrna, now a retired business man of Christiana. (10) Miss Catherine, born in July, 1843, resides in Philadelphia.

John Homsher received his education in the district schools, and when a young man became an adept at the tailor's trade, which, however, he did not long pursue. In 1850, he formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, J. R. Townsend, and engaged in a store at Smyrna. At the expiration of about two years Mr. Homsher bought out his brother-in-law, and for seven years carried on business alone, or until 1860, when he sold out, and then purchased a farm in Bart township, in the cultivation of which he was engaged for the ensuing six years. Previous to engaging in farming he was postmaster of Smyrna, Lancaster county, five years; was postmaster under James Buchanan, and he has been postmaster of Bartville for thirty-six years. In 1867 he purchased the real estate of Thomas Ferguson, and set up a store in Bartville, in the management of which he has continued to the present time.

John Homsher was married in 1853 to Rachel E. Coulter, who was born Oct. 20, 1830, daughter of John and Eleanor Coulter. To this union have come three children: (1) Viella L. Homsher, who received her education in the select and the Union High Schools, lives at home; she is regarded as a woman of more than the usual charms and graces. (2) Elmer died when a boy of seven years. (3) Howard N., a partner with his father at Bartville, married Miss Lizzie Montgomery, of Colerain, who died in 1895, leaving him one daughter, Olive Frances. Howard N. Homsher is an active worker and leader in the Democratic ranks of Lan-

caster county, and was elected in the fall of 1900 jury commissioner for a term of three years.

John Homsher is a Democrat, and has served a number of years as school director of Bart township. All this family belong to the Presbyterian Church, and are highly esteemed for their many good qualities and their genuine worth.

MILLER ECKMAN, one of the most substantial and highly respected farmers of Lancaster county, now retired from activity and a resident of Lancaster City, was born near Puseyville, in Colerain township, Lancaster county, Nov. 22, 1820, a son of Jacob and Catherine (Miller) Eckman, natives of Eden and Strasburg townships, respectively.

The Eckman family is an old one in Lancaster county, and was founded there by a German emigrant by the name of Hyrinimous Eckman, who married a Miss Slaymaker, accompanying the latter's family to Lancaster county in 1706.

John Eckman, son of the emigrant and grandfather of Miller Eckman, married Katie Foutz, and became an extensive farmer in Eden township.

Jacob Eckman, son of John, died in Lancaster City, Nov. 18, 1858, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Catherine, daughter of David Miller, of Lampeter township, who died March 15, 1880, at the age of ninety-two years, and was buried by the side of her husband in the Mennonite cemetery, both having been members of the New Mennonite Church. They had the following children born to them: Maria, widow of George Trout, lives at Mount Pleasant, Pa.; Elizabeth, widow of Charles Kirkwood; Susan, widow of Frank Brabson; Katie, widow of Amos Greist; Isaac, who died in 1859; Miller, of this sketch; Joshua, who died in Kansas; David, living in Kansas City; Jacob is a blacksmith in Philadelphia; and Hester A. deceased wife of Christian Kreider, of Lampeter township. Jacob Eckman, the father, was a wagonmaker by trade, and carried on a large business for years, and then became an extensive farmer. He owned three fine farms at his death, and in 1855 built his home in this city where he died. He had six acres of land which is a part of Lancaster City.

Miller Eckman grew up on the farm and remained on the old place until 1860, when as administrator he sold it, and in 1865 he sold his own farm to John Geiger, removing at that time into Lancaster. Desiring to see something of the country, when a young man, Mr. Eckman started on a western tour which he extended over several years, during which time he traveled over many States. He has crossed the Allegheny mountains some eighteen times. After his location in Lancaster he passed the succeeding twenty-two years in teaming, later working at the carpenter trade, in which he had become skilled. With the assistance of one helper, he did all the work on seven houses which still stand to attest his capability. Mr. Eckman also took a prominent part for

some years in city politics, and from 1874 until he resigned in 1878, he was a member of the City Council from Republican wards. He has served on the jury many times and has always willingly assumed the duties of good citizenship. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and for the past eight years has been one of the trustees. Mr. Eckman owns a large amount of valuable city property, both improved and otherwise, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens.

On March 21, 1848, in Lancaster, Mr. Eckman was married to Elizabeth Eckman, a distant relative, and a daughter of Martin and Catherine (Eckman) Eckman. To this union was born: George E., a clerk in the postoffice, who married Miss Filena Harry, who was born in New Garden, Chester county, a daughter of John and Sarah P. (Harry) Harry, farming people of that county. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. George Eckman, Harry M.

Mrs. Miller Eckman was born in Little Britain township, and died Nov. 10, 1890, aged seventy-seven years and two days. She was laid to rest in Woodward Hill cemetery.

Miller Eckman enjoys most excellent health despite his advancing years, and in both mental poise and physical appearance reflects the advantages of an active and well regulated life. He takes a deep interest in current literature, this being enhanced on account of his excellent eyesight, requiring no assistance from the lens of the oculist. He is universally esteemed, and is well-known through Lancaster county where his friends are many.

JACOB A. BAIR. For more than a quarter of a century Jacob A. Bair has been the popular and efficient proprietor of the "Williamstown Hotel" at the village of Vintage, Paradise township, Lancaster county. He had been a successful farmer in his earlier life, and as hotel keeper he soon became widely and favorably known to the traveling public, for he possessed those qualities of heart and mind which endear the host of the inn to his guests, and he is the representative of one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county.

Jacob A. Bair was born in Leacock township, Jan. 30, 1832, son of William and Mary Ann (Trout) Bair, and the grandson of David Bair, in his time a leading farmer of Earl township. Mary Ann Trout, the mother of Jacob A. Bair, was a direct descendant in the fifth generation from Conrad Rutter, who migrated to America in 1683, locating first on the site of Germantown, Pa., which town he helped to found. He removed to Montgomery county, and later in 1716 came to Leacock township, Lancaster county, with his three sons, locating on 588 acres of land. His descendants were among the most honored and respected citizens of Lancaster county, as clearly set forth in the history of the Rutter family. William Bair, the father of Jacob A., lived to the age of eighty-four years, and the mother

died at sixty-four. To them were born the following children: Martin, deceased; David, deceased; Jacob A., whose sketch appears herewith; Samuel, who resides near New Holland, Earl township; Amanda, wife of Laban Rauck, of New Jersey; Elias, of Philadelphia; Mary Ann, wife of Harry Weidler, of Lancaster City; and Hannah, wife of Amos Brackbill, of Strasburg township.

Jacob A. Bair was reared on the farm of one hundred acres in Leacock township, where his father lived most of his life and received his education in the common schools. At the age of twenty-one he began life on his own account by taking charge of a farm of his father's in Leacock township. He continued actively engaged in farming in Leacock and Paradise townships until 1876, when he removed to the village of Vintage, where he has since resided, all the while as owner and proprietor of the "Williamstown hotel." He has, by his long experience in that capacity, amply demonstrated that he is the right man in the right place. He is genial and whole-souled, and his hostelry is famed throughout the eastern part of Lancaster county. Mr. Bair is also a well-known sportsman, with a special fondness for fox-hunting. His pack of fox hounds are of the best, and he has in his stables the right kind of horses to follow. He has given considerable attention to horses of the track variety, and has won during the past few years some good races.

Mr. Bair married in 1853 Miss Rachael Royer, daughter of John Royer, of Leacock township. To Mr. and Mrs. Bair have been born nine children, namely: Henry, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Josephine, wife of Henry Eby, of Philadelphia; Anna Mary; Catherine; Elizabeth, a stenographer with the Hazleton National Bank, Hazleton; Clara; Rachael, wife of Edward Livingston, of Point Pleasant, N. J.; Jacob, who married Miss Nora Russell, of Gap; and Clement, assistant clerk for the supervisor of the Pennsylvania railroad at Wall, Pa. Although now seventy years of age Mr. Bair has the appearance and activity of a man many years his junior. He is exceedingly well preserved and enjoys the friendship and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

JOHN GROSH, prothonotary of Lancaster county, although a familiar figure in Lancaster, particularly about the Court House, lives on the old family homestead in Landis Valley, Manheim township, where he carries on farming of the most progressive kind. His great-grandfather came from Germany, and his grandfather, Thomas Grosh, died at Neffsville in 1879, aged seventy-five years, after having lived a retired life for twenty years. Thomas Grosh married Sophia Shreiner, a descendant of the Shreiner who emigrated from Germany and settled in Manheim township, in 1730, and of the same family of Shreiners who, for three generations, owned the land upon which the Lancaster Trust Company Building, on North Queen street, now stands.

Thomas Grosh lived in the old homestead and was succeeded there by his son, Daniel S. Grosh, and in this house Prothonotary John Grosh was born. It is one of the oldest houses in Lancaster county.

Daniel S. Grosh, father of our subject, died March 31, 1881, aged fifty years. He married Sarah Ann Hostetter, a daughter of the late John Hostetter, a prominent farmer, miller, drover and general business man of Manheim.

John Grosh was born Jan. 20, 1854, on the old homestead in Landis Valley, and was married on Dec. 18, 1877, to Anna Elizabeth Weitzel, daughter of Elias and Susanna Weitzel, of Reamstown. The children born to this union are: Clarence Weitzel and Jennie Stewart, the former being a clerk in his father's office.

Mr. Grosh has farmed the old homestead of 141 acres from 1877 to the present time, and is, besides, a dealer in leaf tobacco. He has always been an ardent Republican, and the esteem in which he is held in his home district is evidenced from the fact that he was chosen a Republican county committeeman for ten years, has served as a school director for nine years (seven years as president of the board and two years as treasurer), was elected a delegate to the State Republican Convention which met at Harrisburg in 1880, and was triumphantly elected to the responsible office of prothonotary of Lancaster county in November, 1899. Mr. Grosh's family belong to St. Paul's Reformed Church, in this city. He is an Odd Fellow, of which order he is a past officer, and he also belongs to the Young Republicans and the Citizens' Republican Club. In lodge, club and business and social circles Mr. Grosh is exceedingly popular, and no man in the county enjoys a better reputation in all the things that go to make the good citizen.

WILLIAM S. CARPENTER. The term, or word, "boniface," from time immemorial, has been employed to designate the proprietor, landlord, or keeper of an inn, tavern, or hotel, according to custom of the people among whom such a house or public accommodation may be located, boniface being a word compounded from the French and English, signifying "good-natured or pleasing," the last syllable being self-explanatory. The term is not inaptly applied to the gentleman whose name opens this biographical notice.

William S. Carpenter, proprietor of the "Bellevue Hotel" at Gap, Lancaster county, was born in Lampeter Square, West Lampeter township, May 29, 1863, a son of Alpheus and Martha (Weaver) Carpenter, natives of the same place.

Alpheus Carpenter was a contractor, builder and undertaker at Lampeter Square, where he died in February, 1896, at the age of sixty-nine years, his remains being interred in Longenecker's meeting house cemetery. Mrs. Martha (Weaver) Carpenter, who was born in 1831, has her home in Lancaster. The surviving children born to Alpheus and Martha Car-

penter are Katie A., Ida E. and William S., the daughters being single and residing with their mother. The paternal grandfather of William S. Carpenter, who married Elizabeth Grubbs, was of Swiss origin, but was born in Lancaster, Pa. He was a contractor and builder and died in Lampeter Square. The maternal grandparents were Samuel and Martha (Rush) Weaver, also of Swiss extraction. Samuel Weaver by calling was a farmer and died in May, 1887, in Lancaster, one of its most respected residents.

William S. Carpenter was united in marriage in Lancaster, May 18, 1887, with Miss Alice B. Rowe, of whom further mention will be made. To their union have been born the following children: Marian (deceased), Edith C., Cora, John A. (deceased), and Emily F.

Mrs. Alice B. (Rowe) Carpenter was born in Providence township, Lancaster county, Dec. 24, 1867, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Elizabeth (Miller) Rowe, members of one of the oldest and most distinguished families of Lancaster county. Benjamin F. Rowe was personally very popular throughout Lancaster county. He was elected to numerous township offices, and was the youngest man ever elected sheriff of Lancaster county. In the latter capacity he hanged two negroes—Anderson and Richards—a painful duty, but unavoidable under the law. After his term as sheriff he was deputy sheriff three terms. He died at the age of sixty-six years, and was buried in the Brick Meeting House cemetery in Lampeter township. In 1861 Mr. Rowe enlisted in the three-months' service in a Pennsylvania regiment, and after his discharge he was appointed assessor of Internal Revenue and served until Johnson's term as president. He was a prominent up-to-date, self-made man, and was popular as an auctioneer. Acquiring considerable money he was classed among the wealthy citizens of his town, and was of such genial and generous disposition, that he shared much of his wealth among his friends, and died with but limited means. Mrs. Rowe was a member of the Mennonite Church.

William S. Carpenter acquired a sound education in the district schools, and after finishing his studies he united with his father in conducting a contracting and building business which was continued until 1888, when he went to Rawlinsville, Lancaster county, and opened a hotel, which he successfully managed for two years. In 1890 he came to Gap and took charge of the "Bellevue," which is universally acknowledged to be one of the best kept in Lancaster county. This popular hotel is a brick structure of thirty rooms, and is equipped with all modern improvements and conveniences, such as stationary wash-stands and bath-tubs with hot and cold water, electric lights, etc., and was erected by Walker, Rutter & Eby in 1886. The table is furnished with all that could be desired by the most fastidious epicure.

Mr. Carpenter is a well read gentleman and pos-

sesses a library that exhibits a collection of volumes that are a credit to the taste and erudition of the owner. Fraternally he is a Master Mason and politically a Republican.

EZEKIEL G. WEBB, a prominent and successful farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Colerain township March 7, 1841, a son of Henry and Eliza (Griffith) Webb, both natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania.

The history of the Webb family in Lancaster county begins in 1686. Ezekiel Webb, the great-grandfather of E. G., was a soldier of the Revolution. By his wife Cordelia he had the following children: Elizabeth, born Feb. 10, 1773, between twelve and one o'clock in the afternoon; Rebecca, born about four o'clock in the morning, Aug. 16, 1775, departed this life May 26, 1776; Sarah, born at one o'clock in the afternoon, March 3, 1777, married a Copeland; Hannah, born at ten o'clock in the morning, March 1, 1779, married a Harlan; and Thomas, born near five o'clock in the morning, March 10, 1781.

Thomas Webb, youngest son of Ezekiel and Cordelia, was one of the leading farmers of his day, and was extensively engaged in the manufacture of cotton. He owned a gristmill and over 300 acres of land. He was connected by marriage with the Harlan family, who came from England. With his wife Esther (Paxton) he settled for a time at Chadd's Ford, but later moved to Unionville, where his son Henry was born, and where both Thomas and his wife died. They became the parents of the following family: (1) Henry is mentioned below. (2) Ezekiel married a Miss Orr, of Chester county, and settled on a farm in Colerain township, where he died while still a young man; his widow and her children returned to Chester county, where they all died. (3) Thomas married Mary Lilly, and entered into business as a farmer and miller. He was a man of education, and was a teacher and surveyor; he organized the first bank in Chester county. His family were: John, Howard, William (deceased), Jane (who married John Hoopes, of Westchester) and Ruth (at her home in Westchester, Pa.). (4) William married for his first wife Sarah Coats, who died leaving two sons, Henry C. and George. His second wife was Phebe Pownall, by whom he had six children: Joseph, William, Pownall, Hettie (who married C. Chanler, and is deceased), Katie and Phebe (the wife of Howard Maule, Chester county). (5) Mary married Caleb Woodward, and both are deceased. They left a family of five children: four girls and one son, Brinton Webb. These children are all deceased except Mary Hannah, who married Morris McFarland, who died in young manhood, leaving his widow with two children, Caleb and Anna (who married Alfred Hallowell). (6) Matilda married George Walters, and both have passed away. (7) Jane married William Taylor and is deceased. (8) Hettie married Rule Jefferes, of

Chester county. (9) Sarah married James Cloud and lived in Chester county.

Henry Webb was born in Unionville April 19, 1806, and was reared in Chester county, engaging in the milling business with his father. He was married in December, 1829, to Eliza Griffith, who was born in August, 1808, daughter of Hanaman Griffith, of Chester county. They lived for a few years in that county, when he bought a farm in Colerain township, where he lived for a time, and then moved to the farm of his uncle, Ezekiel Webb, which had come into his possession. In 1847 Henry Webb was persuaded by his father to return to Chester county, where he made his home until 1852, in which year he resumed his residence on his Lancaster county farm. In 1872 he sold this property to live with his children until his death, in 1887, his wife passing away the previous year. Mr. Webb was a Whig and a Republican, and took an active interest in politics. In religion he and his wife were Friends. They had the following family: (1) Matilda married Simeon Pownell, and long lived in Sadsbury township, retiring from active life and making their home in Harrisburg, a few years ago; their family are: Joseph, a business man; Howard, the railroad physician at Altoona, Pa.; Mary and Phoebe. (2) John P., born in March, 1833, went to California, in 1849, where he married Miss Rebecca Boyse and engaged in a mercantile life, dying in 1887, leaving ten children: Nelson; Harry; Abraham; Anna; Katie; John, who is deceased; Edward; Mary; Cora; and Frederick. (3) Mary J., born in Colerain township in April, 1834, married Pennington Moore and settled in Colerain township, where she died in 1880, leaving four children: Simeon, a business man of Philadelphia; Henry, a physician in Philadelphia; Thomas E., a shoe merchant of Philadelphia; and Mabel, who married Joseph Berlin, also a shoe merchant of that city. (4) Thomas, born in April, 1836, became a school teacher, and in 1862 entered the Union army on an enlistment of two years. When he was mustered out he went to California and met with a large success as a ranchman and stock raiser; Mary Watson, his wife, was a graduate of the Millersville State Normal. (5) William H., born in June, 1838, was reared in Colerain township, where he engaged as a farmer and merchant, and after some years went west to Des Moines, Iowa, where he is now living a retired life. His wife died in 1900, the mother of two children: Lillian, who died in her young womanhood; and William, who is a druggist in St. Joseph, Mo. (6) Ezekiel G. is sixth in the order of birth. (7) Eliza R., born in April, 1843, married Marshall Hastings, a farmer in Colerain township, and is the mother of two children: Minnie, wife of A. Campbell, a farmer of Chester county; and William, of Colerain township. (8) Pearson, born in Colerain township in May, 1845, married Miss Becking and is now living in Philadelphia; they have had a family of six children: Harry, a

business man of Wayne; Frank, a railroad conductor, as is his brother William, both being in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co.; Louisa; Mabel; and Anna, at home. (9) Sarah L., born in Colerain township Jan. 17, 1849, married William Hogg, a farmer, and died in her native township in 1882, the mother of four children: Anna, who is Mrs. Ellwood Moore, of Chester county; Melissa, married Dr. Gilbert Hagee, of Kirkwood, Lancaster county; William and Harry reside in Chester, where William is a laborer, and Harry, is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Ezekiel G. Webb was educated in the Union High Schools of Lancaster county, and was living at home when the war broke out. He enlisted in Co. G, 122d P. V. I., and two weeks later was engaged in the second battle of Bull Run. His regiment was at Antietam, and in the thick of the battle at Fredericksburg. It was engaged at Chancellorsville, and made throughout its history a most honorable record. When Mr. Webb's term of enlistment expired he re-enlisted in Independent Battery I. He was at Gettysburg and in many other stirring and thrilling scenes. As a member of the battery he was stationed near Washington, where he remained until the war closed, being honorably discharged in June, 1865.

At the close of the war Mr. Webb came back to Lancaster county. In February, 1868, he was married to Narcissa D. Wright, a daughter of Samuel and Mary J. (Clayton) Wright. Her father was born in Sadsbury township, and settled in Little Britain, where he died, leaving a widow, who is still living on the old homestead. Mrs. Webb is the eldest daughter of five children, and was born in Little Britain, in November, 1842. Her early education was obtained in the local school, and she was later a student in the Millersville State Normal, and for eight years she was one of the successful teachers of Lancaster county.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb settled in Drumore township, on a farm, where they remained for a time, then moving to his father's farm in Colerain. There he remained until 1876, when he purchased the Captain Lovitt homestead in East Drumore, a mile east of Mechanics Grove, where he has made general improvements, and now owns one of the fine farms of this section of the county. Mr. and Mrs. Webb have three children: (1) Adella, born in June, 1869, was a student at the Millersville State Normal. For twelve years in the schools of Lancaster she has been a successful teacher, nine years teaching in her native township. (2) Mary E., born in November, 1870, was educated in the public schools, going to Union high school and Fernwood, and was married in December, 1894, to Charles Patterson, of Lancaster county. They are living on the old homestead of his grandfather in Little Britain, and have a son, Horace W., born in 1896, and a daughter, Elizabeth N., born in 1898. (3) Ada V., born in October, 1872, had her education in the public

schools. She married Thomas C. Harverstick and lives at Kirkwood, where he is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. Their one daughter bears the name of Della.

Ezekiel G. Webb, is a Republican. He is a member of the Grand Army Post at Quarryville, and he also belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the lodge at Christiana. In religion he and his wife belong to the Colerain Baptist Church. They belong to old and prominent families. Mrs. Webb is noted as a woman of scholarly attainments and refined character. Mr. Webb sustains the honor of the family name, and sustained a good character in the war. His temper and disposition are cheerful and bright, and he is always looking on the happy side. Honest and upright, he bears a fine reputation as a man and a citizen.

LANDIS. In the latter part of the sixteenth century, in Switzerland, members of the Landis family were well known for their devotion to their religious belief—a devotion that caused them to teach the Word of God in spite of persecution. In September, 1614, Hans Landis was beheaded for his faith, and he was the last person in that country to suffer the death penalty for religious conviction. In 1660 the Landis family, with others, were driven from the country to find homes elsewhere. In 1717 three brothers, Rev. Benjamin, Felix and John Landis, all of whom were Swiss Mennonites from the vicinity of Manheim, on the River Rhine, came to America, to find in the New World freedom to worship God. Like most emigrants, they were comparatively poor. Rev. Benjamin Landis, who was the ancestor of those of the name in Lancaster county, purchased 240 acres of land from William Penn and the Conestoga Indians, receiving his patent therefor in 1718. He and his son, Benjamin (2), began at once to farm. Benjamin Landis (2) became the father of four sons, Benjamin (3), Abram, Jacob and Henry, and these were the first American born children of the family.

(III) Benjamin Landis (3) moved to Manheim township in 1751-53. After buying out his brother-in-law he owned in all from 800 to 1,000 acres of land about three miles from Lancaster, near the Reading road, and not far from the Landis Valley Meeting House. In 1749 Benjamin Landis (3) married Anna Snively, only daughter of John Snively, and they had three sons:

(IV) Hansel (John), born March 15, 1755; Benjamin (4), called "Bennie," born in the winter of 1756; and Henry, born Dec. 5, 1760. Their home was a place of refuge for many Swiss emigrants, who enjoyed their hospitality until homes could be secured for them.

(IV) Henry Landis, youngest son of Benjamin (3), was blind. He became the father of a son, Henry.

(V) Henry Landis, son of blind Henry, was born and raised in Manheim township. He married

Anna Long, of the same township, and to them were born ten children, namely: Benjamin, John, Henry, Isaac, Jacob, Susan, Elizabeth, Nancy, Barbara and Mary, all of whom were married except Mary, who died single.

(VI) Benjamin Landis, son of Henry, was a farmer and a miller, and owned seven large farms and two grist mills in this part of the county, and his name survives as that of a capable and energetic business man. He died at the age of forty years, in the faith of the Mennonite Church. His children were as follows: Fianna, who became the wife of Benjamin Gerber; Isaac L., father of Levi L. Landis; Eliza, who married John Hess; Henry L., a farmer in Manheim township, who married Catherine Reist; Fannie, who married Samuel Hess; Benjamin L., who married Mary Landis; Anna, wife of Samuel Hershey; Israel, unmarried; Amelia, wife of Michael Nolt; Daniel, who married Maria Erb; and Maria, wife of Levi Getz.

Isaac L. Landis, the father of Levi L., was born April 14, 1823, and spent his life in Manheim township, where he held the office of town auditor for many years. His death occurred Feb. 11, 1897. Mr. Landis was twice married, his first wife being Elizabeth Long, a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Rude) Long. She was born in Manheim township in 1829, and died March 31, 1852, the mother of three children, two of whom died in infancy, and Levi L. being her only surviving child. After the death of his first wife Mr. Landis was married to Susan Landis, daughter of David Landis, of near Witmer. Of this marriage were born ten children, of whom five are living: Rev. Noah L., of Oregon; Annie, wife of Rudolph Herr, of Petersburg; John L. and Milton L., both of Oregon; and Eli L., of Farmersville. The family all belonged to the Mennonite Church.

Levi L. Landis was born and reared on the old homestead near Oregon, and had his education in the public schools. When twenty-six years of age he began operations on his own account, locating on a farm of sixty-two acres between Neffsville and Kissel Hill. He made his home on this farm for eleven years, when he moved to his present location between Neffsville and Petersburg, where he has a place of twenty-five acres. This place has been very substantially improved by the erection of a new dwelling house, a barn and a creamery, with two large tobacco sheds. Mr. Landis has bought and sold many fine residences in the city of Lancaster, and at the present time owns several fine houses in the city. He also owns four farms in Manheim township, comprising 281 acres, which places have been greatly improved by him, and are considered among the best in that section of the county. Mr. Landis has bought two large lots in Neffsville, where he is preparing to build three houses on one lot, and on the other a fine residence, to which he will move and live retired. Mr. Landis is a progressive and prosperous farmer, and has given much attention

to cattle and sheep raising. His public spirit is unquestioned, and he has amassed a handsome competency through his own efforts.

On Sept. 18, 1877, Mr. Landis was married to Anna S. Graybill, daughter of Peter and Molly G. (Sahm) Graybill, who was born July 16, 1853. To this union has come one child, Graybill G., born April 3, 1881, who now looks after the interests of his parents. They are members of the Mennonite Church.

The GRAYBILL family was founded in Lancaster county by John Graybill, who came with his brother from London, and was one of the early pioneers in the county, where he purchased from William Penn, receiving a patent, a tract of 300 acres of wild land, one mile north of Petersburg. There he built a house and reared his family. It is still owned by some of his descendants, being sixth in line from him. From the beginning of its history in this country, and even before, the family have constantly been associated with the Mennonite Church. Each generation has not been prolific in its offspring, consequently there are but few living representatives of this honored name. Five successive generations of the Graybill family have each had a Peter Graybill.

Peter Graybill, grandfather of Mrs. Levi L. Landis, was a son of John. He was born and bred on the homestead, which he owned and tilled, and he became one of the very substantial citizens of the county. He was long a director in one of the Lancaster banks. By his wife, Susan Miller, who attained the advanced age of eighty-four, he became the father of two sons, David and Peter. His death occurred when he was aged seventy-five years.

Peter Graybill, son of Peter and father of Mrs. Levi L. Landis, was in the sixth generation from John, the emigrant ancestor. He was an extensive farmer, owning about 400 acres of fine land, on which he made valuable improvements. Always interested in questions of the day, he took an active part in public affairs, and served on the school board. His death occurred Aug. 5, 1894, when he was aged seventy-seven years and four months. Peter Graybill was married to Molly G. Sahm, a daughter of George Sahm, of Rapho township; she is still living, at the advanced age of seventy years. To this union were born four children who reached maturity: Miss Lizzie S.; Anna S., wife of Levi L. Landis, of Manheim township; John S., a farmer of Witmer, who married Mary Sensenig and has four children, namely, Ammon, Minnie, Peter and Mary; Peter S., a farmer and stock dealer of Manheim township, who married Mary Weidler and has four children, Alice, Susan, Ada and Weidler. Peter Graybill was a member of the Mennonite Church, while his wife belongs to the Lutheran.

JACOB FORD KAUTZ, the well-known coal dealer of South Water street, in the city of Lancaster, comes from an old and respected Lancaster family. His great-grandfather, John F.

Kautz, was born in Germany, but came to the United States, settled in Lancaster county and engaged at farming. His son, Jacob Frederick Kautz, father of the subject of this sketch, was a brick manufacturer, and associated with the late Henry E. Carson, the firm, Kautz & Carson, operating three brick yards, one in Willowstreet, Lancaster county, and two in Lancaster City. Mr. Kautz was also a contractor, and did a great deal of work for the Pennsylvania & Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., and he macadamized a number of public roads in Lancaster, notably the Safe Harbor, Millersville, Oregon, Horse Shoe and Philadelphia and New Danville, the latter having been his last work of the kind. He was a prominent Democrat, and was the associate of such men as the late Col. Reah Frazer; the late Col. John M. Forney (then a Democrat); the brilliant George Ford, for whom he named his son Jacob Ford, and James Buchanan. When the latter became President of the United States Mr. Kautz was made Government Surveyor, and he spent two years on the Pacific coast surveying the boundaries of Washington territory. Returning to Lancaster at the beginning of the Rebellion, he engaged in farming on the Reigart's Landing farm, which he had purchased, and after ten years' residence there, retired from active life. This farm contained large deposits of fine building sand, in which he dealt extensively. Mr. Kautz was a Lutheran, and was prominent in Masonry. He married Miss Barbara Cashweiler, daughter of the late George Cashweiler, farmer of the lower end of Lancaster county. To this union nine children were born, four of whom are living: Barbara E., widow of the late W. H. Shultz, of Moore station, Delaware Co.; Anna, widow of the late D. W. Deidrich, of Lancaster; Emma, wife of William Morgan, in the iron business in Allegheny City; and Jacob Ford, of Lancaster.

Jacob Ford Kautz was born in the old family home on West King street Sept. 14, 1848, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster. At twelve years of age he began work for his father in the brick business, staying in it for three years. In 1863 he enlisted in Co. K, 77th P. V. I., serving to the end of the war, seeing service in the battles of Chattanooga, Mission Ridge, in the march to Atlanta, in the three days' fight at Nashville, in the battles of Pulaski, Spring Hill and Franklin, Tenn., and finally, before the surrender of Lee, he was sent to Texas, where he was mustered out in December, 1865. Returning to Lancaster he went to work on his father's farm at Reigart's Landing, and after spending a few years there operating the sand banks he went to Philadelphia to be shipping clerk for an extensive metal dealing house. Afterward he went into the grocery business in Philadelphia. Again returning to Lancaster, he went into the ice business for three years, and his next venture was the coal trade, which he entered twenty-six years ago, and has since successfully engaged in it.

Mr. Kautz was a Democrat, and no man in the Seventh ward, in which he lives, has a greater following, or more influence, than he. He was a member of the Lancaster school board for fifteen years, during which time he was constantly a member of important committees, and was chairman of the Finance committee for six years, retiring from the school board on account of moving into another district. He has also served six years in the select branch of city councils, and four years as member of the common branch, and his record has been good on both. He was twice nominated for mayor of the city, but respectfully declined both times.

Mr. Kautz married Miss Catherine E. Ochs, daughter of Mr. John Ochs, a prominent merchant, and three children have been born to them: John M., who died at the age of three; Miss Edith E., a graduate of the State Normal School at Millersville, and now a school teacher; and Lillian M., in the graduating class of Cotta College. Like his deceased father, Mr. Kautz is a Lutheran. He belongs to Lamberton Lodge, No. 476, F. & A. M., and the Lodge of Perfection, in Masonry; to Lodge No. 88, K. of P. and to the Elks. No man in Lancaster is better known or more esteemed than Mr. Kautz.

ALFRED COOKMAN BRUNER, attorney-at-law and real estate dealer at Columbia, is a native of the borough, and was born May 18, 1858, a son of Abraham and Sarah J. (Breneman) Bruner, and of ante-Revolutionary ancestors.

Ulrich (or Owen) Bruner, a native of Switzerland, was born on Whitsunday, June 4, 1730. He sailed from Rotterdam to America, via Cowes, England, on board the ship "Mercury," May 29, 1735, in company with a number from the Palatinate, among them Henry Brunner (the name being variously spelled). In 1775 Ulrich was married to Fronica Gross (or Bross), a native of Pauls, Germany, who had settled in Bucks county, Pa., in 1744, and they had born to them six sons and five daughters, of whom nine names are on record, namely: Maria, John, Isaac, Fronica, Ulrich (or Owen), Barbara, Isaac, Jacob and Magdalena. The mother of this family died Feb. 27, 1796, and the father Feb. 19, 1821, at the advanced age of ninety-one years.

Owen Bruner, one of the above named children, was born July 5, 1762, and on March 2, 1787, married Elizabeth Weaver, daughter of John and Barbara Weaver, prominent and wealthy Mennonites of Earl township. He died Nov. 29, 1843. Mrs. Elizabeth Bruner died March 12, 1853, at the age of eighty-five years, having borne her husband ten children: John, born Jan. 7, 1788, died Jan. 15, 1799; Barbara, born Dec. 4, 1789, was married to John Good; Abraham, born Sept. 24, 1791, married Dec. 15, 1814, Rebecca Evans, and died March 3, 1870; Owen (or Ulrich), born Oct. 24, 1794, died April 1, 1845, the husband of Ann Martin; Jacob, born June 20, 1796, married Ruth A. Talbot; John,

born Dec. 29, 1799, married Maria Jones; Isaac, born April 2, 1802, was a physician, and died Dec. 29, 1828; Elizabeth, born Sept. 30, 1804, was married to Dr. William Happersett; Daniel I., born June 22, 1807, was also a physician, and died in 1888, the husband of Elizabeth Davies; and Fronica (or Frances), born June 23, 1810, was married to John Kenega.

Abraham Bruner, of the firm of A. Bruner & Bro., wholesale lumber merchants of Columbia, was born in the borough Oct. 12, 1831, a son of the Abraham mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. His wife was Sarah Jane Breneman, to whom he was married by Rev. J. W. McCaskey Oct. 9, 1855. Abraham Bruner was the first president of the borough council of Columbia, under its present charter, in 1866 and 1867, also served in 1877-78-79, and was president three terms in all. His wife, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died Aug. 2, 1892, and her remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery, Columbia. The five children born to Abraham and Sarah J. Bruner are as follows: Mary E., born July 27, 1856, who married William B. Given, Esq.; Alfred C., whose name opens this article; Henry B., born Aug. 3, 1862, still at home; William Evans, born Jan. 8, 1866, now practicing medicine in Cleveland, Ohio; and James G., who was born Feb. 16, 1869, and who died Oct. 27th, of the same year.

In reference to the maternal ancestors of Alfred C. Bruner, it may be stated that Melchoir Breneman, a pioneer settler in Lancaster county, Pa., was born in the Upper Palatinate, and fled with other Mennonites to America, in the fall of 1717, he being a preacher. In Rupp's Record of Emigrants to the United States from 1709 to 1730, are the names of Christian Breneman, son of Melchoir (1), who purchased land in 1712, and of Melchoir.

Melchoir Breneman (2) was born May 10, 1726, son of Christian Breneman, a son of Melchoir (1). He was a Mennonite preacher and died Dec. 6, 1809. Melchoir (2) was the father of Christian Breneman, born May 3, 1776, and was, in 1814, elected the first chief burgess of the borough of Columbia, and in 1824, on the organization of the Columbia Bank, he was elected its president.

The maternal grandparents of Alfred C. Bruner were Henry Breneman, son of Christian and Mary E. (Strickler) Breneman. The former was born May 15, 1810, and was married March 18, 1834. His wife died April 28, 1851, and on Nov. 6, 1855, he married Mary Ann Bogle, who was born Nov. 17, 1813, and died Dec. 23, 1891; he died July 14, 1878. Christian, father of Henry, was born May 3, 1776; he was married, first to a Miss Hoffman, and after her death to Barbara Stehman, on March 3, 1803. He died March 2, 1834.

Alfred C. Bruner passed his entire life in Columbia, with the exception of the time spent in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., from which he graduated when twenty-one years of age. He

then embarked in the real estate business, and at the same time entered the law office of William B. Given, in Columbia, and was associate editor of *The Columbia Herald* for five years. Meanwhile he studied law and was admitted to the Lancaster Bar in 1884, and later for two years served as borough solicitor.

On Oct. 27, 1887, at Columbia, Mr. Bruner was united in marriage with Miss Annie M. Bruner, and this marriage has been graced with three children: Henry M. and Abram B., twins, and Alfred E. Mrs. Annie M. Bruner is a native of Columbia, and a daughter of Henry F. and Caroline (Mullison) Bruner, the former of whom is an extensive coal merchant in Philadelphia and Columbia, his residence being in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Bruner are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Columbia, in which he has been on the official board for many years. In politics Mr. Bruner is a Republican, and professionally, as well as socially, is held in very high esteem by all the residents of the borough. He is the recognized authority on titles to property in Columbia and vicinity.

JOSEPH EABY, a venerable representative of the agricultural interests of Lancaster county, is now living a retired life in Leacock township, where he was born Aug. 23, 1818, a son of Jacob and Susanna (Miller) Eaby. The father, who was a farmer in his later years, began life as a blacksmith. He died in Leacock township, in 1842, at the age of sixty-five years; his widow lived until 1863, when she, too, passed away, at the advanced age of eighty-two. Their ashes repose in the Eaby burying ground in Monterey, Pa. They were members of the German Baptist Church, and their modest and honest lives adorned their religious professions. Jacob and Susanna Eaby had the following family: (1) Moses married Susannah Kurtz; (2) Maria married Daniel Esbenshade; (3) Peter married Nancy Ranck; (4) Daniel married Caroline Bare; (5) Hannah married John Ranck; (6) Lydia married Isaac Bare; (7) Joseph; (8) Anna died unmarried at the age of seventy-six; (9) Susanna died at the age of seventy-five, unmarried; (10) Jacob married Martha Groff. All the above family are dead, excepting the one whose career forms the subject of this writing.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph Eaby were Jacob and Hannah (Leterin) Eaby, who were farmer folk of Lancaster county. Jacob Eaby was born July 18, 1728, and on Jan. 15, 1753, married Hannah Leterin, who was born Oct. 5, 1733. They had the following family: (1) Anna, born Nov. 27, 1753; (2) Peter, born Feb. 18, 1755; (3) Joseph, born Oct. 5, 1758; (4) Daniel, born Dec. 15, 1760; (5) Christiana, born April 15, 1763; (6) Elizabeth, born Sept. 3, 1765; (7) Benjamin, born Nov. 30, 1767; (8) Magdeline, born Aug. 4, 1770; (9) Barbara, born Feb. 30, 1773; (10) Jacob, born Nov.

9, 1776, and his name appears above as the father of Joseph Eaby.

Joseph Eaby is a single man, and made his home with his parents as long as they lived. He has continued to farm the old homestead in Leacock township for many years. In 1880 he retired from active labor. For one year he was supervisor, and is a Republican. In the local affairs of Leacock township he has filled a prominent place, and is very well-to-do. Many friends are about him, and he is much esteemed in the community where his creditable career has been run.

WILLIAM EDWARD CRIST, editor and proprietor of the *Columbia Daily News* and *Weekly Courier*, is an able newspaper man and exerts a marked influence in the affairs of his community. He was born in Decatur, Ill., Dec. 1, 1860, son of Samuel and Mary C. Crist.

The first representative of the family was John Martin Crist, who with his wife, Anna Catrina, came from Germany and settled near what is now Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1729.

George H. Crist, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Chambersburg, Franklin Co., Pa., about 1810. He received a fair education for that early day, and when ready to establish in life on his own account began farming in his native county, where he in time acquired a fine farm of 110 acres, upon which he resided until his death. When the Republican party was founded, in 1856, he was enrolled as a member thereof, and was a believer in, and a warm supporter of, its policy during his lifetime. In religious belief he was a devoted member of the United Brethren Church. He married Miss Anna Gerhart, a native of Franklin county.

George H. Crist lived but a few years after the birth of his son, and by the death of his mother six years later Samuel was left an orphan at the age of twelve years. He then made his home with an uncle, and was given a common school education. When old enough he learned the blacksmith and coach making trade, which he followed the greater part of his life. Shortly after mastering his trade he married Miss Mary Catherine Cleverstone, and soon after removed to Decatur, Ill., where he remained two years, and then returned to Greencastle, Franklin county, and engaged in the business of carriage and coach making, which he followed until his death, which occurred Oct. 31, 1892, at the age of fifty-two years. He was a lifelong and active member of the United Brethren Church, and was beloved by the people among whom he lived. His wife preceded him to the life beyond but a few months, having died Dec. 19, 1891, at the age of forty-nine years. She, too, was a member of the United Brethren Church, and was active in all good works in her neighborhood.

William Edward Crist attended the public schools until a youth of seventeen years, when he turned his attention to the printer's trade, learn-

ing the business in Greencastle and Philadelphia. For several years he worked at the case in the principal eastern cities, after which he returned to Greencastle, Pa., and engaged in the hat and gentlemen's furnishing goods business, which he conducted for five years, and then disposed of the stock. At that time the editor of the *Valley Echo* in Greencastle became incapacitated for active work, and Mr. Crist was engaged to conduct the business of the office, where he had served his apprenticeship. He continued in that capacity until 1889, when he removed to Columbia. In December of the above year Mr. Crist purchased a one-half interest in the *Columbia Daily News* and the *Weekly Courier*, and two years later bought out his partner, since which time he has been alone. The *News* is a sound family paper, containing articles on current topics and correspondence from various localities in the county. The paper is now in the fourteenth year of its existence, and is the pioneer penny daily in this county. In politics it is independent, and its readers know that when Mr. Crist supports or disapproves a person or a policy he is actuated solely by conscientious motives and does so only after careful consideration. A well-equipped job printing department is operated in connection with the newspaper, and in 1891, finding his business outgrowing his facilities, Mr. Crist decided to build a permanent home for his publication—the outcome of which is the *Daily News Printing House*, a handsome three-story building of light amber colored brick with brown stone trimmings; it is one hundred and thirty-five feet deep, and is especially adapted to the printing business; it is one of the finest and most attractive structures in Columbia.

In 1881 Mr. Crist married Ida C., only daughter of Samuel and Nancy Smith, residents of Greencastle, Pa. Five children have been born to them: Elva S., Edward Nev, Nan. C., Janet Smith and Samuel Smith. Mr. Crist is a stockholder in many of the important enterprises in Columbia, and is a member of different societies and organizations. Politically he is and always has been a staunch Republican.

HORACE ELLIOTT KENNEDY, who has been in active management of *The Morning News*, of Lancaster, almost from its inception, is a native of Pennsylvania, born Oct. 12, 1862, near Gap, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, a son of Sylvester Kennedy.

When a boy Mr. Kennedy worked on his father's farm, attending the public school of the neighborhood during the winter months, and for a brief time taking a course of study at Parkesburg Academy. At the age of twenty he went to Shackelford county, Texas, and for some eighteen months managed a large sheep ranch there. We next find him in Cincinnati, Ohio, in which city he for four years was associated with his brother, Maxwell Kennedy, in the grain shipping business. Returning, in 1899, to

Lancaster county, on Jan. 1, 1890, he became registry clerk in the post-office in Lancaster city, by appointment of Postmaster Ellwood Griest; but this position he resigned on May 26 following, in order to become one of the incorporators of the Morning News Company and business manager of that newspaper.

The Morning News was founded in 1890 by R. A. Smith, and the first copy was issued Jan. 25, that year. Mr. Smith came to Lancaster from Mannheim, and began the publication without capital and with a very limited credit. At the end of a month his resources became exhausted and he was forced to solicit financial aid. E. K. Martin and Eugene G. Smith furnished sufficient means to keep the paper alive for a time, and about April 1, 1890, the property was turned over to them for their claims for money advanced. They then began the organization of a stock company to continue the publication. About April 7 Herbert Johnston, then employed on the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, was placed in charge as editor and manager, R. A. Smith being retained by the new management as editor of the labor department. He, however, a few weeks afterward, severed his connection with the paper and removed to Lebanon.

During the latter part of May, 1890, arrangements for the organization of a stock company were completed, and on the 26th of that month H. E. Kennedy was elected treasurer of the corporation, and business manager of the paper, and entered upon his duties immediately, Mr. Johnston being retained as editor. Mr. Johnston continued with the paper until January, 1891, when he resigned and Mr. Kennedy was given the management of the editorial, in addition to the business department. He has continued as editor and manager up to the present time.

The corporation was granted a charter by the governor June 13, 1890, under the name of "The Morning News Company." The subscribers for the stock, as set forth in the charter, were: E. K. Martin, Eugene G. Smith, H. E. Kennedy, John H. Landis, A. C. Baldwin, Walter M. Franklin and Amos Zigler. The officers were: E. K. Martin, president; Eugene G. Smith, secretary; and H. E. Kennedy, treasurer. Mr. Martin removed to New York shortly after the organization of the company, but retained his interest in it until 1899, when his stock, with that of other holders, was purchased by Mr. Kennedy, giving him a large majority of the shares and a controlling interest in the corporation. The present officers are: John H. Landis, president; Thos. B. Holohan, secretary; and H. E. Kennedy, treasurer. The paper was first issued from the second floor of No. 61 North Queen street, and was a one-cent daily. In February, 1890, it was moved to the McGrann building, No. 32 Center Square, and Oct. 1, 1892, the price was increased to ten cents a week. It has been twice enlarged.

It is worthy of note that Mr. Kennedy was the first newspaper man in Lancaster to anticipate the

transformation to take place in the printing business through the Mergenthaler Linotype, and in January, 1896, he installed the first of those machines ever used in Lancaster, and demonstrated by his personal attention to them the practicability of their use without the services of a mechanic skilled in their construction. His move in that direction was followed shortly by the introduction of similar machinery in almost all of the newspaper and printing establishments in Lancaster, until they have now nearly supplanted hand composition and have become universal.

JOHN B. GREBILL. Among the leading citizens of West Earl township is John B. Grebill, who for many years has been prominently identified with the public life of the village and township, and is thoroughly representative of his locality. During a long term of years he efficiently served the government in the revenue service, and later was the popular postmaster at West Earl for two years, in both capacities displaying those qualities which obtain the esteem and confidence of the public.

Mr. Grebill was born May 23, 1837, the only child of John and Susannah (Brown) Grebill, the former of whom was born in 1775, and died in 1841; the latter was born in 1811 and died in 1876. They were married in 1836. The father was a thrifty farmer of West Earl. When but three years of age John B. Grebill was taken to West Earl, which has been his home ever since, and there received his education. While still a lad he began clerking in a store, and continued in that line until he had reached the age of twenty-five. Mr. Grebill has always been an active and ardent Republican, and his efficiency as a public servant was shown in his appointment as an official of the Revenue department, in which he served from 1869 to 1885. He had previously received another mark of appreciation, by appointment to the position of postmaster, without solicitation, and he retained that office two years. As judge of election he has given universal satisfaction, and is now serving his third term as justice of the peace.

John B. Grebill was married, in 1862, to Miss Rebecca Carpenter, a daughter of Emanuel and Fianna (Good) Carpenter, of West Earl, and five children have been born to this union. Alice, born April 1, 1863, who died in childhood; Susan, born Jan. 5, 1865, who resides at home; Milton C., born Aug. 30, 1867, married Miss Annie Gross, and conducts a cigar manufacturing business in Brownstown, Pa.; Fianna May, born Aug. 30, 1873, who resides in Lancaster; Darwin Ellis, born July 9, 1877, who resides at home and is engaged in the bakery business.

Mr. Grebill is one of the well-informed and progressive men of this locality, an excellent neighbor and unexceptional citizen, a consistent member of the Brownstown Evangelical Church, where he has served as trustee of the church and also as steward

and president of the Missionary Society, and a man who has made not only an ample provision for the future, but one who also has gathered around him a large circle of warm personal friends.

HENRY PFAHLER. This family name is well-known in the iron trade; at Columbia none, perhaps, is better known. More than sixty years ago Henry Pfahler, then an ambitious lad, who had just attained his majority, and who had as his capital a well-learned tinner's trade, started in business for himself. His business broadened and extended, taking in hardware and the manufacture of stoves and kindred goods. Mr. Pfahler died June 10, 1900, but the name lingers as the synonym of sterling honesty, unswerving fidelity to business engagements and obligations, and rich success in the industrial and commercial world.

About a century ago Christian G. Pfahler, the father of Henry, was a lad in Ludwigsburg, Germany, his native land. He possessed a restless spirit and resolved to reach America, although payment for his passage across the ocean had to be earned after he landed in the United States. He first settled in Chester county, Pa., and a little later, in 1803, became a resident of York county, Pa., where he followed farming and the trade of a turner, which he had acquired in his native land. He married Catherine Hildebrand, a native of Germany, and their five children were as follows: Jacob, born Jan. 13, 1815, who died at Columbia, Sept. 10, 1899; Charles and Henry, twins, born Nov. 21, 1819, the former dying at York, Pa.; William, who died at Carlisle, Pa.; and Christian, who was sheriff of York county at the time of his death. Christian, the father, died Jan. 13, 1868, at the advanced age of eighty-two years; the mother died Jan. 10, 1863, aged seventy-one years.

The boyhood of Henry Pfahler was passed on the farm in his native county, in attendance at the district schools at times, but usually at work upon the farm. His choice of a business career was made when Henry was fifteen years of age. Entering a tin shop at Lititz, he thoroughly acquired the trade and continued to work diligently as a journeyman until he was twenty-one years of age. Then he purchased a small tin and coppersmith establishment at Columbia and cast in his business fortunes with that growing borough. This business he steadily improved from time to time, adding a complete line of hardware to his stock, and engaging in the manufacture of stoves, copper and tin goods, continuing in active business life until his retirement late in life to the comforts and ease that properly come as the reward of an earnest and well-spent life.

Mr. Pfahler married, July 12, 1843, at Columbia, Mary Hoernly, a native of Lancaster county, daughter of John and Barbara (Lichty) Hoernly, granddaughter of Isaac Hoernly, of Lancaster county, and great-granddaughter of Ulric Hoernly, a Mennonite and a native of Switzerland, who in 1737 mi-

grated to America, and settled on a farm near Manheim. To Henry and Mary Pfahler were born three children, namely: William H., of Philadelphia, secretary of the Abraham Cox Stove Works, president of the Founders Association, and a man of prominence in the industrial world; Ann, who died young; and Henry C., who also died young. Mrs. Mary Pfahler died in 1854, and for his second wife Henry Pfahler married in March, 1855, Miss Rebecca Hoernly. She was born near Petersburg, Lancaster county, Dec. 27, 1827, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bare) Hoernly, of Donegal township, Lancaster county, granddaughter of Abraham and Barbara (Stauffer) Hoernly, of Lancaster county, and great-granddaughter of Isaac C. and Maria (Koch) Hoernly.

John Hoernly, father of Mrs. Rebecca Pfahler, was a man of remarkable mechanical inventiveness and he invented a number of valuable farm implements. Holding to the Old Mennonite belief, he was unusually broad and liberal in his religious views. Possessing mental vigor of unusual activity, he was public-spirited, but in no sense an office seeker. In 1844 he removed to Indiana. He died in August, 1849, and was buried at Hillsboro, Ind. He was twice married, first in Lancaster county to Elizabeth Bare, who died in 1842, aged thirty-nine years. His second wife, Barbara Hoernly, who was his first cousin, he married in Indiana. By his first wife his children were Amos B., a farmer of Henry county, Ind.; Abraham, who was for twenty years county clerk at Lansing, Mich., and is now deceased; Rebecca, wife of Henry Pfahler; Mary, late wife of J. W. Stacey; Catherine, deceased wife of Dr. Fishburn; Barbara, deceased wife of Mr. McKinzie, of Indiana; Elizabeth, wife of James Price, a hardware merchant of Nebraska; Henry S., a farmer of New Castle, Ind.; and Fanny and Sarah, who died in infancy.

To Henry and Rebecca (Hoernly) Pfahler were born three children: Lillian K., a talented musician, who for the past twenty-five years has been a proficient teacher of her favorite art, and who resides with her mother; Mary H., wife of Rev. William J. Oliver, a Presbyterian minister of York, Pa.; and Harry L., a grocer of Philadelphia.

During the Civil war Henry Pfahler was a member of the Pennsylvania militia, which was called into active service. The regiment was mustered into the service and was stationed in front of Antietam but did not participate in that engagement. Mr. Pfahler was mustered out at Harrisburg. In politics Mr. Pfahler was a Republican. For six years he served as councilman at Columbia and filled various other local offices of trust and responsibility, and was associated with several of the local fraternal orders. In religious belief he was a member of Trinity Reformed Church of Columbia. Both himself and wife represented old and prominent families in the settlement and growth of the Susquehanna valley and were among the most highly respected

residents of Lancaster county. Members of the family who have gone out into the world have won recognition and fame, while the scenes of privation, toil and final success in the development of Lancaster county's resources are still occupied by members of the families. Hon. Charles S. Hoernly, an attorney of Indianapolis, Ind., and chairman of the Republican committee, is cousin of Mrs. Pfahler, and some of the Hoernly heirs continue to reside on the old Hoernly homestead in Manheim township.

NATHANIEL ABBOTT KEYS SPURRIER, alderman of the Fourth ward, Lancaster, is one of the notable citizens of the day, and makes his influence felt alike in the professional, political and social circles of Lancaster.

The grandfather, William Atwell Spurrier, was born in Bristol, England, and came to this country in 1814, while still in his early manhood. Until peace was declared between this country and England he stopped in Nova Scotia, and then came on to Philadelphia. For about a year he remained in the Quaker City, and then, accompanied by his wife and six children, removed to Lancaster, where he set himself up in his calling, and became a noted and successful tailor. This was in the spring of 1817, and he pursued a very profitable and creditable career until his death from paralysis in 1835. In his religious convictions he was a Presbyterian, and socially he was a prominent 32d degree Mason, a member of Union Lodge, No. 213, Bristol, England; his associations in Lancaster were with Lodge No. 43.

George Spurrier, the father of Alderman Spurrier, born in Lancaster, Pa., was also a tailor, and for many years conducted a merchant-tailoring establishment at the corner of East King and Christian streets. For two and a half years he was warden of the Lancaster County Almshouse, filling that position at the time of his death, Nov. 10, 1882, when sixty-two years old. George Spurrier was prominent among the Odd Fellows, and was past officer of the Lancaster Lodge, secretary of the Encampment and a member of the Odd Fellows' Indemnity Society. An elder in the Reformed Church, for a quarter of a century he was a charter member of St. Paul's Reformed Church, and was one of the originators and stockholders of the Lancaster Cemetery Association. In early manhood he was married to Miss Margaret Frick, who was born in Lancaster, as was her father, Henry Frick, long an extensive contractor and builder of that city. Seven children were born to this union, only two of whom are now living: Anna Margaret and A. K. Spurrier, the Alderman.

Abbott K. Spurrier, born in Lancaster, was educated in the city schools, and enlisted June 25, 1863, in Co. K, 47th P. V. I., for a term of ninety days; subsequently he re-enlisted in the 8th Maryland Infantry and participated in the engagements leading up to the fall of the Confederacy.

The young soldier returned to Lancaster, and, taking up his schooling, devoted two years to study,

and then became a clerk for Bair & Clarkson, bankers, with whom he remained for three years. When this firm was dissolved he continued as cashier three years for its successor, the firm of Bair & Shenk. For a time Mr. Spurrier was engaged in banking and broking on his own account, and then became clerk for the Hon. W. D. Stauffer, then the mayor of Lancaster. Mr. Spurrier was elected alderman from the Fourth ward in February, 1875, and is now filling his sixth term in that position. If he lives to complete this term, until 1905, he will have served continuously as alderman longer than any other man in the history of Lancaster.

Alderman Spurrier had disposed of more than 21,000 criminal cases, and considerably more than 6,000 civil suits at the time this sketch was written, in January, 1902, a record unprecedented in the history of the State. In the list of the criminal cases was that of the notorious Buzzard gang, a criminal association completely broken up by the sturdy alderman of the Fourth ward, as was also the "Meadow Gang," who infested Schoenberger Park, and terrorized the people of the southern part of the city for years. A stranger to fear, Alderman Spurrier took the matter up, visited their haunts and completely disarmed and dispersed the rowdies, who had threatened him with bodily harm.

Alderman Spurrier was married Oct. 12, 1871, to Miss Ellen C. Pearsol, daughter of John H. Pearsol, founder of the *Daily Express*, at one time the most successful daily paper in the city, now merged into the *Daily Examiner*. To this union were born three children, one of whom died in infancy; Miss Anna Pearsol Spurrier is a great favorite in the best society circles of Lancaster; and William Atwell Spurrier is the efficient superintendent of the press department of the Census Bureau at Washington.

Alderman Spurrier is a staunch Republican, and no man in the city has a stronger hold upon the people of his constituency than he has on the Fourth ward. Mr. Spurrier is an influential man throughout the city and county, and is an earnest worker for party success. For eleven years he was chairman of the Republican City Executive committee; on various occasions he has attended the National and State conventions, participating in the deliberations of the Republican party. He is an Odd Fellow, a member of the Red Men and prominent in the G. A. R., being aid-de-camp on the staff of the National Commander, Inspector-at-large, Dept. of Pa., and Post Commander of Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, G. A. R. He is widely known and universally respected.

HENRY BOMBERGER, proprietor of the Pearl street brick yards, and one of the successful business men of Lancaster, was born June 25, 1845, in Rheinbaiern, Germany, a son of Lawrence and Mary (Heitzemer) Bomberger, natives of the same locality.

Lawrence Bomberger was a carpenter and coop-

er by trade, and deciding that there were better advantages offered by the New World than in the Old, he emigrated to America, landing in Lancaster May 12, 1846, after a tiresome voyage of forty-eight days in a sailing vessel from Bremen, this port being the one from which he and his wife and two children had embarked. For eighteen years he pursued his trade successfully, and then turned his attention to market gardening on Manor street, which calling he followed for many years, meeting with marked success. His birth occurred in 1811, and he died in Lancaster, Oct. 1, 1893, while his wife died in 1885. They were both members of the Zion Lutheran Church. In politics Mr. Bomberger was a Democrat. Five children were born to these parents; Rose married Philip Gornis, of Lancaster, Pa.; Mary married Philip Wall, a hotel man of Lancaster, Pa.; John; Cassie, is unmarried, and lives at Lancaster; Henry.

Henry Bomberger remained with his parents until he was twelve years of age, at which time he was hired out to neighboring farmers, and at the age of thirteen, he commenced to learn his father's trade of cooper. When he had mastered the details of this trade, he commenced business for himself on Hazel and Loveland streets. Here he succeeded very well, continuing in this line for twenty-seven years, and giving employment to about a dozen people. During the latter portion of this time, he was located on Manor street, and began to turn his attention to brick making. Finally he disposed of his cooperage business, and became foreman for James Brangley, a brick manufacturer, with whom he remained for the five succeeding years. His next venture was the erection of five frame houses, doing nearly all of the work himself. Three of these houses he afterwards sold, but still retains two.

In the fall of 1892, Mr. Bomberger purchased the brick yards owned by Peter Zeigler, and now has eleven and three-fourths acres of ground on Pearl and Second streets. His brick machine is a very fine one, and he manufactures chiefly by hand, employing two molders. The engines are of 25 and 35-horse power; the kilns have a capacity of 126,000 bricks each, he having two, square in shape. The sheds in use can contain about 135,000 brick, and the drying place has a capacity of 120,520. During the summer season the works are operated constantly, and thirty-five men employed. Four teams are kept busy delivering orders, and the trade is constantly increasing. In addition to his brick yards, Mr. Bomberger still continues his building operations, and owns a number of valuable residences in Lancaster, in addition to his own home at No. 202 Pearl street, where he enjoys the comfort his industry has provided.

On May 12, 1867, was Bomberger was married to Miss Charlotte Willig, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to America in 1865. Mrs. Bomberger is a daughter of Daniel and Johanna (Kornage) Willig, of Germany, where they lived

and died, being farmers and people of prominence in their community. The children born to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Bomberger were: PHILIP L., manager and engineer of his father's brick yards, married Katie Brodecker, and they have two children, Wilmer H. and Catherine G.; Rosa is unmarried; Harry, with his father in the brick yards, married Ida Lafferty, and their children were Bessie, Ethel, Harry and Edith (deceased); and William, an engineer of Lancaster, married Mary Millysack, and they have one child, Pearl.

In political matters, Mr. Bomberger is a Democrat, and has ever been active in the promotion of all enterprises tending towards the advancement of the material, commercial and social welfare of the people of Lancaster. His recognized business ability has won for him the regard of his fellow-citizens, as well as the confidence of those with whom he has been intimately associated. Fraternally, he is associated with the Foresters, Eagles and Star of Bethlehem; he also belongs to the Militia. For many years he has been a member of Christ Lutheran Church, to which organization he gives a hearty support. His intelligence, good citizenship and fine character entitle him to the esteem of all who know him.

BENJAMIN F. HENRY, wholesale coffee dealer and roaster of Lancaster, Pa., is a native of that town, and was born in 1859. His parents, Benjamin and Anna E. (Oster) Henry, were also natives of Lancaster, while his paternal grandfather, Patrick, and his wife, were born in Scotland, and his maternal grandparents were born in Germany, the grandfather, Jacob Oster, a shoemaker by trade, having emigrated to Lancaster when a young man.

Benjamin Henry was a cabinet maker in early life, but latterly spent eighteen years in the feather and mattress renovating business. He served for one term in the city council, and was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, having served from the beginning to the end of the Civil war in the 157th P. V. I. He participated in eighteen battles during the memorable strife, and saw countless comrades fall by his side, but it was his good fortune to escape being either wounded or captured. Owing to ill health the last years of his life were spent in retirement from business activity, and his death occurred March 31, 1895, at the age of seventy-two years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife who survived him, who was born May 12, 1826, and is now living with her son, Benjamin F. Mrs. Henry is the mother of the following children: Emanuel O., an implement merchant of Lancaster; Frances E., wife of 'Squire H. E. Groff, of Lancaster; Edwin, deceased; Eleanora, wife of Alderman George B. Ressler, of Lancaster; Alice B., wife of E. B. Powell, who is engaged in the livery business at Lancaster; Benjamin F.; Hattie A., wife of Theodore Leib, of Lancaster; and Harriet A., deceased.

Until his thirteenth year Benjamin F. Henry attended the public schools of Lancaster, and then entered the blacksmith business with Samuel B. Cox, McKew & Norbeck, serving an apprenticeship of six years. During the year following he operated an engine in Kulp's foundry, and for nine years drove a coffee wagon for S. R. Miller. He then went into the wholesale coffee business on his own responsibility, and has since built up a large and remunerative trade. He has taken an interest in the politics of his town, and the confidence reposed in him by the public found vent in his election on the Republican ticket to the city council in 1890, and in his continuous re-election until 1898. He is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F., and the K. of M. With his family he is identified with the Moravian Church.

In Lancaster, in 1882, Mr. Henry married Mary R. Mishler, born in this city, and a daughter of Henry R. and Diana (Kalbaugh) Mishler, the former of whom was born in Berks county, Pa., and is a retired drover of Lancaster. Two children, Maud M. and Paul O., blessed this union. Mr. Henry is an industrious, honorable man, and may be relied on to further any project for the welfare of the community.

JOHN S. GARBER was born in East Donegal township, Oct. 10, 1826, and died on the farm where his son, Amos E., now resides, March 30, 1888. His remains were laid in the cemetery connected with Bossler's Meeting House, in West Donegal township.

John S. Garber was a son of John and Catherine (Sechrist) Garber, both natives of Manor township, but early comes into West Donegal township, making their home on the farm where their grandson, Amos E., is now living. The father died in 1840, at the age of forty-nine years; his widow survived him many years, dying in 1878 at the age of eighty-three. They were members of the Mennonite Church and were buried in the Bossler Church cemetery.

John and Catherine (Sechrist) Garber had the following children: Michael S., who died young; Nancy S., the widow of John Longenecker, who has her home in West Donegal township; John S.; Catherine, a widow, who lives with her son-in-law, Amos Eby; Fanny, deceased wife of David Miller; Barbara, who died young.

Andrew Garber was the paternal grandfather of John S., and spent his life in Lancaster county. The Garbers of West Hempfield township, of whom Andrew Garber is a notable and noted representative, belong to the same stock.

John S. Garber was married Aug. 3, 1852, to Susan Erb, and to them were born the following children: Anna E., who is unmarried, and at home with her mother; Henry E., a farmer in West Donegal township, who married Fanny Eby, and is the father of five children, Tilman E., Ellen E., Jonas E.,

Elias E., and Ada E.; Amos E., a farmer in West Donegal township, who married Lizzie Reist, and with whom Mrs. Susan Garber is passing her declining days; John E., a resident of West Donegal township, who married Alice Newcomer; Kate E., unmarried, and living at home with her mother; Mary E., who died at the age of fifteen years; Simon E., a farmer in West Donegal township; Harriet E., who married Peter Nissly, of East Donegal township; Samuel E., a farmer in East Donegal township, who married Ellen Eby.

Mrs. Susan (Erb) Garber was born near the Erbs Meeting House, near Lititz, April 2, 1830, the daughter of the Rev. John and Fanny (Berge) Erb. Her parents were both born in Lancaster county, but removed to Cumberland county in 1833, where their remaining years were spent. Her father was a farmer, and was ordained a Mennonite minister in 1834. He died in 1844, at the age of forty-nine years; his widow died in 1858, at the age of sixty-four years; her father was buried in Cumberland county, and her mother in Kraybill's Meeting House cemetery. To them were born the following children: Mattie, who died young; Elizabeth, who married David Brubaker, and is now deceased; Fanny, late wife of John Hertzler; Barbara, who died at the age of two years; Anna, deceased wife of John Krider, a resident of Ohio; Samuel, deceased; Mary, late wife of Samuel Hertzler; Susan, Mrs. Garber; Catherine, late wife of John Crumleigh; Sarah, who died young; John, a farmer in Dauphin county.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Susan (Erb) Garber were Daniel and Barbara (Bomberger) Erb, both natives of Lancaster county.

John S. Garber, who was a farmer all his days, remained with his parents as long as they lived, and then cultivated the old homestead until his death. In all his business dealings he was very successful, and at the time of his death he owned three farms that aggregated 391 acres, an estate which gave him a fine standing in the commercial world. For many years he was a director of the First National Bank of Marietta, and long filled the position of school director in his home district. Possessing the confidence of the community to an unusual extent, he was called upon to settle a number of estates, and from time to time he had important trusts placed upon him. Never were the expectations of his friends disappointed, and never did he betray the slightest letting down of a high moral standard and an absolute integrity. In his politics he was a Republican, and in his religion a member of the Mennonite Church. All the family follow in his steps and are high-minded and honorable people.

E. SILAS OVERDEER, the junior member of the well-known firm of Everts & Overdeer, plumbers, tinsmiths and steam fitters, of Lancaster, was born in that city Sept. 23, 1851, son of Eli and Catherine (Hamme) Overdeer. The par-

ents were natives of York county, Pa., where they married and lived until 1836. They located in Lancaster, that the father might accept the position of weighmaster for the Pennsylvania Railway Co. During the Civil war he was attached to the office of the provost marshal, and continued in the service of the Government until his death, in 1869, at the age of sixty-four years. His last position was in the revenue department as whiskey inspector. He was a zealous Republican, and was held in high esteem in his party. His widow survived until 1883, dying at the age of seventy-four years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following named children: John A., a printer of Lancaster; Horace, who is a carpenter, in Lancaster; Miss Louisa, who resides with her brother Jacob, who is a blacksmith, in Middletown, Pa.; George, who is an engraver, in Lancaster; and E. Silas.

In 1877 E. Silas Overdeer was united in marriage with Miss Louisa Shenk, a daughter of John G. and Anna Shenk, natives of Germany, who met and married in Lancaster, where Mr. Shenk is a shoemaker. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Overdeer.

E. Silas Overdeer attended the public schools of Lancaster, and when he was seventeen years old he began to learn the trade of plumbing and tin-smithing, and in 1876 formed a partnership in that business with Franklin S. Everts. The site of the business is the same, but in 1887 the firm felt justified in erecting the fine three-story brick where all kinds of plumbing, gas and steam fitting are contracted for and carried on. The firm is the leader in its line in the city, and much credit is due for its success to the energy and ability of Mr. Overdeer. He is a self-made man, and is very highly esteemed in Lancaster. For several years he was a deacon in St. Paul's Reformed Church, and he is one of the substantial members of that congregation. His political adherence is given to the Republican party.

ALBERT COLLIER RUTHERFORD. The important position which Mr. Rutherford so efficiently fills, as manager of the immense estate of Senator Cameron, in Lancaster county, indicates the qualities he must possess, for no one without energy, excellent judgment and discrimination could fill this important office.

Albert C. Rutherford was born in Swatara township, Dauphin county, a son of Samuel S. and Mary A. (Rutherford) Rutherford, the former of whom died on the old homestead near Harrisburg, which has been in the family for five generations, in 1873, at the age of sixty-nine. The beloved mother died in 1884, at the age of seventy-four, and both were reverently interred in the Paxtang Church cemetery, where stands a beautiful granite monument, erected to mark their last earthly resting place. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. They reared a family which has reflected credit upon

them, these being: John E., the manager of Lockhill, the Cameron home; Eliza, deceased, married to W. S. Rutherford, also deceased; Hon. Samuel H., a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, who resides on the old homestead; Martha, who also resides on the old homestead, at Paxtang; James A., connected with the construction department of the Pennsylvania railroad; Margaret S., who resides with her oldest brother; William B., who died young; and Albert C., the subject of this biography.

The paternal grandparents of Albert C. Rutherford were Thomas and Mary (Shultz) Rutherford. Thomas Rutherford was a son of Samuel (a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war), and Susanah (Collier) Rutherford, and a grandson of Thomas and Jane (Murdah) Rutherford, emigrants from Ireland. During the Revolutionary war this family distinguished itself in many ways.

Albert Collier Rutherford was reared on the old homestead and received excellent educational advantages. In 1877 he went to Cornwall, Pa., where he managed for a coal company, thence went into the employ of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, at Steelton, Pa., as a foreman, then, after a four years' residence in Harrisburg, went to Colorado, where he was there employed as manager for the Colorado Coal and Iron Company. In 1886 he went to Omaha, where he remained three years in the employ of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in 1889 being made inspector in the Test department.

Leaving this strenuous work, Mr. Rutherford then went to the State of Washington where he engaged in the real estate business, very advantageously, but Dec. 1, 1890, he came to Donegal as the manager of the Cameron farms, consisting of 981 acres. The management has included the work of improvement, the erection of new buildings, etc., and all of this work has been performed in the most modern and substantial way. The energy and untiring industry of Mr. Rutherford are remarkable, while his comprehension of the details pertaining to an estate of this size has gained him the respect and utmost confidence of those who have placed their interests in his efficient hands.

JOSEPH W. BAKER, the well-known and popular proprietor of the "Lititz Springs Hotel" at Lititz, Pa., is a native of Lancaster county, born on a farm one mile west of Lititz, Oct. 30, 1853, a son of Abram B. and Catherine (Walter) Baker. The father died in April, 1898, at which time he was living a retired life. He owned considerable property in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, where he was extensively engaged in farming, and dealt largely in tobacco, buying and packing that product for market, and also manufacturing cigars under the firm name of Baker & Gunder. Besides his other property he owned considerable real estate in Lititz, where he erected several buildings. Religiously he

was a member of the German Baptist Church, and politically was a supporter of the Republican party. In his family were three children: Jacob W., a horse dealer of Lancaster; Joseph W., the subject of this sketch; and Emma W., wife of Joseph W. Young, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

The boyhood and youth of Joseph W. Baker were passed upon a farm, and his education was received in the public schools. He began his business career at the age of eighteen years as a dealer in horses and cattle, and, after being alone for some time, he was associated with his brother in the same business for six years, the firm becoming among the largest horse buyers in the county. They imported some valuable stock and shipped principally to the Philadelphia and New York markets. Their headquarters were in Lititz. After the cessation of the partnership with his brother, Joseph W. Baker was alone in business, with headquarters at Ephrata until 1900, and handled as many as thirty-two carloads of stock annually. He has sold a large amount of stock to the farmers of Lancaster county. On Dec. 11, 1899, he took charge of the "Lititz Spring Hotel," which he is now so successfully conducting in connection with his stock business. The hotel is carried on in a most approved manner, and Mr. Baker is well adapted to fill the position of landlord, as he is a whole-souled, genial gentleman, well liked by all with whom he comes in contact. He continues to handle stock on his own account, as well as on commission, and is numbered among the most progressive and public-spirited men of Lititz. In his political views he is a Republican.

Mr. Baker was married, in 1873, to Miss Elizabeth A. Becker, who was born one mile south of Mt. Hope, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Michael and Anna (Nauman) Becker. To them have been born three children: (1) Abram Joseph W., born Nov. 14, 1875, was educated at Cornell University, and was first employed as private secretary at the Pennsylvania working home for blind men at Philadelphia. Later he was in the office of L. B. Paxson, a superintendent of motive power and rolling equipment for the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, but he is now engaged in the wholesale and retail grain and flour business at Reading. (2) Anna M. and (3) Kathryn M., both at home, are graduates of the Millersville State Normal School, where their mother was also educated. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside, and its members stand high socially.

JACOB W. GRUEL traces his ancestry back to Germany, but his immediate ancestors have been identified with the business life of Lancaster. He is a son of Samuel F. and Anna (Franciscus) Gruel, and his occupation, that of confectioner and manufacturer of ice cream, is but a continuation of the business inaugurated by his paternal grandfather, Jacob Gruel, who with his wife, Jacobenia (Swartz) Gruel, came from Germany and started the pioneer

candy and ice cream industry of Lancaster. Mr. Gruel's maternal grandparents, John and Susan (Lutz) Franciscus, were of Lancaster, the former one of the pioneer railroad engineers of the county, employed for a time on the old State road. He, too, had spent his youth in the candy business, and after leaving the State road conducted a popular and paying tavern. He was well known, and a genial highly respected citizen.

Samuel F. Gruel, the father of Jacob W., was born in Harrisburg, and his wife was a native of Lancaster. He was a butcher by trade, but was for some years engaged in the ice business with only indifferent success, however. During the Civil war he served in the 79th Pa. Vols. He lived in Lancaster city from boyhood to the time of his death, in 1901, at the age of sixty-five. His wife died in 1900, aged sixty years. They were the parents of the following children: Christie, wife of D. H. Potts, an iron manufacturer of Lancaster; Jacob W.; Harry, living in Lancaster; Samuel, who died at the age of thirty-six; Jacobenia, living in Lancaster; John, in the ice business in Lancaster; Mary, living in Lancaster; and Walter, in the ice business in Lancaster.

When thirteen years old Jacob W. Gruel began to learn the confectionery business under his grandfather Gruel, with whom he remained until the latter's death. He then continued in business with his grandmother for a few years, coming to his present store in 1885. He has been very successful, and caters to the most exacting element in the town. But his interests are by no means centered in this line, for he is a director in the Conestoga Building & Loan Association, and is connected with various social and business affairs. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is independent.

In 1878 was solemnized, in Lancaster, the marriage of Mr. Gruel and Mary Goodman, daughter of Jacob K. Goodman, a farmer of Lancaster county, who married a Sweeney. Mrs. Gruel was born in Mt. Joy, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Gruel have had two children: Edith, who died in 1899, at the age of eighteen; and Mary, who is living at home.

WELSH BROTHERS. To instruct as well as to amuse has been the object, for the past twelve years of the firm of native Lancaster citizens known as Welsh Brothers, the owners and operators of a popular circus. Col. Michael Henry Welsh and John Thomas Welsh are the members of the firm, and deserve the credit of conducting one of the most popular amusements of the locality, and of overcoming difficulties which would long ago have disheartened two less energetic and progressive men.

George Welsh, the father of these brothers, came to this country with his wife from Ireland, and settled in Easton, Pa., but remained there only a few months, coming later to Lancaster, where his death occurred. The mother still survives, and owns to a pardonable pride in her sons, who share their pros-

perity with her. The family consisted of four children: Mary, now deceased, was the wife of Isaac Rinehart, of Harrisburg; Michael H. and John T. are now in the circus business; George, Jr., is treasurer of his brothers' enterprise.

MICHAEL HENRY WELSH, who is generally known as Col. Welsh, and who is the manager of the fine show of which he and his brother are equal owners, was born in Lancaster Nov. 27, 1866, and was educated in the public schools, leaving school at the age of eleven years to go to work in the cotton mills. After three years of faithful work he, in association with his brother John, engaged in the huckster business.

JOHN THOMAS WELSH, who is just as active and as well known in connection with the circus, and who is the general agent as well as half owner, was born in Lancaster on Christmas Eve, 1861, and after attending the public schools for less than three years entered one of the cotton mills, as his brother had done. Both boys remained in the mill about the same length of time, and both were equally in earnest when they entered into the huckster business, which they conducted until when, at the suggestion of Col. Michael Welsh, who had long cherished the idea of becoming proprietor of a circus, they embarked in the show business.

The outfit at the beginning was not very imposing, consisting of one horse and one wagon, but by the second season the firm was able to put forth a sixteen-horse show, and by the third season prosperity had enabled them to open up with forty-eight horses. The fourth season saw them so well established that they sold their old belongings and organized a railroad circus, and have ever since traveled in that manner. During the season of 1899-1900, they owned and managed the John P. Harris "Uncle Tom's Cabin" show, and Col. Robinson's "Old Southern Life" Company, and introduced the novelty of producing "Uncle Tom's Cabin" as a tent show, playing also successfully "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." During 1900 they performed through the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio and New Jersey, using ten cars for transportation, carrying 165 people and ninety horses, a most wonderful growth, surely, considering the modest and unpretentious manner in which these young and enterprising Lancaster lads started upon their career.

However, 1901 found them with a larger and more comprehensive show, which includes a menagerie of fourteen cages, and with a tent capacity of 4,000, and an itineracy which takes them through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Canada, Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina. The proudest monuments to the memory of the Welsh Brothers lie in their charities. For four years they have made it a practice to close their season by making a gift to the Soup House fund, of their native city, of the whole proceeds of both day and evening, and this has amount-

ed to the sum of \$2,000, which has been publicly and gratefully acknowledged by the mayor. At the time of the great mine disaster, in Pittston, Pa., the circus was performing in that section, and gave a benefit to the orphans and widows of the victims, a type of the substantial kind of charity which illustrates the character of Welsh Brothers.

Both brothers, who illustrate in their lives, a most beautiful fraternal feeling, are members of the Benevolent Order of Elks; both belong to St. Mary's Catholic Church of Lancaster. Neither of them has ever indulged in intoxicating drink, and both are united in providing every comfort for their devoted and beloved mother. They are not only examples of true manliness, but they are excellent business men, and cater to only that kind of public which is pleased with clean and amusing entertainment, a special feature being the pleasing of children. These young men have made for themselves a record which makes Lancaster proud to own them as her sons.

MICHAEL F. RUSSELL. Mr. Russell, although an American by birth, and intensely loyal to the government under which he was born, is of Irish parentage and descent. The country has no truer sons than these Irish-Americans, whose love of freedom, born within them, is co-existent with their devotion to duty and their fidelity to the flag. Children of centuries of oppression, they are ready to offer their lives a willing sacrifice upon the altar of the land of their birth. Their blood has wet the soil of many a southern battlefield, and when they fall their wounds are rarely found in the back. It is to this class that Mr. Russell belongs. He was born in Marietta, Pa., May 7, 1858. His father was christened Thomas, and his mother, before marriage, was Bridget Kelly.

In order to have a correct comprehension of the story of his own life, some account of his family should be given. Thomas Russell was born in Killinaboy, County Clare, Ireland, the son of James Russell, a peasant farmer of the same place. He emigrated to America while yet a young man and made his home in Marietta, Pa., as early as 1843. His wife, Bridget, was the daughter of Patrick and Mary (Connors) Kelly, both of whom remained in the land where they were born, Mr. Kelly having a small tenant's holding of land. Thomas and Bridget (Kelly) Russell were married in Ireland and the wife preceded her husband to America by some ten months.

To the parents of Michael F. Russell were born seven children: James, born Dec. 28, 1851, died March 23, 1870; Mary; John; Michael F.; Thomas; Catherine and Anna. James, Mary, Thomas and Anna died unmarried. John lives at Columbia, and is a freight conductor in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Catherine is the wife of Samuel Libhart, a flagman in the employ of the same corporation. The elder Russell died April 1, 1872, at the age of fifty-nine years; by occupation

he was a furnace man. Mrs. Russell, the mother of Michael F., was born in November, 1822. She is still living, and since 1888 has made her home with her son in Columbia.

Mr. Russell was married June 12, 1894, to Miss Marcella F. Tyson, the marriage having resulted in the birth of four children, Thomas J., John M., Mary and Catherine R. Mrs. Russell was born in Wrightsville, her parents being John Tyson and Susanna Mooney. Her father was born in Maryland in February, 1831, and her mother in Ireland, in March, 1833. She is the fourth of seven children; her eldest sister, Margaret, died unmarried, as did also the first born son, Thomas; three other sisters, Anna M., Agnes and Emma, are unmarried; John, the youngest brother, is likewise unmarried.

Mr. Russell's life, while it cannot be called eventful, has been a useful and honored one. He began battling with the world at the early age of twelve years, when he found employment in the mines. For five years he followed this toilsome pursuit, and while yet a boy, barely seventeen years old, began the hard work of a laborer in a furnace. In both positions he acquitted himself well, as he has done in every relation of life. He spent eleven years at the furnace, and then began work with the Pennsylvania Railway, as a brakeman. For six years he filled this position, for three years he was a flagman, was then promoted to be conductor, and is still discharging the perplexing and responsible duties of that post. He possesses a combination of qualities well adapted for such a task; affable and courteous toward the company's patrons, he is inflexible in his obedience to and enforcement of discipline, and scrupulously faithful in his discharge of every obligation.

Since 1888 Mr. Russell has resided in Columbia. Both himself and family are devout, practical Catholics. In politics he places patriotism before partisanship, and votes in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience and judgment. He belongs to the O. of R. C. and the Relief Association.

HON. DAVID PORTER ROSENMILLER (deceased), ex-district attorney, ex-assemblyman and ex-mayor of Lancaster, came of good sturdy German ancestry.

Lewis Rosenmiller, grandfather of David P., was born at sea while his parents were on their way to America from Germany, and their son (the father of the subject proper of this sketch), Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, was born in York, Pa., and he became a prominent Lutheran minister. His first pastoral work was in North Carolina; his next at Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa., and from there he proceeded to Dayton, Ohio, thence after a sojourn, to Hanover, York county, and from that place to Lancaster, arriving in that city in the fall of 1857. While a resident of that city he was president of the Lancaster County Bible Society for many years, and no more familiar figure could be found among the clergy of Lancaster. Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller married

Miss Eliza Sheffer, daughter of the late Judge Sheffer, of York Springs, Pa., who at one time was a member of Congress. To this union seven children were born, three of whom are yet living: Misses Rebecca and Louisa, both living in the family home on North Duke street; and Rev. George F., of the Episcopal Church, his first charge having been at Montoursville, his second at Niagara Falls, and his present one at McKeesport, Allegheny Co., Pa. The father of this family was called from earth in 1880.

David P. Rosenmiller was born March 21, 1841, in Dayton, Ohio, and received his education for the most part at the schools of Lancaster, graduating from the Boys' High School, after which he attended Franklin and Marshall College, leaving that institution when in the junior class, in order to enter the service of his country.

On March 13, 1862, Mr. Rosenmiller was commissioned as fourth master in the gunboat service, Mississippi squadron, under First Flag Officer Foote. While on the U. S. S. "Essex" in 1862 he ran the batteries at Vicksburg; then proceeded down the river to New Orleans, and, after leave of absence, during which he visited Lancaster, Pa., he was promoted to the rank of ensign in the U. S. Navy, reporting to Admiral Porter on the Flagship "Black Hawk," on which he served till toward the close of the war. He was then given command of the S. S. "Alexandria," cruising on that vessel until the termination of hostilities, and having almost daily encounters with the Rebels.

Mr. Rosenmiller's naval experience may be briefly summed up as follows: Commissioned fourth master, March 13, 1862, in the U. S. Gunboat flotilla, by Flag Officer A. H. Foote; promoted to second master, in the same service, July 1, 1862, Flag officer C. H. Davis; commissioned by the Department as acting ensign in the U. S. Navy, for duty in the Mississippi squadron, Nov. 12, 1862; promoted to acting master in the same service Aug. 18, 1863, by Rear Admiral David B. Porter (that distinguished admiral, by the way, having been a cousin of D. P. Rosenmiller's father, the Admiral's aunt having married the latter's grandfather, Lewis Rosenmiller). The principal engagements in which D. P. Rosenmiller took part were: The attack on the Rebel ram "Arkansas," under the Vicksburg batteries at Baton Rouge; the destruction of the ram "Arkansas"; bombardment of Port Hudson; at Arkansas post and Haines Bluffs, and almost daily—some days hourly—in engagements when commanding the U. S. S. "Alexandria." He was honorably discharged at New Orleans, Nov. 5, 1865, by reason of the close of the war. Such is the record, in brief, of the part taken in the war of the Rebellion by as gallant a sailor as ever commanded a gun. As a matter of justice—and a thing to be proud of—Mr. Rosenmiller received a bounty of \$600 from the U. S. Government for the part he took in the affair with the Rebel ram "Arkansas."

The war ended, Mr. Rosenmiller returned to

Lancaster and entered the office of Hon. J. B. Livingston as a law student. After reading there for a time, he entered the office of the late Hon. A. Herr Smith, where he completed his studies, and in 1868 he was admitted to practice in the Supreme and Superior Courts. A staunch Republican in politics, standing well professionally, and commanding great personal strength, Mr. Rosenmiller was elected district attorney of Lancaster county, and not long after the expiration of his term as prosecuting attorney, he was elected to the legislature from the city district, serving two terms, 1875 and 1876. After his legislature experience, he was elected mayor of Lancaster by the Republicans, serving for two years, but after his retirement from the mayoralty, he took no active part in politics, but devoted himself assiduously to the practice of his profession, until his death May 3, 1891. He was a member of the G. A. R., of the Loyal Legion, and of Ireland City Lodge, No. 88, K. of P. In religion he was a Lutheran, belonging to Trinity Church.

JACOB HALBACH. Among the citizens of Lancaster who have been conspicuous, both socially and politically, in that city, from early manhood, is Jacob Halbach, alderman from the Second ward.

The paternal grandfather of Mr. Halbach was John P. Halbach, a native of Germany, who located in Lancaster on coming to the New World and acquired considerable property here, becoming a substantial and highly respected citizen. His son, Gottlieb, the father of Jacob, was brought to America by his parents when he was only two years old, having been born in Reimsheid, Prussia. At an early age, he became an apprentice to the shoe-making trade, and on attaining his majority carried on the boot and shoe trade successfully for many years, passing out of life when about fifty-three. He was a devout member of the Reformed Church. Gottlieb Halbach married Miss Mary Wilhelm, a native of Lancaster, daughter of John Wilhelm, one of the pioneers of the city. To this union seven children were born, one of whom, William A., was killed while serving in Co. C, 89th Pa. Vols., at the first battle of Perryville, during the war of the Rebellion. Two daughters, Mary and Emma, live in the old family home in East Orange street, Lancaster. The mother, who was a pious and deeply loved woman, died in 1851.

Jacob Halbach, now serving his third term as alderman of the Second ward of Lancaster, was educated in the public schools of the city, attending until he reached the age of thirteen, when, after the death of his mother, he entered a grocery store. In 1854 he became an apprentice at smithing at the Lancaster Locomotive Works, where he remained until those works suspended operations, when he went to Philadelphia, securing employment in the establishment of I. P. Morris & Co. After working at other points he returned to Lancaster and again found employment in the Locomotive Works, where

he remained until the breaking out of the Civil war.

Mr. Halbach testified to his courage and patriotism by enlisting in Co. H, 122d Regiment, Pa. Vols., for a nine-months' term, and during that time participated in the great battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, as well as in minor engagements, and was honorably mustered out, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. In 1864, again enlisting, he was assigned to Co. C, 197th P. V. I., as first sergeant, and was sent to Rock Island, Ill., where he was engaged in guard service until the close of the war.

Returning to private life, Mr. Halbach again took up his work in his old situation, and after pursuing various other enterprises for a time became employed in the Lancaster postoffice, where he remained two years. His next position was the important one of superintendent of the Lancaster Water works, and his knowledge of mechanics, coupled with his fidelity to duty, made him a notable good superintendent of this department. It was during his term of office that the new pumping station was erected.

In 1888 Mr. Halbach was elected alderman by the Republicans of the Second ward, and he was honored with a re-election in 1893, and again in February, 1898, being now engaged in filling his third term. Alderman Halbach issued the warrant for Ralph Wireback, the murderer of David B. Landis, the bank president; heard the case and returned it to court; and had the distinction of having the only murder case in the county that led to conviction and execution, for almost half a century, the ones immediately preceding it having been those of Anderson and Richards, away back in the fifties. For quite a time Alderman Halbach was secretary of the board of health of Lancaster. He was a member of the city executive committee of the Republican party, and at one time was chairman of same. Fraternally Mr. Halbach belongs to Lodge No. 476, F. & A. M., to the Royal Arch Masons, Knights Templar and Lodge of Perfection; and is a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, G. A. R.

Mr. Halbach was married in early manhood to Miss Emma J. St. Clair, a native of Lancaster county, and to this union the following children were born: Harry L., a tinsmith; Charles, a machinist; J. Howard, a plumber, now in Co. F, 3d U. S. Infantry, stationed on the island of Luzon (he had previously served in the Spanish-American war, landing with Gen. Miles in Porto Rico); George Perry, an apprentice machinist; Frank, a stenographer and typewriter; and Clarence, at school.

Mr. Halbach is a member of the Reformed Church. In every trust confided to him, private and public, from his thirteen years of faithful superintendence of the water department, down to the least important position entrusted to him, he has proved zealous and conscientious, winning the high esteem not only of the people of his ward, but of the entire community. His life record is an enviable one.

JOHN B. SMUCKER was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Nov. 20, 1855, a son of John and Magdalena (Blank) Smucker, and a grandson of David and Mary (Lapp) Smucker, and he is now one of the prominent and popular citizens of Earl township.

John Smucker, the father of John B., was born Oct. 3, 1821, and died Feb. 8, 1889. He was married Jan. 12, 1843, to Miss Magdalena Blank, who was born April 12, 1823, a daughter of John Blank. They had the following family: David B., born July 27, 1844, is a farmer residing in Sadsbury township, married Elizabeth Reno, of Leacock township; Eli, born March 16, 1847, died Oct. 23, 1868; Lydia, born March 31, 1850, married Eli Stoltzfus, and is now deceased; Fannie, born Oct. 28, 1852, is the wife of Jacob Kauffman, of Leacock township; John B.; Mary, born Dec. 10, 1857, is the wife of Eli Kauffman, of Leacock township; Magdalena, born Nov. 17, 1860, married Amos Lapp, of Leacock township; and Amos B., born Oct. 12, 1863, married Miss Sallie P. Petersheim, and is a farmer in Chester county. John Smucker and his wife spent their lives in Leacock township, where he was known as one of the most capable and successful farmers of that section. He owned a farm of seventy-five acres, and was an active and devoted member of the Amish Church. Mr. Smucker was a member of the Leacock township school board, and was a man of character and standing.

John B. Smucker, whose name introduces this article, was reared on the farm in Leacock township, where he was born, and he was educated in the public schools. Remaining at home until he was twenty-five, he was married Jan. 4, 1881, to Miss Barbara Z. Beiler, who died June 29, 1883, at the early age of twenty-four years, two months and twenty-nine days. The second marriage of Mr. Smucker occurred Nov. 19, 1896, when Miss Bena Stoltzfus became his wife. To this union has come one child, Elizabeth E.

Mr. Smucker has made farming his vocation, and after his second marriage he removed from his home in Leacock township, to the Stoltzfus Home in Earl township. He owns the Smucker homestead in Leacock township, and is widely known as one of the progressive and up-to-date men of Lancaster county. Both himself and wife belong to the Amish Church, and the family are among the county's most worthy and respected people. Mr. Smucker is a director of the Amish Insurance Co., of Lancaster county. He has a fine steam threshing outfit, and when the threshing season is over, he works at steam rock drilling, wood sawing, fodder shredding, etc.

WILLIAM D. FINK, M. D., physician and surgeon of Denver, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 12, 1854, at Virginville, Berks Co., Pa., son of Abraham and Mary (Leshner) Fink, his paternal and maternal ancestry both being German, the families

having long been known for business integrity and agricultural success.

Peter Fink, grandfather of Dr. Fink, was a farmer and later a hotel-keeper at Hamburg, Berks county, well-known and respected. His son, Abraham, was a farmer and merchant, first at Hamburg, later at Virginville, dying in 1900, at the age of seventy-seven years. His widow still survives at the age of seventy-four years. The five children born to Abraham and Mary (Leshner) Fink were: Alfred, a farmer and dairyman at Hamburg; Jonathan, a miller in Berks county; William D., of this sketch; Albert, a carpenter, in Reading; and Peter, a machinist in Philadelphia.

Dr. Fink was a farmer lad until his thirteenth year, obtaining his education in the public schools. He then became a clerk in his father's store, at Virginville, and while there attended the Keystone State Normal school, Kutztown, having previously spent one session in Freeland College. By the time he had reached his twenty-first year, the young man had made up his mind to become a physician, and with this end in view, entered the office of Dr. J. B. Pattinger, of Hamburg. In the fall of 1874, he entered Jefferson Medical College, graduating in 1878, as a regular practitioner. Dr. Fink then located at New Jerusalem, Berks county, in May, 1878, remaining in that village until the following September, when he removed to Adamstown, Lancaster county, where he lived for ten years and practiced through that locality. In 1888 he came to Denver, Pa., where he has been very successful in his practice, and where he is ranked among the leading physicians of this part of the county. His office is equipped with all modern appliances including a static machine and X-Ray combined, also a Hot Air Apparatus, both for the treatment of chronic diseases which cannot be reached by drugs.

In 1893 Dr. Fink engaged in the cigar manufacturing business, continuing until 1898. He recently served as chairman of the trustees in the erection of a large silk mill at Denver, which has no superior in structure and equipment in the United States, and which is now successfully running to its full capacity.

Fraternally Dr. Fink is connected with Ephrata Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., Circle No. 27, Brotherhood of the Union, at Reamstown; and the Berks County Medical Society, and the State Medical Association, contributing to the medical literature throughout the State, notably to the *Medical World*. He is one of the leading Democrats in the township, was one of the re-organizers of Adamstown, and he served three years as a member of its council, and has been a member of the county committee, and delegate to convention. He was one of the prominent factors in the admission of Denver as a borough, and was elected its first burgess. Dr. Fink has always been identified with progress wherever located, both in public affairs as well as in his profession. He is capable, generous and public-spirited.

In 1882 Dr. Fink was married to Miss Mary E. Lenhart, of Berks county, and four children have been born to this union: Raymond; Mable, deceased; Florence; and Agnes. The family belongs to the Reformed Church, but Dr. Fink was reared a Lutheran and is still attached to that religious body.

WILLIAM R. RISK, one of the better known and popular farmers of Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in East Drumore township, March 23, 1842, a son of William C. and Mary Jane (Reed) Risk, both natives of this county.

Robert Risk, his grandfather, was a native of Ireland; as was also his wife, Margaret McFarland. They located near Quarryville, where he was a farmer and blacksmith, and where he died. His wife died in the home of her son, William C. They had the following family: John, who died at the home of his parents, unmarried, as did his brothers Robert and David; James, who was born in Eden, but who, after marrying Frances Moore, entered into a mercantile business at Colerain, and later moved to Buck, in West Drumore township, where he was engaged in business until his death (he left two sons, James, of Quarryville, and Robert, a writer on the *Examiner*, of Lancaster); and Elizabeth W., who was born at Quarryville, and died unmarried in the home of her brother, William C.

William C. Risk, was born in Eden township, July 22, 1808, and his wife, Mary Jane Reed, was born in Providence township, June 11, 1812. He purchased the home of his father-in-law in East Drumore township, where his life was passed. He also bought a farm adjoining that of his son, William R., and there erected fine buildings. His death occurred March 23, 1885; his widow passed to her rest Sept. 24, 1890. They were consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and at a time when it was weak, his strong character and religious principles were important factors in its support. He was a strong Whig and Republican, and was always a determined opponent of slavery. To him and his wife were born five children: James and Margaret both died in childhood; Robert H., born in 1838, is single, and owns his father's old homestead; Elizabeth J., born in 1840, keeps the home of her brother Robert; and William R.

William R. Risk remained at home until the breaking out of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Co. G, 1st Lancaster County Battalion, the command being recruited from Lancaster county. They were stationed at Hagerstown, and participated in the battle of Antietam, and Mr. Risk did duty with his command until it was discharged.

In January, 1877, Mr. Risk was married to Miss Amelia Scott, who was born in Little Britain township, Sept. 7, 1849, a daughter of Robert and Martha J. (Gibson) Scott. Her parents settled where Mrs. Risk was born, and her brother, Robert Scott, still lives on the old homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Risk settled on their home, adjoining the old home of his father, and where he has made many valuable improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Risk are the parents of three living children: Hattie J., born May 22, 1880, received her education at the home school and in the high school at Quarryville; William Harvey, born Dec. 31, 1882, lives at home; and A. Leetie was born Sept. 6, 1885. Mr. Risk has always been identified with the old Republican party, but has never aspired to any office. All the family belong to the Presbyterian Church. He is one of the solid men of the community, and takes an active interest in the Church to which his parents were devoted.

WILLIAM KING. The King family, of which William King, of Kirk's Mills, is a worthy representative, is an old established one of Southern Lancaster county, and one which has consistently lived up to the precepts of the Quaker belief. It originated in England, but its descendants have long been among the most respected residents of this part of Pennsylvania.

William King was born Aug. 9, 1826, in Fulton township, a son of Lewis and Sarah (Thomas) King, the former of whom was a son of James King, who was both a farmer and a miller, in Fulton township, and was one of the first settlers after its organization, becoming a well-known and respected citizen; his children were: Thomas, Amos, Lewis, James, John, Pyle, Phebe and Ann. Lewis King was the father of five children: Thomas P.; William; Alfred, of Philadelphia, a mechanic; and Phebe and Edith, deceased. These children were all carefully reared and taught to observe the rules of the Society of Friends, and they were a family which exerted at all times an influence for good through the community.

William King has been a farmer through life, but now lives retired from activity. On March 5, 1846, he married Rebecca D. Reynolds, of Chester county, who was born Oct. 20, 1826, a daughter of Israel and Hannah (Stubbs) Reynolds, of Chester county, the family being of Welsh and English origin. Joseph Reynolds, her grandfather, was a native of Maryland, and there married Rachel Barnard, and then moved to Chester county, Pa.; they reared these children: Israel, Richard, Joseph, Jeremiah, Cyrus, Abia, Lydia, Susan, Lettice and Rebecca. Mrs. King was one of a family of five children born to her parents: Vincent, who lives in county, at the age of eighty-one years; Rachel B., who is the wife of Samuel B. Gatchell, of Chester county; Rebecca D., who is Mrs. King; Priscilla, who is the wife of Jonathan Pickering, of Oxford, Pa.; and Joseph, who died young.

The children born to William King and his estimable wife were two daughters: Sarah L. became a woman of more than usual prominence, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, in 1883, a successful physician of this coun-

ty, until her untimely death, in 1895; she was a woman of rare attainments and she left a vacancy that can never be filled either in her family or the community where she was much beloved. The second daughter, Hannah Ida, is the wife of John Evans, a machinist by trade, whose home is in Wilmington, Del., and who has two children, Marion Ellen and John E., Jr.

William King has always been known as an excellent citizen, has served as school director, and in former years was a leading agriculturist. Always opposed to slavery, since the Civil war he has turned his attention to the suppression of the slavery of intemperance, and cast his vote in 1900 in favor of the Prohibition candidate for the Presidential office. Mrs. King is a woman of rare qualities and Christian virtues, and in her solicitous care for the spiritual welfare of the community, has been a leader and a teacher in the Friends' First Day school at East Land Meeting house, for seventeen years. Both William King and wife are and long have been active in both religious and educational life in their vicinity, and they are universally held in high esteem.

CHRISTIAN MARTIN (deceased) was born in Earl township, where his life was spent, the greater part on the farm where his grandson, Isaac Martin, is now living. This farm, on which he located soon after his marriage, contains 150 acres, and is situated two miles northeast of New Holland. At the present time it bears the name of "Big Springs Farm," and is one of the notable places of the county. Most of its substantial and attractive improvements were made by its present occupant, who is known as "Springs Isaac."

Christian Martin married Magdalena Eby, and both lived to an advanced age. They had a family of eight children, of whom Daniel, Christian, Isaac and John are deceased; Elizabeth married John Sensenig; Annie married Henry Musser; Mary married John Groff; Lydia married Jacob Stauffer. All were members of the Mennonite Church.

John Martin, the father of Isaac, was born on the farm where that gentleman now lives, and there was reared and spent his life, following farming, and becoming one of the most successful men of his day. He bought farms for his sons Isaac and David. He married Annie Weaver, daughter of David and Christiana Weaver, both of Earl township, and she is still living, in her eighty-fifth year. The father died Sept. 28, 1887, when he was a little over seventy-six years old. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, as is his widow. They had a family of five children: David resides in Earl township; Magdalena is the widow of Peter Zimmerman, and lives in East Earl township; Isaac is mentioned below; Mary is the wife of Christian Zimmerman, and has her home in East Earl township; Anna married Joseph Sensinger.

Isaac Martin was born Jan. 25, 1842, on the farm where he has since made his home. He has

always been a broad gauged and public-spirited man, and his influence in the community has been of the very best. He has kept fully abreast of the times, and is widely known as an intelligent and upright citizen, always ready to assist any good movement. For nine years he has been school director. He is a stockholder in the New Holland Bank, and is the owner of the old homestead, a farm of 150 acres, having also a half interest in Martin's Mill; a farm of fifty acres in Ephrata township also belongs to Mr. Martin, as well as property in New Holland and Cocalico. He also owns real estate in Philadelphia.

Mr. Martin was married Nov. 10, 1864, to Miss Annie Musser, who was born in Earl township March 14, 1845, a daughter of Martin and Mary (Weaver) Musser. To this union have come five children: Eli is a farmer and implement dealer of Earl township; John died unmarried; Isaac died unmarried; Sadac died Sept. 27, 1901, leaving a wife, Mrs. Lizzie (Nolt) Martin, and three children, Anna, Martha and Isaac; Mary died single. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are worthy and substantial people, and are highly esteemed members of the Old Mennonite Church.

L. R. AMBLER, one of the leading and substantial citizens as well as intelligent and representative men of Lancaster county, was born on the farm he now owns and occupies, in Martic township, June 24, 1864. His parents were Thomas E. and Mary J. (Boyd) Ambler, both now deceased.

Grandfather William Ambler was a native of Montgomery county, Pa., of mixed Welsh and English ancestry, and by trade was a weaver, attaining excellence in that line. He married Elizabeth Penrose, and they had a family of seven children: Adeline, who married James Smedley, of Fulton township; Penrose, a retired farmer of Fulton township; Owen, deceased; Thomas E., deceased; Edward and Ann, twins, the latter of whom married Aquilla B. Lamborn, a retired farmer of Little Britain township; and Edward, a cabinetmaker, who resides in Liberty Square, Pennsylvania.

Thomas E. Ambler, son of William, and father of L. R., was born in Montgomery county Dec. 12, 1823, and came to Lancaster county with his parents when but a child. In 1856 he was united in marriage to Mary J. Boyd, who was a daughter of William C. and Mary (Long) Boyd, of Drumore township, and to this marriage were born six children, all of whom, with the exception of L. R., of Martic township, died young.

L. R. Ambler had exceptional school advantages in the public schools of his locality, and is one of the most intelligent and progressive farmers of his township. His large estate, comprising 300 acres of excellent land, shows the sensible methods which he has employed in its cultivation and management.

Mr. Ambler was married, Dec. 15, 1886, to Miss Mary C. Long, of Drumore township, who was born

Dec. 15, 1864, daughter of J. Harrison and Elizabeth S. (Harner) Long. Three children have come to this union: A. Levis, born July 18, 1890; Mabel Elizabeth, born Dec. 15, 1891; and Mary Clare, born Nov. 13, 1902.

Mr. Ambler is identified with much of the public life of the county, takes a great interest in educational matters, serving most efficiently as school director, and is financially interested in the Quarryville National Bank, being one of the directors. A worthy citizen, in the highest acceptance of the term, he is a true representative of his section of Lancaster county.

DAVID E. HERR, one of the leading farmers of Lancaster township, this county, belongs to one of the old and honored families of the State of Pennsylvania.

Henry Herr, the father of David E., was born June 1, 1821, in Lancaster township, near Millersville, and while still a young man began farming operations on the estate which is now the property of his son David E. All of his active life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He retired from active work in April, 1890, his death taking place in November of the same year. Henry Herr was a leading member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Mary Eshbach, and they became the parents of three children: Christian, a farmer and manager of a threshing machine, in Millersville; Henry, a farmer of Lancaster township; and David E.

David E. Herr first saw the light in the home which he now owns, Jan. 13, 1863. In the district schools he obtained an excellent education, and later followed in the footsteps of his worthy father, in the management of the farm. After his father's death he purchased the estate, and since then he has effectually demonstrated his ability as a farmer. His estate contains seventy-six acres, and is very valuable, being situated within one mile of the city of Lancaster, on the West, near the Columbia Pike road.

David E. Herr was married to Miss Fannie Huber, who was a daughter of Abram and Hettie Huber, and to this union three children were born: One child that died in infancy; and Hettie H. and Fannie M., both of whom are at home. Both Mr. and Mrs. Herr are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church.

ABRAHAM B. HARNISH, one of the enterprising farmer-citizens of East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born in West Hempfield township, Nov. 30, 1849. His boyhood was passed in a manner similar to that of many sons of farmers, working upon the farm of his father and attending the public school of his district.

In 1874 Abraham B. Harnish decided to embark in life for himself, and removed to East Hempfield township, where he purchased his present desirable property and has since resided. This farm consists

of fifty-three acres, and is devoted to general farming. The land is in a high state of cultivation, and the buildings are in excellent condition, testifying to his ability as a farmer and his thrift as an owner of property.

On Nov. 23, 1876, occurred the marriage of Abraham B. Harnish and Barbara Hiestand, a daughter of Jacob Hiestand, of Lancaster county, and to this union have been born: Clayton H. Hiestand, Abraham H. and Dora H., at home; and Ervin and Levi, deceased. Both Abraham B. Harnish and his worthy wife are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and enjoy a well-deserved popularity, not only in their religious connection, but also throughout the entire community. In their pleasant home, which is conveniently situated two miles west of Rohrerstown, they welcome their many friends and live lives which are examples to others, of honorable, upright, Christian people.

DAVID WANNER. The name of Wanner has been borne by a highly respected family of agriculturists in Lancaster county.

David Wanner, the gentleman whose name opens this biographical mention, is truly a fitting representative of the old Keystone stock, as will be found as the narrative of his life-career progresses. He was born near Pequea church, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, July 7, 1847, a son of John and Barbara (Worst) Wanner, also natives of that township, and of Swiss origin.

John Wanner, who was a very prominent farmer in his day, served his fellow-citizens as a township official, and for three years was a school director. His death took place March 12, 1885, when he was seventy-one years of age, and that of his wife occurred in 1892, at the age of seventy, their remains being interred in Pequea church cemetery. They had been life-long Presbyterians, and the father had been a Republican in politics ever since the organization of the party. The four children born to John and Barbara Wanner were, in order of birth, as follows: Henry, a farmer in Salisbury township, married Emma Weiler; David, who is unmarried, is a retired farmer of Salisbury township; J. Alford, a farmer and a school director, married to Anna Eby; Samuel, likewise a farmer, is married to Sarata Seldomridge.

The paternal grandparents of David Wanner were David and Susannah (Garber) Wanner, the former of whom was a well-to-do farmer and died in 1861, when seventy-four years old, his wife dying in 1873, at the age of seventy-eight. They were devoted members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains were interred in Hays churchyard in Salisbury township. Their children were born in the following order: John, David, Jacob, Eliza (who died single at the age of thirty years), Isaac and Susannah (who was married to William Dague), all now deceased. The maternal grandfather, Henry Worst, was also a farmer and a native of Lancaster

county, as was also his wife, whose maiden name was Kurtz.

David Wanner has never embarked upon the sea of matrimony. He made his home with his parents until they were called from earth, and then with his brother Samuel, continued to operate the home farm until it was partitioned in 1892, when his brother, J. Alford, took full possession, David having held an interest in it until that date. In the meantime, in 1865, David Wanner purchased a farm of 120 acres in another part of the township, one half mile north of Springville, which he rents out.

Mr. Wanner is a member of the Pequea Presbyterian Church, the precepts of which have been his guide through life. In politics he is a Republican, but he has always been too much engaged, however, with the management of his own affairs to care for office holding, and the result is that he has one of the best cultivated farms of its size in Salisbury township. He is a very public-spirited citizen, and is quite liberal in the contributions of his means toward the advancement of the township public improvements, in which he takes a deep interest, schools and roads receiving his special attention. To his efforts the township owes its progress in a large degree, and to his energy in promoting its interest, as much as to the prestige of his family name, is due his individual high standing in the community.

FRANK BARR SNAVELY, of No. 21 North Ann street, Lancaster, where he and his wife entertain in a most hospitable manner, is descended from one of the oldest and most influential families of Lancaster county.

Abraham Snavely, his grandfather, who was a Mennonite preacher in Pequea township, where he entered into rest at the age of eighty-six, was in his time one of the most conspicuous figures in Lancaster county, being the owner and manager of the Snavely Mill, three miles south of the city. This passed into control of his son, Benjamin Snavely, who was the father of Frank B.

Benjamin Snavely was a farmer and miller, and for years conducted the mill that had long been in his family. Coming to Lancaster, he became one of the pioneer cotton mill men of this city, being associated with Gideon W. Arnold, Francis Schroeder, and Christian Breneman in the ownership of No. 1 Cotton Mill. After ten years he disposed of his interest in this enterprise, and entered into partnership with the late Col. Brenner in the dry goods business; he also formed a partnership with the late Joseph Welchans in the leaf tobacco business. Bauman's tannery on West King street, in Lancaster, was bought by him, and turned over to his three sons, Benjamin, Jr., Abraham and Frank B. He married a Miss Eliza Barr, a daughter of Benjamin Barr, a notable farmer of Pequea. Mr. Snavely passed away in 1898, when eighty-six years old; his wife preceding him in 1896, when seventy-three

years old. To them were born eight children, of whom only three survive: Benjamin, Jr.; Dr. H. B., physician; and Frank B., all of whom are in Lancaster.

Frank Barr Snavely was born on the old homestead in Pequea, Dec. 28, 1854, and received his education in the public schools of Pequea and Lancaster city. Leaving school, he entered into the tannery business as noted above, associated with his brothers, and continued in it with one brother as a partner until 1893. That year Mr. Snavely was sent to Chicago by M. S. Hershey, the millionaire engaged in the manufacture of caramels, to take charge of a branch of the big Lancaster concern. Mr. Snavely remained in the Chicago business for two and a half years, when it was removed to Bloomington, Ill., with him as its manager. The plant was sold in 1899, and Mr. Snavely returned to Lancaster to become the manager of the great creamery connected with the caramel works. The annual output of "Royal Butter" from this establishment—the finest butter on the market—has reached the enormous total of 500,000 pounds. The manufacture and sale of this vast product is under the direct management of our subject.

Mr. Snavely is a Republican in politics, and socially is connected with the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Snavely was married in November, 1881, to Miss Anna Elizabeth Eby, daughter of Simon J. Eby, for many years a hardware merchant of Mount Joy, but more recently associated with his son, C. L., in the baking business. Two sons were born of this union: Walter, who died in infancy; and Frank Clayton, who, after attending the Lancaster high school and Wade's Business College, accepted a clerical position with a wholesale linen house in New York city, where he now is.

H. F. YERGEY is treasurer and manager of the Columbia Wagon Company, at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

ELIAS O. REITZEL has been for over a quarter of a century an employe of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, which he is now serving as conductor, and is one of the respected citizens of Columbia, where he has made his home since 1873.

Mr. Reitzel was born May 15, 1851, in Mountville, Lancaster county. His great-grandfather, the first of the family in America, came to this country from Holland with three sons, all of whom were unmarried at the time. Col. Joseph Reitzel, grandfather of Elias O., was a weaver by trade, came to America with his father, and located in West Hempfield township, Lancaster Co., Pa. In 1825 he settled in Mountville, Lancaster county. In early youth he learned the carpet weaver's trade, and in later years also that of miller, and he also followed farming and distilling. Toward the close of his life he embarked in business as a butcher, and continued in that line until his death, which

occurred in 1867, when he was past eighty-four. He was distinguished for patriotism and personal courage, and was colonel in the war of 1812. While not a professing church member, he was a man whose standard of moral conduct was regulated by deep-seated Christian principles. Col. Reitzel was twice married. Among the twelve children born to the first union, that with Miss Boner, were: Joseph, John, Samuel, Henry, Peggy (Mrs. George Imhoff), and Betsey (Mrs. Edward McGlory). To Col. Reitzel's second marriage, with Elizabeth Mann, of Sunflower, Lancaster Co. (near Chester Co.), Pa., were born: Daniel, Harrison, Ephraim H. and Sarah. Daniel, now deceased, served as captain of Co. G, of a Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, during the Civil war, and was wounded in his country's service. Sarah is unmarried, and resides with her brother Ephraim. The others died before reaching mature years. Mrs. Elizabeth (Mann) Reitzel died June 15, 1893, at the same age as her husband; she was a member of the United Brethren denomination.

John Reitzel was born in Mountville, Lancaster county, and died there in 1851. He married Margaret Otto, who was born Oct. 5, 1825, in Berks county, Pa., and died Feb. 21, 1893, in Columbia. Her father, Henry Otto, of Berks county, settled in Manor township, this county, at an early day; he was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Reitzel were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were Jacob, who is a farmer of Norton county, Kans.; Joseph, a railroad brakeman of Columbia; and Elias O. The mother married for her second husband William D. Mann, who also died long before her, passing away Oct. 24, 1868, at the age of fifty-five. Two children came to this union: Elizabeth, Mrs. John Good, of Lancaster, and Miss Mary Ann Mann, of Columbia, both of whom were born at Mountville.

Elias O. Reitzel was reared to farming, which he continued up to the age of seventeen, and subsequently, for several years, was employed in coal yards and tobacco warehouses in Mountville. On Sept. 10, 1873, he came to Columbia, as brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad, with which he has ever since remained. In 1874 he became extra flagman and on April 9, 1888, regular flagman; on April 20, 1893, he was made extra conductor, and on March 28, 1896, was promoted to the position of regular conductor, the duties of which he has ably and faithfully discharged. Fraternally he is a member of the B. of R. T., and the Relief Department; also of the A. O. K. M. C.; and the Brotherhood of the Union, Liberty Circle, No. 23. His religious connection is with the Church of God. Mr. Reitzel is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Columbia Fire Department.

Our subject was married Nov. 20, 1887, in Columbia, to Mrs. Catherine (Sherrick) Smith, who was born May 25, 1851, in Washington borough, this county. She first married John Smith, a plas-

terer and stone mason, and to that union was born one daughter, Mary E., who died in infancy. Two children have come to her union with Mr. Reitzel, Milton H. and Mary E.

Paul Sherrick, of Washington borough, Mrs. Reitzel's father, was a son of John and Elizabeth Sherrick, of Germany, who came to America, and were married in Lancaster county. He first married Margaret Vouliver, by whom he had: Jacob, now deceased; Lenah, widow of George Green, of Steelton, Pa.; Fanny, deceased; Mary, deceased; and John, an extensive farmer of Manor township. Mrs. Sherrick died March 29, 1845, aged thirty-five years. His second marriage was to Elizabeth Collins, also of Washington borough, whose parents, Samuel and Nancy (Hougentogler) Collins, were lifelong residents of Lancaster county, and to this marriage came children as follows: Henry, Anna, Susan, Samuel and Catherine, all deceased; David is a farmer of Washington borough; Ellen is the widow of Henry Hougentogler, of Columbia; Amanda married James Freeland, a contractor of Columbia; Paul is a farmer in Washington, Pa.; Caroline married John Philips, of Lebanon, Pa.; Lydia married Isaac Welsh, an ice merchant, of Columbia. The father died April 25, 1866, aged fifty-eight years. He was a pilot on the river during the season, and also engaged in farming. Mrs. Elizabeth Sherrick passed away Sept. 26, 1892, aged sixty-eight, at Columbia, where she was visiting a daughter. Both parents were members of the Church of God, and were widely known and beloved as good Christian people.

EPHRAIM WHITMEYER SHUE, the very popular proprietor of the "Kindig House," on North Prince street, is descended from an old Pennsylvania family, his great-grandfather having been among the early settlers who came to America from Germany.

The name of the grandfather also was John Shue, like that of the founder. He was born near White Oak, in this county, and married a Miss Motter, and their son, Jacob, became the father of Ephraim W. Shue.

Jacob Shue engaged in farming in this county. He married Priscilla Witmer, a daughter of William Witmer, a farmer of the same section. To this union were born nine children, eight of whom are living: Samuel F., who is in the cigar business near Newmanstown, this State; Harvey, a cigar maker; Jacob, who occupies a position in the Reading station of the Reading and Philadelphia railroad; Reuben, a building inspector in Peoria, Ill.; Ephraim W.; Albert, a builder, of Lakewood, N. J.; Alice, the wife of George W. Yetter, in the gas department in Philadelphia; and Emma, the youngest, is the wife of Rue McKelvy, a steam fitter and contractor, of Lakewood, New Jersey.

Ephraim W. Shue was born near Manheim, this county, in 1861, and was educated in the schools of

his district, but left his search for education at the age of thirteen, although, as a matter of fact, he had commenced work, among neighboring farmers, as early as nine years. His career through boyhood, as well as through his more mature years, shows what may be accomplished by the American boy through industry, honesty and pluck. When other lads were at play in the evenings he learned cigar making, and during his boyhood years saved considerable money, earning it all by work on the farm, building fences and doing other work at night for the people of his neighborhood.

In 1892 he entered into the hotel business, buying a hotel property in Manheim, where he remained for three years. The Brooks High License law deprived him of his next license, and his next move, after having lost every dollar made in his first hotel venture, was to become head clerk in the "Summy House," in Manheim, where he remained for three years, and then came to the old "Franklin House," Lancaster, where he clerked for three years, and, in 1892 took possession of the old "Merrimac House," on North Prince street, changing the name to the "Kindig House" and rehabilitating the house as well as the name.

Mr. Shue is an ideal host, and understands the keeping of a hotel in first-class style. Soon after he took charge it became noted not only in this section but among traveling men all over the State for its excellent cuisine and first-class management. So popular did the place become that frequently Mr. Shue has been compelled to turn people away for lack of room. In 1898 he added to his other responsibilities by the purchase of the "City Hotel," on North Queen street, one of the finest hotel properties in the city. After renting this hotel for three years Mr. Shue purchased the adjoining property, and both buildings have been torn down. In their place has been erected the largest and best equipped hotel in the city, which Mr. Shue has named "The Wheatland," after Wheatlands, the home of the late President James Buchanan, which lies to the west of the city.

The marriage of Mr. Shue was to Miss Susan Frankfort, a daughter of Philip Frankfort, a contracting mason, living near Kissel Hill, this county, and five children have been added to the household: Frank, Harry, Scott, Charles and Ephraim W., Jr., all being students except the youngest. The family is connected with the Episcopal Church. Mr. Shue is liberal minded and believes in a moral life, and his contributions to all denominations are liberal. Fraternally Mr. Shue is popular and belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle; the Odd Fellows; the Junior Mechanics; the Knights of Malta; and the Patriotic Sons—the last and the Eagles being two new organizations which are attracting attention. His aged father makes his home with him, and no man in the community has been more devoted to family interests than Mr. Shue. Liberal at all times, with a pleasant greeting to all, with "a heart

as big as his body," as is often remarked, Mr. Shue can boast of as many friends as any man who has ever lived in the city of Lancaster.

CLAYTON S. MELLINGER, cashier of the Mountville National Bank, at Mountville, Lancaster county, is a native of the town, born Aug. 10, 1874, a son of Abraham H. and Elizabeth R. (Shellenberger) Mellinger of Manor township.

Abraham Mellinger was born on the old homestead in Manor township, Feb. 21, 1837, came to Mountville in 1874, and engaged in the tobacco trade in partnership with George S. Roland for several years, but the last ten years of his life were passed in retirement, although he had his Manor township farm kept under cultivation until the end. Abraham Mellinger was a member of the Mennonite Church, and in this faith he passed away at Mountville, May 10, 1889; his widow still has her home in Mountville and of her pedigree further mention will be made near the close of this review. To Abraham and Elizabeth R. (Shellenberger) Mellinger were born five children, viz.: Edward, deceased; Clayton S., whose name opens this biographical memoir; Anna, deceased; Margaret, at home; and Charles, deceased.

The Mellinger family descends from Benedict Mellinger, a native of Southern Germany, who settled in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1746—the original farm being a part of the present estate. Christian Mellinger, grandfather of Clayton S., came with his son Abraham from Manor township, where he lived in retirement until his death, in 1878, at the age of ninety-one years. Christian Mellinger was twice married. To his first union was born, John, who died a prominent member of the Episcopal Church in Columbia, in February, 1900. To the second marriage of Christian Mellinger were born the following children: Mary, married to John Seitz, Sr., of Rohrerstown, and retired; Barbara, widow of Jacob Gerher, of Newtown; Susannah, widow of Reuben Garber, of Salunga; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Lemuel Garber; Martha, married to Andrew L. Sheningberger, a farmer of Glen Manor; Anna, widow of John Hershey; David, living retired in Manor township; Rev. Daniel, a Mennonite minister in Winchester, Va.; and Abraham, deceased father of Clayton S. Mellinger.

The first of the Shellenberger family, Ulrick Shellenberger, came to West Hempfield township from the southern part of Germany in 1726, and engaged in farming. Mrs. Elizabeth R. (Shellenberger) Mellinger was born in this township, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Shellenberger, who both died on the old homestead. The father was a farmer, and was sixty-seven years of age at the time of his death in 1878, and the mother died in 1886, aged eighty-one years, both in the faith of the Dunkard (German Baptist) Church, and their remains were interred in the Habecker church cemetery. The children born to the union of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Shellenberger were, in the order of birth,

as follows: Susannah, still single, and living on the old farm; Daniel, deceased; Andrew, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Abra, who died in 1898; Jacob, a physician in active practice at Germantown; Elizabeth R., widow of Abraham H. Mellinger; Sarah, who died young; and Mary, who was married to Amos N. Lehman, and who died in 1878. The paternal ancestors, Andrew and Elizabeth (Forry) Shellenberger, came from Switzerland, and were early settlers in West Hempfield township, where they followed farming; the maternal grandparents Abraham and Elizabeth (Eby) Rohrer, of Lancaster county, both died in Manor township.

Clayton S. Mellinger, who is still an unmarried man, attended the Huntingdon and the Millersville Normal schools until eighteen years of age, when he entered the Lancaster Trust Co.'s office as check clerk, and when he left the institution eight years later was keeper of the general ledger. He then came to Mountville, to accept his present responsible position.

In politics Mr. Mellinger has always been a consistent Republican, but has never been particularly active in party affairs, his own responsible situations having kept him pretty well occupied, and the handling of his father's estate has but added to his cares. Mr. Mellinger makes his home with his mother, and no family in Mountville is held in higher esteem by the residents than that of Mrs. Elizabeth R. Mellinger.

EDWARD L. HEISEY was born on the old Heisey homestead, in West Donegal township, Sept. 16, 1868, a son of Jacob W. Heisey, whose life and family history are presented in another place.

Edward L. Heisey was married Oct. 9, 1890, in Rapho township, to Miss Anna M. Erb. Their marriage was blessed by the birth of three children: Ella E.; Minnie M., now deceased; and Chester E., born April 24, 1901.

Mrs. Anna M. (Erb) Heisey was born in East Donegal township, the charming and estimable daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Mumma) Erb, natives of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, respectively. Her father, who was a farmer, died Dec. 17, 1885, at the age of sixty years. His remains were put to rest in the Graybill burying grounds. Her mother, who was born in 1830, is now living in East Hempfield township. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Seven children were born to them: John M., a farmer in West Hempfield township; Daniel, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of D. S. Metzler, a farmer in Rapho township; Fanny, deceased; Harry, a farmer in West Donegal township; Mary, the wife of Jacob E. Brubaker, a farmer in East Donegal township; and Anna, whose marriage is noted in the preceding paragraph.

John Erb, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Anna Heisey, lived and died in Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were John and Anna (Brubaker) Mumma, also natives of Lancaster county.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Elizabeth Erb contracted a second marriage with Benjamin B. Kauffman, now a retired farmer in East Hempfield township.

Edward L. Heisey remained at home with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he struck out for himself, and began by working by the day in Rapho township. After two years of this he bought a small farm, which he tilled for four years. His next step was to remove to Mt. Joy borough, where he spent a year, and then came back to West Donegal township to engage in farming, at the same time taking up stone quarrying. In the spring of 1900, in company with four brothers, he formed a partnership for burning lime, under the name of the High C Lime Co. They have already secured a flattering patronage, and with the improvements contemplated in their business will soon take very front rank in their line. Since the establishment of the Rural Free Delivery system, Mr. Heisey has been mail carrier from the Rheems postoffice.

Mr. Heisey belongs to the Mennonite Church, and takes an independent stand in politics. He is prominent and thrifty, has hosts of friends, and gives every promise of a brilliant career.

AARON R. LUTZ, one of the Pennsylvania Railway Company's most capable and trustworthy engineers, was born in Newtown, Lancaster county, Nov. 25, 1854, being the fifth of a family of twelve children. His father's name was Reuben, and his paternal grandfather's was Jacob. Both were carpenters and both are deceased. Jacob Lutz died in 1863, and Reuben in 1890, at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Lutz's mother was Sarah Hoffman, daughter of Jacob Hoffman, a farmer of Silver Spring, in Lancaster county, who died in 1860, in his sixty-sixth year. Two years after the death of her husband Mrs. Reuben Lutz came to Columbia, where she passed the closing years of her long and useful life, entering into rest in November, 1899, having passed the Scriptural limit of three score years and ten. Both parents were members of the Church of United Brethren, and sleep in the cemetery of that denomination at Mountville.

The brothers and sisters of Mr. Lutz were as follows: Mary, who died in childhood; Jacob and John, carpenters living in Columbia; Barbie, wife of Henry Doll, of York, Pa.; Mary (2), who married Jacob Sailer, of Columbia; Sarah, now Mrs. Burchfield, of the same place; Isabella, whose husband, Isaiah Cain, is a farmer of West Hempfield; Emma, the wife of Christ Herr, a shoemaker of Millersville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Balaam Brooks, whose husband is a miller living at Steelton; Harry, whose home is in York; and Alice, who became the wife of Christ Rotkey, a farmer of West Hempfield.

Mr. Lutz was reared upon a farm until he was eighteen years old, when he served an apprenticeship to the painter's trade. This pursuit he followed for six years. In 1874 he came to Columbia, and

there entered the Pennsylvania Company's service as a fireman. Six years later he was promoted to be an engineer, and still has his hand on the throttle. He enjoys the confidence of his superiors, the friendship of his associates and the esteem of the community in which he resides. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His political creed is Democratic; in religious faith he is a Lutheran, being a member of St. John's Church.

On August 30, 1876, Mr. Lutz was united in marriage to Miss Ellen A. Sweeney, daughter of John J. and Martha A. Sweeney, of Columbia. Her father is also a Pennsylvania engineer, and a sketch of his life may be found on another page in this volume. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lutz: Robert Reginald, Maud M., James C., Madge M., Lena L., Roderick D., Isabella K. and Ella Marie. R. Reginald died before reaching the age of four years. The others are at home.

SAMUEL P. WHITESIDE, a farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in the township in which his active and useful life is passing, in April, 1864, a son of James and Elizabeth (Irwin) Whiteside.

James Whiteside was also born in Colerain township in September, 1825, and Elizabeth Irwin was born in Honeybrook in 1827. They were married in 1855, and settled on his father's farm. There they reared their family, and both died on this old homestead. He passed away Jan. 20, 1894, and his widow in March, 1896. They were Presbyterians in their religion, while in politics he was a staunch Democrat. Four sons survived their death. (1) John W., born in 1858, married Miss Mary Jones, and settled on the John Whiteside farm, which was owned at one time by his uncle. They have one son, Frederick.

(2) Charles Whiteside, born in April, 1860, married Miss Carrie Turner, of Colerain township, and lived on the old Robert Whiteside homestead. Three children, Mary, Walter and Dora, have come to them, all born in Little Britain township.

(3) William Whiteside, born in May, 1866, is a merchant of Little Britain, and became the father of eight children: Violet; Joseph; William; Edgar; Frank; Susan; Francis E., born March, 1901, and died in August, 1901; and David M., born Sept. 6, 1902.

(4) Samuel P. Whiteside was educated in the Union high school, and then entered upon his life as a farmer. He was married Dec. 21, 1886, to Anna M., a daughter of James and Mary (Davis) Turner, born in August, 1867, in Colerain township; she was given a public school education, and attended the high school at Oxford. Mr. Turner died in Oxford in 1885, and his widow resides with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Whiteside. There were eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Whiteside settled on the farm which his father and Robert Whiteside

had purchased from John Crawford some years before the marriage of Samuel P.; fine buildings had been erected and the place brought into first-class condition. Mr. Whiteside has also greatly improved this farm since it came into his possession.

Mr. and Mrs. Whiteside are the parents of eleven children: Francis E. Whiteside, Samuel E. and William D. all died in childhood; James T. Whiteside and Robert I., twins, born Aug. 20, 1888; Abbie E., born March 30, 1890; Laura D., born March 10, 1894; Helen, born June 29, 1895; Louisa W., born Dec. 19, 1897; Caroline, born April 29, 1899; Norman E., born Oct. 13, 1902.

Samuel P. Whiteside has always been a Democrat, and with his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church. The Whitesides are an old-time Colerain family, and the men are of solid worth in the community. The present representatives sustain the honor of the family name, and their useful and well-ordered lives are of value in the community.

HIRAM H. NISSLEY is the proprietor of the extensive Achor Wagon Works at Elizabethtown, which he built in 1896, and which at the present time give employment to over forty people. Mr. Nissley manufactures business wagons exclusively, but deals in all kinds of pleasure vehicles, also handling harness on a considerable scale.

Mr. Nissley was born in East Donegal township Jan. 19, 1867, a son of Peter B. and Elizabeth (Hoffer) Nissley. The father was a farmer, and was born in Mt. Joy township. He died Jan. 19, 1869, at the age of forty-five years, and his remains are resting in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. The mother, who was born in 1833, is now living in Elizabethtown. They had the following children: Simon H., who is engaged with his brother, Hiram H., as shipping clerk in his very extensive establishment; Martin H., a contractor and builder in Elizabethtown; Hiram H.; Peter H., a farmer in Elizabethtown. To the first marriage of Peter B. Nissley were born: Amanda, the widow of Levi N. Risser, now living in Elizabethtown; Martha, who married David G. Heisey, of Conoy township; and Anna, who married A. G. Heisey, a merchant of Elizabethtown.

Hiram H. Nissley was married Dec. 24, 1895, in Elizabethtown, to Miss Laura E. Buch, daughter of Jonathan B. and Mary (Bard) Buch, who were living near Lititz, at the time of her birth, in 1867.

Hiram H. Nissley remained on his parents farm until he reached the age of seventeen years, working on the farm during the summer season and attending the Elizabethtown schools during the winter term. Then he devoted himself exclusively to the school, from which he was graduated as a member of the first class with high honors. His first step in the business world was to take a position as a clerk in the dry-goods store of A. Dissinger, which he held for more than six years. In 1899

Mr. Nissley became connected with the manufacturing works of Jacob Miller, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Fifth Wheel Manufacturing Co. Two years later he became proprietor with Isaac Corwall, of Williamsburg, as his partner, renaming the works the Keystone Forging Co. In 1895 this company was incorporated and removed to Northumberland county, Mr. Nissley retaining his position as secretary until the following year, when he disposed of his interest in the company, and bought his present business.

Politically Mr. Nissley is a Republican, and has served on the county committee of his party for many years. For the last two years he has been a member of the town council, and is one of the prominent and influential citizens of the community where his many genuine and sterling qualities command respect, and where his genial manners have won a host of friends.

ALBERT HUPPER, wholesale and retail confectioner, is one of the rising young merchants of the city of Lancaster and descends from stalwart German ancestry, both his grandfathers having come from Germany in an early day.

John Hupper, his father, who is a carpenter in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co., with residence in Lancaster, married Elizabeth Urban, daughter of Jacob Urban, a farmer of Conestoga township, this county. Four children were born to this union: Frederick, who died about seven years ago at the age of twenty; Jacob, a salesman in M. T. Garvin & Co.'s dry-goods store; Albert, of whom we more particularly write; and Miss Anna, who assists in her brother's confectionery store.

Albert Hupper was born May 5, 1871, in Manor township, and received his education at the public schools of Conestoga Center. Laying aside his books at the age of nineteen, he came to the city of Lancaster and entered into an apprenticeship at the confectioner's trade, which he mastered in all its details. For nine years or more he made the bulk of the candies and ice cream for the late Rufus H. Anderson, and Sept. 4, 1899, he purchased the latter's business, which he has since successfully conducted. By strict attention to business, and by the excellence of his goods he has more than doubled his trade, both wholesale and retail, which is by no means confined to Lancaster and vicinity, for he ships to many distant points—the excellent quality of his ice cream, alone, having a wide reputation.

On April 3, 1895, Mr. Hupper was united in marriage with Miss Mary Bergman, daughter of Andrew Bergman, a retired merchant of Lancaster, and they have one child, Helen Beatrice. Mr. and Mrs. Hupper are members of Grace Lutheran Church, in which he is serving as deacon. Socially he is connected with the I. O. O. F. and the Royal Arcanum, but most of his time is strictly devoted to his business interests, in which he has met with more than ordinary success.

CHARLES B. KELLER, recorder of deeds for Lancaster county, lives in an elegant suburban home, built on land that has been in the possession of the Keller family for generations—land that was secured from the Penns by Mr. Keller's great-grandfather. At first this tract comprised but five acres, but Mr. Keller acquired more land until he held eighty-six acres.

The founder of the Keller family in America was Johann Peter Keller, a native of Germany, who came to these shores prior to 1760, settling in Lancaster county, where he died. His wife, Anna Maria, born in Germany, died in Lancaster Jan. 6, 1782. Two of their children, Carl Andrew and Johann Adam, were born in Germany.

Carl A. Keller, son of Johann Peter, married Barbara Judith Bigler, and from this couple Charles B. Keller is descended.

John Andrew Keller, son of Carl A., and father of Charles B., married Harriet Trissler, and both passed their lives in Lancaster. He died in 1856. They had the following children: Samuel, Benjamin Schaeffer, William Augustus, Clara, John Adam, Lizzie, Kate, Harriet Maria, Ella, Emanuel and Charles B.

Charles B. Keller was born Oct. 20, 1853, next door to the courthouse in East King street, where his father then lived. He was graduated from the Boys' High School in 1868 with valedictory honors, and graduated from Muhlenberg College in 1873. After being associated with his brother, William A., in the manufacture of paper boxes in Philadelphia for a year, Mr. Keller became principal of the Strasburg schools, in 1874, remaining there ten years, and raising the standard of the schools to a high grade. During his stay in that town he graduated hundreds of young people, and is held in grateful memory in that community. In 1884 Mr. Keller became engaged in the coal and lumber business at Ephrata, where he remained ten years. He was early identified with the Independent Telephone company, an organization that gave to the people of Lancaster a much lower priced and far more satisfactory telephone service, became superintendent of that company in July, 1898, and by his energy and push brought the business to the very fore-front in a brief period.

Mr. Keller was elected recorder of deeds for Lancaster county Nov. 6, 1900, and on the first day of the following year entered upon the responsible duties of that position, and his ability and integrity give every promise of a most successful and satisfactory administration of its affairs by the present incumbent.

On Sept. 19, 1884, Mr. Keller was married to Miss Harriet Leche, daughter of Lieut. David H. Leche, 2d Pennsylvania Cavalry, and this union has been blessed by the birth of three children: Frederick Rowe, who is now attending Franklin and Marshall College; and Harriet and Helen Leche, both at school. Mr. Keller is prominent in all the

affairs of the city, is a member of Grace Lutheran Church, and is an intelligent and conscientious gentleman. Socially he belongs to the Masons, the Elks, and the Lodge of Perfection.

JOHN ADAM KELLER, brother of Charles B., was born Oct. 29, 1840, on the site of the Locher Bank building, in Center Square, Lancaster. He obtained his education in the local school, and on completing that course of study went into the Fellanbaum Foundry, where he spent two years. For three years he worked with W. C. F. Scheer, and then connected himself with the Pennsylvania Railway Company, being brakeman and extra passenger conductor for five years. At the end of that time he entered the service of his country, enlisting as a member of what afterward became the 17th P. V. I. At the close of his military experiences Mr. Keller engaged in the truck business on the Lititz turnpike. Five years later he sold out this business to his partner, Adam R. Keller, and opened a greengrocer's stand on East King street, in which he was engaged for four years. He was then employed by D. S. Bursk. In 1886 he became a clerk in the extensive establishment of Walter A. Heinitsh, where he has since remained.

Mr. Keller married Miss Anna, daughter of Patrick Carrigan, of Philadelphia, and they own and occupy one of the handsomest modern dwellings in East King street, opposite the Lancaster county prison. Mr. Keller is not only a great lover of flowers, but is also a most successful floriculturist, following the occupation, however, purely for pleasure. The flower beds about his home are always the most attractive in the city. When the park surrounding the Lancaster county prison was thrown open to the public it was Mr. Keller who suggested the big lily pond and superintended its construction.

JOHN A. GOLL, a prominent and representative citizen of Lancaster, and a member of the well-known railroad contracting firm of John Goll & Co., was born in Harrisburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., Feb. 18, 1863, a son of George and Fredericka Goll, the former of whom was born in Weilheim bei Kirchheim on der Teck, Wurtemberg, Germany, May 21, 1832. The father of George Goll followed the trade of baker in Germany, and the latter assisted in this business until the age of twenty-three years when he emigrated to America, together with his brothers, John G. and Charles, the former of whom is a prominent contractor in Philadelphia, and the latter, a farmer. Their one sister Mrs. Conrad Morning, of Lancaster, also came with them. For a short period, George Goll resided in the State of New York and then moved to Lancaster county, Pa., and engaged in work at Columbia as a journeyman contractor. Later he obtained a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad, and through excellent work and close attention to business, secured promotion in 1872, to the position of master workman of the Philadelphia division.

In 1875 Mr. Goll left this company, and in partnership with John Keller, engaged in contracting, giving especial attention to bridge building. During his career he has constructed many of the most important bridges in this part of the State, some of them being magnificent structures which will endure for generations as testimonials to his ability. Mr. Goll built the large stone bridge over the Conestoga river. After the Johnstown disaster, he secured several contracts in the desolated regions, and built the bridge over the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg, on the Cumberland Valley railroad; one on the same road over the Potomac River, on the Maryland and Virginia line; and three bridges on the Pittsburg division at Summer Hill. Some of these structures are marvels of engineering skill, and justly place the name of their builder among the notable men in his line in the State. In addition to the above, Mr. Goll did similar work on the New York divisions, and at the time of his death was just completing the bridge over the Juniata river at Tyrone. For future work he had on hand contracts for the building of bridges on the C. V. road at Newville and at Alto Junction. His thorough knowledge of this business made him desirable whenever any bridge was projected, for his work had stood the test of strain and time, and had proved the reliability of the builder.

The marriage of George Goll was to Fredericka C. Eiding, in Harrisburg, and among the eleven children born to this union, were: John A., William H. and George F. The death of Mr. Goll was caused by an attack of apoplexy, Feb. 15, 1891, at the age of fifty-eight years, and his burial was in Woodward Hill cemetery. His religious rearing had been in the Lutheran Church, and for many years he was an elder in Zion Lutheran Church, but his later years were passed as an elder in Grace Lutheran Church, the latter being situated nearer his home. Mr. Goll lived an exemplary life, and both by precept and example afforded a true type of Christian character. In his church particularly was he held in the highest esteem, and the church council attended his funeral in a body, with many other friends and fellow-citizens who desired to show respect to one who had so well lived up to the best standard of citizenship. He was a good neighbor, a devoted father and a kind husband, while in him the poor and needy all found a friend.

John A. Goll attended the common schools and then learned his business with his father, with whom he remained until the latter's death. Following this event he entered into partnership with his brothers, William H. and George F., forming the firm of John Goll & Co., and continuing in the railroad contracting business, making a reputation which has brought the firm prosperity. Some of the large contracts satisfactorily completed are: the remodeling of the Broad Street Station, Philadelphia; the remodeling of the Harrisburg Station; changing of the line tunneling 280 feet, in Philadelphia, and various other undertakings of a like nature, while the firm

has also built bridges on the Cumberland Valley line, and the great tunnel under the Pennsylvania line in Lancaster.

The marriage of John A. Goll took place in Harrisburg, in 1889, the bride being Elizabeth Harnish, who was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, daughter of Amos and Caroline (Brady) Harnish (the former of whom follows the trade of wheelwright in Harrisburg), formerly residents of Manor township, Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Goll have two children, Esther and George. In his fraternal associations, Mr. Goll is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Perfection Lodge, No. 14. He is also a member of the K. of P.; of the Red Men; and of the B. P. O. E. With his family he belongs to, and liberally assists in supporting, Grace Lutheran Church in this city. His standing in business circles is of the best, and he is justly regarded as one of the substantial men of Lancaster, his personal attributes winning him many friends.

DAVID H. LANDIS is a leading representative of the business interests of Manor township, Lancaster county, where he is extensively engaged in the milling business and the manufacture of cider, and also conducts a creamery and farm. Of excellent business ability and broad resources, he has attained a prominent place among the successful men of his community, and the prosperity that has come to him is certainly well-deserved.

A son of Jacob H. and Ann S. (Herr) Landis, he was born at his present home, Aug. 28, 1864, and was educated at the Normal School in Millersville, Pa. For some three or four years he engaged in farming, but in 1892 took charge of the Colfax Glen Mills, now known as the Windom Mills, which he still operates, doing simply a gristmill business; he also handles a large amount of grain. In 1894 he established a creamery, which he still conducts, and in 1893 a hydraulic cider mill, where he manufactures a large amount of cider annually, making almost 100,000 gallons in 1899. In connection with his other industries, he operates a farm of 108 acres, and is justly numbered among the leading and progressive young business men of the county.

In 1890 Mr. Landis married Miss Ella H. Shelley, a daughter of John Shelley, a contractor of Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and to them have been born three children, namely: Ralph S., Nelson S. and Edith S. The family hold membership in Zion's Reformed Church of Millersville.

Mr. Landis is a man of more than ordinary intelligence, has made considerable research into scientific subjects, and is well-posted on the leading topics and issues of the day. He affiliates with the Republican party, and in 1899 was elected a member of the school board, which position he is now most creditably filling. He secured the establishment of a post office at his place, to which he gave the name of Windom, and was appointed postmaster of the same.

REV. CHARLES ELVIN HAUPT, D. D., the beloved and revered pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, has been prominent in all good works in Lancaster for the last twenty-five years. His grandfather, Jacob Haupt, arrived in America from Baden, Germany, in 1763, and made his home in Philadelphia, where he lived until the War of 1812. Gen. Herman Haupt, a son of Jacob, is still living at the age of eighty-two; his home is in Washington, where he has largely resided since the war of the Rebellion.

Lewis L. Haupt, the father of Rev. Charles Elvin, was the General Ticket Agent of the Pennsylvania Railway Co., for fifteen years, and then became the Eastern Passenger Agent of the Northern Pacific Railroad Co., a position he held until toward the close of his life, Sept. 17, 1898. He was finally Visiting Agent of the House of Refuge, now known as the Glen Mills School. He married Louisa Caroline Keller, a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Keller, a Lutheran clergyman of Gettysburg, and afterward of Philadelphia. To bless this union came five children: Rev. Charles Elvin, of Lancaster; Henry E., a scale-maker, of Philadelphia; William K., a banker of Philadelphia; Miss Fanny G., who cares for her aged mother; and Mary Louisa, wife of Richard R. Conarroe, a hardware merchant of Philadelphia.

Rev. Charles Elvin Haupt was born Oct. 6, 1852, in Harrisburg, where his father was then stationed in the interests of the Pennsylvania Railroad; but he was mainly educated in Philadelphia, where he attended the public schools and a private academy. In 1868 he entered the Classical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated from that Institution with honors in the class of 1872. Having decided in favor of the ministry, he entered the Lutheran Theological Seminary, on Franklin Square, Philadelphia; from which he was graduated in course in 1875. He was almost immediately ordained to the Lutheran ministry, and was at once called to Lancaster to take charge of Christ Lutheran Church, then a mission of "Old Trinity," acting as assistant to the late beloved Rev. Dr. E. Greenwald. Christ Church very soon became practically self-supporting under the able ministrations of Mr. Haupt, but he was called to the pulpit of Grace Lutheran Church, of this city, in January, 1880, and there he has since remained, deeply beloved by the people of that parish as well as by the entire community. He established Grace Church school, an educational establishment of high character, and by his earnest labors added to the numerical strength and standing of the congregation and Sunday School to a surprising degree. The congregation has increased from 140 communicants in 1875, to 849 at the present time, while the Sunday School has increased during the same period from 300 to 726. In addition to all this church and Sunday School work he has been a frequent contributor to church periodi-

cals, and has written "Stories from Bible History," a text book for families; as well as a life of Dr. Greenwald.

Dr. Haupt was practically the founder of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, named after the venerated Dr. Greenwald, and he was closely identified with the founding of the Madame Cotta College for Young Women, of which Prof. W. W. Moore, for many years principal of Franklin and Marshall Academy, is principal. This college gives a Christian training for young women, and pursues practically the same studies that are offered in Franklin and Marshall College. Dr. Haupt is Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in this institution, which has already won a deserved recognition among the people. In the summer of 1900 Mr. Haupt was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred at Lancaster by Franklin and Marshall College.

On Jan. 15, 1878, Dr. Haupt was married to Miss Mary M., a daughter of John Geissinger, a farmer of Huntingdon county, and a sister of Rev. Dr. D. H. Geissinger, now of Pittsburg, and Dr. Haupt's immediate predecessor at Grace Church.

Two sons were born to Dr. and Mrs. Haupt, Gerald L., who died at the age of six years; and Charles E., a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, and now a student of architecture in Philadelphia. Dr. Haupt has made himself felt as a friend to the city of Lancaster, and he is cherished by a host of friends, who revere his learning, admire his devotion to the Faith, and love him for his sincere and unaffected manliness. He is one of the charter members of the board of directors of Lancaster General Hospital, and has been actively identified with it ever since.

ALBERT B. WORTH, formerly county commissioner, and a successful farmer of Colerain township, was born in September, 1843, in the home in which he now lives, son of William C. and Phoebe (Romans) Worth, who were both born in Romansville, Chester county, in 1805.

John Worth, father of William C., was born in England, and his wife, Lydia (Carpenter), was born in this country. They made their home in Romansville, where their lives were devoted to farming, and Mr. Worth became one of the wealthy men of that section. For many years he held local and county offices, and at one time served in the State Legislature. He was widely known as a local minister of the Society of Friends. Of his children, (1) William C., father of Albert B., was the eldest. (2) Chespazer married Miss Mary Bailey, of Chester county, where he was a leading iron man until his death, in 1881; he left two sons, who still reside in Coatesville, Sharpless and William, proprietors of the Laurel iron mills, of Chester county. (3) Richard was a farmer in Chester county, where he died. His wife was from that county. They had seven children: Rachel Ann, deceased; Ben-

nett, who resides in Denver, Colo.; Lydia H., deceased; John R., deceased; Mary, wife of Garrett Taylor; Annie, wife of Frederick Wetherill, of Philadelphia; and Thomas, of Texas. (4) John married Miss Mary Pyle, of Chester county, where he is a prominent lumberman, in West Chester. They have one son, Herbert, who is at home. (5) Elizabeth Worth, born in Chester county, married Jacob Wickersham, and settled on the old Worth homestead in that county, where they still reside. They have had one son and one daughter, Bell and Howard, the latter deceased. (6) Rachel Worth, born in Chester county, married John White, of West Chester, and they have one daughter, Mary, who is the widow of William Minster, of West Chester. (7) Samuel, born in Chester county, was married (first) there and lived on a farm, where his wife died leaving three children: Emma, wife of Bordley S. Patterson, of Little Britain; Edward, a real estate dealer in Wawa, Pa.; and Mary, wife of Samuel Dickey, of Philadelphia. The second wife of Samuel Worth was Sarah Carpenter, of Philadelphia, where they were living at the time he died, leaving two children by that union, Jane and Mary.

William C. Worth settled on the farm in Colerain township, now occupied by our subject, where he married Phoebe Romans. There he erected a large stone house, and a bank barn. This farm house, which is situated on the Octoraro creek, was known as one of the best rural homes in the town in its day. Sixty acres of this farm lie in Chester county. There William C. Worth died in 1874, and his widow in August, 1879. They were members of the Society of Friends. He was a prominent man in all local affairs, and in 1853, was elected county commissioner in Lancaster county, a position he filled with credit to himself, and satisfaction to his constituents. William C. Worth and his wife had children as follows: (1) J. Carpenter, born in 1832, married Mary Galloway, daughter of Rev. Joseph Galloway, of Steubenville, Ohio, formerly of Clearfield county, Pa., a clergyman of the Presbyterian church. The young married couple settled at Coatesville, and later at Oxford, Chester county, where he was manager for one of the Pennsylvania iron firms. He died in February, 1901, leaving a widow and two sons: Mason C. (engaged in the iron business), and Elmer E., both of Philadelphia. Mrs. Worth is still a resident of Oxford. (2) Charles died when a young man, unmarried. (3) Smith, born in 1834, married (first) Phoebe Brinton, who died childless, and second, Emaline Wilson, of Chester county. He has his home in Oxford, where he had a large hardware store. In 1890 he was made treasurer of Chester county, an office he is still filling very acceptably to the public. He has two daughters, Helen and Marian, the former of whom married Howard Snodgrass, cashier of the National Bank of Oxford. (4) George died in infancy. (5) Lydia married Samuel Holmes, of Chester county, and is

the mother of two children—Charles, a lumberman of Tennessee; and Jennie, at home. (6) Harrison was born in 1840, married Elizabeth Boyce, and after her death, married Miss Louisa Pettitdemonge. They reside in Delaware, where he is a farmer. They have two children, Frank and Bessie, of whom the former married a Miss Chandler, and the latter a Mr. Eastman. (7) Albert B. is mentioned below. (8) Davis was a merchant at Mt. Vernon, Chester county, at the time of his death, which occurred when he was only twenty-two years old. (9) Samuel, born at the old home, married Jennie Smith, of Chester county, and is a merchant and is also postmaster at Oxford.

Albert B. Worth was educated in the Union high school and at the Oxford Academy. He was engaged in farming at the old homestead until his marriage, Jan. 21, 1868, when Letitia J. Byer, a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (McClenaghan) Byer, became his wife. Her father was born in Colerain township in 1804, and his wife in Ireland in October, 1824. They were farming people in Colerain, where Mr. Byer died in 1887, leaving a widow and five children: (1) Rebecca, widow of Clark Morrison, of Chester county; (2) Letitia J., wife of Albert R. Worth, born in 1846; (3) Mary, unmarried, who resides in Colerain township; (4) William, a lawyer in Lancaster, who married a daughter of ex-Senator Warfell of Pennsylvania; and (5) Winfield S., who is on the old Byer homestead. Mrs. Letitia J. Worth was educated in the Union high school and the Ladies' Seminary at Chestnut Hill, and was a successful teacher in the public schools for some years.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Worth settled on the old homestead, where they have resided to the present time. Many additions to the building have been made by him, principally a frame addition to the old stone house, and many changes in the barn. To them have come seven children: (1) Lydia, born in February, 1869, graduated from the Millersville State Normal School, and taught school thirteen years in Colerain township. She is now a teacher in Brownell Hall Seminary, in Omaha, Neb. (2) Lenora and (3) Lillian, twins, died in childhood. (4) William T., born in April, 1872, graduated from the Millersville Normal and the University of Pennsylvania, and is now a practicing physician at Bainbridge, Lancaster county. He married Miss Elizabeth Nissley, and they have a daughter Allene. (5) Davis R., born Dec. 9, 1873, died when nineteen years old. (6) Della R., born Jan. 29, 1880, received her education in the Union high school and for several terms was a teacher in Lancaster county. She married John A. Kimble, of Nottingham, Chester county, and has one child—a daughter. (7) Mary Alberta, born in May, 1888, is now a student in the Union high school.

Mr. Worth is a Republican in political faith. In 1888 he was elected county commissioner and was re-elected in 1891, filling the office with ability, and

to the public satisfaction. The family are all members of the Presbyterian Church. The Worths have all been men and women of fine character and cultured minds, and have borne an influential part in the affairs of the community.

JAMES MARTIN CAIN, the artistic sign writer and principal of the School of Card Sign Writing, at No. 22 North Queen street, Lancaster, is of Scotch-Irish descent, coming from that race of people who did so much for the development of the southern end of Lancaster county.

James Cain, his grandfather, was one of the most prominent architects in this section, and many fine buildings still remain as enduring monuments to his skill in designing.

Benton A. Cain, son of James, lives in Lancaster, and is a hardwood worker and carver. He married Mary A. Fagan, daughter of the late Martin Fagan, of Fairfield, this county, and three children were born of this union: Verree, at school; Cleston; and James Martin.

James Martin Cain was born at Benton Station (named after his father), on the banks of the Susquehanna, in Drumore township, July 9, 1875. He was educated in the public schools of Fairfield and in the Chestnut Level Academy. At the age of seventeen years he left school and entered the drug store of Charles E. Long, in Lancaster, but the confinement of that business and the recognition of his artistic talents, led him to become an apprentice at sign painting in the establishment of Charles H. Tucker, with whom he remained four years. At the end of that time he went West, settling in Zanesville, Ohio, where he carried on business for himself for six months; and he then returned to Lancaster, and started in business for himself at No. 221 North Queen street. His next move was to enter into partnership with H. B. Greenawalt, at No. 27 East King street, under the firm name of Greenawalt & Cain. In February, 1901, this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Cain established himself in commodious quarters at No. 22 North Queen street, where he has been kept busy literally day and night. He has been obliged to engage expert assistants, has introduced a telephone in order to attend the calls made for him, and besides doing sign writing and personally teaching card-writing to numbers of students has established a School of Correspondence, instructing people from all sections in the art of card sign writing. His ability as a painter is everywhere acknowledged, and no work in the State is more artistic. His contracts for the most prominent firms in this section of the country have been carried out with faithfulness and intelligence, his work giving entire satisfaction.

Socially Mr. Cain belongs to the Aerie Eagles, Odd Fellows, Royal Arcanum, and Jr. O. U. A. M. Religiously, he is a member of the Western M. E. Church. Before coming to Lancaster he was associated with the Mt. Zion M. E. Church, of Fair-

field, where he served as treasurer and secretary of the Sunday-school, and after taking up his residence in Lancaster he joined the Western M. E. Church by letter. All who know him (and he has a wide circle of friends) feel that he is one of Lancaster's rising business men. Mr. Cain is an amateur violinist of no ordinary ability.

GERRITT SMITH, who is one of the successful farmers of Drumore township, is an honest, upright and respected citizen of that community. His birth took place on the same farm he now owns, Oct. 17, 1857, and he was a son of George and Emmeline (Tennis) Smith, deceased.

Joseph Smith, his grandfather, was of English and Scotch-Irish origin, and he married Tacy Shoemaker. They reared four children: Rachel, of Drumore; George, the father of Gerritt Smith; Amos, a twin brother of George; and Ellen, wife of Hon. William H. Brosius, who is a member of the State Legislature, and of whom more extended mention is made elsewhere.

George Smith, son of Joseph, was born May 19, 1827, and his death occurred Feb. 12, 1898. His wife, Emmeline Tennis Smith, whom he wedded in 1848, was born in 1828, and died April 9, 1899. They were the parents of the following children: Amos P., a farmer of Drumore, of whom a sketch is given in this volume; Annie M., wife of Gardner C. Crawford, of Perryville, Md.; Gerritt, of this sketch; and Ellsworth, who died young.

Gerritt Smith was reared a farmer boy, and received his education in the common schools of his district. His life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he now owns the old homestead farm which was the property of his grandfather. This consists of 132 acres, and is well improved, and under the highest possible state of cultivation.

Mr. Smith is a stanch Republican in politics, but has never found time to accept the duties of office except that of school director. He is a trustee in the Presbyterian church. Both he and wife are among the leading members of Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, to which Mr. Smith is a liberal contributor and cheerful supporter of all its charitable and benevolent enterprises. His standing in the township where he is known to be a public-spirited and generous citizen, is high, and he is an honest and upright man of business, a devoted husband and a kind and careful father.

On Dec. 5, 1878, Mr. Smith was married to Ida McGuigon, and one son, James Roy, born April 15, 1885, has blessed this union. Mrs. Ida A. (McGuigon) Smith was born Nov. 4, 1857, a daughter of James and Marinda (Shoewalter) McGuigon, both of Irish origin. She was one of a family of six children born to her parents, as follows: William, deceased; John, of Plain City, Ohio; Lillie B., widow of Emanuel Erb; Eldora, wife of O. D. Brubaker; Minnie, wife of Frank Erb, a miller by trade; and Ida, wife of Mr. Smith. The

parents of Mrs. Smith still survive, residents of Martic township, both now advanced in years, the father being in his eighty-fifth year and the mother in her seventy-second.

ALDUS GROFF, a miller of East Drumore township, was the son of Abraham and Hannah (Peoples) Groff.

Abraham Groff was the son of Simon Groff and was born in Providence township in 1813. When a young man he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he learned the milling trade. Returning to Providence township, he followed his calling there as he also did later in Lampeter township, for sixteen years in Martic township and for two years again in Lampeter. At the end of this time he bought the Long Mill, which his son Aldus now owns, and there he was engaged at the time of his death, in 1875. Mrs. Hannah Peoples Groff was two years younger than her husband, and also born in Lancaster county. They were married in 1838, and were the parents of three sons and one daughter. (1) Milton learned his father's trade. While living in Martic township he married Miss Martha Hart. He is now living in the city of Lancaster. He and his wife have had children as follows: Aldus, deceased; Clarence; Lizzie; Hannah; and Annie, deceased. (2) Annie is unmarried and lives in Lancaster. (3) Theron S. learned his father's trade. In 1875 he married Miss Louisa Hess, of East Drumore township, and is now living in Lancaster. Two of his three children are living: Anna, a public school teacher; Theron, who died in early manhood; and Sarah, living at home. (4) Aldus.

Aldus Groff when a young man learned the milling business. He remained with his parents as long as they lived, being manager of the mill during the last years of his father. On Jan. 1, 1880, he was married to Miss Sarah Huber.

JACOB D. RIDER, of the firm of Rider & Snyder, commercial printers at No. 20 North Queen street, Lancaster, is descended from an old Pennsylvania family. The original American ancestor of this family was one of seven brothers who came from Germany to America, settling in Pennsylvania, some of them locating in Lancaster county.

Rev. Jacob Rider, the grandfather of Jacob D., was a bishop of the German Baptist Brethren, living near Elizabethtown, and at his death over 1,000 vehicles were in the funeral cortege, so widely was he known and so profound the sorrow at his death.

Joseph H. Rider, the father of Jacob D., is a successful hardware merchant at Elizabethtown, where he has been in business for thirty-five years. Mary C. Dulebohn, his wife, was the daughter of George C. Dulebohn, a farmer and wagon maker, living two miles south of Welsh Run, Franklin county, who lost horses, wagons, and other valuable property during the Rebel invasion of the State. Two sons were born to this union, Emmert, who

died in April, 1900, at the age of twenty-four years; and Jacob D.

Jacob D. Rider was born in Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Oct. 31, 1872, and after receiving a partial education in the schools of his native town, attended the Huntingdon Normal School, became an apprentice to the printing trade in the office of the *Chronicle*, at Elizabethtown, and completed his trade in the *New Era* job room, in Lancaster. At Lebanon he became connected with the *Daily Report*, and put in one year in the job office of that paper. For one and one-half years he worked in the *Harrisburg Telegraph* job room, and for six months worked for Frank L. Hutter, a maker of blank books in that city.

Mr. Rider was married to Miss Katharine Keiser, of Lancaster, and they have a fine home on East King street. Mr. Rider is serving his third term as president of the Young Men's Democratic Society of Lancaster.

JOHN POWELL SNYDER, Mr. Rider's partner, is a son of Henry Snyder, who died thirty-six years ago, and he, too, belongs to an old and well-known family. Mr. Snyder is also a graduate of the *New Era* printing office. He married Miss Anna R. Shoemaker, of Drumore township, a member of a well-known Quaker family. Six children blessed this union: Harry C.; Ednah M. and Margaret K., are deceased; Adah L., Marion P. and James are at school. Mr. Snyder is past grand and present secretary of Emanuel Lodge, I. O. O. F.; he is also past chief patriarch of Ridgely Encampment, No. 217, I. O. O. F., and Standard Bearer of No. 25, Patriarchs Militant.

As a firm and as individuals Rider & Snyder are widely known, and are very popular. They began the business of commercial printing on East King street, opposite the Court House, and their first job bears the inscription, "Friday, March 10, 1895, 11:15 A. M.," marking the beginning of a prosperous career, compelling them by its rapid expansion recently to move to their present more commodious quarters. In their new location they have established a plant for commercial printing, which has no superior in the city. They have all the most modern devices for accelerating work and cheapening its cost, and they employ a number of job printers, and turn out a vast amount of work.

ELI SMUCKER, who is now residing on his farm two miles northwest of New Holland, in Earl township, was born in Leacock township, Feb. 29, 1856, a son of David and Leah (Petersheim) Smucker, both of whom are deceased.

David Smucker was born in Leacock township, Aug. 10, 1832, a son of David and Mary (Lapp) Smucker, farming people of Leacock township, where he also followed farming, and in his lifetime was an honored and successful representative of that calling. At one time he owned two good farms, but later disposed of one of them. He belonged to

the Amish Church, and died Aug. 3, 1898. Leah, his wife, was the daughter of David Petersheim, and was born Nov. 24, 1829; she died Aug. 5, 1883, the mother of eight children: Christian, deceased; Eli; Nancy, deceased; Rebecca, who married C. King, of Leacock township; Barbara, who married David Riel, of East Lampeter township; Leah, unmarried; David, deceased; and Samuel, a farmer, of Leacock township.

Eli Smucker was reared on the farm in Leacock township, and when twenty-two years of age began farming on his own account, on the place where he has since been occupied. It comprises 115 acres of fine land, well improved, and its every foot indicates a prosperous and successful operator and owner.

Mr. Smucker was married Dec. 10, 1878, to Miss Mary Blank, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Stultzfus) Blank, and a native of Lancaster county, where she was born some three miles northeast of Intercourse, Aug. 11, 1858. They are the parents of a family of ten children: Jacob, Leah, David, Samuel, Mary, Annie, Eli, Sarah, John, and Fannie. The family are all members of the Amish Church, and stand very high in the community where their useful lives are passing.

DAVID S. MARTIN (deceased). The late David S. Martin, during his too short life one of the best-known and most highly respected farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, was born there March 24, 1830, and died Feb. 3, 1877, in the faith of the Mennonite church, of which he had been a lifelong member, his mortal remains being interred in White Horse cemetery.

David S. Martin was a son of Jacob and Hettie (Sowers) Martin, of Swiss descent, the former of whom died in 1882 at the age of seventy-six years, and the latter in 1864, at the age of sixty-six, the remains of both being also interred in the White Horse Mennonite cemetery. Jacob and Hettie were farming people and had born to them the following named children: Mary, deceased wife of Levi Newswanger; Henry and David S., deceased; Hettie, married to Jacob Zimmerman, of Earl township; Elizabeth, deceased; Jacob, a farmer in Salisbury township; John, deceased; Catherine, born Aug. 31, 1838, wife of John Seabold, of whom further mention will be made.

In 1850 in Earl township, David S. Martin was joined in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gable as his first bride, and this union was graced with ten children, namely: Susannah and Maria, deceased; Ezra, of Lancaster; Levi, deceased; Adam; Anna, living with her brother Solomon; Hettie, deceased; Solomon, a farmer in Paradise township; Jacob, farming in Salisbury township, and Abraham, deceased. The second marriage of David S. Martin was to Mrs. Anna (Ames) Zeiley, and to this union were born five children, viz.: Catherine, who has her home with her uncle, John Seabold; Eliza-

beth, deceased; Henry, a farmer in Leacock township; John, also residing with Mr. Seabold; and David, a farmer in Earl township.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Gable) Martin was born in Earl township, Lancaster county, and died in 1866 at the age of thirty-seven years, her remains being also interred in White Horse cemetery. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Newswanger) Gable, of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a miller by calling, but in his later days lived in retirement. John and Elizabeth Gable were the parents of two children, viz.: Susannah, wife of Jacob W. Nolt, a farmer in Earl township; and Elizabeth.

ADAM MARTIN, son of David S. and Elizabeth (Gable) Martin, was born in Earl township, June 5, 1857, and remained with his parents until twenty years old; he then worked out as a farm hand until 1883, when he came to live with his uncle, John Seabold, whom he has ably assisted until the present time. Adam Martin is a member of the Mennonite Church, in politics is a Republican, is an excellent manager and skillful farmer, and one of the highly respected and leading citizens of Salisbury township.

JOHN SEABOLD, one of the most prosperous agriculturists of Salisbury township, of which he is a native, was born July 28, 1839, and is a son of Samuel and Maria (Brower) Seabold, of Schuylkill, and natives of Bucks county and Lancaster county, respectively. Samuel died at Sadsburyville, Chester county, Oct. 6, 1889, aged seventy-eight years, and his wife, Maria, died in February, 1895, when eighty-three years old, her remains being interred in the White Horse Mennonite cemetery. Samuel was a shoemaker by trade but for several years before his death had lived retired. To Samuel and Maria Seabold were born eleven children, namely: Christiann, widow of Joseph Lynn of Coatesville, Chester county; Mary, widow of Albert Shoemaker, of Parkesburg, Chester county; John, whose name opens this paragraph; Harry, a butcher in Honeybrook, Chester county; Daniel and Elizabeth, deceased; Thomas, street commissioner and high constable at Honeybrook; Morris, wagonmaker at Rauch, Pa.; Martha E., Hattie E., and Peter, all three deceased. The paternal grandfather of John Seabold was Henry, a farmer of Schuylkill, who was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Henry and Mary Brower, natives of this county.

In December, 1869, John Seabold married Miss Catherine Martin, but to this union no children have been born, though they have reared to maturity a nephew and a niece, viz.: John S. Martin, from the age of nine days, and Catherine, sister of John S., from her sixth year. John S. Martin was twenty-six years old on March 17, 1902, and is now caring for himself, while his sister, Catherine, is still being cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Seabold. John Seabold up to the date of his marriage had filially as-

sisted in the cultivation of the parental homestead, but then began farming on his own land; he has as fine a place as any of its dimensions in the neighborhood and is classed with the best farmers and most useful citizens of Salisbury township. Mr. and Mrs. Seabold are members of the Mennonite Church and in politics Mr. Seabold is a Republican.

REV. WALTER RUSSELL BREED, B. S., B. D., rector of the parish of St. James, Lancaster, comes of an honored ancestry dating back to nearly three centuries in the Eastern States.

The Breed family settled in 1632, in Lynn, Mass., (which place was founded in 1630), being, therefore, within a year or two of ranking among the founders of that place, and there are now over three hundred Breeds in Lynn alone. All the people of that name in Essex county, Mass., have their descent from the Breed colony in Lynn, where for the most part they have been successful merchants and manufacturers, dominating the place. There is Breed Square in Lynn, and the water supply for the place is drawn from Breed's pond, which is located on what was at one time the private ground of the Breeds. The battle of Bunker Hill was, in reality, for the most part, fought on Breed's Hill. as now claimed by dispassionate and truth-loving historians.

Joseph Breed, father of Walter R., was born in Lynn, Mass., in 1826, and for many years followed mercantile pursuits in that city. In 1852 he married Miss Frances Burrill, daughter of Rev. John T. Burrill, rector of Christ Church, Boston, for years rector of Quincy Point Church, and, during the sixties, rector of the old North Church, in Boston. They settled in Lynn three years after the Breeds located there. Many Breeds and Burrills served in the Colonial wars, thus making their descendants on both sides, eligible as Sons and Daughters of the Revolution. To Joseph and Frances (Burrill) Breed were born children as follows: Anna, George, Arthur, Henry, Laura and Walter Russell.

Rev. Walter Russell Breed was born Jan. 10, 1866, in Lynn, Mass., and received his collegiate education in Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., from which he was graduated as a Bachelor of Sciences in 1887. Three years later, having taken the prescribed course in the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Mass., where he became a Bachelor of Divinity, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paddock, in Cambridge, and priest in Tarrytown, N. J., by Bishop Potter. His first parish was Trinity Church at Concord, Mass., where he remained three years, and in November, 1893, he accepted a call to Christ Church, Quincy, Mass., one of the most historic churches in America, where he became a member of the Quincy school board, having been chairman of the committee on Evening Schools, and was in the management of the Woodward School from the date of its organization, hav-

ing been honored with the position of vice-president of its board of trustees.

Mr. Breed became rector of St. James Church, Lancaster, Nov. 23, 1900, and his reception was a most cordial one. With his severe training in noted educational institutions, his experience in the East, and in Europe, where he has traveled, Mr. Breed came to St. James more than ordinarily well-equipped for the work of that important parish, and everything points to a future of great usefulness.

On June 4, 1894, Rev. Walter R. Breed was married, by the late Rt. Rev. Bishop Rulisan, to Miss Ellen Broderick Zehmer, daughter of William Zehmer, of Lansford, Pa., the latter of whom has been superintendent of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., for the past twenty-five years. Mrs. Breed's maternal grandfather was Thos. Broderick, of Wilkes-Barre, at one time mayor of that city, and who was descended from the Brodericks of Ireland, who came to America about 150 years ago.

The new remodeled and beautified rectory of St. James has had elegance added to it by the quaint old historic furniture brought from the East by Mr. Breed, and it is specially fitting therefore, that Rev. Mr. Breed should become rector of the grand old St. James Episcopal Church—one of the oldest and most distinguished parishes in the State—a parish that has reason to be proud of its Revolutionary traditions and its long line of distinguished clergy and laity.

SILAS R. BUCKWALTER, a resident of Manheim township, one mile from Lancaster, was born in East Lampeter township, this county, Feb. 25, 1854, a son of Benjamin and Susan (Johns) Buckwalter. Both parents were natives of East Lampeter township. The father was born June 14, 1816, son of Abraham and Anna (Witmer) Buckwalter, and grandson of Benjamin Buckwalter, and died Jan. 10, 1898. The mother was born May 28, 1816, and died Sept. 25, 1862.

Benjamin Buckwalter, father of Silas R., was reared in East Lampeter township, where he spent his life with the exception of two years, when he was in Upper Leacock township, soon after his marriage. He returned to his native township, and was engaged in farming all his days, owning a farm of 107 acres, four miles east of Lancaster city, lying along the Philadelphia pike. There he reared his family. At Greenland for some ten years he had an interest in a mercantile establishment, held the office of postmaster there, and for a time was in the butcher and meat business. He served long and faithfully on the school board of East Lampeter township. Benjamin Buckwalter was twice married, first to Miss Susan Johns, by whom he had a numerous family: Elias, now deceased; Mary, the wife of Elias Eby, of Strasburg; Elizabeth, widow of Adam S. Rohrer, of Mechanicsburg; Lydia, unmarried, a resident of Lancaster; Peter, a resident of East Lampeter township; Eva, who

died in childhood; Silas R.; Abraham, a resident of Lancaster, a dispatcher of the Conestoga Traction Company; Emma, professional nurse in Lancaster; and Silinda, deceased. Benjamin Buckwalter married, for his second wife, Anna (Eshelman) Whiteside, and by this union became the father of four children: Benjamin, now a resident of Eden, Manheim township; Laura, who first married Abraham Perry, and after his death became the wife of David Decker, of New Holland; Hetty, now deceased, and John, a resident of Eden, East Lampeter township.

Silas R. Buckwalter, whose name appears above, began business for himself at the age of twenty-one. For four years he tilled part of the old homestead and then moved to another farm two miles east of Lancaster, which he tilled for sixteen years; this place consisted of fifty-five acres, and proved very productive and profitable. At the end of that time he bought the farm of sixty-five acres on which he still resides, and in addition to its cultivation conducts a milk route in the city. In 1901 he took the agency for the Kemp & Burpee Manure Spreader in his part of the county. He has thoroughly modernized and thoroughly improved his property. The house is supplied throughout with hot and cold water, and in the barn his stock have automatic water troughs, the water supplying which is pumped into a tank by a water wheel; he also has a feed mill operated by wind power. His place is conceded to be one of the most desirable homes in that part of the county. On the north it adjoins Long Park, which lies about one and one quarter miles northwest of Lancaster City.

Mr. Buckwalter was married Dec. 24, 1874, to Miss Mary K., daughter of Benjamin R. Landis, of East Lampeter township, and to this union have come: Lottie S.; Jacob, who died at the age of twenty-three; Elam, who died at the age of seventeen; Benjamin, who died at the age of eighteen months; Frank, at home; Elias, who died at the age of five months; Harry, at home; and Silas, at home. Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalter belong to the Mennonite Church, and are classed among the respected people of their community.

P. B. KOFROTH, a carriage manufacturer of Rothsville, and one of the successful business men of Lancaster county, was born Oct. 3, 1858, in the village of Disston, Pa. In 1860 his mother died; in 1861 his father, Martin Kofroth, enlisted and served in Co. K, 129th Regiment, which left the subject of our sketch drifting among his relatives until he was old enough to look out for himself.

After receiving a common school education, he was employed at the trade of coach maker, with S. & H. Grosh, in Lititz, Pa., and later worked for U. F. Hartranft, at Brunnerville. He started in business for himself in 1878, has successfully conducted the same, until the present time, and now commands a lucrative patronage. Mr. Kofroth is well known in social, political and fraternal circles,

being a member of the P. O. S. of A. No. 559, of Rothsville, I. O. O. F. of Lincoln, No. 915, and K. of P. of Lititz; he is a past officer in the above named orders. In politics he is a staunch Republican and has represented his party in the county committee for the last six years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he is one of the trustees.

In July, 1879, Mr. Kofroth wedded Miss Lillie Seltzer, of Hamburg, Berks county. To this union have been born seven children, two of whom died in infancy; Mamie is attending the State Normal School at Millersville; Reno J., Percy B., Avon S. and Maud S. are all at home. Mr. Kofroth takes an active interest in all local affairs whether of a social, religious or public nature.

WILLIAM HUESTIS KELLER is the junior member of the well-known law firm of Coyle & Keller, and has been practicing at the Lancaster County Bar for a period of about ten years.

Mr. Keller's paternal ancestry were from Germany, coming to this country about the year 1750, and settling in either Dauphin county or Lancaster county, Pa.—which, is not quite certain, though one of the ancestors evidently lived in Lancaster county, as his name appears among the members from that county on the roll of the "Pennsylvania Associators" in the War of the Revolution. From here, however, he moved to Center county.

Daniel S. Keller, father of William H., was a prominent member of the Bellefonte (Pa.) Bar. He was a son of Henry Keller, of Boalsburg, Pa. Daniel S. married Martha E. Huestis, daughter of William H. Heustis, a contractor and builder of Vermont, who descended from old Puritan stock, and children as follows were born to them: Harry, William H. and Martha E. The father died in 1894, the mother in 1876.

William H. Keller, whose name introduces these lines, was born Aug. 11, 1869, in Montgomery county, Md., and in early life was brought by his parents to Bellefonte, Pa., at the public schools of which place he received his earlier education, graduating from the High school in 1884. He graduated from the Bellefonte Academy in 1887, and from Franklin and Marshall College in the class of 1891. His college days over, Mr. Keller read law with his father in Bellefonte, then took a course in law at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., graduating from that institution in 1893, and in July of the same year was admitted to practice in the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, and to the Bar of Center county, Pa. On Aug. 22, 1893, he removed to Lancaster and was admitted to the Bar of Lancaster county, and, as soon as the time limited under the rules had expired, he was admitted to the Supreme, Superior, and United States Circuit and District courts. From January, 1894, to January, 1899, Mr. Keller was associated with J. L. Steinmetz in the practice of law, at the end

of which time he entered into partnership with John A. Coyle, his present associate.

On Oct. 18, 1893, William H. Keller married Miss Anna Dickey, youngest daughter of the late Hon. O. J. Dickey, well remembered as the most prominent criminal lawyer of his time, and honored by the Republicans of his district with two terms in Congress. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have four children, their names and dates of birth being as follows: Daniel S., Aug. 15, 1894; Elizabeth Dickey, Dec. 4, 1895; Oliver James, Feb. 9, 1898, and Martha Eleanor, Nov. 14, 1902. Mr. Keller is a member of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. Though not a native of Lancaster county, Mr. Keller has become thoroughly identified with its interests and is in entire sympathy with its development and progress along all lines.

J. ALDUS HERR, one of the intelligent and progressive citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, was born on the farm where he still lives Nov. 22, 1859, a son of Benjamin and Ann E. Herr. His father was a farmer, and is now deceased.

J. Aldus Herr spent his boyhood on his parents farm, and obtained his education in the public schools, and he has eagerly grasped every opportunity to broaden and deepen his mind. About the time he completed his studies in the school he helped to organize a literary society, and has been one of its active workers. His eye has always been single to the advancement of the community. Mr. Herr was the founder and promoter of the Jersey Cattle Club of Lancaster, an object which he brought about after a hard and protracted struggle, and he has had the satisfaction of seeing the society—which was organized March 7, 1898, with a roll of twenty-five members, with himself as chairman—accomplish the most gratifying results. Mr. Herr was one of the pioneers in the establishment of the rural mail delivery in his township, and did much to advance the Farmers' Institute of West Lampeter township, which has grown to large proportions from a very modest beginning. In fact, he is always ready to forward anything that looks to the public good. His place is considered one of the finest homes in the county, and there he engages in general farming and stock raising, owning the celebrated Pequea herd of Jerseys, and he is the only owner of registered Jerseys to sell the product in Lancaster. He disposes of much butter weekly, having a herd of thirty-five head. Mr. Herr takes much interest in local politics, has been tax collector, and has served as county committeeman for seven years.

Mr. Herr was married, Jan. 27, 1897, to Miss Mary, daughter of Rev. Jacob Bowman, a lady of culture and refinement. They have had a family of four children: Paul Bowman, who died in infancy; Mary Hilda; Anna Irene, who also died in infancy; and Helen Elizabeth. Mr. Herr's home is one of the

most hospitable and pleasant in the locality, and the taste of the owners is fully exemplified by the amount of good literature they have and enjoy.

REV. WILLIAM STUART CRAMER, assistant pastor of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, although not a native of Lancaster county, has yet been so closely connected with it by church, college and seminary associations, that his personal history, as well as that of his ancestry, cannot fail to excite interest in a community where he is so well known and so greatly beloved. Practically, however, he has been a Lancastrian for many years, counting the time that he spent in Franklin and Marshall College, and in the Reformed Theological Seminary.

Mr. Cramer is descended from Revolutionary stock, one of his ancestors having been a colonel in one of the early wars. His grandfather, William J. Cramer, was born in Graceham, Md., and his father, Miller Cray Cramer, is a manager in one of the large mercantile establishments in New York City. The latter married Julia Crouse, daughter of Michael Crouse, a farmer of Frederick county, Md., and three children were born of this union: Victor Clay, a traveling salesman, of New York; Ada Estelle, at home with her parents; and Rev. William Stuart, of Lancaster.

William Stuart Cramer was born in Creagers-town, Frederick Co., Md., April 12, 1873, and, after being partially educated in the public schools of that section, attended Eaton & Burnett's Business College, in Baltimore, from which he was graduated, and then entered into business with his father. His parents having removed to Baltimore, where his father held a position in the sub-treasury under Hon. George L. Wellington, for four years, young Cramer became entry clerk in the establishment of Armstrong, Cator & Co. He next attended Lamb's High School in Baltimore, from which he was graduated in 1895; then attended Franklin and Marshall College from which he was graduated in 1898, and he graduated from the Reformed Theological Seminary at Lancaster in 1901. He received an immediate call to the First Reformed Church, as assistant to the venerable and beloved Rev. J. M. Titzel, D. D., which he accepted, and was ordained (and installed as assistant pastor) on July 7, 1901. During the seven years of his college and seminary life in Lancaster, Mr. Cramer held important positions, as tenor soloist in the best choirs of the city, among which was the choir of the church which he now serves. Mr. Cramer was for a time one of the editors of the *College Student*; was assistant manager for one year, and manager another year of the Franklin and Marshall Foot Ball Team; belonged to the Franklin and Marshall Glee Club; to the Diognothian Literary society in which he held several important offices; and was one of the founders and president of the Paradise Club of Franklin and Marshall College,

a social club like that at Princeton, and of which Mr. Cramer is justly proud. During his second year in the Theological Seminary he won the prize (\$20 in gold) in Sacred Rhetoric. During his first five summer vacations, while a student, Mr. Cramer was associated with the American Bible Society of Maryland, as a colporteur, and in 1899 he assisted in re-cataloging the State Library at Harrisburg, under Dr. Reed. In 1900, during his vacation from the Theological Seminary, Mr. Cramer filled Rev. M. H. Sangree's pulpit in the Fourth Reformed Church, in Harrisburg, for five months, preaching with great acceptability. Such has been the busy, useful and not uneventful life of the new assistant pastor of the historic First Reformed Church of Lancaster. With such a field of labor as presents itself in this charge there is vast opportunity for one possessed of Mr. Cramer's experience, ability and earnestness to accomplish much good.

SAMUEL GIBSON, one of the well-known farmers and esteemed citizens of Martic township, was born March 14, 1831, son of James and Griselda (Neel) Gibson.

James Gibson, the father, was born in York county and came of Scotch ancestry, his father James, coming to America from Glasgow about 150 years ago. Grandfather Gibson had thirteen children. A family of nine children was born to the parents of our subject, and we have record of Mary Ann, William and James L., all deceased; Samuel, of this sketch; Annie E., the wife of J. W. Barton, who resides in Maryland; Mary Jane, the wife of William Pagan, of the home place; and Robert H., deceased. James Gibson was born March 25, 1791, and died March 8, 1868. He was a staunch Democrat and one of the leading men of the township. He belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

Samuel Gibson came with his parents from York county to the old home place which he now owns when he was six years of age. He grew up a farmer lad, adopted agriculture as his life vocation and has successfully pursued it ever since. He acquired a good common school education and has put it to practical use in the intelligent management of his farm. This property contains sixty-two acres of excellent land upon which very good improvements have been made, and here Mr. Gibson enjoys a most comfortable home. He has never married.

In former years Mr. Gibson was a Democrat, like his father, but for some time he has advocated the principles of the Prohibition party. He is a much respected man in Martic township, and is valued as citizen, neighbor and friend.

SAMUEL C. MAY. The great-grandfather of this enterprising and prosperous citizen of West-Hempfield township was among the early settlers of Lancaster county, emigrating from Germany in the year 1716, settling in what is now Lancaster county, and there remaining through life, a patient

and efficient worker in the county's best material development. The family has ever since been among its prominent and active citizens.

The grandfather of Samuel C., was Michael May, a life-long resident of Lancaster county, whose son Samuel, father of Samuel C., was born June 18, 1808, and lived in West Hempfield township to the good old age of ninety years, passing away Dec. 21, 1898. He was a mason by trade. He married Miss Anna Christy, who was born in West Hempfield township, July 21, 1816, and died Dec. 28, 1886. They were good Christian people, highly respected by all who knew them and were buried in Mathew cemetery at Kinderhook. To Samuel and Anna (Christy) May were born eight children, namely: Michael, deceased; Henry, of Drumore township; Malanthan, deceased; Mary, deceased; Margaret, of Kinderhook; Sarah, deceased; Samuel C.; and Anna C., deceased.

Samuel C. May was born Dec. 4, 1853, in a house which stood but a few hundred yards from his present residence. At the age of seventeen years he learned from his father the mason's trade, which he followed successfully for many years, starting out for himself at the age of twenty-eight. He married in Martic township, Feb. 22, 1886, Miss Anna E. Fares, a native of West Hempfield township, daughter of Henry and Rebecca (Cain) Fares. Henry Fares was the son of an old settler of Lancaster county, a blacksmith and farmer. Henry was born in West Hempfield township, May 1, 1835, and married Rebecca Cain, who was born March 7, 1839, daughter of John and Mary (Hippie) Cain, of Lancaster county, of German ancestry. To Henry and Rebecca Fares were born four children: Anna Elizabeth, wife of Samuel C. May; Joseph; John; and Margaret, deceased. In earlier life Henry Fares was an engineer. He is now engaged in farming in Martic township, where he and his wife are devout members of the United Brethren Church.

In 1887 Samuel C. May gave up his trade for agricultural pursuits. He began farming in West Hempfield township, where he has ever since successfully continued. To this he in 1896 added the poultry business at Kinderhook and he is now one of the prosperous and influential farmers and business men of the township. In politics he is a Republican, and among the fraternal orders, a Master Mason.

WILLIAM M. BRYSON, one of the most venerated retired farmers of Salisbury township, and an ex-carpenter of more than ordinary skill, was born in Millwood, Salisbury township, Lancaster county Pa., March 22, 1826, and is the fifth of the ten children that resulted from the marriage of Jesse and Margaret (Myers) Bryson.

The parents were also natives of Lancaster county, but have long since passed away to a world where, it is fondly believed, there are none of the

toils, cares and asperities that afflict life on this mundane sphere. Jesse Bryson was a stonemason by trade and was called away in 1854, when fifty-two years old, but he had lost his wife in 1842, at the age of fifty-two. Their remains lie in Georgetown cemetery. The ten children alluded to were named, in order of birth, as follows: Isaac, deceased; John, who is a retired lumber dealer at Los Angeles, Cal.; Joseph, who died in Libby prison; Mary A., wife of Edward Dorsey, of Adair county, Iowa; William M.; Margaret, wife of James McGuire, of Viola, Ill.; Elizabeth, deceased; Jesse, a miller in Iowa; and Catherine and Samuel, who died young. John Bryson, the paternal grandfather of William M. Bryson, was also a native of Lancaster county, an evidence in itself of the long residence of the family in the State of Pennsylvania.

William M. Bryson lived with his parents on a farm until he had reached the age of nine years and then took leave of his home and for six and a quarter years lived on a farm in Strasburg; he then returned to the home place, where a year and a half later his mother was called to her final rest and William M. again went to live among farmers, with whom he worked until the fall of 1850, when he began learning the carpenter's trade; this he followed for twenty years and then again resumed farming, settling in the meantime on his present farm in 1862, and continuing actively in the pursuit of agriculture until 1876, when he retired.

Mr. Bryson having reached the years of discretion and matured judgment, selected for his companion through life a most estimable young lady in the person of Miss Margaret Patton, and having wooed and won her consent, married her in Lancaster, Oct. 17, 1850; to this felicitous union were born four children, namely: John, an iron worker at Lebanon; William, deceased; Jacob, who is employed in a spice mill in Philadelphia, and is married to Rachel Martin, who has borne him three children; and Jesse L., who is still under the paternal roof, but who is, sad to relate, blind.

Mrs. Margaret (Patton) Bryson was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Oct. 22, 1827, the sixth child in the large family born to Linton and Elizabeth (Reel) Patton, of Lancaster county, the former of whom died at the age of seventy-one years, while the latter survived until Jan. 1, 1879, when she expired at the age of eighty. Their family of fifteen children were born in the following order: John, who is now deceased; Lydia, deceased wife of Henry Coffroad; Samuel, of Earl township; Elizabeth, a widow in Salisbury township; Catherine, widow of William Rissel, of Compassville; Margaret, who died Dec. 31, 1894, the wife of William M. Bryson; Rachel, wife of John Elmer, of Salisbury township; Ann, in Reading, wife of Henry Miller; Gabriel, deceased; Jane, married to Henry Ammon, in Gap, Lancaster county; Henry, a farmer in Salisbury township; Mary, wife of Harrison Ross, of Chester county; Harriet,

wife of John Ross, also in Chester county; Abraham, and Leah, both living in Salisbury township and unmarried.

William M. Bryson, although a modest and unostentatious citizen, has in his day done as much as any man in promoting the growth and prosperity of Salisbury township. Public-spirited and alert, he has been one of the foremost to detect what has been wanting to add to the convenience and comfort of the public; has been prompt in his financial contributions to the remedying of such wants, has ever advocated the construction of good roads and of culverts and bridges so as to furnish easy transportation over the highways and to reduce to a minimum the time and labor consumed by farmers in transferring their products to market, and to facilitate travel in general, and has thus aided in enhancing the value of farm property throughout the township. He has always been an ardent friend of public education, was a school director for twelve years, and was largely instrumental in bringing to their present high standard of efficiency the district schools of the township; he has also served as a member of the county board of supervisors for nine years, his care of his township's interests in that body being so satisfactory as to justify his repeated election by an appreciative and gratified constituency. In politics Mr. Bryson is a Republican, but as a rule he has been chosen as the guardian of his fellow-citizens more on account of personal abilities and unswerving integrity than for the sake of party triumph. Not infrequently has he been selected as judge and inspector of elections, in which capacity he has served so impartially as to elicit the commendation of all, irrespective of party affiliations. On just such men as Mr. Bryson does the growth of the community depend.

CHRISTIAN K. NEWCOMER, deceased. The Newcomer family has been prominently identified with the development of Lancaster county and like many another family of prominence won its way upward through manly struggles with adverse circumstances. Upon the father of Christian K., Jacob Newcomer by name, especially devolved the stern duties of life at an early age, for when Jacob was twelve years old, the eldest son of the family, his father died, and upon his young shoulders fell largely the responsibilities of managing for his mother the farm in Manor township. Jacob grew up on the old homestead and there remained through life. He and his family were devout members of the Mennonite Church and for many years he was a deacon of the church. He married Miss Barbara Kauffman, and to them were born ten children, nine of whom reached maturity. These children were: Elizabeth, who married Abraham Sanders and is now deceased; Barbara, deceased; Christian K.; Jacob K., a Mennonite of Manor township; Joseph, a farmer of Manor township; Mary, who married Jacob Snowley; Catherine, widow of Jacob Lin-

deman, of Manor township; Abraham, of the same township; Isaac, who died unmarried; and Anna, whose death occurred in childhood. Jacob, the father, died in 1861, aged sixty years and the mother passed away in 1858.

Christian K. Newcomer, the third child and eldest son, was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, Oct. 11, 1830. He was reared in Manor township and there received a good common school education. Adopting farming as his vocation, he was for many years a prominent agriculturist of Manor township.

The marriage of Christian K. Newcomer and Elizabeth M. Mellinger was solemnized Nov. 20, 1866, and the union has been blessed with two daughters, Anna E., wife of Jacob S. Spangler, a farmer of West Hempfield township, and Elizabeth A., who makes her home with her sister in West Hempfield township. The wife and mother was born in Manor township, Oct. 19, 1835, daughter of Dr. Henry and Anna (Hertzler) Mellinger, of Manor township, her father having been a prominent physician. The Mellinger family is one of the oldest in Lancaster county, having descended from Benedict Mellinger, a native of southern Germany, who immigrated to America and in 1746 settled in Manor township, Lancaster county, the original farm still being in the possession of the family.

Upon a well tilled farm of eighty-six acres in Manor township, Christian K. Newcomer continued general farming after his marriage. He became one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of that township. In politics he was a Democrat and himself and wife were prominent members of the Old Mennonite Church. He retired from active life about a year prior to his death, which occurred in October, 1886. His wife preceded him to the grave, passing away Jan. 16, 1879. Their remains were interred in the burying-ground of the Habecker Mennonite Church.

MILTON WIKE (deceased), late a retired butcher and a director in the Columbia National Bank, was born in Fairview Village, Manor township, Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 25, 1831, a son of George and Sarah (Eberlee) Wike, of Columbia.

George Wike was a cooper by trade, but for many years was a pilot on the Susquehanna river. In his latter days, however, he was employed by the State as a slip boss, and finally retired to pass the remainder of his days in ease and comfort. He died in Columbia in 1858, at the age of fifty-two years, a Lutheran in his religious belief, although not a member of any congregation. His widow, who was born Nov. 3, 1806, is a member of the Episcopal Church and has her residence in Columbia. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wike were fourteen in number, and were named as follows: Susan, who died when five years old; John, who was married, but is now deceased; Milton, whose name opens this article; Ann Jane, of Philadelphia, and

the widow of Jacob Wall; Nathan E., railroad conductor in Columbia; Emma Frances, who died young; George W., married to Mary J. Wagner; Henry M., who was killed in the army; Hannah J., wife of Henry Mullen, of Philadelphia; Samuel F., a widower, a railroad engineer, in Columbia; Andrew J. and Albert, who died young; Eunice, widow of Edwin Stair, who was a dry-goods merchant of Columbia; and Franklin, who died young.

George Wike, Sr., paternal grandfather of Milton, who came from Berks county to Lancaster when a young man, was a shoemaker by trade, and was twice married. Milton's maternal grandparents, John and Anna (Neil) Eberlee, were natives of Germany and Lancaster county, Pa., respectively. John Eberlee was born in Wonseck, a town in the Margrave der Bysith, in the circle of Franconia, Nov. 25, 1755, and was confirmed in the Lutheran faith. His father, who was also named John, was a butcher and also a burgomaster of Wonseck, and his mother bore the maiden name of Margaret Ballach. John, the younger, landed in America, June 3, 1777, and May 4, 1784, married Anna Neil, who was born in Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., April 6, 1767, a daughter of John and Jean (Mease) Neil. To their union were born the following children: John, Oct. 15, 1785, died Oct. 20, 1785; Jean, born Sept. 30, 1786; Margaret, born June 14, 1788; Elizabeth, born April 10, 1790; and Sarah, Mrs. Wike. All the children had their nativity in Columbia, and all, with the exception of one who died in infancy, were married.

Milton Wike, in his boyhood, was employed on the river as a carrier of shingles, and later worked for his father, who was a butcher, until he was nineteen years old. He then began the butcher business on his own account, and bought and sold horses, cattle and other live stock, or anything that he could buy and sell, and continued in this line until 1885, when he gave the butcher branch of the business to his brother George, and became a drover. His custom was to buy poor cattle in Pittsburg, Pa., and Buffalo, N. Y., fatten them, and then sell them in Philadelphia and Baltimore. He continued in business until 1894, when he retired.

Mr. Wike was for a long time a director in the Grey Iron Works, but, in 1900, sold his stock and resigned his directorship. At the time of his death he was and had been for four years, a director in the Columbia National Bank. He was also a stockholder and director in the Susquehanna Rolling Mill until 1898, when the mill was sold to a syndicate for \$175,000, the stock standing at par.

In January, 1862, Milton Wike married, in Columbia, Miss Elizabeth A. Hinkle, who bore him three children: George, of Columbia, married to Sally McCoy, and a machinist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Edith, deceased wife of Edwin Smith; and Flora, deceased.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Hinkle) Wike was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., and is a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Magill) Hinkle. The father was a farmer and an attendant at the German Lutheran Church, and died in August, 1862, when sixty-two years old; the death of the mother took place in July, 1870, when she was fifty-eight. Their children were eight in number and were born in the following order: Samuel, who was killed in the army; Catherine, wife of Peter Mangas, a miller and farmer of York county, Pa.; Elizabeth A.; Mary, wife of Amos Mullen, of Bellefonte, Pa.; Patience, wife of Augustus Killian, express agent at Lancaster; Jacob, Sarah and Christiann, all of whom died young. Mrs. Wike's paternal grandfather, John (better known as Yohan), came from Switzerland, settled in West Hempfield township, and married Catherine Kaufman. He was a renter, and after his death his sons, Isaac and Henry, succeeded him in the management of the farm, but, as it was not for sale, they could not buy it. It was a large tract and belonged to the Bethel & Heise estate. But the brothers realized a fortune, and when worth \$40,000 removed to Columbia, where they owned two brick dwellings, separated by a wall, and, in order to be more conveniently connected with each other, they cut a gateway through this partition. To Isaac there were born five children on the farm, and Henry reared ten on the same place. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wike were Lawrence and Christiann Magill, who first located in York county, but early came to Lancaster county, and settled in West Hempfield township.

Mr. Wike owned and highly prized as an heirloom a sampler made by his mother and worked in silk, for which she had to go to Lancaster. It is 18x28 inches in size. It delineates a large oak tree, a lamb and a lady sitting in a chair in the act of sewing. It also bears the following lines:

Sarah Eberlee is my name;
With needle wrought the same.
In Lancaster county I was born
The third of November, in the morn,
1806, as I am told,
Which makes me near 11 years old.

Mr. Wike was a Knight Templar Mason, and in politics was a Republican. He was a member of the Episcopal Church, and his upright walk through life won for him hosts of friends. His death occurred Aug. 25, 1900, and he was interred in Bethel cemetery.

JOHN S. SNYDER, the efficient and energetic Pennsylvania Railroad dispatcher at Columbia, was born in Soudersburg, Lancaster county, June 5, 1851, a son of John C., and Jane (Given) Snyder, natives of the same borough, the former of whom was a carpenter by trade.

In 1854 John C. Snyder, with his family, re-

moved from Soudersburg to Strasburg, in 1858 he removed to Lancaster; in 1860 to Alexandria, Huntingdon county; and in 1870 came to Columbia. He and wife were parents of twelve children, viz.: Anna E., widow of Henry S. Wood, of Lancaster; Elim G., a grocer in the same city; John W., who died young; Margaret J., widow of William Jacobs, of Philadelphia; Oliver W., a bricklayer in Lancaster; Catherine S., wife of Thomas D. Lundy, special officer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Lancaster; Mary M., married to H. A. Hoffman, a wagonmaker at Tyrone, Pa.; Elmira L., wife of John Folk, railroad conductor at Columbia; Sarah E., who died single; John S., whose name stands at the opening of this sketch; Edwin A., who was a railroad conductor and was thrown from his train and killed at Witmer Station, Nov. 1, 1894; and Ada J., widow of Emanuel Sprout, a flagman. John C. Snyder was born, Feb. 21, 1805, was of German descent, and died April 3, 1894; Mrs. Jane Snyder was born of Irish extraction, June 30, 1810, and she died April 16, 1898. Both she and her husband were members of the M. E. Church, and their remains were interred in Mount Bethel cemetery.

Andrew Snyder, father of John C. Snyder, came to America when quite young, served in the Revolutionary war, and at his death had reached the remarkable age of 112 years; his remains were interred in Roland's burying-ground, near New Holland, Lancaster county. The father of Mrs. Jane (Given) Snyder was killed at Gordonville, Pa., on a railroad operated by the State at that time.

John S. Snyder, at the age of seventeen years, began learning gas-fitting and plumbing, but two years later, July 9, 1870, entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Philadelphia, as freight brakeman; he held this position two years, was then a flagman in Columbia, for eighteen months, was next a conductor, until 1889, and was then made train dispatcher.

On June 19, 1878, Mr. Snyder married Miss Katherine E. Sittler, in Columbia, and after his marriage, his parents came to live with him. Three children, Margaret M., Joseph S. and Anna W., now brighten his home. Mrs. Katherine E. Snyder was born in York county, Pa., in May, 1855, a daughter of Joseph and Rachel A. (Morrow) Sittler, of that county. The former, who was born April 23, 1814, for many years conducted a hotel at Long Level, York county, then for five years lived in retirement, and died, Jan. 27, 1882; his widow still resides at Long Level. The children born to Joseph and Rachel Sittler were seven in number, viz.: Katherine E.; Martha R., who died in 1896, the wife of Randolph Rutledge; Joseph W., hotelkeeper at Long Level; James B., in the Pension Department at Washington, D. C.; Abraham H., railroad engineer at York; Agnes M., wife of Truman Schultz, in the cigar business at Long Level; and

Russell B., is in the cigar trade at East Prospect, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Katherine E. Snyder, Abraham and Anna Sittler, of Baltimore, Md., came to Lancaster county to live, remained a few years, and returned to Baltimore, but then came back to Pennsylvania to stay, settling in Prospect. Her maternal grandfather, William Morrow, came from Ireland.

John S. Snyder is a member of the O. of R. C., the I. O. O. F., and the K. of M. Religiously he belongs to the M. E. Church. In politics he is independent.

ABRAHAM PATTON, carpenter and builder, located in Alert, Salisbury township, was born near his present home, Jan. 31, 1840, son of Linton and Elizabeth (Reel) Patton, the former of whom was a blacksmith by trade and later worked as a laborer. He died in January, 1867, aged seventy-one years, his widow surviving until 1879, and dying at the age of eighty years. They were interred in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery. The following children made up their family: John, deceased; Lydia, late wife of Henry Coffroad; Samuel, aged seventy-nine years, a resident of Earl township; Elizabeth, residing in Salisbury township; Margaret, deceased, wife of William Bryson, of Salisbury township; Catherine, the widow of William Rishel, living in Compassville; Rachel, married to John Elmer, of Salisbury township; Gabel, deceased; Jane, married to Henry Ammon, of Gap, Pa.; Ann, married (first) to Henry Wademan and (second) to Abraham Miller, of Reading; Henry, a farmer of Salisbury township; Abraham; Mary, married to Harrison Ross, ex-county registrar of Chester county; Harriet, married to John Ross, a farmer of Chester county; and Leah.

Abraham Patton attended the district schools and remained at home with his father until his marriage, after which he began housekeeping and has followed the carpenter trade. On Aug. 19, 1861, at Lancaster, he enlisted in Co. A, 79th P. V. I., and served under Captains William Kendrick, James Benson and Edward McCafferty, faithfully performing the duties of a soldier for a period of three years. Mr. Patton participated in some of the most serious and decisive battles of the war, including Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga and Chattanooga, going then with Sherman to Atlanta; he was discharged on account of the termination of his enlistment, June 19, 1863. Mr. Patton was severely wounded in the right side, by a musket ball, in the battle at Perryville and was kept for seven weeks in the hospital at New Albany, Ind. After his return from the war he worked at the carpenter trade and now is one of the leading builders of the locality.

In January, 1870, Mr. Patton was married in New Holland, to Miss Mary Palmer, born in Earl

township, in September, 1842, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Bowers) Palmer, of Earl township, who had these children: Ann, deceased wife of James Dunlap; Rebecca, married to Israel Gabel, of Lancaster; Maria, the widow of Solomon Shaffer, of Earl township; Mary, the wife of Mr. Patton; Margaret, deceased wife of John K. Diem, of Leacock township; Oetmer, a carpenter of Chester county; and Amos, deceased. Mr. Palmer was a farmer of Earl township and died in 1867 at the age of seventy-one years, his widow dying in 1879, aged eighty years. They were buried in the Pequea Presbyterian Church cemetery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Patton these children were born: Clara, the wife of William Kiser, a cigar-maker in Lancaster; Anna, the wife of Elwood Menzer, a painter, in New Holland; Lillie, Henry and Samuel, at home.

In politics Mr. Patton is a staunch Republican. As a business man, he is regarded as reliable and competent, and as a citizen, he commands the respect of the community.

PETER G. MESHEY. Mr. Meshey's life of fifty-seven years has been full of activity, yet he is as vigorous in mind and body as when, thirty-five years ago, he donned a soldier's uniform to fight the battles of his country.

Peter G. Meshey was born in Mt. Joy, Feb. 11, 1846. His father, who was also named Peter, was the son of John and Maria (Myers) Meshey, and both father and grandfather were farmers. His mother was Susan Groff, the daughter of Abraham Groff and Nancy Myers, whose home was originally in Chester, but who later removed to Lancaster county. Mr. Meshey's parents were members of the Dunkard communion, and both are deceased, his mother having died in 1890, at the age of seventy-two, and his father four years later, after reaching his seventy-sixth birthday. Peter G. was their second child and eldest son; an elder sister, Anna, was killed by a corn-cutting machine; two brothers, Abraham and Amos, are also deceased, and a younger brother, Jacob, resides in Steelton. Four other sisters, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth and Amanda, are married: Mary is Mrs. John Stoffer, of Rapho township; Susan married Jacob Heise, of Annville; Elizabeth is the wife of Henry Nauman, of Rapho; and Amanda, Mrs. Cyrus Heise, has her home at Mt. Joy.

Peter G. Meshey remained at home with his parents until 1865, when he enlisted in Co. G, 16th Pa. Cav. He took part in the battle of Petersburg, as well as in other engagements, and in the final fighting around Richmond. He was mustered out in that city in August, 1865. From 1871 to 1873 he was engaged in farming, and for a year followed the business of a butcher in Lancaster. Two more years were devoted to agriculture, and for a time he was employed in hauling coal at Lancaster. In 1885 he came to Columbia to begin work as brake-

man on the Pennsylvania Railroad. Four years later he was made a flagman, and in April, 1900, was given the position of extra conductor. He is a property owner in Columbia, where he resides, and where he is held in esteem. He is a member of the G. A. R., and politically a Republican. He is also a member of the Church of God.

He has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united in Bainbridge, Pa., in 1866, was Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Striner, of Lancaster. She died Sept. 1, 1869, at the age of twenty, leaving a daughter, Alice, who is now the wife of John Shudy, a boss painter, of Manheim. On May 28, 1871, he led to the altar Miss Lucy A. Bletcher, of Lancaster. Fourteen children have been born to them, nine of whom are living. All bore the middle name of Bletcher; they were christened Amos, Clinton, Aeneas, Harrison C., Ella, Jacob, Euphemia, Milton, Blaine, Susan, Morton, William, Sarah and Margaret.

Mrs. Meshey was born in Rapho township, Nov. 17, 1852. She is the granddaughter of John and Anna Bletcher, of Rapho township, Lancaster county, and the eldest child of Samuel Bletcher and Caroline Bander, his wife, who was a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Flowers) Bander, of Lebanon county. Her grandfather was a farmer and her father was a blacksmith. Samuel Bletcher was born in January, 1828, and now resides in Manheim, Pa. Her mother died in November, 1878, in her forty-sixth year. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Bletcher were Benjamin, Barbara, Mary, Emeline, Melinda, Jacob, Sarah and Amanda. Of this large family only four are living. Benjamin resides at Manheim; Mary is Mrs. Ezra Gingeras, of Columbia; and Amanda is the wife of Leo Kriner, of Middletown.

ABRAHAM G. HERR. One of the old families of Lancaster county is represented by Abraham G. Herr, whose father, grandfather and great-grandfather in the paternal line of ancestry were each named Abraham. He was born Oct. 7, 1834, on the farm in West Hempfield township, upon a portion of which he now lives in that retirement which is earned by a career of successful activity during earlier years.

The parents were Abraham and Mary (Greider) Herr, natives of Manor and West Hempfield townships, respectively. The father was born in 1806 and became a prominent citizen of West Hempfield township, serving for two years as supervisor. He lived to the age of eighty-two years and passed away in July, 1888. The mother, who was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hartsler) Greider, of Lancaster county, died in January, 1880, aged seventy-seven years. They were members of the Mennonite Church and were buried in the old Mennonite cemetery at Landisville. To Abraham and Mary (Greider) Herr were born the following: John, deceased; Abraham G.; Martha, late wife of

Henry Wirtz, a farmer; Mary, of Lancaster, widow of A. P. Breneman; Benjamin, a farmer of Cole-rain township; Frances, wife of Levy S. Root, of Eden township; and Elizabeth, of Lancaster.

Abraham G. was reared on his father's farm in West Hempfield and with the exception of seven years he has lived there all his life. He married in September, 1859, Miss Elizabeth Balmer. She was born in East Hempfield township in January, 1839, the daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sanger) Balmer, and the granddaughter of Martin Balmer, a farmer of Lancaster county, and of Christian Sanger, a farmer and carpenter of Manheim township. Jacob Balmer remained a lifelong farmer of Lancaster county and died in 1896, aged seventy-eight years. His wife Mary died in 1890, aged sixty-eight years. They were members of the Mennonite Church and were buried in the cemetery at the Kauffman Meeting House, in East Hempfield township. Three children were born to them: Elizabeth, wife of Abraham G. Herr; Mary A., who married S. G. Summy, a hotel proprietor at Manheim; and Emanuel, deceased.

To Abraham G. and Elizabeth (Balmer) Herr has been born one daughter, Mary B., who married Daniel D. Bowers, a farmer of Rapho township. On Aug. 4, 1864, Abraham G. Herr enlisted in Co. K, 195th P. V. I., for ninety days service, and was mustered out at Harrisburg, Nov. 6, 1864. The regiment was engaged in guard duty at Monocacy Junction. In 1879 Mr. Herr left the farm to take charge of a hotel in Penn township for four years. After living retired for a short time in Mountville, he resumed the hotel business in Penn township, continuing three years, until 1887. He then resided in Benfordsville for a year, when he purchased the old homestead in West Hempfield township, operating it successfully until the spring of 1900. In that year he sold all the farm except one and one-half acres, which he retained for a home and since then he has retired from active life. Mr. and Mrs. Herr are active and prominent members of the Mennonite Church. In politics he is a Republican. He is a man of unusually keen judgment and of profound convictions. His life in West Hempfield township has been one of influence, brightened by the esteem and respect in which he is held by all who know him.

GEORGE W. H. FREW, M. D., is one of the young and successful physicians of Paradise township, Lancaster county. After receiving his medical degree in 1895, he located in the community where he was born and reared, and there he has already attained prominence in his profession.

Dr. Frew descends from an old Huguenot family, which, driven out of France by religious persecution, had sought refuge in the north of Ireland, where the family remained through many successive generations. About 1830, or a little later, Shaw Frew the grandfather of our subject emigrated

with his wife and two children from Ireland to America, and located in East Lampeter township, Lancaster county. About 1848 he removed to Leacock township where he purchased a farm and lived until his death in 1870 at the age of seventy years. He had married Miss Eleanor Butler, daughter of an Englishman, resident of Ireland, and sister of an officer in the English navy. She died in 1852, aged forty-two years. The family of Shaw and Eleanor (Butler) Frew consisted of the following children: David, deceased; James, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of Isaiah McKillips; William C., father of our subject; Shaw W., a resident of Vineland, N. J.; George B., deceased; and Mel-lisena E., deceased wife of B. C. Weaver.

William C. Frew, one of the most prominent citizens of Paradise township, and familiarly known as "Squire" Frew, was born in East Lampeter township, Feb. 18, 1842. He was educated in the common schools, and at the age of sixteen years he assumed the task of taking care of himself. Learning the trade of carriagemsmith he was employed at that trade and in various other temporary vocations, until the breaking out of the Civil war.

The career of Squire Frew in the army was long, honorable and eventful. He enlisted as a private Oct. 4, 1861, in Co. D, 2nd P. V. C., serving in the ranks until 1864. He was promoted to corporal, and then quartermaster sergeant, in Sept. 1862. He veteranized Jan. 2, 1864, and was appointed regimental quartermaster sergeant in October, 1864. He was promoted captain of Co. G, 2nd P. V. C. Feb. 27, 1865, and was mustered out July 13, 1865. Captain Frew saw very active service. Following is a partial list of the engagements in which he participated: Wolfstown, Aug. 2, 1862; second battle of Bull Run, Aug. 30, 1862; Thoroughfare Gap, Oct. 17, 1862; Warrenton, Oct. 6, 1862; Ocaquan River, Dec. 28, 1862; Gettysburg, July 2 and 3, 1863; Bealton Station, Oct. 22, 1863; Rappahannock, Oct. 23, 1863; Mine Run, Dec. 28, 1863; Wilderness, May 5, 6 and 7, 1864; Beaver Dam, May 10, 1864; Ashland Station, May 11, 1864; defenses of Richmond, May 12, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 2, 1864; Trevillian station, June 11, 1864; St. Mary's Church, June 24, 1864; White House, Sept. 29, and Oct. 1, 1864; Boydton Plank Road, Oct. 27, 1864; Stony Creek, Dec. 1, 1864; and Hatcher's Run, Nov. 1, 1864. Capt. Frew was wounded three times. First he received a saber cut near Dumfries, Va., Dec. 28, 1862, and was taken prisoner at the same time. He was held in Libby Prison until the following March, when he was paroled, and was exchanged in June, whereupon he immediately rejoined his company and regiment. Again he was wounded, June 24, 1864 at St. Mary's Church, Va. It was a gun shot wound, and he was sent to the hospital, remaining until the following September. He also received a gun shot wound after the surrender of Lee, while doing duty as provost guard.

After his return from service Capt. Frew engaged in railroad construction for about two years, and then returned to his trade of coachsmith, at which he continued for about eleven years, during this time acting as foreman for some years for Jacob Wenger, coach manufacturer of Paradise township. In 1879 he began for himself the operation of a carriage manufacturing establishment, making all kinds of light vehicles for the local trade. Continuing this business successfully for twenty-one years, he sold out in 1900.

He has had an experience of about thirty years as local magistrate. He was appointed justice of the peace in 1872, holding that office continuously ever since, and in all this time he has had but two cases reversed by the higher courts. He has also served on the board of education for sixteen years, during nine years of which time he was secretary of the board. In politics he is a Republican. He is a member of Cavalry Post, No. 35, G. A. R., of Philadelphia. For many years he has been a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M. No. 156, Quarryville; he also belongs to Royal Arch Chapter, No. 43, Lancaster; Pequea Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F.; William Pitt encampment, No. 104; and Bart Lodge, No. 162, K. of P.

William C. Frew was married, March 21, 1866, to Miss Susan Hull, daughter of George and Sidney (Pelen) Hull. To Mr. and Mrs. Frew have been born five children who are now living: Harry, who is postmaster at Paradise; George, sketch of whose life appears herewith; and Edith, May and Ross, at home. The mother of these children is a member of the Presbyterian Church, while the father is an adherent of the Episcopal faith, and is a vestryman of the Paradise Church.

Dr. George W. H. Frew, son of William C. and Susan (Hull) Frew, was born Oct. 13, 1871, in Paradise township. He was there reared to manhood, receiving his education in the public schools and at the Millersville State Normal. For three years he taught in the public schools. Choosing medicine as his profession, he in 1891, entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, graduating in the Medical Department in 1895. During his college years he also took a special course of one year in penmanship, and he is a fine penman. He was also engaged as a tutor after leaving the University. After receiving his diploma Dr. Frew located at once at Paradise, where he has since continued in general practice. Though yet a young man in the profession he has attained wide recognition and success. He is a member of the Lancaster County Medical Society, and also of the State Medical Society. He is the medical examiner at Paradise for a number of insurance organizations, including the Mutual Life of New York, the Prudential of Newark, the New York Life, and the Manhattan Life of New York, and the American Relief Association and Union Mutual of Cincinnati, Ohio. Among the fraternal orders he is

an active member of Pequea Lodge, No. 161, I. O. O. F., at Paradise.

Dr. Frew married March 24, 1897, Miss Emma Overly, daughter of Samuel Overly, of Vintage. They have one child, Charles Truman. Dr. and Mrs. Frew are prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, and are widely and popularly known in social circles.

WILLIAM A. GLOSSER, engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Columbia, Lancaster Co., Pa., June 2, 1854, and this town is still his place of residence. He is a son of Andrew and Sarah (Parks) Glosser, of whom full mention is made below.

Andrew Glosser was born in Baden, Germany, in 1817, and when twelve years of age was brought to America by his mother, who landed in Baltimore, Md. Andrew moved thence to Hollidaysburg, Pa., and in 1850 came to Columbia. He married in Huntingdon, Pa., Miss Sarah Parks, who was born in that borough in 1824, a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Strong) Parks, natives, respectively, of England and Huntingdon, Pa. To the marriage of Andrew Glosser were born six children, as follows: Mary E. (wife of Zach F. Britton, a wallpaper dealer), Martha E. (married to Peter Wehner, a railroad conductor), Caroline (now Mrs. Samuel Campbell), William A. (whose name opens this sketch) and Lillian (widow of James Thomas), all residents of Columbia; and Maggie, who died young. Andrew Glosser was a railroad engineer was first employed on the old State road, and when that line was purchased by the Pennsylvania road, transferred his services to the latter, and in this employ was killed July 7, 1861. In religion he was a Roman Catholic. His widow now makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Martha E. Wehner, of Columbia. The parents of Andrew Glosser were Nicholas and Elizabeth (Yeager) Glosser, the former of whom died in Germany, and the latter with her six children came to America, as detailed above. These children have now all passed away, with the exception of Peter Glosser, a blacksmith in Columbia.

William A. Glosser, at the age of eight years, entered a rolling mill, and six months later began work for J. B. Bauchman in the planing mill, and while with him learned the carpenter trade; he next worked in the old Columbia woolen-mill one month, when it was destroyed by fire, and then in the fall of 1869, became baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1876 he went on the road as fireman, and in 1882 was appointed engineer, his present position.

On Jan. 17, 1883, Mr. Glosser was joined in matrimony at Philadelphia, with Miss Mary E. Gallagher, a native of Newtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., born May 5, 1857, a daughter of James and Eliza (Varnett) Gallagher, the former of whom was a shoemaker and died in Newtown. To Mr.

and Mrs. Glosser have been born two children, Lillian M., and Harry P. Mr. Glosser, who is of a genial and sociable disposition, is very popular with his fellow citizens and prominent as a society man. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of Pythias, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, the P. H. C., and the Pennsylvania R. R. Relief. He belongs to the Columbia Fire Department. Religiously he is connected with St. John's Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat. On May 23, 1888, Mr. Glosser was elected chairman of the committee on the Columbia Centennial Celebration, and executed the functions of this office very ably. He was offered the presidency, which he declined to accept, preferring the position of chairman.

JACOB KENDIG, of the firm of Jacob Kendig & Son, tobacco packers at Silverspring, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born in Manor township, this county, Nov. 8, 1830, and is a son of Rev. John and Mary (Mellinger) Kendig, the former of whom was a farmer and Mennonite minister who died in Manor township in 1849, at fifty-three years of age, and whose wife died in the same township at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Of the seven children born to John and Mary (Mellinger) Kendig, Christian died at the age of thirty years; Elizabeth of Manor township, was twice married, first to Jacob Dorschel and secondly to Christopher K. Witmer; John died in Iowa; Susan who died in 1899, was married to Rev. Peter Ebersole, a Mennonite minister; Martin is also among the departed; Jacob is the gentleman whose name introduces this biographical review, and Fanny is the widow of Henry R. Witmer.

Jacob Kendig was reared on the old homestead in Manor township, and made his home thereon until the death of his father, when, being about nineteen years old, he hired out among neighboring farmers for a few years and then came to Silverspring and embarked in general mercantile trade; he successfully carried it on for eighteen years, and then for six years was engaged in the live stock business as buyer, seller, drover and shipper. He made money at the precarious business, and then embarked in the tobacco trade as buyer, packer, etc., and this trade is still flourishing under the firm-name of Jacob Kendig & Son, his partner being his son, Jacob H.

Jacob Kendig married in Philadelphia, Nov. 16, 1856, Miss Catherine Hershey, who bore her husband the following-named children: Elizabeth A., and Franklin, who both died in infancy; Jacob H., partner with his father in the tobacco business at Silverspring and married to Effie Kauffman, who has borne him two children, Harry and Albert; Susan, married to J. J. Hougendobler.

Mrs. Catherine (Hershey) Kendig was born in

Manor township and was a daughter of Benjamin and Susan (Reitzel) Hershey, the former of whom was a farmer and likewise a miller. Mrs. Kendig died in West Hempfield township, Feb. 15, 1900, at the age of sixty-four years, and her remains were interred in the Silverspring cemetery.

Jacob Kendig was never afraid of hard work and, when a young man, neglected no opportunity of making by his own exertions an honest dollar. He was observant of men, things and events, and profited by his observations, applying the results or lessons therefrom to the practical workings of his business, whether as a general merchant or a dealer in live stock. Mr. Kendig is now a director in the Columbia National Bank, and is likewise a trustee of the Silverspring cemetery. The firm name of Jacob Kendig & Son is very prominent in tobacco circles and stands without a blemish.

In religion Jacob Kendig is a member of the German Brethren Church, and in politics is a Republican. Socially the standing of the family is all that could be desired, the best people of the community taking pride in calling and recognizing them as friends.

CLARENCE NORTON McHOSE, whose delightful and much frequented studio of music is at No. 244 East King street, Lancaster, is a conspicuous figure in the musical circles of that city. Mr. McHose belongs to a well-known Pennsylvania family, and was born at Allentown Oct. 15, 1879. His father, Lucius H. McHose, lives at Catasauqua, and is a member of the firm of McHose Brothers, who control and operate extensive clay banks at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

Clarence N. McHose spent his boyhood in Allentown, where he attended the public schools, finishing his education at Mercersburg Academy, of which institution he was musical director for a period of two years, and later he studied the organ with Prof. Fred. Wolle, of Bethlehem. He located in Lancaster four years ago, and his name soon became prominent in musical circles. He seemed to leap into popularity at a single bound, and to-day we find him one of the busiest men in all Lancaster county, teaching piano, organ and harmony. It is not only that his methods are thorough, but he is equipped for his work in far more than an ordinary way. Of course his studio contains a first-class, high-grade piano; but he also has a magnificent organ, and recently added a Virgil clavier to his equipment, the clavier being a key-board used for the development of hand and finger technique. It is an invaluable aid to students, and Mr. McHose enjoys the distinction of having been the first music teacher in Lancaster to introduce this instrument into the work of his students. He is particularly successful in the instruction of very young children, his genial disposition and patience winning their confidence. Nor is this all. Busy as Mr. McHose is with his many pupils, he finds time to be organist

and choirmaster in Trinity Lutheran Church, director of the choir of Zion's Lutheran Church, and director of the Mozart Singing Society of Columbia, as well as other prominent musical organizations in his community.

Mr. McHose was married, June 19, 1901, to Miss A. Margaretta Vollmer, in whom he has found an invaluable assistant, as far as the practical side of the profession is concerned. They have one child, Allan Irvine McHose, born May 14, 1902. Mr. McHose is a genial and intelligent gentleman, earnest and enthusiastic in his work, and as popular in social circles as he is in the musical world. His work among our young people has been much appreciated, and no man within our knowledge has secured a stronger hold upon our people in the same length of time than has Clarence N. McHose in the past four years.

REV. JOHN M. SAUDER. Among the leading men and representative citizens of East Earl township, prominent in both agricultural and religious circles, is Rev. John M. Sauder, a resident of Goodville, Lancaster county, who, since May 16, 1895, has been a minister of the Mennonite Church.

Rev. John M. Sauder, was born in the old house which has been his home ever since, June 27, 1864, a son of George H. and Judith (Martin) Sauder, the former of whom passed out of life, Sept. 17, 1894, at the age of sixty-seven years. The latter still survives, a beloved member of her son's family.

Father George H. Sauder was a son of Peter and Hettie (Hoffman) Sauder, and was born in East Earl township where his whole quiet, worthy life was spent. An agriculturist all his days, he gave his attention to the cultivation of his farm of seventy-five acres, where his father had erected the comfortable residence still standing. George H. Sauder was a good citizen, a worthy man and a consistent member of the Mennonite Church. To him and his wife were born ten children: Mary, deceased; Nancy, the wife of Israel Hallinger, a druggist in East Earl township; Catherine, deceased; Martin, deceased, a farmer of Caernarvon township, whose wife and six children survive; Susannah, the wife of Levi Good, of Brecknock township; Hettie, deceased; John M.; Lizzie, deceased; Lydia Ann, the wife of Martin Swigart, of East Earl township; and Rebecca, unmarried, who lives in the old home.

John M. Sauder was reared on the farm and became its practical manager at the time of his father's retirement from activity. This is one of the carefully cultivated and productive estates of that part of the county, and Mr. Sauder has given much attention to general farming. His improvements have been numerous and his adoption of modern methods and implements, quite in the line of progress.

Mr. Sauder gained his education in the public schools, and when twenty years of age, he not only

became a member of the Mennonite Church, but decided to dedicate his youthful energies to religious work. His ordination as a minister by Bishop Jacob N. Brubaker followed on May 16, 1895, and he was assigned to duty in the Weaverland district, which includes five places of worship. Here he has, for the past eight years, been faithfully laboring, and although young in years, he is old in religious experience, and has done work for his church and people that promises to bear fruit long after he has passed away.

Mr. Sauder was married on Nov. 8, 1885, to Miss Susannah Good, who was a daughter of John and Mary (Zimmerman) Good; she was born in Brecknock township, but was reared in East Earl township. To Mr. and Mrs. Sauder has been born a family of six children, all surviving except Susie, the youngest, the others being: George, Eli, Menno, Mary and Lizzie, all bright and intelligent, and promising to become worthy members of society.

LOUIS HENRY PFAEFFLE, until lately one of the esteemed and successful citizens of Lancaster, and a stock-broker in Rooms Nos. 232 and 234, in the Woolworth building, is now located in Philadelphia. His birth was in Wurtemberg, Germany, and he has been identified with American interests since his eleventh year, and has been engaged in business for himself since his sixteenth year.

Henry Pfaeffle, the father of Louis Pfaeffle, who is now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal., came to the United States when he was but fourteen years old, returning to Germany at maturity, and there marrying Miss Mary Lauer, whose father was a miller in Wurtemberg. Sixteen children were born to this marriage, several of whom are deceased. One brother, Ernest, a brave lad in the Philippines, was wounded and died a year ago, far from home, a martyr to his country. The living members of this once numerous family are: Louis Henry; Bertha, wife of Jacob Emerling a hotel-keeper; Henry, who lives in San Francisco; Charles, a cigarmaker in Philadelphia; Robert, who is a druggist of San Francisco; Eugene, who is in the cigar business, in San Francisco; Matilda, in San Francisco; and Clara, who is with her parents in Los Angeles, Cal.

Louis Henry Pfaeffle came to America, as noted, at the age of eleven years, a bright, intelligent, ambitious youth, ready and willing to turn his attention to anything promising to advance his interests in a legitimate way. For eight years he followed the butchering business, embarking then in hotel-keeping, managing the Maennerchor hotel for eight years. During five years of this time he was also an amusement manager, being the first to introduce light variety shows to the public of Lancaster. These enterprises were carried on without interfering with other lines as Mr. Pfaeffle also conducted a cafe in the rear of the Central market, at Grant and Market streets, and for a time was proprietor of Knapp's

Villa. In the early part of 1897, Mr. Pfaeffle began business as a stock-broker, in Columbia, and after conducting the business there for about three years, returned to Lancaster, and here built up an extensive business. He has at comparatively a recent date located in Philadelphia.

The marriage of Mr. Pfaeffle was to Miss Matilda Gerstner, of Baden, and five children were born to this union: Otto Henry, who ably assisted his father in the brokerage business; Henry George, a clerk; Henrietta, a capable saleslady in Watt & Shand's New York store; and Florence and Gertrude, in school. Fraternally Mr. Pfaeffle is connected with the order of Odd Fellows, the Eagles and the Royal Arcanum, being active and popular in all of them. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church. His standing in business circles in Lancaster was deservedly high, and few men had been more successful in building up and establishing firmly a prosperous business through unassisted effort.

ALBERT M. DEICHLER, the book, news and stationery dealer at Nos. 141-143 North Queen street, is a striking example of a self-made man; and, except for the retail store keepers who buy their supplies from him, few people in the community have an adequate idea of the size and scope of his business. He is not only a retail book, news and stationery dealer, but a wholesaler of imported fancy novelties and toys of every description. An expert salesman represents him on the road, and gives close attention to his trade, which includes not only fancy novelties, but ice-cream boxes, paper bags, wrapping paper, twines and all kindred supplies.

Albert M. Deichler is a son of Philip Deichler, who, hale and hearty at the age of eighty-three, still carries on the business of shoemaking and goes hunting for exercise and pleasure. Philip Deichler and his brother, Maximilian, now deceased, were among the very early settlers of Lancaster county, having come to this country from Germany in 1820. Their father, who came with them, died soon after arriving in Pennsylvania. Philip Deichler married Miss Elizabeth Ann Leaman, belonging to a well known Lancaster county family, and of the ten children born to this union five are still living: Charles, a coachsmith; Harry, for the last twenty years in the service of the Adams Express Company, in Lancaster; Irene, who lives at home; Frank, bookkeeper for the Girard Trust Company, of Philadelphia; and Albert M.

Albert M. Deichler was born in Lancaster, June 2, 1870, and left school at the age of thirteen to help his father in his shoe business and to sell papers on the street. At seventeen he went to pattern-making, a trade he followed for eight years. At the end of that time he started in business as a news dealer in a most modest and unpretentious way. His first location was in his father's shoe shop in

the Shober building, on West Orange street. From there he set up for himself at the corner of North Queen and West Orange streets, where he erected a frame structure, and where he quickly developed one of the largest newspaper and periodical trades in the city. In 1898 he removed to No. 156 North Queen street, where he soon built up the handsome business of which mention is made above. Aug. 1, 1902, Mr. Deichler moved into larger quarters at 141-143 North Queen street, where he occupies the first floor and basement of a large double building, with floor space of 100 feet by forty feet, where the demands of his constantly increasing trade can be more easily met.

Mr. Deichler was married in 1893 to Miss Emma Gerlitzki, a daughter of the late Joseph Gerlitzki, who was an artist in his calling as a wood carver. To this union have come two sons, Frank Raymond and Albert Melvin. Mr. Deichler is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of Malta, the Odd Fellows, the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of the Ancient Esenic Order and the Young Men's Democratic Society. Personally he is very popular, and has a host of friends.

CHARLES MARTIN REILING, the efficient official court stenographer of Lancaster county, although not a native of Lancaster has been here for so many years, and has made such an honorable record for himself, as to fairly entitle him to a place on these pages.

Mr. Reiling's ancestors came from Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and his grandfather Reiling settled at Gettysburg, Pa. His father, John Martin Reiling, was born in Adams county, where he became a farmer, and he is now living retired at Philipsburg, Center county. John Martin Reiling married Elizabeth Zeilinger, daughter of a well known farmer of Monterey, Pa., and two sons were born of this union: Harry Calvin, now a jeweler at Philipsburg; and Charles M., of Lancaster.

Charles Martin Reiling was born at Gettysburg, July 15, 1867, and was educated in the public and private schools of the district. Leaving school he became a teacher for one year, meanwhile studying stenography, and we next find him in the employ of Carnegie, Phipps & Co., in Philadelphia, as a stenographer. After remaining there one year, he was with the Pencoyd Iron Works, then with a wholesale grocery house, and then as a stenographer with the Sporting Life Publishing Co. On Jan. 15, 1894, Mr. Reiling was appointed official court stenographer to the courts of Lancaster county, and has held that position ever since, with entire satisfaction to the court, the attorneys and all who come in contact with him. His cosy office is in the Brown Law Building, on North Duke street, and his home is at No. 235 East Orange street. Socially Mr. Reiling belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and politically to the

Young Republicans, taking a very active interest in the latter organization, of which he was vice-president for two terms, and is now chairman of the Library committee. Of pleasant address and kindly disposition, Mr. Reiling has made hosts of friends during the years of his residence in this, the home of his adoption.

JOHN S. ROHRER, a general farmer of Rapho township, was born on his present farm, Jan. 11, 1868, a son of Jacob and Mary (Kreider) Rohrer. On Sept. 28, 1893, Mr. Rohrer was married at Lancaster, Pa., to Miss Lizzie Nissley. Three children have been born to them, Edna N., J. Norman and Alvin N., all at home.

Mrs. Lizzie (Nissley) Rohrer, was born in Rapho township, May 13, 1870, a daughter of David E. and Martha M. (Rutt) Nissley, of Lancaster county. The father was a farmer in Rapho township, and died in February, 1893, aged sixty-three years, and is buried in the old Nissley graveyard in Rapho township. His widow is residing with her daughter, Mrs. Risser, in Manheim. She is a member of the Mennonite Church, as was also her husband. They were the parents of the following children: Menno, a farmer of Rapho township; Amos, deceased; Lizzie, wife of the subject of this sketch; Martha, wife of John R. Risser, of Manheim; David, of Chicago, Ill.; and Simon, a farmer of Rapho.

Mrs. Rohrer's grandparents on her father's side were Samuel and Anna (Eby) Nissley, of Lancaster county; on her mother's side the grandparents were David and Martha (Miller) Rutt of Lancaster county.

John S. Rohrer has always lived in his present abode. Upon his father's retirement in 1894, he took charge of the farm and has conducted it very successfully ever since. The family are members of the Mennonite Church. In politics Mr. Rohrer is a Republican, but up to the present time has never sought office. He is prominent in his district and stands well as a man of sterling worth. Of kindly disposition he has a large circle of personal friends.

WENGER R. GROFF, now residing on his farm, a mile and a half west of New Holland, long known as the Groff homestead, is one of the representative and progressive men of Lancaster county. He was born July 14, 1862, on the same farm which has been held in the family since it was first settled by Hans Groff, the founder of the family in America.

Wenger R. Groff is a son of Daniel W. and Savilla (Ranck) Groff, and a grandson of Abraham Groff, who married a Miss Wenger. Abraham Groff is remembered as a wealthy and public-spirited citizen who owned four farms in Earl and West Earl townships, and a mill property. The farm on which Wenger R. Groff now lives was a

part of his property, and he was both a miller and a farmer. In a manner he may be said to have been a self-made man, as most of his property was acquired by his own efforts and good management. By his honest heart and gentle bearing he won many friends. Not a member of any church, his bearing and habits were in keeping with the most religious character, and his life of eighty years was spent in industry and kindliness. His children were as follows: Daniel the father of Wenger R.; Samuel, of Bareville; Christian, a farmer of West Earl township; Abraham, deceased; Maria, the widow of Rev. John Graybill; Nettie, the widow of Peter Snyder, of Reading, Pa. To his second wife, Catherine Good, was born Elam, a resident of Bareville.

Daniel W. Groff, the father of Wenger R., died July 16, 1889, when fifty-six years old. He was reared on the mill farm in West Earl township, and was educated in the common schools. After his marriage he located on the farm where Wenger R. is found to-day. This farm comprises 109 acres, and it was his home during his life-time. In Lancaster county he was noted during his active years as one of the heaviest stock-dealers, buying the stock in Pittsburg, and selling them to Lancaster county farmers. When the stock was brought into fine condition, he would again buy it and ship to eastern markets. In local affairs he was always deeply interested, held to the principles of the Republican party, and was an intelligent and public-spirited citizen.

Mr. Groff was married to Miss Savilla Ranck, who was born in Earl township, and who died Sept. 20, 1899, at the age of fifty-six years. Jacob Ranck, her father, lived in Earl township. Mr. and Mrs. Groff were the parents of thirteen children: Oliver, deceased; Ida, the wife of L. S. Wiedler, of Manheim township; Wenger R.; Kate, the wife of John Schaeffer, of West Earl township; Mollie and Savilla, both deceased; Daniel, a resident of West Earl township; Diller, who lives in West Earl township; Maggie, wife of John Reinhold, of Rothsville; Walter, unmarried, living in West Earl township; Annitta, the wife of Edward Wenger, of West Earl township; Rufus and Rolland, both unmarried and living in West Earl township. The mother of these children was a member of the Reformed Church.

Wenger R. Groff was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty years old he began operations for himself at Lancaster, in the cattle and butchering business. After two years of this work, he returned to the farm, where he has since made his home, owning the old homestead of 109 acres which was selected by his ancestor, Hans Groff, as noted above. Mr. Groff gives his attention wholly to his farm and to his stock dealing, which he took up on the death of his father, and which he carried on until 1901 when he turned his stock dealing business over to his

brothers. He has always been known as a bright and progressive character, ever ready to help on every good work in the community. In politics he is a Republican, and has been supervisor.

Mr. Groff was married in September, 1897, to Miss Elizabeth Brubaker, a daughter of Shaeffer Brubaker, of Warwick township. She was born in Ephrata, Lancaster county, and is the mother of one child, Wenger.

MILTON N. MILLER, a general farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, is one of the leading citizens of his district. He was born March 1, 1874, a son of David L. and Leah (Nissley) Miller, of this same farm.

Mr. Miller was reared to agricultural pursuits, and obtained his education in the common schools of his district. He has made his home on the farm where he was born, and has made for himself quite a local reputation as a good, careful and judicious farmer. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. His religious connection is with the Old Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 10, 1896, in West Hempfield township, Mr. Miller was married to Mary N. Hostetter, a granddaughter of Jacob and Nancy (Stauffer) Hostetter, farming people of West Hempfield township, and Christian and Lizzie (Nissley) Newcomer, natives of Lancaster county. The parents of Mrs. Miller were Christian and Barbara (Newcomer) Hostetter, the former of whom was born on his present large farm in West Hempfield township, and the latter, born in Rapho township, died on the old farm, Dec. 6, 1884, at the age of forty-seven years. She was buried in the Cross Roads Meeting House cemetery in East Donegal township. The father was born Jan. 22, 1835, and after a long and busy life, retired from activity in 1897. Both parents were long valued members of the religious body known as Brethren in Christ. Their children were: Anna N., who married Benjamin Nissley, a farmer of East Hempfield township; Reuben N., who married Annie Miller, and lives in Rapho township; Jacob N., who died young; Lizzie N., widow of Albert Engle, now residing with her father; David N., who resides on the old homestead; Christian N., who is a farmer in Manor township; Barbara N., who married Enos Hess, a bookkeeper in Center county; Abraham, who resides on the home farm; and Mary N. (Mrs. Miller), born Oct. 24, 1873.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller are highly regarded in their community and have a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. They have one child, Barbara H., born April 30, 1902.

HENRY H. KLINE. One of the representative citizens of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, industrious, enterprising and prosperous, is Henry H. Kline, now engaged in general farming and dairying at Klinesville. He is a native of East Hempfield township, where he was born Oct. 18,

1838, the son of John and Catherine (Hougendobler) Kline, and the grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth (Docksie) Kline, of East Hempfield township, and of Joseph and Mary (Heastand) Hougendobler, of West Hempfield township. Both grandfathers were farmers of German extraction. John Kline, the father of Henry H., was in early life a stone mason but later followed farming. He was a member of the New Mennonite Church. He died Jan. 2, 1876, aged sixty-nine years. His wife died Aug. 4, 1868, aged fifty-five years. They were buried in Klinesville cemetery. Eight children were born to John and Catherine Kline, as follows: Mary, of Columbia, Pa., widow of Jacob Metzgar; John, deceased; David, retired in Klinesville; Ephraim, a farmer of Klinesville; Anna, wife of John Seifried, a farmer of Lancaster; Jacob deceased; Henry H.; Samuel, a painter of Marietta.

Henry H. Kline was reared on the home farm, where he remained until he was eighteen. He then began life for himself at farm work among the neighboring agriculturists and in 1870 he purchased from his father's estate the well-tilled farm where he now resides and which he has since operated. He married Oct. 24, 1871, in West Hempfield township, Miss Hester A. Sourbeer, who was born in Columbia, Sept. 16, 1849, the daughter of Joshua and Charlotte (Hougendobler) Sourbeer, prominent residents of West Hempfield township. To Henry and Hester (Sourbeer) Kline have been born five children, namely: Joshua S., who married Anna M. Wagner and lives at Columbia; Charlotte S., at home; Joseph C., a silk weaver at Marietta; Edmond, who died at the age of two years; and Charles B., at home.

Politically Henry H. Kline supports the principles of the Republican party. His wife is a member of the M. E. Church. In the social life of West Hempfield township they are highly esteemed for their many estimable qualities, with which are united that shrewd judgment of men and affairs, and that staunch unswerving integrity which command admiration and insure a deserved and abundant prosperity.

ANDREW JOHN DUNLAP, the popular collector and solicitor of the Sprenger Brewing Co., is descended from a family prominent as patriots and soldiers in the American Revolution.

John Dunlap, the great-great-grandfather of Andrew John, came from Scotland in 1735. His lands were located near Weavertown, this county, and he made his home at Pequea, in Leacock township. His children were: Andrew, Isaac, Archey and John. Of these Isaac located in Center county, Pa. The father shouldered arms in the war of the Revolution, and went forth to battle for the freedom of his adopted land.

John Dunlap, son of the emigrant, was also a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He married Isabella Lytle, of Pequea, and their children were:

James, Isaac, John, Archey, Andrew, Susan, Jane, Isabella, Lizzie and Rebecca. Of these, Susan married John McKillips, and is still living, making her home at No. 431 West Walnut street, Lancaster; Isaac served in the war of 1812; and John, the only merchant in the family, was also weighmaster of the Pennsylvania Railroad, when that road was under State control.

Andrew Dunlap, son of John and grandfather of Andrew John, lived most of his life in the vicinity of Weavertown, Leacock township, but spent several years in Lancaster township, where he died in 1854. He married Mary Miller, of Weavertown, and their children were: (1) John M., the only one of the family to enter the professional world, is a successful physician in Manheim, and prominent in public affairs, having served two terms as State Senator from his district; he married Matilda Arndt, of Manheim Borough, and became the father of Francis, M. D., and Charles. (2) James Clemson is mentioned below. (3) Isaac Lytle. (4) Samuel served in the Civil war. (5) Lizzie and (6) Hallie completed the family.

James Clemson Dunlap, son of Andrew and father of our subject, was married to Frances Hastings, whose father was a farmer of Colerain township, and whose ancestors were from England. Six children were born of this marriage, all of whom are living: Andrew J., our subject; Maria L., wife of Abraham D. Swartley, of Lancaster; Stephen H.; Emma J., who married Adam Deitrich, of Rohrerstown, and has three children, Minnie (who is attending Madame Cotta College), Davis and Alta; Alice I., who lives at home; and Frank M. Mrs. Frances (Hasting) Dunlap, the beloved mother, entered into rest Nov. 29, 1901.

Andrew J. Dunlap was educated in the public schools, and entered the high school, but was obliged to leave at the age of fourteen years to assist his mother in the management of the family patrimony. After the death of his father, his mother bought a tract of land known as Conestoga Park, where she lived for twenty-four years, when she sold it for park purposes. Here young Andrew, although but a lad, developed rich sand and stone quarries, and remained on his mother's place, until he had fitted himself by study during spare hours for school teaching, and by a partial course at Millersville. For seventeen winters he taught school with much success. During these years he taught day and night sessions in Eden, Warwick and Manheim townships; and for one winter he was principal of the night school for boys in Lancaster, and held the same position sixteen years in Conestoga Mills Night School, a school maintained by S. S. Spencer. Mr. Dunlap gave up teaching to take a position as deputy collector in the Internal Revenue office, serving in that responsible position under the Collectorship of John P. MacGonigle, and George W. Hensel, and also that of Sam Matt. Fridy, having entered the office under President Cleveland's first administration. Leaving

the government employ after some years of very creditable work, he became a bookkeeper for Frank A. Rieker's Brewery, a position which he left to take a much better offer from the Sprenger Brewing Co., which place he has held for the last eight years.

In 1877 Mr. Dunlap was married to Miss Lydia K., a daughter of the late Emanuel Landis, a farmer whose lands extended on both sides of the Big Conestoga bridge, and of this union were born seven children: John, Charles and William, deceased; Frank, who is clerk for the Standard Oil Co.; Bessie Landis, the wife of W. Z. Roy, a bookbinder and church organist; Uhler Hastings; and Stephen Edgar. Mr. Dunlap, with his family, belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church, although his father's people were Episcopalians, and his mother's Presbyterians. In Conestoga Park, a beautiful place that is full of old Colonial and Revolutionary associations, there is a subterranean passage way, one hundred feet long, that is supposed to be the work of colonists in the old and troubled times when the Indians roamed Lancaster county. The old home building of the Dunlap family, in Conestoga Park, is supposed to have been built a hundred and sixty years ago, by a Mr. Witmer and for a time during the Revolution was a hotel. Stories and legends enough to fill a volume center around it, and Mr. Dunlap is full of its lore and can recount it in a most interesting manner.

EDWARD B. REITZEL, a brakeman in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Co., is a son of Ephraim H. Reitzel, and a somewhat extended narrative of his family history may be found in the biographical sketch of his father elsewhere. He was born in Columbia, Sept. 17, 1871, and, with the exception of one year, which he spent in Philadelphia, he has passed his entire life in that town. He entered the employ of the railway company on March 1, 1893. He is a young man of remarkable powers of observation, and while not a profound student he is an active thinker, keeping in close touch with the vital issues of the day. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Order of Railway Trainmen.

On Dec. 23, 1897, Mr. Reitzel was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Witman, who was born in East Prospect, York county, April 7, 1870. They have one son, William Taylor, born in Columbia June 25, 1901. Mrs. Reitzel is the second of a family of six children born to John A. and Alice A. (Hoke) Witman, the latter the daughter of John and Julia (Green) Hoke.

Joseph Witman, great-grandfather of Mrs. Reitzel, lived in Germany, where he was a farmer. He was a soldier, too, and participated in the battle of Waterloo, where he was wounded, and he died on the battlefield. His wife was Mary Rhoads, who was also German born.

Joseph Witman, grandfather of Mrs. Reitzel, was born in France, Feb. 7, 1818, and came to York county, Pa., in 1836. By occupation he was a farm-

er. His wife, Matilda Smith, was born in York county in 1822, and died in Dover township in 1863. They had eleven children, as follows: (1) George, born in 1840, was a farmer, and died in 1885. (2) Peter, born Nov. 12, 1842, is a farmer in York county; he married Susan Deitz, in 1868, and they have five children: John, Lizzie, Norman, Molly and Carry. (3) John A. is mentioned below. (4) Joseph, born June 2, 1852, is a cabinet maker in Pittsburg; in 1872 he married Emma Booker, and has had six children: Clara, Jacob (deceased), Mary, Bertha, Joseph and Beulah. (5) Samuel, born Dec. 25, 1852, is the principal of a school in South Dakota; he married Telitha Clair, of Columbia, and has two children. (6) Jacob, born July 10, 1854, died in infancy. (7) Elizabeth, born Aug. 14, 1857, married David Beaverson, by whom she had four children; she married second William Besteress, who is now deceased. (8) Maggie, born Aug. 14, 1857, a twin to Elizabeth, married Alfred Flager, and has had four children; Jane (deceased), Nannie, Alfred, Jr., and Hammond. (9) Frank, born Jan. 22, 1860, is a carpenter in York; he married Carrie Miller, and has four children: Annie (a school teacher), Helena, Frank and Manuel. (10) Emanuel, born May 20, 1862, is a merchant in Colorado; he married Katie Shaw, and has two children, Sylvan and Ruth. (11) Emma, born, Nov. 22, 1864, married Albert Seigert, who died in 1899. She has one child Catherine, and lives in York.

John A. Witman, son of Joseph and father of Mrs. Reitzel, was born in 1846, and he married Alice A. Hoke, who was born in 1847, a daughter of John and Julia (Green) Hoke. Their children were: Anna E., Mrs. H. Folkenroth, of York; Ida M., Mrs. Reitzel; John J., deceased; Carrie H., wife of Harry Reikart, of York; Frankie, who died in infancy; and Harry M., at home with his parents. John A. Witman is a retired farmer and coach maker, and both he and his wife are members of the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Reitzel in maternal lines is descended from John Hoke, who was born in Adams county. He married Catherine Homan, and had four children, Hammond, Manuel, Mary Ann and John, all of whom lived in York. Of these, Hammond married Elizabeth Free, and had seven children, Leah, Adam, Sarah Ann, Amanda, Catherine, Rebecca and Emma; Manuel married Katie Blatz, and had two children, Harmon and Katie; Mary Ann married Gust Wiser, and had children, Annie, Ella (deceased), Percy and Florence.

John Hoke, youngest son of John and Catherine (Homan) Hoke, married Julia Green, and had three children, Joshua, Alice and Elizabeth. Of these, Joshua married Telitha Meck, and they have five children, George, Mamie, William, Ward and Viola; they live in Middletown, Pa. Elizabeth married John Gilbert, and they have ten children, Titus, Neva, Claudia, Iva, Vergia, Lula, Etta, Moma, Bertha and Blaine.

Alice Hoke, mentioned above, was married Oct. 18, 1866, to John Witman, and became the mother of six children as previously stated.

EMMOR SHAW, in his life time a general farmer and excellent citizen of Sadsbury township, was born on his late farm, Feb. 14, 1859, son of Benoni and Ruth (Seeds) Shaw, both of Chester county.

Benoni Shaw came to the Lancaster county farm in 1841, and although by trade he was a mason, he was principally engaged in farming. For many years he was one of the school directors, faithfully attended to school affairs, and was a just and honorable man. His death occurred Jan. 6, 1888, at the age of eighty-one years, his widow surviving until Jan. 17, 1901, when she passed away at the age of eighty-three. Both were buried in the old Friends' cemetery at Homeville, Pa., both having been exemplary members of the Society of Friends. The children born to Benoni Shaw and wife were: Phoebe, widow of Clayton Thompson, of Atglen, Pa.; Oliver, a farmer and drover, in Colerain township; Maggie, unmarried and residing in Westchester, Pa.; Sallie, who married Robert Fitch, and lives in Chester county; John, a carpenter, living in Iowa; Franklin, who conducts a grist mill, in Rochester, N. Y.; and Emmor.

Emmor Shaw was reared on the home farm, acquired his education in the public schools, and was engaged in farming almost all his life. Some three years were spent at Andrews Bridge, in Colerain township, where he managed the hotel, during the first year in association with his brother-in-law, but the rest of the time alone. He then returned to Sadsbury township and resumed agricultural pursuits, and was justly regarded as one of the successful farmers of this locality.

On March 3, 1887, in Andrews Bridge, Emmor Shaw was married to Miss Ella Roop, who was born in Pequea, Salisbury township, daughter of Abraham and Susanna (Hurst) Roop, the former now residing in Colerain township, a retired farmer. Mr. Roop was born Jan. 2, 1833, and for thirty years operated the "Octoraro Hotel," was postmaster at Andrews Bridge, and has long been a director in the Christiana Bank. Mrs. Susanna (Hurst) Roop died in Octoraro, in April, 1886, at the age of fifty-one years, and was buried in the Union Presbyterian cemetery there. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Roop were: John M., a hotel keeper at Andrews Bridge; Clara, deceased, who married Emlen Davis; Ella, who became Mrs. Shaw; Joseph H., a merchant at Andrews Bridge; Abraham C., a farmer of Colerain township; and Clement, who died in infancy. The grandparents of Mrs. Shaw were: John and Barbara (Martin) Roop, and Peter and Diana (Sheaffer) Hurst, all of Lancaster county.

Mr. Shaw was prominently identified with the Republican party, and for two years was the capable township auditor, being known as one of the

most upright citizens of Sadsbury township. He died Aug. 30, 1902, and was laid to rest in Union Presbyterian cemetery on Sept. 3d, following. The family is one which is universally respected through this part of Lancaster county.

JOHN HENRY MYERS, with office adjoining those of E. D. Reilly and John E. Snyder, well known lawyers of Lancaster, has the distinction of having been the second public stenographer and typewriter in Lancaster.

Christian Myers, his father, has been manager of the Lancaster office of the Singer Sewing Machine Co. for the past fifteen years. He came to the United States from Germany, in 1853, locating in Millville, N. J. He married Miss Louisa Krutz, daughter of Lewis Kurtz, a cigar manufacturer of Millville, and seven children were born of this union: Anna L., wife of Harvey M. Shaar, of Soutter, Buchanan & Young's dry goods house, Lancaster; Lou, wife of Frank J. Oglee, principal of the high school at Rutherford, N. J.; Miss Ella D., bookkeeper in the Singer Sewing Machine Co.'s office at Lancaster; Fred D., manager of extensive machine shops in Philadelphia; Herman G., expert jeweler employed by Harry L. Weber, in Lancaster; W. K., in the class of 1904, State College; and John Henry.

John Henry Myers was born in Millville, N. J., Nov. 21, 1874, and coming to Lancaster at the age of twelve years, was educated in the public schools. He also took a course at Weidler's Business College, after which he took up the profession of phonography, making a specialty of legal work, and in which he has been entirely successful. His services are used by the leading members of the Bar, and are also sought by other professional gentlemen.

Mr. Myers married Miss Lilian A. Remley, daughter of the late R. J. Remley, contractor and builder of the Lancaster County Almshouse, the John L. Arnold building on North Queen street, and other prominent structures. Mr. Remley entered into rest in February, 1900. One son and one daughter have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Nelson K. and Anna C. Mr. Myers is a member and deacon of Grace Lutheran Church, and is also secretary of the Sunday school. He is secretary of Empire Council, No. 120, Jr., O. U. A. M., and belongs to Emanuel Lodge, I. O. O. F., and Fulton Castle, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He is a Republican, but takes no active part in politics, preferring to devote his entire time to the duties of his profession. Mr. Myers lives in a cozy home at No. 630 East King street, opposite Lancaster County Prison Park, and there, when freed from cares of business, he finds substantial rest and comfort with his family.

AMOS WADE, one of the better and more public-spirited farmers of East Drumore township, was born in Lancaster county, in November, 1829,

a son of Christian and Mary Wade, who came from Germany, and settled in Eden township, on the property now owned by Robert Montgomery. There Amos Wade was reared, the oldest member of a family of six children. Christian Wade, the next in the family, lived and died in East Drumore township; Aaron Wade married and died in Eden township, leaving a widow and three children, Mabel, Myrtel and Rufus; Mary Wade is the widow of Samuel Marrow, who died in Lancaster leaving a family; Eliza Wade is the widow of Daniel Hess, of Martinsville, Lancaster county; Emma Wade is the wife of Thomas McNichols, who lives at Martinsville, and has a family.

Amos Wade had his education in the public schools, and was a farmer until his death. In December, 1853, he married Mary A. Keen, who was the daughter of Henry and Julia (Mowrer) Keen, a noted family in Lancaster county. Mrs. Wade was born Nov. 17, 1833, in Eden township, on the Keen homestead, near Quarryville. The young couple settled for a few years on the old Wade homestead, which Mr. Wade had bought, and then removed to the present home of the family in East Drumore township. There Mr. Wade died in August, 1888, leaving a widow and ten children. (1) Jacob C. Wade, born in August, 1854, is a railroad employe, married Winfried Bryson and has one son, Ira. (2) Anna E. Wade, born in December, 1855, is the wife of David Mowrer, a saddler at Quarryville. (3) Susanna Wade died in childhood. (4) Mary E. Wade, born in July, 1858, married Jerry Miner, of West Drumore township and died, leaving a family of nine children: Aaron, Harry, Katie, Amos W., Charles M., Mary S., John W., Effie E. and David C. (5) Debbie L. Wade, born in October, 1860, is the wife of Martin Bruce, who resides at Marticville, Lancaster county, where he is a coach dealer. (6) Harry Wade, born in November, 1862, married Ida E. Dahn, and lives on his father's old homestead in East Drumore township, where they have two children, Anna B. and Harry M. (7) Effie Lincoln Wade, born in October, 1864, was educated in the home schools, and always remained at home, where she cared for her aged mother with a devoted affection. Her death brought grief to a host of friends. (8) Selina B. Wade, born in December, 1867, attended the State Normal School at Millersville, and had been a successful teacher in the schools of her home township for ten years, when she married Abram R. Miller. They now reside in Elkhart, Ind., where he is engaged in the car shops. They have one daughter, Nellie Marie. (9) Aaron Wade died in childhood. (10) Amos Milton Wade, the youngest of the family, born in March, 1874, remained at home until his father's death, when he became a clerk with Mr. Kauffman at Buck, where he was engaged for three years. For about the same time he was employed in the store of John McElhaney, at Quarryville, where he now is in business for himself as a

restaurant keeper and a green grocer. In 1890 he married Miss Lillie Rohrer, a daughter of John Rohrer, of Strasburg, and has one daughter, Miriam.

Amos Wade was a Republican, and at different times in his life filled a number of local offices. For some ten years he was a school director. In religion he and his wife were members of the Old Mennonite Church. His name is held in endearing memory by his children and friends, as that of a good and noble man, who has entered into rest, "and his works do follow him."

O. N. SOUDERS, one of the well-known and respected citizens of Lime Valley, was born in Salisbury township, July 15, 1858, a son of Peter and Rosa (Bonholtzer) Souders, the former of whom is now a resident of Chester township. The latter passed out of life in 1872.

The Souders family has been known in Lancaster county for several generations, the grandfather, Christian Souders, having lived and died in Salisbury township, where he owned three large farms. His religious connection was with the Old Mennonite Church, in which peaceful community he was a leader. His family consisted of four sons: Henry, David, Christian and Peter; and two daughters, Barbara, who married Joseph Souders, and moved to Elkhart, Ind.; and another daughter who married a member of the Hershey family.

Peter Souders, the father of O. N. Souders, was born and reared in Salisbury township, where he became a well-known citizen and successful farmer, efficiently filled the offices of supervisor and school director, and he remained in Salisbury township until his retirement from activity in 1897, when he removed to Chester county, where he now resides. His political sympathies have always been with the Republican party. The children born to Peter and Rosa Souders were: O. N.; Abraham, a blacksmith, of Paradise township; Sherman, a blacksmith, at The Gap; Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of Martin Miller; Lyda, deceased; and Barbara. Mr. Souders, the father of this family, is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

O. N. Souders was reared on his father's farm and obtained his education in the public schools. At the age of nineteen, he left the farm in order to learn the blacksmith's trade, and this business he has followed until the present time, buying out the man with whom he first worked, six years before, at Lime Valley. In 1900, Mr. Souders was made postmaster at Lime Valley, and conducts this office in connection with his blacksmith business. For the last few years he has been a member of the school board, and he has always taken very great interest in educational matters. Mr. Souders has also been active in the political affairs of the township, and is highly regarded by the Republican party.

On Feb. 22, 1883, Mr. Souders was married to

Miss Dolly Barr, a daughter of Jacob Barr, of Salisbury township, and to this union have been born four children: Rosa, Pearl, Orma, and Jay. As a worthy citizen and industrious, progressive and enterprising man, Mr. Souders has won for himself a high position in the esteem of the community.

WILLIAM W. HENSEL, contracting carpenter at No. 619 East Orange street, Lancaster, belongs to one of the old and influential families of the community.

The Hensels came from Germany to America, and their ancestors in this country served in the Continental army. They were of the Lutheran faith for generations, and some of the earlier Hensels have stones marking the location of their ashes under the steps of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lancaster.

John Hensel, the grandfather of William W., lived for many years in the old stone dwelling on East Orange street, near Shippen, which was razed only a few years ago to make way for modern buildings now standing there. John Hensel's sons were: Christopher, Jacob and William Henry. Jacob, the only one of the three brothers living, makes his home in Philadelphia, and although engaged in the iron business for an ordinary lifetime he is now a model maker, and is regarded as a great genius in wood work. He is now seventy-five years old, and has just finished a miniature village, the little structures in which are so numerous that they fill a good-sized room. A hotel in this beautiful little village is composed of several thousand pieces of wood. Once he made a fac simile of Mount Vernon, and so remarkable was this work that it was exhibited at Lancaster, and was viewed by many thousand people.

William Henry Hensel, the father of William W., died in February, 1894, at the age of eighty-six years. With an inherited talent for wood work he became a successful contractor and builder, and among the notable buildings erected by him were the well known Henderson mansion, the late Hiram B. Swarr's house on North Duke street, Mrs. G. W. Arnold's house on South Main street, the late George Nauman's house on King street, the home of Col. Eshleman on East Orange street, and many other substantial and elegant structures. In much of this work he was assisted by his son, William W. Hensel. At one time he served as the efficient superintendent of the city water works. William H. Hensel was married to Catherine Trissler, belonging to the well known family of that name in Lancaster county. From this union was a large family of children, of whom eight lived to reach the age of maturity, and five of these are still living: George O., a carpenter and florist, a pioneer in the higher cultivation of flowers in his community, is now a resident of Delaware; Peter C. was for years a letter carrier, at one time superintendent of the water works, and more recently san-

itary officer in the employ of the Lancaster Board of Health: Mary Salina; Ann Eliza is the wife of Adam J. Auxer, whose biography may be found on another page, and William W. Mrs. Hensel died in 1844, and from the union with his second wife, who was a Miss Aument, two children were born: Emma, the wife of John Bursk, of Carlisle; and Alice A., widow of Walter A. Haldy, the cashier of the Lancaster County National Bank.

William W. Hensel was born in the old Hensel home on East Orange street, Nov. 14, 1835, and had his education in the Lancaster public schools. At the age of thirteen, he began work at the carpenter trade with his father, with whom he remained until 1868, when he started in business for himself, and has followed it continuously to the present time, having laid a hardwood floor in one of the handsome houses of Lancaster, as late as the autumn of 1900. During the war of the Rebellion Mr. Hensel did carpenter work for the Pennsylvania Railroad for a period of twenty-six months. Thirty-one years ago he built the commodious dwelling at No. 619 East Orange street, in which he has since resided, and he has planted and grown many noble fruit trees in the ample grounds surrounding this building, for he is an enthusiastic and well informed horticulturist.

William W. Hensel was married in May, 1860, to Miss Kate, a daughter of Peter B. Long, a well-known tobacconist of Philadelphia, especially prominent in Odd Fellow circles, being the oldest member of the order at the time of his death, which occurred in 1890. Miss Long came to Lancaster to make her home with her grandmother, graduated from the Girls' high school; at the age of sixteen she became a teacher there, later teaching at the noted Linden Hall at Lititz. To this union were born five children: Laura, the widow of Jacob D. Weaver; Mary, who died in infancy; John Atlee, who also died in infancy; Charles W., who died at the age of fifteen years, having lived long enough to show the inheritance of Hensel constructive abilities; and Nellie, now the assistant teacher in the Franklin street school, having special charge of department of drawing. Miss Hensel, in addition to being a graduate of the State Normal at Millersville, class of 1893, was graduated from Prang's Art Classes in 1896, and has since taken special instruction from Leon Von Ossko, Lancaster's most distinguished artist.

William W. Hensel, like his ancestors, is a Lutheran in religion, and in politics is a staunch Republican, though never a candidate for official station. His career has been a useful one, and the city owes much to him and men of his class, honest, industrious and upright in all they do.

JACOB BREINIG, a prosperous German business man, in middle life emigrated in December, 1870, with his wife and children from his native land to America. Locating soon after in Columbia,

he became prominently identified with the manufacturing interests of the city, adding to its industries and representing in his personality a high type of citizenship.

Jacob Breinig was born in Germany and in Berfelden he married Elizabeth Wolf, who was born in that town Jan. 6, 1835, a daughter of George (3) and Margaret E. (Rebscher) Wolf. George Wolf was a cloth and woolen manufacturer in Germany, where he remained through life, dying in 1878 at the age of seventy-five years. His wife died in Germany in May, 1867, aged forty-nine years. Many of their nine children found homes in America. Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Breinig, was the eldest; Catherine died unmarried in Germany in 1898; Mary is the widow of John Wolf, who died in Germany, and she now resides in Philadelphia; Peter died in California; George has retired from business and lives in Philadelphia; Henry lives in Lancaster; Jacob died in Louisville, Ky.; William is a carpet manufacturer of Pittsburgh; and Adam. To Jacob and Elizabeth (Wolf) Breinig were born four children, three of whom died in infancy. The surviving child, Katharine Mary, married Frank A. Rieker, brewer, of Lancaster.

In Germany Mr. Breinig was engaged in the cloth business; in December, 1870, he was prompted to come to America by the success in business which relatives had attained in Philadelphia. Reaching that city, he remained only a few weeks, and in January, 1871, removed to Columbia, Pa., where he engaged extensively in the carpet weaving business. He died July 16, 1876, aged fifty-nine years, and was buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. Himself and his family were prominent members of the Salem Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Wolf) Breinig, the surviving wife, married for her second husband, June 21, 1877, at Columbia, Pa., William Buchholz, who was also a native of Germany, and in America, the land of his adoption, became a prominent business man.

William Buchholz was born in Bavaria, Germany, Nov. 4, 1824, son of John W., and Anna Mary (Beckman) Buchholz. The father was engaged in the butcher business and died in 1841, aged forty-nine years, his wife surviving until 1856, dying at the age of sixty-three. Their three children were: William; Mary, who married Henry Metz, a baker, and died at Philadelphia; and Lena, who died at the age of fourteen years. William followed successfully in Germany the vocation of his father, and in November, 1851, at the age of twenty-seven years, came to America. He settled in Lancaster, and for about eight years was employed as a butcher in that city. In 1859 he married for his first wife Catherine E. Young, and then a few days later removed to Columbia, where he engaged in the butcher business for himself. He prospered to an unusual degree and in April, 1874, when at the age of forty-nine years he retired from

active business life, he had amassed a competence and became one of the most influential citizens of the city. His success was due wholly to his own efforts. He died March 28, 1894.

The widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Buchholz, now resides at Columbia with Mrs. Katharine Mary Rieker, her daughter by her first marriage. Both possess unusual force of character and have won the affection and deep respect of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

GEORGE BOLSTER. To be known as a good citizen and honorable and upright man has been the ambition of many who have not been willing to earn such honor, but such is justly the reputation of George Bolster, one of the prominent business residents of Ephrata borough, for Mr. Bolster started out in life with very limited means and has honestly earned his present competency and established record.

George Bolster, the well-known proprietor of a business in marble cutting and tombstones in Ephrata, was born April 9, 1831, in Bavaria, Germany, a son of the distinguished musician, Frederick Bolster, and Mary (Hartman) Bolster, both of whom were born in Germany, the former in 1796 and the latter in 1794, both of them noted for their longevity, the former passing away in his ninety-first year and the latter in her eighty-ninth. Frederick Bolster was an accomplished musician who had been employed as a music teacher in some of the royal palaces of Europe, and naturally became very well known in Reading, Pa., where he finally made his home. In 1847 the family came to America, and as soon as the musical gifts of Mr. Bolster became known he was employed as a musical director, continuing for many years as such.

George Bolster, of this sketch, received his education in Germany and was thoroughly instructed in music by his talented father. In 1847 he began to learn the trade of stone-cutter, and engaged in this business for a number of years in Reading. He was also a musical director and teacher there. Later he located in Ephrata and has successfully conducted a good business and gained the esteem of the community.

The marriage of George Bolster occurred in 1858, to Miss Bertha Strauss, of Pottsville, Pa., a daughter of Samuel Strauss, and a niece of the late Mr. Strauss, who served as member of Congress. Mrs. Bolster was born Feb. 14, 1834, and became the devoted mother of these children: Theresa, born in 1858; Frederick, born in 1860; Lidia, born in 1864, married to John Taylor, of Ephrata; Flora, born April 18, 1863, died in 1872; Jennie, born Aug. 19, 1866, married to John Bishop; George, Jr., born Feb. 24, 1868; Clara, born March 12, 1872, married to Amos Burkholder, of Lancaster; Herman, born Dec. 31, 1873, died March 20, 1885; and Frances, born Feb. 8, 1876, who remains with her parents.

Mr. Bolster is one of the old-time Democrats, a believer in the Jeffersonian principles of Democracy; he is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F. and with the German lodge of Harugari. In all his dealings with his fellow-citizens he has been honorable and upright and belongs to the very best type of German-Americans in Lancaster county.

JAMES M. McMICHAEL, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born May 15, 1812, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Myers) McMichael, both of whom were born in Bucks county, Pa., in the eighteenth century, of Scotch Irish antecedents.

Jonathan McMichael and his wife settled in East Drumore township but his later years were spent in Philadelphia in the home of his sister, where he died in 1869. His wife died at the home of her son, Rev. William McMichael, in 1861. They had seven children. (1) Peter married and settled in Reading, Pa., where he was killed on the railroad, leaving two children, Rachel and Jonathan, still residing in that city. (2) Rev. William, born in 1810, was educated for the ministry, and for over fifty years was a Methodist clergyman in Lancaster county. He filled a pulpit in Philadelphia, where he died in 1897. He never married. (3) James M. is mentioned below. (4) Samuel, born in 1815, spent his early life in Drumore township, married Elizabeth Bradhurst, and located on the old homestead, where he died in 1896. His widow is still living on the homestead. They had four children, Thomas, William, Rachel (wife of Alexander Cummings) and Anna (who married John Munshower). (5) Mary A., born in 1818, married Rankin Johnson, of Missouri, and is now deceased. (6) Rachel, born in 1821, married Jacob Phillips, of Philadelphia, and died, leaving two children. (7) Elizabeth, born in 1824, married Thomas Lewis, of Philadelphia, and became the mother of three children, Sarah, Josephine and Cora. She is deceased.

James M. McMichael received a district school education, and in his early life was superintendent of the James Hopkins furnace. In 1833 he married Miss Mary Garrett, of Dauphin county, and lived at Conestoga Center until the death of his wife in 1842. She was the mother of four children: Mary A., born in June, 1835, deceased wife of John Rogers, of Nebraska; Sarah J., born in 1836, who married Harry Lovett, of Philadelphia, and is the mother of Edward and May; William, born in 1838, who married Elizabeth Dennis, lives in Lancaster and has two children, Jennie and Annetta; Hiram, who died in childhood.

Mr. McMichael was married in 1843 to Miss Hester Phillips, a daughter of Henry Phillips, and to this union were born eight children. (1) Lucinda, born in 1843, married Elisha Webster, of Lancaster, and is the mother of one son, Harry. (2) John, born in 1845, married Miss Lucy Johnston, and lives in Lancaster. (3) Peter, born in

1847, married Miss Anna Winters, and lives in Lancaster, where they have a family of six children, John, Harry, Charles, Thomas, Mabel and Lucy. (4) Rachel, born in 1849, died in childhood. (5) Jacob, born in 1857, married Miss Lizzie Shenck, of Lancaster, lives on one of his father's farms and is the father of three living children, James, Myrtle and Edna. (6) James, born in 1853 in East Drumore township, married Miss Alice Shaffer, and lives in Lancaster, where he is in the insurance business; they have one daughter, Elsie. (7) Thomas, born in 1855, has been sheriff of Lancaster county since 1899, on the Republican ticket. June 26, 1901, he was married to Miss Margaret Killinger, of Lancaster, where they have their home. (8) Harry, born in 1858, received his education in the State Normal at Millersville, and for many years was a teacher in Lancaster county. In 1881 he was made principal of the schools of Wichita, Kans. In 1890 he removed to Indianapolis for the purpose of studying law, and three years later was admitted to the Bar. At the present time he is engaged in the practice of his profession in that city. He is unmarried. Mrs. McMichael died in 1860, and the same year Mr. McMichael was married to his third wife, Anna, the daughter of James and Martha (Curswell) Steele. Mrs. McMichael was born in 1835 in Lancaster county and died in 1897, leaving five children. (1) Emma, born in 1861, studied at the State Normal at Millersville and for a number of years taught school in Lancaster county. She married Ambrose Singleton, a grocer of Philadelphia. Their six children are Harry, Ella, Roy, Ruth, Pauline and Edgar. (2) Jennie, born in 1863, received her education in the home schools, and devoted her life to her aged parents. She has had charge of the home since the death of her mother and tenderly cares for her aged father. (3) Geary, born in 1866, managed his father's farm for several years, and has married Miss Margaret Coffman, of Lancaster. They have their home in West Drumore township, where he is engaged as a stock dealer. They have four daughters, Florence, Mary, Nellie and Catherine. (4) George, born in 1869, married Miss Daisy Rogers, of Louisville, Ky., and is a resident of McKeesport, Pa., where he is a painter. (5) Frank, born in 1873, married Miss Laura Suter, of Quarryville, and resides in Lancaster, where he is a trolley-car conductor. They have one son, James.

Mr. McMichael bought a farm in East Drumore township in 1869, and for some years owned the father's homestead. He has proved himself an active and progressive farmer. In 1888 he gave over his farm to his son, Jacob, and erected his present house on the west end of the farm on the road leading to Quarryville, where he has since led a retired life.

Mr. McMichael has always been a Republican, and belongs to the Methodist Church. There his family has always been prominent. He was one of

the founders and builders of the Mt. Hope Methodist Church, where he has been class leader and Sunday-school superintendent and also held other offices for many years.

The McMichael family have had an honorable history. The grandfather of the present representative of the family, of whom this is written, was a Revolutionary soldier. The father of Mr. McMichael fought in the war of 1812. The family has always been identified with the county affairs.

Mr. McMichael is over ninety years old, and keeps his mental faculties clear to a remarkable degree. His general health is good, though his power of speech has been somewhat lessened by a recent stroke of paralysis. His disposition is genial and sunshiny and he is always looking on the bright side. For many years he has been known as a professional peace maker and some very knotty controversies have been settled by him. Modest and retiring, he has cared little for popularity but has lived a beautiful life, in close accord with the Golden Rule.

JOSEPH M. BENNETT, a retired mechanic, was born in Columbia, Pa., March 18, 1824, and is still a resident of his native borough. His parents were Abel and Elizabeth (Markley) Bennett, natives respectively of Fairfax, Va., and Strasburg township, Lancaster county, Pa., both of whom came to Columbia at an early day.

Abel Bennett was an old stage driver between Columbia and Bainbridge, and died in 1840, at the age of forty years; his widow died July 26, 1860, aged seventy-three; both were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were nine in number, viz.: Christian, who died of lockjaw; James, who was killed in 1870 on the Pennsylvania railroad; John, deceased, a locomotive engineer; Joseph M.; Susan, wife of William Moore, of Philadelphia; Thomas, killed at the battle of Antietam; Mary, married to William Burr, of Philadelphia; Samuel, a retired engineer of the same city; and Margaret, who died in infancy.

Sir John Bennett, the paternal great-grandfather of Joseph M. Bennett, was heir to a large estate in his native England, but as he came to America with the Marquis de LaFayette to assist in the war for the release of the American colonies from the yoke of Britain, his estates were confiscated to the crown. After the declaration of peace he settled near Fairfax Court House, Va., there married, and became a prominent agriculturist and citizen. John Bennett, Jr., came from Virginia to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1805, was the founder of the Bennett family in Columbia, and was the grandfather of Joseph M. Bennett.

The maternal grandfather of Joseph M. Bennett was a native of England, named Joseph Markley, who was apprenticed, after his arrival in America, to a doctor in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Pa.; after filling out the time necessary to reimburse

the doctor for the cash paid for passage money, he went to work on his own account and became a prosperous farmer.

Joseph M. Bennett, at the age of twelve years, began working on the river as a passer of shingles from rafts, and this he followed until sixteen years old, when he began the trade of machinist, at which he served on the old State road until 1845; on the purchase of this road by the Pennsylvania road in 1857 he served the latter until January, 1899, when he was laid off on the pension list.

Mr. Bennett has been twice married, first, March 11, 1847, to Louisa J. Clepper, who was born in Columbia, Pa., Dec. 28, 1827, and was a daughter of Michael Clepper, of York county, who married a Miss Herr. Mr. Clepper was a bridge contractor by calling, and early settled in Columbia. To this first marriage of Mr. Bennett were born four children, namely: Charles E., a machinist of Hummelstown, Pa.; Francis A., a merchant in Columbia; James A., deceased; and Louisa J., who died in infancy.

The second marriage of Mr. Bennett took place in Lancaster, June 14, 1855, to Miss Frances N. Bartholomew, and to this union have been born two children, viz.: Henry A., a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer, residing on his own property; and George T., a machinist, at home, but married to Mary E. Groom, daughter of Arthur and Mary (McGloughlin) Groom, of Lancaster.

Mrs. Frances N. (Bartholomew) Bennett was born in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, Nov. 2, 1833, and is a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Mowery) Bartholomew, of Strasburg township. Henry Bartholomew was a stone mason by trade, and died Nov. 20, 1865, at the age of seventy-three years; his wife reached the age of eighty, and died Nov. 20, 1873. The remains of both lie interred in the Mennonite cemetery at Strasburg. They were the parents of ten children, viz.: Mary, deceased wife of John Herr; Catherine, married to Jacob Pebble, of Lancaster; John, deceased; Addison, a miller in Rushville, Ind.; George, deceased; Susan, deceased wife of John Hebble; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Price, of Tippecanoe City, Ohio; Barbara, who died young; and Frances N. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Bennett were John and Rachel (Zimmerman) Bartholomew, natives of Lancaster county, Pa., who removed to Ohio in 1838, where the grandfather engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mrs. Bennett's maternal grandparents were George and Susan (Shaffer) Mowery, the former of whom came to Lancaster with his parents when there were but three houses in that now thriving city.

James M. Bennett has always been public-spirited as well as patriotic. In February, 1864, at Lancaster, he enlisted in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., under Capt. Christ Hebble, and was honorably discharged in Philadelphia in February, 1865. He had no opportunity to participate in any battle, but for six

months of his term was on guard duty in Washington, D. C. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and with his wife, an unusually bright, well-versed and active lady, is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. The family reside in the comfortable dwelling erected by Mr. Bennett in 1851, where they enjoy the frequent visits of innumerable friends, although Mr. Bennett is suffering from a paralytic stroke sustained shortly after having been placed on the railroad pension list in 1899.

JOHN S. LEFEVRE, a retired farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 14, 1827, and is a son of Tanner D. and Mattie (Shenck) Lefevre.

Tanner D. Lefevre was born in East Drumore township in 1804, and his wife in 1809. They were married in 1826, and settled on a farm in East Drumore township. He was a tanner by trade, and he followed this occupation in connection with agriculture. For some years he lived retired in Chester county, where he died in 1889. His widow passed away in 1897. They left a family of twelve children, and lost two. (1) John S. (2) Phillip A., born in 1829, married Fannie Groff, of Conestoga Center; she died on their farm in East Drumore township, leaving a family. (3) Daniel F., born in 1831, married Miss Sarah Hess, of Eden township, and lived on a farm in East Drumore township. He is now living in Lancaster and is the father of nine children. (4) Catherine, born in 1834, married John M. Herr, a miller in New Providence. His wife died in 1877, leaving six children. (5) Hettie, born in 1836, married Frank Whitmer, of Chatham, Chester county, and is deceased. He died in 1896, leaving a family of seven children. (6) Mattie, born in 1838, married Henry Groff, who was killed in a runaway in 1891, leaving a widow and three children, Clayton, Thaddeus and Edna. (7) Julia, born in 1840, married Henry Hyde, in Chatham, and has three children, Edward, William and Retta. (8) Maggie, born in 1842, married George Kendig, deceased, and lives in Chicago with her six children. (9) Anna, born in 1845, married Benjamin Jones, of Illinois, and is the mother of two children. (10) Mary, born in 1849, married Jacob Bearier, and lives at Sterling, Ill., where they have a family of three children. (11) Hiram L., born in 1848, served as a soldier in Co. F, 21st Pa. Vol. Cav., during the Civil war, being at one time under the command of Gen. Sheridan. Christiana Burkholder, his wife, is the mother of six children. They reside on a farm in Chester county near Philadelphia. (12) Letitia, born in 1850, married Caleb Spickman, and resides in Chatham, Chester county. (13) Sallie, born in 1852, married William Powell, and lives in Chatham. They have one son. (14) The youngest daughter, born in 1855, married William Franks. They live in Chatham, and have one son, Walter.

John S. Lefevre was reared and educated at

home, and in 1850 was married to Anna, a daughter of John and Fannie (Longenecker) Groff. Mrs. Lefevre was born in Strasburg township in 1829, and settled in Providence township with her husband. He was engaged in farming and lime-burning until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the 1st Pa. Reserves at the first call in the spring of 1861. He re-enlisted in the "Consolidated Bucktails," the 190th Pa. Reserves. This regiment was noted for its fighting qualities, and is known the world over for its bravery and extreme gallantry. Among other important conflicts he was engaged in the following: The seven days' battle before Richmond in June, 1862; Bull Run; South Mountain; Antietam; Fredericksburg, under Gen. McClellan; two days at Gettysburg; at Weavertown, on the Potomac; Rappahannock Station; White Oak Swamps, on the Chickahominy river; the second battle of Fredericksburg, under Gen. Burnside; and the battles of the Wilderness, where Mr. Lefevre was seriously wounded, both legs being broken by a shell. He was taken to Belle Plain hospital, later being removed to the hospital at Washington, and still later to New York and at Philadelphia, where he was under treatment until 1866. He was discharged at Harrisburg in 1867, with a record in which his wife and two children in Lancaster county might well take pride. Coming home he followed farming when he was able to do manual labor.

Mrs. Lefevre died in Providence in 1873, leaving a son, Elmer, and the daughter, Anna. Elmer, who was born in 1855, moved to Hardin county, Iowa, in 1863, where he engaged in farming. His wife, Ella Broyles, was a resident of Sterling, Ill., and is the mother of three children, Ruby, Dora and Ralph. Anna was born in 1858, married Andrew Snader and is living in Lancaster, where her husband is a tobacconist. They have five children, Elmer L., Edna, John, Catherine and Mary.

Mr. Lefevre is a Republican, and belongs to the Bireley Post, G. A. R., No. 511, at Quarryville. He is one of the old veterans, and loves the memories and companions of the tented field and the battlefield. He is a most interesting conversationalist, and has a rich store of memories of that great struggle. He attends the M. E. Church.

ELDER THOMAS R. HIRST, now a retired carriage manufacturer at Christiana, Pa., was born in Leeds, Yorkshire, England, April 6, 1833, and is a son of John and Edna (Robinson) Hirst, English born and reared. They spent their lives in their native land, where in due season they passed to their reward in the Land Unseen. The father was a wheelwright, and died in 1852, at the age of forty-nine years. His widow survived his loss many years and died in 1890, at the age of ninety years. They had the following family: Benjamin, who died in England; Frederick, a marble worker in Yorkshire; England; Elizabeth, who is married and has her home in Yorkshire; a fourth child, deceased; Thomas R.;

Jabez, who died in England; Priscilla, who married and lives in England. The father of John Hirst was a cloth manufacturer.

Thomas R. Hirst was married in Lancaster, Pa., in 1861, to Sarah A. Lingerfield, by whom he had the following children: Frank, a carriage trimmer, living in Christiana, who married Eva Withero, by whom he has had one child; Harry E., a carriage-body maker, married to Margaret Rushworth, by whom he has had two children; Mary E., who married William E. Walker, a farmer in Sadsbury township, and is the mother of one child; Thomas I., who married a Miss Bucher, has one child, and is a machinist in Christiana; a child who died in infancy; Zelva M., unmarried and at home; John, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Sarah A. (Lingerfield) Hirst was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, in 1837, and is a daughter of John and Catherine Lingerfield, her father having been in his active years a miller in Paradise township.

Thomas R. Hirst remained in England until he was twenty years old. When he was eleven he entered a machine shop, and led a laborious and hard-working life during his later youth. Coming to America in his early manhood, he found a home in Cecil county, Md., where he worked at the carriage business four years. In 1857 he came to Lancaster county, and for three years worked at his trade with James Winger in Paradise township, and then started a shop for himself in company with H. Parvin, a partnership that was soon broken by the enlistment of Mr. Hirst in Co. G, 21st Pa. Vol. Cav. in July, 1863, under Capt. William Philips. The company was recruited for six months, but after serving two months over time, reorganized and enlisted for three years. Mr. Hirst had his shoulder wrenched by a horse falling on him and was honorably discharged in the spring of 1864.

Mr. Hirst went to Lancaster after his recuperation to take a place in a carriage shop in that city. Samuel Cox, his employer, was building a hundred wagons for the government, and after the completion of that contract Mr. Hirst entered the Lancaster locomotive works for a stay of some few months. His next engagement was at Christiana with Enos Frame, a carriage maker, with whom he remained a year and a half. At the end of that time Mr. Hirst and Cyrus Lingerfield purchased a carriage shop, which they operated very successfully as long as Mr. Hirst felt it wise to continue in active business.

During his active years, Mr. Hirst held the position of road supervisor several years, and was town assessor three years. He is an honorary member of the I. O. O. F., having united with that order in England. Mr. Hirst is a charter member of the John A. Ross Post, No. 358, G. A. R., and is an elder and a trustee in the Presbyterian Church. His politics put him in accord with the Republican party, and he has been a member of the borough council for two years, and is president of the fire department. In the

rebuilding of the new firehouse, for the purpose of keeping the fire company together, he took an active part, and on many occasions has proved himself a public-spirited citizen, being regarded as one of the benefactors of the town.

WINFIELD SCOTT, a general farmer of Sadsbury township, who is also engaged in the butchering business, was born in Chester county, near Marshallton, Oct. 10, 1857. His parents were Elwood and Hannah (Keach) Scott, both of whom were natives of Chester county, where the former was a butcher for a number of years, but who now lives in retirement in Philadelphia, at the age of sixty-eight years. The mother died in 1865. The grandfather of Winfield Scott was Amos Scott, a farmer of Marshallton, who married a Miss Reed.

The children born to Elwood and Hannah Scott were: Ainos, who is a butcher, living in Philadelphia; Sally, who married and lives in St. Davis, Pa.; Anna, who married Milton Young, a contractor and builder of Overbrook, Pa.; Amanda, who married Harry Morgan, and died in 1900; Hannah, who married Charles Valett, and lives in Philadelphia; and Winfield.

Winfield Scott remained with his parents, went to school and became interested in agricultural pursuits, until two years prior to his marriage, coming then to Lancaster county, and entering into the employ of his uncle, Nelson Scott, remaining with him for two years engaged in farm work. After his marriage, he located on his present farm and has since remained there, carrying on farming operations, and also assisting his father in his butchering business. Mr. Scott buys suitable cattle, attends to the slaughtering and sells the meat by wagon, in that vicinity, having built up a fine and increasing trade, on account of the excellence of the commodity.

Mr. Scott was married June 12, 1884, in Lancaster, Pa., to Mary E. Shaw, and the children born to this marriage are: Nettie M., James, Catherine and Winfield, all bright and unusually attractive children, who are receiving the best educational opportunities. Mrs. Scott was born on the present farm, April 27, 1857, a daughter of James and Ellen (Dunningham) Shaw, natives of County Monahan and Belfast, County Antrim, Ireland, respectively, although they were married in Westchester, Pa., Mr. Shaw having come to Lancaster county in 1824, settling at that time on the farm. In 1857 Mr. Shaw rented the farm and moved to Chester county, taking charge then of the old "Gen. Washington Hotel," operating this famous hostelry until his death in 1859, at the age of sixty-one years. After the father's death, the mother returned to the old farm where she lived in comfort until 1880, dying at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Shaw was a much respected citizen, and for many years was an elder in the Bellevue Presbyterian Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were: James, deceased; Catherine, who died young; and

Mary E., the wife of Mr. Scott. The first marriage of Mr. Shaw was to Martha Hirst, the three children of that marriage dying in infancy. The grandparents of Mrs. Scott were William and Mary (Hirst) Shaw, of County Monahan, Ireland, and Richard and Margaret (Steward) Dunningham, of Scotland, who came to America in 1849, and settled in Chester county, Pa., on the Horse Shoe Pike road.

In politics, Mr. Scott has always been an active Republican. His early rearing was under Quaker influences, and he has never connected himself with any other religious body. Mr. Scott is well known and universally respected.

JOSIAH WALKER, late a retired farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Leacock township, Jan. 16, 1828, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Buckwalter) Walker, both natives of Lancaster county.

Joseph Walker was born in Colerain township in 1797, and his wife in Leacock township, four miles east of Lancaster city, in 1801. Joseph Walker was a son of Isaac and Hester (Collins) Walker, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, where they made their home on a part of the farm lately owned by Josiah Walker. Isaac Walker was the son of Nathaniel Walker, who came from the North of Ireland, settling on the Walker property long before the Revolutionary War. The title deeds to this property came from William Penn. When he died he left two sons, Isaac and Andrew, who settled on this land. Andrew died without children. Isaac married Hester Collins, and both died on this farm, leaving four children: Andrew, James, Joseph and Mary (who married Joseph McCord, and settled on a part of the Walker property, where they died leaving four children, two of whom are still living, one in the West, and one in the South). Andrew Walker married a Miss Crawford, and moved to Ohio, where he reared a family of four children, three of whom, Samuel, Mary and Eliza, are living in Ohio. James died when a young man.

Joseph Walker settled in Colerain, on a part of the Walker homestead, where he lived some years. For thirteen years he was a farmer in Leacock township. At the end of that time he came back to the old Walker homestead, which became his property after the death of his father, and here he remained until his death in 1855. The widow remained on the old home with her son, whose name appears at the opening of this article, until her death in 1891. During the life time of Joseph Walker he made many substantial improvements on this place, and left it a thoroughly modern and up-to-date farm. He and his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church. In politics he defined himself as a Jacksonian Democrat. They were the parents of four sons and two daughters: (1) David, born in July, 1820, married Prudence Morrison, of Colerain township, a daughter of Alexander Morrison, and located in Colerain township, as a farmer. There he died in 1852, leav-

ing no family. (2) Isaac, born in June, 1824, married Mattie Martin, of Colerain township, and made his home in Strasburg borough, where he followed the dental profession. They have a family of three children: Edward, Ida (who married the late Prof. Roop, and lives in Indianapolis) and Clara (who married Rev. Mr. Roop, of this State). (3) Josiah Walker is mentioned below. (4) John, born in July, 1832, married Lucy Greenleaf, of Colerain township, where he made his home, dying in June, 1899, survived by his widow. (5) Fanny Walker, born in October, 1835, is unmarried, and kept house for her brother, Josiah. (6) Mary E., born in September, 1839, died unmarried in 1898.

Josiah Walker had his education in the schools of Leacock and Colerain townships, and always remained at the Walker homestead. There he owned 150 acres of the old grant, made extensive improvements, and developed a fine country home. In religion he was a stanch Presbyterian, in which faith he died. Politically he was a Democrat, and a man of character and standing in the community.

JACOB A. MINICH. This enterprising and prominent citizen of Columbia is the descendant of one of the earliest settlers of Lancaster county. He was born at Landisville, in February, 1844, and has spent his entire life within the borders of the county, contributing quite materially to its development and growth. His parents, Henry and Catherine (Albright) Minich, were both natives of the county. The grandfather was Jacob Minich, an early resident of Landisville, where he engaged in farming and also operated a distillery. He was the father of seventeen children. John Minich, the great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, who early in the eighteenth century emigrated to America and settled at Landisville.

Henry Minich, the father of Jacob A., was born in 1817. He was reared to the hard toil of those days, and early in life engaged in the butcher business, which he continued through life. In 1846 he moved to Columbia, where he remained until his death in May, 1895, at the age of seventy-eight years. Prominent in the political and social affairs of the town, he served for several terms as a member of the town council. His widow, a member of the Moravian Church, survives and is now a resident of Columbia. To Henry and Catherine Minich were born six sons, namely: Jacob A.; T. Jefferson, who lives retired at Chicago; Charles W., a butcher at Columbia; Jerome, editor of the *Kent Bulletin* of Kent, Ohio; Benjamin F., a veterinary surgeon of Columbia; and Harry J., a grocer of Florida.

Jacob A. Minich was brought to Columbia in 1846 when two years of age. He received a fair schooling and at the age of sixteen years assisted his father in the latter's cattle and meat business. This vocation he has followed ever since and he has become one of the most prominent citizens of Co-

lumbia. He has always been foremost in advancing the interests of the borough and it was largely due to his efforts that the Keeley Stove Works were secured for the city. Since the organization of the Central National Bank of Columbia he has been one of its directors.

In June, 1891, at Columbia, Mr. Minich married Harriet Jackson, who was born in Brantford, Ontario, daughter of William and Maria (Broomfield) Jackson. Her father is a native of England, who immigrated to Canada. He is a wheelwright by trade and now lives a retired life at Brantford, Ontario.

In politics Jacob A. Minich is a Republican. He is a man of unusual business energy and is a typical representative of those leading citizens to whom a thriving community owes a large debt of gratitude for its advancement.

RALPH A. BARTON. Among the young men who have by their energy, determination and genuine manliness early attained to high position, is Ralph A. Barton, manager for the Postal Telegraph Co.'s interests in Lancaster. He was born Sept. 7, 1879, son of Isaac and Sarah M. (Pegan) Barton.

Isaac Barton was born June 25, 1851. He became a carpenter and bridge builder with the Pennsylvania Railway Co., and was later promoted to be master carpenter of the Philadelphia & Norfolk Division. At the end, however, of but six months he was stricken with paralysis, and compelled to resign in 1885. On Dec. 23, 1875, Isaac Barton was married to Sarah M. Pegan, daughter of Alexander L. and Ruth A. Pegan. He died May 8, 1900. Two sons, Ralph A. and Elmer I., survive.

Ralph A. Barton received his education in the public schools, continuing to attend until he completed the third class in the high school. On July 17, 1893, he entered the messenger service of the Postal Telegraph Co., and employed his leisure moments in the study of telegraphy. His devotion to his work and his trustworthiness won recognition, and on May 20, 1897, he was promoted to be night operator. One year later he resigned to become first operator for the Western Union Telegraph Co., where he gave great satisfaction to both the company and the public. His ability was well known, and his work with his former employers was not forgotten. On Nov. 15, 1901, he resigned his position with the Western Union Telegraph Co., to become manager of the Postal Telegraph Co.'s interests in Lancaster—a most responsible office for a young man of twenty-two years, as Lancaster is considered the banner office of the eastern district, whose headquarters are at Philadelphia. Mr. Barton is very popular in the community where his life has been passed, and his upright dealings and temperate habits have won him the respect of the best class of citizens.

Besides his work with the telegraph company, he was, on Jan. 21, 1903, elected secretary and a

member of the board of directors of the A. F. Hawthorn Roof Paint Co., which is capitalized at \$250,000. Socially Mr. Barton belongs to the Royal Arcanum and to the Red Men.

CHARLES W. MINICH, a well-known butcher, was born in Columbia, Oct. 21, 1847, and there he still makes his home. His parents were Henry G. and Anna C. (Albright) Minich. In September, 1874, he married Miss Anna V. Clark, and to this union have been born ten children, viz: Ella, Cora, T. Jefferson, Charles G., Blanche and Bessie, all at home; Nettie and Harry, twins, both deceased; and Loretta and Grace, also at home.

Mrs. Anna V. (Clark) Minich was born in West Hempfield, Lancaster Co., Pa., Feb. 26, 1850, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Zahn) Clark, natives of Cecil county, Md., and Lancaster county, Pa., respectively. John Clark was a wagon-maker by trade and died in Maryland, July 27, 1895, aged seventy-five years; his wife had passed away in Lancaster county, Pa., Aug. 4, 1879, at the age of fifty-nine. To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born the following children: Susan, deceased wife of Joseph Batty; Philip, a wheelwright in Columbia; John H., a blacksmith at Uhrichsville, Ohio; Daniel Z., who died in 1865, in the war of the Rebellion; Anna V.; James B., a machinist of Reading, Pa.; Matilda C., who died of cholera in 1854; Luke, who was killed on a railroad in Indiana, where he was employed as engineer; Edith C., married to Samuel Thompson, a railroad engineer at Lancaster, Pa.; George W., a boilermaker in Harrisburg; Mary C., a trained nurse in Lancaster; Andrew J., a butcher in West Hempfield, Pa. A singular coincidence may be alluded to, the fact that Luke was killed the same day on which his father died.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna V. (Clark) Minich, Philip and Susan (Shriber) Clark, were natives of Maryland, but early settled in Columbia, Pa.; her maternal grandparents were Daniel and Elizabeth (Bratt) Zahn, the former of whom was a hatter by trade, but in later years was the proprietor of a hotel, and also a sale crier. Both died in Columbia.

Charles W. Minich is a Master Mason, a member of the Heptasophs and the Artisans. In politics he is a Republican and for three years was a member of the town council.

HENRY K. KURTZ. Among the well known retired farmers of Ephrata township, who by the application of industry and energy through his active years accumulated means and property which enable him to spend his declining years in peace and comfort, is Henry K. Kurtz, a worthy representative of a large family of Lancaster county.

Henry K. Kurtz was born Oct. 14, 1826, grandson of Jacob Kurtz and son of Henry Kurtz, both of whom were of Dutch origin, farmers by occu-

pation and members of the Mennonite Church. Reared on the farm, Henry K. early became acquainted with its practical workings, and when he had finished his educational course in the common schools, he settled down to agricultural pursuits, becoming a successful farmer and stock raiser. The farm is located very advantageously, two miles west of Ephrata, and one mile from Lincoln, Pa., thus enabling the family to enjoy the comforts of both town and country life.

In 1850, Henry K. Kurtz married Miss Annie Hoover, of Ephrata, and to this union three sons were born, Henry B., Benjamin and Addison. The second marriage of Mr. Kurtz occurred in 1870, and three children were born of this union: Alice, who married Horace Brown, of Lancaster county; Amanda, who married Louis Eberley, of Clay township; and Aaron, born Aug. 20, 1880, who remains on the farm with his father.

Henry K. Kurtz was one of five children born to his parents, all of whom settled in Lancaster county; the names of the others are as follows: Annie, who married Samuel Keller, of Ephrata township; Magdalena, deceased; Lydia, who married David Zeagler, of Warwick township; and Elizabeth, who married Levi Zendt, of Ephrata.

In the autumn of life, Mr. Kurtz has the satisfaction of knowing that he possesses the esteem of friends and acquaintances, and is regarded as an excellent citizen. He is a Republican in political faith, and for many years has been one of the leading members of the Mennonite Church.

NICHOLAS S. SIEGLER (deceased), who was in his life time very prominently identified with the farming and commercial interests of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in Germany, March 28, 1843, and was the son of Nicholas and Catherine Siegler, both born in Germany. The father came to this country in 1845, and settled on a farm near Millersville, Lancaster county, where Nicholas S. was reared. On this farm his mother died in 1860, and then the father took his family to Lancaster, where he died the same year, leaving two sons, Nicholas and Gotlieb. The latter, who married Lizzie Ager, lived in Millersville, and had a family of seven children, John, Mary, Lizzie, William, Anna, Charles and Barbara.

Nicholas S. Siegler remained under the parental roof until his marriage to Miss Helen Pauline Fitz, born in Germany, Dec. 13, 1840, a daughter of Frederick A. and Anna M. (Myers) Fitz, both of whom were born in Germany. Her parents came to this county in 1843, settling at Millersville, where her father spent his remaining active years in carpet weaving, his trade in Germany. His death occurred in Millersville in January, 1889; his widow passed to her reward in 1894. Of their family of eleven children, four lived to maturity, the others dying young. They are as follows: (1) Ferdinand F. Fitz, born in Germany in 1835, mar-

ried in Lancaster Miss Catherine Humer, and died in 1883, leaving a widow and four children, John, Mary (deceased), Harry and Katie, residents of Lancaster City. (2) Mary, born in Germany in 1843, married Frederick Marquart, resides at Millersville, and is the mother of two sons, William and Charles. (3) Barbara is married, and lives in Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas S. Siegler lived on a rented farm in Lampeter township until 1888. That year Mr. Siegler bought the John Hoffman farm, in the vicinity of Mechanics Grove, and has very materially improved the property, remodeling the residence, adding to the barns and making other marked improvements. One of the thrifty and successful farmers of the township, he died at this home in August, 1899. In the Reformed Church at Quarryville he served as a trustee, and was for many years a member. He was known among the people of his community as a thorough Christian man, of kind heart and generous disposition. He left a widow and four children. (1) Kate, his oldest daughter, was born in July, 1867, and in 1891 she married Josiah B. Fisher. They live in New Providence on his farm, where they have a son and a daughter, Harry and Letitia. (2) Adam M., born in October, 1869, married Miss Mary L. Shaup, a daughter of Henry Shaup, of Drumore township, and is living in East Drumore township, on a farm, where they have one son, Norman E. (3) Anna M., born in Lampeter township, in April, 1873, married Enos F. Nissler, a resident of Mechanics Grove, where he follows the blacksmith trade. They have two children, Florence L. and Raymond. (4) Milton, born in September, 1878, has charge of his mother's estate, and is a young man of marked gentlemanly habits and bearing, with upright qualities and good principles. Mr. and Mrs. Siegler have held membership in the Quarryville Reformed Church. Mrs. Siegler is a most excellent character. She has many friends in the community where her womanly career has passed.

GEORGE W. HAWTHORN, who is engaged in the undertaking and cabinet making business at Bainbridge, Lancaster county, has built up an extensive trade in fine furniture, and is regarded as one of the solid and substantial citizens of the community. He was born in that town, in June, 1842, a son of James and Margaret (Esworthley) Hawthorn.

James Hawthorn was born in Donegal, and for fifty-five years was engaged as an undertaker and cabinet maker. For twelve years he served as school director, and he died in Bainbridge, June 27, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years. The mother, who was a native of Bainbridge, died in 1886, at the age of sixty-seven years. They were both members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: Calvin, who died young; Elizabeth, wife of Franklin Feltenberger, of Bainbridge;

George W.; Serena, widow of David Brubaker, of Bainbridge; Robert, a painter; Alfred, deceased; Malinda, wife of Harry Albright, a dispatcher at Harrisburg; Horace, a painter in Philadelphia; Austin, a cabinet maker, in business with his brother in Bainbridge; Flora, the wife of Edward Eyer, a railroad conductor, whose home is in Harrisburg; Alice, wife of Alonzo Stanfield, a machinist at Middletown; and Sherman T., of Bainbridge, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of George W. Hawthorn were George and Mary (Black) Hawthorn. The grandfather was born in Donegal, Ireland, and was among the first settlers in Donegal township, making his home near the Donegal Springs in 1799. He died near Columbia, and was buried in the Donegal Presbyterian Church cemetery. Nathaniel Esworthley, the maternal grandfather of George W. Hawthorn, lived in Lancaster county, and died in Bainbridge, where he carried on a shad fishery.

On Feb. 22, 1866, in Lancaster, George W. Hawthorn was married to Margaret Pence. They have become the parents of one son, Harry, who is now living in Harrisburg, and has been twice married, first to Ida Adams, by whom he has a daughter, Jennie, and second to Clara Hake, who has also borne him one daughter, Myrtle L.

Mrs. Margaret (Pence) Hawthorn was born in York county, in 1840, and is a daughter of Henry and Christianna (Dorn) Pence. Henry Pence was born in York county, in November, 1816, and moved to Bainbridge in 1856, where he followed farming and cabinet making for many years. In 1898 he retired from business, and is now making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Hawthorn. Notwithstanding his very advanced age he is a hale and hearty old gentleman. Mrs. Christianna Pence died in 1890, at the age of seventy-two years, and was buried in Bainbridge. She was a member of the Lutheran Church, as is her husband. They were parents of the following family: Angeline, wife of John Snyder, a farmer of Clearfield; William, of Harrisburg; Chapman, of Bainbridge; Margaret, who is Mrs. Hawthorn; Jane, who married John Finley, lives at Bainbridge; and Arvilla, the wife of Samuel Sloat, a plasterer of Maytown.

George W. Hawthorn remained with his parents as long as they lived, and in 1889 purchased the shop in which his father had worked so many years, and he has continued it in the same careful and business-like way. In 1895 he attended the Oriental School of Embalming, and two years later graduated from the Clark School of Embalming in Harrisburg, thoroughly preparing himself for his business.

Mr. Hawthorn is a member of the two noted societies, the I. O. O. F. and the G. A. R., and is a man of considerable prominence in his home community, having served as tax collector four years. In his politics he is a Republican. Mr. Hawthorn has memories of that exciting period of the Civil

war, when the Rebellion was being crushed before the resistless advance of the hosts of the Union, and the "boys in blue" were uplifted by the feeling that victory was not far away. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Co. E, 28th P. V. I., under Capt. Robinson, and was discharged May 23, 1865, the most of his service being devoted to patrol duty.

In Bainbridge Mr. Hawthorn is justly esteemed one of the leading citizens of this part of the county, and is very widely respected for his many good qualities and unaffected manliness.

JOHN FEAGLEY. To the casual observer old iron, bones, rags and similar commodities represent in their handling a slow and laborious method of livelihood, but to the shrewd financier and discerning business man there are large possibilities in these apparently worthless emblems of past usefulness. John Feagley, one of the prominent business men of Lancaster, has found in this line of activity large and constantly increasing returns, and while thus engaged since 1870 has established a reputation for substantial worth in the community.

A native son of Pennsylvania, John Feagley was born in Berks county, Feb. 28, 1832, a son of Nicholas and Mary (Bupp) Feagley, the former of whom died in 1846, at the age of thirty-five, and the latter in 1897, at the age of ninety-four. The father was a blacksmith, and followed that trade during his entire business life after coming to Lancaster county in 1833. With his wife, he was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. To this couple were born the following children: Ellen, deceased in infancy; Henry, deceased; John; Sarah, the wife of Joseph Cogley, a printer of Lancaster; and Louise, the wife of Jacob Norbeck, a coach painter of Lancaster.

At the age of sixteen years, John Feagley entered a shop in Lancaster and learned the comb makers' trade, but at the end of five years he engaged in the produce business, of which he made a distinct success. During the seven years in the produce trade he operated two cars between Lancaster and Philadelphia, and at the end of that time sold out his enterprise at a large profit. He was then foreman of a crew of men employed to remove the telegraph poles four feet from the railroad track, a task requiring twenty-seven months for completion. His present business was entered upon in 1870, and it is doubtful if any man in the county has a more complete knowledge of the various uses to which scrap iron, bones and rags, may be put. In the same year, 1870, Mr. Feagley bought a tract of land in the northern part of the city of Lancaster, now known as Feagleysville, where he has built about thirty houses. This property, now become quite valuable, he still owns.

In 1856, in Lancaster, Rev. Beates united in marriage Mr. Feagley and Mary A. Dennis, and to this union there have come the following children: Henry and Charlotte, deceased when young;

John, a carriage maker of Mt. Pleasant, who married Emma McCulley, and has one son; Anna, living at home; Edgar, a carriage painter of Washington, D. C.; Sheldon, a printer at Lancaster, who married Katherine Errisman, and has ten children; Mazie, a stenographer; Frank S., manager of his father's business, and married to Anna Maxton, by whom he has two children; Charles, a watch-maker in Lancaster, who married Anna Pontz, and has three children; Elmer, a watch-maker of Lancaster; and Walter, also a watch-maker of Lancaster, who married Agnes Kelley, and has one child. Mrs. Feagley was born in Providence township, Lancaster county, in 1836, a daughter of Abraham and Margaret (McClosky) Dennis, the former of whom was in early life a tanner, but of late years engaged in farming.

FRANK S. FEAGLEY, manager of his father's business, was born in Lancaster, June 17, 1868, and was educated in the public schools. In Lancaster, Pa., he married Anna Maxton, of which union there have been born two children, F. Harold and Elizabeth M. Mrs. Feagley is a daughter of Adam and Elmira (Strine) Maxton, of Columbia, Pa., the former of whom is a retired contractor and builder, and is living with his son-in-law. Mr. Feagley has learned every detail of the business of which he is manager, having from earliest youth been under the particular care of his father, from whom he learned thrift, economy, and sound business tactics. He is variously identified with the social organizations in which Lancaster abounds, including the A. O. M. P., the I. O. O. F., the B. P. O. E., and Jr. O. U. A. M. He is a Republican in political affiliation, and is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Feagley is enterprising and progressive, and is recognized as an important factor in the commercial world of Lancaster.

JOHN M. GROFF, a prosperous and successful farmer of East Drumore township, Lancaster county, was born in the township where his active years have been spent, in December, 1839, his parents being Joseph and Susan (Myers) Groff, both natives of Lancaster county, the father born in 1813 and the mother the year following.

Joseph Groff was the son of John and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Groff, who were among the early settlers of Lancaster county, and of Revolutionary fame.

John Groff and his wife had their home at first in Providence township, where they reared a family of ten children, all of whom are dead. Joseph Groff, the father of John M., was the oldest member of this family, and Charlotte, the wife of Jacob Crider, the second; Martin Groff and his sister Eliza, who married Martin Eshleman, both lived in Providence township; Levi Groff lived and died in Pequea township; John E. Groff married and spent his life in Perry county, Pa., where he died, leaving a family who still reside in that county; Kate and Annie

Groff both died unmarried; Barbara Groff married Amos Groff, and both died at Conestoga Center, leaving a family; Betsy Groff died young.

Joseph Groff lived and died on his farm in Drumore township, which has now passed into the hands of Henry Heidlebaugh. The improvements on this place were all made by Mr. Groff. He died in 1877, his wife having passed away two years before. They were the parents of seven children: (1) Barbara is the wife of Cyrus Kramer, of Quarryville, and the mother of two children, Sue and Mary. (2) Catherine, born in 1841, married Henry Phillips, a tailor of Quarryville and is the mother of two sons. (3) Levi W., born in 1843, lives in East Drumore township near Oak Bottom, where he has the following family; Frank; Lizzie, who married William Miller; Ella, who married O. B. Edwards; Emma, who married E. Kauffman; Joseph; Ira; William; Freeland; Ada; Bige; Charles; Anna; Chester; Urbanna; and John. All these children are living. (4) Lizzie, born in 1846, married Abram Lefever, of East Drumore township, and is the mother of a large family, Harvey, Amos; John; Annie; Susie; Charles; William; Abram and Ira. (5) Fannie, born in 1848, is the wife of Amos Groff, a farmer in East Drumore township, and the mother of the following family: Sidney, who is the wife of Samuel Witmer; Sue, who married John Byers; Lizzie, who married Jacob Byers; Amos; Frank; Celia; Nora; Lawrence; and Mamie. (6) Joseph, born in 1850, married Josephine Myers, located in Colerain township, and is father of the following family: Charles, Cora, Harry and Edward. (7) John M.

John M. Groff was reared to manhood under the parental roof, and secured his education in the local schools. In June, 1861, he was married to Miss Hannah Richard, who died in 1867, leaving him with one daughter, Anna, who resides at the old home. In 1868 Mr. Groff was again married to Miss Sarah Powell, a daughter of David and Lucetta (Shineheart) Powell. Her grandfather, John Powell, was a soldier in the Revolution, and in his later years received a pension from the Government. David Powell, Mrs. Groff's father, settled in East Drumore township, where both he and his wife died, leaving a family four members of which are still living: Mary A., the wife of Daniel Logan, of Colerain township; Anna E., the wife of Roy Suter, of Quarryville; George, a resident of Lancaster; Sarah, who is Mrs. Groff, born in East Drumore township, April 20, 1847.

After his marriage Mr. Groff and his wife settled in Quarryville, where for six years he was engaged in burning lime. In 1880 he moved to his farm in East Drumore township, and is still engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

Mr. and Mrs. Groff have the following children: John H., born in 1869, unmarried, and at home; Ida C., born in 1871, the wife of Levi Rhodes, residing in Bart township on a farm, and the mother of two children, Edith E. and John L.; Charles, born

in 1876; George, born in 1878; Amos, born in 1881; Martin, born in 1883; Edith, born in 1890.

Mr. Groff is a Republican. He is commander of the Bireley Post, No. 511, G. A. R., Quarryville. His military experiences were gained in Co. D, 195th P. V. I. This regiment formed a part of the Army of the Potomac, and Mr. Groff served until the closing of the war. He participated in every engagement in which his regiment fought until his discharge. In the Grand Review at Washington he was one of the soldiers who marched down the Avenue and gave notice to the world that the great Rebellion was ended.

Mr. and Mrs. Groff hold to the faith of the Old Mennonite Church, and are among the most respected people of the county. The Groff family is a numerous one in Lancaster county and its various representatives have been of high character and sterling worth.

JOSEPH LODER, as president of the Loder Brewing Company, and one of the most successful business men in Columbia, needs no introduction to the readers of this volume.

A native of Germany, Mr. Loder was born March 10, 1846, in the village of Wurtzburg, Unterfranken, Bavaria, a son of Nicholas and Josephine (Bachman) Loder. The family of which he is a member was one of the oldest and most influential of Bavaria. His paternal great-grandfather was born in the Province of Hessen, which, since the Napoleonic wars, has been included in the Kingdom of Bavaria. He was a man of powerful frame and stalwart physique, whose unusual height, six feet seven inches, made him conspicuous among the other officers who served under the first Napoleon. In religious belief he was a Catholic.

Thomas Loder, the paternal grandfather of our subject, followed the occupation of milling in Bavaria. He took a prominent part in public affairs, and during the Revolution in Germany he was a staunch Loyalist. For twelve years he was a member of the city magistracy. He had four sons, Louis, Charles, Valentine (who died at the age of thirty-one) and Nicholas. The last named was born in Bavaria, received a good education there, became a man of high standing in the community, and was respected by all who knew him. His occupation was that of milling, in which he was very extensively engaged, giving employment to about one hundred and forty men. Successful in his undertakings, he accumulated a valuable property, and was one of the most prosperous men of the community. In his views he was aggressive, and was staunch in his support of republican principles. For twelve years he was a member of the city council, and at all times took a very active part in municipal affairs. Like his father, he was a man of massive frame, over six feet in height. In the family of Nicholas and Josephine Loder were six children, namely: Valentine, Joseph, Henry, Anna,

Ida and Carrie. The father died in December, 1874, at the age of sixty-three years; the mother passed away in 1889 when seventy-six.

Joseph Loder received his education in the public schools of Bavaria, spending two years as a student in the grammar school. At the age of twenty years he was drafted into the army, but did not see much active service. He left Germany, March 29, 1867, with three companions, and crossing the ocean landed and located in New York City. Having learned the trade of stone cutter, he secured employment at that occupation, in which he was engaged in New York for two years, and afterward in Newark, N. J., for seventeen years. From the latter place he went to Atlantic City, where for eight years he was interested in the bottling business, and also conducted a hotel. Next we find him a traveling salesman for a wholesale house in Philadelphia, and it was while filling this position that he learned the Columbia Brewery was for sale. He investigated the matter, and negotiated for the property, which he has since owned. Soon after its purchase he formed a partnership with John Kazmaier, and the firm of Loder & Kazmaier has since conducted a general business, employing fifteen men. In addition to this enterprise, Mr. Loder is also stock-holder in the Columbia Lace Mill. In politics a Republican, Mr. Loder has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of his party, and the progress of his adopted city. He has represented the third, eighth and ninth wards in the city council, and is still a member of that body. His religious connection is with the Catholic Church, and he is a prominent member of Trinity Catholic Beneficial Society.

On May 3, 1867, Mr. Loder was united in marriage with Miss Rosalie Grasman, and to them have been born eleven children, eight of whom are living, namely: Andy, Joseph, Rudolph, William, Charles, Eva, Caroline and Tillie.

ABRAHAM A. DE HAVEN, a resident of Earl township, Lancaster county, is of German descent, tracing his line to Isaac DeHaven, who located at Morgantown, Berks Co., Pa. He followed both blacksmithing and farming, and reared his family there. His children were as follows: Abraham was the grandfather of our subject; Edward was a merchant at Churchtown, where he died; Isaac, who died near Terre Hill, where he was engaged in manufacturing, was the father of the DeHavens, well known iron manufacturers of Pittsburg; James resided on the old homestead near Morgantown, where he farmed and carried on a blacksmithing business; and of the daughters, one married a Mr. Wight; another married a Mr. Keemer; and a third married William Skiles.

Abraham De Haven, son of Isaac, was the youngest son of his parents, and was reared on the home place, learning the trade of blacksmithing under his father's instructions. When he was nineteen he went to live with an older brother, and later married

a Miss Anna Thompson. After two years of married life at Morgantown, where he followed blacksmithing, he moved to New Holland, and had a shop in that place for twenty-five years. His last years were spent on a farm which he purchased about a mile and a half southeast of New Holland, and comprised 103 acres. He died at the age of eighty-eight years, after a long and useful career. In religion he was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. In the founding of that denomination at Cedar Grove he was very conspicuous, and of this church he was a ruling elder, and was always one of its most liberal contributors. At a time of financial stress in that organization, its pulpit was supplied almost entirely at the expense of Mr. DeHaven. For his day he was counted a wealthy man, and was greatly honored and respected in the community. To Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven were born the following children who lived to maturity: Thompson died at the age of seventy years; Mary lived to be seventy-two; Ann Eliza married James Jack, and lived in Philadelphia and elsewhere, finally making their home in Lewistown, Pa., where they both died; Phoebe married Dr. James McCleese, of Honey Brook, Pa.; Susan married John Hollingsworth, a cabinet maker, of New Holland; and George.

George DeHaven was born April 1, 1821, and died May 30, 1894. His youth and early manhood was passed on a farm, and he devoted his life to the cultivation of the soil. Until in 1876 he lived on the old homestead, when he removed to the Bard homestead, which he had purchased near New Holland, and where he died in 1894. His widow, who survives him, has her home on this farm, and has three of her children about her. Mr. DeHaven became an extensive landed proprietor, owning four farms, which comprised 307½ acres, not counting the heavily timbered land. This property represented unusual business ability, combined with unflagging industry and the most determined spirit. Though often called upon to serve his community in official capacity, he steadfastly declined, preferring to give his entire attention to farming. Like his father he was a devoted Christian, and officiated as an elder for years. Mr. DeHaven was married to Miss Clara Eckert, who was born near Intercourse, a daughter of Levi and Mary Eckert. They became the parents of twelve children, of whom nine lived to maturity: Abraham A.; Clara and Elmira, twins, of whom Clara is unmarried and Elmira is the wife of William K. Hurst, of Caernarvon township; Levi, a farmer, died March 20, 1894; Edward, a retired farmer, has his home in New Holland; Clayton, was a farmer on the old homestead, and passed to his rest in 1897; William lives at home, and is unmarried; Miss Phoebe J. lives at home; Mary Ann, the eldest, died at the age of nineteen years.

Abraham A. DeHaven was reared to farm work, and was educated in the common schools. When he was twenty-three he began on the farm which he-

still occupies, where he owns fifty-five acres. His entire attention is given to its cultivation. His standing in the community is very high, and his good habits, industrious ways and upright character command a wide circle of friends, whom his genial disposition holds fast in an unbroken friendship.

Mr. DeHaven was married to Miss Rebecca Sandow, a daughter of John and Martha (Shoeffer) Sandow. Mr. and Mrs. DeHaven have a family of nine living children: George, Martha, Rebecca, Belinda, Mary Grace, Elizabeth, Margaret, Elmira and Abraham. All the family are associated with the Presbyterian Church, and like their progenitors stand high among those who know them best.

WILLIAM McCausland Noble, whose useful life ended May 4, 1883, at University Hospital, Philadelphia, where he was undergoing treatment, was born in Marietta, Pa., April 5, 1818. His active life was largely associated with Christiana, where he settled in 1826, and soon became one of the leading citizens of the place, his industry, fine character, and upright principles winning him many friends, and making him popular with the community.

Andrew and Esther (McCausland) Noble, his parents, were natives of Sadsbury and Salisbury townships, respectively. Andrew Noble was an extensive merchant, and had a wholesale store in Philadelphia, which he sold after a time and moved to Marietta, where he carried on three general stores until the closing of the Marietta Bank nearly ruined him. For a time he was not in business, but in 1826 established himself in a store in Christiana. In 1830 he disposed of his mercantile business and moved to a farm in Sadsbury township, where he remained until his death, Oct. 15, 1852, at the age of fifty-one years. His wife, Esther McCausland, was a daughter of Major William McCausland, a Revolutionary soldier, who lived in Lancaster county; she early passed to her rest, dying Aug. 21, 1831, at the age of thirty years. In the war of 1812 Mr. Noble served as captain, lieutenant and paymaster. Andrew Noble was a son of James and Margaret (McWhorter) Noble. James Noble was born in Sadsbury township, a son of William Noble, who was born in the North of Ireland, in 1711, and came to Lancaster county when a young man, locating in Sadsbury township. Margaret (McWhorter) Noble was born in Delaware.

William McCausland Noble remained in Marietta until he was eight years old, when he accompanied his parents to their home in Sadsbury township, near Christiana. At the age of sixteen he entered his father's store as a clerk, and then engaged in farming in Sadsbury township. After his marriage he bought the original homestead of the family in Lancaster county, and engaged in its cultivation, also carrying on stone quarries, and making lime on his home farm. He continued in this business until

his death and his remains were laid to rest in Atglen, Pa. He attended no church as a member, but took much interest in the United Presbyterian Church at Octoraro. His politics were Democratic, and his standing in the community beyond question.

On Oct. 12, 1854, at Atglen, Pa., Mr. Noble was married to Martha L. Hughes. To them were born seven children. (1) Andrew, of Christiana, was elected county auditor in 1899 for a term of three years, on the Democratic ticket, and is one of the exceptionally popular and capable young men of the county; he has been tax collector, supervisor and assessor of Sadsbury township, a rare compliment in a district that is heavily Republican. Socially he is connected with the Order of the Golden Eagle, and has many friends wherever he is found. (2) Joseph died in infancy. (3) Anna died unmarried in November, 1895. (4) William McC. Jr. died at the age of twenty-five. (5) Harriet, who married Frank D. Crawford, died in August, 1892. (6) Thomas is single, and lives at Wernersville, Pa. (7) Rebecca is a school teacher, and lives with her brother Andrew at Christiana, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Martha L. (Hughes) Noble was born in Oromucto, British America, Sept. 6, 1829, a daughter of Joseph and Ann (Lynn) Hughes, of Ireland. They came to Maryland in 1831, where her father operated a general store at Brick Hill. In 1851 he came to Christiana, and engaged in a general mercantile business until within a very few years of his death, in 1884, being eighty-four years old at the time he was called away. His wife died in 1865, at the age of sixty-six. Both were members of the Old School Baptist Church. They had the following children: Jane, late wife of James Jones; Samuel, who died in 1896; Martha L., Mrs. Noble; Robert, who died young. Mrs. Noble, who died Nov. 15, 1901, aged seventy-two years, was a lady of high character and remarkable mental vigor for one of her years. Her kind heart won the affection of her friends and she was highly respected and generally beloved in the community.

AMOS BARTCH (deceased) was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Columbia, Pa., and was one of her honored and highly respected citizens. He was a native of Lancaster county, born in Hempfield township, May 6, 1846, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Schwin) Bartch, who were born in Germany, but came to this country when young and were married here. Both died in Lancaster county. He was foreman in Grubbs mines. Their children who are now living are: Michael, a contractor and builder of Dayton, Ohio; Mary, widow of David Shroun, and a resident of Columbia, Pa.; George, also a resident of Columbia; Sarah, wife of Valentine Bentley, a carpenter of Columbia; Tobias, a resident of the same place; and Elizabeth, wife of Adam Agle of Columbia.

Until fourteen years of age, Amos Bartch pur-

sued his studies in the country schools near his boyhood home, and then on leaving the parental roof, went to York county, Pa., where he was employed as engineer. Returning to Columbia, he engaged in clerking in the grocery store of his brother-in-law, Frederick Bucher, for thirteen years, and then rented the store, which he conducted for five years. At the end of that time he erected a store building and continued to engage in the grocery trade until his death, which occurred in Columbia, Oct. 12, 1899. He was laid to rest in Mt. Bethel cemetery. He was a consistent and faithful member of the M. E. Church; was affiliated with the Artisans and Heptasophs, and in his political views was a Republican. As a business man he was energetic, prompt and notably reliable, and gained the confidence and regard of all with whom he came in contact.

In Columbia, in April, 1874, Mr. Bartch married Miss Mary E. Williams, who was born in York county, Pa.; and was left an orphan during infancy. By this union were born three children, Florence P., William A. and Catherine I. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside.

HENRY Z. YOUNG, of the firm of Young Brothers, extensively engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of vehicles, and in carriage building, repairing and blacksmithing, at Florin, Pa., was born in Rapho township, Oct. 30, 1862, a son of Emanuel M. and Mary (Phyfe) Young. His parents were natives of Lancaster county, and his mother died in Rapho township, in February, 1871, at the age of thirty-one years, her remains now resting in the cemetery connected with the Strickler Church.

Emanuel M. Young, was born Aug. 27, 1840, and was a farmer and butcher in his active days, although early in life he learned the cooper's trade. At one time he was tax collector in Rapho township. In 1876 he removed to Florin, and is now passing the closing years of his long and useful life in that pleasant municipality. In 1859 he married Mary Phyfe, who was born in Rapho township, a daughter of Daniel and Susannah (Walter) Phyfe, and died in 1871, aged thirty-one. To them were born the following children: Phares, a carriage maker; Henry Z.; Emanuel, a carriage maker in York county, where he also has farming interests; Mary, who married Elmer Weaver, of Florin; Samuel, a partner of his brother, Henry Z. Emanuel M. Young was married, second, in 1872, to Elizabeth Martin, who was born in Rapho township April 9, 1845, a daughter of David and Catherine (Blager) Martin, of Lancaster county. To this marriage were born the following children: David, a molder in Florin; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Brown; Frank, a barber and undertaker in Mountville; Katie; Elsa and Minnie, at home with their parents. David Martin was a son of Jacob and Maud (Geif) Martin, and like his father, became a weaver, following that occupation until his death June 14, 1896, at the age of seventy-five years. His

wife, Catherine (Blager), died June 23, 1900, and was buried in the cemetery of the Green Tree Meeting House. To David and Catherine Martin were born children as follows: Mary, who married Samuel Good; Elizabeth; Anna; Katie, wife of John Kennedy; David, deceased; John, of Lancaster county; and Jacob, deceased. In fraternal matters Emanuel M. Young is quite prominent, being connected with the Mystic Chain, the Red Men, and the Order of Pocahontas. In religion he belongs to the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a Republican.

The parents of Emanuel M. Young were Richard and Martha (Moore) Young, natives of Rapho township and Harrisburg, respectively, the former of whom died in Rapho township, in 1890, at the age of seventy-eight, and the latter in East Donegal township, in 1877, at the age of sixty-six. They spent their lives in farming, and were buried in the cemetery at Mt. Joy. They had the following children: William and Elizabeth are deceased; Caroline, widow of John Cole, lives in Iowa; Matilda, the widow of John Ludman, lives in Manheim, Pa.; Sarah married Henry George, and is deceased; Ella, of Lancaster, married Ephraim Rhodes; Fanny is the deceased wife of Emanuel Dailinger; Rosanna married George Kline, and lives in Florin; Sophia married Henry Mumma, and lives in Florin; Levi is retired, and has his home in Manheim; Emanuel M.; Lemon lives in Lebanon; Eli lives in Florin; and Richard and Cornelius are both deceased. Richard Young was a son of Michael and Catherine (Goetz) Young, who came from Germany, and settled in this county.

Henry Z. Young has been twice married, first in 1887, in Mt. Joy, when he married Lizzie Bletz, who died leaving a son, Harry. Her remains rest in the cemetery at Florin. Charles Bletz, her father, came from Germany, and died in Florin. In 1891 Mr. Young was married in Mt. Joy to Edna Miller, who was born in Northumberland county, Pa., a daughter of Simon and Saloma Miller, natives of Dauphin county, who died in Juniata county, where the former was engaged in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Young has come one son, Oscar.

Henry Z. Young learned his trade in Helm, York county, where he entered the shops at the age of nineteen. Before this he had worked for the neighboring farmers, and was a hustling and energetic youth. For ten years after he had learned his trade, he served as journeyman, being employed at both Elizabethtown and Middletown, Lancaster county. In 1898 he came to Florin and joined his brother in the business which is known as Young Brothers. Mr. Young is a member of several orders—the Red Men and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, being the principal ones. In religion he is a member of the United Brethren Church, and in his politics a Republican.

SAMUEL YOUNG, a member of the firm of Young Brothers, began learning his trade with William

Shutte, in Florin, when he had reached the age of eighteen years. For four years he was employed by the Samuel Bailey Safety Buggy Company at Lancaster. In 1897 he returned from Lancaster to Florin, where after a year of journeyman work he formed a partnership with his brother, and began business for himself. This has proved very successful, and the two are doing a flattering business. Samuel Young belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and is a Republican in his politics. He is a bright and capable young man and he and his brother are pushing forward to an enviable position in commercial and manufacturing circles. They have a good trade, and are doing strictly high-grade work of a character that commands respect and retains confidence.

FRANK ZIEGLER (deceased) was for over a third of a century one of the trusted employees of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and throughout life was a highly esteemed citizen of Columbia, where he was born May 5, 1821, a son of George and Margaret (Sloat) Ziegler, the former a native of Baltimore, Md., the latter of York county, Pa. George Ziegler came to Columbia in 1798 with his father, Francis Ziegler, and here he was married in 1811 to Margaret Sloat, a daughter of Michael Sloat, a farmer by occupation, who was born in Germany and on his immigration to America settled in York county, Pa. George Ziegler followed the cooper's trade, and as one of the prominent and influential citizens of Columbia, he was called upon to serve as councilman at an early day. He died April 3, 1838, aged fifty-two years, and his wife departed this life in 1831, aged forty-two. Both were communicants of the Catholic Church. In their family were the following children: Catherine, a Sister of Charity, who died in New Orleans; Fanny, wife of Andrew Leady, died in Wrightsville, Pa.; John, a retired lumberman of Columbia; Rosanna, who died in childhood; Francis; Margaret, a nun of Baltimore, Md.; George, an engineer, who was killed on the railroad in 1855; Michael, who died in Pittsburg, Pa., in 1864; and Joseph and Ferdinand, who both died in childhood.

During his entire business career, Frank Ziegler was interested in railroading, and for thirty-five years served as engineer, first with the old State road, and later with the Pennsylvania Railroad. He always affiliated with the Democratic party and held membership in the Catholic Church. His upright and honorable life won for him the confidence of all with whom he came in contact, and his circle of friends seemed only limited by the number of his acquaintances.

At St. Peter's Catholic Church in Columbia, Nov. 18, 1860, Mr. Ziegler was united in marriage with Miss Mary M. Flynn, and they began their domestic life in the house which she still occupies. Nine children came to brighten their home, namely: Margaret R., now the wife of William K. Garrity,

a blacksmith of Altoona, Pa.; Alice, deceased; Edward F., who married Alice Michael and is a coppersmith of Columbia; George, deceased; Mary G., who is living with her mother; Joseph O., who wedded Mary Smith and is a machinist of Columbia; Blanche, deceased; Lucy G., at home; and Frank X., a resident of Columbia.

Mrs. Ziegler was born in Columbia, a daughter of Edward and Margaret (Freil) Flynn, who were born in Ireland, but were married in Lebanon, Pa., and then settled in Columbia. There the father died in 1844, aged thirty-five years; the mother in 1875, aged sixty-four. Their children were John, deceased; Katherine, wife of Joseph Brown, assistant road foreman at Altoona, Pa.; Mary M., now Mrs. Ziegler; Margaret, Joseph and Edward, all deceased. Mrs. Ziegler's paternal grandfather, John Flynn, came to America at an early day and located in Lebanon, Pa. Her maternal grandparents, Francis and Mary (Magetigan) Friel, were also natives of Ireland and early settlers of Marietta, Pa. Their remains were interred at Columbia.

SAMUEL WAGNER (deceased). The life of Samuel Wagner who for many years was a prominent citizen of Paradise township, Lancaster county, is a worthy example of industry. At the tender age of eight years he began to earn his own living and from that time he has led an active, honorable and exemplary life in Lancaster, pursuing with zeal and success the various vocations which opportunity and place presented to him. He is the son of Christian and Christiana (Bowers) Wagner, both born in Wurtemberg, Germany. Shortly after their marriage in the Fatherland the parents migrated to America, accompanied by the mother's widowed father, Gottlieb Bowers, who during his remaining years lived with them in Lancaster county, for here it was that the parents of Samuel made their home.

Christian Wagner was a shoemaker, and he followed the trade through life. Himself and wife were members of the Lutheran Church, but Gottlieb Bowers was a member of the Old Mennonite church. Christian Wagner lived to the age of seventy-six years, and his wife passed away at the age of fifty-six. Of the seven children born to them, only three grew to maturity, namely, Samuel, whose sketch appears below: Gabriel, a farmer of Leacock township; and Martha, who died the wife of Edward Kurtz.

Samuel Wagner was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, Aug. 5, 1836. His educational advantages were limited, as when eight years of age he began working by the month to earn his own living, during the winter months, receiving only his board for his services. He continued in this manner to win his own support until he was seventeen years of age, when he hired out by the year, his parents receiving his wages until he was twenty-one. At twenty he began an apprenticeship at the wagon and coach making trade with his broth-

er-in-law, Edward Kurtz, and after its completion he established a shop of his own in Leacock township which he conducted for five years. He then started in the butcher's business continuing it for three years. Procuring a steam outfit, he then engaged for three years in threshing, after which he commenced farming, and has ever since followed that vocation. For six years he farmed on the halves in Leacock township, then came to the place in Paradise township, located one mile southeast of Leaman Place, which he lately occupied. It is known as the Belmont farm, and was operated by Mr. Wagner for nineteen years. It is now the property of the Pennsylvania railroad company, and contains eighty-six acres of land. Mr. Wagner engaged in general farming and stock dealing. He married Sept. 13, 1860, Miss Rachel Ruth, who was born in Leacock township, Aug. 10, 1832, daughter of Simpson and Mary Ann (Becker) Ruth. To Samuel and Rachel Wagner were born three children, Mary Ann, who lived with her father until his death Aug. 23, 1902; Simpson, living in Paradise township, who married Miss Annie Martin and has three children, Mable, Florence, and Ruth; and Emma, the wife of Ed. J. Kautz, of Paradise township, and the mother of two children, Samuel and Blanche. The mother died April 6, 1895. Samuel Wagner was a member of the Reformed Church, as is his son, and the family are among the honored and highly respected people of Lancaster county.

HIRAM C. LOCKARD, a retired farmer and a citizen of great respectability and influence, was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, Feb. 2, 1832, a son of John M. and Anna (Conklin) Lockard, natives of Columbia and West Hempfield townships, respectively, but both of whom died in Rapho township, the father in 1869, at the age of seventy-two years, and the mother in the same year, when sixty-eight years old.

John M. Lockard was a blacksmith by trade. With his wife, he was a very pious member of the United Brethren Church, and he gave the ground to the United Brethren congregation which it afterward consecrated for burial purposes. The remains of John M. and wife, however, were interred in Newtown, Rapho township. Their family comprised seven children, born in the following order: Margaret, deceased, who was first married to George Maxville, and afterward to William McGee; Samuel, deceased; John, a retired engineer at Chickies; Mary, deceased wife of Aaron Dyer; Hiram C., whose name opens this article; Harriet, who died in infancy; and Washington, of York, Pennsylvania.

Hiram C. Lockard was married, Dec. 16, 1856, in Cordelia, Pa., to Barbara E. Hougendobler, and to this marriage there were born the following children: Anna, of Harrisburg, wife of Martin Sugars, a railroad conductor; Harvey, clerk in the Columbia Hotel and married to Nellie Harsh; John, also of Columbia, and married to Mary Daum;

George, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Mary C., wife of Jacob Gaber, foreman of the plow-works in West Hempfield township; Barbara, deceased wife of John Froelich; Samuel, a carpenter in Columbia; and Hiram, also of Columbia. Barbara E. (Hougendobler) Lockard was born in Cordelia, Dec. 4, 1836, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Getz) Hougendobler, who were farming people of West Hempfield township, where the father died in 1858, when sixty-four years old, and the mother in 1894, at the age of eighty-eight years, and were buried in Ironville cemetery. They were members of the United Brethren church, and in politics Henry Hougendobler was a Republican. Their children were named as follows: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of John Crider; George and Henry, deceased; Christiann, deceased wife of Aaron Lutz; Albert, who died in infancy; Catherine, deceased wife of Christian Baker; Barbara (Mrs. Lockard); Mary, wife of William Burnheisel, a carpenter in West Hempfield township; John, who was killed in the Civil war; Amos, postmaster and shoe merchant in Columbia; and Adeline, wife of Lewis Briggs, baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railway Company at Erie, Pa. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Barbara E. Lockard, George and Elizabeth Getz, came from Germany. George Getz was a miller by calling, but was also a farmer and charcoal burner, and although he started in this country a poor man, became very wealthy and at the time of his death owned several large tracts of land.

Hiram C. Lockard, at the time of his marriage, rented a farm in West Hempfield township, and continued to be a renter for many years, when he purchased a farm in West Hempfield, which he cultivated until 1885. That year he removed to Columbia, and engaged in the men's furnishings business for three years, when he sold out simply because the landlord wanted the store, thus sacrificing a profitable business. For the next two years Mr. Lockard lived again in Cordelia, then returned to Columbia, and lived there until the spring of 1898, when he came to Cordelia, with the intention of returning to Columbia at no distant day, which he recently did.

Mr. Lockard and wife are devoted members of the United Brethren Church, and in politics Mr. Lockard is a Democrat. The life of Mr. Lockard has been pure and simple and without guile, and his name has always been honored and respected wherever he has lived—in town or in the country—and he numbers his friends by the hundred.

JOSEPH KNAPP, a merchant grocer of Columbia, was born in Dillsburg, Germany, Oct. 15, 1851, and is a son of Ludwig and Mary M. (Hildt) Knapp, of Neckar and Dillsburg, Baden, Germany, who came to Columbia, Pa., in 1855. The father was a baker by trade, but after reaching America became a general laborer. He died in Columbia in 1868 at the age of fifty years. His widow survived

him until June, 1887, when she expired, aged sixty-three. They were devout Catholics, and their remains were interred in Holy Trinity cemetery.

To Ludwig and Mary M. (Hildt) Knapp were born the following named children: Anna R., widow of Adam Smith, who was a blacksmith, and to whose marriage were born eight children; Joseph, a grocery merchant, of Columbia; Frances, who married John Shillow; and Mary.

John Shillow, deceased, was a brother of Frank Shillott, although the name is spelled differently. John Shillow was a butcher by trade. At Columbia, June 2, 1887, he married Frances Knapp, to which union one child, Agnes M., still with her mother, was born, but the father was called away Jan. 26, 1888, prior to the infant's birth, and his remains are interred in Holy Trinity cemetery, at Lancaster.

Joseph Knapp was brought to Columbia by his parents when he was but four years of age, and there was educated in the district school, as well as the parochial. At the age of eighteen years, he began clerking in a dry-goods store, where he remained for sixteen and a half years, and then engaged in his present business. Mr. Knapp has been a director of the Central National Bank of Columbia for eight years, is a director of St. Joseph's Building Association, and for the past twenty-five years has been secretary of St. Peter and Paul's Benevolent Organization. He has speculated largely in real estate, and has built seven fine edifices in Columbia. He is a devout Catholic, and freely contributes to the support of his church. In politics he is a Democrat.

Joseph Knapp was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony in April, 1894, at Philadelphia, with Miss Emma Chappatte, and to this marriage have been born three children, viz.: Alphonse Joseph, William C., and Mary M. Mrs. Emma (Chappatte) Knapp was born in the city of Philadelphia and is a daughter of Constant and Agatha (Ulman) Chappatte, natives of Switzerland and Prussia, respectively, but married in Philadelphia, where they now reside. Constant Chappatte was born in 1828 and his wife in the same year. To their marriage were born four children, viz.: Josephine, who died an infant; Joseph H., a watch-case maker in Philadelphia; Constant J., a musician, whose location is unknown; and Emma (Mrs. Knapp). The father was also a watch-case maker, but is now retired. The family are devoted Roman Catholics.

ABRAM A. LEFEVER, a farmer in East Drummore township, Lancaster county, was born in Strasburg township, April 8, 1846, his parents being John E. and Eliza (Martin) Lefever, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

John E. Lefever was the son of Benjamin Lefever, of Lampeter township, and Mr. Lefever married and settled in Strasburg township until old age came upon him. He then bought a home near Camargo, where he died in 1885. His wife passed

to her reward in 1876. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters, four of whom are living: John, living in Camargo; Martin, in East Drummore; Abner, of Lancaster; and Abram A., whose name introduces this article. Susan married Benjamin Shaub, who was killed by a train while walking on the track. She died and left a large family. Eliza Lefever married Daniel B. Mowrer, of Eden township, and located near Camargo, where she and her husband both died, leaving three children: Emma, who married Miner Ressler; Lottie, who married Daniel Deiter; Winnie, who married Harry Herr.

Abram A. Lefever was reared on the paternal estate, and in September, 1868, married Elizabeth, a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Myers) Groff. Mrs. Lefever was born in East Drummore township, April 2, 1847. Her father settled near Oak Bottom, on the farm now owned by Henry Heidelberg, on which he made the first improvements. There he reared his family, and there both he and his wife died.

Mr. Lefever was located for a time in Strasburg township, and then for seven years in Camargo, and two years on the Isaac Bauman farm in Eden. In 1879 he moved to the farm where he now resides, the Gilbert Dickinson farm. His reputation is that of a master of agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are the parents of ten children: (1) Daniel F., who died in childhood; (2) Harvey J. born in 1870, who married Miss Sallie Burkey, of Mechanics Grove, and lives on a farm in East Drummore township, where they are rearing four children, Abram, Harry, Annie, and Milton; (3) Amos, born in 1873, who married Susie Russell, lives on his farm in East Drummore township, and has one daughter, Virgie; (4) John, born in 1874, who married Flora Deever, lives in Quarryville, where he is engaged in a creamery, and has two children, Amos and James; (5) Annie, born in 1876, who is a seamstress and unmarried, living at home; (6) Charles, born in 1879, who lives at home; (7) Susie, born in 1881; (8) William, 1883; (9) Abram, 1886; (10) Ira, 1890. All the children not otherwise noted are still at home.

Mr. Lefever is a Republican, and in religion, both he and his wife were nurtured in the faith of the Old Mennonite Church as both their parents were among the early workers and founders of that church in Strasburg township. The Lefevers and Groffs can look back with pride upon their ancestors who participated in the Revolutionary struggle, and were honorable and upright in every generation.

HENRY WESTERHOFF, an important factor in the industrial growth of Ephrata borough and one of the most prominent business men of Lancaster county, is the efficient secretary and treasurer of the Paterson (N. J.) Silk Mill Co.

The Westerhoff family originated in Holland, where Eugene Westerhoff was a teacher in the schools for a period of forty-five years, as was also

his father before him, the two rounding out almost a century of service to the youth of the land. Jacob Westerhoff, his son, was born in Holland in 1810 and came to America in 1861, settling in Midland Park, N. J., where he died in 1896. His wife, Henrietta (Koot) Westerhoff, was born in 1821 and resides with her son Peter, in Paterson, N. J. They reared a family of worthy children: John; Annie, who married Ira Griffin, of Holland; Eugene; Carrie; Albert, of Paterson; Egbert, of Paterson; R. R., a railroad engineer; Henry, of this sketch; and Peter, the youngest, who is the president of the Westerhoff Brothers & Mapier Co., silk manufacturers of Paterson and Jamesburg, N. J., and of Ephrata borough and Denver, Pennsylvania.

Although Henry Westerhoff now occupies a position of trust and influence, he has reached it through a long and toilsome experience. Born May 8, 1861, into a family already burdened with a number of little children, at the early age of ten years he assumed his part of the support of the family by entering the mills in Paterson, where he faithfully worked until, at the age of sixteen, he was considered efficient enough to be made the foreman in the weaving and spinning department of the silk mill, which position he held for several years. Later he engaged as foreman with other mills, all this time acquiring valuable information and a thorough and practical knowledge of the business. In 1889 Mr. Westerhoff first established the South Paterson Silk Co., and after a successful career for five years he sold that business and started with his brother, Peter D. Westerhoff, in the same line, continuing thus until 1896, at which time Thomas S. Mapier entered the firm and the firm name now is Westerhoff Bros. & Mapier Co., Inc. In 1894, as the business was in such a flourishing condition that it seemed the part of wisdom to extend its possibilities, the annex was started at Ephrata, Pa., and in 1899 they still farther extended their scope by buying an interest in the Fleetwood silk mills, all three plants running on full time, giving employment to a great number of people and proving one of the most useful industries in the county. In 1901 they sold their interest in the Fleetwood mill, and established the annexes at Jamesburg, N. J., and Denver, Pennsylvania.

In 1886 Henry Westerhoff was married to Miss Fannie H. Flosblum, of Albany, N. Y. To this union were born: J. Henry, born in 1887; Rutter G. in October, 1889; and Hattie, in August, 1894. The beloved wife and mother passed out of life in October, 1898, at the early age of thirty-four years. In 1901, Mr. Westerhoff married Miss S. E. Brown, of Pleasant Grove, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis A. Brown. Mr. Westerhoff is an example of what may be accomplished by the exercise of energy and perseverance. Deprived of opportunities for education, he took advantage of the night schools at Paterson and obtained after a day of toil the

mental training that was impossible during working hours, thus showing the spirit which has made him a successful man. Courteous in manner, he wins friends on all sides, while he is recognized as a keen man of business, fully alive to the interests of his firm. Perhaps no man in this section has done more for its industrial development than has Henry Westerhoff.

WILLIAM M. BAREFOOT, of Columbia, one of the favorite conductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Bethania, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Nov. 26, 1841, and is a son of Job P. M. and Nancy (McCaskey) Barefoot, of Bedford and Lancaster counties respectively. Job and Nancy Barefoot were the parents of nine children, viz: John M., who died in Chester county; Margaret, who was married to Solomon Powers, and died in Columbia; Sarah, who died in Cambridge, Ind.; Isabella, who was married to Dr. J. W. Houston, of Lancaster, and died in Chester county; Rebecca, the wife of E. Pierce McClelland, a farmer; Job, a retired railroad man in Philadelphia; William M.; Kimloe, who died young; and Clara, unmarried and residing in Philadelphia.

Job P. M. Barefoot was a drover who came to Lancaster when a young man and remained there until 1860; he then moved to Chester county, where he passed away in 1869, aged seventy years, and his wife in March, 1870, aged sixty-seven. The latter was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The remains of both were brought to Lancaster county for interment and rest side by side in Leacock cemetery. The paternal grandparents of Wm. M. Barefoot were William and Polly Barefoot, of Bedford county, and the maternal grandparents were John and Margaret McCaskey of Lancaster county.

William M. Barefoot was reared on his father's farm but did no farm work, as there was ample hired help. He remained at home until twenty-three years old, when he started West as a salesman, handling agricultural implements, etc. for four years; he then returned to Pennsylvania, and at Columbia in 1870 began work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman; three years later he was made a flagman and two years after that was promoted to his present position as conductor.

In January, 1870, Mr. Barefoot married in Dublin, Wayne Co., Ind., Miss Martha L. Armstrong, who has borne him three children, namely: Mary A., who died young; Lynn H., a silk weaver, who married Fanny Zink, now deceased, and became the father of two children, Martha B. and Harriet; Oscar F. W., who served in Co. C., P. V. I. in the Porto Rican war, and is now a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Mrs. Martha L. Barefoot was born in Paradise township Lancaster county, Sept. 10th, 1839, a daughter of John and Mary (Helm) Armstrong. John Armstrong, a farmer, who was born in March,

1796, lived in Lancaster county until 1860, when he went to Wayne county, Ind.; there he died, March 23, 1877, and his widow, a member of the Presbyterian Church, passed away May 16, 1880, at the age of seventy-eight years. To this couple were born fourteen children, viz: Julia, deceased wife of Jacob Tout; Sarah, widow of Jacob Barmaster, of Wayne county, Ind.; Harriet, widow of Henry Markley, of the same county; Martin, a retired blacksmith, of Marion county, Ind.; Harman, a merchant, also of Wayne county; Rebecca, widow of John Wike, of Wayne county; Jacob, who died in Columbia, Pa.; Mary, wife of Henry Binkley, a coachmaker at Tipton, Ind.; Barbara, widow of Samuel Barefoot (brother of William M.), of Cambridge, Ind.; George, who died young; Martha; John and Jackson, who died in Indiana; and Elam, of Shelby county, that State. Of this family, three sons, Martin, Jackson and Elam, were Union soldiers in the war of the Rebellion. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Barefoot were Harman and Mary (Lingerfield) Armstrong, and the maternal grandfather was George Helm, a native of Germany, all agricultural people in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Barefoot is a member of the O. of R. C., and in politics is a Democrat.

PETER F. SHEAFFER, M. D., a capable and rising young physician of Christiana, Lancaster county, was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, in 1859, son of Solomon and Maria (Palmer) Sheaffer, both of whom were natives of Bart township.

Solomon Sheaffer died in Leacock township May 22, 1876, at the age of fifty-seven years. His remains rest in Rowland cemetery. He was on a teaming line to Philadelphia as early as fourteen years of age, driving six horses after the construction of the road. In after years he became a prominent farmer and grew quite wealthy, being a man of more than the usual ability. During the Civil war he was drafted into the service, but sent out a substitute. In politics he was a Republican. At various times he was called upon to settle different estates. A few years prior to his death he purchased the land on which Vici, Pa., is now built. His widow, who is still living, was born in 1832. She is a member of the Reformed Church, as was also Mr. Sheaffer, and though he did not attend church services very regularly, he was a devout Christian, a thorough and daily student of the Bible and upright and honest all his life. To this worthy and much respected couple were born the following children: Peter F.; Albert N., a railroad fireman at Harrisburg; Clara E., widow of Joseph Barr, of Springville, Pa.; and Edgar M., a farmer in Earl township. Peter Sheaffer, the paternal grandfather of Peter F., was a farmer of Earl township, this county, and came of Swiss stock.

Peter F. Sheaffer was married in New Holland,

Pa., in 1883, by Rev. D. W. Gerhart, to Sally Eckert, and one child was born to this union, Leon F. Mrs. Sally (Eckert) Sheaffer was born in Leacock township, daughter of Otmer S. and Barbara (Eby) Eckert, natives of Lancaster county, where he owned a farm and mill. The father died in the old homestead in Leacock township in 1869, at the age of fifty-seven years. His ashes now repose in the Rowland cemetery connected with the church of that name. The mother, who now resides in Lancaster, was born in 1834.

Dr. Sheaffer remained at home until he was seventeen, when he began his attendance at the Millersville Academy. When he was twenty-one he attended Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1881, and that year he opened an office in Compassville, Pa., where he engaged in the practice of his profession for two and a half years; at the end of that time coming to Christiana. There he won friends at once by his professional skill and gentlemanly demeanor and today he has a large and lucrative patronage. He is a devout and upright member of the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally he belongs to the I. O. O. F. In politics he is a Republican and for three years he served as school director. Personally, he is a man of high character and lofty principles, enjoying the confidence and respect of the community to a marked degree and he has been called upon to settle many estates.

W. PERCY PAULES, leaf tobacco merchant and packer at Marietta, was born in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, a short distance from Marietta borough, Oct. 25, 1860, a son of Joseph F., and Caroline (Leed) Paules, natives of this county, who were married in Marietta in 1858. Joseph F. Paules was also engaged in the tobacco business, and was a township official of considerable ability. He died in the faith of the United Brethren Church at the home of his son, W. Percy, in January, 1897, at the age of sixty-four years. To his marriage with Miss Leed were born three children, Howard, assistant janitor at the court house in Lancaster; Franklin, who died young; and W. Percy.

Mrs. Caroline (Leed) Paules was born in Cumberland county, Md., March 5, 1842, a daughter of Peter and Betsey (Shields) Leed, who were born in Lancaster county, Pa., but moved to Maryland, where Mr. Leed engaged in agricultural pursuits in Cumberland county until his death, which took place in 1842. Mrs. Leed returned to Lancaster county, her daughter Caroline being then but three months old, and settled in East Donegal township, where she died in August, 1898, at the age of eighty-four years, in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leed were five in number, and were born in the following order: Peter, a tobacco farmer of Marietta township; Eliza, deceased wife of Henry Lotz;

Lovina, who was first married to John Nagle, and next to George Lilly, but is now deceased; Viola, widow of Arch Maloney, and Caroline, mother of Mr. Paules.

W. Percy Paules was employed in his father's tobacco trade at the age of sixteen years, and when he had learned the business and had reached the years of discretion, began in the same line of work on his own account in 1883, and has since successfully conducted it, handling, the past year, about 400,000 pounds of the fragrant commodity.

Mr. Paules has been twice married, first in 1881, at Marietta, to Miss Mary A. Llewelyn, and there were born to this union three children—Anna L., Eva D. and Howard—the latter two deceased. Mrs. Mary A. Paules was a native of Marietta, and a daughter of Jesse and Mary Llewelyn, the former of whom was a machinist. Mrs. Mary A. Paules died in February, 1888, at the age of twenty-eight years. In 1896 Mr. Paules married, in East Donegal township, Miss Jennie R. McKain, a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of William and Mary J. McKain, the former of whom is a retired farmer of East Donegal township. Mr. Paules is a member of the I. O. R. M. and the K. of M. C. His religious connection is with the M. E. Church. He is a Republican in politics, is a self-made man, and is very popular.

JOHN REINHART (deceased), was for many years one of the industrious and representative citizens of Columbia, where he lived to a good old age and died, leaving among a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, memories of a well-spent and useful life. He was born in Donegal township, Lancaster county, in 1807, the son of Christian and Rebecca (Hinkle) Reinhart, of Donegal township. John was one of four children, namely: Christian, who died young; Susan, who first married Jacob Henderson and later Edward Givens; Mary, who married Mr. Hulsapple, and moved West; and John. Rebecca, the mother, by a second marriage to Mr. Myers had the following children: William, a farmer of Donegal township; Simon, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Samuel Lochar.

In his youth John Reinhart learned the shoemaker's trade, and followed it for many years. He removed to Columbia early in life and later was employed in a rolling mill. He was an attendant at the Presbyterian Church. His death occurred April 5, 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. At Columbia in October, 1858, he had married Barbara Hogentogler, who was born in Columbia, Jan. 1, 1837, daughter of Isaac and Ann (Hammond) Hogentogler, natives of Lancaster and Chester counties, respectively, and granddaughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Monk) Hogentogler, of Lancaster county. Isaac Hogentogler came to Columbia when a boy. He was employed on the old State road for a time and later was for many years in the

service of the railroad company. He died in December, 1893, aged eighty-three years; his wife died June 10, 1855, aged forty-four years; both were buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. To Isaac and Ann Hogentogler were born the following children: Barbara, wife of Mr. Reinhart; Jefferson, who served in the Rebellion and is now a railroad engineer, residing in Columbia; Mary E., who died unmarried; Simon, who enlisted in the army and died of starvation in Andersonville; Nowell, who served in the army during the Civil war and was murdered by an unknown assassin in Columbia after the war; James, Charlotte and Catherine, who all died young; and Frank, a railroad man of Columbia.

To John and Barbara Reinhart were born seven children, as follows: Anna, wife of William Smoker, a railroad conductor of Columbia; George W., whose sketch appears below; Susan; Isaac, deceased; Minnie; Lillie; and Charles.

GEORGE W. REINHART, son of John and Barbara Reinhart, was born in Columbia, June 21, 1859. He began his business career in 1871 by working one season for S. H. Purple in a nursery. For a year he was then employed in a rolling mill and during his youth he found various employment until he was twenty-two years of age. Then in 1881 he began his railway service with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For six years he was employed as a brakeman, then resigning, he secured a position in the freight house. Promotions followed rapidly and for the past sixteen years he has been foreman in the freight house.

On Feb. 2, 1883, George W. Reinhart married Frances A. Given, a native of Fayetteville, Franklin county, daughter of Henry and Sarah Given, formerly of York county. Eight children were born to this marriage: Anna, Nettie and George, all deceased; Charles; Philip; John, deceased; Sarah; and Frank. Mrs. Reinhart died Dec. 16, 1899, aged thirty-six years.

In politics Mr. Reinhart is independent. He is a member of the Red Men and of the K. of M. He is a typical railroad man, industrious, reliable, honest and highly respected.

JACOB F. MANLICK, a retired hotel-keeper and brewer of Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Wurtemberg, July 16, 1823, and is a son of Jacob and Rosina (Reaber) Manlick. Jacob Manlick was a farmer and hotel-keeper in his native land, where he died in 1837, at the age of forty-two years. In 1870 Mrs. Rosina Manlick came to America and lived with her daughter, Mrs. Wilhelmina Frey, in Philadelphia, until her death, which took place in 1890, when she was eighty-nine years old. She was the mother of six children, viz: Jacob F., the retired brewer of Marietta; Fredericka, widow of Otto Sust of Philadelphia; Carroll, a carpenter of the same city; Henry, deceased; Gotlieb, retired, and a widower; and Wilhelmina, widow of

Charles Frey, the last two residents of the Quaker City.

Jacob F. Manlick attended school in his native city until fourteen years of age and then learned the brewing business, which he followed in Wurtemberg until 1850, when he came to America. For five months was employed as a brewer in Philadelphia and then went to Lancaster, where he was head brewer for two years and then came to Marietta and engaged in brewing and hotel keeping on his own account until 1888, when an enactment of the Legislature prohibited a hotelkeeper from operating a brewery. Mr. Manlick then disposed of his brewery to his son Ernest G., but continued to conduct his hotel until 1892, when he retired from all active business.

Jacob F. Manlick married in Lancaster. Oct. 16, 1853, Miss Margaret Sauber, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was a daughter of Conrad and Margaret Sauber. On coming to America, Mr. Sauber located in Lancaster, Pa., and operated a small brewery and was also proprietor of a hotel. In that city both he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives.

To Jacob F. Manlick and wife were born twelve children, in the following order: Frederick, Caroline, Wilhelmina, Mary and Ernest G., all of whom died young; Ernest G. (second), hotel proprietor in Marietta; Carroll, Douglas and Matilda, all deceased; Frederick (second), a druggist in Columbia, and married to Alice Coble; Matilda (second), wife of Joseph Killian, a cigarmaker, in Marietta, and Anna M., wife of John Houserl, of Lancaster. The mother of this large family died in November, 1894, at the age of sixty-four years, and her remains lie interred in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church at Marietta, of which church she was a devout member.

Mr. Manlick is a Democrat in politics, is very popular with his party as well with the public in general, and has filled the office of assistant burgess. He attends the Lutheran Church, to the support of which he liberally contributes.

JOHN D. HARRAR, senior member of the firm of J. D. Harrar & Son, and one of the venerable and highly respected citizens of Christiana, was born in Delaware, Feb. 18, 1818, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Miller) Harrar.

Daniel Harrar, grandfather of John D., came with his father, also named Daniel, from Germany in 1749, and settled near Philadelphia. They were farming people, and the younger Daniel bore arms in the Revolution, receiving a pension for his services in that struggle. He died about 1793 in Montgomery county, at the age of ninety-three.

Joseph Harrar was born in Montgomery county, and his wife in Bucks county, Pa., where they were married at her home. Coming into Lancaster in 1821, they lived three years in Bart township, and then removed to Colerain township, where they

spent their lives engaged in farming. He died in 1851, at the age of seventy years; and his widow, who survived his loss until 1862, died at the age of seventy-five. They were buried in the cemetery connected with the Baptist Church in Colerain township, of which they had long been consistent and useful members. Their children were as follows: John D.; Rachel, who married William Slack, and is deceased; Nathan, who died in 1845; Uriah, also deceased; Tirzeah, widow of James Murphy, and a resident of Northumberland county; and Susan J., who married the late William Savage, and has her home in Turbotville, Northumberland county.

The maternal grandparents of John D. Harrar were Phillip Miller and wife, who spent their lives engaged in farming in Bucks county, Pennsylvania.

In May, 1842, John D. Harrar was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Eliza J. Ross, by whom he had the following children: Laura, deceased wife of Isaac McGowan; Roberta, who married William Chamberlain, a farmer of Sadsbury; Ella, who married William S. Hastings, a lumber, coal and grain merchant at Atglen, Pa., and has one son; Kate, wife of A. P. Broomell, an iron manufacturer at York, Pa.; Allison, who is a partner with his father and who married a Miss Hoy, by whom he has had one daughter; Buchanan, engaged in the shoe finding business at Philadelphia, who married a Miss Dance, and has four children; and William, a traveling salesman from Philadelphia, who married a Miss Montgomery, who died, leaving one daughter.

Mrs. Eliza J. (Ross) Harrar was born in Ohio, a daughter of William Ross, who was a blacksmith in Chester county, and she died April 29, 1889, at the age of seventy years. Her remains rest in the cemetery of the Baptist Church in Colerain township.

John D. Harrar has had a somewhat varied and eventful history. He remained at home with his parents until he attained his majority, when he took up the carpenter trade, and followed it until 1848. That year he established himself in the mercantile business at Puseyville, where he remained for some five years, when he transferred himself and his belongings to Smyrna, Lancaster county, and continued there for some fifteen years in the same line. In 1868 Mr. Harrar came to his present stand. Whenever there was a Democratic administration Mr. Harrar held the post-office in the town where he was then in business, and for two years has been school director in Christiana. His father's extensive and complicated estate was settled by him. He and his wife are members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Harrar is a man of very superior education and during his early manhood taught school some four years in Drumore and Colerain townships, Lancaster county, and in Upper Oxford township, Chester county. In 1838 and 1839 he attended the Hopewell Academy, and throughout his life has been recognized as a gentleman of information and character. At the present time, though his name

is at the front, he does but little work in the store, leaving the drudgery and hard work to younger hands.

GEORGE F. STEINHEISER, engineer of a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a resident of Columbia, was born in Leaman Place, Lancaster Co., Pa., Dec. 12, 1841.

Jacob O. Steinheiser, father of George F., was born in Strasburg township, this county, taught school for many years and by trade was a miller. He was mail carrier from the railroad depot to the post-office in Lancaster City, having located there in 1860; later he was superintendent of the Lancaster county hospital for ten years, and retired from active business in 1874. His death took place in December 1899, at the age of eighty-three years. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. To his marriage with Anna M. Ingram, of Paradise township, this county, were born: George F.; Anna, who was married to Henry Rudy, and died in 1885; Lizzie and Mary, twins, the former of whom died in infancy, the latter being the wife of David Peterman, a retired butcher of Lancaster; and Jacob, deceased. The mother of these children died in 1848, at the age of thirty-five years.

The paternal grandparents of George F. Steinheiser were Jacob and Sarah Steinheiser, natives of Germany and during an insurrection in the country Jacob, with two brothers, was banished and came to America, settling in Lancaster county, Pa., where he followed his trade as a tanner.

George F. Steinheiser was but seven years of age when his mother died, and he was then placed out among strangers and worked as a farm-boy until he was fifteen years old; he next served as an apprentice at shoemaking for three and a half years, but found the confinement injurious to his health, and returned to farming for a year and a half. In May 1861, he enlisted at Lancaster, for three years, in Co. B, 1st Pa. Reserve Corps, under Capt. Thomas B. Barton, and was mustered into the United States service at Camp Carroll, Baltimore, Md. He fought at Gaines Mill and in the Wilderness; was next on duty in the ammunition department; was at the battles of Antietam and Gettysburg, and at the termination of his three-year's enlistment, was honorably discharged. He then went to Harrisburg and began work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as locomotive fireman; he filled this position five years and eight months, and in 1871 was promoted to engineer; in 1873 he was transferred to Columbia and that place has since been his home.

The marriage of Mr. Steinheiser took place in Lancaster, Dec. 22, 1865, to Margaret P. Goodman, and five children have come to grace this union, viz: Lillie J., wife of Joseph Rankin, a street-car conductor in Columbia; Estella, who died young; Stella, wife of D. J. Dellet, shop-foreman for the P. & R. Company at Reading; Owen J., paper

hanger in Columbia; and Myrtle, who married Guy Ferguson, the foreman of the *Columbia Herald*. Mrs. Margaret P. Steinheiser was born in Marietta, Pa., in September, 1842, and is a daughter of Peter and Jane (Moore) Goodman, the former of whom was a dealer in agricultural implements in Lancaster and died there in 1883; the latter died in Columbia in 1875, at the age of sixty-five years, both members of the Church of God. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Goodman were the parents of five children, viz.: Jacob, G., a cigar manufacturer in Lancaster; Elizabeth, in Columbia; Margaret P., now Mrs. Steinheiser; John M., who died in Lancaster in 1898; and Sarah, of Columbia, unmarried. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Steinheiser were Nicholas and Patience (McGloglan) Goodman, farming people of Lancaster county, and her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Moore, were also residents of Lancaster county.

Mr. Steinheiser is a K. of G. E. and a member of the Church of God. In politics he is a Republican, but has never been an officer seeker, although quite popular in the community and with his party. He has the full respect and confidence of his superiors as to his ability and prudence as an engineer, and well deserves the high regard in which he is held by all who know him.

ADAM DELLET, alderman of the Ninth ward in Lancaster, is descended from a family whose various representatives have been conspicuous in city affairs.

Adam Dellet, his father, was a prominent contractor, and did considerable construction work on the old State and Pennsylvania Railroads. He was engaged in an extensive railroad contract at Pittsburgh, when he died from cholera, in September, 1855. An enthusiastic Democrat, he took an active part in politics, and was a personal friend of James Buchanan, President of the United States, and of the late Col. Reah Frazer, known as "the warhorse of Democracy." During the Know-Nothing excitement he joined that party. Mr. Dellet was married to Susan Huber, a native of Lancaster, and to this marriage came thirteen children, of whom Adam was the ninth in the order of birth.

Mr. Dellet was born in Lancaster, May 24, 1841, and was educated in the public schools, which he left at an early age to enter a daguerreotype gallery, but he soon transferred himself to the *Examiner* office, to learn the printing trade. Of this office he presently became the superintendent of the job department, and here he remained until 1888, except the period of his service in the army. In 1862 he became a member of Co. E, 178th P. V. I., being mustered in as sergeant at Harrisburg, on a nine-months term of enlistment. In 1863 he was discharged from the service at the same place.

Adam Dellet was married in 1862 to Elizabeth Knight, who was born in England, and who was only seven years old, when her father, Thomas

Knight, now deceased, brought her to America. From this union were born seven children: Annie O., wife of William Aldrich, of Lancaster; Samuel G., a printer; Jennie J., wife of J. Frank Sweeton; Minnie M., the wife of H. G. Pinkerton; John O. L., an employe of the Penn Iron Works; Joshua L., employed at H. S. Williamson's store; and Emma B., at home.

In 1877 Mr. Dellet was appointed as bank assessor for Lancaster county, by Gov. Geary, and he discharged the important duties of that position with credit. In 1880 he was appointed to fill an unexpired term as alderman and in 1889 was again appointed to fill another broken term. So well did he discharge the duties of the office, that he was elected in February, 1900, to a term of five years by one of the largest majorities ever given to a candidate in that ward. Mr. Dellet is a sturdy Republican, and has repeatedly served on the city executive committee, and the county committee of the party, and has been a delegate to many conventions. An active Grand Army man, he has associated with Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405. Faithful in his friendships, and willing to help his friends, devoted to his family and to the interests of the community, careful in his legal decisions, and unwavering in his courtesy to all, Adam Dellet is justly popular, and no man in this district has more friends personally or politically.

B. FRANK LEAMAN, a general farmer and highly respected citizen of Sadsbury township, was born in Strasburg township, on Nov. 16, 1858, and was a son of Henry and Sarah (Buckwalder) Leaman, natives of East Lampeter township, in this county. The father is a retired farmer of Strasburg township, and was born in 1822. The mother was born in 1823, and died in 1901, and was buried in the Mennonite cemetery, near Strasburg. The Leaman family of this township originated from the same ancestors as those of the same name in Leacock township.

The children born to Henry Leaman and his wife were: Elizabeth, who married Elias Herr, a merchant and lime dealer in Limeton, Va.; Susan, who married Peter B. Espenshade, of Manheim township; B. Frank; Emma, unmarried, residing at home; Anna, who married John P. Rohrer, of Strasburg township; Martin, deceased; Henry G., a farmer of Paradise township; Mary, deceased; and Reuben, a farmer of Strasburg township.

B. Frank Leaman was educated in the common schools and made his home with his parents until the time of his marriage, with the exception of six months consumed in a pleasant trip through the West. In 1886, in New York city, he was united in marriage to Amanda Sheaffer, and the children born to this union are; Roy S., John, Clair and Edna M. Mrs. Leaman was born in Upper Leacock township, May 10, 1866, a daughter of John and Maria (Sensenich) Sheaffer, the former of whom

was a native of Upper Leacock and the latter of East Lampeter township, now residing in West Lampeter township, where they are leading members of the German Reformed Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sheaffer were: Amanda S.; Mary, who married Elam Landis, of Sadsbury township, a farmer; Anna, who married Abraham Herr, a farmer of Lampeter township; and Rollie, a farmer on the old home farm in West Lampeter township. The grandparents were Isaac and Joanna (Diller) Sheaffer, of Lancaster county, and Samuel and Mary (Resh) Sensenich, also of Lancaster county.

After his marriage B. Frank Leaman began farming in Strasburg township, where he continued for four years, going then to Manheim township for two years; then he came to his present farm, which he manages with success, employing modern and progressive methods and raising large crops of the products of the locality.

In politics Mr. Leaman has always been connected with the Republican party and takes an active part in public affairs in his vicinity. His religious rearing was in the Mennonite Church, and he is one of the universally respected citizens of Sadsbury township.

WILLIAM HENDERSON. The late William Henderson, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., was born Aug. 14, 1863, to the marriage of Archibald L., and Margaret Ann (Linville) Henderson.

William Henderson was reared on his father's farm, received the ordinary district school preparatory education, was later graduated from the Millersville Normal School, taught school himself for two years, and then returned to the homestead, which he assisted in tilling until his marriage. He was naturally apt and versatile and to his other accomplishments added civil engineering, which he studied after he had married, and then leaving his bride at home, he went to Oxford, Chester county, where he followed this profession three years; thence he removed to Lancaster where he was engaged in engineering for several years, and then went to Connellsville, where in conjunction with S. R. Slaymaker, of Lancaster, he laid out the town, built the trolley railroad line, and there passed the remainder of his days, being at the time of his death superintendent of the Connellsville Heat & Power Company. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and of the Americas Order; in politics he was a Republican, was well qualified in his art, industrious and attentive to his duties, and honored without exception by all who knew him.

On Feb. 20, 1889, at Lancaster, William Henderson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann Livingston, and to this marriage were born three children, namely: John L., who died at the age of ten years; Ruth, and Margaret. Mrs. Sarah Ann (Livingston) Henderson was born in Salisbury

township, Lancaster county, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (Linvill) Livingston, and granddaughter of William and Jane Livingston, also of Lancaster county. Isaac Livingston was a highly respected farmer of Salisbury township and died in 1887 at the age of seventy-four years, having lost his wife in 1864, she having died at the age of twenty-two. The remains of both were interred in the cemetery of the old Friends' Meeting House at Sadsbury, they having been birthright members of the Friends' Society. They left, to mourn their loss, besides a host of friends, a family of four children, viz: Harriet, wife of C. E. Reece, D. D. S., in Atglen, Chester county; Sarah A., Mrs. Henderson; Thomas, who was twice married, first to Ida Kurtz, and secondly to Ida Livingston; and Isaac, a decorator residing in Lancaster. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Henderson were William and Ann (Supplee) Linvill, also highly respected farming people of Lancaster county.

Mrs. Henderson lived on her old homestead until her husband had properly learned the details of his profession, and after he had gone to Connellsville to live, joined him in 1896. At his death she returned to her farm in Sadsbury township, where she still resides in comfort, mingling with the best society and classed among the better informed and more intelligent residents of the village and township. Both the Henderson and Livingston families are among the oldest and most substantial in the neighborhood, their ancestors having been early settlers and among the prime factors in developing the agricultural possibilities of the township and county, and in some instances promoting their manufacturing enterprises, particularly by the investment of means for this purpose.

JOHN H. CORRIGAN, one of Columbia's highly respected and honored citizens, who has been an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad for the past nine years, was born in that city, Sept. 17, 1859, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Neff) Corrigan, the former a native of Philadelphia, the latter of York county.

The father was only two years old when brought by his parents to Columbia, where he grew to manhood and where for a time he was employed as flagman on the railroad, but later gave his attention to teaming. He drove a team in the army during the Civil war, being a member of Co. F, 195th P. V. I., and when mustered out at the close of the war was serving as commissary sergeant. Later he was an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and both he and his wife held membership in the United Brethren Church. They were married in Columbia, and continued to make that city their home until called from this life. The father was born in 1834, and died in May, 1890, while the mother was born in 1840, and died Aug. 9, 1897.

John H. Corrigan continued to make his home with his parents until he was married, in October,

1879, at Columbia, to Miss Kate Shank, by whom he had two children, namely: Robert, at home with his father; and Lillie, now the wife of Frank Wilson, of Columbia. Mr. Corrigan was again married, in Columbia, Oct. 24, 1886, his second union being with Carrie Edna Blouse, and to them have been born three children, Earl, Florence and Ada, all at home. Mrs. Corrigan was born in York county, Pa., Jan. 9, 1863, a daughter of Henry and Lena (Wallick) Blouse, also natives of York county, the former born in 1834, the latter June 2, 1837. In early life the father was a boatman, but is now living retired in his native county. Both he and his wife are active members of the United Evangelical Church and are held in high regard by all who know them. Their children are: Florence L., who is the widow of George S. Uberdorf and is living with her parents; Ida, wife of Reuben Swartz, of York, Pa.; Carrie Edna, now Mrs. Corrigan; and Amandus, who is with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia. Mrs. Corrigan's maternal grandparents were Harry and Elizabeth Wallick, of York county.

On starting out in life for himself, Mr. Corrigan worked for a water company, laying pipes for a few months, and then was employed in a flouring mill for seven years. After working in Bruner's coalyard at Columbia for a few months he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1878, serving as brakeman until 1882. He was next employed as fireman, and in 1891 was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he is still employed. Socially Mr. Corrigan affiliates with Chicasawunga Tribe, No. 39, I. O. R. M.; and politically he is identified with the Republican party, taking a deep interest in political matters. Those who know him best are numbered among his warmest friends, and no citizen of his community is held in higher regard.

JOHN CRAWFORD, a retired farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born on his present farm Nov. 4, 1823, his parents being Oliver and Martha (Walker) Crawford, old time families in both Lancaster and Chester counties.

Oliver Crawford was born at the family home in Colerain township as early as 1794, and his wife Martha Walker, in Chester county in 1799. Mr. Crawford was the son of John Crawford who was born in County Derry, Ireland, and who came to this country when a young man, and took part in the Revolutionary War, being with Washington at Valley Forge. After the war he married a Miss Bunting, and established the home where John Crawford now lives. When he secured it he found wild land on his hands, and by hard and tremendous work he cleared up a farm which has remained in his family to the present day. The stone house and barn which he erected are still in use. Here John Crawford and his wife died. They were the second family to locate in this section. The Crawfords

were Presbyterians in their faith. To John Crawford and his wife were born two sons and two daughters: William, who moved to Ohio when a young man, married there and became the father of a numerous family; Mary A. married a Mr. Campbell, and moved with him to Baltimore, where he died, leaving no children; Polly died at the home unmarried; and Oliver, the father of John, received but a meagre schooling when a boy, and began life for himself as a farmer on the old homestead.

When Oliver Crawford was married to Martha Walker, they settled on the old Crawford homestead, and there they lived and died. His death occurred in 1841, and her death in 1861, his father dying the same year with Oliver. Oliver Crawford and his wife were the parents of the following family: Ellen married Frederick McClellan, and settled on his farm, where she died leaving a family, three of whom live in Chester county, and John, in Chicago; Mary A. married James McClellan, and lived in Colerain township, where she died, leaving one daughter, Martha, who is now the wife of Joseph Richardson, of New Jersey; Jane married James Palock, of Chester county, and died, leaving two children, James and Martha, both of Oxford; Amanda married Robert Black, and is deceased; Hannah married Silas Williams, and they reside in Colerain township; Samuel, deceased, married Mary J. Cooper, and located in Chester county, but while visiting in Philadelphia he died, leaving three children, Thomas who lives in Oxford, Elizabeth who lives in Chester county, and Martha, wife of C. McClellan; Elkanah died unmarried; and John.

John Crawford, whose name introduces this article, was reared in the home place, attended the local schools, and remained with his parents as long as they lived. His father died when he was eighteen years old, and the farm passed into his possession, his mother remaining with him as long as she lived.

John Crawford and Martha Black were married in March, 1851. She was a daughter of Isaac and Martha Black, who were born in Ireland, and came to this country in 1825, making their home in Philadelphia, where he lived to be eighty-two years old. Both father and mother died in Philadelphia, and there Mrs. Crawford was born in 1828. She was one of a family of eight children, and is the only child of her parents now living. Given superior educational advantages in the high school of Philadelphia, she became a teacher, and for five years was employed in the schools of her native city. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Crawford located on the old Crawford place, where they have lived fifty-two years, and have become the parents of nine children, of whom Izene, Allman, Ella and John died early in their maturer life. Alida, born in 1855, married Charles Homsher, and lives in Philadelphia, where she is the mother of two children, Ruth and Martha; Anna E., born in 1856, married Leander Lamborn, of Chester

county, where they reside on a farm, and have three children, Esther, Benjamin and Marguerite; Elkanah, born in 1860, married Hannah Winchester, of Chester county, and is a resident of Philadelphia, where they have one daughter, Helen; Margaret, born in 1864, is the wife of John Place, who is on the police force of the city of Lancaster; and Calvin, born in 1866, is a farmer on the family homestead, and married Mary Quigley, of Georgetown, Lancaster county, by whom he has had two children: John P. and Elva M. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford both belong to the Union Presbyterian Church, of which they have been members over fifty years. Mr. Crawford has always been a Democrat, but has never sought office.

The Crawfords are among the old families of Lancaster county, and the title to the Crawford home came from the heirs of William Penn. During the Revolution the Crawfords were actively identified with that great struggle. They helped found the first free schools in Lancaster county, and helped to erect the first Presbyterian Church in Colerain township. Both John Crawford and his wife are worthy successors to their ancestors and worthily wear an honored name.

JOHN BRANDT (deceased) was born in Manheim township, Sept. 19, 1813, and died in Conoy township, while going to market with a load of wheat, in January, 1870, and was buried in the cemetery at Falmouth. John Brandt, Sr., his father, was born in Lancaster county, and there he spent his life. Of the children in the family of John Brandt, Sr., we have record of the following: Benjamin; Samuel; Katie, deceased, who married John Bahm; Nancy, widow of a Mr. Rudy; Polly, who married Jacob Lehman; and Fanny, who married Henry Heisey. The father of this family was a life-long farmer, and belonged to the River Brethren Church. The Brandt family is of Swiss extraction, and its representatives in this country have been men of ability and character.

John Brandt, whose career is the subject of this sketch, was married in West Donegal township, by the Rev. John Gish, Dec. 26, 1850, to Mrs. Margaret (Grove) Metzgar. To this union were born the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Theophilus Burger, a stone mason of Royalton; Mary, who died young; Margaret, wife of Jeremiah Dimeler, a stone mason in Conoy township; Mary, (2), who died young; Fanny, the wife of William W. King, a carpenter of Conoy township; Sarah, the wife of Horace Brenner, a railroad man; Barbara, wife of Harry Ellenberger, of Enhaut, Pa. John Brandt had been married previous to his union with Mrs. Metzgar, his first wife being Mary Hernley, by whom he had the following children: Susan, who lives in California, and has been thrice married, first to a Mr. Hartzel, second to Reuben Royer and third to Moses Brubaker; Anna is the wife of John Hoffman, of Middletown, Pa.;

Hettie is the wife of Fred. Shoebauer, of York county; and John is a carpenter of Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Margaret (Grove) Brandt; at the time of her marriage to Mr. Brandt, was the widow of John Metzgar, who was born in Dauphin county, Feb. 13, 1818, and died Aug. 26, 1852. To their marriage was born one son, David, who died at the age of eighteen years.

Mrs. Margaret Brandt was born in Germany, Aug. 15, 1825, a daughter of Conrad and Elizabeth Grove, both natives of Germany, but who came to this country in 1832, lived in Baltimore a short time, and then moved to Dauphin county, where they built a home and remained a few years. Their final move was to a home in West Donegal township where the remainder of their lives was passed. They had a family of two children: Anna, who married first Philip Troutwine, and second a Mr. Engerich, and is now dead; and Margaret. Mrs. Brandt early united with the German Baptist Church.

WILLIAM W. KING, son-in-law of Mrs. Brandt, is a carpenter in Conoy township, and was born in York county, March 4, 1858, a son of Henry and Rebecca (Fink) King, natives of York county, who both died in Dauphin county, the former at the age of forty-eight, and the latter in 1890, also at the age of forty-eight. To them were born the following children: William W.; Harry, of Middletown, Pa.; Emma, wife of Benjamin Ellenberger, of Enhaut, Pa.; Mary, wife of John Ebersole, of Kingston, Pa.; Fanny, wife of Samuel Kreptz, of Dauphin county; and Monroe, of Conoy township. Mr. King and Miss Brandt were married in Highspire, Dec. 14, 1881, and have had the following children: Maggie B., Ella M., Mary A., Harry J., and Howard W. Mrs. King was born in Conoy township Aug. 16, 1861. Mr. and Mrs. King came to their present home in 1895, moving from a place on the Falmouth Pike. Mr. King is a Republican, and has followed the trade of a carpenter since he was seventeen years old.

MARIS HOOPES, one of the most reliable conductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia, was born in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, Pa., Aug. 17, 1841, the sixth of a family of ten children, born to Maris and Mary Ann (Harlan) Hoopes, natives of Chester county, who settled in the above-named township and county in 1830.

Maris Hoopes, the elder, was an iron master, and during the Civil war was a government paymaster. He was born Aug. 27, 1801, and died Nov. 12, 1878; and his wife, born May 29, 1808, died July 28, 1885, the remains of both being interred in Mount Nebo Presbyterian cemetery, in Martic township. Their children were named as follows: Harlan, Elizabeth, Hannah, Mary and Harriet, all deceased; Maris; Coleman, a baggage-master at Lebanon; Henry and Hannah (2), de-

ceased; and Emma, wife of John T. Brubaker, a contractor in Martic township.

The paternal grandparents of Maris Hoopes were Joshua and Elizabeth (Alexander) Hoopes, of Chester county, the former of whom was a miller; the maternal grandparents were Levi and Hannah (Sheldon) Harlan, also of Chester county, and farming people.

Maris Hoopes was reared on the home farm, and attended school until twenty years of age. He began his business life as a clerk in the iron works in Conestoga, held this position three years and then for four years farmed in Burlington county, N. J.; thence he returned to Pennsylvania and for three years was a clerk in the car works at Harrisburg; he next clerked in the iron works at Coatesville three years, later was manager of the ore bank at Camargo, Lancaster county, four years, and Aug. 17, 1881, came to Columbia. He began work on the railroad as a brakeman, two years later was made a flagman and two years after that was appointed to his present position of conductor.

On Nov. 30, 1865, Mr. Hoopes was married, in Philadelphia, to Maria J. Ingram, and there have been born to this marriage four children, viz: William, who died an infant; Mary E., the wife of Charles West, assistant to his father, who is superintendent of the insane asylum at Morristown, Pa.; Emma, at home; and Edward T., clerk for the Consolidated Rubber Tube works at Philadelphia.

Conductor Hoopes is a genial and accommodating gentleman and obliging railroad official; he is a Knight of Maccabees; a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics is a Republican.

SAMUEL IRWIN, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Christiana, is a self-made man, one who by his own efforts has won his way to a position of responsibility with the great Pennsylvania railroad system.

Samuel Irwin was born in County Derry, Ireland, Nov. 9, 1833, son of John and Martha (Fleming) Irwin, farming people of County Derry, where their whole lives were passed, the father dying in 1867, in his ninety-third year. The mother passed away before her son left home, in 1848, at the age of sixty years. Of his grandparents Samuel Irwin only recalls that his paternal grandfather fell a victim of smallpox. The children born to John Irwin and wife were: William, James and John, who died in Ireland; Nancy J., who (first) married Thomas Culverson, and (second) William Hutton, and died in Philadelphia; Mary (deceased), who married Alexander Hutton; Martha, who married Joseph Irwin (no relation); and Samuel.

Samuel Irwin came from his native country to America in 1852, and located in Philadelphia, where he followed weaving for five years. He had also been a farmer in Ireland. Desiring to resume his old occupation, he removed to Lancaster county and

remained for eight years, on a farm in Sadsbury township, leaving there to enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, his first work being on the track. This necessitated a removal to Christiana. Soon his business ability was recognized, and he was made foreman of a track crew on the Christiana division, remaining for twenty-five years in that position, attentive to every detail of the work, and esteemed by his employers. His work included attention to signals, and so reliable was Mr. Irwin that when a serious illness attacked him he was sadly missed. Since 1895 he has had charge of the electric signals, a position of great responsibility.

Samuel Irwin was married, Feb. 4, 1854, in Philadelphia, to Matilda Seaton, and children as follows were born to this union: Martha J., who married Gus. Skillman, lives in Philadelphia, and has two children; Rachel, at home; John H., who is track foreman on the Pennsylvania railroad at Pomeroy, married Isabella Knox, and has ten children; Margaret, who married Isaac Williams, lives in Philadelphia; Samuel J. B., who married Sadie Carlin, is the shipping clerk of the Brayburn steel works; William S., who is foreman on the N. H. & H. Railroad, at West Dale, Mass., married Jean Bowland, and they have three children; Charles F., who married Amy Skillman, is a railroad foreman on the Pennsylvania line, and they have three children.

Mrs. Irwin was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, and passed away at her home Feb. 18, 1900, at the age of sixty-five years. She was buried in Atglen, Pa. She came to America when she was eighteen years old, and was a daughter of John and Matilda (McKay) Seaton, both of whom spent their days in Ireland.

The honorable positions to which Mr. Irwin has attained, and the esteem in which he is held, may be explained in one way, when it is stated that neither he nor his sons use either tobacco or drink. Their lives are hard-working and law-abiding, and all have become excellent types of American citizenship, and represent the class from which this great country has drawn her noblest and most exalted citizens.

HENRY STAUFFER MUSSER, late of the firm of Musser & Miller, lumbermen and manufacturers in East Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born in the present family home, July 16, 1820, son of Jacob and Martha (Stauffer) Musser, natives of the same township. Jacob Musser, who was a farmer by calling, died in December, 1831, when thirty-two years of age. He was the father of six children, viz: Henry S.; Anna, deceased wife of Rev. H. N. Graybill, a Dunkard preacher, and a farmer; Elizabeth, who died young; Martha, wife of Lewis Lindermouth, of Marietta; Jacob, who also died young; and Abraham, who is living in retirement in Marietta. Mrs. Martha Musser, who was born Aug. 13, 1802, married for

her second husband John Miller, a farmer, and to this union were born four children, viz: John; Joseph, the junior member of the firm of Musser & Miller; Isaiah, deceased; and Sarah, wife of John Conley, a retired banker of Lancaster. John Miller, the stepfather of Henry S. Musser, did quite an extensive business as a lumber manufacturer in addition to farming, and operated the mill, afterward owned by Musser & Miller, until his death in 1867, at the age of sixty-one years. Mrs. Martha (Musser) Miller survived until 1885.

Henry Stauffer Musser lived on the home farm until the death of his father, when he went to West Hempfield township, and for five years lived on the farm of an uncle, Rev. Hostetter, a Dunkard minister. He then returned to his mother, who by this time had remarried, and he lived in the old homestead again until he had reached his majority (1841), when he was awarded his share of his father's estate, which he invested in connection with his stepfather in the lumber business. In 1863 he was joined by Mr. Miller in the business in which he continued to prosper up to his death, which occurred Jan. 17, 1901, when he was aged eighty years, six months and one day.

Mr. Musser was married in July, 1847, in East Donegal township, to Miss Anna M. Greisinger, and six children crowned this union, viz: Elizabeth, wife of Charles Johnson, of Philadelphia; Stephen, who married Mary Sellers, and is now deceased; Frank, who was killed in December, 1867, when he was thirteen years of age, by a pile of lumber falling upon him in his father's yard; Ada, married to Dr. John J. Steiner, of Jefferson county, Pa.; Stanton, of Columbia, married to May Grier; and Lincoln, member of the Johnson & Musser Seed Company, who married Emma Pomeroy. Mrs. Anna M. (Greisinger) Musser was born Oct. 3, 1828, in Rapho township, near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, daughter of Jacob and Anna M. (Lindersmith) Greisinger, of East Hempfield township and Mt. Joy, respectively. Jacob Greisinger was a coachmaker by trade and also followed farming, but lived retired for several years prior to his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-five years, in 1868; his widow survived until 1873, dying at the age of eighty. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and their remains were buried in the Florin cemetery. They were the parents of four children, viz.: Barbara, widow of Christopher Sherick, of Mt. Joy; Stephen, a farmer of Rapho township; Anna M., Mrs. Musser, and Sarah M., deceased wife of Henry Gish. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Musser were Stephen and Mary (Brubaker) Greisinger, the former of whom was a farmer near Landisville.

Henry S. Musser, in addition to his lumber business, owned considerable land, which he laid out in town lots, besides other valuable property in close proximity to Marietta borough. He was a director in the First National Bank of Marietta,

and also in the Marietta Turnpike Company. He was very well preserved for his years, and very seldom had occasion to use spectacles. In politics he was a Republican, and for six years served as county prison inspector. In religion he was a Dunkard, and bore an unblemished reputation for integrity, in both private and business life.

AMOS GROFF. This prominent citizen of Columbia and honored veteran of the Civil war, was born in the town where he now resides, March 18, 1843. He is a descendant of Hans Groff, who, with his family, was among the early settlers of Lancaster county, his home being in what is now known as Groffdale.

The paternal grandfather of Amos Groff bore the Christian name of Joseph, and his third wife, the grandmother of Amos, was Mary Whitestick. He resided in Martic (now Providence) township, and both he and she died on the old homestead. His son Benjamin, the father of Amos, was born in Providence township in 1816. He became the husband of Elizabeth Lefevre (born in 1820), and was the father of two sons, Daniel and Amos, the elder of whom died in 1861. He was a Mennonite, while his wife was a member of the M. E. Church. He was a farmer, and died in 1872, at the age of fifty-six. After his death his widow married a Mr. McCollister. She is still living, in Jay county, Indiana. To this union there were born three children.

Amos Groff was reared upon his father's farm, and in 1863, being then twenty years old, enlisted for nine months in Co. I, 20th Pa. Cav. He participated in many important engagements, among them the hotly contested battles of Strasburg, Winchester and Gettysburg. He was mustered out April 6, 1864, at Gettysburg, having passed his period of services without receiving a wound. He still cherishes the memories of the bivouac, the march and the field, and the better to keep alive old comradeship has connected himself with Post Relief, of the G. A. R. After receiving his discharge from the army, Mr. Groff returned home, and within a few years purchased a small farm in Providence, which he cultivated and where he continued to reside until he was thirty-two years old. The life, however, was too lacking in incident and excitement to prove attractive to him, and in 1875 he came to Columbia, to enter the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He is still in the service of that corporation, having passed his first fifteen years as brakeman and flagman, after which he was made a conductor. This post he yet fills.

Mr. Groff has a wide circle of friends, by whom he is much beloved for his urbanity of manner, his geniality of disposition and his generosity of heart. His years rest lightly upon him, and his clear, well disciplined mind and strong physical frame are ever alert and active. His political creed is that of the Republican party; in religious profession he is a member of the Church of God.

In 1866 at Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Groff was united in marriage to Miss Anna Huber, by whom he has been the father of eleven children, whose baptismal names are as follows: Benjamin F., Harry E., Amos H., Frances E., Anna M., Emma F., Elam J., Charles W., Christian A., Nellie S. and William M. Of these Benjamin and Charles are deceased; Anna, Emma, Nellie and William are unmarried and live at home; Harry E., a machinist, married Alice Hershey, and lives in Columbia; Amos H. and Christian A. also reside in their native town, and are yet single; Frances E. is the wife of George E. Haymaker, and Elam J. married a Miss Hershey. Both the latter also have homes in Columbia.

A brief account of Mrs. Groff's family history is of interest in this connection. She was born in Strasburg township, Nov. 13, 1844, and is a granddaughter of Christian and Anna (Shaub) Huber, who lived and died in that township. Her father was named Henry S., and her mother before marriage was Fanny Barr, of Eden township. Both professed the Mennonite faith. He was a farmer and died in April, 1881, at the age of sixty-six. Mrs. Groff is one of a family of six children: Christian, Anna, Elam, Susan, Christian (2) and Fanny. The eldest and youngest died in early childhood; Elam, is a shoemaker of Providence; Susan is the wife of Jacob Brison, of Columbia; Christian (2) is a farmer, and lives on the old homestead. Mrs. Groff's mother died in 1857, having passed the fortieth milestone in life's journey. Subsequently her father married a sister, Anna Barr. Of this union was born one daughter, Mary E., who has died.

GEORGE B. GRUBE, the proprietor of the hotel at Neffsville, was born in that interesting and prosperous Lancaster county village April 15, 1843, a son of Christian S. and Susan (Boyd) Grube, his father being a native of Manheim township, and a son of George Grube, of the same township.

Christian S. Grube was born on a farm about a mile northwest of Lancaster, in 1819, and died in 1897. The most of his life he was in the cattle business, beginning as a butcher in Neffsville, and later taking up the work of a drover. His business was largely of a commission character, buying and shipping to the Philadelphia markets. For many years he was associated with Adam Deitrich, who bought cattle in the West, and Mr. Grube cared for them in the Philadelphia markets. For some years they were associated, and after the withdrawal of his partner, Mr. Grube continued alone until his retirement, some years later. His home was in Philadelphia. A man of generous impulses, though he was shrewd and keen, yet his open heartedness proved his downfall in business. Three times he was married, his first wife only bearing him children. She was Miss Susan Boyd, and died about 1857, being the mother of eight children: Matilda, deceased wife of Edward Blickenderfer, of Lancaster City; Mary, the wife of Amos Shaub, of Lancaster; George B.;

William B., of Dayton, Ohio; Emma, the wife of Clifford Smith, of Columbia, Lancaster county; Samuel B. of Canton, Ohio; Jacob, deceased; Sally, the wife of John Kunkle, of Philadelphia.

George B. Grube was reared with an intimate knowledge of the cattle business, and while still a very young man embarked in business as a butcher in Neffsville, with a capital of muscle, nerve and a good reputation. Prospered in this, he followed the business for twelve years, when he took charge of the hotel at Roseville, at the same time carrying on his butcher business for seven years longer. At the end of that time he moved to a farm of thirty acres which he had purchased in Roseville. There he put up new buildings, and greatly improved the place. At the end of six years he sold this place and returned to Neffsville, spending a year looking for an opportunity for a good business investment, stopping at the hotel meanwhile. Mr. Grube bought the hotel at Roseville, and carried it on for three years, when he sold it, and lived a private life for a year at Neffsville. At the end of the year he bought the hotel at Neffsville, and since 1885 has been its owner and proprietor. Under his able management it has become one of the noted hotels of the inland towns of the county. His genial character, uniform courtesy and upright spirit have brought him many friends.

Mr. Grube has not been willing to confine himself to his hotel business alone, and has dealt largely in real estate in and about the village. The old Judge Lang farm, of ninety-seven acres, belongs to him, and here he is making many improvements. A bright and progressive man, he is awake to the demands of modern life. His business management and sound judgment have brought him from the conditions of comparative penury to wealth and affluence.

Mr. Grube was married in 1868 to Clara E., a daughter of Peter Albert. She was born in Lancaster, and has become the mother of one child, Harry A., born in Roseville, in December, 1883. He is in the Millersville State Normal School.

WILLIAM H. LUCAS, general manager and a director of the Triumph Steam Laundry, the Triumph Embroidery Co. and the Triumph Shirt Co., three industries under one roof, is one of the most progressive citizens of Columbia, and one of the chief stockholders in these enterprises, the other officers being: William B. Given, director; F. S. Given, president and treasurer of the Embroidery Company; F. A. Bennett, president and director of the Shirt Company; C. E. Graybill, secretary; and E. C. Shannon, director.

The birth of Mr. Lucas was at Mount Holly, N. J., Oct. 18, 1850, a son of Miles and Phebe (Shinn) Lucas, the former of England and the latter of New Jersey. In 1824, when but eighteen years of age, Miles Lucas came to America and settled in Pointville, N. J., where he engaged in farming, at which he continued until his death, in 1853.

His widow still survives and now resides with her daughter in Camden, N. J.; the date of her birth was April 14, 1813. Both she and husband were long members of the Presbyterian Church. They reared these children: Robert, who is a foreman in a factory in Florence, N. J.; Elizabeth, who married George T. Newell, a carpenter and builder, of Woodbury, N. J.; John, who was colonel of the 1st N. J. Cav. during the Civil war and was killed at the battle of Sulphur Springs, an officer of distinguished bravery; Miles, who died in 1900; George, a well-known manufacturer of hard wood fixtures in Philadelphia; Ellen, who married Rev. Mason, a prominent Methodist minister, of Camden, N. J.; and William H., of this biography.

William H. Lucas was reared on a farm until the age of nineteen and then went to serve an apprenticeship as a pattern maker in Smithville, N. J., where he remained three years, becoming expert in the business. Then he went to Philadelphia, where he engaged in shirt cutting for J. B. Atkinson for the next three years, going from there into the employ of Allen S. Sternberger for the succeeding four years. Making a change in his business, he took charge of the Troy laundry for two years, and then returned to shirt cutting at Brighton, N. J., remaining until 1889, when he came to Columbia to take charge of the business here, of which he was one of the organizers. Four months after the establishment of the Columbia Laundry Company, as it was first named, he became the general superintendent; in 1897 the Embroidery Company commenced the successful manufacture of the finest Irish Point embroideries, it being the only factory of its kind in Lancaster county. Mr. Lucas also established the Columbia Embroidery Company in Wrightsville and was a director, but resigned his connection there when he took charge of the present plant. Mr. Lucas employs a force of 350 people in the embroidery business, fifty-five in the laundry and sixty in the shirt department, the latter industry turning out about 300 dozen shirts per week.

Mr. Lucas was married Oct. 21, 1875, in Philadelphia, to Clara S. Radcliff, and to this union two children were born: Clara, who married Capt. Edward C. Shannon, the manager of the Chickie Iron Furnaces, and resides in Columbia; and William W., who died Jan. 4, 1887, aged five and one-half years. Mrs. Lucas was born in Montgomery county, Pa., a daughter of Edward H. and Mary (Rhodes) Radcliff, of Bucks county, both of whom died in Philadelphia. Mr. Radcliff was a retired farmer, surveyor and conveyancer, a man of ample means, who survived until 1900, dying at the age of seventy-four, the mother of Mrs. Lucas having passed away in March, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven; they were connected with the religious body of Quakers on the one side and the Presbyterian Church on the other. Their children were: Winfield S., who is manager of the railroad station at Maywood, Chicago, Ill.; Leslie C., who died young;

Clara, who is Mrs. Lucas; Edward, who is in Alaska; Harry C., a carriage manufacturer and decorator, of Philadelphia; and Gertrude V., who married Eugene E. Rouch, a civil engineer. The paternal grandfather was Robert Radcliff, the family coming originally from England.

The success of the embroidery factory at this place is a tribute to the energy of Mr. Lucas, and a very profitable investment, turning out all classes of goods, from the finest to the less expensive. Both he and his wife are connected with the Methodist Church, where he is liberal and charitable. He is a valued member of the Artisans organization. Mr. Lucas has done much in an industrial way for his locality and is one of the most substantial and reliable as well as progressive and energetic citizens of Columbia.

LEVI W. NISSLY, a farmer, owner of a feed mill, and manager of the branch of the Reist, Nissly & Co.'s Creamery, located in Rapho township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, March 7, 1847, son of Henry H. and Jane (Wolgemuth) Nissly, of Mt. Joy township. The father died in Florin, Pa., Dec. 20, 1890, at the age of sixty-six years, and is buried in Kraybill's Meeting House cemetery, East Donegal. His wife still lives in Rapho township, near Union Square, with her son, Amos W. Nissly.

Mr. Nissly retired from business four years before his demise. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. They had children as follows: Levi W.; Isaac W., deceased; Amos W., a farmer of Rapho township; Henry W. and Lizzie W., both deceased; and Anna W., wife of Jacob Spangler, of Cornwall township, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

Levi W. Nissly has been twice married. He first married Anna E. Good, of Lancaster, Sept. 29, 1870, and the following children were born of this union: Israel G., a farmer of Rapho township, who married Susan Snively and is the father of two children, Rufus and Ada; Amanda G., deceased wife of B. G. Shelley; Henry G., who is employed in the creamery, married to Miss Katie Frye, with one child, Stella; Jennie G., who lives with her parents. Mrs. Anna E. (Good) Nissly, who was born in Conoy township, Sept. 19, 1845, died Aug. 13, 1881, and is buried in Erisman's Meeting House cemetery. She was a daughter of Joseph and Barbara Good, farming people of Conoy township.

On April 20, 1884, Mr. Nissly married for his second wife Miss Kate S. Bradley, who was born April 23, 1850, in Rapho township, and is a sister of John S. Bradley, a well-known citizen of the county. Mrs. Nissly's grandfather was Hughes Bradley, of Ireland; the grandmother came from England. One child was born to our subject's second marriage, Hettie B., who is at home.

Levi W. Nissly lived with his parents until 1868, and served an apprenticeship to the miller's trade,

a part of the time in Conawanga township, Lebanon county, where he remained for a year and a half. He then went to Mt. Joy and worked in a steam mill six months, after which he spent one year in East Donegal township. He then married and went to housekeeping, and continued at the milling business. In 1884 he went on his present farm, the mill upon which was built in 1871 by S. H. Snively. Mr. Nissly purchased the same and has done very well with it. In 1890 Mr. Nissly was appointed census enumerator for his district, and did the work to the entire satisfaction of the authorities. Both he and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church, and politically Mr. Nissly is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party. He is well thought of in his community, and is an energetic, progressive man, fully alive to all matters pertaining to the good of his locality.

JOHN FORREY, now a retired farmer in Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born on a farm in Manor township, which is now owned by his brother Isaac, April 3, 1816, a son of Daniel and Catherine (Kauffman) Forrey, whose entire married life was spent on the farm to which reference has just been made. The father died in 1862, at the age of sixty-four years; the mother died in 1870, at seventy-four. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, and were buried on the old homestead in a private cemetery. These were their children: Isaac, unmarried and living on the old homestead; Fanny, married to Christ. Charles, a retired farmer in Manor township; Maria, the widow of Jacob Stauffer, living in Manor township; Lizzie, deceased wife of Christ. Schuman; Kate, married to Christ. Rohrer, a farmer in Manor township. John is the oldest child of his parents.

John Forrey was married Jan. 13, 1853, in Lancaster, Pa., by the Rev. Strine, to Mary Newcomer. To this union were born: Christ N., of East Donegal township, married to Mary Charles, by whom he had the following children—Abraham, deceased, Christ, Bertha, Charles, Mary, John and Hannah; Daniel N., a farmer in Rapho township; Catherine N., the wife of Ezra Hostetter, of West Hempfield township, and the mother of one child, Minnie; Lizzie N., married to Jacob Snyder, now a retired farmer at Mt. Joy, Pa.; Amos N.; Anna N., who married Harry Buckwalder, a farmer of Warwick township, and has a family consisting of Bertha, Clayton, Emma and Forrey; Mary, who married Eli Garbey, in a creamery business at Lititz, and is the mother of John F., Ella M., Clarence, who is dead, Elizabeth G. and Mary B.; Emma N., who married John Minnich, a farmer of West Hempfield township, and is the mother of three children, Mary, Forrey and Esther; Isaac N., a farmer in East Donegal township, married to Martha Engle; Harry N., married to Lizzie Keller, and engaged in a creamery in York county, Pa.; they have one child, Margaret.

Mrs. Mary (Newcomer) Forrey was born in Rapho township, April 24, 1832, a daughter of Christ and Elizabeth (Nissley) Newcomer. Her mother was born in Rapho township, and her father in Manor township. Both died in Rapho township. For about six years prior to his death her father lived retired. He died in 1883, at the age of seventy-three years; her mother passed away in 1886, at the age of seventy-five. They were buried in Rapho township. Their remains rest in a private cemetery on the old Nissley homestead. For many years the father served as a deacon of the Mennonite Church, of which both were devoted members. These were their children: Anna, late wife of Peter Stauffer; Mary, Mrs. Forrey; Barbara, deceased wife of Christ. Hostetter; Jacob, a retired farmer in Salunga, Pa.; Lizzie, married to Jacob Stauffer, now a retired farmer at Mt. Joy, Pa.; Kate, married to Joseph Kraybill, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Christian, a retired farmer of Rapho township.

John Forrey remained with his parents until 1845, when he established himself on his present farm, where for some time he lived alone. For some years he served as auditor of the township, and for nearly thirty years was a director of the First National Bank at Columbia, a position he resigned in 1897. With his family he has been long associated with the Mennonite Church. He is a Republican in his political belief. Success has attended his various business ventures, and he is now quite wealthy, a result of long continued industry, thrift and wise management.

AMOS N. FORREY, who has the old homestead in charge, was born there June 24, 1862, and spent his youth and early manhood under the parental roof. In Lancaster, Oct. 15, 1890, he was married to Susan Brubaker, by whom he has the following children: Lizzie W., Mary W. and Susan.

Mrs. Susan (Brubaker) Forrey was born in Warwick township, Aug. 22, 1884, a daughter of John B. and Elizabeth (Weidler) Brubaker, of Warwick and Manheim townships, respectively. Her father has his home in Manheim township, where he has lived retired for the past six years. He was born Dec. 5, 1827. He lost his wife in August, 1897, at the age of sixty-two years; she died in the home of Mrs. Susan Forrey while on a visit, and was buried in Landis Valley. Both were life-long members of the Mennonite Church. These were their children: Weidler, deceased; Thadeus, a farmer in Manheim township; Susan, Mrs. Forrey; Samuel, a farmer in Manheim township; John, a farmer in Warwick township; Elizabeth, deceased; Elmer, unmarried, and living in Manheim township.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Susan Forrey was Joseph Brubaker, a farmer of Lancaster county, who married a Miss Bucher. Her maternal grandparents were George and Fanny (Landis) Weidler, also of Lancaster county.

Amos N. Forrey has spent his life on the farm he now has under cultivation, where he began a

career for himself in 1892 which reflects much credit upon his push and energy as well as upon his character and manifest integrity. In political matters he is a Republican. He and his family belong to the Mennonite Church, whose good name suffers no discredit at his hands.

SAMUEL M. STILLINGER. The entire life of this prominent citizen of Lancaster county has been passed upon the farm in West Hempfield township where he was born, more than a half century ago. He was an only child and remained at the old home until his marriage, and then began housekeeping in a home erected on the same farm.

Samuel Stillinger, the grandfather, was born in Chester county, and in his youth acquired the carpenter trade. While yet a young unmarried man, nearly a century ago, he came to Lancaster county and located. There he married Miss Mary Spear, a native of that county, and to them were born a family of six children, namely: Elizabeth, deceased wife of James Brennan; John, deceased, father of Samuel M.; Mary, who died in early life; Ann, of Mountville; Joseph, of Millersville; and Susan, wife of John Dowhower, of Columbia. The grandfather died in 1826 at the early age of thirty-eight years and his wife survived until 1833, passing away at the age of forty-two years.

John Stillinger was born about 1816. He was reared on the farm and became a prominent and highly respected citizen of Lancaster county. He married Miss Mary Metzgar, daughter of Andrew Metzgar, a leading farmer of Lancaster county who was for many years a justice of the peace and who died in 1860, comparatively young in years. John Stillinger served as supervisor of West Hempfield township where he followed farming successfully until his death, which occurred April 11, 1881, at the age of sixty-five years. His faithful and devoted helpmeet survived him just one week, passing away April 18, 1881, also aged sixty-five years. They were a model couple in the community in which they lived, upright and industrious.

Samuel M., the only child, was born in West Hempfield township, December 2, 1850, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage at Lancaster in November, 1873, to Miss Anna Dellinger. She was born in East Hempfield township, March 10, 1852, the daughter of Jacob and Anna (Mumma) Dellinger, and the granddaughter of Mathias and Anna (Lutman) Dellinger and of John and Anna (Newcomer) Mumma, two prominent pioneer Lancaster county families. Jacob Dellinger, the father of Mrs. Stillinger, was born in 1822. He acquired the trade of tailor, which he followed for many years. He was also the owner of a large farm. He was an influential citizen of the township and held many of the local offices, including that of tax collector. He and his wife were devout and consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church. Jacob Dellinger died in East Hempfield township in June,

1897, aged seventy-five years, and was buried at Landisville. His widow, who was born in 1828, still survives on the old homestead. Three children were born to Jacob and Anna Dellinger: Amanda, wife of John S. Swar, a farmer, residing near Landisville; Anna, wife of Samuel M. Stillinger; and Elizabeth, widow of Andrew Hershey, who now resides in East Hempfield township with her mother.

To Samuel and Anna Stillinger have been born four children, of whom one, Jacob, is deceased. The three surviving children, Harry, Ida and John, reside at home; John is employed in the silk mill at Columbia. The married life of Samuel M. and Anna Stillinger began on the farm of his father and there they have since remained, assuming entire charge of the property eight years later, when his parents died, and conducting the farm most successfully during the past twenty years or more. Mr. Stillinger is one of the progressive and leading farmers of the township. He and his family are active members of the Lutheran Congregation, the church lot and cemetery of which were a part of the old Stillinger farm, conveyed by him to the congregation. In politics Mr. Stillinger is a Republican. He was one of the organizers of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, No. 207, of Mountville, and is now one of its active and influential members. In local and political affairs he is patriotic and public-spirited, his excellent business judgment not only advancing his own interests but being freely enlisted for the general welfare of the community in which for so many years he has been the representative of the best type of citizenship.

ELAM REEL, a farmer in Salisbury township and postmaster of Cambridge, was born in Salisbury township, Aug. 30, 1832.

Mr. Reel attended the district schools during his youth and remained with his parents until his marriage, following which he entered into a partnership with his brother-in-law, George Emrey, in the butchering business. For twenty-one years Mr. Reel was known in that line of business in his neighborhood, removing then to his small farm of nine acres, which he has since operated. He owns other property in the locality and is one of the highly respected as well as substantial residents. Mr. Reel is a Republican and in 1895 was appointed postmaster and has very satisfactorily filled that honorable office ever since. He has also served as school director. In religious matters he is a member of the M. E. Church, to which he gives a liberal support.

Mr. Reel was one of the loyal citizens who rallied to the support of the State in 1893, enlisting then in Co. C, 47th P. V. I., for the ninety-day service. When the regiment reached Hagerstown, it was recalled to Pottsville, Pa., to assist in keeping order as the draft was then in progress. It was then sent to Reading and there was finally discharged.

In November, 1863, Mr. Reel was married in Cambridge to Miss Sarah G. Emrey. No children were born to this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Reel

adopted a little one at the age of thirteen months, who was given their kind and tender care and has grown to manhood, reflecting credit upon them. His name is Charles McConnell Reel, born March 23, 1877, and as a skilled electrician he is engaged in business in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Sarah G. (Emrey) Reel was born in Honeybrook township, Chester county, in February, 1832, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Irwin) Emrey, farming people of Chester county, where the former died in 1882, at the age of eighty-five years, and the latter in 1885, at the age of eighty-four. They were buried in Honeybrook, members of the M. E. Church. Their children were: John, who died in 1898; Mary A., residing in Honeybrook, widow of John F. Irwin; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Cyrus Eagle; Catherine M., married to Joseph Martin, of Honeybrook; Rebecca, deceased wife of Edward Eshleman; Sarah G., Mrs. Reel; Keziah, who died unmarried, at the age of sixty-three; and George, who is in the creamery business in Honeybrook township.

Mr. and Mrs. Reel are highly respected residents of Salisbury township and are noted for their charities and the many estimable qualities which endear them to their neighbors.

JOSEPH E. MILLER. Throughout his entire business career Joseph E. Miller has been identified with the railroad interests of Pennsylvania, and is to-day a trusted employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His home is in Columbia. He entered the service of the road as brakeman at the age of twenty-two, and after holding that position for five years, became a fireman, serving as such for eleven years and nine months, at the end of which time he was promoted to his present position that of engineer.

A native of Lancaster county, Mr. Miller was born in Providence township, Sept. 11, 1856, and is a son of James and Mary Jane (Steele) Miller, natives of the same county. The father, a painter by trade, moved to Chester county, Pa., in 1880, and there died in 1893, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and highly respected by all who knew him. The mother, who was born in 1840, is now a resident of Drumore township, Lancaster county. Joseph E. is the only child of this worthy couple. The paternal grandparents were old residents of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were James A. and Martha (Cresswell) Steele, of Chester county.

Mr. Miller grew to manhood upon a farm, and was married in Lancaster county, Sept. 2, 1874, to Miss Abbie A. Steele, by whom he has two children, Benjamin F., a railroad brakeman, and Goldie M., both at home. Mrs. Miller was born in Drumore township, Lancaster county, March 17, 1854, a daughter of William J. and Hettie Ann (Herr) Steele, natives of Drumore and Strasburg townships, respectively. Her mother, a consistent mem-

ber of the M. E. Church, died in July, 1890, at the age of sixty years. Her father, who was born in April, 1829, is now living a retired life in Lampeter township, Lancaster county, having in early life successfully engaged in agricultural pursuits. His parents, John and Theodosia (Morrison) Steele, were also farming people of this county, and here Mrs. Miller's maternal grandparents, Christian and Esther (Whitestick) Herr, also made their home. Mrs. Miller is the second in order of birth in a family of eleven children, the others being John A., a farmer of Providence township; Benjamin O., a resident of Marietta; Elmer J., of Lancaster; Theodosia T., wife of G. W. Sutter, of Philadelphia; E. Irene, wife of David Stark, of the same city; W. Frank, a farmer of Lampeter township, Lancaster county; Jennie L. and Cassius H., both residents of Philadelphia; George M., deceased; and Charles M., also a resident of Philadelphia.

Mr. Miller is an intelligent, well-informed man who keeps thoroughly posted on the questions and issues of the day, and by his ballot supports the men and measures of the Democratic party. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and in his fraternal relations is connected with the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen.

JOHN H. HOOK. Among the railroad men of Columbia, Pa., John H. Hook holds a prominent place. He was born in that city, Aug. 6, 1856, a son of Charles A. and Mary A. (Burke) Hook, both natives of Lancaster, Pa., the former born in November, 1825, the latter, April 23, 1835.

The paternal grandparents, Anthony and Elizabeth Hook, were born in Germany, and on their immigration to America located in Lancaster, Pa., where the grandfather followed the wheelwright's trade throughout the remainder of his life. The maternal grandparents, Michael and Mary (Ryan) Burke, were natives of Ireland and early settlers of Lancaster county, Pa. By occupation Mr. Burke was a farmer.

Charles A. Hook took up his father's business and continued to work at the wheelwright's trade throughout life. He died in Columbia, in November, 1888, but his wife is still living and continues to make her home in that city. In politics he was a Republican, and he efficiently filled the offices of high constable and market master. In his family were seven children, viz: Mary E., wife of John A. Burges, a weaver of Philadelphia; John H.; Frank and Ella, both deceased; Michael, a resident of Columbia; Margaret, wife of Obediah Hoover, a brakeman of Columbia; and Daniel A., also a brakeman of that place.

Throughout his entire life John H. Hook has made his home in Columbia. At the age of nine years he commenced his business career as an employee in a brickyard, where he worked through the summer months for four years and attended school during the winters. The following year he

was employed in a planing mill, and subsequently clerked in the store of Frederick Bucher until May 18, 1876, when he accepted a position as brakeman with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, serving as such for seven years. Later he was flagman and extra conductor until July, 1891, when he was made regular conductor, and has since efficiently filled that position, his services giving the utmost satisfaction to the company. He is an active member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Relief Department and the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a staunch supporter of the Republican party. In religious belief Mr. Hook is a Methodist.

In Columbia, Oct. 19, 1876, Mr. Hook was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Strohm, and by this union three children have been born, namely: Jennie B., a music teacher; Clara H., a school teacher; and John H., Jr., a mechanic, all at home. The family is one of prominence in the community where they reside, and they have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Hook was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, May 21, 1860, a daughter of Daniel H. and Mary A. (Hipple) Strohm, of that place, where the father died in 1863, at the age of thirty-five years. He was considered an expert river pilot and was also a cooper by trade. Religiously he was a member of the M. E. Church, to which Mrs. Hook's mother also belongs. The latter was born Oct. 21, 1837, and has been married three times, her first husband being Mr. Strohm, by whom she had three children: Sarah, who married John W. Sohn and died in February, 1900; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Hook; and George, a stone-mason of Marietta. Her second husband was Samuel Noll and to them was born a daughter, Anna M., who married Charles Bennett and died in 1896. She is now the wife of Aaron R. Lutz and still a resident of Marietta. Her parents, Lawrence and Elizabeth (Reinhart) Hipple, were farming people and lifelong residents of Marietta.

ADAM BAHN, contractor and builder at Marietta, and ex-soldier, was born in Hellam township, York county, Pa., Sept. 26, 1843. Henry Bahn, father of Adam was also a native of York county and by vocation was a farmer. He married Miss Maria Gibson, likewise of York county, and to this union there were born seven children, in the following order: Morgan, who died in Columbia, Pa.; Mary, wife of George Ressinger, of York county; Adam; Anna, widow of Christ Hanlon, of Harrisburg; John, a grocer in Columbia; Alice, married and living in Syracuse, N. Y.; and Henry, a carpenter in Philadelphia. The father of this family died in 1852, at the age of thirty-five years, in the faith of the Lutheran Church; the mother, who was born in 1818, now lives in Harrisburg and is a member of the same religious denomination.

Adam Bahn (who was named for his grandfa-

ther, Adam Bahn, of York county) remained on the home farm until nine years of age, when he lost his father. He then came to Marietta township and continued farming six years as a hired hand, and then went to Rohrerstown, this county, and began learning his present trade, which he followed until 1863. At that time he enlisted at Philadelphia in Co. F, 186th P. V. I., under Capt. Charles F. McGuire, with whom he served thirteen months, when he was honorably discharged in the city of his enlistment, the war having been brought to a close.

After his discharge from the army, Mr. Bahn worked at his trade in Philadelphia until 1875, when he came to Marietta and established himself as a contractor and builder, in which line he has prospered, and in which he has achieved a fine reputation. Among the many structures he has erected there may be mentioned the market-house, the First National Bank, Hon. H. B. Cassell's mansion, the Presbyterian Chapel, the elegant home of S. H. Birch, cashier of the First National Bank, the Times building, the "Cross Keys Hotel" and many dwellings for the leading citizens of Marietta.

The marriage of Mr. Bahn took place in Marietta in 1867 to Miss Clara Smyser, who was born in York, Pa., 1846, and is a daughter of John Smyser; no children have been born to this marriage.

John Smyser, father of Mrs. Clara Bahn, is a retired farmer at Marietta. He was born in York county, Pa., Jan. 22, 1819, and is a son of Peter and Sarah (Isenhardt) Smyser, also of York county. Peter Smyser was a miller and farmer and died in 1860, when eighty-six years old; his wife died in 1866, at the age of eighty years, and both were members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of the following named children: George, Sarah, and Ella (Mrs. George Koch), all of whom died in York county; and John. May 7, 1845, John Smyser married in Hanover, York county, Isabella Gladfelder, and to this marriage were born five children, viz.: Clara, now Mrs. Adam Bahn; Maggie, widow of Philip Klein, of Columbia; Zachariah, who married Anna Frane, but is now deceased; Mettie, deceased wife of Harry Childs, of Marietta; and John, married to Anna Tripple and now working at the carpenter's trade in Marietta.

Isabella (Gladfelder) Smyser was born in York county, April 7, 1826, and is a daughter of Samuel and Lizzie (Fhrman) Gladfelder. Her father died in Maytown, Lancaster county, where he resided with his daughter, in the year 1860, at the age of eighty years, and her mother died while living with a son in Columbia. The children born to Samuel and Lizzie Gladfelder were ten in number and were named in order of birth as follows: Zachariah, who died in the West; Margaret, who died a married woman; Isabella, Mrs. Smyser; Horace, a farmer in Maytown, Pa.; Lizzie, wife of John Jacobs, of Wichita, Kans.; Malinda, Mrs. Bohns, in Pennsylvania; Kate, living with Mrs. Bohns; Samuel, a hotel-keeper in Columbia; Martin, still in this state; and

Matilda, widow of Michael Libhart. Mrs. Smyser's paternal grandfather was John Gladfelder, of York county.

John Smyser farmed in York county until 1855, then came to Lancaster county and settled near Marietta, yet farmed in different places in the county until he retired to Marietta in 1875. There he has reached some prominence, and has been assessor two terms, as a Republican. He is a respected member of the M. E. Church.

Adam Bahn is also very popular as a Republican and has served his party and his fellow citizens as burgess three terms, as town councilman four terms, of three years each, and has been school director three terms. Fraternally he is a Master Mason, and socially he is respected by all who know him.

GEORGE SANDOE. One of the best known residents of Mt. Pleasant, Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., is George Sandoe, whose multifarious callings of a necessity bring him in contact with almost every inhabitant of the township, he being a farmer, a stockman and a butcher, whose business transactions reach every corner of his neighborhood, and where his visits are always welcome, pleasant, and, it may be added, not unprofitable to himself, as his genial disposition makes him friends wherever he goes.

George Sandoe was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Pa., Jan. 26, 1846, and is a son of the late Isaac and Louisa (Duchman) Sandoe, of the same township. Isaac Sandoe was a farmer by vocation, but for the latter ten years of his business life conducted a popular hotel in conjunction with his farm. His death occurred Feb. 9, 1878, when sixty-five years old, his wife having been called hence in 1865 at the age of fifty-two, and the remains of both being interred in the cemetery of the Lutheran Church at New Holland, this county. Their children were seven in number and born in the following order: Lizzie, the deceased wife of Martin Elmar; George; Franklin, a farmer in Salisbury township; Cyrus, deceased; Anna, deceased wife of Frank Mozier; Amos, a stonemason in Salisbury township; and Newton, who died in Kansas City, Mo. The paternal grandparents of these children were Jacob and Barbara (Ranck) Sandoe, of East Earl township, the former of whom was a miller at Sorrell Horse, and the maternal grandparents were George and Margaret (Schaeffer) Duchman, also of East Earl township, George having been a merchant in the village just mentioned.

George Sandoe began his business life after leaving the paternal roof by working out among the farmers in the neighborhood of his boyhood home for a few years; next, he began butchering and for ten years attended the markets at Reading and then the markets at Lancaster for twenty-eight years. His straightforward method of doing business and his pleasant disposition secured him

a large patronage in each city, while his immediate neighborhood was not neglected. He finally relinquished the meat business as his chief vocation and settled down to farming, although he continues to buy and sell cattle and incidentally does some butchering.

George Sandoe was joined in marriage Sept. 6, 1866, in Hinkleton, Lancaster county, with Miss Lizzie Franckhouser, who has borne him eight children, namely: Harry, who died young; Ella F., who is the wife of Newton Palmer, a stone mason in Salisbury township, and has two children; I. Roland, a farmer in Salisbury township and married to Lizzie Caffery, who has borne him two children: Cyrus, a resident of Philadelphia; Emma, who died young; Shaffer, merchant and postmaster at Vinola, Lancaster county; George N., at Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa., and married to Susie Caffery, who has borne him two children; and Jason B., who has married Viola Caffery, who bore him one child, now deceased.

Mrs. Lizzie (Franckhouser) Sandoe was born in East Earl township, in June, 1840, to the late John and Eliza (King) Franckhouser, farming people, formerly of Brecknock township, the former of whom passed away in 1846 at the early age of twenty-eight years while the latter survived until sixty-two years old, dying in 1871, both in the faith of the United Brethren Church. They were buried in Center Church and Rauck's Church cemeteries, respectively. They left three children only, viz.: Ella, wife of Jacob Seldomridge, a farmer in Earl township; Lizzie, now Mrs. Sandoe; and William, a carpenter and contractor in California. To a second marriage of the mother of Mrs. Lizzie Sandoe, to William Stunkard, was born one son, Enos, a farmer in East Earl township.

George Sandoe is in politics a Republican and is one of the most popular men in the county, and as far as the township of Salisbury is concerned, were he inclined to seek office, might have his choice of any within the gift of his constituency. He is a sincere Christian and a faithful member of St. Peter's Church, to the support of which he is a constant and liberal contributor.

CHARLES PENROSE HIPPLE, the heaviest dealer in groceries in Marietta, Pa., was born in that borough, Sept. 30, 1858, and is a son of George H. and Henrietta A. (Reisinger) Hipple, also natives of Marietta, but married in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 4, 1857.

George H. Hipple was a shoemaker by trade, but later farmed in East Donegal township for twenty-five years, beginning when forty-three years old, and also clerked in his son's grocery store the last thirteen years of his business life. He died at his home, next door to that of his son, Charles, Feb. 14, 1900, when seventy-seven years old; his widow, who was born in 1841, still occupies the old home. They were the parents of seven children, born in

the following order: Charles Penrose; Olivia B., wife of James Curran, butcher; Samuel C., James M. and Victoria B., deceased; Annie G., and Jennie M., living with their mother. The paternal grandparents of Charles Penrose Hipple were Samuel and Anna (Reinhart) Hipple, natives respectively of Chester county and Marietta, Pa. Samuel Hipple located in Marietta in 1820, was a farmer and lumberman and a gentleman of considerable promise, having served as chief burgess of the borough; but he passed his later years in quiet retirement. Both he and his wife passed their declining years in Marietta.

Mrs. Henrietta (Reisinger) Hipple, mother of Charles Penrose, is a daughter of Isaac and Jane (Miller) Reisinger, of Carlisle, Pa., where they were married; soon afterward they came to Marietta, where Mr. Reisinger conducted a general store until about 1875, when he retired; he passed away in 1878, when seventy-nine years old. He also served several years as tax-collector and was always regarded as a public-spirited and useful citizen. His wife had passed away in 1872, at the age of seventy-four years, and the remains of both were interred in the Marietta cemetery. They were the parents of five children, viz.: Mary J., who was married to William McCain; Elizabeth, wife of James Donecho, a machinist; Henrietta, mother of Mr. Hipple; Sarah A., wife of John F. Rote, proprietor of a restaurant in Reading, Pa.; and Isaac, associated with Mr. Rote in his business. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hipple was Adam Reisinger, a very prominent citizen of Carlisle. Her maternal grandparents, Eli and Sarah Ann (Thompson) Miller, were natives of Germany and England respectively, the former being by vocation a farmer, and the lives of both ended in Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Charles Penrose Hipple passed his boyhood days on the home farm from the age of six years until sixteen, and then for eight months attended the Reading Business College. He was employed, just after graduation, as bookkeeper in the Chickies rolling-mill, under Baker & Reinhold, with whom he remained four years, when the firm suspended business; Mr. Hipple then went to Reading and was employed a few months as bookkeeper in Hoff & Bros. hardware store, next returned to Chickies, and for two years clerked in George Mable's grocery store. He then came to Marietta and in November, 1886, entered upon his present prosperous career as a grocer.

Mr. Hipple was joined in marriage at Reading, June 6, 1882, to Miss Clara J. Garst, who has borne him two children, Pearl G. and Crystal B. Mrs. Clara J. Hipple was born in Reading, Pa., and is a daughter of George W. and Mary (Zeiber) Garst, natives of Marietta and Reading respectively. George Garst was born Aug. 21, 1821; he left Marietta in 1840 for Reading, and there learned the carpenter's trade; later he became proprietor

of a large planing mill, and still later became an architect, contractor and builder, and erected most of the large structures in Reading where he also superintended the construction of the post-office building. He has been living retired since 1886. In politics he is a staunch Democrat.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Garst were nine in number, as follows: Clara J., now Mrs. Hipple; Alice, Florence and George, who died young; Mary, wife of John Barbey, a brewer of Reading; George; Ida, widow of Prof. D. S. Cowp; Ella, wife of John B. Clevensine, a printer, living in New Jersey; and Laura, wife of George Potteiger, a telegraph operator in Philadelphia. The mother of this family passed away in April, 1892, at the age of sixty-five years.

Mr. Hipple is a Knight Templar Mason, belongs to the K. of P., and is a member of the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES BRINTON, in his life time one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county, Pa., was born in Sadsbury township, and died in the present home of his family in Christiana, April 6, 1881, at the age of sixty-two years. His ashes repose in Bart township. He was a son of Samuel and Lydia (Jackson) Brinton, of Lancaster county, and a biography of his brother, William Brinton, which appears on another page, contains a very full summary of the history of the Brinton family.

James Brinton had two wives, his first being Elizabeth Lewis, and to their union were born: Henry, who is interested in a knitting factory at Philadelphia; Samuel, a farmer near Westchester, Pa.; Alfred, a farmer on the old homestead; Edward, a produce merchant at Philadelphia; Emma, married to Ebenezer Maule, a farmer, near Doerun, Pa.; Clara, married to George Maule, a farmer near Franklin.

Elizabeth (Lewis) Brinton, who was born in Bucks county in 1821, died in 1871, and lies buried in Bart township by the side of her husband, who followed her to the grave not many years after. He, however, was married in 1875, in Bart township, to his second wife, Lydia T. Jackson, who was born in Chester county in 1839, a daughter of James and Abigail (Rakestraw) Jackson, natives of Chester county, but settlers of Lancaster county in 1843, locating in Bart township. They were farming people, and both died in 1881, the father at the age of seventy-two, and the mother being one year younger. They were members of the Society of Friends, and were buried in Bart township. He was a preacher of that Society for some twenty years, and spoke with the power of the Spirit. To them were born: Marv, who married Joseph Brocius, of Chester county; Thomas, who died when two years old; Eliza, late wife of Thomas Baker; Edith, who died young; Lydia; William L., a farmer in Christiana; Ellwood, a farmer at what is called Nine

Points, in Lancaster county; James J., a farmer in the same locality.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brinton were Josiah and Mary (Sharpless) Jackson. They lived in Chester county, where the grandfather was engaged in a woolen factory. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Brinton were Thomas and Mary (Lippencott) Rakestraw, natives of New Jersey, but their last years were spent in Lancaster county, where they died.

James Brinton lived with his parents until about six years prior to his marriage, when he built his family's present home, to which he removed, and where he made his lifelong residence. In business and commercial affairs he was prominent, and served as a director of the Williamstown Fire Insurance Company, and for many years was supervisor of the township. He and his family were members of the Society of Friends. His wife was a school teacher some two years before she married Mr. Brinton. In his politics he was a Republican, and personally was a man of fine character and genuine worth.

S. P. ROMIG, once proprietor of the "Martindale Hotel," and long a useful and respected citizen of Earl township, Lancaster county, was born in Lincoln, in this county, Dec. 7, 1860, a son of Martin and Sarah (Kissinger) Romig. Both his parents are deceased, the father dying at the age of fifty years, and the mother at forty-five.

Martin Romig was a carpenter, and spent his life in Lincoln, where he was born and reared. In addition to his carpenter work he was also a cabinet maker and an undertaker. For many years he carried on a large business, and was well and favorably known throughout a wide section of the country. Endowed with a generous disposition and a kind heart, he made many friends and retained them to the last. In politics he was an ardent Republican, and he worked hard for his party.

Henry K. Romig, the grandfather of Simon P., was a farmer, and lived to the advanced age of ninety years, to the last being well preserved and active. He is remembered as a man of more than ordinary vitality.

Martin and Sarah (Kissinger) Romig were members of the Lutheran Church. They had a family of five children: Milmort, a carpenter in Lincoln, Lancaster county; Jesse, deceased; S. P.; and Alice and John, both deceased.

S. P. Romig was born in Lincoln, where he was reared. When he reached the age of twelve years he began working for wages, and from that time has taken care of himself. At the age of thirty he engaged in a bakery business at Terrehill, a trade he had learned at Ephrata, and at which he had been employed for several years. This baking enterprise at Terrehill he conducted for some ten years, associated with David K. Eitnur. In the spring of 1901

Mr. Romig sold his bakery and purchased the "Martindale Hotel," in the management of which he displayed qualities that peculiarly adapt him for the life of a landlord of a popular hotel. He is genial and whole-souled, and well knows how to meet the demands of the public. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and socially belongs to Ephrata Lodge, No. 406, I. O. O. F., in which he has passed all the chairs.

Mr. Romig was married in 1890 to Mary, a daughter of John C. Martin, and to this union have come two children, Harry and Florence. Mr. Romig may fairly be regarded as a self-made man, as he began at the bottom, and by industry, integrity and a strong determination to be somebody, has risen to a very important place in the world while still a young man, and deserves much commendation for the results that have waited on his earnest endeavors.

WILLIAM H. MCCALL. Among the railroad engineers now residing in Columbia, Pa., none stand higher in public esteem than Mr. McCall, who was born in Watts Station, Lancaster county, Jan. 11, 1857, a son of John and Mary A. (Mill) McCall, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

The father, John McCall, came to America in 1849 and located in Lancaster county, where he married. He lived in Watts Station until October, 1861, when he went to Washington, D. C., as a blacksmith in the employ of the government, remaining there until the close of the war. On his return to Lancaster county, Pa., in 1865, he settled in Columbia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. While serving as conductor on a sand train he was killed in September, 1888, at the age of fifty-eight years, and his remains were interred in the Kleinsville Catholic cemetery. His wife, who was born in December, 1833, now resides with William H., their only child. John McCall, our subject's paternal grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Ireland, while his maternal grandparents, Abraham and Lydia Mill, were residents of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

During his boyhood and youth William H. McCall attended the public schools, and in December, 1879, began his business career as a brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, in which capacity he was employed by the company eight months. For six years and five months he was fireman, and at the end of that period was promoted to engineer, a position he still fills in an able and satisfactory manner. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and of the Relief Association, and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles.

Mr. McCall was married in Philadelphia in 1881 to Miss Margaret V. Tolon, a native of that city and a daughter of John Tolon, who was born in Ireland. She died in September, 1898, at the age

of thirty-seven years, leaving seven children, namely, John, William, Edward, Philip, Mary, Regina and Anna, all at home. On Aug. 17, 1899, in Atlantic City, N. J., Mr. McCall was again married, his second union being with Theresa Smith, a native of Lancaster, Pa., and a daughter of Edward and Louisa (Klein) Smith, of Lancaster county. The father died in Lancaster, but the mother, now fifty-four years of age, is living in Newtown, Lancaster county.

DAVID R. FORNEY, who is a general farmer and respected citizen of Mt. Joy township, was born Aug. 20, 1836, in West Earl township, son of Levi and Mary (Roop) Forney.

Mr. Forney is one of the well-seasoned, capable and efficient farmers of his locality, who has followed an agricultural existence all his active life. Leaving the parental roof at the age of twenty-six years, he rented land in Penn township for four years, and then operated a farm near White Oak for three years. These ventures proving successful and remunerative, Mr. Forney took charge of another farm in Penn township, and after four years there moved into Lititz for a year. Returning to the country he operated two farms for nine years, and then settled down upon his present place, which he purchased. Mr. Forney has been an industrious man all his life, is a very close observer, and he possesses the judgment which is just as necessary in agricultural work as in any other department of human energy. His political sentiments have always been in accord with the Republican party. With his family he belongs to the Old Brethren German Baptist Church, in which he has served as a deacon since 1892.

On Aug. 28, 1862, Mr. Forney was married in Lancaster to Elizabeth R. Bollinger, and eight children were born to this marriage, as follows: Monroe B., who married Emma Stauffer, and lives with his father; Amanda B., wife of Reuben L. Miller, a farmer of Rapho township; Elizabeth B., who married Samuel Sherrer, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Mamie B., who wedded Alva K. Young, of Mt. Joy township; David B., unmarried, at home; Miss Ella B., at home; and Albert B. and Annie B., both deceased.

Mrs. Forney was born June 19, 1841, in Warwick township, daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Royer) Bollinger, both of whom were natives of that township, the former born June 17, 1810. A short time prior to his death Mr. Bollinger retired from active life, and both he and his wife died on their farm near Lititz, the father at the age of seventy-five years and the mother in 1845, at the age of thirty-one years. They were interred in Royer's Middle Creek Meeting House cemetery. Although they belonged to no church, they were good, kind, estimable people. They had four children, namely: John R., who died at the age of fifty-five years; Joseph R. and Martin R., residents of Lititz; and

Elizabeth R., who became Mrs. Forney. On the paternal side Mrs. Forney's grandfather was Benjamin Bollinger, of Lancaster county (his wife was a Nissley); and on the maternal side her grandparents were Joseph and Martha (Swar) Royer, also of Lancaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Forney are well known in Mt. Joy township, where they have hosts of warm, personal friends. Mr. Forney is known as a man of his word and is an example of honest dealing and upright life.

PETER S. HOFFMAN. One of the active, prominent and enterprising citizens of Columbia, Pa., whose life has been principally devoted to railroading, is Peter S. Hoffman, a well-known conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

A native of Lancaster county, Mr. Hoffman was born in Silver Spring, Jan. 20, 1847, and is a son of Frederick and Lena (Snyder) Hoffman, the former a native of Amsterdam, Holland, the latter of Berlin, Germany. They were married in Lancaster county, Pa., where they continued to make their home throughout the remainder of their lives, the father dying Feb. 11, 1890, at the age of seventy-five years, the mother Dec. 29, 1882, at the age of sixty-two. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. The father was a butcher by trade, though in this country he worked principally in furnaces and mines. Peter S. is the oldest of their children; Barbara, the second, died in childhood; Mary is the wife of Amos Ratto, a farmer of Ironville, Pa.; Sarah is the wife of Albert Harthorn, of Stackstown, Pa.; Catherine is the wife of George Stuvencord, a carpenter, of Philadelphia; and Lena died young.

At the age of thirteen years Peter S. Hoffman commenced working in ore mines and was thus employed for six years, after which he followed the blacksmith's trade until 1872, when he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, one year being spent as brakeman and ten years as flagman and extra conductor. Since 1885 he has been a regular conductor on the road, and is one of its most trusted employees. Mr. Hoffman is an honored member of the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Relief Department. He is also a member of the Church of God, and is a stalwart supporter of the Democratic party.

In Columbia, Jan. 14, 1873, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage with Mrs. Laura L. (Welsh) Ferguson, and to them were born two children, Claude C. and Lysle. The older, now a brakeman on the railroad, and residing in Columbia, enlisted for the Spanish-American war and was with his command in Porto Rico. He married Maud Miller. The younger son is at home.

Mrs. Hoffman was born in Chester county, Pa., March 28, 1852, a daughter of Charles T. and Catherine J. (Sproat) Welsh, also natives of that coun-

ty, whence they came to Columbia in 1860. The father, who was agent for an iron furnace and overseer of the same for twenty-five years, died Nov. 29, 1879, at the age of sixty-six. He was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, while his widow holds membership in the United Brethren Church. She was born Dec. 21, 1818, and is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman in Columbia. Her parents were David and Sarah (Miller) Sproat, who were born in Ireland, and on their immigration to America settled in Chester county, Pa., where the former engaged in blacksmithing and filled the office of constable. Mrs. Hoffman's paternal grandparents were David and Margaret (Fleming) Welsh, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pa., the latter of County Derry, Ireland. Mrs. Hoffman is the sixth in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being: David R., John P. and William W., all deceased; Frances A., deceased wife of Samuel Shultz; Charles T., who died in infancy; and Charles T. (2), a railroad engineer, of Lancaster.

Mrs. Hoffman was first married, Jan. 16, 1868, to William G. Ferguson, a native of Columbia and a son of John and Sarah (Wilson) Ferguson, of Lancaster county. He was born in October, 1849, and died in September, 1869. By this union there was one son, Guy W. Ferguson, now general manager of the *Weekly Herald*, of Columbia. He married first Helen Sipel, who died, leaving one child, Guy S., who has been reared by Mrs. Hoffman; and for his second wife he married Myrtle Steinhiser.

HARRY K. HUSSON, a well-to-do farmer of Warwick township, belongs to one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county. Thomas Husson, his grandfather, emigrated with his wife from Ireland to this country in 1848, and settled in the city of Lancaster, where he worked at his trade, that of wood turner, until his death, which occurred in 1870. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Catherine, wife of Henry Hudson, of Boston, Mass.; Anna, wife of a Mr. Kudgern, who was a finisher, of Lancaster City; John, a fruit dealer of Lancaster; Thomas, the father of our subject; and Miss Ellen, of Lancaster.

Thomas Husson was born in 1829, in Ireland, and came to America with his father when a lad of nineteen years. He was very handy in the management and care of horses, and was coachman for Samuel Reynolds for fifteen years, until his death, which occurred in 1866. He married Miss Sarah Keller, and they became the parents of two children: Harry K., our subject; and Mary, wife of Daniel B. Kraatz, a miller, of Philadelphia.

Harry K. Husson was born in the city of Lancaster May 31, 1859. He made it his home with his mother until he was eighteen years of age, meantime receiving his education in the common schools of the county. He then learned the wheelwright's

trade, serving his apprenticeship with John Stuber, of Lancaster, with whom he remained three years. During the next ten years he continued to follow his trade. In 1895 he purchased the farm on which he now resides, near Brunnerville, and on which he has made extensive improvements. Mr. Husson is regarded as one of the most progressive men of his locality, and as a public-spirited citizen he takes a deep interest in everything concerning politics and the welfare of his community.

On Dec. 23, 1883, Mr. Husson was united in marriage with Ida Seibert, daughter of Edward and Caroline Seibert, and to this union have come three children: Mary S., born Dec. 10, 1885; Alice S., born July 1, 1887; and Lloyd S., born March 1, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Husson and their eldest daughter are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN A. HAMILTON, a popular conductor on the Pennsylvania railroad at Columbia, was born in Stottsville, Chester Co., Pa., June 17, 1862, son of William and Sarah J. (Harrison) Hamilton, of York and Adams counties, respectively.

William Hamilton was born in December, 1832, was an iron-worker by trade and is now residing in Coatesville, Chester county, retired. Mrs. Sarah J. Hamilton died in Philadelphia in October, 1886, at the age of fifty-four years, in the faith of the M. E. Church. Mrs. Hamilton had been twice married, her first husband having been a Mr. Wagner, by whom she had one child, George F.; the latter is now an iron worker in Berwick, Pa., and has adopted the surname of Hamilton. The children born to William Hamilton were eight in number, viz: Richard, general superintendent of the Millville (N. J.) Gas Works; Mary, wife of Charles F. Hale, a conductor in Philadelphia; John A.; Lewis, flagman on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Henry, occupying a similar position; Susan, wife of William Hipple; Ambrose, a fireman; and Romance, a brakeman, all in Philadelphia.

The grandparents of John A. Hamilton were John A. and Susan Hamilton, of Wrightsville, York county; the former was a farmer of considerable prominence and died in the Lancaster hospital from small-pox.

John A. Hamilton remained with his parents until twenty years of age. When ten years old he entered a rolling mill where he worked until he was sixteen; he then became an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, then as flagman and was finally made a conductor. He began his railroad service in Philadelphia and came to Columbia in March, 1883.

Mr. Hamilton has been twice married, first in 1880, at Philadelphia, to Anna Bateman, who was born in England, a daughter of James Bateman, and died in Columbia, Pa., in 1884, at the age of twenty-three years, without issue. In August, 1885, Mr. Hamilton married Miss Elizabeth Lindenberger, and to this union have been born six

children, viz: Mary E., Richard R., J. William, Eva S., C. Banks and Edna N.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton was born in Columbia, Pa., Aug. 3, 1866, and is a daughter of Philip and Sophia (Kampf) Lindenberger, of Germany, who were married in Manchester, Md., and came to Columbia in 1865, bringing two of their three children, Mary, now in Baltimore county, Md., wife of Andrew Gruel, a farmer; and Henry, an iron-worker in Chester, Pa. Elizabeth is the youngest of the three. Philip Lindenberger was an iron-worker by trade and also an engineer, but in his latter days was a farmer. He died July 8, 1880, at the age of fifty years, a member of the German Lutheran Church. His widow, who was born May 28, 1833, is a member of the same church and has her home with her son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hamilton, are parents of two children; William, an iron-worker in Chester, and Margaret, wife of William Booth of Columbia. The family are Lutheran in religion and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

In politics Mr. Hamilton is independent; he is a Red Man, a member of the B. of R. C. and of the Pa. Relief Association. Socially he and his wife are greatly respected by all their neighbors and a large circle of warm friends.

HARRY ROHRER LEFEVER, the popular grocer at No. 109 East King street, Lancaster, belongs to one of the oldest families in this county, the first of his ancestors having settled in the county in 1742, on their arrival from Germany.

Martin B. Lefever, the father of Harry R., was a farmer in Strasburg and his father, the grandfather of Harry R., was David Lefever, a retired farmer, who was living and in good health in October, 1900. For many generations this family has belonged to the Old Mennonite communion. Martin B. Lefever married Rohrer, a daughter of Jacob Rohrer, who lived on what was called the "Burker Hill" farm, near Strasburg, and from this union were born six children, five of whom are now living: Harry R., the Lancaster grocer; Frank R., a clerk in the store of Follmer, Clagg & Co.; and Elsie, Lillie May and Roy, all at home, the latter attending school.

Harry Rohrer Lefever was educated in the public schools of his district, the State Normal School at Millersville, and then took a business course in the Pennsylvania Business College. With this thorough preparation, he secured a clerkship in the employ of the Standard Oil Company.

Mr. Lefever was married in 1896, to Miss Annie S., daughter of William Good, the efficient superintendent of the Lancaster County Hospital, almshouse and asylum, and to this union has been born one charming little child, Ruth. Mr. Lefever opened a handsome grocery store at No. 109 East King street, in the spring of 1900, and the enter-

prise has proved a decided success. It has drawn a very good class of custom, and its proprietor is making a large circle of warm friends for himself and steady patrons for his grocery by his un-failing courtesy, fair dealing and integrity. As a husband and a father, as a churchman (he being a member of the United Brethren Church), and as a business man Mr. Lefever enjoys the respect and esteem of all the community in which he lives.

PETER REIST, the founder of the Reist family in this county, one of the most prominent in Lancaster, was born in Switzerland, but went from there to the Palatinate, and came to the United States in 1723. A cabin was erected by him on Kissel Hill, but after living there for a time he gave up the place, and took possession of 600 acres of land, two miles to the northwest. Two hundred acres of this extensive tract is still in the possession of two of his descendants, John and Jacob Reist.

Peter Reist was the father of five sons and two daughters, the sons being Peter, Christian, Abraham, Jacob and John. One of these sons was killed on Braddock's Field, July 9, 1755. The Reists have a wide family connection, and among the immediate descendants of the first Peter Reist, are Mennonite clergymen and men prominent in all the walks of life. Joseph Ritner, afterward Governor of Pennsylvania, worked in his young manhood, and was employed by Peter Reist. When he had become Governor of the State he visited Mr. Reist in Warwick township.

Jacob Reist, son of the second Peter Reist, was an extensive farmer in Warwick township, during the limits of an ordinary lifetime, but was living retired in Petersburg at the time of his death. Jacob Reist was the father of Simon, Peter, Levi and Isaac Reist. Peter Reist is the only surviving member of this family, and he is now living retired in Lititz. They were all widely known among the farmers of the county, and Levi and Peter Reist were especially prominent. They were leading members of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society, where they frequently read essays and took part in all the discussions.

Living in a cosy home at No. 49, East Walnut street, Lancaster, is the venerable widow of Simon Reist, who was a grandson of the second Peter Reist, and son of Jacob. Simon Reist, who was a farmer in Manheim township, and was one of nine men who organized the Republican party in Lancaster county, died in 1861 at the early age of forty-five years. Miss Mary J. Rohrer, who became his wife, was a daughter of Jacob Rohrer, a prominent farmer of Washington county, Md. To this union were born four children, all of whom are living, as follows: Henry, engaged in the leaf tobacco business in Lancaster; Lineas R., an extensive farmer in Manheim township; Simon, who is engaged in the cigar business in Lancaster; John, long the bookkeeper and

general officeman of Hager & Brothers, Lancaster.

Such is a brief glimpse at the past history of one of the leading families of Lancaster county. To tell its story fully would require a volume.

LINEAS R. REIST, son of Simon Reist, deceased, was born on the farm where he still lives, and is one of the leading farmers in that section of Lancaster county. His education was secured in the local schools, and in the State Normal at Millersville. Before he had reached his majority he began business for himself, taking charge of the homestead, and gradually has erected a complete set of buildings on the place where he now resides.

Mr. Reist does general farming in a most practical and successful manner, owning 135 acres; he has identified himself in a business way with various institutions of the county.

Mr. Reist was married Oct. 21, 1879, to Susan, a daughter of Jacob N. Landis, by whom he has become the father of three children: Lineas L., now a student of Franklin and Marshall Academy; John J. and Anna, both at home. Mr. Reist is a staunch Republican, and is one of the party leaders in his township and county. He is a director of a bank in Lancaster, and is one of the most enlightened and public-spirited men of the community.

JAMES FREDERICK FREY is a fine example of a self-made young man. His father, Jacob L. Frey, was one of the three pioneer dealers in leaf tobacco in Lancaster, and the latter's uncle was the first mayor of the city.

Jacob L. Frey married Caroline Hannum, whose father was long a well-known resident of Lancaster city, and to this union came the following children: Celia, who is the wife of Benjamin Frey, of Masonville; Mary, wife of George F. Rathvon, a merchant of Danville, Va.; Annie, wife of William Vorhees, of Milltown, N. J.; Charles H., the leading shoe merchant of Lancaster; William D., of Lancaster; Ella, at home with her parents; James F., in the livery business in Lancaster; Lillie, wife of Edward V. Read, formerly of New Brunswick, N. J., but now in the oil business in Lancaster.

James Frederick Frey was born in Lancaster, and after going to a private school for a time attended the public school, where he studied until he was eighteen, when he began work on one of his father's farms. Presently he had saved a few hundred dollars from tobacco, and when but little over nineteen years old began business for himself in a livery barn. This was in the summer of 1895, and he very soon became a dealer in oil as well. In the summer of 1900 he sold out his oil interests to his brother-in-law, Edward V. Read, and, concentrating all his energies on the livery business, conducted two large barns, one at No. 214 West Grant street, his original stable, and the other at No. 37 West Mifflin street.

Mr. Frey was married, May 25, 1898, to Mary Emma Auxer, a daughter of Adam J. Auxer, a

prominent housebuilder of Lancaster. Mr. Frey is connected with St. Paul's Reformed Church, of which he is a faithful member, and was for some time an usher. He takes a constant interest in St. Paul's Sunday-school, belongs to the Bible class, which is taught by his brother Charles H., and is everywhere regarded as a successful business man and a model citizen.

ISAAC S. GIBBLE, general farmer, successful cattle raiser and substantial and respected citizen of Mt. Joy township, was born in that township Jan. 4, 1854, son of Isaac and Eliza (Shelly) Gible, the former of whom was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, and the latter in Conewago township, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

Isaac W. Gible, the father of our subject, is now a retired farmer of Rapho township, where he was born Aug. 28, 1822, son of Abraham H. and Barbara (Wenger) Gible, the former of whom was a native of Penn township, who later removed to Rapho township and engaged in farming until his death in 1864 at the age of seventy-four years. His widow survived until 1866, and died aged seventy-seven years. They were both buried in Rapho township. Their children were as follows: Joseph W., a retired farmer of Rapho township; Michael W., who died at the age of seventy-two years; Isaac W.; Fanny W., deceased, who married Jacob Warner; John W., who died at the age of sixty years; Abraham W., who lived to the age of sixty-one years; Elizabeth W., who married John Royer of Lebanon county, Pa.; Miss Nancy W., living in Rapho township; and Barbara W., widow of Timothy Price of Rapho township.

Abraham H. Gible was a son of John Gible, and his wife, who was a member of the Hummer family. They lived in Penn township, and had the following children: Samuel, Henry, Daniel, Abraham H., Joseph, Elizabeth, Mary, Steena, Sally and Anna. The last named died young.

In 1844 Isaac W. Gible was married in Hanover, Pa., by Elder Lawrence Etter, to Miss Eliza Shelly, born in 1825, and died at the age of seventy-two years. She was buried in the cemetery attached to Chickies Meeting House. She had been an estimable Christian woman, a member of the German Baptist Church, to which religious body Mr. Gible also belongs. In politics he is a Republican. The children born to Isaac W. Gible and wife were as follows: Samuel S., who resides on the old homestead in Mt. Joy township; Abraham S., who is a farmer in Rapho township; Henry S., who died young; Mary, who married Rev. Jacob S. Longenecker, a German Baptist minister in Lebanon county; Eliza S., who died young; Isaac S., who is the subject of this sketch; Fanny S., who married Harvey Stauffer, a farmer in Rapho township; Gideon S., who is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; and Barbara S., who married Milton Hoffman, a farmer of Rapho township. Isaac W. Gible

is well known in Rapho township and is regarded as one of its most substantial residents and respected citizens.

Isaac S. Gible grew to manhood on the home farm, his time being divided between attendance at the district school and assistance given to the farm work. At his marriage he was capable of managing farming operations on a large scale, and for the two years succeeding this event he had charge of his father-in-law's farm. In 1857 he moved to Rapho township, and settled for two years upon what was known as the Joseph Keener farm, and then came to Mt. Joy township. Here Mr. Gible successfully operated a farm for two years, but in 1881 located upon his present valuable property. This place was locally known as the old George Baker farm, and it comprises 190 acres of fine land, a part of which is in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county and a part in Londonderry township, in Dauphin county. When Mr. Gible took charge of this land it was in need of a vigorous and progressive manager and this it found in its new owner. Mr. Gible has been very successful also in cattle-raising, and financially he is regarded as one of the solid men of his locality.

On Sept. 20, 1874, in Elder Zook's parsonage, in Rapho township, Lancaster county, Isaac S. Gible was united in marriage with Miss Fannie Z. Witmer. A family of four children have been born to this union, as follows: Sadie W., who married Jacob Brandt, who is a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Anna W., who married Harry Baumberger, a farmer of Rapho township; and Hiram W. and Noah W., both young men at home. The birth of Mrs. Fannie Z. (Witmer) Gible was on Oct. 31, 1855, in Mt. Joy township, a daughter of John and a sister of D. Z. Witmer, a prominent citizen of Elizabethtown. The Witmer family is one of the oldest and most honorable in Lancaster county, and is of Swiss extraction. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gible belong to the German Baptist Church, in which religious body Mr. Gible has been a deacon since Good Friday, 1892. In politics he favors the Republican party, but is no active member. Mr. Gible is a man who is trusted and respected by his neighbors, and is not only a successful farmer and cattle raiser, but a man who exerts an influence for good through the community, upholding all worthy enterprises.

DAVID B. RUDY, one of the honorable and esteemed citizens of Manheim township, Lancaster county, was born in Warwick township, June 30, 1836, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Bear) Rudy. The father was born in Warwick township, where he was reared and where his life was spent. He owned a large farm and he lived to the advanced age of eighty-three. His father, also Charles Rudy, was a farmer in Warwick township, and lived to be eighty-four. His children were: Daniel; John; Charles; Susanna, married to Charles Hostetter; Elizabeth, married to George Buch.

Charles Rudy, the father of David B., married Elizabeth Bear, by whom he had the following children: Sarah, Anna and Eliza, who all died unmarried; Isaac, who died in childhood; Maria, who died unmarried; Jacob, retired, and living at Lititz; David B.

David B. Rudy was reared in Warwick township, and educated in the common schools; he remained in that township until 1880. That year he moved to his present home near Neffsville, where he has a property of some five or six acres. Always a farmer, he has made himself a name as one of the substantial citizens of the county, and a lover of law and order.

Mr. Rudy was married Sept. 5, 1861, to Elizabeth, a daughter of Christian B. and Fannie (Dentlinger) Landis. Mrs. Rudy was born in Landis Valley, Manheim township, March 13, 1841, and was the mother of two children: Adia, who was born Aug. 4, 1872, and died Nov. 24, 1877; and a daughter deceased in infancy, born Aug. 27, 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Rudy are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are much esteemed for their quiet lives, industrious ways and staunch integrity.

JACOB E. WITMER, an old and experienced farmer in the township of East Donegal, Lancaster county, has led a long and industrious life, and his peaceful character, manifest honesty and industrious years command the respect and confidence of the community to a marked degree.

Mr. Witmer was born in East Donegal township, Sept. 26, 1835, son of Peter F. and Elizabeth (Eshleman) Witmer, both natives and residents of Manor township, this county, who moved to East Donegal in 1834. The father was a farmer until the last twenty-four years of his life. A long life was granted him, and he died in December, 1896, when within eight days of being eighty-eight years old; his remains were interred in the Kraybill's Mennonite Church cemetery. Mrs. Witmer, the widow, who was born April 9, 1811, is now living with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Nissley, in Landisville, Pa. She is a member of the Mennonite Church. Born to this union were children as follows: Catherine is deceased; Jacob E., is mentioned below; Peter is a farmer in Rapho township; Elizabeth, who is living in Landisville, Pa., is the widow of Joseph Nissley; Mary, who is unmarried, is residing with her brother Jacob; Annie married Jesse Myers, of Carroll county, Md.; Jonas is a hotel proprietor in Marietta, Pa.; Henry is a farmer in East Donegal township; Fanny married Jacob Sawders.

Jacob E. Witmer was married Nov. 22, 1860, in Lancaster Pa., to Anna E. Kraybill, and to this union were born: Amanda K., who married Aaron Grove, a farmer in the township of East Donegal; Anna, who married Jonas Landis; Emma K., wife of Harvey Hossler, a farmer in the township of East Donegal; Elizabeth K., who is at home; Mary K.,

wife of Henry Hossler, a farmer in the township of East Donegal; and Susan K. and John K., at home. Mrs. Anna E. Witmer was born on an adjoining farm, Aug. 12, 1838, and was a daughter of John P. and Susan (Engle) Kraybill, both natives of the township of East Donegal, where their entire lives were spent, and where they died at a ripe old age. Her father was born Jan. 6, 1813, was a farmer and retired some twenty-five years prior to his demise, which occurred March 20, 1884. In his active days he was a prominent man in the community, and for two years served as supervisor from Rapho township. Mrs. Kraybill was born July 9, 1817, and died in April, 1872. Born to this union were: Anna E., Mrs. Witmer; Barbara, wife of Samuel Eyer, a farmer in East Donegal township; David, deceased; John, a farmer of Steelton, Pa.; Susanah, wife of Leander Engle, a farmer in Belle Springs, Kan.; Peter, who resides at Florin, and is the present supervisor of the township; Israel, deceased; Mary, who married Daniel Shenk, of the township of East Hempfield; Edward, deceased; Franklin, a farmer in East Donegal township; and Aaron, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Witmer were Peter and Elizabeth (Nissley) Kraybill, both of Lancaster county. Peter Kraybill married for his second wife Lydia Wayne, also a native of this county. Mr. Witmer's mother's people, the Engles, were born and reared to farming in Lancaster county, where their lives were passed.

Jacob Witmer spent the first twenty-six years of his life at home with his parents, and began farming for himself in Rapho township, where he spent eleven years. At the end of that time he removed to East Donegal township, where his home has been maintained to the present time. Habits of industry and an unswerving integrity have pushed him well to the front, and in his advancing age he enjoys an ample competence. At the present time he owns three choice farms in the township of East Donegal, and is counted one of the solid men of the county. In religion he is a member of the Mennonite Church, and his unostentatious life has been very greatly influenced by the spirit of his faith.

P. S. EPLER. Among the successful and well-known agriculturists of East Donegal township is Parris Scott Epler, who carries on general farming and also raises great numbers of poultry for market. Mr. Epler was born in Maytown, Aug. 4, 1851, a son of Christian and Mary A. (Hollinger) Epler. In 1853 the family removed to Urbana, Ohio, where the father died in 1858, at the age of forty-five, the mother dying in 1852, at the age of thirty-five. Their children were: Amanda, who married John Ebersole, a farmer of East Donegal; and our subject.

Early in life Mr. Epler was left fatherless and motherless, and was reared by his grandfather, John Hollinger, remaining with him until he was twenty-

one, at which age he married and then located on his present excellent farm of thirty-three acres, to which he has devoted the best part of his life, its present excellent condition demonstrating that Mr. Epler deserves his reputation of being one of the best farmers in the township.

On April 17, 1872, Mr. Epler was married to Miss Catherine S. Creider, and to this union has been born a family in which any parent might feel justified in taking pride. The children of Mr. Epler are: Frances, who married Harry Hornafins, a cigar manufacturer of Elizabethtown; Edward H., who married Ida Tottenback, and is a mail agent between Harrisburg and Hagerstown, Md.; Bertha, a young lady, at home; John H., a mail agent between Harrisburg and Hagerstown; and Maude A., at home.

Mrs. Epler was born in Donegal township, Nov. 25, 1847, a daughter of John and Fanny (Stoner) Creider, both of whom died at the home of their daughter in East Donegal. Mr. Creider lived to be eighty-one years of age and followed farming until within six years of his death in 1892; the mother of Mrs. Epler lived to be seventy-six, dying in May, 1894, both of them being buried in Peck's Meeting House cemetery. Their children were: Anna M., the widow of Abra Brandt, of Columbia; Susan, who married Joseph Longenecker and lives in Philadelphia; Henry, deceased; Fanny, married to David Book, near Union Deposit, Pa.; Martha, married to Amos Engle of East Donegal township; Simon, a resident of Sterling, Ill.; Catherine; Amanda, deceased; Emeline, married to Jacob Markley, of Steelton, Pa.; John, of Conoy township; Barbara, married to Harry Nye; Elizabeth, who married Millard Grove, of East Donegal township.

Mr. Epler is a Republican in politics, and a leading member of the Reformed Church, in which he officiated as elder for thirteen years. He is well and favorably known throughout East Donegal township and is considered one of the substantial and representative citizens.

JOHN KEMMERLY, now a retired cooper at Newtown, Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born near Wittenberg, Germany, May 6, 1830, a son of John and Margaret (Weitzer) Kemmerly, who were born in Germany, where their lives were spent. The father died in 1870, at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother, who died in 1879, was eighty-three years old. They had the following children, all of whom, with the exception of John, remained in Germany: John; Barbara, who married a Mr. Milburger; Jacob; Mary; Louie.

John Kemmerly sought a home in this country in his early manhood and was married in Lancaster, Pa., in 1855, to Elizabeth Mumma, by whom he became the father of the following children: Mary, the wife of Harry Weaver, a farmer in Rapho township; John, who lives at Newtown, married to

Catherine Martin; Barbara, deceased; Jacob, a merchant at Columbia, who married Sarah Sheetz; Elizabeth, deceased; Fred, married to Susan Gambers, and living in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Mumma) Kemmerly was born in Wrightsville, York Co., Pa., in September, 1830, and is a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Gram) Mumma, both of Lancaster county, Pa., where they lived and died. He was a laborer.

John Kemmerly came to the United States in 1851, and spent his first winter in Philadelphia. He came to Columbia, Pa., where he remained until 1852, removing that year to Newtown, which has been his home to the present time.

Mr. Kemmerly enlisted at Mt. Joy, Oct. 26, 1861, in Co. G, 9th Pa. Cav., under Capt. Jacob K. Waltman, and was discharged at McDougal Hospital at Fort Cycle, N. Y., June 12, 1865. Enlisting for three years, he re-enlisted in June, 1864, under Capt. B. G. Heistand. Among the various engagements in which Mr. Kemmerly participated were those at Tompkinsville and Paris, Ky., at Richmond, Perryville, and Franklin, Tenn. He was attached to the raid made by Gen. Carter, and remained with his command until he was wounded at Black River, N. C., March 16, 1865. His injury was received from a gunshot wound in the left hip, and he was taken to various hospitals, until his discharge at Fort Cycle.

When Mr. Kemmerly returned home he resumed his work as a cooper, having learned that trade in Germany. This was his steady occupation until 1885, when he was compelled to give up work. At the present time he occupies an invalid's chair, and receives a pension of seventy-two dollars a month from the general government, his wartime experiences having so seriously impaired his health. All his life an industrious and hardworking man, it is very hard for him to endure the burden of helplessness. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and is a man whose character, abilities and disposition have brought him well to the front. In his long and wearisome illness he has the satisfaction of knowing that his pain and suffering have somehow a vital connection with the welfare of the country which he has made his own.

DAVID R. LAYMAN. The life of Mr. Layman has been one of unwearied activity and constant devotion to duty. Born in Marietta, Pa., Sept. 1, 1844, his first experience was at boating along the canal, beginning this toil when he was but eight years old.

The father, Michael Layman, a canal boatman, was born at Milesburg, Centre Co., Pa.; thence he removed to Lancaster county; and afterward made his home in Peach Bottom, York county, where he died in 1846, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. His wife, Mr. Layman's mother, was Sarah Klein, of Manor township, Lancaster county. She died at Peach Bottom in 1860, lacking but a few

days of having completed her fifty-sixth year. The paternal grandfather of David Layman was also named Michael. He was a farmer of Centre county, where he passed his life. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Catherine (Surr) Klein, both of whom were emigrants from Germany and settled at Safe Harbor, where they passed the remainder of their lives. Mr. Klein was a cabinet maker by occupation.

David R. Layman was the eighth of a family of nine children. Of these, six, George, Jacob, Michael, Henry, Christiann and Catherine, are deceased. Christiann married Tobias Manning, and Catherine, Samuel Unnemaker. The two living daughters are Elizabeth and Sophia. The former is the widow of William Huddart, of Columbia; the latter is the wife of John W. Eberlin, a retired merchant of Lancaster.

In April, 1861, when but seventeen years old, David R. Layman enlisted at Lancaster in Co. F, 95th P. V. I. His term of enlistment was three years, but at the end of his second year of service sickness compelled him to leave. He was mustered out at Washington and received his final discharge at Philadelphia. He was many times under fire, and took part in the battles of Fredericksburg and Cedar Creek, but was never wounded. After his discharge he came to Columbia, and there entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. For three years he worked as brakeman, and for three as fireman, and in 1869 he was given charge of an engine. He stands high in the esteem of the management, having for thirty years discharged the hazardous and responsible duties of his post with marked ability and conscientious fidelity. He is a member of the B. of L. E. and of the G. A. R. He attends the services of the M. E. Church, and in politics is a Republican.

In December, 1861, he was married to Miss Margaret J. Crisswell, who was born in York county, Dec. 22, 1841, the daughter of Robert R. and Mary (Harvey) Crisswell. Her father was a farmer and died in November, 1873, in his seventy-fourth years. Her mother passed away in 1882, aged eighty years. Both were members of the Bethel M. E. Church. They were the parents of eight children: Henry, a soldier in the Union army, now deceased; Franklin, a wholesale grocer of Wheeling, W. Va.; Patterson, deceased; George, also a Union veteran, whose death was due to his service in the army; James, another who went to the front, and who is now a farmer of Iowa; Mary A., wife of George Brooks, a Kansas farmer; Margaret J., the wife of Mr. Layman; and Agnes, who died in childhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. David R. Layman have been born seven sons and two daughters. The eldest, William, died in infancy. Robert, who married Susan Bender, was a fireman and died in 1900. Anna is the wife of Samuel Evans, who is employed at the rolling mill in Columbia. The other chil-

dren, Harry, George, William, Gardiner, Charles and Edna, are unmarried and live at home; Harry and Gardiner are stove mounters at the works in Columbia, George is a painter and William a fireman. The family is held in high regard in the community, alike for native intelligence and uprightness of life.

ROBERT McANALL, an engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad and a respected resident of Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in Upper Marion township, Montgomery county, Pa., Aug. 21, 1834, and is a son of Robert and Eliza (Razor) McAnall, natives of the same county and the parents of five children: William, deceased; Margaret (Mrs. McGinnis), deceased; Ann and Elizabeth, who died young; and Robert. Robert McAnall, the father, was a farmer and died, when still a young man, Sept. 30, 1834, while his widow lived to reach the ripe age of eighty-four years. John and Margaret McAnall, grandparents of Robert, were natives of Glasgow, Scotland, and the grandfather was by trade a marblecutter.

Robert McAnall remained on his father's farm until nine years old, and then for two years drove a cart; later, he became teamster for the Henderson Marble Company of Montgomery county and for nine months drove from the quarry to Philadelphia, at times having as many as fifteen horses to one load; he next worked a year in the quarry, and then as engineer for the company until the spring of 1858, when he came to Columbia, worked in a quarry one year and then was engineer for the Water Company until Oct. 15, 1861, when he was enrolled as a musician in a company of United States Cavalry. For one year he played alto, and for two years E bass flat; was present at many fierce battles in Virginia, and was honorably discharged Oct. 16, 1864. He returned to Columbia, worked as fireman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company five and three-quarters years and was then appointed to his present position of engineer.

March 14, 1867, Mr. McAnall married in Marietta Miss Sarah J. Kidder, who has borne him three children, viz: Carrie E., who died young; Mary E., the wife of William E. Powell, proprietor of the "Depot Hotel," Columbia; and Eva, who also died young.

Mrs. Sarah J. (Kidder) McAnall was born in Columbia, Feb. 26, 1835, a daughter of John and Leah (Kinard) Kidder, natives, respectively of Donegal township and Little Washington, Lancaster county, but residents of Columbia for some years prior to their marriage. John Kidder was a carpenter by trade, and died of cholera in Columbia in September, 1854, at the age of forty-three years, his wife having died March 14, 1853, in the same town, aged forty-two, the remains of both being interred in Mount Bethel cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, born in the following order: William, who died in infancy; George, who also died

young; Sarah J., Mrs. McAnall; Ann, who died in childhood; Amanthas and Orville (twins), the former of whom died young and the latter at the age of forty-eight years; Maria, the wife of John Cowder, a retired farmer of Phillipsburg; James, who died young; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Henry Duff of Columbia; and Alice, deceased in girlhood. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. McAnall were Curtis and Sarah (Moore) Kidder, early settlers of Lancaster county, the former of whom, after the death of his wife in this county went west and was not again heard of; the maternal grandparents were Abraham and Catherine (Frye) Kinard, of Little Washington borough, and were farming people.

Mr. McAnall is a Knight Templar Mason, is a member of the G. A. R. and in politics is a Republican. As an individual he is held in very high esteem by the citizens of Columbia, and his estimable family are held in equally high regard. As a railroad man he has the confidence of the company and good will of his fellow employes.

JOHN M. KAUFFMAN (deceased) was born in Rapho township, May 4, 1818, and died on Sporting Hill, Rapho township, Nov. 11, 1890. He is buried in a private cemetery in Rapho township. He was the son of John and Martha (Metz) Kauffman, who married, died and are buried in Rapho township. They had the following family: Nancy and Betsey, who both died unmarried; Harriet, who married John Keaver; Maria, unmarried, deceased; Cyrus, a retired farmer in Nebraska; Christian, who married Miss Eliza Miller; John M. The family with the exception of Cyrus are all dead.

On Jan. 18, 1843, in Rapho township, John M. Kauffman married Miss Martha Miller. There were born to this union: Franklin, born June 26, 1844, who died at the age of two years; Hiram, born Nov. 28, 1845, who died at the age of nine years and six months; William, born Feb. 2, 1848, a merchant in Nebraska, who married Miss Theresa McLorin, and has two children, William and John; Jeremiah, born Jan. 6, 1850, a produce merchant in Baltimore, married to Miss Mary Drukenmiller, and the father of three children, Carrie, Mabel and John; Scott, born Sept. 30, 1852, a cigar merchant, Baltimore, Md., who married Amanda Carpenter and has two children, James and Winfield. S.

Martha (Miller) Kauffman was born Oct. 22, 1818, at Strasburg, Pa., and is the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Sides) Miller, of Strasburg. She came to Rapho township in 1825 and has remained there ever since. Her father was a plow manufacturer, who was born June 15, 1777 and died at the age of ninety-one years. His wife was born Sept. 10, 1786, and died in 1855. They were buried in a private cemetery in Rapho township. There were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller the following family: David, deceased, who married Maria Summy; Martha, widow of John M. Kauffman;

Jacob, deceased, who married Elizabeth Beam; George, deceased, who married Ann Conrad; William, who died in childhood; and Catherine.

Mr. Kauffman was a merchant tailor until four years prior to his death, when he retired from business. He carried on his business and social life on the precept of "Do unto others as you care to be done by" and the rule worked well with him for he was universally respected and stood high in his community. He was a Christian in thought and deed but a member of no creed. He was successful in business and in rearing a fine family. Mrs. Kauffman takes pleasure in her family and enjoys the kindest regard of her neighbors and friends.

CICERO S. WEBSTER, one of the three oldest engineers in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a highly respected citizen of Columbia, was born in Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa., July 13, 1832, and is a son of John and Tanisa (Downing) Webster, the former also a native of Downingtown, the latter of Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Throughout life the father made his home in Chester county, where in his early years he engaged in business as a dry goods and commission merchant, and later served as justice of the peace for a quarter of a century, being appointed by Gov. John F. Hartranft. He attended the Friends Church, of which his wife was a consistent and faithful member, and was a man of exemplary habits, never using profane language, tobacco or liquor in any form. He died in 1880, at the age of eighty-two years, his wife in 1877, at the age of eighty-four, and both were laid to rest in the old Friends' burying ground at Downingtown. In their family were three children: Cicero S., the subject of this sketch; and Hettie and Mary, who reside in Downingtown, and being well-to-do, spent much time in travel. The family is of English extraction.

Throughout his entire business career, Cicero S. Webster has been interested in railroading. At the age of eighteen he commenced running cars on the old State road, and when it was purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he remained with them, running a construction train in 1857 and 1858; later he served as fireman two years, and was engineer since that time. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a supporter of the Republican party. He is honored and respected by all who know him and those who know him best hold him in the highest esteem.

On June 30, 1858, in Little Washington, Lancaster county, Mr. Webster was united in marriage with Miss Ann Singer, who was born there in February, 1835, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Walk) Singer, who made their home throughout life in Lancaster county, where the former died in 1837, the latter, Dec. 18, 1875. Mrs. Webster was the youngest of their three children, the others being Benjamin, a resident of Lancaster; and Christ,

deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Webster have a family of five children, namely: John D., an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, residing in Morristown, Pa.; Edward, a mechanic of Columbia; Mary E., widow of William B. Rife, residing with her father; Thomzin and Richard, both at home.

L. W. SHIRK, a resident of Oregon, Manheim township, belongs to one of the old families of the county, and was born on the farm he still occupies, Dec. 1, 1858, the son of John K. and Catherine (Weist) Shirk, and grandson of Ulrich and Nancy (Kurtz) Shirk.

The grandfather was the founder of the family in Manheim township, coming originally from Schoeneck, Lancaster county, where he was born and reared to early manhood. When he was a young man the family came to Brownstown, Earl township. After his marriage to Miss Kurtz, he located on the farm belonging to his wife, which she had inherited. This property is still owned by their grandson, L. W. Shirk, and it adjoins the farm where he has his home. It contains some ninety acres. Ulrich Shirk had grown quite wealthy and had become an extensive land owner at the time of his death. Belonging to the New Mennonite Church, he was a man of positive convictions and clear thought. When he died he was eighty-two years old, and was survived by but one child, John K., the father of L. W. Shirk.

John K. Shirk was born on the paternal estate, and was engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. For a young man he had become quite wealthy at the time of his death, which occurred at the age of forty-two. John K. Shirk was married in 1857 to Catherine daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Seibert) Weist, of Schoeneck. Mrs. Catherine Shirk was born Jan. 12, 1838, and is still living, making her home with her son. To them was born only one child, L. W. Shirk.

Mr. Shirk, of whom this article was written, was reared at the home where he is found today, and was educated in the public schools, and in the State Normal at Millersville. After the death of his father, he took charge of the family patrimony, and has largely increased its extent. Together with his wife, he owns 833 acres of the best land in the country. They are bright and progressive people, and their home indicates culture and refinement. In 1889 they erected a fine modern home, which is surrounded with a beautiful land, richly bedecked with shrubbery and neatly kept. Mr. Shirk is a director of the Fulton National Bank of Lancaster, and is also a director in the Lancaster and Ephrata turnpike. In the Manheim-Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company he holds a similar position.

Mr. Shirk was married in December, 1872, to Ida, a daughter of John and Susan (Johns) Hostetter, of Manheim township. They have two children, John H. and Edna May. John H. was a student of Mercersburg College, graduating in the class

of 1901, and is now at Princeton. He is also a graduate, in the class of 1899, at the Nazareth Military School. Mr. Shirk is a Republican, and is highly regarded by those who know him best.

HENRY D. BELL, an old-time employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and now a conductor, was born in Columbia, Oct. 21, 1839, and still makes his home in that place.

Adam and Susan (Minick) Bell, parents of Henry D. Bell, were natives respectively of County Donegal, Ireland, and of Lancaster county, Pa. Adam Bell was a saddler by trade, came to America when young, and was married in Columbia, Pa. There he was a toll-gate keeper for many years, later attended the old bridge between Columbia and Wrightsville, and still later, for fifteen years, was employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad. He died in Wrightsville in May, 1874, in the Presbyterian faith, when sixty-eight years old; he had lost his wife in 1843, at the age of twenty-eight. There had been born to this union two children, Henry D. and John W., the latter deceased; to a second marriage with Elizabeth Lawrence, of Marietta, was born one child, Armour D., now baggage master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Frederick, Maryland.

John and Alice Bell, paternal grandparents of Henry D., were born in County Donegal, Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent. They were agricultural people and came to America in 1810, locating first in York county, but finally settled near Columbia, and continued farming until the end. The maternal grandparents, Daniel and Margaret (Clare) Minick, were early settlers in Lancaster county, and were also engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Henry D. Bell attended the Columbia schools until fourteen years old, and was then employed for a few years as a driver for canal boats; he next clerked in a general store a year or more, and in 1856 entered the employ of the railroad company as a freight-car brakeman; two years later he was advanced to the position of brakeman on a passenger train between Harrisburg and Altoona, and in 1862 was promoted to baggage master, which position he filled four years. His train was then withdrawn from the road, and he returned to Columbia, where he was employed as brakeman and flagman until 1874, when he was promoted to conductor, and this position he has since filled to the entire satisfaction of the company and the patrons of his train.

Henry D. Bell has been twice married. First, in June, 1866, he was joined in matrimony at Harrisburg with Miss Rebecca R. Wilt, a daughter of Daniel E. Wilt, of Dauphin county, but this lady passed away without issue, in November, 1867. The second marriage took place Oct. 20, 1869, in Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., to Miss Anna Stehman, and to this union were born eight children in the following order: Henry S., a railroad fireman

at Columbia; Adam B., deceased; Rachel S. and Amelia, at home; Grant B. and Sidney, deceased; Daniel W. and James B., also at home.

Mrs. Anna (Stehman) Bell was born in Middletown, Pa., and was a daughter of Henry and Margaret (Beakler) Stehman, formerly of West Virginia, both of whom died in Middletown, Pa., where the father had been a justice of the peace twenty-five years. Mr. Bell had the misfortune a second time to lose his wife, as Mrs. Anna Bell was called away Feb. 26, 1895, at the age of fifty-four years.

In politics Mr. Bell is a Republican, and was an emergency man during the war of the Rebellion. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Relief, and of the Reformed Church, and is one of the most respected men of Columbia.

CHARLES HOWELL WELCHANS, late of Lancaster, now of Germantown, enjoys the distinction of having had two grandfathers who were pioneers in their respective lines in the former city. Both were of very old and respected influential families. His paternal grandfather is well remembered by the older citizens as one of the pioneer leaf tobacco dealers of Lancaster, while his maternal grandfather, David Shultz, was a pioneer hatter, and founder of the big hat concern now known as Stauffer & Co.'s on North Queen street. Both grandfathers were representative men, and both were progressive and substantial citizens.

Mr. Welchans is the only son of the late Edward Welchans, who was for years a dealer in tobacco and cigars, and who served six years as city treasurer of Lancaster; while his mother was Rebecca Shultz, daughter of the late David Shultz.

Charles Howell Welchans, named after the venerable Major Charles M. Howell, was born in Lancaster March 4, 1871, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, graduating from the Boys' High school in the class of 1887. After attending Weidler's Business College for a time, he entered the service of Skiles & Frey, leaf tobacco dealers, remaining with them seven years, and then engaging in the leaf tobacco trade on his own account, trading as Welchans & Good for three years, at the expiration of which time he formed a partnership with John D. Skiles in the leaf tobacco trade, the firm being known as C. H. Welchans & Co. This continued for four years, and the firm was dissolved in April, 1901, by the withdrawal of Mr. Welchans, who had become a member of the firm of Barnholt, Welchans & Co., commission brokers, on April 1, 1901. This firm consisted of C. W. Barnholt, C. H. Welchans, and W. S. Barnholt, and they had three elegantly equipped offices in the Woolworth Building, the finest business structure in Lancaster. As commission brokers in stocks, bonds, grain and cotton, they also had offices at No. 1208 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, and in the Russ Building, in Harrisburg. Mr. Welchans has

withdrawn from this business and is now located in Germantown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Welchans was married, April 18, 1894, to Miss Frances M. Shultz, daughter of William Shultz, one of the early and prominent leaf tobacco dealers of Lancaster. They have one child, Madeline. Mr. Welchans is a member of all the local bodies of the Masonic order up to the Mystic Shrine, which does not exist in Lancaster, his membership being in the Philadelphia Shrine. During his residence in the city he belonged to the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Young Republicans, the Hamilton Club and the Conestoga Country Club. In religion he is a Lutheran. Wherever we find him, Mr. Welchans is a genial, clever, kindly gentleman.

JOHN T. BENNETT, a well-known engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, residing in Columbia, Pa., was born in Lakewood, N. J., July 8, 1862, and is a son of John and Lydia (Conover) Bennett, who spent their entire lives in that State, the father being engaged in the nursery business. He died in August, 1881, at the age of sixty-four years, and the mother passed away in April, 1870, at the age of sixty. They were the parents of six children, namely: William, who died at the age of fourteen years; Ezeriah, a grocer of Branchport, N. J.; Charles H., who died at the age of fourteen years; John T.; Mary E., who married William Thompson and died at the age of twenty-three years; and Irene, a resident of Asbury Park, New Jersey.

John T. Bennett was reared on a farm and handled fine trotting horses until sixteen years of age, after which he followed racing with fast running horses until the spring of 1887. The following year he was engaged in the butcher business, but again turned his attention to horses for one year. In 1888 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a fireman, and after serving them faithfully in that capacity for over eleven years he was promoted to engineer. He made his headquarters in Philadelphia until Jan. 18, 1892, when he was transferred to Columbia, of which he has since been a highly esteemed citizen, one who easily makes friends and as easily retains them, for he is upright and honorable in all his dealings and possesses a genial disposition. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and in politics is independent.

At Columbia, Oct. 31, 1893, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage with Miss Mabel F. McBride, by whom he had four children, namely; James T., Edward H., John W. and Renetta. Mrs. Bennett was born in Columbia, May 20, 1874, a daughter of James M. and Clara G. (Huber) McBride, also natives of that city, the former born in 1847, the latter in 1856. They are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, and are still residents of Columbia, where the father is employed as a stationary engineer by the railroad company. Mrs. Bennett is

the oldest of their children, the others being: Lillie M., who resides with Mrs. Bennett; Anna S., who married George Groff and lives with her parents; Bertha M., deceased; Morris H. and Rachel R., both at home.

JOHN S. HOOVER (deceased) was born on the family homestead in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., in September, 1849, and died July 6, 1894, his remains being interred in the Mountville cemetery.

E. Ferree and Elizabeth (Smith) Hoover, parents of the deceased John S. Hoover, came from Williamstown, Lancaster county, and founded the Hoover homestead in West Hempfield township in April, 1845, and there passed the remainder of their days. They were the parents of three children named as follows: Joseph, who died when small; John S.; and Mary, deceased wife of William Shriber of Hanover, Pennsylvania.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Ferree) Hoover, paternal grandparents of Joseph Hoover, deceased, moved from the family homestead shortly after marriage to Middletown, Dauphin county, Pa., and there passed the remainder of their lives. Joseph Hoover was prosperous as a farmer, was popular as a citizen and held several township offices; he died in 1848, when sixty-five years old, and his widow was called away about 1858. Their children, four in number, were named in order of birth: Elisha Ferree, who died on his homestead; Anna M., deceased wife of Hiram Witmer; Joseph, a retired farmer, living on the old homestead, unmarried; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried in 1895.

In October, 1871, at the home of the bride, John S. Hoover married A. Lizzie Hess, and to this union were born seven children, namely: Ferree, who married Laura Igar, and is living on the same farm with his mother; Joseph, of Mountville, married to Ella Pennypacker; Mary, deceased; John and Lizzie H. at home; Park, deceased; and Edward, at home.

Mrs. A. Lizzie (Hess) Hoover was born on the Columbia Pike in East Hempfield township and is a daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Hess, both of whom died on the old Hess homestead. The father was a farmer and was also a hotel keeper at what is now known as Kready, which hotel was under his management at the time of his death, which occurred in 1872, at the age of fifty-nine years; his widow survived him until 1878, when she expired at sixty years of age. She was a member of the Menonite Church, and the remains of both were interred in Longnecker's burying ground. The family born to Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Hess comprised twelve children, viz: Dr. John W., who died in Lancaster in 1896; Martin, who served in the army but is now living a retired life, spending his time with his sisters; Catherine and Emma, deceased; Alice, wife of George Trout, a farmer living near Landisville; A. Lizzie, Mrs. Hoover; Susan, deceased; Wit-

mer, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Ellen, wife of Henry Deitrich, a carpenter of West Hempfield township; Zena, deceased wife of Alford Cogle; Edward, of Karns City, Pa., and Lila, deceased.

The deceased John S. Hoover was a farmer all his life and a thrifty and experienced manager; he was a Democrat in politics and for two years was a school director, but never had any great desire for office or notoriety. His estimable widow still resides on the homestead of 140 acres and is surrounded with a number of sincere friends and several of her children, who make what is now the prime of her life endurable, and indeed pleasant comparatively, in the absence of that friend of all friends—her deceased husband.

SAMUEL DENLINGER, a retired farmer of Leacock township, was born in East Lampeter township, March 17, 1830, and is a son of John and Anna (Groff) Denlinger. His parents were both born and reared in East Lampeter township, where they were married. His father was born April 2, 1790, and died Oct. 30, 1861; his mother, who was born May 21, 1793, died March 25, 1859. Their ashes remain in a quiet corner of the old farm.

To John and Anna Denlinger were born the following children: David, who died at the age of eighteen years; Magdalina, who died unmarried at the age of sixty-seven; Jacob, who died young; Barbara, who is living unmarried in East Lampeter township, at the age of eighty-four years; Anna, late wife of Isaac Kreider; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Daniel Buckwalter; David, who died at the age of nineteen years; Susannah, who died single at the age of sixty-two years; John, who died at the age of forty-seven years; Samuel. John Denlinger, the father of John and the grandfather of Samuel, was a farmer in East Lampeter township. David and Anna Groff, the maternal grandparents of Samuel Denlinger, were farmer folk of Lancaster county.

Samuel Denlinger has been twice married, the first time on Jan. 3, 1852, to Elizabeth Musser, by whom he had the following children: Jacob M., a farmer in Leacock township, married to Anna Musser, by whom he has had two children; John D., a motorman in Lancaster, who married Mary Kramer, and has one daughter. Mrs. Elizabeth Musser, who was born in Leacock township, died in 1872, at the age of thirty-eight years, and was buried in Resh cemetery, at Bird-in-Hand. Mrs. Denlinger was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Musser) Musser, both of Lancaster county.

Mr. Denlinger was married again, Jan. 3, 1875, in Upper Leacock township, to Mrs. Emma (Ruth) Eby. Mrs. Emma Denlinger was born in Leacock township, and is a daughter of Simpson and Mary A. (Becher) Eby, of Lancaster county. Her father, who is dead, was a carpenter and farmer.

Samuel Denlinger remained with his parents until his marriage, when he located on his farm in

Leacock township, where he remained until 1872. He spent a year on another farm, and then established himself on the one where he is found at the present time. He is a man who has accumulated a very considerable property, and owns two handsome and well appointed farm properties. His church relations are with the German Baptist (Dunkard) Church, of which he is a faithful and devoted member. He was largely instrumental in the building of this church, and in the maintenance of its services he is a constant and hard worker. In 1871 he lost the fingers of his left hand in a fodder press.

THORNTON B. METZ, an honored veteran of the Civil war, who for a third of a century has been a trusted employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now makes his home in Columbia, where he has an elegant residence.

Mr. Metz was born in Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., July 22, 1844, a son of Philip and Susan (Breneman) Metz, the former also a native of Williamsburg, the latter of Huntingdon county, this State, where their marriage was celebrated. Both died in Williamsburg, the father in 1846, at the age of thirty-five years, the mother in 1889, at the age of eighty-two. They were faithful members of the Baptist Church and highly respected by all who knew them. The father conducted a packet station and grocery store in Williamsburg up to the time of his death. In the family were five children, namely: Samantha, who died at the age of two years; William, who died in Danville, Pa.; Anna, wife of Ephraim Gerst, a merchant tailor of Altoona, Pa.; George, now alderman from the first ward of Altoona; and Thornton B. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Jacob Metz, a native of Germany, who on his immigration to America located in Williamsburg, Pa., and followed farming. He died in 1841 at a good old age. The maternal grandparents were Jacob and Rachel Breneman, who were born in York county and died in Huntingdon county, Pa. Mr. Breneman was quite an extensive land owner and lumberman.

At the age of fifteen years Thornton B. Metz commenced the study of dentistry, and was thus employed until after the Civil war broke out. In 1862 he enlisted for nine months in Co. B, 125th P. V. I., under W. L. Hewett, and after serving that term, re-enlisted, Feb. 9, 1864, for three years, or during the war, in Battery G, 3d Pa. Artillery, under Capt. Joseph W. Sanderson; he was discharged at Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1865. Mr. Metz participated in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and the engagements in front of Richmond and Petersburg. At Chancellorsville, he received a slight wound in the wrist from a bayonet, but lost no time from his regiment. After the war Mr. Metz purchased the stage route between Williamsburg and Hollidaysburg, which he operated one year, and then came to Columbia and entered the employ of

the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as fireman, but at the end of two years and eleven months he was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he has served the company faithfully and well ever since. At one time he was a member of the B. O. L. E. and I. O. O. F., and served as vice grand in the latter fraternity, but at present is connected with no secret society. In his political views he is a Democrat. A pleasant, genial gentleman, Mr. Metz makes many friends, and is held in high regard by all who know him.

In Ansonville, Clearfield Co., Pa., Aug. 9, 1866, Mr. Metz was united in marriage with Lydia A. Groom, who was born in Columbia, Aug. 13, 1849, a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Lochard) Groom, also natives of Columbia, where the father followed farming for some years, but later was superintendent of the junction and breakwater of the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia railroad at Lewes, Del. When the road was purchased by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he remained with them until his death, which occurred in Lewes, whither he removed in 1875.

To Mr. and Mrs. Metz were born the following children: Samantha, now the wife of Amandas Gerhart, a molder of Lansdale, Pa.; Anna G., wife of Benjamin Byre, a railroad fireman and a resident of Columbia; Thomas G., confidential clerk for the superintendent of the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad Company at Clayton, Del.; Martin E., a stay-bolt inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia; Charles C., deceased; Letitia S., wife of Samuel Miller, a railroad conductor and resident of Columbia; Thornton M., a railroad brakeman, residing at home; Lydia, wife of James Caldwell, a brakeman of Columbia; William L., also a brakeman; Susan, Catherine and Maud, all at home; Louis, deceased; and Margaret L. and George, twins, the former at home, the latter deceased.

AARON W. MILLER, the proprietor of the "Oregon Hotel," in Oregon, who enjoys an enviable reputation among the hotel men of Lancaster county, was born in Manheim township, Aug. 5, 1857.

The son of Martin Van Buren and Anna M. (Eberley) Miller, he worthily sustains the honor of an old family name. His mother is still living, and makes her home with her daughter in East Hempfield township, having already reached the age of sixty-four years. The father was sixty-five years of age at the time of his death, July 10, 1900, near Manheim. Born in Lancaster county, he was the son of Samuel E. Miller, who died when Martin was a small boy.

Martin Van Buren Miller was early left to care for himself, and he made his home with Ulrich Shirk, where he lived until his marriage. After that event for several years he was engaged in cultivating the Shirk farm. Leaving there, he engaged in the butchering business, which he followed for

thirty-five years, attending the Lancaster markets. After his son Aaron was married, he became a partner with his father until 1882. For several years after that the business was under the management of the son, for whom the father worked. In 1893 the business was sold, and Aaron retired from business life, and the father lived with him. Martin Van Buren Miller was a Republican. To him and his wife were born four children: Etta E., the wife of Samuel Rutter, of Lancaster; Aaron W.; Abraham L., the keeper of the toll-gate on the New Holland pike; Alice, the wife of Harry Dunkler, who resides between Landisville and Lancaster.

Aaron W. Miller was educated in the public schools, and learned the butcher business with his father, when only twelve years of age keeping his father's books; when a young man he attended the market business at Lancaster, and this was his occupation for over thirty years. In 1893 he lived retired one year, but found it difficult to endure the lack of a regular occupation, and accordingly entered upon the hotel business, which has been his main labor to the present time. With peculiar adaptability to the hotel career, he has made it a great success.

Mr. Miller has been twice married, first in 1879, to Ella, a daughter of John Myers. She died Aug. 28, 1892, at the age of thirty-five years, seven months and three days, and was the mother of the following: Walter, born Sept. 10, 1879, now living in Lititz, an engineer, who married Ada Beech, and has one child, Edna May; Samuel S., born Dec. 3, 1881, at home; Katie, born May 28, 1883, the wife of William Mills, of Ephrata township, and the mother of one child, Helen; Anna Mary, born Feb. 11, 1886, at home; Martin Van Buren, born April 26, 1887; Alice, born May 18, 1889.

Mr. Miller contracted his second marriage in 1893, to Mrs. Carrie Kemper, of Lititz, a daughter of William Stauer. To this union have come two children: Wesley O'Brien, born Nov. 5, 1893; and Carrie, born Feb. 15, 1895. The Millers stand among the best and most respected people of the county.

AUGUSTUS RODGERS, a retired tinsmith of Intercourse, Lancaster county, was born in the city of Lancaster, Dec. 28, 1844, and is a son of Thomas and Mary (Eahler) Rodgers, both natives of Lancaster county, where their lives were spent. The father was a nail cutter in his younger days, then for many years a tinsmith, some twenty-five years. Prior to his death he lived retired, and died in 1849, at the age of sixty. His widow passed to her reward in 1855, at the age of sixty-three. They were members of the Lutheran Church, and both were buried in the Woodward Hill cemetery at Lancaster.

Thomas and Mary Rodgers were the parents of the following children: Mary, who died young; Mary Ann, who died unmarried, at the age of seventy years; Henry, who died unmarried, at the age

of seventy-six; Anna Eliza, deceased wife of Philip Baker; David, who married Anna Bushman, and died when forty-five years old; Augustus; Emanuel, a retired shoemaker of Lancaster; Harriet, the widow of Jacob R. Evarts, living in Lancaster with her five children; Mrs. Evarts died April 23, 1901.

Augustus Rodgers married Elizabeth McIlvane, born Aug. 15, 1844, by whom he has had the following children: Elizabeth, who married Emory Kelley, a machinist, and died May 14, 1893; John, a tinsmith of Royersford, Pa., married to Mary Murr, who is dead; Catherine Z., who married Philip Trupp and lives in Lancaster, Pa.; Jacob E., a tinsmith of Lancaster, married to Irene Shellenberger; Margaret, who died young; Mary Ann, who died in October, 1859; Augustus M., who is a tinsmith in Intercourse, married to Mary Young; Henry C., a partner with Augustus M., married to Lizzie Smith; Samuel S., a resident of Mt. Joy, married to Sallie McMichael.

Mrs. Elizabeth (McIlvane) Rodgers was born in Mt. Joy, Pa., March 20, 1827, a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Ferguson) McIlvane, both natives of Ireland. They came to America with their two children, where he engaged in business as a miller. He died in 1829, and his wife in 1870, at the age of sixty-five. Born to this union were the following children: Davis, a resident of Middletown, Pa., now retired; Jane, deceased wife of George Keifer; Margaret, deceased wife of Davis Keith; Nancy, widow of James Hamilton, of Lancaster, Pa.; Elizabeth; John.

Augustus Rodgers remained in Lancaster until 1844, when he removed to Intercourse, where he is found at the present time. When he was sixteen years old he became an apprentice to the tinsmith trade in the shops of Gemperling Brothers, and remained with them four years. Following this he was a journeyman until his marriage, when he established himself at Intercourse in the tinsmith and hardware trade, which he carried on until 1891. That year he retired in favor of his two sons. He and his wife belong to the Methodist Church. In his politics he is a stanch Republican, and takes a prominent part in local and general affairs. They are a happy couple, and enjoy the unmeasured respect and esteem of all with whom they come in contact.

JOHN F. HOOK, a well-known citizen of Columbia, who for eighteen years has been connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 4, 1859, a son of John A. and Mary (Wolf) Hook, the former a native of Lancaster, the latter of York, Pa. Their marriage was celebrated in Columbia, where the father located in 1848, but in 1854 he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and spent six years in that city, returning to Columbia in 1860. There he was engaged in the insurance business, and as one of the prominent and influential men of the city was called upon to serve in the city council.

He died in 1879, at the age of sixty-four years, but his wife, who was born in 1827, is still living in Columbia. In their family were the following children: Mamie, wife of Bernard Malone, a contractor, of Lancaster, Pa.; Sarah E., wife of Charles F. Young, a postal clerk, of Columbia; Charlotte A., wife of W. H. Frye, who is clerking in Baltimore, Md.; George A., a resident of Lancaster; Anna S., who is living with her mother in Columbia; James M., an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia; John F.; Edward P. and Alice, who died in infancy; and Clara A., at home with her mother.

During the infancy of John F. Hook his parents returned to Columbia, Pa., where he was reared and educated, attending school until sixteen years of age, when he entered the office of the *Columbia Herald* and was there employed seven years. At the end of that period he accepted a position as brakeman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and served there for three years and a half. During the following twelve years he was employed as fireman, and was then promoted to engineer, in which capacity he is still employed by that same company, his labors having always given the utmost satisfaction. Fraternally he is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Pennsylvania Volunteer Relief Department; and politically he is an ardent supporter of the Democratic party and its principles. In religious belief he is a Catholic.

At Columbia, April 12, 1893, Mr. Hook was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Hinkle, and to them have been born three children, namely, Sarah F., Mary C. and Grace A. Mrs. Hook is a native of Columbia and a daughter of David K. and Henrietta Hinkle.

HOSEA GIVLER, a general farmer of Rapho township, lives on the same farm where he was born, Feb. 28, 1863. He is the son of Henry and Nancy (Shepler) Givler, of Ephrata, Lancaster county.

Both the parents of Hosea Givler died on this farm, upon which they settled in 1858. They are buried in private ground on the Fauss farm, in Rapho township. The parents were members of the River Brethren Church. He was a shoemaker by trade but had retired some years before his death, which occurred in March, 1898, at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Henry Givler died in 1880, at the age of fifty-nine years. There were born to this union of Henry and Nancy Givler the following children: Elizabeth, deceased; Isaac, a farmer of Mt. Joy; Samuel, a farmer of Rapho township; Henry, Peter, Jacob, Mary, wife of Nathan Myers, Christian and John, all deceased; Aaron, of Manheim township; Hiram and Anna, deceased; and Hosea.

In 1886 Hosea Givler married Miss Catherine Newgart. There have been born to this union the following family: Anna M.; Hiram, deceased; Lizzie, Henry, Elsa, Mabel and Katie. Mrs. Giv-

ler was born in Rapho township. Her parents were Joseph and Mary (Geisel) Newgart, who were married in 1855. There were the following children born to them: John, a farmer, at home; Jacob, deceased; Malinda, wife of Nathan Gible, a farmer of Rapho township; Catherine, wife of Hosea Givler; Henry, at home, unmarried; and Morris, deceased.

Mrs. Newgart's maiden name was Mary Geisel and she was born in Rapho township in March, 1835. She was the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Gepfer) Geisel, of Rapho township. Joseph Newgart was born in Baden, Germany, Feb. 22, 1829, the son of Joseph and Katie (Homer) Newgart. He worked at the carpenter trade in Germany and when he came to America in 1850 he still followed it in connection with farming until 1894, when he retired.

Hosea Givler has lived on his present farm, as already mentioned, all his life. He has been very successful since he took charge of the place, in 1889, upon the retirement of his father, and no one stands better in the community than he. He is a fine, up-to-date man, well off financially, and alive to the interests of Lancaster county. In politics he is a Republican, and it would not be surprising to his friends if he, a little later, should take a prominent part in the councils of the party.

JAMES R. McMANUS. This well-known railroad conductor of Columbia, Pa., was born in that city, Sept. 18, 1854, and throughout life has been identified with its interests.

Owen McManus, father of James R., and a retired railroad man of Columbia, was born in the village of Oldtown, County Meath, Ireland, Nov. 4, 1832, a son of Patrick and Elizabeth (Gaffney) McManus, also natives of Ireland, where the former died in 1842, while the latter departed this life in Lancaster, Pa., in 1857. The father came to the New World in 1849, landing in New York, Dec. 14, and after a few days spent in that city he came to Lancaster, Pa. He removed to Columbia in 1871, and until he retired, Jan. 1, 1893, he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. On Dec. 4, 1853, he married Nora Larkin, a native of County Clare, Ireland, and a daughter of James and Catherine Larkin, who never left that country. She died Dec. 23, 1875, aged forty years. To Owen and Nora (Larkin) McManus were born eight children, of whom James R. is the oldest; Mary A. is at home with her father; John was killed on the railroad, Oct. 17, 1884; Alexander was killed, Jan. 23, 1890; Eugene died young; Margaret is a school teacher of Columbia; Michael is a railroad brakeman; and Nora is the wife of Desmos Barbot, a wholesale liquor dealer of Philadelphia.

The first fifteen years of his life, James R. McManus spent upon a farm, engaged in agricultural pursuits when not in school. He was then employed on track repairs with the Pennsylvania Railroad

Company one year, after which he went as brakeman on the road for four years and flagman three years. Since then he has held the responsible position of conductor and has discharged his duties in a capable and satisfactory manner. The Democratic party finds in him a staunch supporter of its principles, and he affiliates with the Order of Railroad Conductors and the Knights of St. Patrick. In religious belief he is a Catholic.

Mr. McManus was married in Columbia, May 9, 1882, to Miss Alice Hendrick, by whom he has five children, Alice V., James R., Joseph H., Margaret and Estella. Mrs. McManus was born in Columbia, April 1, 1863, a daughter of Lawrence and Mary (Grenan) Hendrick, natives of County Carlow, Ireland, who were married in Norristown, Pa., and came to Columbia in 1854. The father was flagman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until crippled while coupling cars, and is still in their employ, having charge of the sharpening of tools. He was born in 1822, his wife in 1830. Both are devout members of the Catholic Church and most estimable people. They have only two children: Anna M., who is the widow of Michael P. Berry and resides with her father; and Alice, now Mrs. McManus.

AMOS G. GOOD. For many years the name of Good has been known and respected in Lancaster county, where the grandfather of Amos G. Good established a reputation for honesty and an estimable life that is still remembered. For many years he was a prominent justice of the peace and innumerable were the occasions when the good judgment and wise advice of "Squire Good" settled troubles which might have resulted in long litigation. His son, Jacob Good, was born and reared in Conestoga township, where he became an extensive farmer and owned a large acreage of land both in Conestoga and in Pequea townships. His years almost reached eighty-four, but his wife died at the age of sixty-five; both of them were devoted members of the Old Mennonite Church.

A large family was born to Jacob Good and his wife, the greater number being settled in Lancaster county, with honors and descendants of their own: Christian, a retired resident of Strasburg township; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Benjamin Kreider, of Pequea township; Mary, deceased wife of Jacob Kreider, of West Lampeter township; Benjamin, a farmer of Pequea township; Simon, a farmer of Providence township; Annie, who married Jacob Harnish, a farmer of Pequea township; Susan, deceased wife of Martin Eshelman, a farmer of Pequea township; Amos G.; Martha, who married John Ressel, of Pequea township; and Fannie, who married Frank Weaver, of Upper Leacock township.

Amos G. Good was a typical farmer boy, was reared on the old farm and early became acquainted with its various duties, and received his education in the common schools of his district. At the age of

twenty-four he started out in life for himself; he located first on a farm of 140 acres in Strasburg township, near Refton, where he remained for nine years, at the end of which period he removed to his present farm of fifty-seven acres, two miles south of Lancaster City. Mr. Good was born Aug. 17, 1842, in Pequea township, a son of Jacob and Mary (Gochnaur) Good, and he has always felt an interest in that locality. The farm he now occupies is one of the old ones of the county and the house and barn are almost historical on account of their age, the former having weathered well the storms of 129 years, while for eighty-nine years the old barn has done duty as shelter for stock and the yield of the fertile fields. The location of this farm enhances its value, its proximity to the city being of great advantage.

Amos G. Good was married to Catherine Huber, a daughter of David Huber, of West Lampeter township, and they have had a family of five children: Melinda, married to John Barr, a farmer who resides near Kansas City, Mo., and the mother of four children, Katie, Mary, Franklin and Earl; Mary, at home; Henry F., a farmer of East Lampeter, who married Ella Zittle, and has three children, Vernon, Lester and Sylvester; Amos H. and David S., both at home.

Amos Good has been one of the energetic, progressive, wide-awake men of his neighborhood, and a consistent supporter of the Old Mennonite Church, of which both he and his estimable wife have long been members.

JOHN R. LANDIS, one of the best known conductors on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in Lititz, Lancaster Co., Pa., June 2, 1857, and is a son of David F. H. and Mary A. (Resler) Landis, who in February, 1897, removed from Lititz to the city of Lancaster, where they are now living in quiet retirement. David F. H. Landis was born July 4, 1835, was reared a carpenter and followed the trade until his retirement; his wife was born in August, 1826, and to them have been born two children, John R. and Susan R. The family are strict Mennonites in religion and descend from a long line of ancestors renowned for their piety, and whose early history forms very interesting reading.

In the latter part of the sixteenth century, the Landis family were members of a sect in Switzerland known as Pietists on account of their rigorous piety. In this connection historical mention is made of Hans Landis, a minister of this faith, who located on the Swiss side of the Rhine river in order to promulgate the doctrines of his church, but the Council of Zurich, who were not Catholics but members of the Reformed Church, in order to check the teachings of Hans, ordered his arrest; this action did not dampen the ardor of the good man, and later he was sent in irons from Zurich to the Papists at Zolothurn. Through the aid of good friends he secured his release and returned to Zurich, where

he rigorously examined as to his faith, and in September, 1644, was beheaded with a sword as a teacher of heterodoxy.

In May, 1637, with three others of the same faith, Hans Landis, the second, a steadfast Pietist in Horgenberg, was arrested, and he and his daughter, Margaretha, were confined fully sixty weeks at Othenbach, and while thus incarcerated the authorities confiscated their property, valued at 7,000 florins, and applied it to their own use. In 1640 Oswald Landis, his wife, and two daughters-in-law, were also incarcerated in Othenbach, and Jacob Landis, son of Oswald, and all his family were banished. The two daughters-in-law, with their infants, later escaped from prison, which good fortune afterward befell Oswald and his wife, but they had been deprived of all their property and were compelled to wander about in poverty.

Felix Landis, son of the beheaded Hans, was a firm member of the church at Horgenberg, and for this he was imprisoned at Othenbach, where he was cruelly treated, and his digestive organs so impaired by starvation, that he afterward died from this cause. His wife and children were deprived of their home and furniture and fortune of 5,000 florins, and turned loose among strangers.

For about two generations, from 1643 to 1717, the records fail to reveal further individual incidents in the history of the Landis family. But in 1683, and in 1709 and 1712, many Mennonites availed themselves of the liberal policy of William Penn in America, and came to Chester county, which then included Lancaster county. In 1717, three brothers Landis, Rev. Benjamin, Felix and John, all Swiss Mennonites, came from the vicinity of Manheim on the Rhine, whither they had been driven from Zurich, and purchased land from Penn and the Conestoga Indians. Rev. Benjamin Landis was accompanied to Pennsylvania by his only son, Benjamin, Jr., then eighteen years of age. He took up a tract of 240 acres from a London company, and received his patent in 1718, but the land was then occupied by Conestoga Indians. Rev. Benjamin and his son, however, at once began farming, the location of the tract being in what is now Lampeter township, near Mellinger's Meeting House, and about four miles east of Lancaster, and many of the descendants of Rev. Benjamin are still living in that neighborhood.

The paternal grandparents of John R. Landis were David S. and Anna (Frick) Landis, who lived on their farm in Lancaster county; the great-grandfather was John Landis.

John R. Landis lived on the home farm until 1873, when he came to Columbia, and worked in a planing mill until the latter part of 1877, and then in a livery stable until the close of 1878; at that time he became brakeman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, working thus until 1885, and next as flagman until 1892, when he was promoted to

conductor, and is now considered to be one of the most reliable on the road.

March 14, 1877, Mr. Landis married in Columbia, Miss Phebe Depue, and to this union have been born three children: Mazie D., who is married to Harry S. Garrett, a brakeman in Columbia; and John D. and Mary D., at home. Mrs. Phebe (Depue) Landis was born in York county, Pa., March 28, 1858, and is a daughter of John and Rachel (Brooks) Depue; the father, a carpenter, still resides in York county, at the age of sixty-eight years, but the mother was called away March 14, 1870, aged thirty-one years, in the faith of the M. E. Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Depue are four in number and are named: Phebe, now Mrs. Landis; Thomas, of Oxford, Pa.; Mary, of Leaman Place, and married to Frank B. May; and Lillie, wife of Jacob Isenberger, a painter in Philadelphia. Mr. Landis is a member of the B. of R. T., is a K. of P., a member of the Relief, and of the Lutheran Church, and in politics is a Republican.

JOHN H. METZLER, a retired farmer in Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in Strasburg township, of that county, May 24, 1826, a son of John and Esther (Herr) Metzler.

John Metzler was born in Strasburg township, his wife in Paradise township, and both died in Rapho township. The father was an active farmer until a few years before his death, which occurred June 18, 1865, he being at that time aged seventy years. The mother, who died Sept. 26, 1867, was born March 16, 1799. They were buried in the Erismans Meeting House burying ground. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were honorable and upright people. To them were born the following family: Henry H. and Martin H., both deceased; John H.; Susan H., the widow of Martin Gepfer, living in Mt. Joy township; Eliza H., who married Samuel Stauffer, and has a home in Rapho township; Fanny H., who married Samuel Barnes, and lives in Rapho township; Abraham H., deceased; Benjamin H., living in West Hempfield township.

Henry Metzler, the paternal grandfather of John H., was a farmer in the township of Strasburg.

John H. Metzler has been twice married, the first marriage occurring Oct. 12, 1852, when Hettie Shelley became his wife. There were born to this union: Abraham S., deceased, who married Mary Hernley, and had three children, Herman, Monroe and Abraham; Eli S., a farmer in Rapho township who married Rebecca Gingerick, by whom he had Dora, Bessie and Martin; Daniel S., a farmer on the present homestead, married to Lizzie Erb, by whom he had Minnie, Harvey and John; Lizzie S., who married Abraham Hernley, a farmer in Rapho township, and is the mother of Nora, Minnie, Peter, Barbara, Lizzie, Martha and Esther.

Mrs. Hettie (Shelley) Metzler, born in Rapho

township, died Dec. 26, 1873, at the age of forty years and twenty days, and was buried in the Erisman's Church cemetery. She was a daughter of Abraham and Esther (Shoemaker) Shelley, of Lancaster county. Her name is tenderly cherished by those who knew her as a woman of fine character and consecrated spirit.

The second marriage of Mr. Metzler occurred March 18, 1875, in Rapho township, when Mary Bradley became his wife. To this marriage has come one daughter, Emma B., now the wife of Jacob Snavelly, a farmer in Rapho township, and the mother of three children, Stella, Mamie, and Monroe.

Mrs. Mary (Bradley) Metzler was born in Rapho township, March 22, 1843, a daughter of Henry and Esther (Shelley) Bradley, of Rapho township, where they spent their lives. Her father was a lifelong farmer. He was born in 1807, and died in 1865. His widow was born in 1813, and died at the age of seventy-nine years. These were their children: Samuel, now living retired in Rapho township; Abraham, now retired in Rapho township; Anna, unmarried, and living in Rapho township; Henry, living in the same township; Mary, Mrs. Metzler; Hettie, who died young; John, a farmer in Rapho township; Barbara, who died young; Catherine, married to Levi Nissley, a miller of Rapho township; Benjamin, of Rapho township; Fanny, married to Samuel Cober, a carpenter in Rapho township.

Henry Bradley, Mrs. Metzler's grandfather, came from Ireland, and was an early settler in Rapho township. There he died in 1812.

John H. Metzler remained with his parents until his marriage, after which he was employed by his father-in-law some ten years, when he set up for himself. In 1852 he removed to his present place, where he has become very prominent as a rich and prosperous farmer. His business abilities are of a high order, and his personal character unstained. To each of his children he has given a farm, and both he and his wife are much esteemed and respected by a wide circle of good friends. They are a fine old couple, and well deserve whatever peace and comfort comes to them as their years decline. They belong to the River Brethren Church, and their sound and wholesome lives have brought no discredit to their religious associations.

HENRY BINKLEY, the well known cattle dealer at Mountville, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in Manheim township, in the same county, Sept. 23, 1849, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stackhouse) Binkley, natives of Welsh Mount, Earl township, and Mt. Joy township, respectively. Samuel Binkley was a lifelong farmer and died at Chickies, in Rapho township, Jan. 6, 1890, at the age of sixty-seven years, in the faith of the Dunkard Church. Mrs. Elizabeth Binkley was born in Mt. Joy township, May 20, 1831. To her marriage

with Samuel Binkley were born six children, in the following order: Henry; John, of Mountville; Mary, deceased; William, who died in Texas; Samuel, of Chicago, Ill.; and Harmon, a cigarmaker in Mountville, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Henry Binkley were John and Hannah (Kertz) Binkley, of East Earl township, where Mrs. Binkley passed her life; John Binkley was a miller and died in Landisville, where his mill is still standing. To John and Hannah Binkley were born seven children, all now deceased, viz: Hannah, who was married to David Miller; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Dunkel; Mary, married to John Paxter; John, Samuel, John (2) and William, all deceased. David Binkley, great-grandfather of Henry, came from Germany and was a pioneer of Lancaster county. His son John, conducted a flouring mill, which is still standing, known as the old Binkley mill, but which is now operated as a paper-mill. John also built the Binkley bridge, which crosses Conestoga creek.

The maternal grandparents of Henry Binkley were John and Susan (Johnson) Stackhouse, natives of Bucks county. John Stackhouse was a cooper by trade, came to Lancaster county in an early day, and there died in 1861, at the age of sixty-five years; he had lost his wife in 1837 when she was forty years old. To their union were born the following named children: Sarah, who was married to John Watts; Evaline, who was Mrs. Jacob Sonon; Sylvester; Amanda, Mrs. Schriver; Matilda, Mrs. Boggs; Elizabeth, Mrs. Binkley, the only survivor; and John H.

Henry Binkley remained on the home farm until he had attained the age of twenty-five years, and then joined his brother John as a partner in the milling business at Abbeyville for one year, and then came to Mountville, where he has been since most prosperously engaged in trading, buying and selling horses and cattle and other live stock.

On Sept. 6, 1876, Henry Binkley married Clara Yohn in Mountville and to this union have been born eight children, viz: Elizabeth, a school teacher, living with her parents; Blanche, deceased; Ella, also under the parental roof; Edward, a machinist; Marie, Harry, Esther and Thomas, all still with their parents. Mrs. Clara (Yohn) Binkley was born in East Hempfield township, Jan. 31, 1856, a daughter of John and Jane (Middleton) Yohn, of Brecknock township, Lancaster county, and Compass, Chester county, Pa., who were married in Lancaster county. They came to Mountville in 1862, where John Yohn, previously a farmer, conducted the "Barley Chief Hotel" until his death, which occurred in April, 1882, when he was seventy-three years old. His widow was called to rest July 3, 1898, at the age of eighty-three years; she was a member of the Reformed Church, to which her husband had also belonged. There were born to this couple the following children: William, a deceased farmer of Canton, Ohio; Edward, a stock-

dealer at Mountville, Pa.; Martin, of Columbia, Pa.; Catherine, Anna and John, who all died in infancy; Mary, residing with her sister Clara, who is the youngest of the family and the wife of Henry Binkley.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Clara Binkley were Peter and Catherine (Styer) Yohn, both now deceased. Peter was a farmer and a son of John Yohn, a German pioneer of Lancaster county who came to America with two brothers, one of whom went West and the other settled in Berks county, Pa. The death of Peter occurred in 1862. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Binkley were James and Sallie (Armstrong) Middleton, of Chester county, Pa., where James Middleton was a stonemason.

Henry Binkley is a member of the Mystic Chain, of Mountville, and in politics is a Republican. He is very highly esteemed socially and as a business man stands fair and square before the world, without a blot on his fair name.

JOHN HENRY SWARTZ, an enterprising and progressive citizen of Columbia, who is now employed as conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in that city, Oct. 2, 1855, and is a son of John Frederick and Catherine (Hammond) Swartz, natives of Columbia and Mt. Joy, Pa., respectively.

The paternal grandparents were John and Catherine (Beiter) Swartz, who were born in Germany and on coming to the United States, in 1812, located in Columbia, Pa., where the former engaged in the butcher business for the remainder of his life. The maternal grandfather, George Hammond, was a native of Wales and an early settler of Lancaster county, Pa., where he followed the occupation of farming. The father, John F. Swartz, was flagman for the old State road; was engaged in the butcher business from 1868 to 1872; and afterward was employed as railroad brakeman. He was killed at Philadelphia, June 7, 1877, at the age of forty-seven years, being run over by the train while he was making a coupling. His wife is still living at the age of sixty-four years, and now makes her home in Lancaster; she is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which he also belonged. John H. is the oldest of their children; William died at the age of nine years; Maggie is the wife of Edward B. Fralick, who is engaged in the hotel business in Lancaster; Anna is the wife of Albert Charles, a butcher of Lancaster; Emily died young; Carrie is the wife of Harry McCalister, a railroad conductor of Lancaster; George is a clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Lancaster; and James is a conductor of Columbia.

In his native city John H. Swartz grew to manhood. At the age of sixteen he commenced working for his father in the butcher business, and two years later began his railroad career as brakeman for the Pennsylvania Company, serving them in that capacity three years. The following three

years he was flagman, and was then promoted to conductor, which position he is now most creditably filling. He is an honored member of the Order of Railway Conductors, and also belongs to the Pennsylvania Relief Association and the Signal Insurance Company. In his political views he is a staunch Republican, and always ready and willing to give his support to any enterprise which he believes calculated to prove of public benefit.

On Aug. 13, 1876, in Columbia, Mr. Swartz married Miss Catherine Heim, and to them were born eight children, namely: Minnie and Nellie, twins, who died young; Walter; John H.; Grover C.; Charles F.; Albert C.; and Ollenine. Mrs. Swartz was born in East Prospect, York Co., Pa., Sept. 26, 1857, a daughter of Peter and Catherine (Hibner) Heim, natives of Germany, who came to the New World in 1853, and located in Columbia, Pa., where for many years the father followed his trade of shoemaking; he is now living retired with his daughter, Mrs. Swartz. He was born in 1822, his wife in 1815. Religiously they are members of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Swartz is the youngest of their children, the others being: Emma, wife of Bud Williams, of Wrightsville, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of Reuben Berg, of Columbia; George, a switch tender of Columbia; Philip, a train receiver of the same place; John, a railroad engineer, now deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Swartz were Adam and Catherine (Youhann) Heim, lifelong residents of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, the former a shoemaker in his younger days and later a lumberman. The maternal grandparents were John and Catherine Hibner, also natives of Germany, where the grandfather died, after which the grandmother and her children came to America.

JOHN H. KREIDER, deceased. The name of Kreider is an old one in Lancaster county and originated in Switzerland, various members of the family coming here during the first settlement of this part of the State and taking up residence when it was still a wilderness and inhabited principally by Indians. The contrast is great between the possessions of the family then and at the present time, for their land is probably among the very best in this agricultural district in point of care and cultivation.

Christian Kreider, the grandfather of John H., was one of the solid, substantial citizens of West Lampeter township, owning a farm of sixty acres located about two and one half miles south of the city of Lancaster, now owned by Amos S. Mowrer. There he lived, and owned and operated a sawmill, run entirely by water power; some of this kind are still in operation in different sections. He married Anna Harnish, who survived him, living to be eighty-two, while he died at the age of seventy-six. They were good and worthy people, consistent members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. They had a family of five children: Elizabeth, who mar-

ried John Weaver, of West Lampeter township; Jacob, who became a prominent man; John; Nancy, who married Benjamin Landis, of Upper Leacock township; and Fannie, wife of John Herr, who resided some time in Manheim township, but later moved to Lancaster City, where he lives in retirement.

John Kreider, who was locally known as "John Kreider, fuller," because he operated a fulling mill in connection with his woolen factory, was born in 1804, and lived until 1871, his life covering a space rich in the world's discoveries and improvements. He was reared on a farm, and after he reached maturity took entire charge of the place, and not only engaged in farming but opened a woolen factory, built a fulling mill and carded wool, for many years doing a thriving business in that line. In 1848 he closed up these interests and turned his energies to farming exclusively, buying a property which lay adjacent to the old farm, and to which he later removed, his acreage then being 180 acres. As he desired to keep his sons employed at home, he engaged in extensive farming operations, and also raised considerable stock. About 1858 he purchased another farm, consisting of 110 acres a little farther south in the same township, now owned by his son, John H., and upon this place passed his last years. During the latter part of his life he again invested in land, buying a forty-two acre lot in West Lampeter, adjoining his former purchase, now the property of his son Christian, and in addition to this a farm of eighty-two acres in Drumore township, which later came into the possession of his daughter Mary. Fifteen acres of valuable timber (chestnut) land, in Providence township, also belonged to him, all most desirable tracts, as John Kreider was too keen a business man to purchase any inferior land. His means were large and he was well known for his generosity and benevolence, as well as for his public spirit.

John Kreider married Anna Houser, daughter of Christian Houser, of Lampeter, where she was born about 1802. She lived a good and pious life, and she and her husband were devout members of the Reformed Mennonite Church. A family of five children were born to this union: Christian, a retired farmer of West Lampeter; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Jacob Landis, of East Lampeter; John H.; Isaac, a retired farmer, who died in Lancaster, Feb. 7, 1901; and Mary, who married Isaac Fritz, of Strasburg township.

JOHN H. KREIDER was born Nov. 21, 1834, and was reared on the farm, although when quite young he was employed in the fulling mill. His education was received in the public schools and when he reached his twenty-fourth year he began farming operations for himself, locating on the fine farm of 110 acres which he occupied up to the time of his death, which occurred April 15, 1901. At present all the surroundings denote thrift and prosperity, and demonstrate that Mr. Kreider was an excellent

manager. Four and a half acres of fine chestnut timber land, in Providence township, also belonged to him. This estate is still in the possession of the family. Mr. Kreider amassed considerable property, owning, besides his farming and timber lands before mentioned, a tract of eight and one half acres at Paradise, which is occupied by his son, upon which are good buildings; he also owned the brick residence where his daughter lives.

To possess the confidence and esteem of those who have known one all his life must surely be gratifying, and that John H. Kreider possessed these is proved by the number of trusts that were placed in his hands, as he probably had more estates to settle and was called upon more often to act as guardian than any other man in the community. The religious connection of the family is with the Reformed Mennonite Church, in which Mr. Kreider was a worthy deacon for twenty-two years, and to which he was a generous and cheerful contributor for many years for benevolent and charitable enterprises.

John H. Kreider married, Nov. 11, 1858, Mary Ann Eshleman, a daughter of Jacob Eshleman, of Strasburg township, and two children were born to this union. Elam E. is a resident of Paradise township, where he is the milk deliverer to the American Caramel Factory, at Lancaster; he married Hettie Miller and has six children, Lillie, John, Miller, Ernie, Anna and Elam. Ada married Martin Bowman, and has one child, Muriel; Mr. Bowman is in the grocery business and resides at the corner of Ann and Green streets.

DANIEL STOKES, of Martic township, is one of the leading farmers of that section of the county. He was born Sept. 14, 1851, son of Jacob and Mary (Reinheart) Stokes, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

Grandfather John Stokes was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, for the British, being one of the Hessians who were sent by the English to fight against the colonies. He did not relish the business and upon the first opportunity deserted and threw in his lot with the patriot army, his descendants all having been among the most loyal and staunch supporters of the government of the United States.

Jacob Stokes, the father of Daniel, was twice married. To his marriage eleven children were born, six of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Barbara, Henry, Mary, Leah, Lizzie and Susan, the others dying young; six children were born to his second marriage, namely: Jacob, deceased; Ellen, the wife of Abe Corrigan; John, of Colerain township; Joseph, of Little Britain township; Ann, deceased; and Daniel, of this sketch.

On April 6, 1873, Daniel Stokes was united in marriage with Miss Anna Herman, born Feb. 3, 1853, daughter of Samuel and Susan (Lowrhees) Herman, of Lancaster. To this marriage a family of fifteen children was born, as follows: John,

born Oct. 23, 1874, a farmer of Martic; Elenora, Oct. 15, 1875; Jacob, June 18, 1878, of Martic; Harry, April 25, 1877, died Nov. 3, 1879; Ida, June 20, 1879; Daniel, Aug. 12, 1883; Charles, May 28, 1881, deceased; Florence, Aug. 12, 1885; Barbara, Feb. 16, 1887; Willis, Dec. 14, 1888; Mary, Nov. 27, 1890; Minnie, July 14, 1892; Joseph, Nov. 10, 1893; Howard, July 1, 1896; and Walter, Nov. 5, 1897.

Mrs. Stokes was one of a large family of children, as follows: John; Herman, of Pequea township; Henry, a clergyman, in Ohio; Benjamin, of West Lampeter township; Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Miller, of Lancaster; Susan, wife of Martin Snyder of West Lampeter township; Mary, the wife of Jacob Stokes; Fannie, the wife of Jacob Hilderbrand, of West Lampeter township; Samuel M., of the same township; and Anna C., the wife of Daniel Stokes.

Mr. Stokes, like many another successful man, began life for himself with very few possessions. He has, however, accumulated an ample fortune and owns a fine farm in Martic township, comprising 150 acres of land, with excellent improvements. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and is regarded as one of the leading men of his township.

JOHN G. DETZ. For many years Mr. Detz has filled the responsible post of an engineer in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and he enjoys at the present time the unqualified esteem of his fellow townsmen of Columbia. He is of German descent, as may be inferred from his patronymic, and his paternal grandfather was John Detz, of Wurtemberg, a farmer who passed his days in the Fatherland.

The father of John G., who was also christened John, came to this country with two sisters, at the early age of sixteen years. He settled near Strasburg, and was by occupation a wheelwright. From there he moved to Columbia, in 1864. For three years he conducted a shop of his own, but subsequently worked at his trade as a journeyman until he reached his sixty-fifth year, when he gave up active toil. Four years later, in April, 1886, he entered into rest, leaving a beloved and revered memory. He was a devout and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife, Rachel E. Urban, whose birthplace was within the limits of Lancaster county. She was of the same age as her husband, and survived him for only six months.

The family of Urban deserves more than a mere passing mention. Its first representatives in Lancaster county, where they were among the early settlers, were three brothers; two of these remained there, while the other, who was of more adventurous instincts, sought a wider field in Philadelphia. There he became associated with the eccentric and philanthropic Stephen Girard. He was a man of quick, keen business perception, and this quality of

mind recommended him to the merchant prince, who virtually started him in business. He left a large estate, which is still in litigation, and to which Mr. Detz believes that he is one of the lawful heirs. The parents of the elder Mrs. Detz were George A. Urban, a farmer of Conestoga township, and Elizabeth Rathfon.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Detz were as follows: Susan, now the wife of Christian Bowers, a wealthy, retired farmer of Kosciusko, Ind.; Caroline, who married Henry Gehr, a farmer of Creswell; Catherine, the widow of Aaron Gehr, whose home is in Millersville; Joseph, a passenger conductor in the employ of the Columbia & Reading Railroad Company; Mary, the widow of the late Adam Hersh, of Lancaster; Elizabeth, widow of J. E. Wolfskill, a railroad engineer; John G.; George, a merchant's clerk in Columbia; and Martha, who is unmarried and whose home is in Lancaster.

John G. Detz was born Sept. 10, 1854, in Safe Harbor, Lancaster county. His school days lasted until he was a well-grown youth of seventeen years. His first venture in the business world was as clerk in the grocery store of Frederick Bucher, where he was employed for eighteen months; for thirteen months following he was a clerk in the furnishing goods store of I. O. Bruner, and next he entered the employ of A. R. Hogentogler, with whom he remained for a year and a half. Having acquired some business experience during these periods, and being possessed of some little accumulated money, he resolved to embark in business for himself. He opened a grocery store, but it proved by no means successful; within a year \$1400 had been sunk, and this venture ended his commercial career. His next move was to enter the employ of the railroad company, his first position being that of a fireman. Strange to say, in view of his previous experience, he found the task congenial. The dash, the excitement, the risk and the responsibility, one and all, struck a sympathetic cord in his nature. After four years and a half thus passed, he was made an engineer, and it goes without saying that to his new position he brought the same sound, common sense, absolute fidelity and unflinching courage which have marked his career through life. Through industry, integrity and good business judgment, he has acquired a modest competence. Keeping himself fully abreast with the times he can hold his own in any argument, while his kindness of heart and courtesy of manner have won and kept for him hosts of friends. A Republican in politics and a Presbyterian in religious faith, he is consistent alike in his profession and his practice. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen (of which he is past master), the K. of P., and is president of the Columbia branch of the B. of I. Building & Loan Association of New York.

His wife's maiden name was Ella A. Brown. He was married to her on May 6, 1875, at Elizabeth-

town, Lancaster county. Some mention of her father and her family may be found in succeeding paragraphs. The issue of the union has been six children: The eldest, Anna M., is a school teacher, unmarried, and living at home; the second daughter, Margaret E., also makes her home with her parents, as do the two boys, George B. and Louis M. John H. and Caroline, twins, died in infancy.

Mrs. Detz was born at Bainbridge, Nov. 6, 1855, the daughter of George W. and Annie (Shissler) Brown, both of whom were born in Lancaster county. Her father, whose seventy-fifth birthday was observed on May 25, 1900, makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Detz. While venerable in years, he is vigorous in body and unclouded in mind. The following short sketch of his long and useful life will be found of interest.

George W. Brown is the son of William and Elizabeth (Weaver) Brown, and was born two miles from Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, on May 20, 1825. His grandfather came to America when his father was a boy of sixteen years, and for several years made his home in Dauphin county, which was the locality where he first settled. William, the father of George W. Brown, married Elizabeth Weaver, and was the father of six sons and three daughters. John W., the first born, is a retired merchant, living at Bainbridge. Margaret married John Singer, and is now deceased. Elizabeth, also deceased, was the widow of Frederick Smith, at one time sheriff of Lancaster county. Five others, William, Jacob, Polly, Henry and Adam, died single. William Brown passed away in 1845, aged fifty-four years; his wife had preceded him fourteen years (1831), in her forty-third year. Their original religious denominational connection was with the Lutherans, although later in life Mr. Brown adopted the faith of the Dunkards.

George W. Brown was married on New Year's day, 1854, at Bainbridge, to Mrs. Anna (Shissler) May. The issue of this union was two children: Ella A., Mrs. Detz; and Laura, who died in infancy. Mrs. Brown, as has been implied, had been previously married, her first husband having been Michael W. May, who was born in 1809, and died in 1851. She herself died Aug. 17, 1896, at the age of eighty-two. She was the daughter of John and Anna (Zook) Shissler, both of whom were respected residents of Lancaster county. By her first husband she was the mother of eight children: Frances E., the wife of John Filbert, of Philadelphia; Mary J., who married R. S. Ross, of Elizabethtown; Simon P. and John, deceased; Anna, the widow of William Wanbaugh, of Columbia; Maggie A., Mrs. T. J. Clepper, of Columbia; Louis, of Chicago, Ill.; and Ellie, who died young.

To return, however, to George W. Brown himself. His early life was spent upon a farm among strangers and his educational facilities were not of the best. Such as they were, however, he made the most of them. At the age of sixteen he learned the

trade of a shoemaker, following it for fifteen years; during five or six years he filled the post of pedagogue in a country school. In early life no kind of labor was too hard or too exhaustive for him to undertake. He worked on the canal, and clerked in stores; in 1880 he was tendered the agency for a wholesale meat house in Harrisburg, and later he accepted another and more attractive proposition from the Knowles, Freman, Fisk Co., of Boston. Recently he has retired from active business, choosing to end his busy, useful life in the home of his daughter. He has reached on epoch where he may consider his life's work complete, and his eye looks back upon the past without regret, as in the clear prescience of vision granted to old age, he looks forward to the future without fear.

JOSEPH ZOOK, a retired farmer, whose home is in Intercourse, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Leacock township, Aug. 20, 1823, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Hostetter) Zook, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county. They were farming people, and he died in Paradise township, in 1863, at the age of seventy-nine years, the last twenty of which were spent in retirement from active labor. His wife died in 1876, at the age of eighty years. The ashes of both are resting in a private cemetery on the Weaver farm in Leacock township.

Jacob and Elizabeth Zook were the parents of the following family: Mary, deceased wife of Benjamin Bushong; Elias, who married a Miss Bushong, and is dead; Daniel, who married Mary Cowan, and is dead; Christian, deceased, who married Susan Lefever; Joseph; Leah and Elizabeth, who are both unmarried and live in East Lampeter township; John, who is retired, and has his home in Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Catherine, who is single, and has her home with her sisters.

The paternal grandfather of Joseph was Christian Zook, a resident of Lancaster county; his maternal grandparents, the Hostetters, were of Swiss extraction.

Joseph Zook was married in October, 1847, to Miss Frances Diffenbach, in Lancaster, Pa. To this union has come only one child, Amanda, who is the wife of J. K. Eaby, a prosperous merchant and postmaster at Intercourse, Pa.

Mrs. Frances (Diffenbach) Zook was born in West Lampeter township, May 7, 1811, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Bresler) Diffenbach, natives of Lancaster county, and all their lives farming people. He was born in East Lampeter township, where he lived retired for many years. They were married Sept. 3, 1805, and led long and useful lives. He died in 1857 at the age of seventy-nine, and she in 1872 at eighty-six. They were buried in the cemetery connected with the Longnecker Church, and were both members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born the following family: Elizabeth, late wife of Samuel Girvin; Mary, deceased wife of Christian Schultz; Henry, who was

born Nov. 15, 1809, still living, and in good health; as is his wife, two years younger; Frances, who is the wife of Mr. Zook; John, who married Mary Landis, and has since died; Peter, deceased, who married Anna Witmer; Abraham, who was born March 22, 1817, was four times married, his first wife being Emma Esther, and his second, Lucy Stevens; Nancy, born in January, 1819, the wife of David Hyde, a veteran of the Civil war, who lives at Como, Ill.; Isaac, deceased, who married Martha Miller; Jacob, deceased, who married Martha Urban; Adam, who died young; Samuel, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Zook was John Diffenbach, who married a Miss Buckwalter, both of Lancaster county, as were her mother's people, Peter and Elizabeth (Stoner) Bresler. Peter Bresler was a farmer and blacksmith, and was known as a man of much character and standing.

Joseph Zook remained with his parents until his marriage. For about a year he worked by the day, then rented a farm on which he remained fifteen years, in Leacock township. At the expiration of that period he bought a farm in Providence township, which was his home for five years, when he sold it and bought in East Lampeter township, where he remained until 1880. That year he moved to Intercourse, where he has since led a retired life.

In his politics he is staunch Republican, and is widely known throughout that section of Lancaster county as a man of sterling honesty, wide intelligence and genuine worth.

JOHN W. HICKEY, a representative citizen and prominent railroad conductor, residing in Columbia, Pa., was born on a farm in the southern part of Lancaster county, Sept. 4, 1862, a son of John and Elizabeth (Fitzsimmons) Hickey, also natives of that county.

The father followed farming in his early days but after his removal to Columbia in 1875 was employed as a lime burner. In 1890 he went to Philadelphia, where he lived retired until called to his final rest in January, 1896, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife is still living at the age of fifty-five years and continues to make her home in Philadelphia. Both held membership in the M. E. Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. They were the parents of five children, namely: Thomas, deceased; Edward L., a railroad conductor of Columbia; John W.; Harriet H., deceased wife of Edward Smith; and Sarah A., who is the widow of Samuel Lochard and is now living with her mother in Philadelphia.

During his boyhood and youth John W. Hickey attended the local schools and engaged in farm work until 1878, when he went to Columbia and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, in which capacity he was employed for seven years. The following three years were spent as flagman, and since then he has held the position

of conductor with the same road. He is progressive, public-spirited and enterprising, and is a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and its principles. Fraternally, he is connected with the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Pennsylvania Relief Association.

On Sept. 3, 1884, in Columbia, Mr. Hickey married Miss Elizabeth S. Dimeler, who was born near Elizabethtown, Lancaster county. Her parents, Jeremiah and Catherine (Sharer) Dimeler, were also natives of that county, and there the mother, a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, died in 1870, at the age of twenty-eight years. Their children were: Amos, a resident of Middletown, Pa.; Susan, wife of George Dwyer, of Marietta, Pa.; Elizabeth S., now Mrs. Hickey; William, a fireman in a town in Maryland; and Mary, deceased. The father of this family is a stone mason by trade and is now a resident of Rockville, Pa. He is sixty-five years of age. His parents were Sullivan and Susan Dimeler, who died in Lancaster county; Mrs. Hickey's maternal grandparents were John and Susan Sharer. The grandfather is still living in Elizabethtown, Pa., at the age of seventy-six years, and is a farmer by occupation.

ANDREW GARBER, a retired agriculturist, resides on the old homestead in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he was born Sept. 1, 1834, a son of Jonas and Catherine (Garber) Garber, the latter of whom died on the present homestead in 1849, at the age of forty-two years, and the former on an adjoining farm in 1888, when he had reached the good old age of eighty-seven. They were members of the United Brethren Church and parents of four children, viz.: Reuben, who died when sixty-five years old; Anna, who was married to John Stehman, owner of a farm adjoining the Garber homestead, and was called away when sixty-six years old; Andrew; and William, who died young.

The paternal grandparents of Andrew Garber were Andrew and Mary Garber, farming people, and they died on Andrew Garber's present farm; the maternal grandparents, William and Anna Gamber, of Lancaster township, were also farming people, although William was a miller in his younger days.

Andrew Garber continued actively at his vocation of farming until 1882, when he withdrew from labor and turned over the charge of his 200 acre farm to his son. Mr. Garber has lost a considerable amount by going security for his friends, but is yet quite well to do. In politics he is a Republican.

On Nov. 21, 1855, Andrew Garber married Susan M. Greider and there have been born to this union three children, viz.: Jonas B., a veterinary surgeon in Hopkinsville, Ky.; Christian G., a farmer in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; and Harry G., a farmer in Lancaster township.

Susan M. (Greider) Garber was born in West

Hempfield township, Sept. 18, 1836, a daughter of Christian and Susan (Miller) Greider, of West Hempfield township, where her father died on his farm in 1889, when ninety-one years old, and the mother, June 21, 1861, when fifty-eight years old. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and their remains were interred in Landisville. To the marriage of Christian and Susan (Miller) Greider were born the following named children: Rev. John, who was a Mennonite minister at Osborn, Ohio, but is now deceased; Christian and Benjamin, deceased; Elizabeth, who was married to Daniel Mellinger and died in Virginia; Mary and Mattie both died young; Jacob, a farmer in West Hempfield township; Susan M., Mrs. Garber; Anna, widow of Henry Breneman, of West Hempfield township; Mary, of Mt. Joy, who was first married to Clint Rohrer and next to John S. Nisley; Barbara, wife of Jacob McCallister, a farmer of Lancaster county; and Amos, who is cultivating the old homestead in West Hempfield township. The paternal grandfather of Susan M. Garber was John Greider, a farmer of this county. Her grandfather on her mother's side, Benjamin Miller, married a Miss Kaufman.

SAMUEL GLASS, a venerable and much respected citizen of Bart, Lancaster county, was born in Providence township, of this county, March 19, 1835, and is a son of James and Margaret (Wisner) Glass, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county.

James Glass was a son of Robert Glass, who was born in Ireland, and who came to this country so early that he was able to bear arms for the colonies in the Revolutionary war. He also served in the war of 1812. He settled in Providence township, where his only son, James, was born and reared.

James Glass married and carried on farming in Providence until his death in 1859, at the comparatively early age of forty-five. He was a member of the M. E. Church and an active christian worker. In politics he was a Whig. His widow remained on the old home until her death in 1878, at an advanced age. They were the parents of five children. (1) Mary, born in 1832, married Christian Newswinger, and both are dead. They left four daughters: Elizabeth, the wife of Theodore Cumer, a professor in one of the county high schools, where she is also teaching; Fannie, who married George Brown, of Steelville; Susan, a teacher in the public schools; Maggie, a young woman living in Colerain township. (2) Samuel Glass. (3) John Glass, born in 1837, was a soldier during the Civil war, where he served as a member of Capt. Evans' battery of artillery. He is unmarried and has his home in Strasburg township. (4) Eliza Glass, born in 1840, is the widow of Lewis Wagoner, of Strasburg township. She has one son, Amos, who is living with her. (5) Susan Glass, born in 1842, is the wife of Isaac Miller, and lives in Providence township, where

they have three children, Fannie, Lizzie and Naomi.

Samuel Glass was reared to manhood on his father's farm, and was educated in the home schools. When a young man he learned the mason's trade with his brother-in-law, William Crosner, who lived at that time in Lampeter township. Mr. Glass has worked at his trade over forty years. In 1858 he was married to Miss Susan Crosner, a daughter of John and Anna (White) Crosner. Her parents were both natives of Lancaster county, but lived in and died in Colerain township. Mrs. Glass was born in that township in 1839, and is one of a family of seven children born to her parents; five of whom are now living: Lizzie, a maiden lady of Strasburg; William, a resident of East Lampeter township; Susan, Mrs. Glass; Barbara, who married John Ryan, and lives in Strasburg; Joseph, deceased, who served during the Civil war in the 122d Regiment, a command largely recruited from Lancaster county, and whose record was that of a faithful, loyal and gallant soldier; Sarah, who married Jonas Long and has her home in Lancaster; John, unmarried and living in Strasburg township.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass lived in Lampeter township, where he worked as a mason until he enlisted in 1862 as a member of Co. B, 122d P. V. I., his company commander being Capt. Samuel Row, of Lancaster. The regiment joined the Army of the Potomac, and served under Gen. McClellan, coming at once into active service, and participating in a number of severe skirmishes. At Chancellorsville many members of Company B were killed or wounded. Mr. Glass survived, and on the discharge of the regiment at Harrisburg on account of the completion of its term of enlistment, he returned to his wife and family in Providence township, where he has spent the greater part of his life. In 1893 he moved to his present home in Bart township, where he has since resided. To him and his good wife were born four sons and six daughters.

(1) William Glass, born in 1860, married Edith Rineer, a daughter of Aaron Rineer, of Strasburg township. There they live on his farm, and have one son, Willis. (2) Frank Glass, born in 1862, in Pequea township, married Miss Alice Groff, of Bart township. He is a stone mason, and the father of five children: John, Myrtle, Elsie, Cora and Susan. (3) John Glass, born in 1864, is unmarried, and lives at home with his parents. (4) Samuel Glass, born in 1866, is a mason by trade and has never married. (5) Naomi Glass, born in 1868, married Rarie Rineer, of Quarryville, and has her home in Strasburg township, where her husband is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad. They have three children, Willis, Winston and Walter. (6) Anna Glass, born in 1870, married Elmer Bleacher, of Lancaster county, and has two sons, Frank and Samuel. (7) Lizzie Glass, born in 1872, married John Weaver, of Bart township, where they now reside. They have two children, Willis and Lizzie. (8) Bertha, born in 1883, lives unmarried

at home. (9) Amanda married William Friend, of Lancaster, and is the mother of one daughter, Effie. (10) Susan Glass is the wife of William Oatman, of Bart township, where they reside near Groff's Mill, at Georgetown. They have one son, Willis.

Samuel Glass has always been a Republican, and belongs to Bireley Post, No. 511, G. A. R., at Quarryville. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Glass is counted among the best citizens of the county, and his manly and heroic qualities have won him a host of friends. As a soldier he was loyal and gallant, and as a friend tender and true. As a citizen of the community he is linked with every forward movement, and lives a thoroughly upright and honorable life.

J. JOSEPH BLACK, of Columbia, the popular conductor of a passenger train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, is a native of Columbia borough, was born Nov. 15, 1854, and is a son of Joseph H. and Elizabeth W. (Lockard) Black, of whom full mention will be made further on.

At the age of sixteen years, Mr. Black began working for the railroad company in the civil engineer corps, and assisted in building the old Columbia bridge, round house, etc., having risen from the position of water boy. At the age of nineteen, he began flagging and braking, and four years later was promoted to be a passenger conductor. In 1879 he was transferred to Philadelphia, from which city he ran a train six months; then one from Westchester for three months, and from Downingtown nine years, when he was returned to Columbia in 1889, and there he has since remained.

On Nov. 18, 1885, Mr. Black married in Philadelphia Miss Florence R. Myers, who has borne her husband three children, Joseph S., Helen and Marshall. Mrs. Florence R. Black was born in Philadelphia, Dec. 10, 1859, and is a daughter of John W. and Sarah T. (Robinson) Myers, of Chester county. John W. Myers was born in June, 1826; was formerly a railroad clerk, and is living in retirement in Philadelphia, totally blind. Mrs. Sarah T. Myers died in Philadelphia in February, 1878, aged forty-eight years. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Myers were born six children, viz: Martha J., wife of Steers T. Foster, a yardmaster at Morrisville, N. J.; Thomas J., a railroad engineer in Philadelphia; Zilla A., married to William Shuman, a civil engineer in Philadelphia; Mary E., wife of John P. Robins, a railroad engineer in the same city; Florence R., now Mrs. Black; and Daniel J., a railroad engineer, also in the Quaker City. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Black were Rev. Daniel J. and Sarah Myers, the former a Methodist minister, and her maternal grandparents were Rev. John and Zilla Robinson, the Rev. John being a local Methodist Episcopal preacher, and all residing in Chester, Pennsylvania.

Joseph H. Black, the father of J. Joseph Black, was born in the borough of Chester, Pa., June 26,

1824, and is a son of Joseph and Hannah P. (Moore) Black, of Delaware county, Pa. Joseph Black was born April 12, 1793, came to Columbia, April 1, 1835, and conducted "Black's Hotel" from 1839 until 1852, in which latter year he died, Feb. 10; his wife was born Jan. 4, 1798, died April 28, 1869, and the mortal remains of both now rest side by side in Mount Bethel cemetery. The children born to Joseph and Hannah P. Black were six in number, viz: Samuel A., who died in Bryn Mawr, Montgomery Co., Pa.; John, who died young; Joseph H.; Col. Henry M., a graduate of West Point, six feet, four inches in height, who with Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock, was considered to be the finest appearing man in the war of the Rebellion; Vernard L., a butcher of Houtzdale, Pa.; and Edward R., who has been an engineer for a railroad company in Philadelphia since 1858.

The paternal grandparents of Joseph H. Black were Samuel and Catherine Black, the former of whom was born November 11, 1762, and was a farmer, of German extraction; to this couple were born seven children. The maternal grandparents were John and Sarah Moore. John Moore was born July 3, 1773, and by calling was also a farmer.

Joseph H. Black, now the owner of a zinc mine four miles from Lancaster city and an iron ore bank in Chester county, left his home at the age of fourteen years and for one year clerked in a store in Columbia. He then returned to his father's hotel and kept bar for a year; the next year he passed in Haverstraw, N. Y., as a clerk, and then for eighteen months again kept bar for his father. In 1852, in compliance with his father's last request, Joseph H. took possession of the bar and conducted it until 1880, when he sold out and began contracting; as his first work he laid a mile of track for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

In 1881 Mr. Black contracted to build two bridges and lay one mile of track for the same company, and at the same time held a contract for doing the foundation work for the Philadelphia elevated road between the Schuylkill river and Broadway station. In partnership with his brother, Samuel A. Black, and W. W. Upp, he continued in a general contracting business until 1887, when he began dealing in real estate, which is still his occupation. In 1897 he purchased his fifty-two acres of iron ore land in Chester county, and in 1898 leased the zinc mine in East Hempfield township, in which he has a partner, D. R. Saylor.

On Aug. 23, 1849, Mr. Black married in Columbia Miss Elizabeth Lockard, and to this marriage were born six children, as follows: Hannah E., who died in infancy; Caroline, wife of Charles A. Jeffers, a railroad engineer at Columbia; John Joseph; Edward J., who died when four years old; Charles F., a locomotive engineer at Columbia; and Anna M., the wife of Alfred I. Crosby, a brakeman in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lockard) Black was born in

Columbia in 1826, and died there Oct. 16, 1890. She was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hinkle) Lockard, farming people, who were the parents of six children, viz: John, deceased; William; Margaret A., widow of William Dickey, and a resident of Clearfield county; Samuel, deceased; Elizabeth; and Mary, wife of J. J. McMahon.

Joseph H. Black is in politics a Republican, and has served as councilman several terms, although office holding is obnoxious to him; he was also triennial assessor of Columbia borough and a director in the Columbia National Bank, but resigned such offices as he has held. For ten years he was in the transportation business in Columbia, but now makes his home with his children, part of the time in Columbia and part in Philadelphia. He is remarkably active for his age, reads without spectacles, is five feet, eleven and one-quarter inches in height, weighs 160 pounds, and appears to be as young as he did sixty years ago.

EDWARD H. STAMAN, the well known dairyman and farmer and proprietor of the Shawnee Farm in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born near Marietta, in East Hempfield township, Dec. 14, 1849, and is a son of John P. and Mary E. (House) Staman, of Manor township.

John P. Staman, who has been twice married, was born in October, 1821, and now resides in Columbia, Pa., having removed from the old homestead to that city in 1891, in order to live retired from the cares and duties of active life. To his marriage with Mary E. House there were born four children, viz: Anna E., wife of Dr. S. A. Bockius, of Columbia; Edward H.; Hester, wife of Marion Zook, of Lancaster; and John, also of Lancaster. Mrs. Mary E. (House) Staman was called away in 1858, when but thirty-seven years old, and her remains were taken to Columbia for interment. The second marriage of John P. Staman took place June 1, 1859, to Susan K. Zook, who bore him two children, Abraham, deceased, and Harry, now of Marietta. Mrs. Susan K. (Zook) Staman was a daughter of Abraham Zook, of Lancaster county, and died in 1888, at the age of sixty-four years.

Edward H. Staman was transferred when an infant from one estate to another, or from one farm to another, and in childhood it was much the same with him. At the age of two years he was taken from the homestead to the J. M. Strickler farm, thence to the J. L. Wright farm, and thence to the J. H. Mifflin estate, all in West Hempfield township, and from the latter in 1868, he came to his present farm, then the property of his father, and there remained until shortly after his marriage, when he went to Columbia and engaged in mercantile business, continued there until 1891, and then bought his present farm from his father. He belongs to the Masonic order, and in his politics is a Republican. The family is connected with the Presbyterian Church.

January 28, 1875, in Philadelphia, Edward H. Staman married Anna E. Wright, and this union has been blessed with seven children, viz: Emily E., Bessie C., Nellië, John P. Jr., James M., Edward and Harold. Mrs. Anna E. (Wright) Staman was born in Columbia, Pa., in 1850, and is a daughter of James and Rebecca (Curry) Wright, the former of whom was a merchant and died in Columbia, May 30, 1878, when sixty-four years old, his widow dying March 28, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years, both in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and the remains of both being interred in Mount Bethel cemetery, Columbia. There were born to this couple six children, as follows: Emily, who died in infancy; J. Davis, who died in Philadelphia in 1866; Anna E., Mrs. Staman; Sally S., who married William Blackward, of Philadelphia, and died in 1879; Lillian W., widow of Herbert B. Smith, of the same city; and Emily G., of Lansdown, Pennsylvania.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Anna E. (Wright) Staman were Thomas J. and Nancy (Sinserrick) Wright, of Columbia and Lancaster, respectively; and the maternal grandparents were Martin and Elizabeth (Woodbridge) Curry, respectively of Philadelphia, Pa., and Bangor, Me., but who were married in Philadelphia and shortly afterward located in Columbia, where Mr. Curry was a tobacconist and passed the remainder of his days, and where Mrs. Curry later married a Mr. Evans.

GEORGE H. MILLER, a retired hotel man and a former merchant in Leacock township, was born Dec. 25, 1840, in Earl township, Lancaster county, and is a son of Abner and Maria (Seldomridge) Miller, of Earl and Leacock townships, respectively.

Abner Miller was a farmer and died on the farm where his son now lives, May 21, 1884. He was born Sept. 18, 1808. His wife, who was born March 6, 1808, died July 25, 1853. They were members of the Reformed Lutheran Church. Born to them were: Adam, born June 15, 1833, who married a Miss O'Dair and is now deceased; John S., born Feb. 23, 1836, died March 10, 1865; Christian, who is single, lives on the home place; George H.; Miss Elizabeth C., born in 1843, died Oct. 31, 1862. The paternal grandparents of George H. Miller were Dr. Adam and Elizabeth (Sheaffer) Miller, the former a noted physician of Leacock township, where he reared to maturity a family of twelve children. The maternal grandparents of Mr. Miller were John and Christiann Seldomridge.

George H. Miller and Anna Louise Rote were married in Lancaster, April 19, 1864. To them was born one son, George Albert, who died July 21, 1868. Mrs. Anna L. Miller was born in Lancaster, May 15, 1844, a daughter of George F. and Anna (Finkabine) Rote, of Lancaster and Chester counties, respectively. Mr. Rote was one of the oldest undertakers in Lancaster, held the office of school direc-

tor. and was a city councilman for many years. In religion both himself and his wife belonged to the Moravian Church. In his political associations he was a Democrat. He died in 1876, at the age of sixty-five years, and his widow in 1884; both were buried in the Woodward Hill cemetery. They were the parents of the following family: William and George, both deceased; Anna L.; Amos, an undertaker in Lancaster, now deceased; Joseph, a house decorator in Cleveland, Ohio; Lovine, an undertaker in Lancaster, now deceased; Jacob, a photographer of Lancaster; James A., a house decorator in California. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Miller was William Rote, of Lancaster county; her maternal grandparents were Jacob and Rebecca Finkabine, of Chester county, where they lived on a farm.

Mr. Miller was reared on a farm until he reached the age of twelve years, when he became a clerk in the store of B. F. Hull, at Intercourse; after a year he was sent to Mechanicsburg, where he was employed in the store of the father of Mr. Hull for some eighteen months. For a year and a half he was a clerk in Paradise; at Brownstown he was employed a year and a half.

Mr. Miller enlisted April 16, 1861, in Co. C, 10th P. V. I., under Capt. D. W. Patterson. He was in the army three months, and on his return home re-enlisted in Co. A, 79th P. V. I., under Capt. Kendig. In 1864 he re-enlisted as a veteran in the same company under Capt. Benson. He served until the close of the war, receiving his most severe injury at Chickamauga, where he was shot through the right leg. Taken into the hospital at Jeffersonville, he would not remain until he was pronounced cured, but ran away, to re-enlist in Philadelphia. He was discharged in July, 1865, with a creditable record as a gallant and loyal soldier.

At Lancaster he returned to civil life, and buying the Union League building, conducted it as a hotel for a year and a half. For some years he was employed in farming in Leacock township, when he returned to Lancaster and conducted the "Court Avenue Hotel" for seven years. For a few years he resumed farming; and after that ran a restaurant in Lancaster for a year and a half. At the end of that time he had a hotel and restaurant business on the site of the Woolworth building, which he conducted for about seven years, when he removed to engage in the same line at Baltimore. He had not been there many months when his business was completely wrecked by a very severe storm. For a short time he spent his energies at home, and then took charge of the "Sprecker House" at Lancaster. He held this property for two years, and then selling it, was soon established at Intercourse, Pa., where he was landlord for some two years. At Dado he was engaged in a mercantile business for a year. He was manager of the "County House" for about a year, and was landlord at Gordonville, also for the same time, in "Kinzer's Hotel." In June, 1901, he

returned to his farm, where he proposes to spend the balance of his days.

Mr. Miller is an honored member of the G. A. R., and belongs to the German Reformed Church. In his politics he is a Republican, and is pronounced one of the leading men of the community. Of late he has suffered from poor health, having experienced a severe paralytic stroke.

JOHN H. KLINE, president of the Columbia school board, and a popular young conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Feb. 25, 1860, a son of David H. and Margaret (Isenburger) Kline, also natives of West Hempfield township, where the mother died in 1897, at the age of fifty-seven years, a member of the Reformed Church; and where the father, who was born in 1839, still resides, a Mennonite in his faith.

David H. Kline was reared on a farm, but in young manhood was employed in an iron furnace and later by an oil company. He then returned to his farm and resumed agricultural pursuits, attained considerable local influence, and served for five consecutive years as township supervisor. To his marriage with Margaret Isenburger were born the following children: John H.; Anna, wife of J. H. Hartman, a brakeman at Columbia; Mamie; Ella, widow of Michael Kern; Kate; Carrie, wife of John Hable, electrician—all of Columbia; Maggie, wife of George Marley, car inspector at Lancaster; and Cora, wife of William Harris, car inspector in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of John H. Kline were John H. and Anna (Hogentogler) Kline, farming people of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Samuel and Peggie Isenburger, also of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a quarryman.

John H. Kline, whose name opens this article, was reared by his paternal grandparents on their farm from the age of two until ten years, and then came to Columbia, where he attended school until fifteen. He was then employed in a flouring-mill four years, and later by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company one year as inspector of the cementing of the Columbia bridge; he then worked for the company as brakeman three years; next as flagman four years; and was then promoted to be extra conductor, which position he has filled in a most satisfactory manner up to the present time.

Mr. Kline was joined in marriage at Columbia, Aug. 4, 1878, with Anna Foreman, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1858, and is a daughter of David Foreman. To John H. and Anna Kline has been born one daughter, Bessie L., who taught school three years and is now the wife of William H. Yohe, a heater in an iron mill.

Mrs. Anna Kline was born in Mifflin, Juniata Co., Pa., Oct. 15, 1858, daughter of David and Re-

becca (Bell) Foreman, of the same borough. In 1864 the family removed to Altoona, Blair county, thence to Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, and then, in 1867, went to Columbia, and there lived until 1879, when they went to Harrisburg, where they still reside, the father being a brakeman. To David and Rebecca Foreman, who were both born in 1839, have been born three children, viz: Anna; Elmer, a railroad conductor, of Harrisburg; and a child who died in infancy.

John H. Kline is a Republican in politics, has been a member of the Columbia school board for the past several years, and in June, 1899, was elected its president. He is also a member of the Columbia fire department, and is in general a useful citizen. As a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, he has been financial secretary of his Tribe five years. He is likewise a member of the B. of R. T., and in religion leans toward the Mennonite faith. Socially his standing is with the best families of Columbia.

ADAM T. HERMAN, one of the well-known farmer citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, whose fine farm is located but two and one-half miles from the city of Lancaster, was born in Pequea township, this county, March 10, 1858, a son of John M. and Elizabeth (Thomas) Herman, who still reside in the same township.

Adam T. Herman was reared on the farm under his father's excellent instruction, completed the common school course and remained under the paternal roof until 1884, operating his father's farm. At that time he began the improving of the sixty-acre farm where he now resides and carries on general farming; he supplies also considerable stone used for roads in the district and does much teaming to Lancaster City and to the outlying districts.

In 1880 Adam T. Herman was united in marriage with Susan Kendig, the estimable daughter of Christian Kendig, of Manor township, who was born there in 1863; to them have been born thirteen children: Mary, who married Clarence King, of Pequea township; Lettie; Mello; Lizzie; John; Adam; Christie, deceased; Harry; Charles; Samuel; Katie; Francis; and Alice.

Mr. Herman is a progressive farmer and public-spirited man, who has devoted his life to the interests of his family and section, and he possesses the respect and esteem of the whole community.

DAVID H. HUBER. The farms of West Lampeter township are among the best in Lancaster county, and one of these is the property of David H. Huber, who comes of an old and honored agricultural family which has been established in this part of the Keystone State for generations. David H. Huber, one of its worthy representatives, was born June 6, 1860, and is the son of David and Maria Huber, his birth occurring on the old homestead located near Willowstreet, where he was reared. His education was secured in the common schools, after

which he became occupied in the home farming operations.

In 1890, he located on the fine farm he now occupies, which is situated one-half mile south of Big Springs, and consists of fifty-three acres, a part of the large estate once owned by his ancestor, Hans Herr. The old sandstone house, erected there prior to 1719, is still standing a relic of long ago and an object of interest to all. The various excellent improvements on the farm were placed there by his father, David Huber. Mr. Huber carries on general farming and is considered one of the solid and substantial men of the community, successful in whatever he undertakes.

As a stockholder in the Lancaster County Bank and in the Southern Market House, he is recognized as a man of commercial integrity, and has been of great service in educational matters in the township, now serving his fourth term as a member of the school board. A Republican in politics, he votes with his party but never seeks or consents to hold political office.

David H. Huber was married Nov. 25, 1889, to Anna Mowrer, a daughter of Amos S. and Anna Mowrer, of West Lampeter township, and to this union three interesting children have been born, Myrtle M., Mary and D. Mark. This is one of the representative families of West Lampeter, and they enjoy the esteem of the whole community.

SAMUEL H. BOYD, a valued employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whose home is in Columbia, Pa., was born in that city, May 10, 1862, and is a son of Samuel A. and Kate (Pierce) Boyd, also natives of Columbia.

Samuel A. Boyd, the father, was an expressman and did hauling. He died in Columbia, Sept. 25, 1862, at the early age of thirty-four years, and there his remains were interred. His wife, who was born in 1830, died in Port Deposit, Md., in 1869, and was buried in that city. Both were active members of the M. E. Church, and were highly respected by all who knew them. Their children were: Mary A., wife of William A. Wolf, of Harrisburg, Pa.; John A., a resident of Columbia; Jane H., wife of Robert Clay, of Harrisburg; Kate A., who died in childhood; and Samuel H. The maternal grandparents were John and Catherine Pierce, lifelong residents of Columbia.

As he lost his father during his infancy, Samuel H. Boyd was reared by a great-aunt, Miss Catherine Hougendoubler, and remained with her until his marriage. On June 18, 1883, in Columbia, he wedded Anna M. Smith, by whom he has had five children, namely: Katherine, who died in infancy; Frederick J., Greta M. and Irene B., all at home; and Mary E., who died in 1899. Mrs. Boyd was born in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, April 4, 1865, a daughter of Leonard and Margaret (Phath) Smith, who though born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, were married in Lancaster

county, Pa. The father had come to America at the age of fifteen years with his parents, Samuel Smith and his wife, also natives of Germany, who spent the remainder of their lives in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county. Mrs. Boyd's maternal grandparents never left Germany. Her father, Leonard Smith, followed the blacksmith's trade throughout life and died in 1887, at the age of fifty-two years. The mother is still living at the age of sixty-five years and continues to make her home in Columbia. In religious belief both were Catholics. Their children were: Catherine and John, both deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Frank C. Shillow, a butcher of Columbia; Leonard, a blacksmith of that place; Anna M., now Mrs. Boyd; Catherine and Henry, both deceased; Mary, wife of William Horner, a railroad brakeman of Columbia; Samuel, a machinist of the same place; William, deceased; Frank, a resident of Columbia; and Edward and Charles, both deceased.

At the age of fifteen years Mr. Boyd began his business career as a boiler maker and worked at that trade for seven years. In 1882 he commenced braking on the Pennsylvania Railroad, but in 1885 decided to become an engineer and devoted the following seven years to firing. In 1892 he was promoted to engineer and is now serving the company in that capacity. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and the Pennsylvania Relief Association, and affiliates with the Democratic party.

CLAYTON K. STAUFFER. Among the prominent young business men of Rowena, East Donegal township, one who has, by his energy and close attention to business, become the owner of property and holds an excellent position with the great Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is Clayton K. Stauffer, the telegraph operator in charge at Shock's Mill.

Mr. Stauffer was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, March 9, 1868, a son of Abraham H. and Elizabeth (Kreider) Stauffer, both members of old and prominent families of this State.

Abraham H. Stauffer, now living retired, was born Feb. 4, 1845, on the farm in West Donegal township where he yet resides and on which his father, Jacob Stauffer, settled in 1820. His grandparents, Jacob Stauffer and his wife, a Miss Nissley, were born in Penn township, this county, and he was a farmer and miller by occupation. Jacob Stauffer was also a native of Lancaster county, and one of the successful self-made farmer citizens of West Donegal township, where he made his permanent home. As such he was at various times requested to hold office but invariably declined. He was a Republican in political sentiment. Mr. Stauffer married Catherine Hershey, also a native of Lancaster county, and a daughter of Benjamin Hershey, of this county, who married a Miss Snyder. To this union came children as follows: Benjamin, who

married and is deceased; Miss Anna, who died in 1888; Peter, a miller of Rapho township; Fanny, deceased wife of Christ Snyder, of East Donegal; Joseph, who died in Illinois; Miss Mary, deceased; Christian, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer of Mt. Joy; Barbara, deceased in infancy; John, deceased; Henry, a farmer of Lititz; Abraham H.; and Samuel, a farmer and tobacco merchant of Dayton, Ohio. The parents were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and were known as good Christian people. The father passed away Jan. 29, 1861, aged fifty-nine years, three months; the mother died in December, 1875, aged seventy-three. Their remains rest in a cemetery on the farm.

Abraham H. Stauffer has passed all his life on the farm in West Donegal where he was born, with the exception of a brief residence in 1867-68 in Mt. Joy township. The place comprises eighty-two acres of valuable land, and he has engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits, winning a substantial income from the cultivation of the soil. On Nov. 8, 1866, in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Stauffer married Elizabeth Kreider, who was born May 12, 1846, in Rapho township, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Bossler) Kreider, natives of East Lampeter and East Hempfield townships, respectively. He was a successful and prominent farmer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kreider died in East Lampeter township, he in 1861, at the age of sixty, she in 1859, at the age of forty-eight, and their remains rest in East Petersburg. They were members of the Mennonite Church. Children as follows were born to them: Jacob and John, who died young; Anna, deceased wife of Benjamin Kauffman; Maria, deceased wife of Isaac Kauffman; Daniel, a retired farmer of Petersburg, Pa.; Abraham, a farmer and cigar manufacturer of Salunga, this county; Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham H. Stauffer.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham H. Stauffer are the parents of children as follows: Clayton K., whose name introduces this article; Daniel K., deceased; Catherine K., wife of Levi Eby, of Rapho township; Jacob K., unmarried, who lives at home; Maria K., wife of Christ Newcomer, of Rapho township; and Reuben K., living at home. The parents are faithful members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Stauffer gives his political support to the Republican party.

Clayton K. Stauffer was reared on a farm, remaining at home until twenty years old, when he began the study of telegraphy, soon showing evidence of natural ability in that line. He received his first instruction in a little back office near Rheems Station, where he assiduously applied himself for a period of six months, and in the next few years was transferred to various stations where a quick and capable operator was wanted. In March, 1895, he was located at his present place, and has remained there doing most excellent work, ever since.

The marriage of Mr. Stauffer took place in February, 1891, Miss Anna Ebersole, a member of

one of the oldest families of the county, becoming his wife. To this union have been born two children, Edna P. and Mary, the latter dying in infancy. Mrs. Stauffer is a daughter of John L. and Amanda (Epler) Ebersole, of East Donegal township. Mr. Stauffer stands well in the community, owning his own comfortable home, and drawing a liberal salary, and is one of the much respected and highly valued employees of the great company he has faithfully served.

J. MILTON HERSHEY, the proprietor of the "Cross Keys Hotel" at Intercourse, Pa., was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, June 26, 1860, a son of John B. and Mary (Warner) Hershey, of Upper Leacock and Salisbury townships, respectively. The father, who was born in 1837, is now a retired farmer of Salisbury township; his wife was born in 1833. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church, and were prominent people in the community where their active years have passed. Born to them were Amanda, who married John Reasser, a farmer of Salisbury township; and J. Milton, whose name introduces this article.

The paternal grandparents of J. M. Hershey were Jacob F. and Christina (Bare) Hershey, both natives of Lancaster county; his maternal grandfather was Jacob Warner, who married a Miss Pratt.

J. Milton Hershey was married in Salisbury township, Feb. 29, 1884, to Amanda C. Worst, daughter of Samuel and Nancy (Kurtz) Worst, by whom he has had one child, Anna. Mrs. Hershey is a sister of Mrs. Milton Bare, and was a school teacher for seven years.

Mrs. Hershey was reared on the farm, and remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he settled on a farm in Salisbury township. In 1887 he removed to the city of Lancaster, and for three years was assistant turnkey. At the end of that period he became a hotel man in Lancaster, and was landlord for twenty-nine months. For three years he kept a hotel in Spring Garden, and in 1897 he came to his present locality. For two terms he has been a member of the Republican Committee, and is one of the leading men of the county.

ADAM J. REISINGER, a very efficient and popular engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a resident of Columbia, was born on a farm in York county, Pa., Aug. 7, 1849, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Eckert) Reisinger, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1848.

The parents settled in York county, where Adam followed his vocation of farmer until his death, April 1, 1896, at the age of seventy-seven years, while his widow at the age of seventy-four is still residing on the old homestead, a member, as was her husband, of the Reformed Church. To the marriage of these venerable parents were born the following children: Mary, who was married to George Oldwilder and died in 1887; Adam J.; Joseph, a carpenter of York

county; George, Henry, Peter, all farmers in the same county; Emma, who is married to William Wallace, a school-teacher, also residing in York county; Kate, the wife of Charles Fitzking, a cigar manufacturer in New York City; and Francis, a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and residing in Columbia.

Adam J. Reisinger lived on the home farm until thirteen years old, when he began driving horses attached to canal-boats, from which humble position he rose to be a captain and acted in that capacity for four years. He then found employment as a brakeman on the railroad on which he is still working and four months later was made a fireman; at that he served seven years, and was then promoted to his present position of engineer, a position he has filled now for seventeen years.

In April, 1873, in Columbia, Mr. Reisinger married Miss Cecelia Reisinger, who, although of the same surname, is of no consanguinity. To this union were born two children, Ella and Charles, who both died in infancy. Mrs. Cecelia Reisinger is a native of Columbia; her parents, Peter and Leah (Reichard) Reisinger, came from York county, and after settling in Columbia, conducted a hotel.

Mr. Reisinger is in politics a Democrat, but has never been an office-seeker. He is held in high esteem by his fellow railroad men and is the more closely allied to them by being a member of B. O. L. E., division No. 104, and the F. B., No. 552; he is also a member of the Heptasophs and the Columbia Fire Company, in which, when at home, he is always prompt in responding to a fire alarm.

JOHN BEAMESDERFER, a general farmer and stock dealer of Rapho township, was born on the farm he now lives on, Sept. 1, 1868. He is the son of Henry and Anna (Balmer) Beamesderfer of Petersburg, but now residing in Manheim township, having retired in 1901 to make Manheim their home.

Henry Beamesderfer, the father, was born in 1840 and his wife was also born in the same year. They are members of the New Mennonite Church. He is a director of the Keystone National Bank of Manheim, a director of the Sporting Hill and Manheim Turnpike Company, and for some time was a school director of his district. There were born to him and his wife the following children: Anna, wife of H. Y. Brandt, a farmer of Rapho township; John; Jonas, a tinsmith of Norfolk, Va.; Amos, in the livery and bicycle business at Lebanon, Pa.; Harry, deceased at twenty-three years of age; and Anna, deceased at the age of twenty-one years. Mr. Beamesderfer's grandfather was George Beamesderfer, of Lancaster, Pa., and on his mother's side his grandparents were John and Anna (Frick) Balmer, of Lancaster county.

On Jan. 5, 1896, Mr. John Beamesderfer married Miss Anna May Rheam, of Elizabethtown, Pa. They have had no children. Mrs. Rheam was born

in West Donegal township, April 24, 1876, and is the daughter of Jacob B. and Susan (Wisler) Rheam, of West Donegal township. He was born in December, 1832, and Mrs. Rheam was born Oct. 20, 1842. Mrs. Rheam is a member of the United Brethren Church. There were born to this couple the following children: Frank, a tinsmith, of Manheim, Pa.; Samuel and Jacob, who both died in youth; Edward, a horsedealer of Mt. Joy; Norman, a railroad man, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Anna May, wife of our subject; Blanche, wife of Jacob Shaffer, a hotel man of Eton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. John Beamesderfer lived with his parents until the age of twenty-eight years when he left home for Harrisburg, Pa., where he entered the bicycle business, which he continued for some time. He then went into the electrical business and fitted up the Capitol building in Harrisburg with electrical appliances. On April 1, 1901, he returned to his present home, the farm on which he was born. It is a large, handsome place, one of the best in the county.

Mr. Beamesderfer is a young man and a Republican and there is likely to be a great future in store for him. He is well known, well liked, and progressive, a combination of attributes hard to beat.

B. H. NISSLY. Among the fine farms for which East Donegal township, Lancaster county, is noted, is that of B. H. Nissly, comprising seventy acres of some of the best land in Lancaster county. Although Mr. Nissly has never operated his farm personally, he thoroughly understands its management and its fine condition shows that its owner is fully alive to its possibilities.

Mr. Nissly was born in Mt. Joy township, Oct. 4, 1865, a son of Christian and Lydia (Huntzberger) Nissly, the former of whom was an excellent farmer in this county, dying in Feb., 1866, at the age of forty-three; he was buried in Mt. Joy township, on the old Nissly homestead, where the family has its private burial ground. The mother of B. H. died at Anchortown in 1875, at the age of forty-six, the only child of the marriage being our subject. By a previous marriage to a Miss Warner, Mr. Nissley had one son Tobias, who is a machinist in Reading, where he married Belle Balmer.

The ancestry of Benjamin Nissly includes some of the old and honored family names of Lancaster county. His paternal grandfather was John Nissly, of Lancaster county, who married a Miss Hershey.

B. H. Nissly remained with his mother until the age of five years, having been deprived of his father when but one year old, and she then found a good home for him with Benjamin Hernley, of Mt. Joy township, where he remained until fifteen, going to school and attending to the chores. At this age John Reist desired his services on the farm, and he went with him for the following two years, then worked for two more years with Christ Nissley, and spent one year in mill work in Mt. Joy township, returning then to farm work in West Donegal township for

three years. In 1888 Mr. Nissly purchased his fine farm, paying for it the handsome sum of \$11,200, and moved upon it in 1889. The residence, a two-story brick building, was erected at a cost of \$4,500, and was on the farm when it was purchased from the estate of Benjamin Herr.

Mr. Nissly has never farmed this place, preferring to rent it, but he makes it his home. During the years of 1894 and 1895 he was employed in the Reading Railroad car shops. In politics he has always been an ardent Republican and is one of the substantial men of the township.

WILLIAM M. GUILLES (formerly spelled Giles), of the firm of A. G. Guiles' Sons, takes high rank in commercial circles in Columbia, where since January, 1887, he and his brother, Samuel W., have carried on the business established by their honored father.

Our subject is a grandson of William Guiles, who was born May 26, 1795, in Chester county, Pa., and was of English descent. When ten years old he came with his stepmother to Lancaster county, locating at Strasburg, where he grew to manhood, and he was self-supporting from that early age. When a boy he did various kinds of work, blacking boots, working as a stable boy, anything, in fact, that would bring him an honest penny, and in early manhood he took up the trade of wagonmaking, which he followed successfully until ten years before his death, when he retired. He continued to reside in Strasburg, of which place he became one of the most respected citizens, winning by hard work and a life of consistent uprightness a high place in the hearts of his fellow-men, as well as substantial financial rewards. He was a devout Christian, an active member and pillar of the M. E. Church, and his death, which occurred May 16, 1867, was sincerely mourned. On Aug. 8, 1819, Mr. Guiles married Miss Mary Markley, who was born Aug. 24, 1800, south of Strasburg, this county, daughter of George Markley, who was of German descent. Eleven children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. Sarah, now deceased, was the wife of D. S. McElhaney, of Marticville. William is deceased. Mary, deceased, was the wife of Rev. Albert G. Williams. David is deceased. Elizabeth is the wife of John J. Long, of Freeport, Pa. John W. is deceased. Charlotte W., deceased, was the wife of Simon Groff, of Strasburg. Abraham Groff is the father of our subject. The mother of this family passed away March 26, 1852.

Abraham G. Guiles was born Oct. 3, 1840, in Conestoga Center, this county, was reared at Strasburg and received his education there in the public schools. He left school at the age of fourteen, learned the trade of wagonmaking under his father, and at the age of sixteen was working at that trade as a journeyman. By the time he was twenty he was engaged in business on his own account. When twenty-one he entered the employ of the Pennsyl-

vania Railroad Company, and soon became engineer, running from Harrisburg to Philadelphia. So trusted an employee was he that when but twenty-five he was frequently called upon to run passenger trains. In 1864 he came to Columbia, making his home there one year, while for the next five years he lived in Harrisburg. He remained in the railroad employ ten years, at the end of that time engaging in merchandising in Columbia, where he continued to reside throughout his entire business career. He first embarked in the shoe business in Locust street, but soon took up general merchandising, at No. 210 2d street, and was thus engaged most successfully from 1871 to January, 1887, when he turned the establishment over to his two sons, William M. and Samuel W., who now conduct the store under the firm name of A. G. Guiles' Sons. After assisting them in the management for some time Mr. Guiles retired from the enterprise and gave his attention to various other business affairs until his removal to Lititz, where he is now spending his days in the enjoyment of the ample competence which awarded his years of activity. Although his mercantile interests demanded his constant attention for so many years, Mr. Guiles found time to encourage and promote any enterprise for the public good, and he did much for the welfare of his adopted city, keeping abreast of every progressive movement. He gave special aid to her business prosperity by his interest in and support of various establishments of importance in the town, being stockholder and director in several concerns. He was one of the organizers of the Columbia Shirt Company, now the Triumph Shirt Company; is a stockholder in the Columbia Electric Light & Power Company; of the Keely Stove Company, of which he was one of the organizers; and a stockholder and director of the Central National Bank of Columbia. Mr. Guiles officiated as a member of the school board in Columbia, as member of the board of health for many years, and for four years as member of the city council, of which he was president one year. In political sentiment he is a Democrat. Fraternally he unites with Columbia Lodge, No. 286, F. & A. M., and with the Perfect Artisans.

In 1861 Mr. Guiles wedded Miss Rebecca K. Welsh, of Conestoga Center, and three children were born to them, Samuel W., Ida May and William M. Samuel W. married Catherine K. Haudshaw, of Harrisburg. The daughter died when twenty-one years of age. The mother passed away Nov. 2, 1896, and in the fall of 1898 Mr. Guiles married Miss Mary R. Doster, of Lititz. On Dec. 1, 1899, they removed from Columbia to Lititz, where Mr. Guiles has erected a fine residence in South Broad street. Mr. Guiles united with the M. E. Church in 1871, but since his removal to Lititz he has been connected with the Moravian Church.

William M. Guiles was born in 1869, in Harris-

burg, this State, and was but two months old when his parents took up their residence in Columbia. He received a good education, and at an early age commenced learning business methods in his father's store, continuing with him until he and his brother took the business on their own account. They are following in their father's footsteps, and bid fair to rank, as he did, among the most substantial merchants of Lancaster county. Mr. Guiles is a member of the Artisans and the Odd Fellows, and, in religious connection is identified with the M. E. Church. In politics he is independent.

In June, 1894, Mr. Guiles was married, at Hazleton, Pa., to Miss Adelaide Curnow, a native of that place. They have no children. Mrs. Guiles' father, William Curnow, was a native of England, and died in Hazleton. Her mother is now the wife of John Arrey, a retired resident of Hazleton.

MARTIN LEFEVER, one of the representative farmers of Lancaster county and a leading citizen in West Lampeter township, was born on the small farm that was owned by his grandfather on the Lampeter Road, Feb. 14, 1854, and is a son of Adam and Catherine (Kendig) Lefever. His father was reared at home and spent his life in West Lampeter township, making himself known and felt as one of the leading men of the county in his time, dying in 1889.

Adam Lefever was left fatherless when a babe and was reared to manhood with no parental guidance. There was good stuff in him, however, and while still a lad he did not hesitate to assume responsibilities and undertake labors that should go with more advanced years. Always a farmer, he soon became successful, amassing property and becoming the owner of four farms and a timber lot in the southern part of the county, also possessing two pieces of property in Lampeter. Known as a hard-working man, his business acumen was soon recognized, and for many years he was a director in the County Bank. His townsmen elected him director of the poor, as well as to other local positions, and he served on the school board many years.

Adam Lefever was married to Catherine Kendig, by whom he had thirteen children: Harry, a farmer in Strasburg township; Martin; Frank, a farmer in West Lampeter township; Mary Ann, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Christian Huber, of West Lampeter township; Aaron, who died unmarried; Daniel and Alpheus, both deceased; Enos K., a physician of Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa.; Adam, a farmer in West Lampeter township; Grant, deceased; Kate, who is the widow of Frank Mullinger, and lives in Lancaster; Emma, the wife of John Hauser, of West Lampeter township. The mother of this family is still living, and is a member of the Mennonite Church.

Martin Lefever was reared on the farm and educated in the common schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-six years of age, then

married and located on the farm of John B. Mylin, which he farmed on shares for seventeen years. It comprised 110 acres and proved very productive.

Mr. Lefever, in company with his brother, bought 155 acres of the old homestead, and settled on it April 1, 1897. This has become one of the fine farms, and is now owned exclusively by Martin Lefever, who has made many improvements, and is the possessor of a herd of fine stock. All his attention is given to farming and his place as a progressive and wide-awake farmer is conceded. He also owns another piece of land in West Lampeter township, which consists of five acres. Mr. Lefever was married Nov. 2, 1880, to Miss Amanda C. Mylin, a daughter of John B. Mylin, and to them have come the following children, Martha, Harry, Mamie, Minnie, Edna, John, Aldus, Martin, Florence and Verna.

WILLIAM H. SMOKER. The railroad train service requires men of sound judgment, capable of forming quick and unerring decisions, and men who are faithful in every small detail of duty. Those men succeed best who are attached to their vocation, and one of the best-known among the citizens of Columbia engaged in railroad work is William H. Smoker. For the past thirty years he has been in railway service and during that time he has shown his fidelity to the stirring and responsible life of a train man by surrendering promotion for its attractions.

Mr. Smoker was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Feb. 18, 1851, the son of Jacob K. and Sarah L. (Nelson) Smoker, the latter of Paradise township, and the grandson of John G. and Polly M. Smoker. The grandfather was a native of Germany, who in his youth migrated to America, here married and became a citizen of Lancaster county, where he died.

Jacob K. Smoker, the father of William H., was born Oct. 27, 1822. He is now a resident of Columbia, an auctioneer by occupation. During the Civil war he served for three years in the engineering corps and was stationed at Harper's Ferry. He was register and property assessor of the second ward in Lancaster for six years and has held various township offices. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith himself and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. The children born to Jacob K. and Sarah L. Smoker are as follows: William H.; Louis J., of Columbia; Lillie, deceased wife of John Richardson; James M., a Pennsylvania Railroad conductor, of Columbia; Lucy, wife of John Weymer, proprietor of a bakery at Columbia; and Howard G., a druggist of Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania.

William H. was reared on a farm, but began his railroad career in 1870, at the age of nineteen years, as a brakeman on a freight train, on the run between Columbia and Philadelphia. Eight months later he was promoted to conductor, a position which he held

for five years. He was again promoted, to the position of assistant yard master, which he filled for three years and nine months. Preferring his old work on the road, he returned to the position of conductor, which he has held uninterruptedly ever since, and is now one of the best-known and most popular conductors in the service. Mr. Smoker has not wholly escaped the accidents which surround the life of a train man, for in 1892 he slipped from his train and lost four toes from his right foot.

William H. Smoker married, March 11, 1875, at Columbia, Miss Anna Reinhart, daughter of the late John and Barbara (Hogentogler) Reinhart, of Columbia. To William H. and Anna (Reinhart) Smoker were born four children, namely: Pacie M., deceased; James M., a graduate of a business college; Lewis J.; and Florence E. In politics Mr. Smoker is a Republican, and himself and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

FRANK K. LEFEVER, one of the industrious and respected citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, was born on the old homestead in that township, Jan. 10, 1856, where he was reared and educated in the common schools. Remaining at home until he was in his thirty-third year he then married and located on the farm where he is still living. It is a farm of sixty-three acres, and is highly cultivated. There Mr. Lefever has made many valuable improvements, both in remodeling and in erecting new buildings. His is a modern and progressive spirit, and he is a lover of law and order.

Mr. Lefever was married Nov. 8, 1888, to M. Naomi, a daughter of Jacob R. and Leah Ann (Landis) Buckwalter. She was born in East Lampeter township, April 28, 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are the parents of two children, Mary and Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefever belong to the best people of the county, and are respected alike for their many good qualities and their industrious habits.

SAMUEL S. GREIDER, a general farmer in Rapho township, who lives on the old family homestead, was born on that place, Nov. 10, 1865, a son of M. L. Greider.

Samuel S. Greider was reared under the old roof, and educated in the local schools. He was married April 18, 1888, in East Donegal township, to Emily Engle, by whom he had the following family, Edna E., Mary E. and Mildred E., twins, Alvin E., Minnie E., Rea E., Martin E. and Ruth E.

Mrs. Emily (Engle) Greider was born in East Donegal township, Oct. 16, 1866, a daughter of Hiram and Mary (Engle) Engle, both of whom were born and reared in East Donegal township. Her father operated an extensive nursery in East Donegal township, and for some twelve years was very successful in that line. His death occurred in 1873, at the early age of thirty years. He was a school director, and was becoming one of the best-

known and influential men of his community. His wife, who was born in 1843, is still living, and makes her home with her son-in-law, Samuel S. Greider. To the father and mother were born the following family: N. Lizzie, the wife of John K. Miller, a photographer in East Donegal township; Alvin, a manufacturer of bicycles in Philadelphia; Emily; Wilson, a bookkeeper for the McDowells paper mills in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Emily Greider were Daniel and Mary (Kraybill) Engle, both of Lancaster county. Her maternal grandparents were Hervey M. and Eliza (Breneman) Engle, both natives of Lancaster county. Hervey was a son of Henry Engle, and was three times married: first to Eliza Breneman, by whom he had seven children; second, to Lizzie Musser, by whom he had one child, and third, to Fanny Nissley, by whom he had nine children.

Samuel S. Greider remained with his parents until he was married, having received his education in the local schools, and being well prepared for the practical labors of life. With his young wife he rented a farm in Rapho township, on which he remained two years, when he returned to the old homestead, where he has lived to the present time. This place comprises 164 acres, and in his hands it is kept to a high pitch of fertility, and presents a fine appearance.

In politics he is a Republican, and is numbered among the energetic, thrifty and progressive men of the township.

F. M. HERR, one of the thrifty, well-known and highly esteemed farmer-citizens of Martic township, was born May 5, 1861, son of John and Fannie (Hoover) Herr, of Marticville.

John Herr, the father of our subject, was born in 1836, son of Levi and grandson of Menie Herr, who was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county. The family originated in Germany. To John and Fannie Herr was born a family of seven children, namely: F. M.; Martha A., the wife of Hiram Hammond, of Mount Nebo; John C., of West Lampeter township; Jacob, Elam, Levi and Ezra, all of Manor township.

Mr. Herr was reared on a farm and attended the public schools. He has been interested in farming all his life, and by his industry and good management has acquired a fine farm of 109 acres which he has improved in a very substantial manner. He is one of the best farmers and most respected citizens of Martic township.

On May 15, 1881, Mr. Herr married Miss Rebecca Armstrong, born Dec. 1, 1862, daughter of William and Rachael Armstrong, of Mt. Nebo, and this marriage has been blessed with eight children, as follows: Dora E., Lloyd G., John W., Ida B., Amos F., Mary E., Esther M. and Thomas H. Mrs. Herr was one of a family of fourteen children, seven of whom grew to maturity, these being: Thomas

of Martic township; Mary, the wife of Amos Haltzinger; Sarah, the wife of J. M. Drumm; Isabel, the widow of Harvey McMellon; Rebecca, the wife of Mr. Herr; Emma, the widow of William Swigert, of Lancaster; Franklin, of Mt. Nebo.

The Herr family is one which has long been known in Lancaster county and has always taken part in public matters. John Herr was a member of the 79th P. V. I. during the Civil war, from 1863 to 1865. He was a staunch Republican and his son has also always adhered to the principles of that party. F. M. Herr and his family belong to the Mount Nebo M. E. Church. Mr. Herr is much respected in his community and is a very useful citizen.

GEORGE SYLVESTER DESCH, one of the leading railroad men of Columbia, Pa., was born in that city, May 10, 1865, and has always been identified with its interests.

The father, Joseph G. Desch, was born in Bavaria, Germany, Sept. 10, 1833, and came to this country with his parents, Philip and Mary H. (Herr) Desch, in 1851, locating in Baltimore, where the latter died in 1875. Philip Desch died in 1870 while on a visit to his native land. His children were John and Peter, who died in Baltimore; Mary, wife of Leo Bruner, of Germany; Baldser, a traveling agent of that country; Anthony, who was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg during the Civil war; Joseph G., father of our subject; Gertrude, wife of George Smith, of Baltimore; George, who died in that city; and Margaret, who married and lived in Baltimore.

After spending five years in Baltimore, Joseph G. Desch came to Columbia, Pa., where he engaged in the butcher business nine years, conducted a tavern thirty-six years, and operated a brewery six years, but is now living retired. He is a member of the German Catholic Church and a Democrat in politics. In 1858, in Columbia, he married Caroline Rider, who was born in that city, January 28, 1840, a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Graff) Rider, also natives of Germany, who immigrated to America in early life and were married in Columbia. Her father, who was a carpet weaver by trade, died in January, 1850, her mother in 1890. They were members of the Lutheran and Catholic Churches, respectively. To Joseph G. and Caroline (Rider) Desch were born the following children: Frederick, who died in 1879; Elizabeth, wife of Edward Bittner, a cigar manufacturer of Columbia; Charles, George and Mary, all of whom died in childhood; George S.; Carrie, wife of Henry Glotfelder, a clerk of Columbia; Cecelia, at home; Jennie, wife of John Payne, a stove-molder of Columbia; Joseph A., proprietor of the "Exchange Hotel," of Columbia; August, a clerk of that city; Stella and William, both at home.

In 1881 Mr. Desch entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator, but a year later spent six months as fireman on the road, and then was brakeman for three years.

During the following twelve years he was again employed as fireman, and in January, 1900, was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he is now serving the company to their entire satisfaction. In religious belief he is a Catholic, and in his political affiliations is a Democrat.

At Columbia Mr. Desch was married, Oct. 19, 1886, to Miss Barbara Mulligan, and by this union seven children have been born, viz.: George F., Charles J., Edward J., Emma E., Carrol Leo, Mary C. and Joseph A. Mrs. Desch was born in Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, Oct. 5, 1867, a daughter of Joseph and Susan (Young) Mulligan, also natives of Safe Harbor, where the father was born in 1844 and still continues to live. By occupation he is a farmer. The mother, who was a consistent and faithful member of the M. E. Church, died in 1876, at the age of thirty-five years. In their family were nine children, namely: Henry and Martha, both deceased; Elmer, a railroad brakeman of Columbia; Frank, a resident of Illinois; Barbara, now Mrs. Desch; Emma, wife of Carroll Foster, a bookkeeper of Williamsport, Md.; Milton and Howard, both bakers of Erie, Pa.; and Miles, a resident of Columbia. Mrs. Desch's paternal grandparents, Richard and Rachel Mulligan, lived and died in Lancaster county, Pa.; the grandfather was a shoemaker by trade. The maternal grandparents, Jacob and Rachel (Munder) Young, were natives of York county, Pa., and on coming to Lancaster county, located in Safe Harbor, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Mr. Young followed the tailor's trade.

THOMAS E. CONLEY is one of the men whose success in life is due entirely to their own unaided efforts, for at the early age of twelve years he commenced earning his own livelihood and has ever since been dependent upon his own resources. He has worked his way steadily upward, and is to-day holding the responsible position of assistant yardmaster for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Conley was born in that city, Dec. 21, 1855, a son of Michael C. and Martha (Heaps) Conley. The father was a native of Philadelphia and a son of the Conley who came to this country from Ireland and first located in Philadelphia, but spent his last years in Pittsburg, Pa. Martha (Heaps) Conley was born in Harford county, Md., of which her parents, Abraham and Jane (Allen) Heaps, were lifelong residents. Her father was a blacksmith by trade. Michael C. Conley, father of our subject, came to Columbia in 1847, and for some years was employed as police officer by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, entering their employ on the organization of the company. In his early days he was a brakeman on the old State road, and was superintendent of the O'Connor line of that road. He also engaged in boating on the river between Pittsburg and Columbia. He died Aug. 28, 1872, aged sixty-three years, and his wife passed away Aug. 18, 1886,

aged sixty-two. In religious belief he was a Catholic, while she was a Presbyterian. Their children were: Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Grandy, of Columbia; James, Michael C., Jr., and James (2), all deceased; Thomas E.; and A. Eugene P., a farmer of Kleinville, Lancaster county.

Thomas E. Conley commenced clerking in a grocery store at the age of twelve years, and was thus employed for two years. He was next a telegraph operator with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from 1870 until 1890, and in the latter year was made assistant yard master, in which capacity he is still employed by the company. He is a member of the Catholic Church and of St. Patrick's Society, and in political sentiment is a Democrat.

On Nov. 26, 1889, in Columbia, Mr. Conley married Miss Edith A. Davidson, and they have become the parents of two children, Mary T. and Agnes, the latter now deceased. The family have a large circle of friends and acquaintances and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

Mrs. Conley was born in New York City, Sept. 1, 1864, a daughter of William and Henrietta (Lutz) Davidson, natives of Mifflin and Lancaster counties, Pa., respectively. Her paternal grandparents, Samuel and Agnes (Werly) Davidson, always made their home in Mifflin county, where the grandfather was employed as a boat builder. Her maternal grandparents, William F. and Mary (Galligar) Lutz, were natives of Baltimore, Md., and Millersville, Pa., respectively. Mr. Lutz was an early settler of Lancaster county, and continued to make his home there throughout the remainder of his life. When a young man, Mrs. Conley's father worked in furnaces, but later followed farming and was employed as watchman at Bruner's coal yard in Columbia, in which city he located in 1865. Here he died Sept. 22, 1892, at the age of sixty years, but his wife, who was born Nov. 18, 1841, is still a resident of Columbia. She is a devout member of the Catholic Church. Mrs. Conley was the oldest of their children, the others being: Mary A., deceased; Ellen E., who is with her mother; William J., deceased; Henrietta F., who died in infancy; Ambrose V., a machinist in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Altoona, Pa.; and Samuel B. and Lucy R., both with their mother.

CHRISTIAN G. GARBER, a farmer, tobacco grower and wholesale dealer in milk, resides on a farm in West Hempfield township, adjoining the one on which he was born, Oct. 20, 1860, in Lancaster county.

Christian G. Garber faithfully assisted his parents, Andrew and Susan M. (Greider) Garber, until he attained his majority; on becoming of age Christian G. was married, and having taken a helpmeet, also took upon himself the responsibility of managing the homestead, which he cultivated two years on his own account. From the homestead Christian G. removed to Manor township, and for

two years leased the old John Landis farm, after which he removed to Mountville, and for three years was there engaged in the tobacco trade. Mr. Garber then returned to his present farm, which is a part of the old homestead, and now has the management of both tracts, which comprise in all 200 acres.

On Sept. 22, 1881, Christian G. Garber married in Mountville, at the home of the bride, Anna M. Kaufman, and to this union have been born three bright children, Maud K., Roy K. and Mary K. Mrs. Anna M. (Kaufman) Garber was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1863, and is a daughter of Isaac H. Kaufman, deceased.

Christian G. Garber is widely connected with the fraternal orders having lodges in his county, and among these are lodge No. 876, I. O. O. F., at Columbia; Ridgely encampment, No. 217, at Lancaster; camp No. 25, I. O. F., at Lancaster; Jr. O. U. A. M., at Mountville, No. 65, and the Mystic Chain at Mountville.

In politics Mr. Garber is a Republican and has been a school director for the past three years. As a business man he has been upright and consequently successful, and he is moreover a skilled agriculturist and tobacco grower. Socially, the family, being one of the oldest in the county, is held in great respect, and the individual merits of its members have greatly enhanced the esteem to which they naturally fall heirs.

ISAAC L. AUVERTER, the favorite dealer in groceries, dry-goods and notions in Columbia, Pa., was born in that town, Nov. 30, 1852, a son of Jacob and Sarah (Patterson) Auverter, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., and the latter of Ireland, both being now deceased.

Jacob Auverter was a millwright by trade, and in his earlier days was a foreman of a gang of carpenters on the old State road. In 1846 he came to Columbia and in 1850 his family arrived here. After the sale of the State road to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Mr. Auverter worked for the latter until 1861, after which he worked for Supplee & Bro., as pattern maker until his death, which occurred in 1883, at the age of seventy-two years; his widow died in 1891, aged eighty-seven. The remains of both lie side by side in the Skelton Park cemetery at Columbia. They were devout members of the First Lutheran Church. Their children were: Hiram, who received a wound in the war of the Rebellion and died from the effects of it at home in 1865; Jerome, who died from a disease contracted during the same war; Rachel, who died unmarried; Taylor, foreman of a machine shop at Braddock, Pa.; Anna E., making her home with Isaac L., who is the youngest of the family.

The paternal grandparents of Isaac L. Auverter were Leonard and Anna (Hoover) Auverter, the former a Franco-German, who settled in Soudersburg, Pa., in 1807, where he was in business as a butcher for fifteen years, and then became a drover

in Canada, where he died in 1842, at the age of seventy years.

The marriage of Isaac L. Auverter took place in Columbia, Nov. 1, 1882, to Miss Sue Witmer, born in Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, Pa., March 1, 1860, a daughter of Jacob R. and Susan (Miller) Witmer, who now reside in Columbia, where Mr. Witmer conducts a machine shop and foundry. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Auverter have been born four children, viz., Anna, Clara, Taylor W. and Andrew M., all still under the parental roof.

The business career of Mr. Auverter began when he was nineteen years old, at which age he began learning pattern-making; after finishing his apprenticeship he worked at his trade ten years for the Columbia Agricultural Works, of which he was made foreman at the end of three months. In 1878 and 1879, in partnership with Frank Allison, he conducted a boot, shoe and notion store in Wrightsville, although he continued to make Columbia his home, and in 1894 engaged in his present business there.

In politics Mr. Auverter is a Republican and was a school director from 1882 until 1892; in February, 1900, he was elected to the town council, in which he is chairman of the Fire committee and is a member of the committees on Finance and Law and Order. Fraternally he is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Artisans and the A. & I. O.; in religion he is a Methodist, being prominent as a member of the First M. E. Church of Columbia.

WILLIAM W. REAM. The planning and the erection of dwellings were among the earliest arts that engaged the attention and aroused the inventive genius of man, he even in his primitive day finding it necessary to secure shelter from the inclemency of the elements in the more rigorous latitudes of the earth and a retreat from the sun's rays in the torrid parts of the habitable globe, and it is an art that will give employment to the skillful mechanic, and particularly the carpenter, as long as man has an abiding place in a civilized community, so that he who would become an architect even of the humblest class is wise in making choice of a vocation that is ever as enduring indeed as that of agriculture itself. Such was the choice of William W. Ream.

Mr. Ream was born in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, June 3, 1862, a son of John and Mary A. (Trego) Ream, the former of whom, a farmer, was born in January, 1832, and the latter in 1834; both are still living in Alert, in their native township of Salisbury, the parents of seven children, viz.: Martin, who died at the age of two and one-half years; William W.; John E., a farmer in Salisbury township; Sarah, who died when two years old; Dollie, wife of George Myers, of Salisbury township; Frankie, who also died at the age of two years; and Aaron, a carpenter, still at home. The parents of John Ream were residents of Juniata county, and

those of Mrs. Mary A. Ream, Robert and Dorothy (Ely) Trego, were of Lancaster and Chester counties, respectively.

William W. Ream at the age of nine years temporarily parted with his parents and for four years made his home with his grandfather Trego; he then returned to his father, for whom he worked three years, thoroughly learning the carpenter's trade; he next served an apprenticeship of four years under John Diem, a wheelwright; he then purchased his present village property, on which he erected his dwelling and carpenter shop, and there has been engaged in contracting, building and working at job-work ever since, and, being an expert in every branch of his trade, has met with the most flattering success.

In Salisbury township, Feb. 7, 1884, William W. Ream was united in marriage with Miss Margaret J. Cooper, who was born in Salisbury township in 1859, a daughter of William and Caroline (Steely) Cooper, who were born in Chester and Lancaster counties, respectively. William Cooper was a prominent farmer and a man of considerable influence in his neighborhood, and died June 3, 1900, at the age of about seventy years, his remains being buried in Pequea cemetery. Mrs. Caroline (Steely) Cooper was born Jan. 21, 1830, and is the mother of three children: Leah C., wife of Bart Smith, a farmer, in Salisbury township; Mary E., married to John E. Ream, brother of William W. Ream; and Margaret J., now Mrs. William W. Ream. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Margaret J. (Cooper) Ream were Nabeth and Jane (Blair) Cooper, of Lancaster county, and her maternal grandparents were Thomas and Caroline (Montgomery) Steely, of Chester county. The marriage of William W. and Margaret J. (Cooper) Ream has been blessed with three children, two of whom still survive, John C. and Edwin M.; the youngest child, Helen C., was called away at the age of five years.

Mr. Ream is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M. In politics he is a Republican, but has never been an office seeker. He is of a very genial disposition and one of the most popular young men in Salisbury township, where he is sincerely respected for his strictly upright walk through life, his word never having been impeached and his business reputation standing without a flaw.

JOHN W. ROBINSON. The late John W. Robinson, formerly one of the most enterprising and successful native-born farmers of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, Pa., had his nativity on the homestead on which his widow and children still reside, was born July 3, 1853, devoted all his life to agriculture and was most untimely called from earth, Jan. 20, 1896, his remains being interred in the Pequea Presbyterian cemetery. His parents, William and Rachel (Wallace) Robinson, were respectively natives of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and Chester county, Pa., but were born on adjoining

farms, the county line separating the two homesteads.

William Robinson was born March 4, 1821, and died Feb. 20, 1893; his wife, Rachel, daughter of Rev. John and Isabella (Gault) Wallace, was born March 6, 1821, and now resides in Strasburg, Pa. Her father was the pastor of the Pequea Church for more than thirty years. William Robinson was a successful farmer and attained a very prominent position in the community in which he lived, winning the respect of all who knew him. To William and Rachel (Wallace) Robinson were born four children, namely: Belle, widow of Edward Worrall and a resident of Strasburg, Pa.; John W.; William, who died when eight years old; and R. Anna, a young lady, also living in Strasburg.

The Robinson family are of Irish origin and about the close of the American Revolution three brothers and one sister, members of the family, came from the north of Ireland to make their homes in America. The sister here married a Mr. Renney, and two of the brothers purchased farms in East Nantmeal township, Chester county, Pa.; Hugh, the youngest of the three located in Dauphin county, and there married, in 1784, Jane Wilson, a native, and shortly afterwards purchased at sheriff's sale, a tract of 300 acres of land near Cambridge, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying in 1800. His children numbered twelve, five sons and seven daughters, of whom two sons died in infancy and three reached maturity.

William Robinson, the eldest of the three sons who attained maturity, died in 1833; Hugh married Martha Stanley, settled near Cambridge, and had born to him, James, who died young, and Susannah, who was married to William Torbit and passed away, leaving one son, Joseph; Mary was married to Isaac Buchanan, a farmer; Ellen became the wife of John Rambo, a miller; Jane married Alexander Martin; Agnes was married to Samuel Black, a farmer; Margaret, Betty, and Martha remained single and died well advanced in years, and John married Isabella Galt, settled in Salisbury township, and had born to him two sons and three daughters. He was born Aug. 11, 1780, and died May 4, 1861. He served in the war of 1812 as captain, was elected justice of the peace in 1825, and in 1829 was elected a member of the State Legislature, in which he served with distinction and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents. In 1830 he was selected as ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church of Pequea, a position he filled with untiring zeal and fidelity until the end. His property still remains in the family.

On Dec. 28, 1882, John W. Robinson was joined in matrimony in Camden, N. J., with Miss Annie J. Cross, who became the mother of his four children, born in the following order; William W., John W., Ethel A. and Margaret. Mrs. Annie J. Robinson was born in Salem, Juniata Co., Pa., and is a daughter of John W., and Eleanor C. (Woodward) Cross, the former of whom was a farmer and a gallant soldier

of the Civil war, who was not permitted, however, to "like a soldier fall" but died on board the transport Knickerbocker of that fell disorder, typhoid fever. He was a private in the 53rd P. V. I., from Chester county. In his last sickness, feeling that dissolution was about to take place, he reached his hand beneath his pillow and drew forth a daguerreotype, and unclasping the case, gazed, with dim eyes on the lineaments of his wife and two children. As death drew near, he handed the case to a Washington (Pa.) soldier, with the request that he tell her that it was the last thing he had looked upon and that they were the last earthly objects of his thoughts.

To John W. and Eleanor Cross were born two children, namely; Annie J., Mrs. Robinson, and Mary E., wife of Dr. J. H. MacCreary, superintendent of Pittston Hospital. Mrs. Cross was next married to H. Wilson Robinson, and this union was crowned with four children, viz.: Charles W., of Dorlan's Mills, Chester county; and Alexandria, John L., and Bernette, all three deceased. The mother of these two families was taken away in October, 1899, aged sixty-one years; she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

The late John W. Robinson was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, was in politics an active member of the Republican party, and fraternally was an Odd Fellow until his marriage, when he became non-affiliating. He was one of the most upright of men, a fond husband and an indulgent father, and an excellent provider for his family, his widow now occupying a delightful home, furnished with every convenience, including steam heat. He was public-spirited, charitable, and popular; was honored for his many personal merits and fine qualities of head and heart; and his loss was deeply deplored, not only by his immediate family, but by a host of warm-hearted and unfeigned friends who in his lifetime had had an opportunity of becoming familiar with his sterling attributes.

FRANK ROTEHORN is in the prime of manhood, having been born Nov. 24, 1855, at Lancaster. He comes of sturdy Dutch stock, both his parents having been born in Holland, of a race which has suffered much in the cause of religious freedom, and which is closely united by ties of consanguinity to the Boers of South Africa, who have made such a heroic fight for independence against the best drilled troops of the British Empire.

John Rotehorn, father of Frank, married a Miss Bonson, and shortly after their marriage they immigrated to America, settling in Lancaster county, where they remained until their death, he dying in 1866, at the age of fifty-two, and she two years later, in her fifty-third year. He was a teamster, who won universal respect through his industry, sobriety and probity. Frank Rotehorn is the only one of their four children yet living. The first born died on the passage to America, and two others also died in infancy.

Young Frank remained in Lancaster until he reached his thirteenth year, when, being an orphan, he went to Columbia to find a home with his guardian, Albert Bonson, his uncle. Mr. Bonson was a bottler, and his nephew worked with him in this business until he reached his majority. When he reached the age of twenty-one he purchased a canal boat and for a time carried freight between Nanticoke and Baltimore. The venture, however, did not prove as successful as he had hoped, and after one experimental season he abandoned it to take the position of a brakeman with the Pennsylvania Company. After twelve years of faithful service he was promoted to be a flagman, and in the autumn of 1892 he was given charge of a train as conductor. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors, of the Pa. Relief Association, and politically is a Democrat.

Frank Rotehorn was married in April, 1877, to Miss Barbara Stockum. Their only child, Bertie, died at the age of thirteen. Mrs. Rotehorn was born at Lancaster, March 29, 1855. Her parents, John and Elizabeth (Metrode) Stockum, were natives of Germany. Both crossed the water in 1852, and their marriage was solemnized at Lancaster. John Stockum was a gardener and died at Chickies, having been struck by a railway train Aug. 28, 1894. Mrs. Stockum, who was born July 7, 1833, is still living at Columbia; she is a devout, practical Catholic, as was also her husband. Mrs. Rotehorn was their oldest child; the next in order of birth was Elizabeth, who married George Weber, of Allegheny; Andrew lives at Covington, Ky.; Charles, George, Frank and Charlotte are deceased; Edward lives at Sparrow's Point, Md., while Mary and Ann, both of whom are unmarried, reside with their mother.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Rotehorn were Christopher and Catherine Stockum, of Germany, and her maternal grandparents were Andrew and Barbara C. Metrode, also of Germany. The last-named died on the sea, when on her way to America.

PATRICK J. MACK. The motto "merit always commands its reward" is exemplified in the career of Patrick John Mack, who is now most efficiently serving as assistant yard master for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Columbia.

Mr. Mack was born in Annville, Lebanon Co., Pa., Aug. 4, 1855, a son of James and Joanna (Kirvy) Mack, natives of County Limerick, Ireland, who came to America when young and were married in New York City. In 1863 they took up their residence in Columbia, Pa., where the father was employed as a laborer by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company until his death, which occurred in January, 1900, when he was seventy years of age. The mother, who was born in 1835, is still living and continues to make her home in Columbia. She is a devout member of the Catholic Church, to which her husband also belonged. They were the parents

of six children, namely: Maggie, wife of Patrick Kehoe, of Columbia; Patrick J.; Ellen, at home; Daniel, a machinist of Columbia; James, deceased; and Anna, at home.

Patrick J. Mack was only eight years old on the removal of the family to Columbia, where he was reared and educated. At the age of fifteen he commenced clerking in a grocery store, where he was employed for two years, and held a similar position in another store for five years. Subsequently he worked for a year and a half in a machine shop, and then operated a stationary engine for a year, after which he was employed as a slate mantle polisher for four years. In 1877 Mr. Mack became identified with the repairing corps of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; from 1879 until 1882 he served as extra brakeman, was flagman the following year, then conductor until 1893, and assistant yard master at Columbia since that time. It will thus be seen that he has gradually worked his way upward to his present responsible position, having always discharged his duties in a most commendable and satisfactory manner. Religiously he is a communicant of the Catholic Church, and politically is identified with the Democratic party.

In Columbia, Nov. 15, 1882, Mr. Mack was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Conley, and to them have been born four children, namely, Mary, Ella, Theresa and Cecelia. Mrs. Mack was born in Wrightsville, York Co., Pa., Nov. 15, 1856, a daughter of John and Sarah (Dalton) Conley, who were born, reared and married in Ireland, where they continued to reside until 1848, which year witnessed their immigration to America. They located in Wrightsville, Pa., where they made their home until the father was drowned in the Susquehanna river in 1857, at the age of forty years. Later the mother came to Columbia, where she departed this life in September, 1900, at the age of seventy-nine. To them were born three children, but John and Bridget are both deceased, leaving only Mrs. Mack living at the present time.

JOHN R. HERR, one of the leading farmers of Providence township, was born in Leacock township, Lancaster county, son of Henry H. and Magdalena (Buckwalter) Herr, of Leacock township, and a grandson of Henry.

Abraham Herr, the great-grandfather of John R., was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county. The family has been one of agriculturists, and Henry Herr, son of Abraham, was a well-known farmer of this county, who became the father of a numerous family which has intermarried with very many of the other old and honorable families of the county, a kinship existing among many of them and the old names honorably perpetuated. The twelve children of Henry Herr were as follows: Barbara, Lydia, Susan, Mary, Annie, Hattie, Martha, Elizabeth, Henry H., Abraham, Ezra and Amos.

Henry H. Herr, father of John R., married Miss Martha Buckwalter, of East Lampeter township. They had eight children, namely: Enos, John R., Henry H., Annie, Ida, Walter (deceased), Martha and Aaron.

John R. Herr, of this sketch, early displayed a taste for the farming life in which he has been so successful. As soon as he finished his educational course in the common schools of his district he began operating a farm, prospering yearly, so that although he began with limited means he is now the fortunate owner of a fine 100-acre farm in Providence township, which is supplied with excellent buildings and conveniences. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. Both he and family belong to the Mennonite Church.

Mr. Herr was united in the bonds of marriage with Miss Mary E. Huber, a daughter of Jonas Huber and a descendant of one of the most respected families in the county. This marriage has been blessed with four children, namely: Elmer, Clarence (deceased), John and Ira C. Mr. Herr stands as one of the honorable and upright citizens of Providence township, reliable in business, consistent in religion and devoted to home and family.

FREDERICK H. BRANDT. About a half century ago, or in 1852, one of the many German emigrants who left the Fatherland to seek a new home in America was Peter Brandt. He was born in Hessen, Germany, Aug. 31, 1808, the son of Michael and Minnie (Klick) Brandt. Michael Brandt was a farmer and linen weaver by occupation and died in 1813 at the age of forty years, leaving a widow and a family of small children. The widow survived many years, dying at the age of sixty. Peter Brandt was reared in his native land and there married Mary Hartman, who was born Feb. 20, 1820, the daughter of Michael and Margaret (Freind) Hartman. Michael Hartman was by trade a weaver and died in Germany in 1840, aged sixty-three years. His widow migrated to America and died in Lancaster county in 1853, aged sixty-five years, leaving four children, Henry, George, Eva and Mary, of whom the latter, wife of Peter Brandt, is now the only survivor. When Peter Brandt came to America in 1852 he settled on Chestnut Hill, West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pa., where he has since remained. He and his wife have been lifelong and consistent members of the Lutheran Church, and they now live in retirement with their only surviving son, Frederick H., in West Hempfield township. To Peter and Mary Brandt were born two sons, Michael and Frederick H. Michael enlisted in Co. E, 70th P. V. I., in 1861 and was mortally wounded at the battle of Stone River, dying in the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee.

Frederick H. Brandt, the only surviving son, now a prominent farmer, gardener and florist of West Hempfield township, was born in Hessen, Germany, July 31, 1849, and was a child of three years

when brought to America by his parents. He was reared in Lancaster township and in his early life acquired the sterling traits of industry and integrity which, combined with excellent judgment, have won for him a notable success in life.

He married Oct. 8, 1874, in Columbia, Miss Louise Stradtman, who was born in Chestnut Hill, West Hempfield township, Nov. 23, 1856, daughter of Henry and Minnie (Stube) Stradtman. Her parents were natives of Germany, but became acquainted and married in Lancaster county. Henry Stradtman was a carpenter by trade and his family consisted of the following children: Henry, a merchant of Columbia; Louise, wife of Frederick H. Brandt; Lena, wife of John Whiteroth, a farmer of Manheim township; Amelia, wife of John Harneser, a railroad clerk of Columbia; Susan, wife of Amos Auxer of Manor township; William, a printer of Lancaster; Mary, wife of George Seiple, a railroad engineer of Columbia; and Peter, of Lancaster. Henry Stradtman, the father, died in 1889, aged sixty-eight years; his wife survived until 1894, passing away at sixty-three years of age.

To Frederick H. and Louise (Stradtman) Brandt were born the following children: Henry F., who married Kate E. Miller and is engaged in farming in West Hempfield township; Emma, of Lancaster; John, a farmer; Martin, Susan, Michael, Amelia, Anna and Carl, all at home; and Frederick, deceased.

In politics Frederick H. Brandt is a Democrat. He and his family are prominent members of the Lutheran Church. He has been a farmer through life, remaining with his parents until 1888, when he purchased the home farm. Since then the parents have lived with him. He is a progressive farmer and has met with abundant success. Besides conducting a general farming business he is a "trucker" and florist and is deeply interested in these latter specialties, being a recognized authority in floriculture. His interest in business affairs extends, however, beyond his immediate occupation and he is regarded generally by the many who know him as a man of keen perception, rare judgment, and progressive ideas.

ELWOOD P. GARRETT, the genial and popular express, freight and passenger agent at Christiana, Pa., was born in Peach Bottom, Lancaster county, April 10, 1854, and is a son of Edwin and Sarah T. (Masson) Garrett.

The father was born in Goshen, Chester county, and the mother in Philadelphia, where they were married. Jan. 1, 1869, they began their residence in Christiana, where the husband was appointed the local agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad, a position he held until 1895, when he resigned on account of the infirmities of advancing age. In his earlier life he was a farmer, and had a saw-mill at Peach Bottom, which he operated for five years, and then for a time had a hotel at Quarryville. After three years at that point, he had a hotel at Green Tree,

which he carried on for seven years, and then for three years farmed at Steelville. From that point he came to a farm in Sadsbury township, which he cultivated until 1869, when he came to Christiana as noted above. Edwin Garrett has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is a faithful and devoted Presbyterian, as is also his wife. In Bart township he was school director and justice of the peace; and supervisor in Salisbury township. He is a Democrat. He was born in November, 1821, and his wife in December, 1822. Born to this union were Edwin L., deceased; Elwood P.; Emma L., who is the widow of Charles Senior, and lives in Reading, Pa. Nathan Garrett was the paternal grandfather of Elwood P.

The wedding ceremonies of Elwood P. Garrett and Maggie B. Miller were celebrated Nov. 7, 1873, in Middletown. Born to this happy union were the following, Edwin L., Charles M., Raymond P. and Helen B. Mrs. Miller, who was born in Middletown, died in February, 1896, at the age of thirty-eight years, leaving behind her precious memories as a devoted wife and mother. She was a daughter of Harry and Catherine Miller. Her father was born in Dauphin county, and her mother in New Holland.

Elwood P. Garrett began the carpenter trade, and served an apprenticeship at it in Lancaster from 1871 to 1873, when he engaged in a planing mill in Middletown, Dauphin county, and worked there eight years. In September, 1881, he came to Christiana and was employed in a warehouse until 1895, that year being appointed as the local agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and it is not too much to say that to the present time the arduous and complicated duties of his position have been discharged entirely to the satisfaction not only of the road but also to the comfort and welfare of the general public, who find in him a most accommodating and courteous official.

Mr. Garrett belongs to the I. O. O. F. at Atglen, and to the Knights of the Golden Eagle of Christiana. He is a member of the Methodist Church, as was also his lamented wife. In politics he takes strong Prohibition ground, and generally is a man of high character and lofty principles.

ABRAHAM PELEN, one of the leading railroad men residing in Columbia, Pa., shows in his successful career what can be accomplished through individual effort. From the age of eleven years he has been dependent upon his own resources, and, being industrious, enterprising and ambitious, he has met with well-deserved success.

Mr. Pelen was born in Columbia, June 10, 1860, a son of Henry and Hannah P. (Free) Pelen, the former a native of Strasburg, Lancaster county, the latter of Chester county, Pa. His paternal grandfather, Chaney Pelen, spent his entire life in Strasburg. At an early day Henry Pelen removed to Columbia, where he made his home until 1875, and

then went to Harrisburg, Pa., residing there until called from this life in July, 1896, at the age of seventy-five years. During his earlier years he was an engineer on the old State road, and on leaving the employ of the company, he engaged in the grocery business, first in Columbia and later in Harrisburg. His wife died in the latter city in January, 1900, at the age of seventy-five. Both were earnest members of the United Brethren Church, and were highly respected and esteemed by all who knew them. Their children were: Chaney, Gustave and Martha J., all deceased; Anna, wife of Harry Sourbeer, a stone cutter, of Harrisburg; Abraham; and Harry, a painter of Harrisburg.

On starting out in life for himself at the age of eleven years, Abraham Pelen worked at anything which he could find to do until Oct. 20, 1879, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as brakeman. Five years later he was made flagman, in which capacity he served for two years, was fireman eight years and six months, and on May 11, 1892, was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he is now employed.

Mr. Pelen was married in Columbia in February, 1884, to Miss Minnie Neiman, and to them were born two children, Ivy M. and John N. Mrs. Pelen was born in Columbia, and died in that city Dec. 9, 1898, at the age of thirty-three years. Her parents were John and Kate (Hogentogler) Neiman, the former a native of Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., the latter of Lancaster county. Her father served as first sergeant in the war of the Rebellion under Capt. Fisher. He came to Columbia in 1855 and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as engineer until his death, Feb. 16, 1873, when he was thirty-seven years of age. He left four children, namely: Minnie, deceased wife of Mr. Pelen; Sarah, wife of F. C. Brink, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Philadelphia; Charles, deceased; and Effie, wife of W. S. Broomal, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Harrisburg. The mother afterward married William Collins, who still resides in Harrisburg, but she died Jan. 9, 1896, at the age of fifty-three years. By this union there were three children: Walter B., a printer, of Columbia; A. May, a resident of Philadelphia; and Maud E., a resident of Harrisburg.

Mr. Pelen is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a supporter of the Republican party. He is quite a popular and influential man, and his genial, pleasant manner makes him many friends among all classes of citizens.

MRS. MARY A. (BARD) BUCH was born in Ephrata township, Lancaster county, a daughter of George and Catherine (Weidler) Bard, of Lancaster county, both of whom have passed away, and their ashes are reposing in the Lancaster cemetery. George Bard was a farmer in his earlier life, and in 1856 engaged in a mercantile business with his son

for four years, when he retired. He died in 1873, at the age of sixty-five years, his wife dying in 1860, at the age of forty-six. They had the following children: Reuben W., a retired merchant of Lincoln, Pa.; Mary A.; Susan, who died young; and Kraybill, deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Buch were George and Elizabeth (Swope) Bard, both of Lancaster county, where they led a farming life. Philip Bard, her great-grandfather, was born in Hesse, Germany, and was an early settler in Lancaster county. John and Susan (Gonter) Weidler, her mother's people, were farming people of Lancaster county.

In August, 1862, in Lancaster, Miss Mary A. Bard was married to the late Jonathan B. Buch, by whom she became the mother of four children, as follows: Ada, wife of George W. Hoffer, of Elizabethtown; Kate, who married Simon A. Rutt, a West Donegal farmer; Laura E., wife of H. H. Nissley, of Elizabethtown; and Bard, a machinist in Philadelphia. Mrs. Buch is a highly esteemed member of the community in which she lives, where almost her entire life has been passed. She is kind-hearted and charitable, and is greatly beloved by those who know her best.

SHERIDAN D. FISHER, a well-known engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and a highly respected citizen of Columbia, Pa., was born in that city, June 5, 1866, a son of David R. and Margaret J. (Welsh) Fisher, also natives of Lancaster county, the former born in Mt. Joy, the latter in Columbia.

The father, David R., was only two years old when, in 1842, he came to Columbia with his parents, George and Anna (Strickler) Fisher, of Mt. Joy, who died in Columbia. The grandfather had previously engaged in farming, but in Columbia he conducted a tavern and engaged in the manufacture of cigars. His children were Harriet, wife of Lawrence Balser, of Minnesota; George and Henry, both soldiers in the Civil war; Christian; Anna, wife of Henry Mann; Elizabeth, wife of a Mr. Harris; Mary; Sarah, widow of Daniel Chaffant and a resident of Columbia, Pa.; Reuben; John, a cigar manufacturer of York, Pa.; and David R., father of Sheridan D. All are now deceased with the exception of Harriet, Sarah and John.

David R. Fisher grew to manhood in Columbia, and there he was married in 1864 to Margaret J. Welsh, a daughter of David and Barbara (Heck) Welsh. Her father was born in Columbia, in August, 1822, and continued to make his home there until 1898, since which time he has lived retired with a son in Philadelphia. By occupation he was a car maker, and is a member of the United Brethren Church, to which his wife also belonged. She was born in York county, Pa., and died in Columbia, in May, 1863, at the age of thirty-six years. Mrs. Fisher was the oldest of their children, the others

being: James, deceased; Samuel, an engineer in the Susquehanna Rolling Mill at Columbia; David, a railroad conductor of Harrisburg; John, a switchman of Philadelphia; Scott and Benjamin, who are employed in the rolling mill at Columbia; William, station agent on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Spring Mill, Pa. The maternal great-grandparents of Sheridan D. Fisher were Henry and Jane Welsh, who died in Columbia.

In early life David R. Fisher worked in a furnace, but when the Civil war broke out he laid aside all personal interests to enter the service of his country, enlisting first in 1861 for six months, under Col. Welsh, and on the expiration of that time re-enlisting for three years or during the war in the 20th Pa. Cav. Fortunately he was never wounded, and when the war ended was honorably discharged, July 22, 1865. Returning to his home in Columbia, he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, first as brakeman and later as baggage-master, and for the last twelve years of his life was switchman. He was discharging the duties of that position when killed, Dec. 21, 1888, at the age of forty-eight years. He was a consistent and faithful member of the United Brethren Church, and an honored member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Improved Order of Red Men. In all the relations of life he was found true to every trust reposed in him, and merited and received the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens in a marked degree. His estimable wife, who was born Feb. 25, 1846, is still living and makes her home with Sheridan D., their oldest child. The other children are: Mary, at home; Anna, wife of Harry Shank, fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad and a resident of Columbia; and Charles, a resident of Philadelphia.

Sheridan D. Fisher was reared and educated in Columbia, and there he was married, Jan. 20, 1887, to Araminta Frey, by whom he has had five children: Vernetta F., deceased; William R.; Greta; Cleon H.; and Amy E. Mrs. Fisher was born in Danville, Pa., Aug. 10, 1865, a daughter of Franklin and Amanda (Constant) Frey. Her father was a native of York county, Pa., born Oct. 10, 1840, and a son of one of the Freys of Freysville, that county, where the grandfather engaged in farming throughout his life. Her mother was born in Danville, Aug. 15, 1846, a daughter of Ephraim Constant, who married a Miss Thompson, farming people and lifelong residents of that place. Mrs. Fisher's parents came to Columbia, in 1874, and here they still reside. The father was formerly employed as filler in a furnace, but is now connected with the rolling mill. Both he and his wife are earnest members of the United Brethren Church. Their children are: Araminta, now Mrs. Fisher; Coleman H., a flagman of Columbia; Alford C., a brakeman of that place; Maggie L., wife of Jacob Buck, a flagman of Columbia; William H., who is engaged in the rolling mill of that place; and Charles W., deceased.

At the age of sixteen years Mr. Fisher commenced work in the rolling mill, where he was employed for three years, and then entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman. Three years later he accepted a position as fireman, and in April, 1900, was promoted to engineer, in which capacity he is now serving the road. He is an active member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, No. 252; the Relief Association; the Knights of the Maccabees; and the United Brethren Church. In his political views he is a Republican and gives his support to all measures which he believes will prove of public benefit.

JACOB K. KELLER. Among the prosperous young farmers of Lancaster county, Pa., is Jacob K. Keller, who since 1890 has been engaged in farming his present property in Ephrata township, and since 1891 has conducted a large and successful dairy in connection with it.

The Keller family is of German origin, and grandfather Jacob Keller became a prominent and wealthy agriculturist of Ephrata township, was one of the pillars of the German Baptist Church, and reared his large family in this belief. George Keller, the father of Jacob K. Keller, was an honest and honorable citizen, a successful farmer, a consistent member of the German Baptist Church and one of the substantial men of the township. He married Mary Keller in 1843, and they became the parents of eleven children: Edward, David, George and James, deceased; Elizabeth, the wife of Eben Eberly, of Lincoln, Pa.; Levi, a farmer of Morgantown, Pa.; Mary, the wife of Christian Brubaker, of Pineville, Pa.; Adam, a retired farmer of Ephrata borough; Israel, a successful farmer of Springville, Pa.; Priscilla, the wife of Levi Snyder; and Jacob K., the subject of this biography.

Jacob K. Keller was born Feb. 20, 1869, the youngest son of the late George and Mary Keller, and was reared on a farm, choosing agriculture as his life profession. His education was acquired in the excellent schools of his district, where he was an apt pupil, and soon after completing his course he engaged in his selected work, succeeding from the beginning. The fine farm of 100 acres which Mr. Keller owns and occupies, is located one mile north of the borough of Ephrata, he purchased it in 1890 and in the following year he opened up a dairy business, his well placed land being especially desirable for this enterprise. Not only has Mr. Keller a well cultivated farm, but his handsome dwelling and well kept buildings attest his good management and show evidences of prosperity.

Jacob K. Keller was married Jan. 6, 1889, to Kate, the estimable daughter of Reuben and Matilda (Baling) Witters, of Ephrata township, Germans by descent and prominent in the German Baptist congregation. To Mr. and Mrs. Keller have been born two interesting children: Tillie May, born Jan. 10, 1890; and Harry, March 31, 1894.

In politics, Mr. Keller is a staunch Republican, but he places good citizenship above politics and is interested in any movement which promises benefit to his section of the country. Both he and his wife are devoted members of the German Baptist Church where they are highly valued, and through the township Mr. Keller is justly regarded as one of the representative men, socially, politically and commercially.

JOHN ELSWORTH IRWIN, proprietor of the "Ironville Hotel" in West Hempfield township, was born in Kinderhook, in the same township, Lancaster county, Feb. 27, 1862, and is the only son of Samuel and Lizzie (Minnick) Irwin, also natives of West Hempfield township.

Samuel Irwin was a blacksmith by trade and on enlisting for the Civil war was employed as such by the government, was sent West and was never again heard from. Mrs. Lizzie (Minnick) Irwin, who was born in 1839, was subsequently married to George Adams, who was also a blacksmith and lived in Akron, Lancaster county, and to this union have been born four children, viz.: Henry, a cigar maker in Akron, Pa.; Minnie, wife of Benjamin Lewis, a cigar packer at Effort, Pa.; Susan, now the wife of a Mr. Jacobs, a cigarmaker at Akron; and Agnes, who has been twice married and is now a resident of New Jersey. The mother of this family now lives in Denver, Pa., and is a devout member of the M. E. Church.

The paternal grandparents of John E. Irwin were James and Margaret (McCorkle) Irwin, of Chester county, Pa., but early settlers in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, where James Irwin followed his trade of blacksmith until the end of his days; the maternal grandparents were Henry and Lizzie Minnick, of West Hempfield township.

John Elsworth Irwin was reared by an uncle, Abraham H. Gram, from the age of four months until thirteen years old, and up to this age lived on his uncle's farm; later he lived for three years with other farmers, but returned to his uncle Gram and continued to work for him until the latter's death in August, 1884, when he took entire charge. Abraham H. Gram first engaged in hotelkeeping at Silverspring, this county, conducted his place one year, and then located in Mountville, and conducted the "Black Bear Hotel" for six years, when the estate was settled up, and John E. Irwin came to his present stand in Ironville, which was erected by Joseph Foreman in 1873. In the meantime Mr. Irwin has also been a musician of more than local reputation, and has been a teacher of the violin since eighteen years of age, still giving private lessons, but in 1898 practically withdrew from the profession as a general teacher for all comers.

On Nov. 7, 1886, John Elsworth Irwin married, in Lincoln, Lancaster county, Miss Anna Weidman, who has borne him four children, John W., Harry

W., Mamie W. and Esther W. Mrs. Anna (Weidman) Irwin was born in East Cocalico township, Lancaster county, March 27, 1860, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Burkholder) Weidman, of Clay township, where the father was a farmer and died in July, 1891, when seventy-four years old; his wife, born in 1825, still lives. Their children were seven in number and in order of birth were named: Samuel, who lives in Reamstown, and is a cabinetmaker; Lavinia, who married and is deceased; Jacob, also deceased; Henry, a farmer in Reamstown; Anna; Emma, wife of Frank Myers, a farmer of Rockville; and Lemuel, a farmer of Reamstown. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Irwin was John Weidman, of Lancaster county, who died in 1899; the maternal grandfather was Jacob Burkholder, an undertaker.

Fraternally, John E. Irwin is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and politically is a Republican. As a hotel man he is popular and widely known and, being yet a young man, is full of joviality and genial good nature, which peculiarly adapt him to his calling. Having been in the business almost from boyhood, he is acquainted with its every detail, and it is safe to say that the traveler who needs accommodation a second time at Ironville, makes it a point to secure his room at Mr. Irwin's hotel.

FREDERICK ADAMS. For twenty years Mr. Adams has been a faithful and trusted servant of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, having entered the service of that corporation in 1880 as a brakeman. He was made a fireman two and a half years later, and in 1892 was promoted to position of engineer. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and as a citizen is held in high esteem. He is a Democrat in politics, and although not himself a church member, his family are connected with St. John's Lutheran Church. He married Miss Caroline Bupp, Feb. 16, 1886, and their marriage has been blessed with nine children: Nettie, Barbara, John, Carrie, Marguerite, Fred, Nellie, and twins, born in 1900.

Frederick Adams was born in Columbia, Aug. 11, 1864, and like many of Columbia's public-spirited and valued citizens is of German lineage. His grandfather was the proprietor of an inn in Germany, and died in his native land. His father, John M., came to America when a young man of twenty-one, to avoid military service, for which he had been drafted. He first settled in Baltimore, but after a few years removed to Columbia, where he worked as a foundryman and a stevedore along the canal. Frederick Adams also began his life of hard but honorable toil in a foundry, at the early age of eleven years, five years later finding employment unloading coal and still later working two years upon a farm. Mr. Adams, Sr., died in December, 1891, after completing his sixty-first year. His wife was Anna Bates, who, like himself, was a native of Germany.

Her father died there, and she and her mother crossed the ocean together. They found a home in Columbia, and both are now deceased, Mrs. John M. Adams having died July 23, 1872, aged thirty-nine years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Frederick Adams was his parents' sixth child and one of a family of ten. The others were named Maggie, Barbara, Anna, Grace, Sally, John, Nellie, Elizabeth and Lydia. Maggie married Lewis Bates, a retired merchant, and died in 1874. Barbara is the wife of Benjamin F. Hogentogler, a machinist. Anna married Jerry McCracken, a cigar dealer. Grace, deceased, was the wife of Frank Stucker. Sally became Mrs. William Bell, of Columbia, her husband being a railway conductor. Nellie married George McKinney, a car inspector of that place. John, Elizabeth and Lydia died in childhood.

Mrs. Adams is a daughter of William and Caroline (Heaffner) Bupp, and was born in Marietta, Pa., Nov. 19, 1866. Both her parents were of German birth, although they were married at Marietta. Her father died in 1880 and her mother in 1874. They were members of the German Lutheran Church. She has one sister, Margaret, whose husband, Henry Rettew, is a puddler. They, too, reside in Columbia.

GEORGE HEIM, JR., a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, residing in Columbia, Lancaster county, was born in that place, and is a son of George Heim, who is now a retired citizen of Columbia.

George Heim, Sr., was born Feb. 13, 1832, in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, where his parents, Adam and Catherine (Yonhann) Heim, spent their entire lives. In his younger days the father followed the shoemaker's trade and later worked as a lumberman. He died in 1857, aged seventy-five years. Their children were: Peter, who died in Germany; John, a shoemaker of York, Pa.; Leonard, a millwright of Germany; George; and Catherine, who married George Reitsel, a miller, and died in Germany. During his boyhood George Heim attended school until fourteen years old, and then commenced learning the shoemaker's trade, which he has made his life work. On Dec. 23, 1852, he came to America, and first located in East Prospect, York Co., Pa., where he followed his chosen occupation for four years, but since then his home has been in Columbia. There he has met with success, and is now quite well-to-do, being able to lay aside active labor. For the last five years he has lived practically retired, though he does a little work now and then. For twelve years he has been a director of the St. Joseph's Building Association, and he is also a director of the Home Building & Loan Association, which was founded in 1899. The Democratic party finds in him a stanch supporter of its principles, and he is an active member of Salem German Lutheran Church.

On May 29, 1856, in Columbia, Mr. Heim married Miss Christina Gussler, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and a daughter of George Gussler, a mason by trade, who spent his entire life in that country. Mrs. Heim came to America in 1854, and died Feb. 9, 1895, at the age of sixty-four years. She left four children, namely: George; John, an engineer on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and a resident of Columbia, who married Lizzie Ambrose and has three children, Edgar, Harry and Walter; Charles, a prospector of York county, Pa., who married Emma Leber; Lillie, the wife of Edwin Marley, a bricklayer of Columbia, who has two children, George and May.

George Heim, Jr., received his education in the public schools of his native town, where he has passed all his life with the exception of two years spent on the sea and in Baltimore, Md., whither he went at the age of sixteen. When but twelve he entered a slate mantel works in Columbia, finishing that trade in Philadelphia, and he was thus employed about four years in all. On Oct. 7, 1880, Mr. Heim entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, worked up as brakeman and flagman, and finally, on Feb. 28, 1899, received promotion to his present position. Mr. Heim is a highly esteemed citizen of the town in which he resides, respected for his industry and integrity. He is identified with the German Lutheran Church, and, in politics, with the Democratic party. Mr. Heim is a member of the Pennsylvania Relief.

On Sept. 24, 1875, George Heim married in Philadelphia, Pa., Miss Ella M. Carter, who was born Dec. 25, 1855, near Haddonfield, N. J., one of the seven children of George Carter. She was reared by an aunt. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Heim, namely: Rosa B., who married Alva Hogentogler, foreman in a silk mill; Charles B., at home; Isabella, deceased; Katie M., deceased; Clara L. and Lillian S., at home.

GEORGE ROTH REICH, M. D., a highly educated and rising young physician of Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born Nov. 30, 1877, and is a son of George W. and Ella (Roth) Reich, of German extraction.

Dr. Reich attended public school in Marietta until seventeen years of age, and then attended Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster for two years. His preparatory work in medicine was taken at the University of Pennsylvania, which he attended one year, and then he entered the Hahnemann Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated May 17, 1900. He at once settled down to practice in his native borough, where his many friends predict for him a remunerative and successful professional career.

Dr. Reich married in Philadelphia in March, 1897, Miss Mary Miller, who has borne him one child, Mary. Mrs. Mary (Miller) Reich was born

in Marietta and is a daughter of John S. Miller, a native of East Donegal township, Lancaster county, Pa. The Doctor and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church, and socially are great favorites with the better class of citizens in Marietta. In politics the Doctor is a Republican.

FRANK G. GIRFIN. For three generations the Girfins have been thrifty and prosperous blacksmiths of Pennsylvania. The grandfather of Frank G., Frederick Girfin, came to America in an early day in search of a home, then returned for his wife, Catherine (Hobbart), and their family, and settled in Newport, where for many years he followed blacksmithing.

Christian F. Girfin, the father of Frank G., was born in Germany, on Nov. 29, 1825. He acquired the blacksmith trade. In his native land he married Elizabeth Greneman, who was born Aug. 26, 1831, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Hossman) Greneman, lifelong farmers in Germany. In 1858 Christian F. Girfin migrated with his family to America. He leased a blacksmith shop which stood on the site of the shop in Locust Grove, now occupied by his son, Frank G., and this shop he continued to operate successfully until his death, which occurred Feb. 21, 1891. In politics he was a Republican and he and his wife were active members of the Lutheran Church. The wife still survives, and now resides with her son Frank G. To Christian F. and Elizabeth Girfin were born the following children: Fred, who married Eliza McGinn and is a blacksmith at Columbia; Henry, who married Mary Groff and is also a blacksmith at Columbia; Charles and William, both deceased; Anna, twin sister of William, wife of Andrew Dershermer, a farmer of West Hempfield township; Sarah E., wife of John Heidloff, a farmer of Hambright, Pa.; and Frank G.

Frank G. Girfin was born Jan. 13, 1869, in his present home. When a boy of thirteen years he entered his father's blacksmith shop as an apprentice and was soon able to put on from thirty-five to forty horse-shoes a day. He remained steadily in this shop until his father's death, nine years later, then took charge of it and has ever since operated the same most successfully. He is recognized as one of the active and prosperous young business men of West Hempfield township, and is most highly respected. In politics he is a Republican and in religious faith he is associated with the Lutheran Church. Among the fraternal orders he holds membership with the I. O. O. F. and the Red Men.

Mr. Girfin married in June, 1892, at Columbia, Miss Lena Newmyer, who was born in Germany in 1870, the daughter of Frederick and Magdelina (Sanders) Newmyer and the granddaughter of George and Elizabeth Newmyer. In 1871, the father, Frederick Newmyer, migrated to America with his family and settled in Columbia, where he died three years later, aged thirty-eight years. He

was a member of the Lutheran Church. The widow subsequently married for her second husband Peter Smith, a farmer of West Hempfield township. To Frederick and Magdelina Newmyer were born three children: Catherine, deceased wife of Joseph Brown; Lena, wife of Mr. Girfin; and Christina, wife of Lewis Fritz, a bricklayer of Lancaster. The family of Frank G. and Lena Girfin consists of four children, namely: Sadie E., Anna M., Henry W. and Elizabeth G.

JOSEPH DETZ is a conductor in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and has been one of their honored and trusted servants for more than thirty years. He is a son of John G. and Rachel E. Detz.

Joseph Detz was born in Manor township, Oct. 29, 1849, and until he was ten years old lived at home with his parents. He then went to work upon a neighboring farm during three summers, spending his winters at home and attending school. At the age of thirteen he entered a store at Safe Harbor and there remained as clerk for two years. In 1865 he came to Columbia, and found employment in the rake factory. Two years later he began work in the rolling mill of the railroad company. Before long he was placed in charge of the company's round house, and after two years was given the position of passenger brakeman. His next promotion was to the post of baggage master, and after twenty years there he was appointed conductor in the passenger service. To the discharge of his duties he brings a quick intelligence, a ripe experience and tried fidelity. No emergency finds him unprepared, and his urbanity of manner has won for him many friends. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors, a Republican in politics, and an earnest member of the Presbyterian Church. Of a kindly sympathetic nature, and with a heart quick to respond to a call for help, it is not surprising that he is best loved by those who know him best.

The maiden name of his wife, to whom he was united May 4, 1872, was Mary C. Lash. She was born in Reading, her father, Henry W. Lash, being a successful and respected farmer of Berks county, and by trade a tailor. During the last ten years of his life he filled the office of tipstaff in the courts. He died in March, 1893, after reaching the age of sixty-five years. His father, who spelled his name Lasch, was born in Germany, but crossed the ocean and settled at Reading. The mother of Mrs. Detz was Susanna Keller. She was a daughter of George and Catherine (Schlichter) Keller, he being a Berks county farmer. She and her husband were members of the Universalist Church, and in his younger days Mr. Keller was a valued member of the choir. She was born April 18, 1827, and is still living, her home being in Philadelphia. Mrs. Detz is the second of their family of nine children, the others, in order of birth, being: Alwilda, now Mrs.

John H. Rooth, of Reading; Frank M., of Philadelphia, a bachelor; Sarah, also unmarried and living in the same city; Anna, wife of W. H. Tobias of Reading; Harry, whose home is in Pottstown; Heister K., a grocer of Reading; Howard, deceased; and Effie, who became the wife of Dr. Walter Richmond, a dentist of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Detz have a daughter and a son, Anna E. and Vernon B., both of whom are unmarried and live with their parents.

CHRISTIAN B. HUBER, one of the leading farmers and esteemed citizens of Providence township, was born there April 26, 1853, a son of Henry S. and Fannie (Barr) Huber, both now deceased.

Henry S. Huber followed an agricultural life in Providence township. He was born Dec. 15, 1815, son of Christian Huber, and died April 9, 1882. Throughout life he was a consistent member of the Mennonite Church, following its teachings in his daily life. He was conscientiously attached to the principles of the Republican party. The children of Henry S. and Fannie Huber were as follows: Christian, deceased; Annie, wife of Amos Groff, of Columbia; Elam B., a shoemaker in Providence township; Susan, wife of Jacob Bryson, of Columbia; Christian B.; and Fannie.

Christian B. Huber was reared on the farm and early became interested in agricultural work, to such an extent that he has followed that line through life, being one of the successful and progressive farmers of Providence township. He received his education in the public schools, and after his school days were over, like many others in his vicinity, was obliged to make his own way in the world. His industry and economy soon enabled him to begin accumulating, and he is now the owner of one of the valuable farms of his part of Lancaster county, situated within a half mile of the pleasant village of New Providence. He has a handsome dwelling and other modern improvements, making his place an ideal country home.

Mr. Huber was married March 22, 1883, to Miss Caroline Eckerman, born July 4, 1854, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Eckerman, and this marriage has been blessed with one daughter, Miss Ida Viola, a most estimable young lady.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Huber descend from honorable families of Lancaster county, and they command the respect and esteem of the community in which they have their home. Mr. Huber is known to his neighbors as a man of sterling integrity and of kind and charitable disposition. Like his father he supports the Republican party, but he does not seek political preferment.

WILLIAM CORNELIUS, a cigar manufacturer of Lancaster, Pa., and one of the leading business men of that city, was born in New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., July 4, 1852, son of William and

Elizabeth (Bemfor) Cornelius, he a native of Union county, and she of Snyder county.

William Cornelius, Sr., was born in 1814, and his wife was born in 1818. They now reside in New Berlin, Snyder Co., Pa., where he is a retired shoemaker. Both are consistent members of the M. E. Church, and both are in possession of all their faculties to a remarkable degree. The following family was born to their union: Harriet, married Joseph Taper, an Illinois farmer; Jeremiah, a shoe manufacturer and merchant of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa.; Emma, married J. Hawk, retired, of New Columbia, Pa.; William Cornelius; Joseph, a shoemaker of Catawissa, Pa.; George, who died in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents were James W. and Elizabeth Cornelius, of the State of Pennsylvania. James W. Cornelius was a shoemaker, and both he and his wife died in New Berlin, Pa. The maternal grandparents were Frederick and Mary Bemfor, of Snyder county, Pa., where the former was a farmer, but died in St. Joseph county, Mich., June 9, 1878, at the age of ninety years, eight months and twenty-eight days. These grandparents left seventeen children, 106 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

William Cornelius was reared upon a farm until he reached the age of eighteen, when he removed to Lancaster, and learned the trade of cigar making, in 1876 embarking in this line of business for himself, and continuing it with marked success, his output being on an average of 100,000 cigars, none but the finest grades being manufactured. Some of his special brands are "Try Me" and "Little Dandy." Fraternally, he is a member of K. of P., No. 88, and Uniform Rank K. of P. In religious matters, he is a member of the M. E. Church. Mr. Cornelius has always taken an active part in politics, voting and supporting the Republican ticket, although he has never consented to hold office, believing he can do more good in his capacity of a private citizen. His success is the result of his thrift, energy and thorough knowledge of his business, and the future offers still brighter prospects.

On April 29, 1874, when not considering the season of the year there were nine inches of snow upon the pavements of Lancaster, Mr. Cornelius married Flora E. Fortney, a native of Lancaster, Pa., daughter of George and Mary (Barclipp) Fortney, of Dauphin county, Pa. George Fortney was a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad from 1865 to his death, on July 23, 1900. His body was interred in Woodward Hill cemetery. During the Civil war, Mr. Fortney served for three years under Capt. Edgerly. At the time of his death, Mr. Fortney had been in the service of the railroad for thirty-five years, and gave universal satisfaction. His wife, who was born April 9, 1837, now resides in Lancaster. She is a consistent member of the M. E. Church, as was her husband. The children born to

Mr. and Mrs. Fortney were: Lizzie, who married Charles Villa, of Lancaster; and Flora E., Mrs. Cornelius. The grandparents of Mrs. Cornelius on her father's side were Henry and Margaret Fortney, farmers of Dauphin county, Pa., both most estimable people. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius have one child, George C., who graduated from the city high school, after which he learned the trade of cutter and tailor. After learning his trade, his father realized that there was room in his growing business for the energies and capabilities of his son, and since then George has been an assistant in the cigar business, both father and son bending their energies toward the enlarging of their field of action, and the betterment of their product, with the result that their trade is a very enviable one and constantly increasing. Mr. Cornelius is not only well known as a business man and a leader in politics, but also for his public-spirited and pleasant, frank manner, which win him many friends, and make it possible for him to forward many plans for the betterment of the city's interests and the general welfare of the community.

REV. S. CLEMENT BURGER, the energetic and beloved rector of the Church of the Sacred Heart, the latest addition to the Roman Catholic Churches in Lancaster, is the youngest brother of Prof. Chris Burger, who is a recognized leader in musical circles in Lancaster.

Christian J. Burger, his father, came from Germany to the United States in 1848, and settled in Reading, where he died in 1883. He married Annetta Kaul, a sister of the Very Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lancaster, and to this union came six sons, four of whom survive: Dr. A. J. Burger, who is now the coroner of Brooklyn; Dr. Francis J., also of Brooklyn; Rev. Clement S.; and Prof. Chris.

Rev. Father Burger was born in Reading Jan. 17, 1871, and was educated in the parochial schools of that city, and for one year in St. Anthony's parochial school of Lancaster. His collegiate course was taken at Notre Dame University, Indiana, graduating in June, 1891, and he pursued his theological course at Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg. On May 10, 1895, he was ordained at Harrisburg, in St. Patrick's Pro-Cathedral, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas McGovern, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., and he was at once appointed assistant to his uncle, Very Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, at St. Anthony's Church, Lancaster, remaining there until Jan. 1, 1899, when he was sent to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, at New Oxford, Adams Co., Pennsylvania.

On Nov. 1, 1900, Father Burger was sent by the Rt. Rev. John W. Shanahan, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pa., to St. Mary's Church, Middletown, Pa. A few weeks later, on Nov. 20, he was ordered to Lancaster, to begin the work of building up a new parish, that of the Sacred Heart.

So energetically did he pursue the work that the corner stone of the school and chapel building was laid with imposing ceremonies, on May 26, 1901, and the dedication took place Sept. 22, 1901. Both the ceremonies were held by the Rt. Rev. John W. Shanahan, D. D. The school and chapel are located at the southern end of the plat of ground purchased for the congregation at the corner of West Walnut and Nevin streets, and it will prove a fine addition to that beautiful section. In the near future a handsome rectory will be erected, and the new parish promises to become large and influential, under the ministrations of Rev. Father Burger. At present the parish numbers ninety families—four hundred and fifty souls. On Sept. 8, 1902, the parochial school was opened under the direction of two sisters of the Holy Cross from Notre Dame, Indiana. The enrollment at the opening numbered fifty scholars.

JOHN JONES WATSON, undertaker and funeral director, Lancaster, is one of the most prominent men in that line in Lancaster county.

Mr. Watson is descended from old and patriotic stock, Gen. Sullivan of Revolutionary fame, having been his great-uncle on his father's side. Mr. Watson's great-grandfather came from Glasgow, Scotland, and, with two brothers settled in Philadelphia. He owned part of the land on which Germantown now stands.

Benjamin Franklin Watson, the grandfather, a tailor by trade, was born in Philadelphia, removed to Lancaster county, and became the owner of two farms in Drumore township, where he died in 1842, aged eighty-five years. In this connection it is of peculiar interest to note that our subject belongs to a long-lived family, his uncle William having died at the age of eighty-seven years, another ancestor at ninety-two, another at ninety-six, another at ninety, and his maternal grandfather at ninety-eight.

Hiram Watson, father of John Jones, was the youngest of twelve children. He married Lydia Ann Jones, daughter of John Jones, who was foreman of Martic Forge, and also kept the old "Blue Bell" tavern in Drumore. John Jones died at the age of ninety-eight. To Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Watson were born twelve children, of whom the following named are living: John Jones, our subject, of Lancaster; Hannah Martha, of Philadelphia; Benjamin Franklin, who has for over thirty years been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, for which he is now a baggage master; William, who was superintendent of the painting department of the Wilmington & Northern Railroad, but is now keeping hotel in Wilmington; Clayton M., of Wilmington, who succeeded his brother William as superintendent of painting for the Wilmington & Northern Railroad; Mary, wife of William Maxwell, manager of the old Pennock Iron Works in Coatesville; Annie, wife of Samuel Forbes, of Philadelphia; Wesley, a telegrapher, for years past in

the Adams Express service at Philadelphia; and Milton A., an upholsterer of West Chester.

John Jones Watson was born in the old "Blue Bell," Drumore, on Jan. 28, 1837, and, after receiving the education afforded by the public schools of his district, went to cabinet making and undertaking in Conestoga Center, serving three years at the business. He then removed to Coatesville, where he carried on business for himself. Not content with what he already knew, however, he engaged an expert upholsterer to teach him that branch, employing him continuously, work or no work, until he (Mr. Watson) had mastered the business. In 1877 Mr. Watson went to West Chester, working there six years, and coming to Lancaster in 1884. After working in two of the leading undertaking establishments he started in business for himself, on East Orange street. This was in 1887. Removing from East Orange street to South Queen street, he carried on business there for one year, where the *Inquirer* printing office now is, and in 1891 removed to his present location, No. 114 South Queen street. He lives in the building, which is a commodious one, and has telephone connections and all conveniences. A graduate embalmer, Mr. Watson is an active member of the Lancaster County Funeral Directors Association, of which he was president for one term. Mr. Watson keeps fully abreast of the times in his business, and has by courteous treatment of his patrons and strict attention to all the details of his profession, won a substantial position in commercial circles in the city of his adoption.

Mr. Watson was married to Miss Barbara Ann Urban, daughter of the late Jacob Urban, a farmer of Conestoga Center, and this union has been blessed with four children, as follows: Lydia Ann, wife of Thomas M. Shaner, who is at the head of one of the departments of the Safety Buggy Works, of Lancaster; Emma Jane, at home; John W., an upholsterer and decorator with Hager Bros. (he designed and executed the decorations for the newly-furnished court room in Lancaster); and Dr. Walter W., a graduate of the Lancaster high school, of the College of Pharmacy, and of the Medico-Chirurgical Institution (where he won a gold medal for the practice of medicine), and now resident physician in Blockely Almshouse, Philadelphia. Our subject has been prominent in the societies, having belonged, in his time, to seventeen secret societies, in eleven of which he was a past officer; he has been an Odd Fellow for forty-three years, and a Mason for thirty-two years, being a past master by merit. In religion he is a consistent member of St. Paul's M. E. Church.

REUBEN G. KAUFFMAN. Among the progressive and thorough farmers of East Hempfield township is Reuben G. Kauffman, a worthy representative of one of the old and respected families of Lancaster county.

Reuben G. Kauffman was born March 22, 1867, on the old family homestead, one and one-half miles south of Petersburg, a son of Benjamin and Anna (Kreider) Kauffman, who were well and favorably known in that locality, removing thence to the farm in East Hempfield township upon which Reuben G. Kauffman now lives, when the latter was ten years old. He had all the advantages of the district school, and remained at home, engaged in agricultural pursuits, after he was twenty-two years old engaging in farming upon his own account, remaining on his father's land, where he carries on general farming very successfully.

In 1899 Mr. Kauffman purchased the farm from his father, containing seventy-three acres, and there he has a valuable property and a most comfortable home.

Reuben G. Kauffman was married Jan. 1, 1889, to Amanda Neff, the estimable daughter of Henry Neff, of Manor township, who was born March 16, 1868, and died Jan. 12, 1891, leaving one child, Elmer N. On Oct. 3, 1896, Mr. Kauffman was married to Ellen Kraybill, daughter of Joseph Kraybill, of Mt. Joy, who was born Oct. 10, 1873. Of this union two children have been born: Kathryn and Joseph, the latter of whom died in infancy.

Understanding farming thoroughly, Mr. Kauffman has adopted modern machinery and methods, and is regarded as one of the most able agriculturists in his vicinity. He and his wife are among the most valued members of the Old Mennonite Church, the members of which are universally regarded as exhibiting in their lives the highest principles of morality and good citizenship.

PHARES P. SWARR. The earliest records of the human family tell of agricultural pursuits, and on down through the ages the tillers of the soil have been not only the most necessary, but also the most independent of men. Upon the success or failure of crops great commercial enterprises and military operations are based, and poor indeed is the State that has to call upon a richer neighbor for her food products. Fortunate are the dwellers in the great State of Pennsylvania, with her equable climate and rich soil, and no county within her borders more abundantly rewards agricultural effort than does old Lancaster.

Among the old families of the county is that of Swarr, which for almost 200 years has been identified with her farming interests, and has a number of worthy representatives in the prosperous township of East Hempfield, one of whom, Phares P. Swarr, is now cultivating a tract adjoining the old family homestead, which lies some two miles east of Landisville. The founder of the family in this locality was John Swarr, the great-grandfather of Phares P., who died in 1823, aged eighty-seven years. He was one of the early members of the Mennonite Church in his locality, and the general religious connection has ever since been with that

denomination, although in later days, through marriage connections, some have become identified with the Methodist Church, and some with the Dunkards. All belong to the best class of citizens, and are so recognized by the communities in which they live.

The grandfather of Phares P. bore the name of Martin Swarr, and his son John, who died in 1886, aged sixty-eight, was the father of Phares P. He was a well-known farmer of East Hempfield and a most worthy member of the Mennonite Church. He married Elizabeth Peifer, who still survives, at an advanced age, a much beloved and respected resident of the vicinity. Seven children were born to this union: Phares P.; Martin, deceased; Hiram, a resident of Drumore township; John, of Manheim borough; Menno, of Petersburg; Reuben, of Landisville; and Elizabeth, who is the wife of David H. Gochnaur, of Petersburg. For a number of years the father of this family was prominent in the educational affairs of the township, serving efficiently on the school board.

Phares P. Swarr was born June 23, 1844, and has always resided on the farm. His education was acquired in the excellent public schools of his district, and in this locality he married, in his twenty-second year, beginning domestic life on the fine farm, consisting of 115 acres, where is one of the pleasantest and most attractive homes of the county, all the surroundings indicating thrift and prosperity, and showing how ideal the life of a farmer may be. Phares P. Swarr has been interested in almost all of the public affairs of the county, is a director in the Farmers National Bank of Lancaster, and of the Agricultural Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of which he and Johnston Miller were the organizers, and has long been a member of the school board, his influence ever being used in the direction of progress and improvement.

Phares P. Swarr was married, Oct. 19, 1865, to Amanda Minnick, a daughter of John Minnick, of Warwick township, and to this union one child was born, Ellen, the wife of Milton G. Forney, who manages the farm, Mr. Swarr now living in retirement. To Mr. and Mrs. Forney have been born five children: May, Charley, Phares, Roy and Marian. Mr. and Mrs. Swarr are valued members of the German Baptist Church, to the support of which he is a liberal contributor, and they enjoy the esteem of all.

JOHN BUTZ, the efficient and popular night baggage agent of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Lancaster, who resides at No. 431 East King street, that city, has been employed by this great road, continuously, for seventeen years.

John Butz, his father, was born on the Rhine, in Prussia, came to America when a young man, and for many years lived in Lancaster, where he became a property owner and was regarded as a substantial citizen. By trade he was a tanner, following that

line until his death, some eighteen years ago. His wife died about sixteen years ago.

John Butz, who was an only child, was born Feb. 15, 1858, in Portsmouth, Ohio, but while he was very young his father removed to Lancaster, where John was educated in the public schools. After finishing his school course he engaged in various occupations, putting in most of his time in assisting his father in the tannery. About 1885 Mr. Butz secured employment with the Pennsylvania Railway Co., first as a repairman, and about 1891 he became assistant night baggage agent, and finally agent, which onerous position he has since filled to the comfort and satisfaction of the traveling public.

On Feb. 3, 1885, Mr. Butz was married to Miss Ada Adelaide Steinheiser, daughter of the late J. O. and Lydia Steinheiser. The former, who died Dec. 11, 1899, at the age of eighty-two years, was for eight years steward of the Lancaster county almshouse and hospital. Prior to that he had been a successful teacher, and after giving up his office at the almshouse he became a mail agent, and later had the contract for carrying the mails to and from the post office and railroad station. Mr. Steinheiser's wife, formerly Miss Lydia Swope, was a sister of the late Zuriel Swope, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar. She died April 21, 1889, aged seventy-five years. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Butz, namely: Emma Marguerite, Edgar Owen and Lydia Grace, all of whom are at school; and the youngest, Harold Steinheiser.

Fraternally Mr. Butz is connected with Meridian Sun Commandery, No. 99, Knights of Malta; to the Pa. R. R. Relief Association; and to the Baltimore Mutual Aid Society. In politics he is a Republican. He belongs to Trinity Lutheran Church, and is much respected for his industry, intelligence and general capacity, while his genial disposition makes him many warm personal friends.

JOHN M. SHULTZ is one of the successful farmers and prominent citizens of Providence township. He was born Aug. 17, 1837, in Lampeter township, son of John and Elizabeth (Morrison) Shultz, both of whom are deceased.

John Shultz, the father of John M., was a son of John Shultz, who was born in Baden, Germany, and came at the age of seventeen years to make his home in America. He was a machinist, and was skilled in his trade. He married and became the father of the following children: John, Jacob, Elizabeth and Sarah, all of whom have passed out of life. John Shultz, the father of John M., was born June 27, 1805, and died Feb. 16, 1888. About 1828 he married Elizabeth Morrison, of Chester county, daughter of John Morrison, and this marriage was blessed with eight children: Jacob; Abraham; Mary, wife of Henry Diffenbaugh, of Lampeter township; Elizabeth, wife of John M. Grosh, of Lancaster; John M.; Sarah, widow of Peter Lyons;

Levi, of Lancaster county; and Hettie, who died young.

John M. Shultz was reared on the farm and obtained his education in the common schools of his district. He has successfully followed farming all his life, and owns a fine property, comprising 108 acres of valuable land in Providence township. He has improved his farm with handsome, convenient and modern buildings, and all of his operations are carried on in the most approved manner. Mr. Shultz understands the blacksmith's trade, and has worked at same at times. He is a man of prominence in Providence township, for the past six years has been one of the directors of the county poor farm, and has also served two terms as county auditor, performing all these duties with an eye single to the welfare of those most concerned.

On Nov. 10, 1863, Mr. Shultz was married to Miss Susan Rank, born March 17, 1845, in Salisbury township, daughter of David Rank. Her death took place Oct. 17, 1890. She was the mother of eleven children, eight of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Elizabeth, born in 1865, married to J. F. Graybill; William L., born in 1867, a farmer of Providence township; Levi, born in 1869, who resides in Lancaster City; David D., born in 1871; J. Frank, born in 1873, a farmer; James O., born Oct. 25, 1878, who is unmarried and resides at home, as do E. H., born in 1880, and Morgan, born in 1883.

The family is held in the highest esteem in Providence township, where Mr. Shultz has long been looked upon as a representative citizen.

WILLIAM FREY DILLER, son of the late Isaac Diller (whose family history and whose portrait will be found elsewhere in these Annals), is one of the most industrious men in Lancaster, as it requires industry to keep in hand the many business interests in which he is concerned. Mr. Diller, whose office is at No. 61 North Duke street, and whose residence is at No. 338 East Orange street, was born in Lancaster City, Nov. 3, 1858, and, after attending private schools of Lancaster, was graduated from Franklin and Marshall College, in 1876, graduating with honor when five months less than eighteen years old. After leaving college, and spending one year on his father's farm in the southern part of Lancaster county, Mr. Diller entered his father's hardware store, remaining there until his father bought a controlling interest in the Caledonia Furnace property of Thaddeus Stevens. William F. then became the manager of that property, consisting of 12,500 acres. Mr. Diller installed and operated two sawmills, a shinglemill, a sand rock grinding mill, and developed and worked two iron ore banks. At the end of three years his father sold his interest in the Caledonia Furnace property, and Mr. Diller then returned to Lancaster, entering actively into the hardware trade with his father and brother, having been a partner in that business

even while managing the Caledonia business. At the death of the father (the founder of the house) Mr. Diller continued with his brother, the firm trading as Isaac Diller's Sons. This continued until May 20, 1899, when the hardware business was sold, and Mr. Diller then organized the Lancaster Slate Roofing Company, a concern that does a large part of all the slate roofing in Lancaster. He is also a wholesale dealer in coal, the only exclusive wholesale dealer in that commodity in the city; controls an iron ore bank in York county, employing twenty-four men, and supplying, among others, the Susquehanna Steel & Iron Company at Wrightsville; and is treasurer and general manager of the Diller Sand and Clay Company, in the formation of which he was the chief promoter. This latter company owns 400 acres in the extreme east end of Lancaster county, near Honeybrook; and Col. H. C. Demming, State Geologist and Volunteer United States Geologist, reports that it is the largest body of sand rock within his knowledge, in the world. It analyzes 98 per cent. of pure silica. They also ship clay by the carload, for steel moulding purposes, as far west as Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Mr. Diller was married, June 8, 1898, to Miss Eliza Murray Schofield, daughter of the late lamented Dr. E. Lane Schofield, and granddaughter—on her maternal side—of the late Hon. James Black, at one time the Prohibition candidate for President of the United States. Three children were born of this union, Mary Black (bearing her grandmother's maiden name), Alonzo Potter (named after Mr. Diller's lamented brother, Rev. Alonzo Potter Diller, who, with his wife and child clasped in each other's arms, went down in the Johnstown flood), and William Frey, Jr. Mr. Diller is an Episcopalian in religion, and is a vestryman in St. John's Episcopal Church, where his father was senior warden to the day of his death. Although a member of St. John's, Mr. Diller and his family still retain, in St. James' Episcopal Church, the pew that was rented by his father—then only sixteen years old—in 1839, and it has been continuously in the Diller family from that day to this. Modest and unassuming, yet full of energy and vigor, no man in Lancaster enjoys in a greater degree the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen than does William Frey Diller.

MRS. MARY MURRAY SCHOFIELD, widow of the late Dr. E. Lane Schofield, and who lives in a charming home at No. 542 West James street, just opposite the Reformed Theological Seminary, enjoys the distinction of being the daughter of the gentleman who was honored with the first nomination for the Presidency of the United States on the Prohibition ticket, her father having been the late Hon. James Black, a prominent member of the Lancaster Bar, and one of the most prominent Temperance advocates in the United States. His libra-

ry of Temperance works was said to have been the finest private library of the kind in this country, if not in the world, and he was as familiar with every book in that vast library as the school children are with their every-day text books.

Mrs. Schofield is descended from Revolutionary stock on both sides—paternal and maternal. The Blacks, from whom she is a lineal descendant, came to this country from the North of Ireland, whither they had fled from Scotland because of religious persecution. They settled on an extensive land grant from the Penns, this land being located along the Susquehanna, in Union county. They were descended from a mighty Scottish clan, whose colors were green, blue and yellow. Mrs. Schofield's great-grandfather Murray (on her mother's side) was a member of the Continental Congress, and the chair he sat on in that body is still in the possession of a cousin of Mrs. Schofield living in Philadelphia. The Murrays were Scotch-Irish, and, like the Blacks, were enthusiastic Presbyterians for generations.

John Black, the grandfather of Mrs. Schofield, was a famous contractor, and built the first large brick dwelling-house ever erected in Lancaster—the largest dwelling-house in Lancaster at the time it was built, and among the largest, if not the largest, now in this city, the house being that now owned and occupied by Mrs. Louisa A. Breneman and Major B. Frank Breneman, at the southeast corner of East Orange and Lime streets. John Black built the first Croton dam in New York; built the bridge over the St. Lawrence, at Montreal; built the railroad bridge at Columbia that was burned to keep the Rebels from crossing the river into Lancaster county, at the time of the Rebel invasion of Pennsylvania; built the bridge across the Susquehanna River at York Furnace, Pa., that was swept away by a flood; built the Penn Iron Works of Lancaster, and was the first president of that company; and, in fact, was, in his day, the most widely known and successful contractor of this section. His surviving children are John, the well-known druggist of Lancaster; Reuben, a farmer of Dakota; and William, who is in the lumber business in Minnesota.

Hon. James Black (John Black's most distinguished son) was an honored member of the Lancaster Bar, and was one of the most enthusiastic and powerful advocates of the Temperance cause ever known in this country. He was, at the time of his death, the owner and developer of Black Barren Springs, a great health resort in southern Lancaster county, the waters of which are regarded as a great remedial agent; the estate is still in the possession of his heirs. James Black married Miss Eliza N. Murray, daughter of the late William Murray, who belonged to the old-time book-store firm of Judd & Murray, of North Queen street, and both of whom are well remembered by the older citizens of Lancaster. The Murrays, on coming to this country, settled in the Cumberland Valley. To this

union of James Black and Eliza N. Murray, six children were born, of whom the survivors are: Mrs. Mary Murray Schofield and William Murray Black, major in the United States army and colonel of volunteers, who for three years past has had entire charge of the sanitation of Havana, and whose praises in that work have been sung by the newspapers all over the United States, and who has now been appointed engineer officer in charge of sanitation in the construction of the Panama Canal. Major Black graduated from West Point at the head of his class, and he has a son, Roger Derby Black, who entered the Military Academy at West Point in June, 1900, having been appointed by President McKinley. Hon. James Black died in 1894. His wife passed away in October, 1889.

Mrs. Schofield was born in Lancaster, and after graduating from the Girls' High School of the city attended a private school in Philadelphia, and then attended Poultney Female College, fifteen miles from Rutland, Vt. She married Dr. E. Lane Schofield June 27, 1871. The Doctor was called to his reward in November, 1894, deeply lamented by hosts of people, for he was alike popular professionally and socially. After practicing in Lancaster eight years Dr. Schofield removed with his family to the coal regions, in the northern part of Dauphin county, where he followed his profession fourteen years, and then removing to Chambersburg practiced medicine there for four years, when he laid down his labors and entered into rest. He was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, and established a lodge in the coal regions, and no man of his years did more work for the cause of Methodism than did Dr. Schofield. By his union with Miss Black seven children were born, of whom four are living, as follows: Eliza Murray, wife of William F. Diller, of Lancaster; Miss Gertrude B., attending Miss Wheelock's School in Boston; Walter S., attending the State College, class of 1904; and Edward Lane Schofield, of Franklin and Marshall College, class of 1905.

Mrs. Schofield is an earnest member of the First M. E. Church of Lancaster, and before the care of rearing and educating a family became so pressing upon her took an active part in all the affairs of the church and in charitable and reform work. She is a member of the Dorcas Society, which has done such noble work for the deserving poor of the city for so many years past, and in all the walks of life—in girlhood, motherhood, church and society—has shown herself a worthy descendant of the worthy people who preceded her.

CAPT. JOHN LEWIS BINKLEY. One of the prominent and successful business citizens of Lancaster is Capt. John Lewis Binkley, a descendant of one of the old established families of this State. Three brothers of the name came to America from their native Germany, settling, respectively, in Lancaster and Lebanon counties, Pennsylvania, and in

Canada; of the last branch, however, all trace has been lost.

Johann Binkley, great-grandfather of Capt. Binkley, bought land from the London Land Company, at Millport, and there he erected a mill which did a successful business in those early days.

Felix Binkley, son of Johann, and the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer and landowner near Rocky Springs, in this county, for a number of years. Later he removed to Ohio, making the long trip by teams in the old pioneer way, locating near Canton. There he died and there his family is still settled.

John Binkley, son of Felix, and the father of Capt. Binkley, was the only son of the family to return to Pennsylvania. His location was near Bird-in-Hand, where he embarked in the mercantile business and for many years was a prosperous man of affairs, dying in 1893, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. John Binkley was a man of high character and was highly esteemed by his contemporaries. A cousin of John Binkley was the builder of Binkley's bridge, which is one of the old landmarks of Lancaster county. John Binkley married Isabella Martin, daughter of Robert Martin, the latter coming to America from Ireland in his youth. Mrs. Binkley died in 1894, at the age of eighty-three. The career of Robert Martin, the maternal grandfather of Capt. Binkley, was a rather romantic one: In his youth he deserted his ancestral home, although the son of an Irish noble, running away from a stepmother; later he married a Miss Peeling, who was a daughter of Joshua Peeling, a Revolutionary patriot, who was wounded at the battle of Brandywine. Six children were born to John Binkley and wife, one of these, Salome, dying in early childhood, the others being: Catherine, widow of Gideon Barr, lives in the old Binkley homestead, near Bird-in-Hand; Miss Annie lives at home; Dr. W. G. is a prominent practicing physician of Washington borough; Miss Maria Peeling; and John Lewis.

John Lewis Binkley was born at Smoketown, Oct. 28, 1845, and was educated in the public schools of his district. His business career had not yet been decided upon when occurred the stirring events of 1861. Knowing full well that his father would never consent to his entering the army at the age of fifteen years, so fired was he with patriotic enthusiasm he did not stop to ask permission, but enlisted as a bugler in the 9th P. V. C. Before the loyal but injudicious lad had a chance to show his valor his father found him, brought him home, and, to avoid further temptation, placed him in a school at Tremont. Here he remained until the following Spring, recognizing his father's superior judgment, and later became a student in the State Normal School at Millersville.

When the State of Pennsylvania was invaded by the troops of Gen. Lee, Morris Wickersham, of the Normal school, formed a company of the Millersville students, and it goes without saying that young

Binkley was one of the number. Following this experience Capt. Binkley enlisted in the 50th Pa. Vol. Militia, under the late brave Col. Emlen Franklin, and served three months. This was after the 122nd Regiment, of which Col. Emlen Franklin was the head, had been out nine months. To please his father young Binkley now returned to his studies and even engaged in school teaching, but his heart was with the men who were striving to subdue the foe, and again he became a soldier, entering the 86th P. V. I. and serving until the close of the war. His military and loyal spirit was again shown when he placed his services at the command of his Government during the Spanish-American war. Mr. Binkley raised a company, of which he was made captain, and his brave men were ready to take part, but there proved to be no occasion.

After the close of the Civil war Capt. Binkley returned to Indiana, where he had previously been engaged in teaching, and remained there until 1867, in the Spring of 1868 opening up a grocery business in Lancaster. With the exception of about six years spent with Lane & Co., in the dry-goods business, Capt. Binkley has been in the grocery trade here ever since that time. His present location is at No. 133 East King street, where he has one of the most complete and best appointed grocery stores in this part of the State. His stock includes all kinds of staples and also novelties from other lands, displayed in a manner calculated to please every taste.

Capt. Binkley was united in marriage in 1868 to Miss Mary M. Herr, who was a daughter of the late Daniel Herr, a farmer, who was a lineal descendant of Hans Herr, one of the five Swiss patriots who formed a nucleus in the settlement of Lancaster county so many generations ago. Five children were born to Capt. Binkley and wife: Elizabeth, wife of John W. Bush, a son of the late Col. L. L. Bush; Maude, wife of William S. Barnholt, a stock-broker in this city; Marbel, wife of George W. Morrison, freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad at Thorndale, Chester county; John Martin, a graduate of the school-ship "Saratoga," and now quartermaster in the service of the Panama Railway Steamship Company, plying between New York City and Colon, Central America; and Florence, a graduate of the Lancaster High School, a bright and accomplished young lady.

Capt. and Mrs. Binkley, with their charming daughter, reside in an elegant home located at No. 106 South Ann street, Lancaster, which the Captain purchased some years since. The religious connection of the family is with the First Methodist Church. Capt. Binkley belongs to no organizations with the one exception of Admiral Reynolds Post, No. 405, G. A. R. Few men of this Grand Army Post have been more active in its work than Capt. Binkley. Almost all of the offices have been efficiently managed by him, and he is a past commander; is district adjutant of the Central Association of Grand Army Posts, and is on the staff of the com-

mander-in-chief. In his political sympathy he has long been an ardent Republican, and takes the deepest interest in the Young Republican Club.

Attentive to business, earnest and active in public affairs, of a generous and social nature, Capt. Binkley enjoys the esteem of hosts of friends.

FREDERICK STAMM. It has been truly said that the department of biography is crowded with the lives of men who have been distinguished in war, politics, science, literature and the professions. Rhetoric has been exhausted in the effort to direct in these upper walks of life the youthful and the ambitious, and the result is that the professions and the "genteel callings" are filled to overflowing. It is another, but commendable task to hold up for study and emulation the lives of the wise and the good. One who lives in Lancaster, and who gained years ago the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen, and who retains the friendship and trust of all who know him by his peaceful and well-ordered life, is Frederick Stamm, an inventor, whose home for many years has been at No. 516 East King street, Lancaster.

Frederick Stamm, his grandfather, in early manhood bought the tannery at the division of the Philadelphia turnpike and the old Penn road, and "Stamm's tannery" for three generations was a landmark in Lancaster county. When the Lochers owned it, it was but a small affair, and Mr. Stamm greatly enlarged it when it came into his hands. Mr. Stamm married a Miss Pickel, of Irish descent, and from this union were born the following children: John; Peter; David; Elizabeth, wife of Rudolph Kauffman, a wheelwright; Sarah, the wife of Christian Sterneman, a school teacher; and Polly, who was the first wife of Rudolph Kauffman.

David Stamm, the third son mentioned above, married Miss Eve Cook, daughter of Peter Cook, a farmer, and a son of one of the early settlers of Franklin county, and from this union were born: Harriet married Capt. James Cross, a gallant officer in the War of the Rebellion, and both are now deceased; Peter C., a tanner is also deceased; Frederick lives in Lancaster; Mary is the widow of A. K. Hoffmeier; Hiram, a veteran of the Civil war, is a leaf tobacco dealer, and choir-master of the First Reformed Church; Henry Clay, a tanner and currier, now lives at Mechanicsburg, Pa.; David, deceased was organist of the First Reformed Church, having been a teacher of the organ and the piano; and Rebecca makes her home with her brother Hiram in this city.

Frederick Stamm was born on the old homestead just east of Witmer's Bridge, in February, 1832, where his father, and his grandfather as well, carried on tanning, currying and farming. His education was obtained in the neighboring district school, and when he was fifteen years of age he entered his father's tannery, remaining there for some three years. For eight years he was employed in a plan-

ing mill at Lancaster, and during these years richly developed that inventive genius that had come down to him from his grandfather, who made the first shovel and the first land roller ever used in this section. They were never patented, and were at the free use of his neighbors. This inventive faculty descended to his grandson, whose fortunes afford the theme of this article, and one result was the Eureka Bark Mill, which was patented Jan. 31, 1871, and was first manufactured in a foundry on West Chestnut street, but the demand for it proving unexpectedly large, it was transferred to John Best's extensive works, and there it has since been manufactured. Very many thousands of these mills have been sold, and they have lessened the labors of tanners all over the world, as nothing so good in the line of a bark mill has been made. Mr. Stamm is mechanical, heat and ventilating engineer for the Best Works, and his services are required in distant places as well as at home, he having put in heating plants last year in Chicago, Mobile, and other distant points, as well as being very busy near at home.

Mr. Stamm was married in his early life to Miss Eliza, a daughter of John Echternacht, a farmer just below Strasburg. Mr. Echternacht was born in Germany, but his wife, who was a Miss Potts, belonged to one of the oldest and best known families of Lancaster county. To this union were born four children, three of whom are now living: Eve Marie, the wife of Dr. E. Merle Bishop, then of Greencastle, but now a practicing dentist in Hanover, Pa.; Mary Louise, the wife of Charles L. Marshall, a bookkeeper, and Margaret Ethel, now at home with her father, having assumed the cares of the household at the death of her devoted and beloved mother. Mr. Stamm sent all his girls through the Girls' High School in Lancaster. Mr. Stamm was a Whig in early life, but attached himself to the Republican party on its organization, and has since worked with it, though never seeking or caring for official station. From early manhood Mr. Stamm has been a member of the First Reformed Church of this city, and for some sixteen years or more has served on its Board of Trustees. For many years he has sung in the choir of that church, of which his brother Hiram is the leader, and his lamented brother David the organist.

Mr. Stamm has a fine library, containing among other valuable books, some rare works on scientific subjects, all of which he has diligently and intelligently read, and to such advantage that for ten years or more he has been a member of the Engineers' Club, of Philadelphia, one of the most distinguished bodies of engineers in the state.

CARL P. STAMM, the successful young dentist, whose pleasant office is located at his home on North Prince street, between Orange and Chestnut streets, is one of the young professional men of whom Lancaster is justly proud. He was born in 1871, and received his literary training in the public schools:

His dental studies were begun in 1885 under the able instruction of that thorough practitioner, Dr. H. D. Knight, with whom he remained four years. In 1889 he matriculated at the Philadelphia Dental College, from which he was graduated in 1891. The next year he opened an office above the hardware store of Stoner, Shreiner & Co., but the quarters there proved too small for his rapidly increasing business, and a year later he moved to No. 40 West King street, but in 1895 he was again obliged to move to accommodate his extensive custom. In 1892 Dr. Knight wrote of Dr. Stamm as follows: "Dr. Stamm's gentlemanly manner and thorough work are worthy of and receive admiration, and he [Dr. Knight] takes this opportunity to recommend Dr. Stamm to any who may need his professional services, feeling assured they will find in him a pleasant and efficient operator."

In 1892 Dr. Stamm married Miss Emma S. Mayer, of Reading, Pa., daughter of George Mayer. Two children blessed this union, but Ruth died in infancy; the other, Miriam, is a bright little sunbeam in the home.

BENJAMIN H. HERSHEY, a well known dealer in coal and agricultural implements, and a prominent business man of Manheim, Lancaster county, is descended from one of the oldest families of the county. The first of the name to come to America were two brothers, Andrew and Benjamin Hershey, who crossed the Atlantic from the Palatinate, in Germany, in 1717, and located near Lancaster, Pa., at what is now Wheatland. Later came Christian. It is from Benjamin that our subject is descended. He is supposed to have been a member of the Mennonite Church, and either he or his son settled on a farm one and a half miles east of Manheim, which property is still in the possession of the family, now belonging to Levi Hershey. It is believed to have been purchased from William Penn originally, and cleared and improved by the family. The tract now consists of 130 acres.

Christian Hershey, grandfather of Benjamin H., was born in this country in 1789, and it is supposed that his father, as well as his grandfather, bore the name of Christian. Each in turn lived on the old homestead. Christian (1) was born in Lancaster county in 1719, Christian (2) in 1762. Christian Hershey (3) was reared on the farm, and always followed agricultural pursuits. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and stood high among his fellow men, being looked up to as a leader and adviser, but he never sought political preferment, choosing to instruct and advise rather than officiate, though he filled some township offices. He was a member of the Mennonite Church, and in early life was a Whig in politics, but after the organization of the Republican party he affiliated with the same. He married Susan Bear, and to them were born two children: David, father of Benjamin H.; and Mary, wife of Henry Brubaker, who resided at Hammer

Creek, beyond Lexington, and also belonged to one of the old families of Lancaster county.

David Hershey was born in 1817, on a part of the old homestead, was there reared to manhood, and received a limited education in the public schools of the neighborhood. He followed farming throughout life, and was a quiet, unassuming man, domestic in his tastes, and refraining from all public life. He was a devout member of the Mennonite Church, in which he served as deacon twenty-five years, and died in that faith in 1898. He married Fannie Hostetter, and of the four children born to them Benjamin H. is the eldest; Susan is the wife of Simon K. Nissly, of Lancaster; Amos H. resides on a farm adjoining the old homestead near Manheim; and David C. resides in Manheim.

Benjamin H. Hershey was born Oct. 10, 1847, and passed his boyhood and youth on the home farm, where he remained until he attained his majority. Having received a good practical education in the public schools, he successfully engaged in teaching for three years in the vicinity of Manheim, and then spent several years in various parts of the West. On returning to Lancaster county, in 1877, he located in Manheim and succeeded Jacob H. Kline in the coal business, which he still conducts. Since 1882 he has also dealt in agricultural implements, and he has built up quite a large and profitable business in both lines.

On Feb. 1, 1887, Mr. Hershey married Miss Isabella Sharp, daughter of John L. Sharp, of Manheim, and they have two children: David Lyman, born Jan. 12, 1889; and Mary Isabella, born Nov. 7, 1897. The parents are active members of the Reformed Church, in which Mr. Hershey has served as elder for the past three years. In his political views he is a Republican, and he is now efficiently serving as a member of the school board of Manheim, having always taken an active interest in educational affairs. He is secretary of the Water Company of Manheim, of which he was one of the organizers, and is a stockholder in the Manheim National Bank and was a member of its board of directors for some years. As a business man he is enterprising, energetic and progressive, and generally carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes.

JAMES HENRY MARSHALL, ex-postmaster of Lancaster, and at present one of the efficient men connected with the city post-office where he holds the position of assistant postmaster, is deservedly one of the most popular men of the day in Lancaster.

William Marshall, the father of James H., was born in Lancaster in 1812, and was a shoe maker by trade. For many years he was janitor at Franklin and Marshall College. He married Elizabeth Sowers, who was born in 1812, daughter of Henry Sowers. A family of twelve children were born to them, of whom five are yet living: William A., a graduate from the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.,

is a Commander, United States Navy; James Henry; Mrs. John J. Keffler lives in Harrisburg; and Miss Emma L. and Mrs. Henry Elias live in Lancaster.

James Henry Marshall was born in Lancaster, Sept. 12, 1838, and received his education in the city schools and parochial school of St. James Episcopal Church. When he reached the age of seventeen years he became an apprentice at the printing trade in the office of the Lancaster *Examiner*, and after serving his time, was a pressman in the Harrisburg *Patriot*. In 1859 he went to Nashville, Tenn., where he was employed in the Baptist Publishing House. Coming back to Lancaster he became foreman of the *Examiner* office, where he at the time enlisted, Oct. 5, 1861, joining Co. K, 79th P. V. I., and with his command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. When his three years of service were up, he veteranized, re-enlisting for the war. Mr. Marshall was engaged with his regiment at the battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, and followed General Sherman on his triumphant march to the sea. On Feb. 12, 1862, he was made commissary sergeant and on Jan. 20, 1865, was commissioned first lieutenant by Gov. Curtin, and was also appointed quartermaster of the regiment. After the Georgia campaign, he participated in the battles of Goldsboro and Bentonville, and after the surrender of Gen. Johnston, he took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and was mustered out in July, 1865.

Mr. Marshall worked at his trade for some years after the end of the war, being at Coatesville, Pa., for a time, when he was appointed United States Deputy Marshal for Lancaster. He became a letter carrier, Dec. 1, 1867, and served eight years in that capacity. On Jan. 26, 1876, he was appointed postmaster of Lancaster, and was reappointed in 1881, continuing in office until Aug. 10, 1885, when he was retired on account of a change in the national administration. After retiring from the postal service he was made financial clerk of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools at Harrisburg, receiving his appointment from the State Superintendent, Dr. E. E. Higbee, and he resigned this position to become assistant postmaster under the late Major Griest, holding the same relation to his successor, Major Reinöehl, who died in December, 1900. On the death of this latter gentleman Mr. Marshall was strongly urged by many persons for appointment to the vacant office.

Mr. Marshall, while home on a furlough, was married May 26, 1863, to Miss Katherine W. McCaskey, a daughter of the late William McCaskey, for many years in the Pennsylvania Railroad service, and a sister of Dr. J. P. McCaskey, the veteran principal of the Boys' High School of Lancaster, and publisher of the *Pennsylvania School Journal*. Six children were born to this union: Maggie died at the age of seventeen; William L., a graduate of the Lancaster High School, now receiving teller in the Farmers' National Bank, of Lancaster, married in

1898 Wilhelmina, daughter of Henry Wolf, and has a son, Henry James; Bertha P. is at home; Harry H., a clerk in the Lancaster post office, married July 1900, Maggie McGovern; Maude is a clerk; and Blanche is at school.

Mr. Marshall is a member of the St. James Episcopal Church, where he has been a vestryman for a number of years. In Masonic circles he is conspicuous, holding membership in Lancaster Lodge, No. 43, A. F. & A. M., and Lancaster Chapter, No. 43, Royal Arch Masons. As treasurer of the Lancaster Monumental Association, he succeeded Major Sherk at his death. He is also prominently identified with George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, G. A. R. In whatever position of trust and responsibility he may have been placed, Mr. Marshall has always acquitted himself well. Since 1867 he has been connected almost continuously with the Lancaster post office with the exception of the Cleveland era, and here he has always given the greatest satisfaction to the public both by his ability and his courteous treatment of all with whom he comes in contact.

EMANUEL H. HERR, an enterprising farmer and business man of East Lampeter township, was born Aug. 30, 1839, on the farm which he still occupies. He belongs to a well-known family of this section, being a son of Solomon Herr, and a grandson of Abraham Herr. The latter was born in Lancaster county, and lived near Lancaster City all his life. By occupation he was a farmer and distiller. He was one of the Old Mennonites in Lancaster county. His family consisted of five children, as follows: Solomon, the father of our subject; Peter, Abram and Christian, all deceased; and Annie, wife of Henry Herr.

Solomon Herr was born in East Lampeter township, Jan. 6, 1806. He lived at home with his parents until he was of age, receiving a common school education, and then began farming for himself on the place a part of which our subject now owns. He, too, was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Catherine Herr, daughter of John and Barbara Herr, of Manor township, and they became the parents of six children, two of whom died in infancy; Emanuel H., and Abraham and Ehas H. (twins) reside in East Lampeter township; and Adam H., of Lancaster City.

Emanuel H. Herr worked for his father until he was twenty-one years of age, received a common school education, and when he began life for himself continued farming, which has been his main occupation to the present time. In connection with his agricultural pursuits he ran a thresher for thirty years, and has also been engaged in butchering quite extensively. Mr. Herr has prospered in all his undertakings, and now ranks among the progressive and well-to-do residents of his township. He is a public-spirited man, deeply interested in the public as well as the commercial welfare of his community. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Herr first wedded Miss Mary Witmer, daughter of Rev. David Witmer and to this union were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy; David L. lives in Quarryville, Pa.; Hattie A. is the wife of Reuben W. Myers; Lizzie is the wife of Reuben Esbenschade; Mary L. is the widow of Enos Eby, of Strasburg; Emlin W. is deceased; Ida C. is the wife of David Myers, of East Lampeter. The mother of these children died Aug. 21, 1888, and on Sept. 17, 1889, Mr. Herr married for his second wife, Mrs. Annie C. Herr, widow of Jacob M. Herr. To this union was born one son, Roy S., who lives at home. Mrs. Annie C. Herr died Sept. 30, 1898. On Nov. 14, 1899, our subject was united in marriage with Mrs. Susan Killinger, widow of John Lewis Killinger.

CHARLES FREDERICK DILLER, sole proprietor of the Peerless Emery Wheel Co., of Lancaster, presents in his life a notable illustration of what intelligence, industry, indomitable courage and honorable methods can accomplish. He comes of a long and sturdy line of Pennsylvanians. Leonard Diller, his grandfather, was a noted auctioneer of Lancaster, and the late Isaac Diller, father of Charles F., was the founder of the extensive Diller Hardware Store, of Lancaster, which afterward became the Isaac Diller's Sons' Store. It is now owned by Herr & Snively, who bought the business from Isaac Diller's sons.

Isaac Diller married Miss Anna Margaret Frey, daughter of the late Jacob Frey, who owned a farm in the western suburbs of Lancaster, the sale of portions of this tract as building lots giving the first impetus to the great building operations in the West End of the city. To this union were born nine children, four of whom are now living: William F., who is a coal and slate dealer of Lancaster; Lydia, who is unmarried, and lives with her aged though still active mother on East Orange street, Lancaster; Anna M., who spent three years in perfecting herself in music in Leipsic, Germany, and is the wife of Edward D. Starbuck, Ph. D., a professor in the great Stanford University, California; and Charles F., who is noted above as the proprietor of the Peerless Emery Wheel Co. One of the nine children of Isaac Diller who has entered into rest was Rev. Alonzo Potter Diller, a deeply lamented Episcopal clergyman, who met death in the great Johnstown flood, his body—with one arm clasped around his wife and the other about their only child—having been found in the debris after the waters had subsided.

Charles Frederick Diller was born in Lancaster Jan. 29, 1861, and was educated in St. James Parochial School, at the Franklin and Marshall Academy, and at Franklin and Marshall College. Leaving the latter institution, he was placed on his father's farm in Providence township, and after spending a year there entered his father's hardware and house furnishing store, on East King street. In

this establishment, first as employe, and then as proprietor, he was engaged for a quarter of a century, selling out eventually, as noted above, to Herr & Snively. In 1893 Mr. Diller started, in a very unpretentious way, the manufacture of the Peerless Emery Wheels, but the business soon took on such proportions that he was obliged to purchase extensive buildings and grounds, on North Charlotte street, in Lancaster. His original investments have since been increased, until at the present writing the company owns one of the finest plants in the city, and employs twenty-five men; their goods are used all over the civilized world. Besides his other interests Mr. Diller is a director of the Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike, of Greenwood cemetery, and of the Fulton National Bank, and he is secretary of the Cassidy Fork Boom & Lumber Co., in West Virginia.

On June 30, 1885, Charles F. Diller was married to Miss Sarah R. Slaymaker, daughter of the late John Slaymaker, of Williamstown, Lancaster county. The ceremony was performed in a house that that has been in the bride's family for five generations. To this union were born five children, four of whom are now living, John having entered into rest at the age of three years. Those surviving are Isaac, who is named after his grandfather Isaac; Sara Ferree, bearing the name of her great-grandmother; Charles Frederick, who is attending a kindergarten school; and DeBois, the youngest of the family.

Mr. Diller belongs to the Order of Artisans, the Royal Arcanum and St. John's Episcopal Church. In politics he is an independent. He has a delightful home at No. 210 North Prince street, which he purchased before his marriage, and where all his children have been born.

TOBIAS R. KREIDER, of East Lampeter township, Lancaster county, was born Oct. 17, 1827, on the same farm upon which both his father and grandfather were born. The history of the Kreider family is interesting from a number of points of view. It indicates in a marked degree those admirable traits of domesticity and love of family ties so often seen in eastern states. Three generations have been born on the same homestead. Tobias Kreider, grandfather of Tobias R., was born on the place and he died there. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church, and a good, moral upright man and citizen all the days of his life. He was the father of nine children: Martin (father of Tobias R.) Tobias, Jacob and Henry, and five girls. All these children were brought up in Lampeter township.

Martin Kreider, as already stated, was born on the home place in 1793. He remained there all his life, but from time to time purchased adjoining land which still remains in the possession of the family. He married Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Christian Rohrer. They were the parents of seven children: Mary, wife of Henry F. Rowe; Henry, deceased;

Martin, deceased; Tobias R., the subject of this sketch; John, of West Lampeter township; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Doner; and Daniel, of West Lampeter township.

Tobias R. Kreider lived at home with his parents until he was twenty-three years old, receiving during the time a fair common-school education. He then married Miss Annie, daughter of John Kreider, and settled on his father-in-law's farm, where he resided for thirty-one years, when he purchased an adjoining farm and moved onto it.

Mr. Kreider is very well-to-do, and while engaging directly in no other occupation than farming, has other interests; for instance, he has been a director of the Farmers National Bank of Lancaster, for the past five years, and was also a director of the Strasburg turnpike for a time. He is a Republican in politics, and held the office of school director for a number of years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kreider are members of the Old Mennonite Church. This worthy couple have been blessed with six children, as follows: Mary, wife of Henry Rohrer; Elizabeth, wife of Isaac Eby, bishop of the Old Mennonite Church; Martin, who now lives on the old homestead in West Lampeter township, being of the fourth generation of the family to reside there; Anna, deceased wife of Christian Stauffer; John, with whom Mr. Kreider now lives; and Hettie, who died unmarried. Mrs. Kreider died Dec. 5, 1889, at the age of fifty-seven years, two months and thirteen days. Although Mr. Kreider is somewhat advanced in years, he is hale and hearty, and he takes an active interest in passing events. He is respected by all who know him and has lived an honorable and upright life.

ROBERT SMITH, superintendent of the *New Era* press room, enjoys the distinction of being the only printer in Lancaster who has ever been connected with the great publishing house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., having been associated with that house continuously for a period of twenty-five years, serving until the great fire which destroyed their building, on Thanksgiving Day, 1899. Those who comprehend the amount of ability which is necessary in order to successfully hold a position with such a house as that of the Lippincotts will understand that Mr. Smith must be thoroughly acquainted with his business in every detail.

Mr. Smith can trace his ancestry to Scotch-Irish progenitors, and his maternal grandfather was of the "landed gentry" class in his native country. Coming to America, he made his home in Philadelphia, where his last years were passed. Isaac Smith, father of Robert, of Lancaster, was a stationary engineer, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and died in Philadelphia some thirty years ago. His widow, who was born in Scotland, died in Philadelphia in 1896. They had a family of thirteen children, only four of whom survive: Sarah, who is the wife of John Watkins, of Philadelphia; Mary J., who is the

wife of Dean Caterson, a farmer of Wayne county; William, who is a printer, in Philadelphia; and Robert, of Lancaster.

Robert Smith was born in Philadelphia Dec. 8, 1853, and was educated in the public schools of that city. When fourteen years old he became apprenticed to the printer's trade with McLaughlin Brothers, who were relations on his mother's side. One of them was Frank McLaughlin, who was connected with the *Philadelphia Times* for so many years. At the age of twenty-two years Mr. Smith entered the house of J. B. Lippincott & Co., and by faithful attention to duty and honest service he was gradually promoted until he was made foreman of the job press-room, a lucrative as well as responsible position. After the fire Mr. Smith came to Lancaster and accepted his present position, his knowledge gained during his long association with the Philadelphia house making his skilled services particularly valuable. Few men possess a more thorough knowledge of the technical part of the business than Mr. Smith, and his intelligence and fund of general information are also exceptional.

Mr. Smith's first marriage was to Sarah Dunsford, who died in 1893, the mother of three children: Isaac, who is in the postal service in Philadelphia; William, who is in the service of the Pennsylvania railroad, and lives in Philadelphia; and Elizabeth, who is also a resident of that city. In 1896 Mr. Smith married Miss Ella Neff, of Philadelphia. In religious belief he is a Baptist, while fraternally he is connected with the order of Odd Fellows. The Smith family has been noted for its longevity, the youngest of his ancestors having lived to the age of eighty-five years, the oldest reaching the age of ninety-six.

DAVID L. KREIDER has for a number of years lived retired in East Lampeter township, where during his active life he was successfully engaged in farming.

Mr. Kreider is a grandson of John Kreider, who was born in Lancaster county, and lived there all his life. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Miss Barbara Buckholder, and they were the parents of the following named children: Daniel, a farmer of Lancaster county; Jacob, who was a tailor by trade; John, who died at the age of sixteen years; Lizzie, wife of John Stoumb; Annie, wife of John Leshner; Mary, wife of Daniel Rohrer; and Abraham.

Abraham Kreider, the father of our subject, was born in East Lampeter township. His father dying when he was a mere lad, Abraham was put out to work on a farm, and he received a common-school education, attending during the winter season. He married Miss Susan Landis, and to them were born eight children, two of whom died in childhood; Benjamin died when eighteen years of age; Annie is the wife of Jacob Lefever; Miss Susan resides in Witmer; David L. is mentioned below; John, deceased, lived on the old farm; and Levi L. is deputy sheriff

of Lancaster county. The parents were both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

David L. Kreider was born in East Lampeter township Dec. 1, 1835, and was educated in the local public schools. He continued to live at home until he was twenty-three years of age, when he began farming on his own account, on the place he now occupies in East Lampeter township. In 1885 he gave up active farming pursuits, and since that time he has lived retired.

In 1850 Mr. Kreider wedded Miss Mary K. Landis, daughter of Benjamin B. Landis, and to this union have been born three children: Sue L. is the wife of Rufus K. Cooper, of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Lizzie L. is the wife of John Kreider, of East Lampeter; Mollie L. is the wife of Amos G. Herr, of Bird-in-Hand. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider and one daughter are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

JACOB H. ROHRER, who has but recently retired from active life, was for over half a century interested in various lines of business in Lancaster county, and no resident of East Lampeter is more highly respected.

Mr. Rohrer is a son of Jacob Rohrer, who was born in East Lampeter township, on a farm which our subject now owns, in about 1781. He followed farming exclusively all his life, and died at the advanced age of eighty-six years. In politics he was a member of the Old Whig party, but he never sought office. Religiously he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Annie Hartman, daughter of Christian Hartman, and they were the parents of five children: Mary, who was the wife of Christian Johns, a farmer of New Holland; Elizabeth, who died unmarried; Abraham, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Annie, wife of Peter Johns, a farmer; and Jacob H.

Jacob H. Rohrer was born on the old homestead in East Lampeter township, April 17, 1821, received a common-school education, and lived with his parents until he was about twenty years of age. Then he began life for himself, farming on the old homestead for twenty-nine years. Meantime other lines of business also claimed his attention, and he followed them with uniform success. He was the senior member of the firm of Rohrer, Johns & Co., who built and sold the Champion reaper and mower in Lancaster county. After this firm dissolved he engaged in droving quite extensively, shipping from Chicago, Pittsburg and Baltimore, horses, mules, cattle, etc. He also engaged quite extensively in growing and buying tobacco and was regarded as one of Lancaster county's successful tobacco dealers. In politics, Mr. Rohrer has always affiliated with the Republican party, and he has held various important offices, discharging the duties of same with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. For three years he was prison inspector, and he was also poor director for the same length of time, and during

his term of office bought all the meat consumed in the institution. He served as school director for some nine years, and was also auditor of the township for a time. Public-spirited in all things, he was one of the committee who constructed the Bridgeport and Horseshoe pike, and he has been one of the directors up to the present time. In 1868, Mr. Rohrer left the old farm and moved to where he now resides, and he conducted a coal and lumber business until 1900, since which time he has lived retired.

Mr. Rohrer married Miss Maria Shaffer, daughter of Adam Shaffer, and to this marriage came eleven children: Annie (deceased) was the wife of Benjamin Kreider; Elizabeth is the widow of John L. Kreider; Adam S. is deceased; Abraham S. is a farmer in East Lampeter township; Susanna is the wife of Abraham Herr; Jacob is a farmer in Paradise township; Amanda is the wife of Jacob Burkhardt; Aaron is a farmer in East Lampeter township; Mary died unmarried at the age of twenty-seven; Milton S. is a farmer in East Lampeter; Emma is the wife of John Buckwalter. The mother of the above named children died in 1885.

Mr. Rohrer has spent a long life, full of usefulness, and he is one of Lancaster county's most esteemed citizens.

JAMES FORNEY MCCOY, one of the most prominent of the younger members of the Lancaster Bar, is ably sustaining the enviable reputation established by his distinguished and honored ancestors. He is the third of the family to bear the name of James, and the McCoy's have been long at home on American soil.

James McCoy, our subject's grandfather, was a farmer in the State of Delaware, and his father, Rev. James McCoy, has been the beloved pastor of the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, at Paradise, this county, for the past fourteen years. The latter married Alice Grove, a daughter of Jacob Grove, a wholesale druggist of Baltimore, Md. To this union came two children: a daughter who died in infancy; and James Forney.

James Forney McCoy was born Dec. 20, 1874, in Columbia, Lancaster county, where his father then had a charge. After attending a preparatory school at Kingston, N. Y., he entered the University of Pennsylvania, completed the Sophomore year there, and then entered the law department of that institution, from which he was graduated in the class of 1898. He was admitted to the Philadelphia Bar in June, 1899, but not desiring to practice in Philadelphia he came to Lancaster, at once entering the office of Brown & Hensel, to further perfect himself in the mastery of the intricacies of the law. In December, 1899, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Lancaster county, and later was admitted to the Superior and Supreme Courts, in both of which he has practiced with profit to his clients and credit to himself. Mr. McCoy is naturally a Presbyterian, his father being one of the foremost Presbyterian

divines in Lancaster county. Politically he is a Democrat, and has enjoyed the distinguished consideration, although so young, of receiving the nomination for district attorney of Lancaster county in 1901. Mr. McCoy is a member of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity, Franklin and Marshall College. Socially, religiously and professionally he has already gained an enviable standing, and life for him is full of promise.

HENRY F. HARTMAN (deceased) was a man highly respected for his many admirable personal qualities, as well as for his keen business instincts and the success which attended his efforts. He died in East Lampeter township June 27, 1899, and was buried in Heller's Church cemetery, Leacock township.

Henry F. Hartman was born June 20, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1849, locating in New York State upon his arrival in this country. There he remained for one year, after which he went to New Jersey, and after a few years he located at Witmer, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he conducted a farm and operated some excellent lime-kilns, becoming very prominent and meeting with unqualified success; he thoroughly understood every detail of his business and knew how to take advantage of all opportunities offered.

In political matters Mr. Hartman was a strong Democrat, taking a great interest in party affairs and being a popular leader in his community. For three years he served most acceptably as county commissioner, from 1885 to 1888. Fraternally he was a member of the F. & A. M., reaching the Knight Templar degree. At the time of his death he was a member of three insurance companies. His church connections were with those of the Mennonite faith. A good business man, a kind neighbor and loving husband and father, he made many friends, and was noted for his liberal spirit and charity, of both speech and action.

On Jan. 3, 1856, in New Holland, Pa., Mr. Hartman married Catherine Krantz, and they had the following children: Anna M. married John Roth, and they live on the old homestead in East Lampeter township, and have seven children; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-six, married Lizzie Peters, and they had three children; Elizabeth died at the age of four; Catherine married Jeremiah Delong, of Lancaster, Pa., and they have seven children; Mary married Levi Bixler, a grocer of Lancaster, and they have five children; David, who operates the old lime-kilns of his father, married Lizzie Hoar, and they have eight children; Christian was killed on the railroad; Jacob, who is unmarried, resides on the old homestead; John K. is a resident of Lancaster.

Mrs. Hartman was born March 9, 1829, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fox) Krantz, of Germany, who came to America in 1852, settling at Octoraro, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he carried on

farming, dying in 1860, aged sixty-one; his wife died in 1867, aged sixty, and both are buried in the Strasburg Mennonite cemetery. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Krantz were as follows: Catherine; John, who married Fanny Herr; Barbara (deceased), who married Jacob Getz; Mary, married to Peter Howan, of Cullom, Ill.; Lizzie (deceased), who married John Gress, of Cullom, Ill.; Christiann, who married Frank Reyburn, of Lancaster, Pa.; and Lena (deceased), Mrs. Graybill, of Cullom, Illinois.

Mrs. Hartman has a very pleasant, hospitable home in Lancaster, where she welcomes her friends and family. Although she mourns the loss of her husband, she has learned to look upon the cheerful side of afflictions even, and sets a beautiful example by her Christian fortitude and charitable actions, endearing herself to all who know her.

SAMUEL SHEAFFER STACKS, the efficient judgment and mortgage clerk to the county commissioners of Lancaster county, and who has held that position since 1894, as well as having been assistant clerk for five years to Secretary of the Commonwealth W. W. Griest when the latter was chief clerk to the county commissioners, is a genial, clever gentleman, and has made hosts of friends by his courteous and intelligent discharge of the responsible duties of his office.

Thomas Stacks, his grandfather, came to America from England, and settled in York county, where he followed his trade of blacksmith, making a specialty of the manufacture of sickles, which were of the finest make and much larger than those of to-day.

Thomas Stacks, son of Thomas (1), came to Lancaster county from York county when he was eleven years old. He was a farmer for a time in East Donegal township, and later followed the same occupation in West Donegal and near Washington borough. He died in the latter place Feb. 24, 1901, aged eighty-two years. He married Miss Mary Sheaffer, of Dauphin county, and their home was brightened by nine children, of whom the following named are living: Jacob S., of Chicago; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph A. Schlegelmilch, a contracting carpenter of Auburn, Ill.; Mary, wife of Joseph A. Lindemuth, a retired farmer of Columbia; Fanny, wife of Eli Menaugh, a contractor and builder of Florin; Amanda, wife of Jonathan Shank, a contractor and builder of West Donegal; Emma, wife of Lincoln Stehman, a farmer of Manor; and Samuel S., assistant clerk to the county commissioners.

Samuel Sheaffer Stacks was born in East Donegal township May 28, 1853, and was educated in the schools of his district and at Lebanon Valley College. Leaving the latter institution, Mr. Stacks entered into the coal and lumber business with his father at Florin, and, dissolving the partnership after a while, he carried on the business himself for one year, at the end of which time he became a

tobacco farmer. His next venture was in connection with the Conoy Creamery Company, after which he spent two years in the employ of the State Tobacco Growers' Association of Pennsylvania, in connection with one of their experimental stations.

Mr. Stacks is a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, of Florin, having been recording scribe since the organization of that body in his home place—a period of twelve years. He also belongs to the Knights of Malta, of Lancaster. In religious work he has always been active, and is a member and trustee of the U. B. Church of Florin, as well as a teacher in the Sunday-school, of which he was for seven years superintendent.

Mr. Stacks married Miss Leah Geistwheit, daughter of Jacob Geistwheit, of Florin. Four children were born to them, one of whom died at the age of seven years. The survivors are Harvey G., a machinist; and Elsie and Elizabeth, at home. Mr. Stacks has been a staunch Republican since boyhood, and served one term as county committeeman from his district. He was assessor of East Donegal for seven or eight years, and from 1894 served as judgment and mortgage clerk, the last term for which he was elected expiring the first Monday in January, 1903. His duties are discharged promptly, and his courteous treatment of those who have business with him has won him many friends.

PHARES WISE FRY, one of Lancaster's prominent leaf tobacco dealers, with warehouse and office at No. 119 North Christian street, is descended from one of the oldest and best known families in Lancaster county, his ancestors having been the founders of Fryville, in Ephrata township, and there his grandfather died. The family came originally from Switzerland, and possessed a family crest. Samuel Fry, father of Phares W., was a well known miller of Millport, Warwick township, and died in 1868, aged sixty years. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter of Christian Wise, a farmer of Millport, and she entered into rest in 1873, aged sixty years. Samuel Fry was the father of eight children, the survivors being Menno M., who is in the leaf tobacco trade in Lancaster; Susanna, wife of Benjamin Wissler, a miller and farmer of Clay township; and Phares W., leaf tobacco dealer of Lancaster.

Phares Wise Fry was born in Millport Dec. 24, 1845, and was educated in the public schools and the State Normal School of Millersville. During the war of the Rebellion he enlisted in the 195th P. V. I., as an "emergency man," for one hundred days, but really served six months; he ranked as corporal. In 1864 he found employment in a store at Lincoln, Lancaster county, and in 1865 became a salesman in Lane's dry-goods store, East King street, Lancaster, remaining there seven years. In 1872 he began the wall paper and window shade business, on North Queen street, on his own account, and was the original exclusive dealer in those lines in Lancaster. He met with marked success, and continued in that trade

until 1886, when he closed the business and entered the leaf tobacco and cigar trade, on Market street, in partnership with his brother Menno M. Fry. This partnership was continued until 1890, when it was dissolved, and in 1892, Mr. Fry removed to his present location, No. 119 North Christian street, where he soon became recognized as one of the leading leaf tobacco dealers of his section.

Mr. Fry was married, April 7, 1878, to Miss Josephine C. Hess, daughter of Capt. George Hess, of Safe Harbor. By this union he has become the father of the following children: (1) Howard W., a graduate of the Lancaster high school, is now a stenographer and typewriter in the law office of Owen P. Bricker, Esq.; he is an exquisite performer on the violin, being a member of Prof. Burger's Opera House orchestra. (2) Emma H., also a graduate of the Lancaster High school, is at home with her parents. (3) Allan C., assists in the office of his father.

The cozy home of the family, located at No. 511 West Chestnut street, was purchased by Mr. Fry at the time of his marriage, and he has since remodeled it. Mr. Fry attends the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of Lancaster, of which Mrs. Fry and family are members. Politically he is a Republican. He belongs to no secret orders. Conscientious in all his relations with his fellowmen, possessed of more than ordinary intelligence, affable at all times, Mr. Fry is deservedly popular, in social as well as business circles.

JAMES M. SMOKER. Mr. Smoker is of German lineage, his paternal great-grandfather, Peter Smoker, having come from Germany to America and settled in Lancaster county at a comparatively early period in the history of that bailiwick.

Peter Smoker was a farmer and a man held in high esteem for the many sterling qualities of his rugged character. His son, John, the grandfather of James M., was born in the same county in 1787, and was also a tiller of the soil, although the latter years of his long life were passed in peaceful retirement at the home of his son, Jacob K., the father of James M. Smoker. He died in 1873, at the age of eighty-six years and six months. He was a member of the German Reformed Church, as was his wife, Mary Kerns. She was a daughter of Jacob Kerns, who was also a German immigrant and one of Lancaster's early settlers, and in addition to farming carried on the business of an auctioneer. Mrs. John Smoker died in 1872, at Salisbury, Vt., at precisely the same age as did her husband. They were the parents of four children, of whom Jacob K., the father of James M., was the third. The others were George; Eliza, who married John Rochie; and Samuel, all of whom are deceased.

Jacob K. Smoker was born in Paradise township, Jan. 4, 1822. He grew up on his father's farm, and at the age of twenty began learning the carpenter's trade. This pursuit he found not to his liking, and

he embarked in buying and selling live stock in Philadelphia and the West. On March 4, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army in an engineer corps of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, and remained in the service until Jan. 16, 1865, when he was mustered out at Harper's Ferry. On his return home he began farming in Paradise, but in 1873 removed to Columbia, where he began business as a huckster. Two years later he went to Perry county, and spent another two years there in farming. Becoming dissatisfied, he returned to Columbia and opened a boarding-house, but after three years once more became a huckster, also acting as auctioneer when his services were needed. He is a Presbyterian in faith and a Republican in politics, and a member of the G. A. R. His wife was Sarah L. Nelson, of Bart township, to whom he was married April 4, 1850. She bore him seven sons and four daughters, of whom the eldest, William H., lives in Columbia. John L. is a resident of Lancaster. Jacob G. and Anna M. died in infancy. Lillie married George Hughes, and died in 1894. Franklin also died in infancy, as did Elizabeth, the youngest child. George M. was a car inspector for the Pennsylvania Company, and lost his life in a railroad accident, April 23, 1894. Hannah L. is the wife of John Wymer, who conducts a bakery at Columbia. Howard G. is a successful druggist at Mount Joy.

Sarah L. (Nelson) Smoker was born in Leacock township, July 27, 1830. She was the first born of the five children of William H. and Mary (Crawford) Nelson, both of County Derry, Ireland. Her parents immigrated to this country in 1829, and after a year's residence in Philadelphia settled in Leacock. Her father was by trade a carpenter, and was also a prosperous farmer and teamster. He lived to see his sixty-seventh birthday, and died in 1874. His wife was born in December, 1804, and passed away on April 8, 1891. The two younger sisters of Sarah (Nelson) Smoker were Mary, who married Henry Bachman, of Bart township; and Elizabeth, Mrs. Jacob Rowe, who died in 1896. Two brothers, James and William, are locomotive engineers, the elder living in Philadelphia, and the younger at Denver, Colorado.

James M. Smoker was born in Lancaster county, Aug. 16, 1862. He was reared upon a farm, and at the age of fifteen years found employment in a saw-mill. In 1879 he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Company as a brakeman. Within three years he was promoted to be flagman, and on June 23, 1882, was given the position of conductor, his promotion having been the result of patient, intelligent, faithful work. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics a Republican.

In October, 1884, in Columbia, James M. Smoker was married to Margaret J. Kraus, of Columbia. To them have been born eight children, Clara E., William K., Marshall F., Vernon E., Dorothy F., Howard G., Nettie B. and Jacob W. Mrs. Margaret (Kraus) Smoker was born in Philadelphia, March

2, 1866, a daughter of Frederick and Mary (Roesch) Kraus, both of whom were born in Germany. Her parents were married in Oxford and settled in Lancaster county in 1867. Frederick Kraus was born June 19, 1833, and is still living. He is a shoemaker by trade and for twelve years served as justice of the peace at Marietta. His wife, Margaret, died in 1897, after reaching the age of fifty years. Their children numbered seventeen, and were named Anna, Herrmann, Elizabeth, William, Margaret J., Charles F., Gottlieb, Nettie, Jacob, Ernest, Martin, Henry, George, Robert, Frederick, Luther and James.

THOMAS LEWIS McMICHAEL, sheriff of Lancaster county, comes from a long-lived and prominent family, of Scotch-Irish descent. His grandfather and his grandmother each lived to be eighty-eight years old, and his father, James McMichael, died Nov. 20, 1901, in the ninetieth year of his age. The latter was for twenty-seven years manager of the James M. Hopkins ore banks, and afterward a farmer, living and dying on the old homestead in East Drumore. James McMichael was married three times, his second wife, who was Hettie Phillips, daughter of Jacob Phillips, of East Drumore, having been the mother of Thomas L. James McMichael had three children by his first union, seven of the second union and five of the third. Mrs. Hettie McMichael died when her son Thomas L. was three years old. His brother, Harry S., is a prominent attorney at law in Indianapolis. His father's brother, Rev. W. W. McMichael, was in his eighty-ninth year when he died, and he was at the time of his death the oldest member of the Philadelphia M. E. Conference.

Thomas Lewis McMichael was born on the old homestead in East Drumore, which he now owns, Sept. 28, 1856. He was educated in the public schools of the district, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one, when he engaged in the live stock trade, dealing extensively in horses, and not a little in cattle. He is still a live-stock dealer, and a very reliable and successful one.

A staunch Republican, Mr. McMichael took an active part in politics in his district, and so popular did he become that his friends insisted on his running for sheriff, to which important office he was triumphantly elected in November, 1899; he has given the greatest satisfaction in the discharge of his duties.

Mr. McMichael was married, June 26, 1901, to Miss Margaret Killinger, daughter of Jacob Killinger, of Lancaster. One child, Ruth, died at the age of five months. The sheriff now lives at No. 907 East King street, or, more properly speaking, on the Philadelphia turnpike, in Lancaster township. He is a member of the Mt. Hope Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons, the American Mechanics, the Elks, and the Young Republicans, and is one of the most popular men, personally, in all Lancaster county.

ISAAC KAUFFMAN (deceased) was one of the prominent citizens of Lancaster county in his time, and was born and reared on the old homestead in Manor township. He was born Aug. 15, 1801, and died March 12, 1888, and within these limits lived a singularly useful life.

Mr. Kauffman remained in Manor township for eleven years after his marriage, and then established himself in Penn township, where the rest of his life was passed. In Manor township he owned a farm near Central Manor, which is now in the possession of Samuel Kauffman. In Penn township he owned a farm of 100 acres. A most methodical farmer, everything was kept by him in the best order. Though never very much interested in public and political affairs, he was a good citizen, and very highly regarded in the community.

Mr. Kauffman was married three times, his first wife being Elizabeth Martin, and his second Mary Hertzler, was born in 1806, and died when fifty years of age. She was born and reared in Manor township. They became the parents of eight children: Christian H.; Benjamin B., who resides at the Gingrich Mill in Manheim township; Isaac C., deceased; Mary H., widow of John Nestleroth, and living in Manheim borough; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Buckwalter, of Kissel Hill; Barbara, who died unmarried; and two who died in infancy. Mr. Kauffman married for his third wife a Mrs. Reist. He and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church, of which Mr. Kauffman was a deacon for many years.

CHRISTIAN H. KAUFFMAN was born Feb. 17, 1827, and was reared on the farm. His education was secured in the common schools, and when he was twenty-three he began life for himself. For eleven years he had his home in Manheim township. During the first seven years of that time he cultivated his father's farm on shares, and then bought the farm, consisting of 112 acres. About four years later he sold it and bought a smaller farm of sixty-four acres, a mile south of Petersburg, where he carried on general farming until his retirement, in 1891, when he removed to Petersburg, where he had his home until his death. His honesty, industry and intelligence united to make and keep a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Kauffman was married twice, first in 1849 to Miss Mary Huber, daughter of John Huber, of Manheim township. To this union were born: John, who is deceased; Abraham, a missionary of the Mennonite Brethren of Christ in the West; Amos, deceased; Fannie, wife of David Groff, of Bird-in-Hand; Mary, wife of Jeremiah Barts, of Mt. Joy township; Annie, wife of John E. Hess, of East Hempfield township; Jacob, a farmer in Missouri; Lizzie, wife of Emanuel Hertzler, of Philadelphia, Pa., and the mother of Esther, Aldus and Harry. Mrs. Mary Kauffman died March 11, 1886, lacking but a few days of being fifty-six years old.

Mr. Kauffman married for his second wife the

widow of Jacob Odenwalt. She was born in Manor township March 25, 1836, daughter of Martin Dambach, a resident of Manor township, now deceased. By her first marriage she was the mother of five children: Lizzie, wife of John Hoffmaster, of West Hempfield township; Susan, wife of James Coxen, of York county; Martin, deceased; John, living in Lancaster; and Mary, wife of Joshua Lewis, of Columbia. Mr. Kauffman belonged (as does also Mrs. Kauffman) to the Old Mennonite Church, and was highly respected in the community where his useful life passed.

John Kauffman, the eldest child of Christian H. and Mary Kauffman, left a widow and six children. He married Amanda Shriner, and they had seven children: Clayton, Elmer, Ellen, Amanda, Lizzie, Naomi, and Mamie, the latter deceased. Clayton married Ida Shaub, and they have one son, Lester; Elmer married Emma Huffman, and has one son, Herman; Ellen married James McCauley, and they have two children, Edna and Paul; Amanda married George Shaub.

Abraham Kauffman, the second child of Christian Kauffman, married Lizzie Hurst, by whom he had four children, Ada (Mrs. Burkholder), Harvey, Elmer and Alvin.

MICHAEL BRECHT, one of the leading citizens of Lancaster, and a retired hotel man of that locality, was born in Lancaster Nov. 2, 1854, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Hillesine) Brecht, natives of Baden, Germany, where they married and lived until 1848. Then, attracted by the accounts they had heard of the opportunities in America, they emigrated, and settled in Lancaster, Pa. In his native land the father was a farmer by occupation, and naturally followed the same calling in the new home. He died in 1879, when he was sixty-nine years of age, very highly respected by the entire community. His wife died in 1877, aged sixty-five, and they are buried in Lancaster cemetery. Both were consistent members of St. John's German Reformed Church. The father was a member of Red Jacket Tribe, Red Men. The children born to their union were: Christopher (deceased) married Catherine Blessing; Jacob (deceased) married Mary Loucner; Barnard (deceased) married Catherine Lewis; Francis, born in 1850, died in 1882, unmarried; Michael is mentioned below. In addition to farming, on his small property of four acres, in the Eighth ward, the father also did rafting on the Conestoga creek.

The early history of Michael Brecht, Jr., was the same as that of any farmer boy, for he worked for his father, and attended the public schools whenever opportunity offered. At the age of sixteen, however, he began to learn the trade of cigarmaker, at which he worked four years, when his attention was attracted toward the oil fields of Pennsylvania, and he was then engaged for three years operating steam pumps. He returned to Lancaster, where after a few years he engaged in the hotel business, and for

eleven years, from 1891 to 1902, he operated one of the best and most popular hotels in the city, at the latter date transferring it to his nephew, William C. Brecht, who continues it under the old and justly famous policy.

All through life Mr. Brecht has made it a rule to devote himself to whatever line of business he was pursuing, and as a result of his thrift and foresight he has been unusually successful, and can well afford to enjoy some of the comforts his industry has procured for him. In religious matters he is a member of St. John's German Reformed Church. Politically he reserves the right to vote as his opinions dictate, preferring to select a man according to his fitness for the office rather than to be entirely guided by party policy. In all his dealings he has won and retained the respect of his fellow-citizens, and he has a host of friends with whom he is deservedly popular.

BAYARD T. LOCKARD is a conductor and assistant yardmaster in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with his home in Columbia, where he was born Sept. 28, 1854. He is the grandson of Charles and Elizabeth Lockard, of Lancaster county, his grandfather being of English, and his grandmother of German descent. Charles Lockard was a shoemaker and river pilot who spent his life in Columbia, where both he and his wife passed away. The father of Bayard T. was John Lockard, also of Columbia, who was a foreman in the stone quarries of Chickies, Pa. He died in 1883, having reached the age of seventy-three years. His wife was Hannah Long, of Lancaster county, whose father, Joseph, was a soldier in the war for independence. She died in 1880, in her seventieth year.

Bayard T. Lockard was the eighth of their ten children, the others being Elizabeth, Mary, James, Charles, Patience, Jennie, John, Kate and William. Elizabeth married Wesley Davis and is now deceased. Mary is the widow of Samuel Musser, late a Pennsylvania conductor. Charles is a passenger engineer, and lives in Philadelphia. James was a member of Co. K, 45th P. V. I., and fell a victim to the privations suffered while a prisoner at Andersonville. Patience became Mrs. Joseph Hogendobler, and is dead. Jennie is unmarried and resides in Chicago, Ill. John has retired from business and has his home in Columbia. Kate married Thomas Hinkle, a bricklayer of that place, and William died in childhood.

Mr. Lockard, when a boy of fourteen years, began work in the rake factory of his native town, and at the age of seventeen obtained a position as brakeman for the Pennsylvania Company. After two years he was assigned to work in the yards, and after a few years more experience as brakeman, flagman and conductor, was made yard master, a post which he filled for seven years. He then again went upon the road as a conductor, and has continued with the road in that capacity, occasionally doing extra work

as yard master. He is a member of the Order of Railway Conductors and an active worker in the Pennsylvania Railroad Y. M. C. A. He belongs to the United Brethren Church, and in politics is a Republican. His tastes are domestic and literary, and his library contains a well-selected assortment of volumes. He was married in August, 1883, at Mountville, to Miss Mary Quinn. Their union has been without issue, but they have reared an adopted daughter from her childhood.

Mrs. Lockard was born at Danville, Pa., in 1865. Her grandfather, John Quinn, came to America from South Wales and settled at Scranton, where he died. Her father was named Henry, and her mother was Anna Lewis, their marriage taking place in Danville. She was their only child. Henry Quinn came to this country with his parents when a boy of twelve years, and learned the trade of an iron worker; he passed his life at Danville and Columbia, and died June 18, 1872, in his forty-third year. His wife was the daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Mowery) Lewis, of Muncy, Pa. Mr. Lewis was a tailor, and died in Bellefonte, Pa. His widow, who was born in July, 1816, is still living in Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

FRANCIS HERR (deceased). This name is numbered among the prosperous farmers who did much to develop Lancaster county, for he spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died near his birthplace in December, 1852. His remains were interred in the Longenecker cemetery.

Mr. Herr was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1786, son of Rev. Francis Herr. Reared upon a farm, and receiving such educational advantages as were within the means of his parents, he adopted farming as his life occupation, although later in life he was often called upon to settle estates, his well known probity and keen sense of justice making his services satisfactory to all concerned. Although not a member of any denomination, he was interested in and gave generously to the New Mennonite Church. At his death Lancaster county lost one of its best citizens, and his family a wise and loving head. Although half a century has passed since his demise, he is remembered with affection, and his name is held in respect as the result of a life of uprightness and honorable living.

In May, 1813, Francis Herr married, in Lancaster, Frances Neff, who was born in Strasburg township, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1791, and died in West Lampeter township in 1871; she was buried by the side of her husband. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Herr) Neff, of Lancaster county. The following family was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herr: Elizabeth, widow of Adam Herr, of Strasburg, Pa., has two children: Anna C. (deceased) married Martin Weaver, of Lancaster county, and had four children: Amos F., a retired farmer of West Lampeter township, married Anna Frantz, and had twelve children; Frances is at home; Charlotte,

widow of Henry Herr, lives with her two sisters, Frances and Amanda (she has one child, Lizzie F.); Cyrus N., a retired farmer of Lancaster, married Ella A. Brackbill, and they had nine children; Amanda is at home; Mary A. died young; Franklin J., who died in 1892, married Sarah Frantz, and they had twelve children.

SAMUEL KURTZ ZOOK, the popular and enterprising jeweler in Lancaster, is a son of Morris Zook, a leading leather dealer of Lancaster, and in both paternal and maternal lines comes of ancestry distinguished for enterprise and worth.

Before coming to Lancaster Morris Zook was the proprietor of a woolen mill in Providence township, where the Zooks have been prominent people for the past several generations. Mr. Zook was married, in 1866, to Miss Elizabeth S. Locher, daughter of the late Henry T. Locher, who was one of the pioneer morocco tanners and manufacturers of Lancaster, and who, as keeper of the Lancaster county prison for years, won a reputation as a humane and honest official that extended all over the State. Three children were born to the union of Morris Zook and Elizabeth S. Locher: Catherine; Harry L., who for several years has been engaged in the leather business on East King street; and Samuel Kurtz Zook, the jeweler.

Samuel Kurtz Zook was born on the old homestead, in Providence township, Dec. 21, 1867. His parents removed to the city when he was four and a half years old, and he acquired his education in the public schools, leaving the Boys' High School to learn the jewelry trade with H. Z. Rhoads, with whom he remained six and one-half years. He then spent one year in the finishing department of the Lancaster (now Hamilton) watch factory, after which he went to Trenton, N. J., where he became final inspector of work, a responsible position, which he held for one year, and then resigned to go to Waltham, from which place he went to Keyser, W. Va., where for four years he was manager of a jewelry store. Soon after his marriage Mr. Zook returned to Lancaster, and, purchasing the jewelry store of Walter C. Herr, at the corner of North Queen and East Orange streets, proceeded to enlarge and remodel the place until it has become noted for its beauty and for the excellence of its goods. The business has more than quadrupled since Mr. Zook took hold of it, and so large did it become that, in the spring of 1901, he found it necessary to have more room, which he secured by adding the store room on the north, this giving him a frontage of thirty-eight feet on North Queen street, with a depth of thirty-five feet, constituting the handsomest store in Lancaster. Thoroughly practical in the business, as may be inferred from the watch factory and other experiences which we have referred to in his career, Mr. Zook was not long in meeting with extended and substantial recognition, the extent of which may be judged from

the fact that he supplied and put in the new courthouse clock (of which he was custodian for six years), and the clock in St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

On Aug. 9, 1893, at Keyser, W. Va., Mr. Zook married Miss Birdie Miller, daughter of John Miller, a merchant of that town. Fraternally Mr. Zook belongs to the blue lodge of Masons, the Benevolent Order of Elks and the Young Republicans; religiously he is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. John Miller was born in Glasgow, Scotland, came to America when thirteen years old and settled in West Virginia, where he was a merchant, and was postmaster under President Harrison; he married Margaret McCan, and they had seven children.

JACOB LEFEVER. Among the substantial and leading farmers of East Lampeter township perhaps none are better known than Jacob Lefever, as during a period of forty-nine years he regularly attended market and successfully disposed of his surplus, dealing fairly and honestly with his patrons, and thus making many friends.

Jacob Lefever was born in Millport, Lancaster county, Dec. 19, 1826, a son of John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever. Until he was sixteen years of age he remained at home, but at that time his father, desiring to see his son being prepared for a future useful life, hired him out, according to the custom of the time, to Henry Doner, a farmer, stipulating that the lad should be permitted to attend school during the winter sessions. This farmer was one of the kind that believed that the less education a man possessed, the more manual labor he could perform, and when he discovered that his new boy was able to read, write and understood mathematics, he decided that more education would not be good for him. The two succeeding years were passed by Mr. Lefever with this farmer, but he then returned home and remained until his twentieth year.

About this time his brother Daniel gave him an opportunity to live with him and assist on his farm, and here Jacob remained for a year, when he decided to visit his Ohio relatives. At that time the trip was almost a stupendous event in the life of a farmer boy, but young Lefever bravely started upon his travels. Going by rail to Harrisburg, he there took the canal boat to Pittsburg, thence to Cincinnati by the old stern-wheel steamboat down the Ohio, and from there he reached Dayton by means of a stage coach. After six months passed in the society of his Buckeye relatives, he went home and remained there the following year, when he again became a member of his brother Daniel's family, where he continued until his marriage with Annie Kreider, Nov. 15, 1849.

Mr. and Mrs. Lefever began married life on a fine farm of 103 acres, in East Hempfield township, and lived there busy and comfortable for fifteen years. In 1864, Mr. Lefever bought his present

farm in East Lampeter, and with the exception of the residence, has made all of the improvements upon it. These represent a considerable outlay, as all of them are of the most substantial character, and are well fitted to the large farming operations which he carried on. Mr. Lefever has owned several other farms, one of them having been located in Upper Leacock township, and at one time he also owned the farm which adjoins his, but this he gave to his son. In connection with his farming, the constant attendance at market for so long a period has entailed much labor, and during forty-nine years his pleasant face was seldom missed by the attendants of the Lancaster market.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are: Susanna, who married Henry Buchwalter, a farmer of East Lampeter, and has four sons and three daughters; Annie, who died at the age of eleven; Abram, born Sept. 20, 1854, and died in 1899, leaving a widow, Anna Burkholder (with four daughters), who now lives with her father in Upper Leacock township; Mary Ann, who died in childhood; Melinda, born May 1, 1859, and died at the age of five years; John, born Aug. 7, 1861, and married to Luetta Buchwalter, and by whom he has four sons and three daughters; and Frank, born Dec. 8, 1868, and married to Mary Landis, by whom he had one child, now deceased, and they rent the home farm.

All his life, Jacob Lefever has been a hard-working man, and has always possessed the esteem of the community in which he has had his home. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and faithfully strive to live up to their religious professions.

HENRY M. HOUSER, an active and eloquent member of the Lancaster Bar, has an ancestry that dates back to the early history of Lancaster county. His grandfather, John Houser, a farmer, was born in Adamstown, this county, on the ancestral acres, and his son, Abraham, the father of Henry M., was for years a merchant tailor of New Holland, but is now leading a retired life. Abraham Houser married Miss Anne Louisa Brubaker, daughter of Henry Brubaker, at one time a farmer, and later a hotel-keeper. They had five children: Ida, wife of Lewis Murr, of Lititz; Handford F., assistant manager of the Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan Railroad, living at Elkhart, Ind.; Henry M.; R. B., a machinist, of Lancaster; and Etta M., at home.

Henry M. Houser was born in New Holland in 1860, and received his education in the local schools and Chambersburg Academy. In 1879 he entered the law office of D. P. Rosenmiller, read and studied closely, and was admitted to the Bar in 1881, and to the Supreme court in May, 1884; later he was admitted to practice in the Superior and United States District courts. Mr. Houser conducted a case before Judge Butler as early as 1885, though only admitted to practice in 1881.

Mr. Houser is a Republican, and as he is a forcible and popular speaker his services on the hustings are in much demand. He took a very active part in the first McKinley campaign. This same power of oratory has made him very prominent in criminal cases, and to this side of practice he has given more than ordinary attention. As solicitor for the board of prison inspectors of Lancaster county he served one term. Mr. Houser is a director of the Champion Blower & Forge Company, of Lancaster, and of the American Mechanics' Building & Loan Association of that city.

In religion Mr. Houser is identified with the M. E. Church. Socially he is a Mason and has risen to the Lodge of Perfection, and he is a past officer of the Benevolent Order of Elks. Mr. Houser owns and occupies a commodious modern house at No. 323 North Lime street, Lancaster. He is rearing a boy whom he took as a protegee, and to whom he is giving as much care and attention as though he were his very own. In all the walks of life Mr. Houser is popular and much esteemed.

B. FRANK BARR, the florist, is one of the leading and responsible business citizens of Lancaster, and his establishment, the "Floral Bazar," located at No. 32 West King street, is the center of interest for all of the residents of Lancaster who delight in a lavish and beautiful display of flowers, at all seasons of the year. His success in the floral line has given him a reputation which extends all over the State.

Mr. Barr was born in Greenland, Lancaster county, Aug. 28, 1871, son of Benjamin M. and Lydia (McMullen) Barr, who are still residents of Greenland, where they live retired. Young Frank was reared on a farm and acquired his early education in the public schools, finishing with a thorough training for a practical career in the Lancaster Business College. When he was nineteen years of age he decided to become a florist, and with this end in view, he connected himself with the establishment of the Dingee-Conard Co., of West Grove, Chester county, with whom he spent two years, gaining a complete knowledge of all the details. Later he was connected with the trade in Harrisburg, and then embarked in the business for himself, buying a large plant in Lancaster. When Mr. Barr took charge of the business in this place he was somewhat handicapped through the poor business methods which had formerly prevailed, but he immediately applied himself with enthusiasm and energy, and soon displayed such a complete knowledge of the art of floriculture, together with the business methods which are, also, most necessary to ensure success, that he gained the confidence of his associates and the trade, and is acknowledged to be a leader in his line in the State.

Mr. Barr's greenhouses are located on Cottage Place, just off of Columbia Avenue, West End avenue, and First street—a most desirable location, in

every way. His plant covers an immense area, there being more than twenty-one hothouses, with 75,000 feet of glass. Here he grows in perfection all kinds of flowers and foliage plants, making a specialty of tropical plants, and has developed a large business in the cut flower trade. His patrons have found that he can supply all kinds of flowers, for private and public festivities or other occasions, at much less than would be required if the orders were sent to Philadelphia.

Mr. Barr's trade is both wholesale and retail and covers almost all of the United States. Until 1897 his trade was wholly wholesale, but, as there had been a constant and growing demand for local accommodation in the retail line, Mr. Barr yielded to it and he has fully supplied the public want. The greater part of his attention, however, is given to his wholesale business, in which alone he employs from ten to fifteen capable assistants. Since 1897 his retail business has grown to such proportions that he has found it advisable to issue a retail as well as a wholesale catalogue. Many of his choice specimens have been exported from other countries, his houses offering a rare and wonderful collection of the most desirable plants both of home and foreign growth.

Mr. Barr is connected with the American Florists Association, the B. P. O. E. Lodge No. 142, of Lancaster, and the Young Men's Republican Club.

No man in this community has done more, perhaps no other man has done as much, to create and encourage a love for flowers as has B. Frank Barr. His unusual success in all lines of floriculture, and particularly in the matter of growing chrysanthemums, carnations and American Beauty roses, has created a demand for his goods that extends far beyond the confines of Lancaster county. It is not only as a grower that Mr. Barr is noted, but also as a decorative artist, his taste in the floral arrangements and designs for festive or other occasions making his services most desirable.

Although his fellow citizens have not been slow to acknowledge their pride in his achievements, Mr. Barr is modest and unassuming, and is ever ready to assist his patrons in his lines, many of whom have come to depend entirely upon him, not only for their decorations, but for other arrangements.

PETER R. EABY, now living retired in East Lampeter township, was born Sept. 25, 1841, in East Earl township, and was for many years identified with the prosperous farmers of Lancaster county.

Peter Eaby, the father of our subject, was born Sept. 10, 1804, in Leacock township, this county, and was educated in the local public schools. In 1830 he wedded Miss Annie Runk, daughter of Jacob Runk, and to this union were born eleven children, three of whom died in infancy: Susan became the wife of Jacob Evans: Mary wedded

Jacob Senich; Elias is a resident of Atlantic City; Annie is the wife of Aaron H. Bair; Peter R. is our subject; Adam is deceased; Elizabeth is the wife of Samuel G. Souder; Daniel, resides in Fetterville, Pa. The mother was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Eaby in politics was a Republican, and he held the office of school director for some years.

Peter R. Eaby remained at home with his parents until he was about twenty-eight years of age. His education was acquired in the common schools of the county. When he began farming for himself he followed that occupation two years on his father's farm, after which he moved to Paradise township and farmed there for ten years. He has since lived retired. Mr. Eaby is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He has always affiliated with the Republican party in politics, and has held the office of tax collector for about twelve years.

Our subject wedded Miss Annie Longenecker, of Lancaster county. They have no children. Mr. Eaby is one of Lancaster county's most progressive men, and he is very highly respected in the community in which he lives, a fact to which his long continuance in office, bears most convincing testimony. He is public-spirited, and is fully alive to all the best interests of his church and community.

ROBERT CLAYTON SELDOMRIDGE, one of the leading grocers of Lancaster, is regarded as one of the most prominent and successful business men of that city. He is a native of Pennsylvania, born Dec. 31, 1862, in Monterey, Lancaster county.

Benjamin T. Seldomridge, father of Robert C., was a son of Isaac Seldomridge, a native of Lancaster county, a farmer by occupation, and a Lutheran in religious faith. Benjamin T. married a daughter of the late Robert Bursk, and five children graced their union: Catherine B., wife of Darius Simmons, of Lancaster; Ella M., wife of Frank Good, a farmer of Bareville, Pa.; Rev. I. N., pastor of the U. B. Church at Harrisburg, Pa.; Robert C., who is more fully spoken of farther on; and Howard G., who, after taking a three-years course at Curran's College of Oratory, in Boston, was graduated May 6, 1903, and on May 8th (two days later), gave a recital in the Martin Auditorium, Lancaster. The father of this family has been a school director, and secretary of the board of Upper Leacock township for twenty-five years continuously.

The Bursks trace their ancestry back to the time when three brothers of the name were captured by the Indians, one of the three surviving to tell the tale of their terrible adventure. This one settled in Bucks county, Pa., married, and had three sons, and one of these sons was the great-grandfather of Robert Bursk, previously mentioned.

Robert C. Seldomridge received his education in the public schools in the neighborhood of his place of birth. At the age of sixteen years he came to Lancaster, and, entering the store of D. S. Bursk

as junior clerk, remained until he was twenty-eight, at which time he received the appointment of manager of the grocery store in Lancaster which was opened by a Philadelphian at Nos. 18 and 20 North Queen street. In 1895 this Philadelphia concern failed, and on Sept. 28, 1895, Mr. Seldomridge became the owner by purchase. The original store was more than doubled in size, while the trade has quadrupled, all due to the thorough business acumen of its wide-awake owner, who has fairly won a place among the successful men in the community in which he lives. The business had now attained to such proportions that Mr. Seldomridge was compelled to seek a larger store room, which he found at Nos. 6 and 8 North Queen street.

On June 16, 1885, Robert C. Seldomridge was married, at Intercourse, Lancaster county, to Miss Harriet E. Sample, daughter of Dr. S. R. Sample, a prominent physician of that section, and member of one of the oldest and most highly esteemed families of Lancaster county. Seven children were born of this union, five of whom are yet living, viz: Edna R., Florence A., Robert B., Helen E. and S. Warren. All but the youngest are attending school.

Mr. Seldomridge is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, and socially is affiliated with the F. & A. M. (blue lodge, chapter and Lodge of Perfection), the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a member of the Young Republican Club, being a zealous and enthusiastic Republican, though never obtruding his opinion upon others.

JOHN E. MALONE, one of the prominent and representative members of the legal profession in the city of Lancaster, is a native son of the place, although his long line of ancestry reaches far back in the history of Ireland. To these ancestors Mr. Malone is indebted for many fortunate characteristics which have eased his way to success—the quick wit, the ready comprehension and the active brain belonging to descendants of Irish stock, who now make up so large and important a part of the citizens of the United States.

Thomas Malone, an honest and industrious wheelwright and miller, whose birthplace and lifelong home was in County Cavan, Ireland, was the great-grandfather of John E. Malone. He married a maiden of the same county, Jane Lee, and they had a family of seven sons born to them, namely: John, Thomas, James, Patrick, Hugh, Bernard and Michael, all of whom, with the exception of John, came in the course of time to America, and became prominent and successful citizens.

James Malone, son of Thomas, married Alice McGraw, also of County Cavan, Ireland, and in 1845 emigrated to America, settling for one year in New York, later moving to Philadelphia, and late in 1846 reaching Lancaster, where he entered upon his business of contracting and building, becoming well known and prosperous.

Richard A. Malone, son of James, and father of John E., of Lancaster, requires no introduction to the residents of that city, although his large business contracts keep him outside her borders a great portion of the time. Mr. Malone was born in County Cavan, Ireland, in 1834, and came with his parents to America in 1845. He is widely known for his excellent work in the contracting and building of bridges and tunnels, some of his work justly entitling him to rank with the leading men in his line. This was notably the case in the construction of the Dorchester (Mass.) bay tunnel, which at the time was regarded as a feat of engineering skill. In this great work he was associated with David McN. Stauffer. Mr. Malone has built many miles of the Vanderbilt railroad system, and his work for other lines, in the way of bridges and tunnels, has been so satisfactory that his services are in demand all over the country.

The first marriage of Richard A. Malone was to Miss Mary Gilliece, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of James Gilliece, a native of Ireland, and a prominent contractor in Philadelphia. The second marriage of Mr. Malone was to Ellen, a sister of his first wife; she died in May, 1902, aged fifty-two years. The children of the first union were: Richard J., a graduate of St. Mary's College and the Harvard Law School, now an ex-attorney and railroad contractor in Philadelphia; Alice R., wife of Thomas S. Galvin, a florist of Boston, Mass.; Raymond, a contractor in Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of E. A. McGloughlin, an attorney in Boston, Mass.; John E., of Lancaster; Mary, wife of Col. James Duffy, of Marietta, Pa.; Regina, who died unmarried at the age of thirty years; and Charles, who is engaged with his father in business. Children as follows were born to the second marriage: Edwin, deceased; Dr. Clarence M., a physician in Lancaster; James, deceased; and Miss Edna, at home. Mr. Malone educated all his sons in St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md., with the exception of Dr. Clarence M., who was educated at Fordham College.

John E. Malone was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, Jan. 8, 1862, and after receiving a preparatory education in the public schools entered Emmitsburg (Md.) College, graduating in 1881. His legal studies were pursued under Jacob L. Steinmetz, in Lancaster, and he was admitted to the Bar in 1884. Mr. Malone early made himself felt in politics, and for a period of eight years served as chairman of the Democratic County Committee. During the four years of President Cleveland's second term he was the efficient and popular postmaster at Lancaster, and has been very active in all the movements of the party in this section of the State.

Mr. Malone married (first) Josephine Duffy, who was born at Marietta, Pa., daughter of Col. James Duffy, and died within a year of their marriage. His second marriage was to Mrs. Mary A.

(Audenreid) Sherk, who was born in Philadelphia.

Mr. Malone's fraternal connections are with the Hamilton Club and the B. P. O. E. He has friends everywhere, and he is pointed to from all sides as a representative member of his profession.

W. EDGAR BATES, M. D., chief consulting physician of Dr. Barnes, a prominent specialist of Lancaster, was born Feb. 16, 1865, in Lehigh county, this State, of which his parents, George P. and Sarah A. Bates, were also natives. His literary education was acquired in the high school of Allentown, Pa., and at Muhlenburg College, and in 1883 he entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1886 with the degree of M. D., though he spent the year of 1885 in the University of Pennsylvania. The year following his graduation was spent in the Philadelphia Hospital, and at the end of that time he entered the office of Dr. A. W. Duvall, of Philadelphia, with whom he was connected two years. He was next associated with the "Green's Nervura" people in Boston, as one of the consulting physicians, or rather corresponding physician, and remained with them until 1896, when he formed his present connection with Dr. Barnes at Lancaster, Pa., assuming full control of the large practice of that gentleman in Lancaster, in September, 1899. Their specialties are ear, nose, throat, lung, nervous and chronic diseases, all of which are treated at their office. They are very careful in the diagnosis of any and all diseases that come under their care, and deal frankly with each and every case. They also treat by symptom blanks, and are giving relief to many throughout this entire section of the State. If there is no possibility of relief from their treatment, they hold out no hopes. Dr. Bates is a man of more than ordinary ability and proficiency in his profession, and is calculated to give the best of satisfaction to those who come to him for treatment. In 1897 and 1898 he was instructor in mathematics and hygiene at the National Farm School in Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

In December, 1889, Dr. Bates married Miss Hannah Wright Brigham, a native of Massachusetts and a representative of the old and well-known Brigham family of Boston. They have one child, W. Edgar, Jr. The Doctor and his family are earnest and active members of the Presbyterian Church and the Christian Endeavor Society. They have a pleasant home at No. 18 West Orange street, where the Doctor also has his office.

HENRY ARNDT, ex-merchant, and vice-president of the Manheim National Bank, in the borough of Manheim, Lancaster county, is a native of that borough, born Feb. 21, 1821.

John Arndt, grandfather of Henry, was the first of this family to come to Lancaster county, Lebanon county having previously been his place of residence. He was a tanner by trade, and being poor began here by using two or three hogsheads for

vats. He persevered in his calling until he had secured for himself a tanyard of considerable dimensions. He also established a brickyard, and became wealthy and influential. He died in the faith of the Reformed Church.

John Arndt, son of John, and father of Henry, was born in 1793. He served in the war of 1812, and soon afterward succeeded his father in the tanning business, which he conducted until about 1825, when he purchased the Baron Steigel property, at the corner of North Prussian and High streets. There he engaged in merchandising until the spring of 1846, when he sold out to his son and son-in-law. He then started a store in Mt. Joy in partnership with Henry Bechtol, and this business was prosperously carried on for several years, when Mr. Arndt sold his interest and retired to private life.

Mr. Arndt married Miss Elizabeth Diffenderfer, who bore him two children: Susan (now eighty-five years of age), wife of Nathan Worley, of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Henry whose name opens this sketch. Mr. Arndt died in 1867, in the faith of the Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat, and socially he ranked among the most respected citizens of Manheim borough.

Henry Arndt was reared and educated in Manheim, and also attended school for two years in Lititz, Lancaster county. He then clerked for his father until 1840, when he went to Philadelphia, where he clerked in a wholesale jobbing house for a short time, ill health causing his return to Manheim. After a short rest he again went to Philadelphia, and had a brief experience in the wholesale house of James Kent, Souttee & Co.—the largest in the city—when he was recalled by his father, who needed his assistance. In 1845 his father admitted him into partnership, and for one year the firm name was John Arndt & Son. Then a brother-in-law of Henry, Nathan Worley, who had returned from Ohio, was admitted as a partner, and the new firm of Arndt & Worley was formed, lasting until 1857, when Henry Boyd succeeded Henry Arndt. Three years later, in 1860, Henry Arndt resumed mercantile trade, succeeding to the interest of Mr. Worley in the old firm, the style Arndt & Boyd being maintained five years, when Mr. Boyd withdrew, and Henry Arndt was sole proprietor of the business until early in the eighties, when he sold out to the Beckers.

About 1888 Mr. Arndt purchased a farm of 105 acres one and one-half miles from Manheim, where he passes the greater part of his time. He has beautified and improved the place. Mr. Arndt has done a great deal toward improving the borough of Manheim, and he has erected a three-story brick dwelling, besides a large store building and a roomy tobacco warehouse. For years he has been connected with the Manheim National Bank as director, and is now vice-president of same. For three years he was director in the Farmers Bank of Lan-

caster, and he was also one of the organizers, and is a director of the Manheim & Lititz Turnpike Co. He has ever been one of Manheim's most public-spirited and patriotic citizens, and was one of the first to advocate and to help organize the fire department. He has served as burgess, member of the council and member of the school board.

The marriage of Mr. Arndt took place Oct. 23, 1849, when he was united to Miss Anna B. Maurer, who was born Aug. 15, 1830, daughter of Daniel Maurer, of Mt. Joy. They celebrated the Golden anniversary of their wedding in 1898, the event being the occasion of great festivity and congratulation on the part of the immediate members of the family and a host of warm-hearted friends. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Arndt have been born twelve children, five of whom died in infancy. The others were born in the following order: Liz-zie B., wife of Dr. B. Frank Schall, of Philadelphia; Anna V., married to Charles E. Bickle, of the same city; John, of Manheim; Sadie, wife of George De Haven, of Lancaster; Harry, a druggist in Philadelphia; Susan, who died when twenty-one years old; and Willie H., who died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Arndt are members of the Re-formed Church and have led a life so consistent with the teachings of their faith that they have gained the unfeigned esteem of every person who has had the pleasure of their acquaintance.

PROF. WILLIAM WARD MOORE, A. M., President of the Madame Cotta College for Young Women, is justly ranked among the foremost educators of this community.

Charles Moore, the grandfather of Prof. William W., a native of the North of Ireland, was a farmer by occupation and a Presbyterian in his religion. Thomas Moore, his son and the father of the Professor was born in McConnellstown, Pa., and entered into rest, in 1884, when in his sixty-fifth year. Sarah Dunn, his wife and the mother of the distinguished president of the Madame Cotta College, was of Irish descent. She became the mother of three sons and one daughter, but of these William Ward is the only survivor.

William Ward Moore was born in McConnellstown, Pa., Dec. 24, 1849, and remained in that vicinity until he was seventeen years of age. At that time he became a student of Kishacoquillas Academy, then of the Williamsport Academy, and completed the Freshman year at Mercersburg College. In 1872 he entered the Sophomore class of Franklin and Marshall College, and the following year began that career as a teacher in which he has been so very successful. For several years he taught in Huntingdon county, and in 1877 was principal of a school at Wyoming, Iowa. In 1880 he returned to Pennsylvania to take the principalship of the Lumber City Academy. In August, 1886, Prof. Moore came to Lancaster, where he filled the posi-

tion of Rector of Franklin and Marshall Academy. The following year the degree of A. M. was bestowed upon him by the trustees of Franklin and Marshall College. Mrs. Moore became the matron of the Academy, numbers of out-of-town students boarding in the building. Rector Moore secured the opening of the doors of the Academy to young women, numbers of whom soon attended its instruction. After some years of earnest and intelligent effort on the part of Prof. Moore and his cultured and attractive wife, he resigned. At his coming there were six students in the Academy, and when he left over one hundred were in daily attendance, and the academy was proving a valuable adjunct to the college proper. Prof. Moore had an experience in these earnest and laborious years that gave him a very intelligent idea of the needs of young women in preparing for college, and he presently organized a private school in the Haas Building on East Orange street. This was the beginning of a most important educational movement in Lancaster, out of which has grown the Madame Cotta College for young women, which has been taken under the patronage of the Lutheran Church. For a time it was maintained in Grace Lutheran Church, but it soon grew to demand quarters of its own. It is now found in the Yeates Institute Building on North Duke and Walnut streets, where it has an extensive patronage from representative families here and elsewhere.

The Faculty of the Madame Cotta College for Young Women is exceptionally strong, and consists of the following members: Prof. W. W. Moore, A. M., President, Latin and Greek; Rev. C. E. Haupt, A. M., D. D. (University of Pennsylvania), Vice President, Mental and Moral Philosophy; Paul Kieffer, Mathematics and Physics; B. G. Philgrim, A. B. (Franklin and Marshall), History and Archaeology; W. A. Kepner, A. B., Natural Sciences; Rev. F. F. Buenmyer, German and English; Ada Douglas Moore, Elocution and Embroidery; Martha M. Bowman (N. Y. School of Design), Art and French; Helen L. Hecker (Philadelphia Cooking School), Cooking and Domestic Science. Instruction is also given in Voice Culture, and on the Piano and Organ.

"The design of this institution is to prepare the girl for the domestic sphere. The branches pursued have, possibly, a greater influence upon the development of the student than is usually supposed or conceded. The work here is so arranged that the studies touch the girl at every point in the unfolding of her powers. A careful study and observation has been made of the various courses offered to girls in the past, noting the opinions of persons of both sexes who have had broad experiences in the sphere of education and allied pursuits. The general consensus is that the girls' college of the past has fallen short of fulfilling its mission.

"The schools that have been established may be classified under three heads: First, the so-called

finishing school, the purpose of which is to add to the graces of the young woman those accomplishments which fit her for the drawing-room. Secondly, the one that stands for sound education. This arranges its courses on the same plan as the college for men, which, it is plainly evident, necessitates much effort on the part of the girl, which is neither congenial nor of much profit. Thirdly, the technical school, the tendency of which is to develop a taste for those special pursuits that lie within man's sphere.

"The social condition of life as it now exists, demands from the college that it trains its students for true womanhood, as it has to do with the home in every department. The truly cultured woman is she whose sympathies have been so developed that they are in harmony with the Christian mother. Reference is made to the course of study as found in the catalogue, for the scope of our work. The branches are so taught that actual life is kept before the student."

On Feb. 6, 1879, Prof. Moore was married to Miss Ada Douglas, who was born in his native town, McConnellstown, a daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Johnston) Douglas. Her paternal great-grandfather, was a native of Scotland, who became one of the pioneer teachers of Central Pennsylvania. Her grandfather lived in McConnellstown, where was born her father, Joseph Douglas, who became a merchant there and died in December, 1882. His wife, Nancy Johnston, was born in the same locality, as was her father, James Johnston, a farmer by occupation, and a soldier of the war of 1812. Mrs. Douglas, the mother of Mr. Moore, died in April, 1889, and was survived by five of her seven children.

Prof. and Mrs. Moore have two sons, Ralph D. and Carl B., bright and manly lads, who give every promise of a useful future.

JOHN LEFEVER, the eldest son of the late John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever, was born on the old homestead farm, which is now in his possession, at Millport, Lancaster county, on Jan. 26, 1823.

Mr. Lefever was reared on the farm, and received but limited educational opportunities, but travel, reading, and a habit of close observation, have made him one of the most intelligent and best-informed men of the neighborhood in which he resides. At the age of eight years he was bereft of his mother, but he remained with his father until thirty-three years of age, when the latter died. His father's will left the old home to him, and Mr. Lefever has pursued an agricultural life, and has become one of the most esteemed citizens of the township.

In 1848, feeling a desire to see something of the country, Mr. Lefever made quite an extended trip. As he was not limited as to time, he enjoyed a leisurely journey over many miles of country, as far

west as the Mississippi river, at St. Louis. Transportation, as we understand it now, was then almost in its infancy, and his initial voyage was on the canal boat, en route for Pittsburg. At Johnstown a break in the canal bank interrupted the passage of the boat, but Mr. Lefever solved the matter for himself, by taking a short cut, over the mountains, and when he again reached the canal, on the other side, took a boat and finally landed in Pittsburg. There he took passage on a steamboat for Cincinnati, but extended his visit as far as Louisville, Ky., then went to St. Louis, Mo., and then took a boat up the Illinois river, to Peru, Ill., and thence home again. The trip no doubt was a delightful one, the leisurely methods of travel permitting more enjoyment of the scenery than is possible now, in the days of lightning express train service.

Mr. Lefever married Mary, a daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Rohrer) Doner, and to this union were born: Amos, who first married Lucinda Rutter, who, at death, left four children, and second, Hettie Make; John, who died at the age of twenty-four; Daniel; a daughter who died in infancy; and Henry, who married Susan Muhr. John Lefever and wife are pious, Christian people, and are among the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church. In the community they are highly respected, and Mr. Lefever is a worthy representative of an old Lancaster county family.

COL. WILLIAM R. GERHART, A. M., whose office is in the Law Building, corner of Duke and Grant streets, Lancaster, is engaged as a patent solicitor, having a very successful and extensive business. Col. Gerhart, who was one of the youngest men ever commissioned colonel in the U. S. army (being a veteran of the Civil war), has a professional record which is as honorable as his war record.

Col. Gerhart was born in Gettysburg, Pa., Jan. 10, 1844, a son of Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., LL. D., president of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States at Lancaster, an account of Dr. Gerhart's interesting and useful life being given elsewhere in this work. Col. Gerhart is the eldest in his family, and was reared and educated in Lancaster, entering Franklin and Marshall College in 1859, and graduating in 1863, with the degree of A. B. Soon after his enlistment in the army the college conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, and, the war of the Rebellion being then in progress, there were no commencement exercises. In 1862 he was lieutenant of the State militia called out at the time of the battle of Antietam. In June, 1863, he enlisted in Independent Battery I, Pennsylvania Artillery, becoming first sergeant and later second lieutenant. With his battery he went to Philadelphia, and thence to Harper's Ferry. In the spring of 1864 he was commissioned major of the 125th United States Colored Infantry, of which he later became colonel, and from Fort

Leavenworth, Kans., marched with his regiment across the plains to New Mexico, taking the old Santa Fe trail through that State and Colorado as far as El Paso, Texas. This was a difficult and hazardous march of thirteen hundred miles or more, through a hostile country, all the Indians being on the war path, and it took about three months to accomplish it. The march was made without loss of animals or materials. The regiment remained in New Mexico about a year and a half, protecting the settlements against hostile Indians, until 1867, and returned in December of that year. They had several encounters with the Indians at Fort Craig and other points, and after being mustered out, at Fort Leavenworth, returned to their homes. Col. Gerhart returned to Lancaster and became city engineer or regulator, occupying that position for four and a half years. In 1876 he opened his office as solicitor of patents, and has succeeded in becoming widely known and in building up a splendid business. Fraternally Col. Gerhart is a Grand Army man, being a member of George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, and he is past commander of the Knights of the Mystic Chain. Politically he is a staunch Republican.

In 1882 Col. Gerhart married Miss Ella Carpenter, daughter of the late William Carpenter, who is mentioned in the sketch of Henry Carpenter, Esq., a popular member of the Lancaster Bar. Mrs. Gerhart entered into rest in June, 1902.

CARL REESE EABY, a prominent young attorney at law in Lancaster, comes from a family whose various representatives have been closely associated with the history of this county for generations.

The first Eaby in this section was Daniel M. Eaby, who came from England, passed the remainder of his life on his farm in Bart township, and rose to considerable prominence in his community. He was Scotch-Irish by birth and a Presbyterian in religious faith.

George W. Eaby, the father of Carl Reese, is a prominent real-estate and insurance man of Lancaster. He married Rachel A. Reese, a highly educated lady, belonging to a well-known and substantial family of Revolutionary ancestry. Mrs. Eaby is a Daughter of the Revolution, and is eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Dames.

Carl Reese Eaby was born in Sadsburyville, Chester Co., Pa., Dec. 4, 1867, and, his parents removing to Lancaster when he was a mere lad, his education was obtained in the public schools of the city and Franklin and Marshall College. He graduated from the city high school June 30, 1882—the youngest male graduate of that school in its entire history. Upon his graduation from Franklin and Marshall young Eaby entered the law office of Brown & Hensel, both highly distinguished members of the profession, and who subsequently attained distinguished honors, Mr. Brown on the

Bench of the Supreme court and Mr. Hensel as Attorney-General of the State. With such preceptors, coupled with his own ability, Mr. Eaby entered upon the practice of the law under more than ordinarily favorable circumstances, and the promise of that bright beginning has been richly fulfilled. He was admitted to practice March 4, 1889, when only twenty-one years old.

Mr. Eaby was married, Oct. 16, 1895, to Miss Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Washington F. Hambright, the popular depot master of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Lancaster, and this union has been blessed by the birth of one child, Carl Reese, Jr.

On April 9, 1894, Mr. Eaby joined the Hospital Corps of Battery C, and during the Spanish-American war became commissary sergeant of Co. B, 11th Regiment, Provisional National Guard of Pennsylvania. On Sept. 10, 1897, he accompanied his command to Hazleton to put down the riots, remaining there three weeks; and in the latter part of 1900 he served nineteen days with his command at Shenandoah, again helping to quell strike trouble.

Mr. Eaby is an active, earnest Republican, and has given faithful and intelligent service as county auditor, to which office he was appointed by the court. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association, and fraternally belongs to Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Temple Chapter, No. 248, R. A. M.; Lancaster Lodge, No. 134, Order of Elks (in which he is a past officer), the Royal Arcanum, and Herschel Lodge, No. 123, I. O. O. F. Religiously he is a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He stands very high in the esteem of all who know him. His genial nature and bright personality have won him a host of friends, and he is one of the most popular young men in the professional and commercial life in Lancaster at the present time.

JOHN J. COCHRAN, late of the coal firm of John Keller & Co., and still connected with that business, belongs to an old and distinguished family. His father was John Jefferson Cochran, who was the son of Dr. Richard Ellis Cochran, of Columbia. Back of them stretches a long ancestral line to the Scottish nobility. The first Cochran came to this country from Paisley, Scotland, in the early part of the 18th century.

John Jefferson Cochran, father of John J., made his appearance in Lancaster forty-eight years ago, and was a member for a time of the firm of Cochran, Peale & Co. Drifting into journalism, Mr. Cochran became the editor and publisher of the *Lancaster Union*. At the inception of the *New Era*, he became its editor, and was in charge of the publication until his death in May, 1879. For two terms he was postmaster of the city, discharging the duties of that responsible position with a rare fidelity and an ability that won him many friends. In early manhood Mr. Cochran was married to Catherine, daughter of Thomas Baumgardner, a prominent citizen of York. To this union were born thirteen children,

five of whom survive: Thomas B. and Harry B. are the editors and publishers of the *Lancaster Examiner*, the former having been for twenty-five years in prominent positions in Harrisburg, among them being the chief clerkship of the Senate; Richard Ellis is the vice-president of United States Life Insurance Co., of New York, and ex-president of the National Association of Underwriters; Alice Evans is the wife of Charles Morrell, of Merchantville, N. J., and John J.

John J. Cochran, was born March 4, 1856. After his graduation from the Lancaster High School he entered the old *Inquirer* printing office, now known as the Wickersham Company, as apprentice. Here he remained until 1876, when he took a course in the Dickenson Business College in Philadelphia, after which he resumed his work in the printing business. In 1878 he went to Texas and for eight months engaged in ranching, but was called back to Lancaster by the serious illness and death of his father. Mr. Cochran entered the lock manufacturing industry, in which he was engaged in 1879 and 1880, when he became secretary of the Columbia Rolling Mill Co., a position he held until 1893. That year he became a member of the coal firm of John Keller & Co., and here he continued until Jan. 1, 1900, when he withdrew from the firm, but still remained as an assistant in the management of the business. Mr. Cochran has always been an ardent Republican, and was elected to the common council, from the sixth ward, though he did seek the office.

Anna Maud Keller, his wife, is the oldest daughter of the late John Keller, the prominent railroad contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran have four children: Marion, Ethel, Amy and John Franklin, all young and in school, the youngest being in the kindergarten.

Mr. Cochran has been an extensive traveler, particularly in the far West. He is a man of intelligence and keen observation, and his travels have proved a source of pleasure to himself and a profit to his friends, his conversation being very instructive. Of quiet and peaceful temper, he pursues the even tenor of his way, a man much respected and esteemed by all.

SIMON B. MINNICH, one of the prominent citizens of Landisville, Lancaster county, was born in that village Jan. 5, 1845, a son of Simon and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Minnich, and a descendant of Simon Muench, who was his great-great-grandfather, and who arrived at Philadelphia from the Rhine provinces, Germany, in 1751. [Vol. XVII, 2d Series, Pennsylvania Archives.] Jacob Muench son of Simon Muench, married Elizabeth Wolf in 1774, and settled on Chestnut Hill, where he followed his trade of carpenter or cabinetmaker and also engaged in farming. To this couple were born eleven children, the eldest of whom, Jacob, was born in 1775. This son, Jacob, was twice married.

By his first wife, Barbara Lare, he had seven children, and by his second, Elizabeth Gamber, he had ten. Simon Minnich, born in 1803, was the third child by the first wife, and was the father of Simon B. Minnich, the subject of this sketch.

Simon Minnich was a well-known resident of Landisville, where for many years he conducted a blacksmith shop, later engaging in farming. About 1847 he opened the "Sycamore Hotel," which he conducted for more than thirty years in connection with farming. His wife, Elizabeth Brubaker Minnich, was born in 1827. To them were born eight children, Simon B., Henry E. (deceased), Fannie B. (Trout) (deceased), Jacob B., Jonas L., Elizabeth (deceased), Ella, and Anna B. (Courtney). Simon Minnich died in 1879, at the age of seventy-six, his widow surviving until 1897.

Simon B. Minnich was married, Nov. 5, 1867, to Mary C. Wissler, born May 23, 1848, a daughter of John S. and Catherine H. (Baer) Wissler. To Simon B. and Mary C. Minnich were born six children: Simon W., born Dec. 28, 1868; Mamie W., who died in childhood; Harvey W., born July 4, 1878; Lizzie W., who died in childhood; John W., who died young; and Grace Evelyn, born June 1, 1888.

Simon B. Minnich was reared in the village of his birth, and attended public school in East Hempfield township. He was an apt and diligent pupil, with a natural talent for mathematics. At the age of nineteen he began teaching, and for three terms was engaged in this profession, teaching what is now Independence school, two miles east of Landisville. He then engaged in the mercantile business, and for a number of years conducted the general store in the village. He early developed a fondness for mechanics, the logical result of his youthful training in mathematics, and when not occupied with his business interests was working on models or plans of different useful mechanical appliances, quite a few of which he perfected and patented. His most successful invention is a baling press for baling tobacco, paper-stock, hides, hops, hay, hemp, wool, flax, broom-corn, blankets, cotton, scrap tin, &c. Several thousand of these presses have been sold, and they are in use as far east as India and the Philippines, and as far south as Peru. Other inventions that have proved either a commercial or a mechanical success are a hay hoisting machine, a stable hook, wagon jack, door fastener, double eccentric lifting device, mechanism for overcoming the dead-center in crank-driven machinery, nut lock, broom holder, and, recently, a rotary blower which gives promise of success, a model of which is now being constructed.

In 1883 Mr. Minnich erected machine shops for the manufacture of his inventions. This plant is now occupied by the Monitor Steam Heater & Generator Manufacturing Company, and is located near the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1900 the increased business demanded better facilities for the erection

of his baling presses, which have grown from a small tobacco press of 1876, weighing 150 pounds, to a mammoth all steel structure of more than 3,000 pounds, and to meet this demand a two-story brick factory, 40x120 feet, was erected and fitted with new and improved machinery.

In the pursuit of his business Mr. Minnich has visited all the large cities, and scores of the larger towns between St. Paul, Minn., and Portland, Maine. Energetic and active, never idling about, progressive, with original advanced ideas on sociology and economics, broadened by his frequent contact with the bright business men of the country, thoroughly domestic in his habits and desires, notwithstanding his frequent extended business trips, of strong and upright character, consistently advocating all measures for the advancement and betterment of humanity, and living up to his own high standards of life, modeled after the teachings of the great philosophers and educators, he receives from all the respect and confidence which he so well merits.

JOHN E. HOUSER, one of the younger business men and citizens of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, belongs to an old and honored family and worthily wears a good name that has come to him from respected ancestors.

John E. Houser was born in West Lampeter township, Aug. 16, 1870, and is a son of Christian and Emma F. (Hoover) Houser. The father was born in West Lampeter township, on the old Houser homestead, a mile and a half northeast of Lancaster, in 1844 and died in 1898. He was a son of John and Lydia (Lefever) Houser, and a grandson of Christian Houser.

Christian Houser, the father of John E., was reared on the old homestead and educated in the public schools. Remaining at home until he was twenty-three, he was then married and located on a farm of fourteen acres near Lampeter Square. After spending some four years at that point, he moved to the farm where he spent the remainder of his days, and where his widow is still living. This farm comprises eighty acres and is a mile north of Lampeter. Success attended his earnest efforts. Tobacco was his favorite crop and he did well in its culture.

Christian Houser was married to Emma F., a daughter of Jacob and Hettie (Hoffman) Hoover. She was born in Strasburg township in 1846, and is the mother of the following children: Hattie, the wife of Ephraim Weaver, of Manor township; John E.; Edith, who died in childhood; Winnie M.; Lizzie; Ella M.; Mabel A.; Emma L.; Ethel A.; Maude C. Mr. and Mrs. Houser belonged to the Reformed Mennonite Church.

John E. Houser was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools. When he was twenty-three years of age he engaged in business for himself on the farm he has since occupied. It contains twenty-three acres and is a mile and a quarter north of

Lampeter. On this beautiful and modern farm in 1894 he erected a handsome brick residence, and from time to time has made other and valuable improvements. Mr. Houser, in addition to carrying on his own farm, superintends his mother's. The community entertains for him the highest respect, and has made him judge and inspector of elections, as well as calling him to other positions, complimentary to one so young.

John E. Houser was married March 23, 1893, to Emma K., a daughter of the late Adam Lefever, by whom he has four children; Kathryn E., Evelyn M., Willis L. and John L. The family is well regarded by those who know them best.

JOHN HENRY KLINE, one of the proprietors of the Boston Shoe Store, on West King street, Lancaster, is not only a merchant, but a printer and pressman, and at present has charge of the stock room of The New Era Printing Company. His grandfather came to America from Germany and settled in Lebanon county, Pa.; his grandmother came to this country from Switzerland and settled in Dauphin county, this State. Both came to this country when children.

John M. Kline, father of John Henry, was a stationary engineer of Belle Grove, Lebanon county. He married Miss Leah Landis, whose father was at one time steward of the Dauphin county almshouse. Their union was blessed with two sons, one of whom died in infancy, the survivor being John Henry.

John Henry Kline was born in Lebanon county, Jan. 1, 1845, and was educated in the public schools of his district and in Annville Academy. When he was fourteen years old his father died, and the lad was obliged to give up his studies. His first employment was in a store in Harrisburg, and in 1860, when the big "Wideawake Club" processions were being held, young Kline was told that he would be given free transportation to Lancaster, if he could get a cape and go along with a club. He secured the cape, came to Lancaster and never left it. The next morning he found employment in John Herr's dry-goods store, in East King street, but not liking that business went to printing in the old *Union* office, in Centre Square. His next move was to the *Daily Express* office, where he remained eleven years, and after spending four years on the *Inquirer* he became superintendent of *The New Era* press-room, retaining that position for twenty-one years. In 1898 Mr. Kline engaged in the shoe business, but although still retaining his interest in the shoe store he has returned to *The New Era*, and holds a responsible position there.

During the war of the Rebellion, Mr. Kline enlisted in Co. E, 50th P. V. I., serving gallantly until honorably discharged at the close of the struggle.

On Nov. 10, 1864, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Kate Martin, daughter of the late George Martin, one of the pioneer rope manufacturers of Lancaster, and belonging to one of the oldest and most

respected families in the county. To this union came four children, only one of whom is living, Benjamin Franklin, a bright lad, who is a member of the class of 1903, Boys' High School, of Lancaster. Mr. Kline's daughter Katie, who became the wife of Oliver Baker, a salesman in Marshall & Rengier's hardware store, entered into rest in September, 1900.

Mr. Kline is an earnest member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he was a deacon for several years. He is superintendent of Gotwald Memorial Mission Sunday-school, a position he has held for more than thirty years, and to the support of which he has given a great deal of intelligent labor. Socially he belongs to Monterey Lodge, No. 242, I. O. O. F., and to Washington Encampment, No. 11. No man in the city is more respected, and no man stands higher in the esteem of his fellow church workers, fraternal associates, neighbors and the community in general than John Henry Kline, printer, pressman and merchant.

SAMUEL RICHMOND WEAVER, Esq., a member of the Lancaster Bar, is descended from ancestors who came to America from Switzerland several generations ago, and this branch of this family were the founders of Weaverland, this county. Samuel E. Weaver, the grandfather of Samuel R., was a well-known cattle dealer living near Blue Ball, and Eli, the father of Samuel R., was also a cattle dealer—the most extensive, indeed, in Eastern Lancaster county. He, too, lived at Blue Ball, where he died in 1891, aged only forty-six years, his death having been caused by blood poisoning induced by an accident. Eli Weaver married Susan Richmond, daughter of Isaac Richmond, a farmer of Martindale. Mrs. Weaver died in 1884, aged thirty-seven years. Although the parents of Samuel R. Weaver died so early in life, both of his grandmothers are living, and each is now (1903) seventy-eight years old. Seven children were born of the union of Eli Weaver and Susan Richmond, six of whom are living, as follows: John R., a livestock dealer of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of H. M. Stauffer, a coal and lumber dealer at Leola; Mary, wife of Harvey E. Weaver, a cigar manufacturer of Terrehill; Emina, unmarried and making her home with her sister, Mrs. Stauffer; Viola, wife of John H. Hornberger, traveling salesman for Miller & Hartman, wholesale grocers of Lancaster; and Samuel R.

Samuel R. Weaver was born in Earl township Jan. 5, 1868, and after receiving a partial education in the public schools of his district attended Muhlenberg College, at Allentown, from which he was graduated in 1890. After graduating from college, Mr. Weaver read law with the late George Nauman, Esq., and was admitted to practice Oct. 15, 1893. After practicing his profession until 1898, Mr. Weaver accepted a position with the *North American* of Philadelphia, remaining with that journal until March, 1903, when after a few years of experience

in newspaper work, he returned to Lancaster and resumed the practice of his chosen profession. Mr. Weaver is unmarried.

A staunch Republican, Mr. Weaver belongs to the Young Republicans, this being the only organization of which he is a member. He has always taken an active interest in the affairs of the Republican party, having been a member of the Republican County Committee from Blue Ball for two years, a delegate from the Northern District to the Republican State convention, in 1892, and a campaign orator for the Republican cause, having made speeches in various sections. Religiously, Mr. Weaver is a Presbyterian, being a member of the Cedar Grove Presbyterian Church; and, religiously, politically and professionally, he is deeply in earnest, and the future for him is full of bright promise.

CHRISTIAN HABECKER, distiller, of Elizabeth township, descends from an old and honorable family of Lancaster county. His grandfather also named Christian, lived and died near Brunnerville, Pa., where he carried on a butcher business in connection with farming until his death, in 1850. He married Miss Barbara Hollinger, by whom he had the following children: Joseph, of Warwick township; Moses, a carpet weaver of Brunnerville; Adam, the father of Christian; David, who was proprietor and manager of a woolen mill and a distillery; Christian, a distiller in East Earl township; Jonas, a resident of Lebanon county; Isaac, a butcher near Brunnerville; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Adam Habecker, the father of Christian, was born near Brunnerville March 6, 1809, and in 1831 completed his apprenticeship to the distiller's trade with Martin Grube. He followed that work until his death, in 1893. He married Miss Susan Shoemaker, and became the father of eleven children: Isaac, deceased, was a carpenter and painter at Lititz; Henry is a blacksmith at White Oak, Pa.; Christian is mentioned below; Catherine is the wife of Isaac Dickens; Barbara is the wife of John White; Allen is a foundryman in the city of Lancaster; Benjamin is a resident of Montgomery county; Jacob is a pretzel baker of Kissel Hill, Pa.; Elizabeth is the wife of David Keath, of Unionville, Pa.; Adam and John died young.

Christian Habecker, whose name appears at the opening of this article, was born in Warwick township, Aug. 27, 1840, and lived at home with his parents until after he was of age. His education was received in the public schools, and he was well prepared for the responsibilities of active life. Remaining at home for about four years after passing his majority, he worked at farming, and then established a distillery on the farm of Mr. Sahm, which he operated for some five years. At the end of that period he bought the property where he is still established, and where he has built up a creditable reputation as a distiller, the Habecker whiskey having become famous all over the State.

Mr. Habecker married Mary Sahn, daughter of Daniel Sahn, and to this union were born three children: Catherine, who is the wife of William Reyer, of Manheim, Pa.; Henry, at home; and Lydia, who married Abram Balmer, of Rothsville, Pa. Mr. Habecker is one of the enlightened and progressive citizens of Lancaster county. Personally he commands the friendship of many by reason of his kindly character and genuine public spirit.

GEORGE B. WILLSON, whose name to the people of Lancaster county is synonymous with progress, is a native-born Lancasterian, his birth occurring in that city April 4, 1856.

George Willson, Sr., his grandfather, was an Englishman by birth, but with his two brothers espoused the cause of Ireland in 1798, and fought in the Irish army. For this his property in England was confiscated, and he never returned to his native land, but died in the land whose distress had so appealed to his sympathies.

George Willson, Jr., was nine years of age when his father died. He was born in County Derry, Ireland, in January, 1799. At the age of nineteen he came to America, and located in Lancaster, where he engaged in the wholesale jewelry business for twenty-five years. At the end of that time he retired, and his death occurred in 1881. About 1847 he married Mary A. Rettew, daughter of David and Elizabeth Rettew, farming people of Lancaster county. The Rettews have long been known in Pennsylvania, having had a grant of 1,500 acres of land direct from the Penns. To George Willson and his wife were born six children, as follows: Anna, who died in infancy; John C. and David B. (twins), both deceased, of whom John C. was a civil engineer and David B. a priest of the Episcopal Church; Rachel R. and Mary E. (twins), of whom Rachel is deceased; and George B. The father was a Democrat in political faith, and was elected a councilman from a strong Republican ward, serving as long as he would accept the office.

George B. Willson received his education in the common schools of Maytown, Lancaster county, and at the age of seventeen began an apprenticeship at the coach trimming trade with Samuel Cox, with whom he worked four years. In 1877 he went to Bellefonte, Pa., for his health, his lungs having become affected. In the fall of that year, however, he returned to Lancaster and took charge of the books of Flinn & Breneman, house furnishers, with whom he remained two years, when he bought the interest of Major Breneman. After three years he sold it back to Major Breneman, and on account of failing health sought the milder climate of the sunny South. In May, 1884, he returned to his native county, and purchased the old Buchanan home, known as "Wheatland," where he has since resided. This house is historical, inasmuch as it was the home of president Buchanan for twenty-seven years, and where he died, in 1868. The place originally con-

tained twenty-two acres, but part of this Mr. Willson sold to H. F. Williamson, who erected a fine home. From this beginning sprang the building up of the beautiful West End of Lancaster, which contains many of the beautiful homes of the county. After selling this land to Mr. Williamson Mr. Willson bought fifty acres of the Amos Funk farm, and in company with Judge Brown platted and laid out and graded streets, and built a city of fine homes just outside the city limits of Lancaster. They also bought fifty acres more, treating it in the same manner. Through liberal inducements the car line has been extended and everything possible for the comfort and well-being of the residents effected. Mr. Willson has a large green house and makes a business of raising hot-house fruits and vegetables.

In all things is Mr. Willson progressive. He was one of the first to conceive the possibility of utilizing the Conestoga as a power to light the streets, and was one of the organizers of the Lancaster Electric Light, Heat and Power Co., of which he has been and is now secretary. In his political faith he is a Gold Democrat, and was a delegate to the convention that placed in nomination Palmer and Buckner. He has often been urged by his friends to run for office, but has refused to accept such honors. He has traveled quite extensively in the United States. In his fraternal connections Mr. Willson is a twenty-second degree Mason, and has passed all the chairs in the different lodges up to that degree. He is a communicant in the Episcopal Church, and is a vestryman and registrar of the parish of St. James Church.

WILLIAM M. CROUSE, a highly respected citizen of West Cocalico township, Lancaster county, was born Aug. 10, 1828, near Reinholds, son of William and Sarah (Marshall) Crouse, and was reared on the old homestead.

Michael Crouse, his grandfather, was the first of the family to come into Lancaster county. He was born and reared at Worms, Germany, and when he reached manhood came to this country, landing at Philadelphia, where he married Hannah O'Connor, the adopted daughter of a Mr. Carson, of that city. To this union were born the following children: (1) John married and moved to Lycoming county, and from him is descended Judge Crouse, of that county. (2) Susan married Ludwig White, of Berks county, and lived in Manheim township, Lancaster county, where their descendants are still to be found. (3) James lived in Snyder county, and became a prominent character. His son Jeremiah at one time filled the office of prothonotary in that county, and held a contract in the government service. His daughter Annie became the wife of Dr. Moore, of Philadelphia, and another daughter married Rev. Jacob Peters, a Lutheran minister then located in Manheim, but now living retired in Dauphin county. (4) Elizabeth married Samuel Spears, a boatmaker of Reading, and passed away long ago; all her children are also deceased. (5) Samuel was

married to Elizabeth Binkley, of Reinholds, and they had five children, John, Mary, Hannah, Elizabeth and Sarah, all now deceased with the exception of Sarah, who is living at her home in Lebanon county, widow of John Eby, of Ephrata township. Samuel Crouse married, for his second wife, Sarah, the sister of his first wife, and to this union were born seven children, four of whom survive, Samuel, Jr., Mrs. Polly Moore, Mrs. Kate Houck and Mrs. Caroline Smith, all of whom are living in the vicinity of Myerstown, Lebanon county. (6) Hannah married Jacob Lebo, and is now living in Indiana. (7) Michael, who married Kate Pinkley, moved to York, Pa., where he and his son Henry in after years were engaged in the combmaking business. He is deceased, and his son Henry is a wealthy retired merchant of Reading. (8) William was the father of William M:

William Crouse was born Aug. 10, 1794, at Reading, where he was reared, and where he learned the combmaking business. He married Sarah Marshall, of Fritztown, Berks county, and settled near Reinholds, Lancaster county. Diedrich Marshall, the father of Mrs. Sarah Crouse, built the first house in what is now Fritztown, in 1754; it was of stone, is still standing, and belongs to a Mr. Hatt. Mr. Crouse set up a comb factory on the Crouse place, and operated same many years; it was afterward run by his son, William M., and is now in the hands of a grandson, George Crouse. To William and Sarah Crouse were born the following named children: (1) Mary, born July 2, 1824, married Louis Gettle, and moved to Iowa, where they died, leaving eight children. (2) William Marshall, whose name introduces this article, was born Aug. 10, 1828, and was the only son of his parents.

William Crouse was an active Whig and a staunch Republican. He voted for Jackson, but voted twice for Lincoln, and afterward for Gen. Grant, and was proud of his support given to the Union during the dark days of secession. He passed to his reward Sept. 6, 1872, his wife preceding him to the Silent Land, July 10, 1872. For many years both had been devout and venerated members of the Reformed Church.

William M. Crouse was married Oct. 12, 1858, to Hannah, daughter of Henry and Anna (Garman) Eberly, of Reamstown, and they have had the following children: (1) Abner L., born Oct. 11, 1860, married Annetta Openhauer, and is living at Sinking Spring, Berks county. They have two children, Jennie (who married Solomon Steffy) and Stella. (2) Henry Victor, born Jan. 8, 1863, is superintendent of the Tenth and Windsor Street Market House, at Reading, where he is also a clerk in a book store. He married Emma Hintz, of Reading, and they have three children, Rosa, Elsie and Magdalene. (3) Mary Alice, born July 11, 1864, married Benjamin Bennetch, of Cocalico, and they have three children living, Harry, Allen and Raymond. (4) George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1866, married Susan

Weidner, daughter of Benjamin Weidner, of Reamstown. They have two children living, Hattie and Mamie. Their home is on the old Crouse farm, and the comb factory, built by his grandfather, is also operated by him. (5) Kate Elizabeth, born Aug. 29, 1867, married Lemon Bucher, of Reinholds, and is the mother of one child, Stephen. (6) Willie Eberly, born Dec. 7, 1868, is a merchant at Schoeneck. He married Cora Mellinger, daughter of George and Anna (Hogy) Mellinger, and they have three children, Albert, Willie and Harry. (7) Calvin Moses, born Sept. 4, 1871, married Sallie Sterner, of West Reading, Berks county, and is the father of two children, Anna and Catherine. (8) Edwin Lawrence, born Aug. 10, 1874, died April 19, 1876. (9) Sarah Bertha, born April 18, 1876, married Lemuel Snyder, of Berks county, and lives at Walters Park. They have one child, May. (10) Amy Valeary, born Aug. 20, 1879, is at home, as are (11) Julia Bessie, born April 15, 1882, and (13) John Adam, born April 26, 1885. (12) Martha Magdalene, born June 23, 1884, died Sept. 29, following.

When Mr. Crouse was twenty-one he cast a Republican ballot, and he has been staunch in his support of that party to the present time. He has served as election officer, and has been justice of the peace for five years. During the Civil war Mr. Crouse entered the army, but he did not remain at the front very long, being discharged on account of ill health. At the present time, after a long and useful life, he is living retired on the old home place, still taking an active part in political and religious matters.

CHRISTIAN H. MYERS, a general farmer in the township of East Donegal, is living on the farm where he was born, Feb. 1, 1845. Henry B. and Mary D. (Hershey) Myers, his parents, were born in Rapho township, and both are now dead. The father died on the family homestead in 1898, at the age of seventy-six. In 1844 he located his family there, and it was his home until his death. The mother died in 1894. After their marriage his parents spent some ten years in Florin, and lived for a time on another farm in East Donegal before locating on the place where Christian H. is now found. When the mother died, the father broke up his home and spent his last days with his son, Christian H. They were members of the River Brethren Church, and had two children: Christian H.; and Anna E., who died unmarried at the age of fifty years.

The paternal grandparents of Christian H. Myers were Henry and Barbara (Brenner) Myers, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, and spent their lives engaged in farming in East Donegal township. Mr. Myers' maternal grandparents, Christ and Susan (Gish) Hershey, were natives of Mt. Joy and West Donegal townships, respectively. They were farmer folks.

Christian H. Myers and Anna Sheetz were married in Rapho township, April 14, 1874, and have

become the parents of the following children: John, a farmer in Waldon, Colo.; Levy, deceased; Elam, a farmer in East Donegal, married to Emma Wiser; Mary and Amos, who are at home; and Ezra, deceased.

Mrs. Anna (Sheetz) Myers was born in Rapho township, March 17, 1856, and is the daughter of John and Catherine (Acker) Sheetz, of that township. Her mother died in 1894, at the age of sixty-three; and was buried in the East Donegal Cross Roads cemetery. They were members of the River Brethren Church. Their children were: Henry, of Florin; Barbara, who married Samuel Gible; Anna; Samuel, of Mt. Joy; Elizabeth, who died young; Fanny, who married Samuel Fissel. The mother married for her second husband, Samuel Halderman, who died in 1900. By him she had one daughter, Emma, who married William Peiffer. Mrs. Myers' paternal grandparents were Abraham and Barbara Sheetz, both natives of Lancaster county, where all their lives were passed.

Christian H. Myers has spent his life engaged in the cultivation of his farm, and takes rank among the best and most advanced agriculturists of the county. One hundred acres, all cleared and tilled according to the most modern notions, are in his farm, and he takes great pride in the neat and creditable appearance of the place. In his church matters he is known throughout the community as a prominent and reliable member of the River Brethren Church, and he is universally regarded as a thoroughly upright and honorable man.

CHARLES ALBERT SAMUELS, proprietor of the Bon Ton Millinery, in the Woolworth building, Lancaster, is descended from a family who have been distinguished in the art of manufacturing feminine headwear.

Marcus Samuels, who came to America from Posen, Germany, when a boy, became a wholesale milliner in New York City, and died there; and his wife, whose maiden name was Eva Cohn, was the daughter of a banker of Posen, and is still engaged in the wholesale millinery trade in New York City, making two trips annually to Europe for the purchase of artistic flowers and trimmed hats, and spending her vacation—after each summer's trip to Europe—in her cottage at Long Branch. Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Samuels were blessed with ten children, seven of whom are living as follows: Rosa, wife of Oscar Muir, in the millinery trade in New York City; Charles Albert; Augustus, in the same trade in Louisville, Ky.; Henry, in the millinery trade at Fall River, Mass.; Herbert, a milliner, of New York; Sidney, at school in New York City; and Hattie, at home with her mother. Surely this is a remarkable record—unequalled, perhaps, by any other family in this country; certainly not equalled by any other family in this section.

Charles Albert Samuels was born in New York City Aug. 23, 1863, and was educated in the public

schools. Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, he entered a wholesale millinery establishment, and later a second establishment of the same kind, spending six years with one and five years with the other. He entered into business for himself, coming to Lancaster, and locating at No. 13 East King street. This was in 1890, and the "Bon Ton," which he then established, has steadily grown in popularity until there is scarcely a woman or girl in the city or county who has not purchased goods there. When the grand Woolworth building, on North Queen street, was completed, Mr. Samuels secured a corner store room, and removed to this new and most desirable location about March 1, 1901. It was a pronounced success from the beginning, and a more beautiful store than the present "Bon Ton" cannot be found anywhere in this State.

On June 7, 1891, Mr. Samuels was married to Miss Hattie Leopold, whose father, now deceased, was a prominent merchant of Louisville, Ky. One child has blessed the union, Elsie L., a bright little lady of nine years (1901).

Mr. Samuels belongs to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent Order of Elks and has been a member of the board of directors of the Harmonie Club, one of the leading social organizations of Lancaster. Quiet and unassuming in manner, ever attentive to business, and unwearied in his efforts to please his army of patrons, he richly deserves the great success that has attended his business efforts.

W. K. BENDER, of Lititz, is one of the most successful veterinary surgeons of his section in Lancaster county.

Mr. Bender is of German descent, and comes of one of the old established families of this region. His great-grandfather, David Bender, was born July 26, 1741, in Upper Leacock township, this county, and died April 20, 1824. His wife Margaret was born Oct. 1, 1755, and died Sept. 21, 1809. They were the parents of seven children: John, George, Catherine (Mrs. Joseph Heller), Susan, Sarah (both of whom died unmarried), Mrs. Whideler and Mrs. Shreiner. The father was a successful farmer, and left each of his sons a fine farm. He was a devout Christian, and one of the founders of that branch of the German Reformed Church now known as Heller's Church.

John Bender, our subject's grandfather, was born in Upper Leacock township, where he followed farming until his death. He married Elizabeth Kinzer, and eleven children were born to them: one that died in infancy; David, Michael, Maria, George, William, John, Adam, Deller, Joseph and Widler.

John Bender, father of our subject, was born in Leacock township, May 7, 1825. He was engaged as veterinary surgeon, and kept the "Rome Hotel," near Lititz, which is still in the hands of the family. He was a very extensive horse dealer, and furnished horses for the government throughout the Rebel-

lion. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, and a very active worker for his party. Mr. Bender married Miss Rebecca Busser, and to them were born sixteen children, eleven of whom died in infancy: They are buried in the old Heller burying ground, in Leacock township. W. K. is our subject; John T. is a cigar manufacturer of Lititz; Tillie is the wife of S. K. Snively, of Lititz; Alma is the wife of H. M. Eckert, of Lititz; Clara is the wife of Frank Funk, of Pittsburg. The father died Sept. 15, 1883.

W. K. Bender was born in Leacock township Oct. 2, 1852, and lived with his parents until he was twenty-eight years of age. He received his literary education at the Lititz academy, and studied veterinary surgery with his father, finally beginning practice on his own account. He has continued to follow this calling ever since, and is one of the most successful in his line in Lancaster county. Mr. Bender kept the old "Rome Hotel" for four years. Mr. Bender has always been found reliable and trustworthy by all who have had dealings with him. His standing as a citizen is among the best residents of his community, where he holds the high regard of all who know him.

Mr. Bender married Miss Maria Bachman, daughter of Cornelius and Charlotte Bachman, and to this union have been born three children: Harry E., who is also a veterinary surgeon, a graduate of the Lititz high school, of Franklin and Marshall Academy, of Lancaster, and of the University of Pennsylvania; Miss Charlotte Irene, a graduate of Linden Hall Seminary, living at home; and John Richard, at home.

J. FRANK BUCH. One of the best-known and most influential citizens of the historic borough of Lititz, is John Franklin Buch, a native of Warwick township, where his grandfather first saw the light.

Mr. Buch's ancestry came from Germany, before the time of his grandparents, and settled in Warwick township, near Lititz. Isaac Buch, the father, was born in Warwick, in 1827, and in 1849, married Elizabeth, the daughter of John Mengle, a well-known citizen of Manheim. From this union two sons and one daughter were born: Amanda, wife of A. K. Hornberger, of West Earl, this county; Walter, a clothier of Lititz; and J. Frank, editor and publisher of the *Lititz Record*.

J. Frank Buch was born in Warwick, near Lititz, Feb. 16, 1852, and was educated in the public schools of the district and in the Lititz Academy. Leaving the latter institution, he came to Lancaster and entered the office of the *Intelligencer*, as an apprentice at the printing trade, remaining there three and one-half years, when he went to Philadelphia. There he worked for one and one-half years in a first class printing office, perfecting his knowledge of "the art preservative."

Returning to Lititz in 1876, he started a job printing office, and so great was his success that he determined to publish a newspaper, and this de-

termination resulted in the establishment of the *Lititz Record*. This was in the fall of 1877, and although the paper was started as a six-page folio, it has several times been enlarged until today it is one of the newest, most vigorous and most substantial weekly publications in Lancaster county.

On March 10, 1881, Mr. Buch was married to Miss Mary E., a daughter of Mr. Valentine Brobst, of Rehrersburg, Berks county, a sister of Dr. James C. Brobst, of Lititz. From this union were born these children: Edith May, deceased; Ralph; Theodore; Mary Esther; John Edward, the last named was the namesake of two uncles; and Charles Franklin, who died young. Mr. Buch is a member of Lodge No. 253, Knights of Pythias, of Lititz. He has served as a member of the Board of School Directors, of Lititz; has been treasurer of the Springs Committee of the Moravian Church—the committee which looks over the interests and has absolute control of the world-famous Lititz Springs and their beautiful grounds; and has been secretary of the Lititz Electric Light Company from the date of its organization in 1893. In 1901 he was one of the organizers of the Farmers' National Bank of Lititz, of which he has served as secretary from the beginning.

Mr. Buch is known almost as well in Lancaster as Lititz, being personally very popular among the newspaper men of the capital city of the county, and just as popular among the leading merchants of the city, many of whom avail themselves of the wide circulation of his paper—in one of the richest agricultural regions of the state—to advertise their merchandise. Progressive in all things, and in nothing more than in the conduct of his ably-edited and neatly-printed paper; sociable and friendly with all persons who come in contact with him; straightforward in all his business dealings, and with a pleasant personality that is constantly winning friends. Mr. Buch is a veritable tower of strength in the community in which he lives.

ARTHUR BOARDMAN. Looking for one of the most popular business men as well as substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Lancaster, attention is soon called to Arthur Boardman, who is probably the largest wholesale coal dealer in Lancaster county. Although a business life of integrity entitles him to universal respect, his action in refusing to advance the price of his commodity to his old customers, gave his fellow-citizens who were suffering from the effects of the disturbances in the coal regions, a still further proof of his honest intentions and desire for only legitimate profit.

Mr. Boardman was born in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 13, 1865, a son of Harris and Sarah (Billings) Boardman, the former a native of Griswold, Conn., and the latter of New London county, Conn. The late Harris Boardman was born in Griswold, Conn., Feb. 10, 1824, a son of John and Abby (Cook) Boardman, prominent farming people, who reared

two daughters and seven sons, all of the latter displaying great mechanical genius. Until the age of eighteen, Harris Boardman remained on the farm and then entered a machine shop where his natural tastes soon made him expert and skillful. In young manhood he came to Lancaster to set up some engines and being pleased with the country and the business outlook, remained and became a citizen. His mechanical ability was noted at that time, he having set up the largest engine ever put into operation in Lancaster, up to that time. In 1856, with S. S. Spencer and Seth Spencer, brothers, he entered into a partnership for the manufacture of cotton goods, a business which was continued until 1861, when it was dissolved at the death of Seth Spencer. Then Mr. Boardman began the manufacture of gun locks, and furnished the same used in the army during the Civil war, closing this establishment when the active demand for this article ceased. He then became the pioneer cork manufacturer and conducted this business for eight years with increasing prosperity, the burning of his mill causing him to retire from active business. He was the inventor and patentee of all the present machinery used in the cork works of Lancaster, much of it of a complex character, necessary for the work done in this factory. These patents made Mr. Boardman a man of large wealth. For a time he was one of the school directors in Lancaster, and was a very prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Royal Arch Mason. In politics he was active in the Republican party. After a life of unusual mental activity combined with unceasing business industry, Mr. Boardman died Feb. 10, 1871, aged forty-seven years. His acquaintance was large and he was a man who enjoyed the esteem of all. Through the possession of a fine, cultivated voice, he was popular in various musical organizations and social meetings in his community. Mr. Boardman was buried in Woodward Hill cemetery.

The children of Harris and Sarah (Billings) Boardman were the following: Dr. Walter, who was a prominent physician in Lancaster, died in 1900, married Ella Kiser, and their one son, Walter P., resides with his mother; Arthur, a leading coal merchant of Lancaster; and Harris, an electrician, is superintendent of the Orange Street plant in Lancaster. His residence is with his mother, who contracted a second marriage, with Henry Carpenter, and resides in Lancaster.

The maternal ancestry of Mr. Boardman can be traced back as far as 1640, when William Billings left his home in Brighton, Eng., and emigrated to America with his brothers Nathaniel, Roger and Richard. Ebenezer Billings, the great-great-grandfather, was a lieutenant in the French and Indian War, and a captain in the Revolutionary War, and married Ann Comstock. Sanford Billings, son of Capt. Ebenezer, married Lucy Gear. Capt. Gilbert, son of Sanford, was a captain of a vessel in the mercantile trade, and married Lucy Swan, of Con-

necticut. Hon. Benjamin F. Billings, the father of Mrs. Carpenter, was born in New London county, Conn. In early life he was a farmer and also a teacher of music. Later he entered into political life and served for one term as a member of the Connecticut State Senate, and three terms as a representative in the General Assembly.

At the age of eight years, Arthur Boardman went to spend some time with his mother's relatives in Connecticut, but returned four years later and has made this city his home ever since. After completing his course in the Lancaster schools, which included graduation from the High School, Mr. Boardman took a course in Franklin and Marshall College, but entered into business life at the age of twenty years. His office is conveniently located, and his yards so placed as to give excellent railroad facilities. Mr. Boardman handles all kinds of first-class coal and is next to the largest dealer in Lancaster.

In 1888, in Lancaster, Mr. Boardman was united in marriage with Mary King, who was born in White Rock, a daughter of John King, and a member of a family of prominence whose ancestors took part in the Revolutionary War. Her mother was a Slaymaker. One daughter has been born to this union, Sarah B. Mrs. Boardman is a lady of culture, and is a member of the social Society of Revolutionary Dames. Both she and husband are members of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Boardman is a trustee. In politics he is identified with the Republican party. His fraternal connections are with the B. P. O. E., and the Masonic orders, his family all having been prominently associated with this fraternity.

WILLIAM T. PUGH. Among the prominent business citizens of West Lampeter township, who is also an efficient public official, is William T. Pugh, the proprietor and operator of the well-known Wheatland Mills, and since 1895, the capable and reliable postmaster.

William T. Pugh was born in Bart township, Lancaster county, March 1, 1862, a son of James and Mary E. Pugh, growing up in his native place and attending the public schools. At the age of thirteen he entered the Nickel mills where he was employed until he was eighteen, and then entered upon the milling business, of which he has made so much of a success. For five years he was employed at the Pequea mills, under a Mr. Haskell and thoroughly mastered every detail, and then, in association with his brother, Samuel J. Pugh, under the firm name of Pugh & Bro., took charge of the mills and engaged in the business there for a period of two years, later assuming entire control for three years. After retiring from the Pequea mills he and his brother worked the Willowstreet mill for one year, and then returned to the Pequea mills where he took charge for the following two years.

For the past five years, however, Mr. Pugh has

successfully conducted the great Wheatland Mills, doing both custom and merchant milling. In connection with D. G. Kendig, he purchased this plant, and upon the death of the latter two years later, took entire charge of the business, which has grown to large proportions, taxing the capacity of the plant. His output is largely disposed of in the vicinity, much of his trade being with the merchants of Lancaster City.

William T. Pugh was married, in 1884, to Kate Agon, daughter of John Agon, of Conestoga township, this county, and to this union have been born ten children: Elizabeth (who is a student at the Lancaster Business College), Fannie, Lydia, Mable, Carrie, Annie, Olive, Miles, Ella and John Arthur. In politics Mr. Pugh is a staunch Democrat, and he has been active in local politics. His standing is that of a good citizen, and he holds the respect and esteem of all with whom he has relations.

PETER B. ESBENSHADE, one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, was born March 13, 1851, on the old homestead in Manheim township, where he was reared to farm life and obtained his education, attending the public schools. Until he was twenty-seven years of age he remained at home, and when he married he settled down on a considerable part of the homestead, his parents retaining seventy-six acres for themselves. His home is a mile north of the city of Lancaster. The improvements on the place are thoroughly modern, the house being new, and the surroundings made beautiful by the free use of trees and shrubs. In 1887 Mr. Esbenschade put up a fine barn, and he has made many other improvements on the place, every feature of which denotes thrift and prosperity. His entire attention has been given to farming, in which he has prospered steadily, and he has acquired considerable property in this county, owning four different farms and wood lots—making his total holdings about 402 acres. He believes in progress, is a stockholder in the various trolley lines in the county, and is ready to help along any movement that looks to the public good. He belongs to the board of education of Manheim township.

Peter B. Esbenschade was married Dec. 13, 1877, to Miss Susan B. Leaman, daughter of Henry Leaman, of Strasburg township, and to this union have come four children, Franklin L., Elmer L., Cora L., and Maria L., the last named dying when three years old. The family are among the most respected people of the county.

EMANUEL G. FRY, box manufacturer of Rothsville, Lancaster county, is one of the prosperous business men of his section. He descends from one of the old and honored families of Lancaster county, being a grandson of Jacob Fry, who was born in Warwick township, in 1803. Jacob Fry was a farmer, and followed that calling all his life. He was a member of the United Brethren Church in

which he was a class leader. He married Miss Lydia Hornberger, and they were the parents of three children: Samuel H., the father of our subject; Michael, deceased, who was employed at general work; and Fannie, wife of Levi Hollenger.

Samuel H. Fry was born in Warwick township May 25, 1827, and lived at home until he was about twenty-three years of age. He was educated in the common schools, and in early life he learned the cooper's trade. He has also worked at carpentry, butchering, box making, etc., and by thrift and industry succeeded in making a good living. Mr. Fry was ordained to the ministry of the Evangelical Church in 1855, by Bishop Esher, and has been a very faithful worker in the church ever since. He married Miss Barbara Gutiahr, and to their union have been born three children: Emanuel G., our subject; Annie, wife of Aaron Johnson; and Elias, a box maker, of Rothsville.

Emanuel G. Fry was born in Warwick township March 25, 1852, and remained under the parental roof until he was twenty years of age. He was educated in the common schools, and then learned the trade of carriage building, with John Stark, with whom he continued three years. He then engaged at carriage building on his own account, in Millport and Oregon for about fifteen years. He has since carried on box manufacturing. Like his father, Mr. Fry is an active member of and worker in the Evangelical Church, and is a class leader. He wedded Miss Jemima Keller, and to this union have been born eight children, four of whom died in infancy; Ellie is the wife of Clayton Adonis; and Miss Clarie, Martin and Edna are at home.

CLAYTON S. WENGER. The early records of the family of which Clayton S. Wenger is a worthy representative, tell of its establishment in America, and trace clearly this particular branch in Lancaster county. In the early days in the settlement of the State of Pennsylvania, three brothers by the name of Wenger, left their home in the Old World and sailed for America, but one brother died on the long voyage, only Henry and Christian reaching these shores. Henry Wenger settled near Pottstown, Pa., and Christian came into Lancaster county, where he bought 289 acres of land, in West Earl township, from William Penn, for the sum of £44, 16s. this transaction taking place in 1741, and the land is still in the possession of the family.

Christian Wenger and his wife, Eve, had these children: Michael, John, and Henry. Michael succeeded his father in the old home, which was deeded to him in 1764, and he became the father of the noted Mennonite minister, Rev. Joseph Wenger, and the latter was the father of the no less noted Rev. Michael Wenger. The latter lived on the old homestead and left the property to his son Joseph, who lived and died there, leaving the farm to his son Michael Wenger, who was the grandfather of Clayton S. Wenger, of this biography.

Michael Wenger, grandfather of Clayton S., had a family of six sons and four daughters: Marks, Fannie, Michael, Joel, Elizabeth, Mathew, Gabriel, Menno, Susan and Maria. Joel Wenger married Fannie M. Swarr, in 1848, and to this marriage these children were born: Clayton S., of this sketch; Lizzie, born in 1853, married Amos P. Shaffer, of East Lampeter township; Susan married Clarence Lichty, of Lancaster; and A. Lincoln, born in 1864, died in 1890. In 1872 the mother of these children passed away, and on Jan. 11, 1882, Mr. Wenger married Miss Sallie Caproth, of West Earl township, from which union there has been no issue.

Clayton S. Wenger was born on Aug. 14, 1850, a son of Joel and Fannie M. (Swarr) Wenger. His education was in the district schools of West Earl, and early in life he learned the business of milling, being at present engaged in that business, and he is also the proprietor of the Brownstown Electric Works, and one of the most capable and reliable men, in a business way, in this locality.

On Dec. 5, 1876, Clayton S. Wenger was married to Miss May Landis, of Manor township, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Herr) Landis, and to this union three sons have been born: Clarence L., born June 30, 1877, resides at home; Vincent Eugene, born April 27, 1880; and Jacob Joel, born Jan. 5, 1884, now a student in Franklin and Marshall College, of Lancaster. Mr. Wenger is one of the most highly respected citizens of Lancaster county, a Republican in his political views, and a worthy and consistent member of the German Reformed Church.

DANIEL B. NISLEY. In almost every pleasant town contiguous to a flourishing farming district, may be found a most excellent class of citizens who have located there late in life, after a busy and successful agricultural career. This is notably the case in Maytown, Lancaster county, and prominent in this class is Daniel B. Nisley, who has resided in the town since leaving his farm in 1889.

Mr. Nisley was born in West Donegal township, two and one-half miles east of the village, April 2, 1829, a son of Martin and Anna (Bachman) Nisley, of West Donegal township and Lebanon county, respectively. The father died on the old farm in 1831, at the age of thirty-five, and the mother remained on the farm until 1880, when she removed to Maytown, dying in 1893, aged ninety years. Both parents were buried in the Bossler Meeting House cemetery, having been consistent members of the Mennonite Church.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nisley were: Peter, Anna and Christian, all deceased; Daniel B.; and Jacob, deceased. To the second marriage of the mother, with Jacob Brandt, were born: Joseph; and Anna, who married John Heisey, of Maytown. The paternal grandfather of Daniel B. Nisley was Martin Nisley, a prominent farmer of Mt. Joy township, and the maternal grandparents were, Peter

and Anna (Kreider) Bachman, of Lebanon county.

The subject of this biography was reared by his uncle, Jacob Nisley, from the age of six years, and he remained with this kind relative until he was eighteen years old and then went to work for his brother Peter, until he had attained his majority. Following this, he assisted his wife's relatives for a time, and then, on account of the death of his brother Jacob, took charge of the farm, on which he remained until retirement in 1889, when he sold it, the estate consisting of 188 acres.

The marriage of Mr. Nisley occurred on Oct. 5, 1858, in Lancaster, to Miss Sarah Lindemuth, and the children born of this union are: Emma, who married Albert Risser, a tobacco packer; J. Frank, who conducts a meat business in Maytown, married Amelia Kantz, and has two children, Clyde L., and Alta. Mrs. Nisley was born in East Donegal township, Sept. 9, 1833, a daughter of Jacob W. and Sarah (Brocht) Lindemuth, the former of whom was a farmer until some years before his death, which occurred Nov. 28, 1887, when over ninety-four years of age. The mother passed away April 29, 1885, at the age of seventy-nine, both of them now resting in the Lutheran cemetery in Maytown; they were devoted members of Zion Children's Church during their long and useful lives. Their children were: Catherine, who married Jacob Bear; Daniel, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah, Mrs. Nisley; Jacob, deceased; and John, also deceased. This was not a marrying family, only two members of it ever having wedded.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Nisley were George and Christiann (Wolfe) Lindemuth, and the great-grandfather came from Germany. His name was Ludwig Lindemuth and he purchased land in East Donegal township, between Mt. Joy and Marietta, and died in 1777.

In politics, Mr. Nisley upholds the tenets of the Republican party. In religious life, Mrs. Nisley is a member of Zion Children's Church, and is a most estimable lady.

MICHAEL W. HURST, M. D., who ranks among the able, prosperous and time-honored physicians of Lancaster county, of which he is a native, was born Sept. 27, 1835.

David Hurst, his grandfather, was born in Caernarvon township, Lancaster county, and became a thrifty farmer of that locality. He was the father of children, as follows: Henry, born in 1791; Barbara, 1792; Maria, 1793; Joseph, 1795; John, 1797; Amos, 1799; Elizabeth, 1802; and Susan, 1804.

John Hurst, father of Dr. Hurst, was born in Caernarvon township, and all his life followed agricultural pursuits there. In 1819 he married Katherine Witmer, and children as follows were born to them: Daniel, who died in childhood; Isaac, a prominent farmer of Caernarvon township; David, a fruit grower in Cornville, Ariz.; Amos, John and Benjamin, all three deceased; Samuel A., a farmer

in East Hempfield township; Michael W., the subject of these lines; and Martin, who died in the Civil war in 1864.

Dr. Michael W. Hurst was reared on the home farm, and received a liberal education in part at the public schools of the neighborhood of his birthplace, in part at Millersville State Normal. In 1859 he commenced the study of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, graduating from that institution in 1861, and at once commenced the practice of his profession in Talmadge, Lancaster county, where he has since remained, having built up a highly lucrative clientele.

In 1863 Dr. Hurst was married to Miss Hattie Oberholtzer, of East Earl township, Lancaster county. Nine children blessed their union, viz: Margaret, born in 1864, is the wife of Rev. J. D. Woodring, a minister of the Evangelical Church; Minnie E., born in 1865, is the wife of A. R. Wenger, of Talmadge, Lancaster county; Anna V., born in 1867, is the wife of Rev. W. H. Hartzler, of the Evangelical Church; John O., born in 1871, resides in Cornville, Ariz.; Ira W., born in 1872, died in childhood; Willis W., born in 1875, died in infancy; Hattie, born in 1877; Spencer W., born in 1881; and Edna P., born in 1883, resides at home.

In politics Dr. Hurst is a Republican and for several years has served as school director. In religious faith he is a consistent member of the Evangelical Church, and, socially, is affiliated with the State Medical Society, and the County Medical Society. He has lived an honorable and upright life, a large portion of which has been devoted to the good of others, and he enjoys the respect and esteem of the community at large.

DAVID WATTS EMERY POISAL, member of the Lancaster school board from the Fourth ward, has a very interesting personal history. His paternal ancestors were French.

Jacob Poisal, his grandfather, was born in Martinsburg, Va., and among his children was the Rev. John Poisal, and another was Michael Poisal, a tailor, who was the father of our subject.

Michael Poisal married Elizabeth Watts, daughter of the Rev. James Watts, pastor of the Methodist Church at several important points. She was born in Virginia, while her parents were both natives of Pennsylvania. To Michael Poisal and wife were born ten children, seven of whom are living, as follows: Nannie W., widow of A. W. Tennant, of Baltimore; Clara J., widow of G. L. Swartz, of Davis, W. Va.; Maggie E., the wife of J. W. German, a druggist of Baltimore; Fannie S., widow of A. C. Roberts, of Baltimore; John W., a druggist of Baltimore; George S., a clerk in Baltimore; and David Watts Emery, of Lancaster.

David Watts Emery Poisal was born in Berkeley county, Va. (now a part of West Virginia), in 1846, and was educated in private schools until he reached the age of fourteen years, when he became

an apprentice at tanning and currying in his native county. He remained at his trade until the breaking out of the Civil war, when he entered the Confederate Army, joining the 2d Va Infantry, serving under "Stonewall" Jackson for three years. At Cedar Creek he was wounded in the right arm, near the shoulder, but survived, and when the war ended he settled at Wheeling, W. Va. He worked for the same house for a period of fifteen years. In 1881 he removed to Baltimore for the purpose of engaging in the leather business on his own account, but after three years he came to Lancaster, to take charge of the tannery of A. A. Myers & Co. This was in 1884, and five years later Mr. Myers withdrew from the business, and Morris Zook, who was the "Company" in the firm, assumed the responsibility, and he has retained Mr. Poisal as his superintendent up to the present time.

On April 26, 1866, Mr. Poisal was married to Miss Christiana, who was born in Scotland, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Maurice, her father having been a well-known mining engineer. This union was blessed with one child, Elizabeth, who died at the age of two years, and whose ashes are interred at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Poisal was appointed a member of the Lancaster school board to fill the unexpired term of W. P. Brinton, who had removed from the ward, thus creating a vacancy. Mr. Poisal has since been twice re-elected on the board, where he has served on a number of important committees.

Mrs. Poisal has taken an active interest in the affairs of the Lancaster General Hospital as well as in the Y. W. C. A., and also in the St. Paul's Reformed Church and Sunday-school, of which she and her husband are both members. They are great workers for good purposes, and Mrs. Poisal especially may be said to be always doing good. Mr. Poisal is traveling salesman as well as superintendent for Mr. Zook's extensive leather business. Much of his spare time is devoted to the interest of the public schools. Mr. Poisal is a Democrat, and is an ardent supporter of the party.

CLAYTON R. FARMER. Among the prosperous and successful residents of East Donegal township, is Clayton R. Farmer, a tobacco raiser and agriculturist, who also owns and operates a lime kiln. He was born July 2, 1863, in West Hempfield township, a son of Samuel and Mary (Rinehart) Farmer, the former of whom died in East Hempfield township in Sept., 1863, at the age of forty-seven, the latter surviving until June, 1893, both of them now resting in the cemetery at Marietta. The children of these most worthy people were: Rebecca, who married John Kaine and died in 1878; John, of East Donegal township; George, of Martic township; Emma, who married John Christie, of Columbia, Pa.; Clementine, who is the widow of John Kaine; Malinda, who died at the age of twenty-four; Warren, of West Hempfield; Mary, who mar-

ried George Strohm, of Marietta; Samuel, deceased; and Clayton R.

The paternal grandparents of Mr. Farmer, of this sketch, were John and Nancy (Hinkle) Farmer, the former of whom died in 1892, and the latter in 1837. To this union were born: Samuel, deceased; Eliza, the widow of J. P. Walter, of Marietta; Barbara, John, Kate, Anna, Margaret and Fanny, all deceased; and Mary A., deceased wife of Joseph Reim.

On July 25, 1885, Clayton R. Farmer was married to Soplua M. Stultz, and one son, Clayton S., has been born of this marriage. Mrs. Farmer was born in Marietta, Pa., March 24, 1863, a daughter of Christian and Lena Stultz, both of whom were natives of Germany, and died in Marietta, within a few weeks of each other, in September, 1870. They were worthy members of the Lutheran Reformed Church and had these children: Fred, deceased; John, deceased; Christian and William, who are in the meat business in Marietta; Sophia M.; Adam, of Jersey City; and Harry, of Jersey City, both of these being railroad men.

Clayton R. Farmer remained on the home place until 1892, engaged in farming for his mother, but since that time he has occupied his present fine farm which he conducts very profitably. Mr. Farmer is well known in that locality and the whole family is one that possesses the esteem of the community, and ranks among the representative citizens.

HENRY ROTÉ. Mr. Rote was born in Lancaster, March 15, 1859. He is of German lineage, his grandparents on both the paternal and maternal sides having emigrated from Germany in early life.

Henry and Elizabeth Rote, the father's parents, settled in Lancaster, and for several years conducted hotels at that place and in Columbia. The mother died in the latter place, her husband in Lancaster. They brought with them their son Daniel, Henry Rote's father, who was then a mere child. While yet a young man, Daniel entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, and at the outbreak of the Rebellion, he volunteered as a private in the Union army. He lost his life in battle, being then a young man of thirty-five years. He married Catherine Wagner, also a native of Germany, who was born in that country on Christmas Day, 1837. She is yet living in Lancaster. Both she and her husband were members of the German Lutheran Church. Her father died in the Fatherland, but her mother crossed the ocean and is spending her last years with her daughter.

Henry Rote was his parents' only child. After his father's death, however, his mother married Christ Born, by whom she became the mother of four children. The eldest, George, is in the employ of the railroad company and lives in Columbia. Charles, the second son, resides in Lancaster with his mother. The two younger children have both died.

At the age of sixteen, Henry Rote went to work in the bolt factory in his native town, Lancaster. On attaining his majority he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania road as a brakeman, four years later he was made a flagman, and three years after was given the post of conductor. He belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors, and is a member of the Reformed Church. His political creed is that of the Democratic party.

On Sept. 24, 1880, Mr. Rote married Miss Elizabeth Everhart, of Lancaster, who bore him one daughter and three sons. The two elder, Alice and Harry, live at home; the younger, Charles and Raymond, are deceased; Mrs. Rote was born in Safe Harbor, Pa., Feb. 18, 1864. Her parents, John and Mary Everhart, were both born in Germany, but are at present living in Lancaster, he being a retired mechanic. Both he and his wife were born in 1840, and both are members of the German Reformed Church. Mrs. Rote is the sixth of a family of eight children, the others being: Christina, who married Harry McGlouchlin, of Lancaster; Charles; Reuben; Fanny, wife of a Mr. Cleve, of Lancaster; Jacob, living in Ohio; Anna, married to Lewis Parker, of Lancaster; and Mary, who is married and lives in the same city.

OLON Z. LANDIS. Among the prominent, intelligent and substantial farmers of East Donegal township, who now reside in Maytown, since retirement from active duties, is Solon Z. Landis, who was born in Washington, Lancaster Co., Pa., Sept. 1, 1845, the only child of Michael B. and Barbara (Zeigler) Landis, of Landisville.

Michael B. Landis was a man of education, who successfully followed the profession of teaching in Iowa, Pennsylvania, Oregon, and Colorado, and for a number of years was a land agent in Iowa. Mr. Landis possessed many talents, and was also a merchant and a surveyor and for eight years was connected with the Pension department of the government, in Washington, D. C. Never robust in health, he lived, however, to be seventy-two years old, coming to Lancaster to pass his last days, where he died in 1892. His support was given the Republican party. The death of his wife had occurred in Manor township in 1880, at the age of sixty.

The Landis family in Lancaster county, is an old and prominent one, conspicuous in many of its commercial and financial affairs. The grandparents of Solon Z. Landis were John and Mary (Bachman) Landis, of Lancaster county. John Landis was a farmer, who in time became possessed of large means, and laid out the town of Landisville, giving it his name. During life he was instrumental in organizing the Lancaster County Bank, of which he was president, and the heaviest stockholder. His years extended until he had almost reached eighty, his death occurring in 1860, when he was buried in the beautiful cemetery in the town which he had founded.

The maternal grandparents of Solon Z. Landis, were Jacob and Barbara (Lindemuth) Zeigler, the former of whom was a prosperous farmer and was a director and heavy stockholder in the Lancaster County National Bank. These families through intermarriages have become connected with many of the oldest and best families in the State.

Solon Z. Landis was reared in his native town and received his primary education in the common schools, supplementing this with some time spent at Duff's Mercantile College in Pittsburg, thus preparing himself for four years as assistant bookkeeper in the office of the *Patriot*, of Harrisburg. After retiring from this position, Mr. Landis began tobacco farming, on a tract of ninety acres, and for several years was engaged in Maytown, in the tobacco packing business. His present possessions include a farm in East Donegal township.

Mr. Landis was married March 17, 1878, in Maytown, to Miss Amanda Rombauch, and to this union one daughter was born, Anna Pearl, a young lady who has displayed musical gifts of a high order. Her parents have given her every advantage, and she attended for five years the Broad street Conservatory of Music, in Philadelphia, from which she graduated. Mrs. Landis was born in Maytown in May, 1840, a daughter of John and Mary Rombauch.

Mr. Landis as a prominent Republican, has held many of the local offices, and is a valued member of the Masonic order, being a Knight Templar, of Columbia Lodge.

AMOS B. MILLER, M. D. As a specialist in diseases of the skin and blood, Dr. Amos B. Miller has a deservedly large following in Lancaster, and it is doubtful if any in the town have given to these special human ailments more profound and exhaustive research. A native son of Pennsylvania, Dr. Miller was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Sept. 24, 1844, a son of Dr. John L. and Barbara (Baer) Miller, also natives of Lancaster county.

Dr. John L. Miller was a practicing physician for twenty years, and was also a farmer. During 1856-57 he conducted a mercantile business in Rohrerstown, Pa., and then returned to the seclusion of his well-tilled acres. In 1867 he went into a general merchandise business with Jacob Harnish, in Lancaster, and at the end of eight years dissolved partnership, and started another business of the same kind with John L. Baer as partner. At the end of three years John P. Swarr was admitted as a partner and Mr. Miller eventually stepped out of the business, and became manager of the Lancaster Mutual Fire Insurance Company until his death, in March, 1899, at an advanced age. He was buried in Millersville Mennonite cemetery; he was the originator of the church of that denomination in Lancaster. His widow, who lives at No. 147 West King street, is the mother of four children, of whom Amos B. is the oldest; Lizzie married Benjamin Snively,

a bookkeeper in Lancaster; Fannie is unmarried and living at home; and Anna is the widow of Joseph Dikler, of Lancaster.

Until twenty-three years old Dr. Amos B. Miller lived on the paternal farm, and in 1867 began reading medicine with his father. When the elder Miller retired from practice his son assumed charge of the same, and in 1870 located in Lancaster, where he has specialized, as before stated. He has never attended a medical college, but has followed along the lines laid down by his sire, who also experienced success in the treatment of cancers, tumors, scrofula, and kindred blood disorders. Amos B. Miller was licensed to practice Nov. 25, 1881. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married in 1857, Fannie Baer, born in East Hempfield township in 1847, a daughter of Jacob B. and Fannie (Bardell) Baer, of Lancaster county. Mr. Baer was a farmer and distiller of some prominence, and died in 1882, at the age of seventy-four. Dr. Miller is popular and enterprising, and has more than a local reputation as a skilled specialist.

JACOB KEPLINGER MANN, with the Freihofer Vienna Baking Company, 24th and Master streets, Philadelphia, belongs to one of the oldest families in Lancaster county, people who have been prominent in Manor township for generations. His grandfather was a farmer in Manor township, and in later years a hotel keeper, making the name of John Mann universally respected by his honest and upright life on the Marietta turnpike.

Jacob S. Mann, the father of Jacob K., was a farmer in the same township, but purchased property in Manheim township thirty years ago, and is living there at the present time. He married Margaret Keplinger, daughter of a farmer at Chestnut Hill, and to them were born six children, four of whom are living: Jacob K., and Henry, both of Lancaster; David and Elizabeth, at home.

Jacob Keplinger Mann was educated in the public school near Petersburg, which he left when he was seventeen years old. Coming to Lancaster to make his way in the world, he found employment in the grocery store of D. S. Bursk, a position which he held for six years. His next move was to Philadelphia, where he became advertising inspector for the Sunlight Soap Company, discharging the duties of that responsible position until Christmas, 1899, when he returned to Lancaster. After being with the firm of Reese and Poutz, Leacock, Pa., for a short time, Mr. Mann was connected with the establishment of W. D. Sprecher, Son & Company, and while there became agent for the celebrated Freihofer bread and cakes. This business grew rapidly, keeping a delivery wagon constantly busy in supplying the patrons, and its quick development induced Mr. Mann to give up his position and go into business for himself. The Freihofer goods for which he has been sole agent since Aug. 1, 1900, had grown to be a

wonderful success in Lancaster and Mr. Mann received on an average of 1,000 loaves a day. Business was built up so swiftly that he was given a position by the company that took him from one city to another. At York City, Pa., his success was equal to that at Lancaster, and at Philadelphia the demand for the goods became so great that at last all outside business was cut off. Mr. Mann is now city solicitor and general all-around man for what he considers one of the finest firms in America.

When Mr. Mann returned to Lancaster, after entering the employ of the Freihofer Vienna Baking Company, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Reese, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eber O. Reese, the former one of Strasburg's most respected and prominent farmers.

Mr. Mann is not yet thirty years old, having been born July 2, 1873, but young as he is, he has shown an enterprise and pluck, combined with good judgment, that make the promise of the future bright.

PETER WEHNER. The great railroad system of Pennsylvania requires brain and brawn, skill and reliability in every department, to ensure the safety of life and property and the efficiency of the service. A very responsible class are the conductors, and Columbia is the home of many who have won their way to promotion through faithful work, and one of these is Peter Wehner.

Conductor Peter Wehner is a native of Columbia, where he was born Feb. 25, 1857, a son of Adam Wehner, a native of Germany. Adam Wehner came to America in 1830 and first settled in Baltimore, Md., where he was engaged in work for a long time on the canal between Baltimore and Pittsburg, and during this time he made three trips over the Alleghany mountains. Wages were small at that time, and during the money panic he worked for twenty-five cents a day. In 1853 he came to Columbia, having been in Cincinnati for six months, and soon after locating in the former city, he found employment with J. G. Hess and remained with him in his coal business, for many years, the latter part of the time being foreman. He died in 1872, at the age of sixty. Socially he was connected with the Knights of Pythias. The death of his widow occurred in 1882 at the age of sixty-four; both had been members of the Catholic Church.

The children of Adam Wehner were: Henry, an employe in the Lancaster rolling mill; John, a brakeman on the Pennsylvania lines; Christiann, who married John Wonder, a shoe manufacturer, of Columbia; Peter; Mary, who is the widow of Frederick Wendler, of Columbia; and Rose, deceased. Adam Wehner was a devout member of his church and was one of the chief movers in the establishment of the Catholic Church in Columbia, and his services for the church are remembered by a beautiful memorial window.

The educational advantages of Mr. Wehner were limited as he was obliged to go to work at the age

of fourteen. He earned his first wages in setting up the pins in a bowling alley, where he remained six months; he finished out the year in the Susquehanna Iron Works, later finding better paying work in Bonner's coal yard, where he remained for seven years. An opportunity presenting itself, he entered into the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad as brakeman, pursuing the difficult duties of this position for five years and then was promoted to be flagman, and in 1890 was made a conductor. So many years of continuous service have made him very valuable and he enjoys the confidence and esteem of his superior officers.

Mr. Wehner was married Jan. 3, 1886, in Philadelphia, to Miss Elizabeth M. Glosser, who was born in Columbia, a daughter of Andrew Glosser.

In his political sympathies, Mr. Wehner is a Democrat and is fraternally connected with the O. of R. C., and the B. of R. T., in both of which organizations he is well known and much esteemed. As a citizen, he is respected and is known for his charities, his generous impulses leading him into much benevolence.

DAVID B. LANDIS, the lamented father of Clayton G., who is at the head of the real estate business at No. 32 East Orange street, Lancaster, and who is well and popularly known in the business, political and social circles of that city, was a son of Benjamin Landis, who was born in East Lampeter township, this county, engaged in farming, and became quite-well-to-do, owning five farms which he operated until he retired from the active cares of life. He died about 1873, aged seventy-one years. He was active in the public life of the community, serving as school director and township supervisor, and was a leading Republican of his district. Mr. Landis married Miss Mary, daughter of David Buckwalter, of East Lampeter township, and they had seven children. Mrs. Landis's father was born in the same township, and was of German descent. He was a Mennonite, and one of his sons was a minister of that denomination. Mr. Buckwalter was a prosperous farmer, and owned a large estate. His wife died in 1886, and he died at the age of eighty-eight years.

David B. Landis was born Jan. 13, 1830, in Upper Leacock township, this county, and lived on his father's farm until, when he was twenty-seven years of age, the property, comprising 117 acres, came into his possession, and from 1857 to 1867 he operated it. In 1867 he bought a mill on Mill creek, three miles from Lancaster, which had a capacity of fifty barrels of flour per day, and which he ran for six years. He then sold out and engaged in the brewing business at Lititz, for the next twelve years. His home, during this period was near Lancaster, where he owned a farm of twenty-four acres. About this time he bought the old Landis Mill, on Mill creek, and also another mill property, still further up the river, running both mills for three years, at

the end of which time he sold the upper one. In 1878 he purchased a warehouse on Lemon and Water streets, Lancaster, and embarked in the grain business. In 1889 Mr. Landis assisted in organizing the Conestoga National Bank, was elected president at the start, and continued to the day of his tragic death. This institution was incorporated with a capital of \$125,000 and in July, 1891, the stock was increased to \$200,000. At that time the bank was removed to the present building, at the corner of King and Queen streets. Mr. Landis was also for eight years a director in the Farmers' Bank.

In 1857 David B. Landis married Miss Martha Groff, who was born in the same township as himself, daughter of Daniel Groff, an old settler and miller of the locality. Mr. and Mrs. Landis had only one child, Clayton G., who was in partnership with his father in the grain business for many years. David B. Landis was a loyal Republican. He served as school director of East Lampeter township for three years, was twice elected director of the poor, and was president of the board for one term. He was for ten years a director of the Inquirer Publishing Company, now known as the Wickersham Publishing Company. He was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and was one of the trustees, being chairman of the board and on the building committee.

No tragedy in a century has so moved the people of Lancaster as the murder of David B. Landis by Ralph Wireback; the deed was committed at high noon, April 7, 1898, when Mr. Landis was trying to do his slayer a friendly act; and although the criminal was ably defended he suffered the death penalty, this having been the first and only execution in Lancaster for half a century. Mrs. Landis survived her husband but a few years, and died Jan. 17, 1902.

CLAYTON G. LANDIS, the only son of David B. and his wife, was born April 24, 1862, and received his education in the public schools. At the age of twenty years he became associated in business with his father, and so continued until the latter's death, when he gave up the grain business, and entered the real estate and insurance world, meeting with unqualified success. He is a member of the Lancaster Board of Trade. In September, 1892, was organized the Lancaster Real Estate Company, of which Mr. Landis is president. He is regarded as an excellent judge of real estate values. With all his other interests Mr. Landis is a lover of good horseflesh, dealing extensively in thoroughbreds. Besides his fine stable at home, he has one in New York city at No. 112 West 54th street, under the name of the Union Coach Horse Co., where he handles only strictly high class horses.

On Dec. 30, 1896, Clayton G. Landis was united in marriage with Mary E. Doerr, and they have two children, David B. and John B. Politically Mr.

Landis is a Republican, and belongs to the Republican clubs, and fraternally he belongs to the Masons and the Elks.

ANDREW H. GOCHNAUER owns and conducts one of the finest farms in Warwick township, located near Lititz, and he is looked upon as one of the most progressive and industrious residents of that region. Mr. Gochnauer's ancestors have been engaged in farming in Lancaster county for several generations. His grandfather, John Gochnauer, was born near Landisville, where he lived and died. He was a farmer and distiller, and followed those occupations all his life. He married Miss Miller, and they were the parents of two children: Henry, the father of our subject; and John, a retired farmer of Landisville.

Henry Gochnauer was born in East Hempfield township in 1832, and lived at home until he was twenty-seven years of age. For the next four years he carried on a hotel in Manheim, and then began farming in East Hempfield, which he continued until his death on Jan. 2, 1894. He married Miss Annie Kauffman, and to their union were born nine children, one of whom died in infancy; John and Henry are engaged in farming on the home place; Fannie and Mary are also at home; Andrew H. is our subject; Emanuel is at home; David is at home; and Amos lives with our subject.

Andrew H. Gochnauer was born in East Hempfield township, Feb. 7, 1866, and received a good common-school education. He lived at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he began life for himself, farming, on the farm where he now resides.

Mr. Gochnauer married Miss Esther Herr, daughter of John and Elvina Herr, of Millersville, and to this union has come one child, Annie, born April 15, 1898. In politics our subject is a stanch Republican, and a very ardent worker for the success of his party.

JAMES B. HENDERSON, one of the most substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Maytown, Pa., who for many years was prominently identified with the Internal Revenue service, lives a somewhat retired life, after much activity in former years.

James B. Henderson was born in Maytown, Dec. 20, 1841, and comes of old Lancaster county stock, being the son of David and Anna (Shaffer) Henderson, who had long been residents of the county, through which Mr. Henderson was known as a successful farmer and distiller. David Henderson was born in 1794 and died in 1859, the mother surviving until 1861, both of them now resting in the old Reformed Church cemetery, in which Church they were known as good and most estimable people. Their children were: George, deceased; David S., a retired farmer of Alexandria, Pa.; Anna, who

died young; John, deceased; Jacob, a bricklayer of Maytown; Caroline, who died young; James B.; and Benjamin, a contractor and builder in Harrisburg.

Very early in life James B. Henderson began his business career. His tastes did not incline him toward farm life, and after leaving school, as early as thirteen years he began to learn the carpenter trade. Four years later he entered the employ of a large lumber firm in Marietta as shipping clerk, continuing there for nine months, when he became a fireman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, working so faithfully and well, that in 1862, he was promoted to the position of engineer. His career in this direction was cut off, in a few months, as he was drafted into the army for service in the Civil war, and he remained in the ranks until the close of the struggle.

Recognizing the ability of Mr. Henderson, the government soon after the war, made him Revenue Inspector of the Ninth and Fourteenth Districts, and he efficiently performed the onerous duties of this position for the succeeding four years, at the close of which period he was made special agent of the Internal Revenue service, his official duties continuing for nine years and only ending with the abolition of the office. From 1881 to 1885 he was associated with his son, in the tobacco packing business.

In January, 1857, James B. Henderson was married, in Elizabethtown, to Miss Rebecca Zearing, and to this union were born: John D., a manufacturer of cigars and a tobacco packer, of Maytown, who married Miss Sarah Honseal; and James A., a trained nurse and a druggist, now connected with the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, in Philadelphia. Mrs. Henderson was born in Cumberland county, and died Aug. 8, 1899, a daughter of John H. and Sarah (Croll) Zearing, the family having come to Maytown in 1850 and some years later moved to Middletown, where Mr. Zearing engaged in a mercantile business. In politics, Mr. Henderson has always been an ardent and active Republican, and has been of much service to the party. His position before his fellow-citizens is a representative one, and no one more entirely possesses their respect and esteem.

JAMES SCOTT DICKEY, whose leaf tobacco warehouse and fertilizer manufactory is at Nos. 630 and 632 North Prince street, and whose residence is at No. 125 North Pine street, Lancaster, is descended from a Scotch-Irish ancestry, whose history in Pennsylvania dates back to 1710.

Hon. Jesse C. Dickey, his grandfather, was a member of the State Legislature, and a member of Congress from Chester and Delaware counties. He was the first man to make a speech in Congress for the admission of California to the Union, and was the first man to make a speech in the halls of legislation for the abolition of slavery. At one time he was a paymaster in the United States Army.

David Dickey, father of James Scott Dickey, who

is engaged in the paint business in Philadelphia, was married to Miss Scott, the daughter of James Scott, at that time the leading cattle dealer of Chester county. From this union were born five children, two of whom died in infancy. The others are: Elizabeth W., wife of Walter T. Lees, commission merchant of Philadelphia; Margaret, wife of Judson L. Snodgrass, a prominent undertaker of Philadelphia; and James Scott, of Lancaster.

James Scott Dickey, the Lancaster leaf tobacco dealer and fertilizer manufacturer, was born at Lewisville, Chester county, July 16, 1864, and was educated in the Westchester State Normal School, leaving that institution to read medicine, pursuing his medical studies for two years in Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, finishing at the Cincinnati Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1883. After practicing his profession for a year and a half in Philadelphia, he gave it up, on account of a growing dislike for it, turning his attention to business, and becoming connected with the S. E. M. Rice Varnish Company, of Newark, N. J., traveling over the greater part of the United States in their interest. At the death of S. E. M. Rice, Mr. Dickey became the junior partner of the concern, and continued with it for eleven years. At the end of this time he came to Lancaster and engaged in the leaf tobacco business. In November, 1900, Mr. Dickey established a plant for the manufacture of a fertilizer from the stems of the tobacco, contracting for all the stems which the dealers in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Philadelphia and New York can furnish him for a term of years. By the aid of powerful machinery, and proper treatment, he produces from the waste of tobacco houses a fertilizer, shown to contain from three to five per cent. of ammonia, from eight to eleven per cent. of potash, and an appreciable amount of phosphoric acid. It bids fair to revolutionize the business of insecticides and phosphates; and from the fact that a leading phosphate company had ordered one hundred tons of it, it is evident Mr. Dickey knew what he was about when he launched this enterprise.

Mr. Dickey was married to Miss Martha A. Overly, a daughter of the late William Overly, of Lancaster.

JOSEPH K. HEISEY (deceased) was born near the Graybill Mill in East Donegal township, August 22, 1822, and died in the present home of the family, July 16, 1891. His remains were interred in the cemetery connected with Reich's Meeting House in East Donegal. Joseph and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Heisey, his parents, were farming people in Lancaster county, and were members of the River Brethren Church. They had the following children: Elizabeth; Christian; Catherine, wife of John Risser; Martha, the wife of Frederick Peck; Anna; Joseph K. and Mary. All the members of this family are now deceased. The paternal grandparents of J. K. Heisey were Daniel and Elizabeth

Heisey. Daniel Heisey died in 1822, at the age of seventy-five years, and his wife March 8, 1815, at the age of sixty-four years. They were buried on Clement Brubaker's farm in East Donegal township, Lancaster county.

Joseph K. Heisey and Susanna K. Wissler were married in York county, Pa., Sept. 11, 1856. The only child born to this union was JOHN W. Susanna (Wissler) Heisey, who was born in Manor township, died Dec. 4, 1865, aged thirty-five years, and was buried in Reich's cemetery in East Donegal township. Jacob and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Wissler, her parents, were natives of Lancaster county, and both died on the old homestead in Manor township. They had the following children: Susanna; Martha, who married O. Strickler, of Manor township; Barbara, married to Reuben Strickler, of Manor township; Elizabeth, who died unmarried at the age of forty-five years; and Martin, who died in the West at the age of eighteen years.

Joseph K. Heisey and Sarah S. Heisey were married Dec. 4, 1867. Mrs. Sarah S. Heisey was born in Mt. Joy township, the daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Seifert) Heisey, of Mt. Joy township and Middletown, respectively. Her father died in 1879, at the age of seventy-three, and her mother in 1880, at the age of seventy-one. Born to this union: Fanny, who died at the age of twenty-one; Henry, a farmer in Cumberland county; Christ, a retired farmer in Florin; Daniel, a farmer in East Donegal township; Sarah S.; Mary, of Mt. Joy; Levi, a farmer and carpenter in Cumberland county; Lydia, unmarried in Harrisburg; Christiana, who died young; and Abraham and Joseph, both deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Heisey were Daniel and Susie (Barrick) Heisey, of Lancaster county.

Joseph K. Heisey was a farmer until 1875, when he came to Florin, and from that time until his death he lived a retired life in that pleasant little borough. Both his wife and himself were members of the River Brethren Church, and were counted among the best people of the city.

BENJAMIN S. RUPP. Among the well-known farmers of West Earl township no one possesses the esteem of the community in a higher degree than Benjamin S. Rupp, who owns and operates a farm located about one mile south of Talmage. Benjamin Rupp was born Aug. 13, 1864, a son of John and Harriet (Sheaffer) Rupp, of West Earl township, who were of German ancestry.

The family of Rupp has been established in Lancaster county for many years. Grandfather Abraham Rupp was born here and reared a family of six children: Abraham; Martin; Lemon; John; Lizzie, who married John Wolf; and Annie, who married one of the Royers.

John Rupp, the father of Benjamin S., married Harriet Sheaffer, in 1863, and these children were born of this union: Benjamin S.; Clayton, born in

1865, married Emma Burkholder, and resides on a farm in West Earl township; and Isaac, born in 1867, married Ada Kline, and resides in East Calico township. The death of the father of these children was at the early age of twenty-five, in 1868, and in 1883, his widow married Joseph Rupp.

Reared on a farm, Mr. Rupp has continued to follow an agricultural life and has met with great success. His education was acquired in the public schools of West Earl, and ever since entering into business for himself, he has been one of the industrious and self-respecting farmers of this locality, always interested in anything which has promised to be of benefit to him, in the management of his land, or to the community in which he lives. His well-cultivated and improved farm of forty-seven acres testifies to his success as a farmer, and the confidence of his neighbors in his ability and uprightness has been shown by his election to the office of assessor for several consecutive terms.

On Feb. 25, 1885, Mr. Rupp was married to Miss Ella Fink, who was born Oct. 8, 1866, a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Carpenter) Fink, of Upper Leacock township, and to this union have been born: Russell, born Aug. 10, 1886, died Sept. 6, 1886; Roscoe H., born May 22, 1888; Winnie born June 7, 1890, died Aug. 24, 1890; Jessie, born Oct. 30, 1891, died Feb. 27, 1893; Gertrude, born June 4, 1894; Ruth, born April 7, 1896; Lemon, born May 31, 1897; Sidney, born April 9, 1899, died May 20, 1899; Marion Hazel, born May 18, 1900.

Benjamin S. Rupp is highly regarded through the township and well represents its best element. His political sympathies are with the Republican party, and, although he has never formally connected himself with any religious denomination, his life is a moral one, and he is known as a kind husband and father, and as a charitable and generous member of the community.

CHARLES F. NEWELL, paper hanger and decorator, whose place of business is at No. 22 East Orange street, has been in that location about four years, where he has established a large and lucrative trade. Mr. Newell was born Aug. 18, 1856, in West Philadelphia, his father and grandfather both being natives of the same place.

Samuel Newell, the father of Charles F., was an auger manufacturer, and was the proprietor of an extensive shop which he managed for forty-five years. He married Mary Jenkins, who belonged to an old Philadelphia family, of Scotch and Irish descent, and became the mother of six children, four of whom are living. James Newell, a brother of Charles Fremont, was a veteran of the Civil war, and died while a member of the Pennsylvania Legislature in 1878, (having been a member of that body for ten years) at the age of forty-four years.

Charles F. Newell was educated in the public schools of West Philadelphia, and at the age of seventeen years he became an apprentice at paper

hanging and decorating, serving four years at the trade. For several years he was on the road, working at his trade in various points in Ohio and Pennsylvania, and in 1883 arrived at Lancaster. For four years he was in the employ of a prominent house in this city, and then began in business on his own account, securing contracts for some of the finest buildings in Lancaster. His decorations are exquisite and he enjoys the reputation of originality in his designs and artistic excellence in his execution. For some time past Mr. Newell has been associated with Mr. Shelito in the carpet cleaning business, the firm being Shelito & Newell. They have a new process for cleaning carpets, and the business has so greatly increased on their hands that they have been compelled to secure more commodious quarters. In the paper hanging and decorating, however, Mr. Newell is alone, and the demands of that line keep him busy the year through, so that Mr. Shelito is the active man in the carpet cleaning trade.

Mr. Newell was married at Philadelphia, in 1880, to Miss Mary, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Jackson. They spend their summers in a cottage on the Pequea, where they entertain friends from Philadelphia and elsewhere. Mr. Newell is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Order of Elks. Personally popular and always attentive to his patrons, Mr. Newell has fairly won a place among the business men of Lancaster.

ISAAC N. FORREY. Prominent among the number of large and substantial agriculturists of the flourishing township of East Donegal, is Isaac N. Forrey, the owner and operator of a well cultivated and valuable estate, consisting of 126 acres, located in a very desirable part of the county.

Isaac N. Forrey was born in Rapho township, March 26, 1871, a son of John K. and Mary (Newcomer) Forrey, of Manor and Rapho townships, respectively. John K. Forrey, since 1892 has been a retired farmer of Rapho, having been prominently identified with many of the financial institutions of the county, for many years being a director of the First National Bank of Columbia. His birth was in 1817, and that of his estimable wife in 1824, both of them being consistent members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to John K. Forrey and wife were: Christ N., who is now supervisor of East Donegal township and a prosperous farmer; Daniel N., a farmer of Rapho township; Catherine, who married Ezra Hostetter, a farmer of West Hempfield; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Snyder, a farmer of East Donegal; Amos, the farmer on the old homestead; Mary, married to Eli Garber, who conducts a creamery business at Lititz; Emma, married John Minnich, a farmer of West Hempfield; Isaac N.; Henry, in the creamery business in York, Pa.; and Anna, who married Henry Buckwalder, of Lititz.

Mr. Forrey, the subject of this biography, was

reared on the farm in Rapho township and received his education in the common schools of his district, choosing an agricultural life. When he had reached man's estate, he located upon his present farm and has continued to reside here since, becoming one of the most progressive young farmers of the locality, his fine surroundings and well cultivated lands testifying to his ability.

On Oct. 16, 1884, Isaac N. Forrey was married to Miss Martha Engle and to this union have been born three interesting children: Elva E., Engle E. and Earl E. Mrs. Forrey was born in Conoy township, Feb. 14, 1869, a daughter of Cyrus and Susan (Hoffman) Engle, and granddaughter of John and Martha (Lindenuth) Engle, of Conoy township, and of Michael and Anna (Hershey) Hoffman, of Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Engle are residents of Lobata, Conoy township, the father having been born in 1835, and the mother, in 1840, and both are members of the religious denomination of River Brethren. Their children were: Elmer, a farmer of East Donegal; Martha, who is Mrs. Forrey; Ezra, a farmer of Conoy township; Anna, married to John Baker, a teacher of Dauphin county; Elizabeth, married to Christ Foltz, a merchant of Dauphin county; Cuba; and Susan.

Isaac N. Forrey, like his father, is an ardent Republican, and he takes a great interest in the public affairs of the country. His standing in the community is of the highest, and he is justly regarded as one of the representative citizens of East Donegal township.

CYRUS OLDWEILER, a general farmer and carpenter of Conoy township, where his industrious life and unswerving integrity have made a deep impression on the community, was born in West Donegal township Aug. 27, 1840, a son of Philip and Susan (Barnhard) Oldweiler, both born in Lancaster county, where they lived and died. Philip Oldweiler, who was a farmer until the last fifteen years of his life, died at the age of sixty-nine years, his widow surviving until March 1, 1887, reaching the age of seventy years. They were buried at Good's Cemetery in West Donegal, and at Mt. Tunnel Cemetery, in Elizabethtown, respectively. To them were born the following children: Cyrus; Jacob, a retired farmer in West Donegal township; Fred, who died at the age of sixty years; and Kate, widow of Joseph Kener. After the death of Mr. Oldweiler, his widow became the wife of Daniel Ebersole, to whom she bore the following children: Anna, the wife of Ben Capp, of West Donegal township; Fanny, deceased wife of John Schrader; and Kate, wife of David Hawk, of West Donegal township.

On Aug. 27, 1867, in Elizabethtown, Cyrus Oldweiler was married to Mary Ebersole, and to their union were born the following children: Amanda, who is now the wife of Isaac Engle; Isaiah, who married Fanny Landis, and is a farmer in Conoy township; Oliver, who died at the age of twenty-

three; and Albert, Clayton, William and Harry, all unmarried and at home.

Mrs. Mary (Ebersole) Oldweiler was born in Conoy township, in February, 1846, and died March 10, 1901, her remains being interred in the cemetery connected with the Good's Meeting House in West Donegal township. She was a daughter of Peter R. and Susan (Kindig) Ebersole, both natives of Lancaster and her womanly nature, kind heart and generous disposition, together with her unwearied devotion to her husband and children, can never be forgotten. Peter R. Ebersole died Jan. 23, 1899, at the age of seventy-seven years and his wife in June, 1900, at the age of seventy-three. They were both members of the Mennonite Church, in which her father had been a preacher for the thirty-five years preceding his death. They had the following children: Mary, who became Mrs. Oldweiler; Fanny, who died young; Martin, deceased; Miss Sue, who lives in Elizabethtown; Peter, a farmer in Conoy township; Ann, wife of Jesse Asper, now tax collector in Elizabethtown; John, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Lizzie, deceased wife of Christ Oberholtzer; and Amanda, who married Frank Landis, a farmer in West Donegal township. Mrs. Oldweiler's paternal grandfather was Peter Ebersole, a clergyman and a bishop in the Mennonite Church, and a life-long resident of Lancaster county.

Cyrus Oldweiler remained with his mother until 1861, when he started west to make a home in the famous Wabash valley in Indiana, and reached Covington, that State, where he enlisted Aug. 11, 1862, in Co. H, 63d Ind V. I., and served until the close of the war, receiving his discharge July 3, 1865, at Indianapolis. Mr. Oldweiler was a brave and faithful soldier, and participated in many battles, among them being the bloody struggles at Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Franklin and at Nashville, and he escaped without a wound.

Mr. Oldweiler spent some months after his discharge at Covington, Ind., and then returned to Lancaster to take up the carpenter trade. He continued to work at his trade in connection with farming until 1884, when he came to his present farm. Previous to that year his home had been in West Donegal township. Mr. Oldweiler is a Democrat, and belongs to the Mennonite Church. An industrious and upright man, he commands the confidence of the community, and is highly esteemed not only for his many good qualities and his habits of thrift and industry, but for his general knowledge and wide range of information.

SAMUEL E. EBERSOLE, a general farmer in Conoy township, was born in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, near the village of that name, Jan. 12, 1847, a son of Rev. Daniel and Elizabeth (Ebersole) Ebersole, natives of Conoy and West Donegal townships, respectively.

Rev. Daniel Ebersole, who died in Conoy township, in May, 1871, at the age of fifty-three years,

was buried in a private burying ground on the family homestead. He was a Mennonite preacher, and exercised a great influence for good in the community. In his farming operations he was quite successful, and at different times in his life owned several farms. His widow, Elizabeth Ebersole, was born in 1827, and now has her home in South Annville, Lebanon county. Their children were as follows: Anna died young; Samuel E.; Amos, who died at the age of twenty-four, married Eliza Risser; Barbara, Fanny, Daniel and Benjamin all died young; Abraham, of Lebanon county, with whom his mother now has her home, has been twice married, first to Anna M. Gish, and then to Sarah Westenger; and Jacob, a farmer in Lebanon county, married Catherine Gingerick.

Samuel E. Ebersole is in the sixth generation from John Jacob Ebersole, who came to Lancaster county from Switzerland, 1753, crossing the ocean with the progenitor of the Engle family, of Lancaster county.

Jacob Ebersole and his wife, the paternal grandparents of Samuel E., spent their lives in Conoy township, and were buried on their old farm which is now the property of Mrs. Collins, of Marietta. Samuel and Sarah (Shank) Ebersole, the maternal grandparents of Samuel E., were born in Conoy township, where they spent their lives on a farm now belonging to our subject, and where their remains were interred in a private burying ground long used by the family.

In October, 1873, in Elizabethtown, Samuel E. Ebersole married Mary Sandoe, and to their union were born: Ida S., deceased; Albert, a school teacher; Alice, twin to Albert, now the wife of Simon Landis, a teacher of West Donegal township; Raymond S., a teacher at home, and a chicken fancier, being engaged extensively in the incubation of chickens for the market; and Grace S., at home.

Mrs. Mary (Sandoe) Ebersole was born in East Donegal township, Oct. 23, 1849, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Stibgeon) Sandoe, natives of Marietta and West Hempfield township, respectively. Henry Sandoe died in East Donegal township, in 1867, at the age of fifty years. He was a machinist and a manufacturer of implements for many years, but in his later years he retired from the factory, and bought a farm, on which, as his health was poor, the most of the work was done by hired help. Mrs. Elizabeth S. Sandoe died in Elizabethtown in 1890, at the age of seventy years, and was buried in the Reich's Church burying ground. She was a member of Zion's Children Church. Mr. and Mrs. Sandoe were the parents of the following children: Sarah S., wife of Joseph Heisey, a retired farmer in Elizabethtown; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Adam Longenecker; Anna S., deceased, who married Daniel Fishburn; Mary; Fanny, who married Albert Leicht, a coach maker of Elizabethtown; and Abraham S., twin to Fanny, and now deceased.

The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Ebersole was

Abraham Sandoe and her maternal grandparents were Abraham and Fanny Stibgeon, all natives of Lancaster county.

Samuel E. Ebersole remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-seven years, when he married and came to his present place. It is a choice farm consisting of ninety-one acres, now in a high state of cultivation under his close and industrious care. Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole are members of the Mennonite and Zion's Children Churches, respectively, and are people of the highest standing in the community.

Mr. Ebersole is a Republican, and for fifteen consecutive years has filled the position of school director. He is a clever and kindly-hearted man, genial and honest, and well deserves the very substantial measure of success he has achieved.

OSCAR HOHEIN. The greensward of Greenwood cemetery covers all that is mortal of Oscar Hohein, a gentleman who for many years was one of the leading citizens of Lancaster, and whose death on March 13, 1901, was regarded as a distinct public calamity. He had been connected with the business interests of the city for five decades, and his name during that period in business circles was synonymous with integrity and fair dealing. His merchant tailoring establishment was conducted on a high plane, a reputation fully sustained by his son since the father's retirement from active business.

Oscar Hohein was a native of the Fatherland, where he was born in 1829, son of Frederick Hohein, a manufacturer and dealer in pottery. Other members of the family were Clark, now a carriage manufacturer of Mendota, Ill.; and Mena, who married a Mr. Beerwad and died in America. Oscar Hohein was reared in Germany, where he was given the advantages of middle-class Old Country life, his education having been along practical lines. He was apprenticed to the tailor's trade, it being the custom for young German youths to become acquainted with one of the trades, whether they followed it or not. At twenty years of age he resolved to try his fortune in the new world and on July 4, 1849, he landed in New York. From thence he traveled to Philadelphia, and after a short sojourn in that city, came to Lancaster. During his residence in the Quaker City Mr. Hohein had met and become enamoured of the lady who now survives him, Miss Elizabeth Louser, the marriage occurring in December, 1851. To this marriage were born: Louis, now an invalid, at home; Frederick, a tailor at Lancaster; Benjamin, who died in the West; Mary, deceased; Emanuel, deceased; Frank, of Norfolk, Va.; George, of Norfolk, Va.; and Hiram, of Lancaster. The mother of this family was born at Jonestown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Feb. 5, 1833, daughter of John and Katherine Louser. Their family consisted of Elizabeth; Andrew, deceased; Solomon, deceased; John, deceased; George,

of Fredericksburg, Pa., a retired tanner; Henry, deceased; Kate, of Lebanon, Pa., married Cyrus Carmany; Mary, deceased; Amanda, who is now the wife of John Feldy, of South Bend, Ind.; and Sarah, deceased.

After his marriage Oscar Hohein came to Lancaster, where he began a merchant tailoring business, first on a modest scale, and as good management and close attention to business prospered him, on an increasingly larger scale, until he was one of the leading tailors of the city. He was also successful in other business investments, so that when he died he was able to leave a competence to his family. For several years before his death he had retired from active labor, and ended his days in comparative luxury. Mr. Hohein was a gentleman of social temperament, and delighted in the enjoyment he found in the different lodge rooms, being a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity, in which he was a Knight Templar, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Maennerchor, and various other societies. Religiously he was a Lutheran. He was an independent thinker in politics preferring to cast his vote for the men and measures that more nearly met his approval.

JOHN P. MARTIN, proprietor of a large storage warehouse and interested in the transportation business of Lancaster, was born in this city, April 26, 1848, son of John G. and Lavina (Fitzgerald) Martin.

John G. Martin, the father, was a man of prominence in Lancaster county. His father was proprietor of the old "Relay House," located on the corner of Prince and Walnut streets, and John G. became its owner and conducted it as a hostelry for a period of twenty-five years. Prior to taking charge of it he was in official life, holding the office of sergeant of arms of the State Senate, from 1860 to 1866. For several years he was a deputy United States marshal in the Ninth district, under Collector Muhlenberg, and held many of the local offices with great efficiency. He died Sept. 16, 1882, at the age of sixty-four years. As a member of Encampment and subordinate lodges in the order of Odd Fellows, he took an active part in that organization for many years. Mrs. Lavina (Fitzgerald) Martin died in March, 1890, at the age of sixty-six years, and both parents were buried in the cemetery in Lancaster. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin were as follows: Henry, who died at the age of forty-five years, at which time he was a Government storekeeper and gauger; John P., of this sketch; Charles B., who is a tobacco packer in Lancaster; and Mary E., who died young and was probably the first victim of the dread disease of diphtheria, in Lancaster county. The paternal grandparents of Mr. Martin were John J. and Mary E. Martin, both of whom were natives of Germany, but who came to America in 1800, settling in the village of Pittsburg, Pa., in a log cabin, where they lived until about 1812, at

which time they moved to Lancaster where Mr. Martin purchased what is now known as the "Relay House," but at that time was called the "Bald Eagle Hotel." This historic old inn has remained in the family, the grandfather operating it until his death, which occurred in 1845, at the age of seventy-eight years. His widow assumed charge, and later rented the same until her son, the father of our subject, was old enough and prepared to take charge of it, which he did in 1866. Until 1882 John G. Martin was its host, and after his death, his son, our subject, took charge and conducted it until 1894, when he rented it to George M. Meyers, whose great-grandfather was probably its original owner sometime in the eighteenth century. Could the old walls talk, what tales would be revealed, for in those old days the inns were what might be termed the "nerve centers" of the life of the vicinity, the general gathering place of all political and extraordinary meetings of every kind. This was particularly so just prior to, and after, the Revolutionary war, when doubtless the "Bald Eagle Hotel" had many noted guests.

The children born to John J. and Mary E. Martin were two. John G.; and Mary, who died young. By a previous marriage with Philip Stoll, the mother had two sons, Philip (deceased), who was a master mechanic in the blacksmith department in the Philadelphia Navy Yard; and George, who died at the age of forty-five years, a trucker and drayer. The grandmother of our subject died at the age of eighty-four years. The maternal grandparents came from Ireland, Grandfather Edward Fitzgerald being a well-known contractor and builder in Lancaster.

John P. Martin remained at home with his parents as long as they lived and then took charge of the hotel as noted above, and operated it until 1894. Since that he has been actively engaged in the storage business.

In politics, Mr. Martin is a stanch Republican, and he is fraternally connected with the I. O. O. F., and the Uniform Rank, K. of P. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Martin is regarded as a fine business man, and is widely known and much respected.

JOSEPH RUPP. There was a time, in the history of Lancaster county, when its farming interests were far less important than at the present day, but now, to be the owner of some 215 acres of land in as prosperous a township as West Earl, is to belong to the most independent and substantial class of citizens to be found in the State. Such is the enviable situation of Joseph Rupp, one of the most highly esteemed agriculturists and stockraisers of this locality. The location of his valuable property is about one mile north of the town of Farmersville, thus making possible the enjoyment of both country and town advantages.

Joseph Rupp was born a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Wenger) Rupp, the former of whom was a son of Jacob Rupp, of German origin, a thrifty

farmer in his day, who reared five children. Samuel Rupp was born about 1790, became one of the most prosperous farmers of this section, married Elizabeth Wenger, in 1815, and died in 1870, the father of the following children: Levi, a wealthy farmer of West Earl, residing near Brownstown; Jacob and Abraham, deceased; Maria, who married Isaac Burkholder; and Joseph of this sketch.

Reared on the farm, Joseph Rupp early decided to make the cultivation of his lands and the raising of fine stock his business in life, and he has admirably succeeded, being now considered, most justly, one of the most substantial farmers of the township. For many years he has been engaged in the stock business, and has shipped much stock—horses and mules—to the East, buying advantageously in the West. His education was received in the common schools, and he is one of the best-informed and most intelligent citizens of this locality, much interested in public topics, and a stanch adherent of the Republican party. For more than ten years he has acceptably served his township as school director, and has always given his influence in the direction of the advancement of education.

In 1851, Joseph Rupp married Miss Eliza Buch, of West Earl township, a daughter of George and Elizabeth Buch, and the children of this marriage are: Samuel A., born in 1854, is a miller at what is known as the old Rupp mill near the old Rupp home place in West Earl; Maria, born in 1858, is the wife of Lemon Rupp, of West Earl township; David, born on Jan. 10, 1860, resides on the home place, a farmer and stock dealer; and John, born in 1865, married Eliza Burkholder and farms the old home place, and also raises tobacco and buys and sells it. Mr. Rupp is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of the township, has many public and private friends, and in the domestic circles is devoted to the interests of his children and grandchildren.

HENRY A. YOUNG, proprietor of the Keystone bakery, of Lancaster, and one of the leading business men of the city, was born in Lancaster, Aug. 5, 1857, son of David and Minnie (Reece) Young.

David Young, father of Henry A., was born in Hanover, Germany, and since emigrating to the United States and settling in Lancaster, he has carried on the shoe business. He was born in 1826, and his wife was born in 1834. Both of them are members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Dora, who married Jacob F. Keller, a cigar-maker of Lancaster; Henry A., of this sketch; and Fred. who died in January, 1898.

Henry A. Young grew up in Lancaster, and attended school and lived with his parents until he was nineteen years old. Then he learned the bakery trade with William Rapp, serving an apprenticeship of two years, and later working as a journeyman for him in this city, until 1883, when he opened up his present business. By his industry and energy

he has built himself a fine trade, his methods of dealing as well as his excellent products finding a liberal patronage which is increasing in a very satisfactory manner. Mr. Young is an expert mixer and baker and supplies this vicinity with 3,500 loaves of bread per week, and also manufactures all kinds of delicious cakes and pastries. He has a delivery wagon which is kept busy, and he employs four men to assist in the business.

In June, 1883, Mr. Young married Miss Mary Miller, born in Lancaster county, daughter of David and Caroline (Kautz) Miller, the former of whom is a retired cotton mill worker. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, Henry A.

In politics Mr. Young is a Republican and served for three years on the city council. He is a leading member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Young is a self-made man, having accumulated means and built up a business by his own endeavors. He is regarded with esteem in his community, and is justly considered one of the representative business men of the city of Lancaster.

MICHAEL REILLY. It is really only a comparatively short period of time since transportation from one section of our country to another was only accomplished on foot, or by the help of a trusty steed; when swiftly-flowing streams were scarcely passable, and mountain ranges served to effectually separate citizens of the same country. Now in contemplation of the rapidly moving train which so safely rushes across the country, rattles over the turbid waters of swollen streams and roars through the very heart of the mountains and even climbs the same with speed and security, an enthusiasm is aroused for those capable builders whose knowledge and skill have made these achievements possible. They truly hold the lives of the public in their keeping, for a weak span in the bridge, a spurious species of cement or gravel, faulty engineering or careless building and indifferent inspection, may imperil the lives of thousands.

Among those thoroughly reliable and careful builders and contractors who have made transportation through Lancaster county fraught with so few dangers is Michael Reilly, who, after a long, important and successful career, now resides in Lancaster, enjoying a life of well-earned ease, surrounded by a family whose welfare has been one of his first cares. Mr. Reilly was born in County Meath, Ireland, Jan. 30, 1833, son of John and Mary (Smith) Reilly, the former of whom lived out his life in his native country engaged in farming and merchandising. His children were: Patrick, who is a merchant in Ireland; Michael; and William, who died in Australia.

Michael Reilly was but ten years old when he found his way to America and found work on the railroads, in New York City, where he passed through all the grades, thoroughly learning the business, so that by the time he had reached his nine-

teenth year he was competent to begin contracting. Forming a partnership with John Keller, and later with others, Mr. Reilly engaged in railroad contracting and building for a period of over forty years, only retiring in 1892. He built the greater part of the old trolley lines in Lancaster, Pa., and has built many miles of railroad; built the road between Reading and Columbia; the East Pennsylvania road between Allentown and Reading, and very many others, besides tunnels, bridges and grading of all kinds. While in partnership with Mr. Keller Mr. Reilly built the Quarryville railroad, which was leased for ten years to the Reading Railway Co., and finally was sold to the Pennsylvania Railway Co. In 1862 Mr. Reilly built his present comfortable residence in Lancaster.

In 1851, in the State of New York, Mr. Reilly was united to the most estimable lady who is still spared to him as a companion. She was Mrs. Anna (McGovern) McManis, and was born in Lancaster county, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Duffy) McGovern, natives of County Cavan, Ireland, who came to America at an early day, when the ocean voyage still consumed three months. Mr. McGovern became a successful farmer and a well-known contractor in Lancaster, and built many railroads and canals, gaining a reputation for careful, expert work. Both he and his wife died in Lancaster. They had the following named children born to them: Anna, wife of Mr. Reilly; Eliza, widow of Samuel Farant, of Philadelphia; Margaret (deceased), wife of John Masker; Helen and Sarah, who died young; Sarah, who is the widow of Henry McConomey, Esq., of Atlantic City; Thomas and Edward, deceased; Catherine, deceased; and John. The first marriage of Mrs. Reilly was to John McManis, who died in 1846. Two children were born to that union, namely: Praticious, a prominent contractor in Philadelphia, who has been twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth McGovern (he is the father of six children, one of whom is deceased); and Thomas, unmarried, who is a railroad contractor in Lancaster.

Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reilly: James, who conducts the St. Charles Hotel, at Atlantic City, N. J., married Mary Bryant, and they have a family; John, who is associated with his brother, married Catherine Steckley, and has three children; William (deceased) married Tessie Mogan, and they had five children, one of whom is deceased; Robert (deceased) married Elsa Eberly; Frank married Mamie Wharton; Charles, who is unmarried, operates the home farm. This is a particularly happy and united family, and they enjoy the esteem of many friends. They belong to the Catholic church, to which Mr. Reilly contributes liberally.

GRANVILLE W. PAULES, an influential and respected citizen of Columbia, was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, May 10, 1852. A successful con-

tractor and builder, he is also prominent in public affairs, and is deservedly held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen.

Mr. Paules' paternal grandfather, John, was born in York county. There he married a Miss Leber, who bore him eight children, Elizabeth, Sarah, Henry, Jane, John, George, David and Frank. Subsequent to his marriage he removed to Marietta, Pa., where he resided until his death. By trade he was a cooper, but after taking up a residence in the last named town he also conducted a hotel. He attained the extraordinary age of ninety-four years and eleven months.

Three of his children yet survive. Sarah is the widow of Simon Albright, a justice of the peace in Lancaster county. John is a retired blacksmith, living at Mechanicsburg, Pa., and David is a retired farmer of Marietta. Elizabeth is deceased, and Jane was the wife of John Hercleroth.

George Paules, the sixth child and third son, was the father of Granville W. In 1847 he married Mary Yunker, a daughter of Andrew and Mary M. (Myers) Yunker. She was born in York county, as were her parents. Her father successfully carried on the business of a miller until within a few years of his death, which occurred in 1875, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, who was four years his senior, followed him to the grave the following year, at the age of eighty. He was of German descent, his parents, Caspar and Anna M. (Wintermyers) Yunker, having emigrated from the Fatherland in early life. Of the four children born to Andrew Yunker and his wife, Mary, the youngest, was the mother of Granville W. Paules. The others were: Sarah, unmarried, residing in York, Pa.; Jacob, who died at Baltimore at the age of seventy-two; and Henry, who passed away in 1899, after passing his seventy-fifth birthday.

George Paules, who, as has been said, was the father of Granville W., was the master of two trades, having been both a cooper and locksmith. He passed his life at Marietta, with the exception of a year (1864) spent in Indiana, and was for three years superintendent of an ore bank near the town. In 1868 he retired from active business, and in July, 1889, he entered into rest, aged sixty-eight years. His wife yet survives him, making her home with her son Granville. They had four children: Edward is a resident of Middletown, Pa.; William died when ten years old; Mary, was taken away in infancy; Granville W. was the youngest.

The boyhood of Granville W. Paules was passed upon a farm, and at the age of sixteen he began his apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, for which he early developed a great aptitude. He has passed all his life in Lancaster county with the exception of a short time spent in Lower Windsor township, York county, after which he came to Columbia, which has since been his home. In 1880 he formed a partnership with H. H. Cramer, but ten years later embarked in business alone.

On Christmas Day, 1873, in Lower Windsor township, Mr. Paules married Miss Nancy A. Beard, who was born in York county in December, 1850. Both her parents, as well as her grandparents, were highly esteemed residents of York county. Her paternal grandfather, Joseph Beard, married Susan Layman. Her maternal grandfather was Daniel Gehley, a man of substance, who carried on a grist-mill and engaged in carpet-weaving; he married Anna Wike. Mrs. Paules is the fifth and youngest child of John E. Beard, who married Nancy Gehley. Mr. Beard was by occupation a tanner. He died in 1895, after reaching the age of eighty-four, surviving his wife for forty-four years. Mrs. Paules' elder sisters, Priscilla and Mary, are both deceased; her brothers, Frank and Harry, are engaged in business, the first named at Wrightsville and the younger at York.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Paules has been blessed with four children. The eldest, Gertrude, is the wife of James A. Ryan, of Denver, Colo. Mary E., the second in order of birth, is a school teacher. The two younger children, Mabel B. and Granville E., are living at home.

Mr. Paules and his family attend the M. E. Church. He is a member of the Order of K. of M. He has been repeatedly honored by being chosen to fill offices of high trust and grave responsibility. For six years he has been a member of the school board, and for one year president of that body, and for the past three years has filled a seat in the borough council. He is broad-minded and public-spirited, keenly appreciating the needs of the community and quick in devising remedies for existing evils. In private life he is affable and social, kindly in his impulses and generous in his sympathies.

MARION DIVET. Mr. Divet's career affords a striking illustration of the possibilities afforded to young men in a free, democratic commonwealth. He has been the architect of his own fortunes, and, to quote an ancient writer, "hath both planned and builded well."

Mr. Divet was born in Donegal township, Lancaster county, July 27, 1861, the son of Peter Divet and Susan Rhodes, the issue of whose marriage was two children, Josephine and Marion. His sister married Henry Riggle, of Kinderhook, Pa., who is in the service of the Reading Railroad Company. His paternal grandparents were John Divet and Anna Mary Frye, of Gravel Hill, in Rapho township. John Divet was a farmer and also operated a still. He died April 11, 1886, within a few days of his eighty-ninth birthday. Peter Divet, the father of Marion, was a gallant soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, having enlisted as a private in 1864 in the company led by Capt. Kessler. He died at the age of thirty-three, in Salisbury prison, from starvation. He was a successful farmer prior to the war. The mother of Mr. Divet, nee Susan Rhodes, was born in 1841, and is still living. She

is a daughter of John Rhodes, a fence builder, of Marietta, who died at Kinderhook in 1858, at the age of forty-six.

Marion Divet was reared by his grandfather on the latter's farm, and remained with him until he was twenty-two years old. His early life was passed in Newtown, where he learned the culture and preparation of tobacco. After his grandfather's death he found employment with W. H. Hogendobler, a carpenter and building contractor. He remained with Mr. Hogendobler until April 12, 1900, with the exception of one year, when he was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was located in Philadelphia. He is at present engaged in business as a contractor and builder on his own account, and his success has been remarkable. Thoroughly familiar with every detail of his work, energetic in the execution of every task assigned to him, and characterized by scrupulous and unswerving fidelity, he commands the confidence of all who have an opportunity to become familiar with his sterling worth. Although reared in the Democratic faith, he is a Republican. His first vote was not cast until he reached the age of twenty-four. He is a member of the order of Hep-tasophs. His home on Chestnut street is one of the most attractive in Columbia.

Mr. Divet married Miss Nettie Saylor, of Marietta, in 1889. Her father, William Saylor, was born in York county, and her mother, whose maiden name was Emeline Snyder, in Mt. Joy. They were married in Lancaster in September, 1862. William came with his parents to West Hempfield township in boyhood, and passed the greater portion of his life there, engaged in farming. He died at Marietta in 1886, in his forty-eighth year. His wife, Mrs. Divet's mother, was born Sept. 16, 1841, and is now living with her daughter. She is a member of the Lutheran Church. The children of this union were: Mary, Elmer, Samuel and Alice, who all died young; Nettie, wife of Marion Divet; and Anna, who married Charles Lochar, of Columbia. Mrs. Divet's paternal grandparents were Samuel and Mary (Durr) Saylor, he having been a farmer in West Hempfield. He passed away June 25, 1900, after reaching the unusual age of eighty-two. His widow, who yet lives at Marietta, was a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Dyer) Durr, of Manheim, in Lancaster county.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Divet has been blessed with one son, Roy.

CHRISTIAN FUNK STONER, deputy register of wills of Lancaster county, with residence in the city of Lancaster, is one of the best known and most popular citizens of the community in which he lives.

Mr. Stoner's ancestors were among the early settlers of the county, three brothers of the name having come here from Germany, and settled in what was then Conestoga (now Pequea) township, hav-

ing secured a patent for one thousand acres of land in that locality. The great-grandfather of Christian F. erected the dwelling house, and there the grandfather was born and passed all his days.

Abraham Stoner, who farmed, and, in connection, conducted a machine shop near Stonersville (named after the family of Stoner), in West Lampeter township, was the father of Christian F. Stoner. The late H. K. Stoner, who was a pioneer dealer in improved farm implements in this county, was a half-brother of Abraham Stoner. The latter married Lydia Funk, of Manor township, Lancaster county, and their children were: Isaac, deceased; Susan, deceased wife of Rev. Samuel Roth, of York county, Pa.; Fanny, wife of Jesse Strickler, both now deceased; Miss Lizzie and Miss Lydia A., both living on one of the finest truck farms in Lancaster county; Levi, of Lancaster; John F., with the Safety Buggy Company; and Christian F., whose name introduces this sketch.

Christian F. Stoner was born Nov. 6, 1850, in West Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., Pa., and was educated in the public schools of Pequea township, whither his parents had removed when he was two years old. Leaving school at the age of fifteen years, young Stoner entered the dry-goods store of Hager & Brothers, in Lancaster, and there remained eight years, at the end of which time, his father having died, he returned home. Until 1879 he remained on the home farm, in that year receiving the appointment to the office of deputy register of wills. He served as such until 1881, under Capt. Edward Edgerly, and then served three years under Mr. Umble, at the close of which term he was elected register of wills, and for three years remained at the head of that office, discharging the duties thereof with characteristic intelligence and fidelity. Upon his retirement from this incumbency he for a time bought leaf tobacco for Dohan & Taitt, of Philadelphia, also served one year as a clerk in the recorder's and sheriff's offices, and was then recalled to the register's office, this time under Joseph Reeser, register of wills, serving as deputy register three years under him, then three years under M. G. Musser, and since Jan. 1, 1900, he has been serving under A. H. Diffenbaugh—altogether a truly remarkable record, and a just recognition of intelligence, fidelity and integrity. While living with his sister in Pequea township, after his father's death, Mr. Stoner was elected assessor of the township for two terms, and justice of the peace one term, resigning from the latter office before the expiration of the term.

On March 28, 1885, Christian F. Stoner married Hannah Martha Martin, daughter of the late John Martin, in his day a well-known hotel-keeper at West Willow, this county, and two children have blessed their union: Lucretia M., who graduated from the Girls' High School, Lancaster, in 1902; and Mercy Fridy, who is a member of the class of 1904, same school. The entire family attend the services of St. Paul's Reformed Church, Lancaster.

In fraternal relations Mr. Stoner is a member of Levergood Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Jr. O. U. A. M.; the Artisans, and the Elks. Taken all in all, there is no more popular man in the community, both personally and politically, than Christian F. Stoner.

WILLIAM G. BEAR (deceased.) Prominent among the business men of West Earl township, was William G. Bear, late the popular veteran proprietor of the well-known "Brownstown Hotel," a hostelry which justly deserves the commendation of the traveling public.

Mr. Bear came of German stock, his grandfather, Peter Bear, who was born in 1789, having come from Germany as one of the old settlers of West Earl township. He was the father of these children: Mary, who married William Spearan and resides in West Earl township; Elizabeth, who married Peter Hillman; Margaretta, who married Levi Ruff; R. E., a well-known plasterer; Jacob; and Abraham, who died unmarried.

Jacob Bear, the father of William G. was born March 31, 1820, and died June 21, 1890, and for many years was a hotelkeeper, in Brownstown. On Nov. 5, 1845, he married Sophia Gorman, who was born Jan. 17, 1827, and died March 5, 1900. To this union were born: William G., born Jan. 24, 1847; Isaac, born Oct. 16, 1848, resides in Davenport, Iowa, where he is a saddler; Mary Ann, born May 10, 1851, is the wife of Mathew Rozzer, a shoe dealer of West Earl; Jacob, born Jan. 15, 1855, resides in West Earl; Alfred, born May 20, 1865, resides in West Earl, where he is a cigarmaker; and Elmer E., born Jan. 20, 1867, is also a cigarmaker of West Earl.

William G. Bear was reared in West Earl and received his education in the common schools. His business came to him from his father, who was also an excellent hotelkeeper, and all of his life, with the exception of his army experience, was passed in looking after the convenience and comfort of his guests. His excellent hotel was well and favorably known, and he had a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Bear enlisted in 1864, in Co. G, 195th P. V. I., and continued in the service of his country until the close of the Civil war. Although Mr. Bear came of a Democratic family, his belief was in the Republican party and his vote was always cast in its support. In the township he filled many of the local offices, and was a most efficient judge of election. Socially he was connected with the K. of P., in which order he was highly valued.

On Nov. 15, 1873, William G. Bear was married to Miss Emma L. Gorman, who was born April 11, 1851, in Ephrata township, a daughter of Harry and Katherine (Rutter) Gorman, and to this union were born: Harry, born April 11, 1875, died April 5, 1891; Minnie G., born Aug. 28, 1876, is at home; and Edna G., born Feb. 15, 1886, died March 9, 1888. Mr. Bear was highly esteemed in the locality where his life was passed, and by those who knew

him best. Devoted to his family and friends, upright in his dealings with the public, and a progressive and intelligent man, he represented the fine old county of Lancaster.

WILLIAM FUHRMAN, wholesale and retail meat merchant and proprietor of the largest meat trade in Lancaster, was born in Philadelphia, Aug. 17, 1849, son of William, Sr., and Catherine (Daumer) Fuhrman.

William Fuhrman, Sr., came to America from Germany, soon after his marriage, and with his wife settled in Philadelphia, where he engaged in the butcher's business. In 1858 he removed to Lancaster and opened up his place of trade at the market still kept by his son. He remained there until his death, which occurred in 1881, at the age of sixty-one. His wife died in 1871, aged sixty-four years. Both of them belonged to the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Fuhrman was a Democrat in politics and belonged fraternally to the I. O. O. F. They had these children: Hannah, deceased, in 1894, the wife of Frederick Gackler, who is engaged in the real estate business, in Philadelphia; William, of this sketch; and Misses Amelia and Lydia, both residents of Philadelphia.

William Fuhrman, our subject, received an excellent common school education and then learned the meat business under the careful supervision of his father, at the latter's death purchasing the same from the estate and carrying it on ever since, on progressive lines. His business is both wholesale and retail and he manufactures all kinds of sausages as a specialty, and carries the largest trade in his line in Lancaster. In 1887 he erected his three-story slaughter house, back of his residence, and it is modern in every way, clean and sanitary and equipped with the latest conveniences. Mr. Fuhrman employs a force of fifteen men and gives the public the very best service and the most wholesome meat that can be found anywhere. By close attention to business, honest and upright dealing and courteous and obliging manner, Mr. Fuhrman has distanced all competitors and occupies the leading position in his line in this city.

In 1869 Mr. Fuhrman was married to Mary Schemerbrant, of Lancaster, by whom he had two sons, William and Henry. Mrs. Fuhrman died, and on Nov. 12, 1886, in Lancaster, Mr. Fuhrman was united in marriage to Elizabeth Frankford, born in Providence township, Lancaster county, daughter of Philip and Evaline (Lee) Frankford, the former of whom was a shoemaker in this city, born in 1804 and died in 1874. The mother of Mrs. Fuhrman died in March, 1883, aged fifty-eight years, and both were buried in Lancaster and both were members of the U. B. Church. Their children were: Joshua, a leather merchant in Philadelphia; Margaret, deceased; Martha, who married Elias Hamilton, and lives in the southern part of Lancaster county; Elizabeth, who is Mrs.

Fuhrman; Ellen, who married Harry Ailes, a carpenter in Harriman, Tenn.; Ruth, who married Walter E. Harvey, a farmer in this county; Mary, who married John Bielfeldt, of Philadelphia; Eva, who married Jonas Heiland, a cigarmaker of Harrisburg; and William, of Lancaster. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fuhrman, namely: Ray C., Ira N., Guy L., Paul Lester and C. Earl.

Mr. Fuhrman is a member of the Democratic party. He is identified with a number of the leading fraternal organizations, belonging to the Masonic Blue Lodge, the B. P. O. E., No. 134, the Artisans, the K. of P. and the I. O. O. F.

JOHN SCHLEICH was born in Baden, Germany, April 14, 1807, and died in Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 6, 1871. He came here from Germany in 1828, settling at once in Lancaster, and remaining to the end of his days. He was a baker by trade, and he operated a baking establishment until 1857, when he entered the grocery business, from which he accumulated a considerable fortune. Politically he acted with the Democrats. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. and of Zion Lutheran Church. He married Maria B. Glessing of Wurtemberg, Germany, by whom he had the following offspring: John, Jr., who died Oct. 29, 1898, aged sixty-two; George H., born in Lancaster in 1839; Jacob F., who died in Feb., 1899; Miss Margaret C., now residing in Lancaster with George H. None of these ever married. The mother and widow died in 1876, at the age of seventy-five.

GEORGE H. SCHLEICH, who continues his father's business, was reared in it, and it naturally came to him at the death of his parents. He is one of the oldest survivors of the native-born citizens of Lancaster, within whose bounds he owns many valuable properties, and where he is well and prominently known. Like the rest of his family he has worked hard. They have all been constant accumulators, good business men of quiet disposition. All are, and have been, members of the Lutheran Church.

FRANKLIN N. KREIDER, one of the young and representative farmers of East Hempfield, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 21, 1868, a son of John and Anna M. (Neff) Kreider.

Jacob Kreider, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer by occupation, and greatly respected in East Hempfield township, where his son John was born Oct. 15, 1845. Until 1890, the latter engaged in farming, but at that date, retired from active life. However, in April, 1900, he interested himself in the large creamery at East Petersburg, and has since devoted his attention to this line of business. His most estimable wife, Anna M., was a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Neff, influential people of Manor township, and she bore him two children: Franklin N.; and Jacob N., born on Aug. 24, 1870, married Kate Hostetter, and died in 1895, at the age of twenty-four. John

Kreider and his wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church, in which denomination they are highly esteemed.

Franklin N. Kreider spent his boyhood days upon the farm of his father, learning to till the soil, and attending the public schools, during the winter months. When he attained his majority, the enterprising young man rented the farm he now occupies, and commenced business for himself. So successful was he in conducting his farm, that within three years the thirty-seven acres comprising the property, became his own, and since then his excellent crops have continued as a result of his good management and thorough understanding of the science of farming.

On Nov. 7, 1890, Franklin N. Kreider married Lizzie A. Kauffman, a daughter of Benjamin B. and Anna (Kreider) Kauffman, of Manheim township, formerly of East Hempfield township. Three children have been born of this marriage: Ammon K.; Elmer K. and Irvin K. The religious connections of Franklin N. Kreider and wife are with the Old Mennonite Church, in which faith they were reared. Surrounded with their little ones, these two young people have a bright future before them of happy lives, spent in peaceful enjoyment of the comforts provided by their industry, enterprise and economy.

KAUFMAN DEUTSCH (deceased), for many years a well-known citizen of Lancaster, was born in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and died from the effects of a paralytic stroke, at his home in Lancaster, May 25, 1891, and was interred at Danville. His father was Moses Deutsch, who was born in Germany, but who emigrated to the United States early in life and settled at Danville; his occupation was that of a drover, and in his many trips made through the State with cattle and stock, he acquired a wide acquaintance.

Kaufman Deutsch was not born into a wealthy home, and while still a lad, started out to make his own fortune, his financial capital being a ten dollar bill given him by his father. That he was provident, industrious and energetic, was proven by the ample fortune he amassed, and the prominence to which he attained as a horseman in this vicinity. Few men in this line were better known in Lancaster county, where he made his home through many years. In Philadelphia, on June 7, 1874, Kaufman Deutsch was married to Miss Elizabeth Hickey, who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Darrow) Hickey, natives of Ireland. Mr. Hickey was the proprietor of a large tailoring establishment until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, under Col. Chantry, in the 169th Pa. V. I., and was so severely wounded in the thigh at the second Battle of Bull Run, that his leg had to be amputated, from which the faithful soldier died. His widow survived until 1877, dying at the age of sixty-four years. Both parents were worthy mem-

bers of the Roman Catholic Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hickey were as follows: Sally, widow of Christian Schoud; Elizabeth, widow of Mr. Deutsch; John, a decorator in New York City; Emma, deceased wife of Frank Thompson; Frank, deceased; and Mary, who died young.

Mr. Deutsch was a valued member of the order of Odd Fellows, while in his political views, he belonged to the Democratic party. His religious connection was with the Synagogue, but Mrs. Deutsch is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, where she has many attached friends. Mr. Deutsch was a whole-souled, kind-hearted man, very genial and pleasant, and while he had made his own way in the world without assistance, he was always ready to extend a helping hand to others. His circle of friends was large and he is much missed. The one daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch is Minnie L., who is the widow of Gerald J. Peiper, of Washington, D. C., where he was a photographic artist. Mrs. Peiper has two children, namely: G. D. Maitland and Florence A.

HENRY K. OBER, a school teacher, surveyor, notary public and conveyancer, of Mastersonville, Pa., was born in Rapho township, Jan. 2, 1878, and is the son of Michael R. and Susan (Kulp) Ober, of the same township, where they still reside.

Michael R. Ober, a successful general farmer of Rapho township, now retired, was born there March 27, 1836, a son of Christian and Barbara (Ruhl) Ober. He has been twice married. On May 11, 1858, in Lancaster, he wedded Catherine Spigler, who was born in Catfish, Lancaster county, in 1841, and died Sept. 29, 1871. She sleeps her last sleep in Chickies Meeting House burying ground. She was a daughter of Samuel and Susan (Burdolf) Spigler, who lived and died in Lancaster county, the former passing away in Mt. Joy township, and the latter while on a visit in Juda. For his second wife, Michael Ober married Susan Kulp, who was born in Rapho township, Jan. 17, 1851, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Baker) Kulp, of Lancaster county. To them were born two children, Henry K.; and Emma, the wife of Alva W. Wolgemuth, a farmer of Rapho township.

Henry K. Ober lived at home with his parents until his marriage, excepting the time spent in the State Normal school, at Millersville, Pa., where he graduated in the spring of 1898. After that he again returned to his father's home and lived there until early in 1901, when he moved to Mastersonville, his present residence. Mr. Ober has taught school since 1896 and has given his leisure time to conveyancing and the duties of his office of notary public, and for the past three years to his profession of surveyor and civil engineer. He is very energetic and a hard worker, so that, although diversified, his employment is conscientiously attended to.

On May 25, 1899, Mr. Ober was married to Miss Cora B. Hess, who was born Aug. 6, 1879,

daughter of Henry L. and Anna (Brinzer) Hess, of Mt. Joy township, the father being a retired farmer of prominence in his locality. He recently moved from Mt. Joy to Elizabethtown, Pa. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ober.

Mr. Ober, though young, has by his indomitable pluck and energy already gained a foothold in business circles which will eventually lead him to fortune and prominence in his locality. Of very agreeable manners, he has the faculty of making many friends who remain such. Mr. Ober and his wife are members of the German Baptist Church.

OWEN F. BRUNER, proprietor of the "Swan Hotel," corner of South Queen and East Vine streets, Lancaster, is descended from ancestry that has long been connected with the affairs of Pennsylvania. Owen Bruner, his grandfather, was a lumber dealer of Ephrata.

Peter Martin Bruner, son of Owen, carried on general merchandising at Conestoga Center, for forty-two years. For some years past he has been living retired, at No. 443 South Duke street, Lancaster. Mr. Bruner was twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Ohmit, daughter of Christian Ohmit, a well-known river pilot living at Washington borough. This union was blessed with nine children, the following of whom are living: Peter, a hotel-keeper at Gettysburg; Jacob M. and William, in the coal business in Philadelphia; Martha, wife of A. J. Zercher, an undertaker of Conestoga Center; Rebecca, wife of William Caldwell, of Rock Hill; Mary, at home; and Owen F. proprietor of the "Swan Hotel." The mother of these children died thirty-one years ago, and Mr. Bruner then married Della Sourbeer, daughter of Reuben Sourbeer, of Safe Harbor. Three children were born of this union: Harry, connected with the butter department of the caramel factory of Lancaster; and Emma and Bertha, at home.

Owen F. Bruner was born in Conestoga Center Feb. 12, 1867, and was educated in the public schools of that district. Leaving school at the age of seventeen years, he entered his father's store, and later learned cigarmaking. When he attained his majority Mr. Bruner went into the bread business at West Willow, but after one year abandoned this to engage in the hotel business at Gap, remaining one year. This was followed by four years as proprietor of a hotel at Rock Hill. He then came to Lancaster and became connected with the "McGrann House," North Queen street, where he remained until March, 1899, when he took possession of the "Swan Hotel," corner of South Queen and Vine streets, where he has met with great success. The "Swan" has accommodations for forty, and in its stables there is room for two hundred and fifty horses. It is a fact most gratifying to the genial host that hotel and stables are alike popular, the former never lacking lodgers, and the latter always well filled.

Mr. Bruner has been twice married. His first

wife was Ella Hoffman, daughter of a well-known farmer of Willowstreet. To this marriage came one child, Bertha, who died at the age of one year. The child's death was closely followed by that of the mother. For his second wife Mr. Bruner wedded Mary Weninger, daughter of Gottlieb Weninger, a well-known citizen of the Fourth ward, Lancaster. Socially Mr. Bruner is a member of the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Malta. He has been an active worker in the Reformed Church of Conestoga Center, and for a time sang in the choir. In church or social circles, in business or in his home, Mr. Bruner is a most excellent and pleasant gentleman.

JACOB MUSSER BRUNER, brother of Owen F. Bruner, has succeeded in one of the largest centers of trade in the world, Philadelphia. He was born in Conestoga Center May 8, 1862, and, after attending the schools of the district, finished his education at the State Normal School at Millersville. Leaving the latter institution when nineteen years old, Mr. Bruner clerked for a time for his uncle, H. F. Bruner, who was engaged in the coal trade in Philadelphia; and then, having mastered the intricacies of the business, entered into the coal trade for himself in that city. He began business for himself Dec. 1, 1885, and the fact that he now owns three coalyards in Philadelphia is the best evidence that he has succeeded. These yards are located respectively at the northeast corner of 13th street and Washington avenue, where the main office is; at the northwest corner of 16th street and Indiana avenue, and at No. 4503 Girard avenue. All of these yards have telephone connections, and nineteen delivery wagons are kept busy in meeting the demands of the extensive trade.

In 1890 Mr. Bruner was married to Jennie Messick, daughter of M. A. Messick, a well-known miller of Delaware. One son has blessed this union, J. Millard Bruner. Mr. Bruner belongs to the Blue Lodge of Masons, and to the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Politically he is a Republican; religiously a Presbyterian; and in all the affairs of life he is a wholesouled, enterprising gentleman.

A. LINCOLN ERB is the efficient superintendent of the Wrightsville Lime Co., a noted establishment on the old Halderman farm, five miles from Marietta, a place consisting of 250 acres, mostly of limestone rock, with 4,300 feet of river front. Here about 200 men are employed, and fifteen lime kilns are kept in operation, seven of them being of the latest design. He was born at Lobata, in Conoy township, Sept. 25, 1865. He remained at home until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he engaged in teaching, an occupation which he followed for the ensuing nine years, fitting himself more thoroughly for this work by a two years' course in the State Normal School at Millersville. In 1890 he gave up teaching, and attended a business college in Philadelphia. In 1892 he came to

the Wrightsville Lime Company to take a position as a clerk. In 1896 he was made superintendent of the works, a responsible position which he fills with satisfaction to his employers and credit to himself. In his politics he is a Republican, and is highly esteemed in the community, both for his sterling manly and business qualities and for kind heart and genial disposition.

On May 12, 1895, Mr. Erb was married in Conoy township to Miss Fanny Hershey, who was born in Mt. Joy township May 30, 1868, a daughter of Christian and Sarah (Engle) Hershey, both born and reared in Lancaster county. To Mr. and Mrs. Erb have been born three children, Mary H., Christian S. and John E.

Christian Hershey, who was a son of John and Elizabeth (Hershey) Hershey, of Lancaster county, was a farmer and a man of means. He died in East Donegal township, Aug. 14, 1895, aged fifty-seven years. His wife, Sarah Engle, was born in 1840, a daughter of Henry and Fanny (Hoover) Engle, also of Lancaster county. To Christian and Sarah (Engle) Hershey were born children as follows: Eli, a tobacco salesman in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry, deceased; Eusebius, a traveling salesman from Philadelphia; Fanny; Anna, wife of H. K. Alwine, a cattle drover of Middletown; Lizzie, wife of Harry Brinzer, of Middletown; and Norman, a resident of Maytown. The mother of these children is still living, and makes her home in East Donegal.

GEORGE L. BRENNEMAN is one of Columbia's enterprising, progressive and energetic business men, whose acumen and integrity have won for him the undisguised and universal esteem of his fellow townsmen.

The paternal grandparents were Abraham and Sarah Breneman, who settled in Donegal township in 1806, and for many years conducted a well-ordered and thriving hostelry at Columbia. Christian Breneman, father of George L., married Sarah Collins, daughter of James and Jane (Everlin) Collins. Mr. Collins was born in Conestoga township, and his wife in Columbia. Christian Breneman was a lime manufacturer, a man of some means, prominent in local affairs, and was held in high repute by his neighbors. He filled the office of school director and chief burgess, and occupied a seat in the council. He died in Columbia in 1877, after reaching the age of sixty-seven. His widow lived to see her eighty-second birthday, and entered into rest in 1892, at Wrightsville. Their children were seven in number. The two eldest, James and Jane, died in childhood. Emma, the third child, is unmarried and resides at Wrightsville. Oscarluca died in his twenty-first year. Mary is Mrs. Calvin Flora, of Wrightsville. George L. was the sixth child, and the youngest, Anna, died before reaching maturity.

George L. Breneman's life has been full of activity and well directed effort. He was born in Donegal township, April 16, 1851, but came to Co-

lumbia at the age of nine. When fourteen he began his career as a driver for a teamster, and before he had reached his eighteenth year he set out to seek his fortune in the West. For a year and a half he worked upon a Kansas railroad, then returning to Columbia, he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a fireman. Three years later he was made engineer. For nineteen years thereafter he continued in the company's service in the same capacity, and then he began the life of a farmer in Manor township. After seven years he tired of this, with its prosaic round of duties, and coming to Columbia in the spring of 1900, engaged in his present line of business, that of a dealer in fruit and produce. In this he has been successful, his natural qualities well fitting him to succeed in any avocation where sound sense, industry and integrity are indispensable.

He married Miss Kate Reece, of Lancaster, in June, 1877. Of their five children, the eldest, Jennie, is a trained nurse in New York City; the others, Witmer, Alice, James and Sally, are at home with their parents.

Mrs. Breneman's father, George Reece, was a hotel keeper at Mountville. He died in 1876, before reaching his fiftieth year. Her mother was Elizabeth Poisht, a devout Lutheran, who died in 1872, at Lancaster, aged sixty-seven years. She bore her husband four daughters and three sons, Mrs. Breneman being the third child in the order of birth. A brief mention of the others may prove of interest. David, the eldest, as well as Anna, Mrs. Josiah Conklin, reside in Columbia; Ella married Jacob Bitner, of Mountville; Mary is the wife of Harry Friday, of Lancaster; George is a pretzel baker in the same city; Thomas, the youngest of the family, lives at Mountville, and is a dealer in horses. Mrs. Breneman's grandparents, both paternal and maternal, were born in Germany, and came to America while yet young. Henry and Mary (Lively) Reece, the parents of her father, settled in Lancaster county; as did those of her mother, Henry and Elizabeth Poisht. Henry Poisht was by occupation a baker of pretzels.

Mr. Breneman is independent in politics, placing patriotism before policy, just as he would uplift charity above creed.

S. L. BINNESDERFER was born in Petersburg, Lancaster county, Aug. 22, 1869, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth. (Landis) Binnesderfer, natives of Petersburg and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Samuel Binnesderfer, who is still a resident of Petersburg, was born in June, 1842, was reared as a butcher, but afterward became a tobacco merchant, in both of which lines he realized considerable profits, and for the past sixteen years has been the popular and genial landlord of the "Black Horse Hotel." His wife was called away from him in 1881; at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years, in the

faith of the Lutheran church. They had three children, viz.: S. L., whose name introduces this article; Agnes, who died when but two and one-half years old; and Idella, who still has her home with her father.

The paternal grandparents of Scott L. Binnesderfer were George and Susan (Kahler) Binnesderfer, who were born in Lancaster county, Pa., were reared on farms belonging to their respective parents and died in Petersburg.

S. L. Binnesderfer was reared on the old homestead at Petersburg, where he continued to reside until twenty-four years of age. In the meantime he acquired a good common-school education, and at a very early age began packing tobacco. At the age of fourteen years he made a full hand at the tobacco press, and continued to work at packing in the home tobacco warehouse until twenty-three years old, and a year later began working at the carpenter's trade, followed it until November, 1900, and then came to Mountville, and purchased the business of E. B. Kready, which he has since disposed of.

Mr. Binnesderfer is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Mystic Chain and the Royal Arcanum. In politics he is a Republican, but has never accepted a public office. He is straightforward in all his dealings, and during his business life in Mountville established a high reputation for integrity. He enjoys the respect of quite a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN HERSHEY, the enterprising coal and lumber dealer on the Lititz turnpike, near the stock-yards, and who with his brother Christian, has built up quite a settlement in that section, comes from one of the oldest, most numerous and influential families in Lancaster county. His grandfather was Benjamin Hershey, a farmer, near Leaman Place, Lancaster county, and his father, Christian H. Hershey, is a well-preserved and active man, who after a long and busy life, is now devoting his last years to the helping of his sons in the extensive business at the new settlement near the stock-yards.

Christian H. Hershey married Miss Jane Shultz, a daughter of Martin Shultz, of Paradise, Lancaster county, at that time in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. Seven children were born to this union, all of whom are living: Ida C., wife of F. K. Leman, formerly a partner with B. F. Hershey in the coal and lumber business at Gordonville; Susan, wife of Levi Zimmerman, a farmer at Kinzers; Clara, wife of William J. Aiken, a carpenter and undertaker, of Williamstown, Lancaster county; Hettie A., wife of E. E. Keneagy, a farmer near Kinzers; Bertha, wife of Milton M. Myers, of Kinzers, a telegraph operator in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Christian, a graduate of the Pennsylvania Business College, and now engaged in the grain and feed business in

the settlement noted above; and Benjamin Franklin.

Benjamin Franklin Hershey was born near New Holland, Oct. 21, 1869, and had his education principally in the public schools at Kinzers, to which point his parents removed while he was still a lad. When he was seventeen years old he left school, and went to farming with his father, with whom he remained for three years, and then engaged in the same line two years for himself. While hardly yet out of his boyhood he engaged in the coal and lumber business at Gordonville, which he successfully conducted for five years, and then, seeing an opportunity near the city of Lancaster, with his brother, he bought four acres near the stock yards tract, erected four buildings, comprising a large warehouse, a mill, a smithy, and an office, and there they began what has proved an extremely profitable trade. The creation of this important suburban addition to Lancaster was begun in the early fall of 1900, and by the following spring everything was in order. Both telephone services are employed to meet the wants of a rapidly growing trade. A branch office has been established at No. 12 East Orange street.

In 1889 Benjamin F. Hershey was married to Miss Susan, daughter of the late Elias Leaman, who was a farmer near Intercourse, and this union was blessed with five children, one of whom, Alta A., is deceased. The survivors are: Jennie E. and Elsie May, at school; and Elmer L. and Benjamin Herbert, at home. Mr. Hershey, who has now closed out his enterprise at Gordonville, is devoting all his efforts to the development of his very promising business at Lancaster. He lives at No. 623 North Lime street. In religion he is an Old Mennonite, the Hersheys having been connected with that church for many generations. In politics he is a Republican, and he is a public-spirited and patriotic citizen.

WILLIS G. HARRY, manager of the Lancaster Dairy Company, at No. 36 West Chestnut street, Lancaster, is an Ohioan by birth, but has adopted this city as his home; and as he has made himself felt in his crusade for pure milk he deserves more than a passing notice.

Mr. Harry is a son of Silas C. Harry, of Wooster, Ohio, who is now living retired in that pleasant little city after a long and useful career as a contracting plasterer. He married Margaret Sommers, and from this union came Scott G., Anna May and Willis G., the two first named at home with their parents in Ohio.

Willis G. Harry was born in West Lebanon, Ohio, where his parents lived for a time, and after reaching the proper age became a pupil in the schools of Wooster, graduating from the high school in due time. His first work was in the dairy and creamery business, and then he spent a year in study at the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Harry was then employed at the Ohio Agricultural Experimental

Station, where he spent two years, after which he spent a year at the Ohio State University. Mr. Harry then came East and was employed in the creamery business in York, Pa. He was next at Lititz, where he had charge of the creamery business of E. L. Garber, through whose enterprise and liberality the Lancaster Dairy Company was established in the spring of 1900, with Mr. Harry as manager. Mr. Harry proceeded to pasteurize the milk and cream, and for the first time the people of Lancaster were offered a pure article. So popular did this pure liquid food become that in a short time four wagons were required by the growing trade, taxed to their utmost capacity in serving the many patrons the Lancaster Dairy Company had secured. Mr. Harry has brought not only rare industry, but rare intelligence as well to the work, and the people of Lancaster have abundantly shown their appreciation of his work.

HENRY S. MUSSER, a prosperous and successful general farmer of Rapho township, Lancaster county, was born in East Hempfield township, May 24, 1874, a son of Martin N. and Anna M. (Seitz) Musser. The father was born on the farm where he is now living in East Hempfield township, December 25, 1846, and the mother in Rohrerstown, Pa., in 1850. They are members of the New Mennonite Church, and are very highly esteemed by all who know them. They had two children: Mary S., who died at the age of fifteen years; Henry S.

The paternal grandfather of Henry S. Musser was Benjamin Musser, a farmer of Providence township, whose death, however, occurred in East Hempfield township, in October, 1892, at the age of sixty-seven years. The great-grandfather of Henry S., also Benjamin Musser, was a lifelong resident of Lancaster county. The maternal grandparents of Henry S. Musser were John M. and Mary (Mellinger) Seitz, both native to Lancaster county.

Henry S. Musser was married in Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 2, 1897, to Lizzie N. Shenk, by whom he has had one child, Anna S. Mrs. Lizzie N. (Shenk) Musser was born on the farm where she has her present home, Sept. 15, 1875, a daughter of Henry H. and Anna (Nissley) Shenk, both of whom were born in Rapho township, and there died. They came to the farm in 1872, and her father was a farmer all his days. When he died in 1882 he was only thirty-two; and his wife was only twenty-five at her death, in 1878; their remains are resting in a private cemetery on the farm where Mrs. Musser is now residing. They were members of the New Mennonite Church, and were in every way honorable and upright people. Their family consisted of two daughters, Lizzie N., who is Mrs. Musser, and Anna N., who married Edward Crist, a farmer, near Rawlinsville, Lancaster county. Her paternal grandparents were Rev. Henry and Magdalena (Hostetter) Shenk, of Lancaster county. Her grandfather was a Mennonite preacher, and was

engaged in farming on a very considerable scale. Her maternal grandfather was Joseph Nissley, who married a Miss Sherk, both of Lancaster county.

Henry S. Musser remained with his parents until he was married, when he established himself on his present farm, where he has met that success that fitly attends unwearied industry and wise economy. When he was eighteen years of age he attended the State Normal at Millersville one year, and is well prepared for the practical duties of life. His farm comprises ninety acres of choice land, thoroughly cultivated and presenting a fine appearance to the critical eye. There he keeps fifteen cows, and carries on modern farming with good returns from his labors. Living four miles from Columbia, he keeps in close touch with the world, and is regarded as one of the progressive, broad-minded and leading men of the town. In politics he is a Republican.

JAMES B. REILLY, who built, owns and conducts the "St. Charles Hotel" at Atlantic City, N. J., was not born in Lancaster, but he spent his boyhood there, and his father resides in the place, and is one of the city's most prominent men.

Michael Reilly, the father, came from Ireland to America many years ago, and was long a railroad contractor, besides engaging in many other enterprises. For a time he was sole owner of the Quarryville railroad, and as an individual, purchased the farm which through his efforts has since become the beautiful Conestoga Park of Lancaster. He has made his impress on many important affairs in the community. Michael Reilly married Miss Anna Maria McGovern, daughter of the late Thomas McGovern, also a heavy contractor. This union was blessed with a family of several children, four of whom are living: James B., proprietor of the "St. Charles Hotel" at Atlantic City; John, assisting his brother James B.; and Frank and Charles, at home in Lancaster.

James B. Reilly was born in Belvidere, N. J., his father being engaged in contract work there at the time. He spent his younger days in Lancaster, and was educated in its public schools. His first mercantile venture was in the coal business, but he abandoned that to engage in the contracting business with his father. No contractors were better known than McManus & Reilly, and James B., as a member of the firm, took an active part in its affairs. A great deal of work was done for the Pennsylvania Railway Company, but many other large undertakings were also carried through during the thirteen years of active operation.

In 1896 Mr. Reilly bought nine acres of land at Atlantic City, and began the great task of erecting fifty buildings, of which the magnificent "St. Charles" forms a leading part. With the exception of the hotel Mr. Reilly has disposed of nearly all the property. St. Charles Place of which Mr. Reilly was projector, builder and owner, comprises one of the finest parts of this famous sea side resort.

Mr. Reilly was married, in 1881, to Miss Mary E. Bryant, daughter of the late Daniel Bryant, known as America's most famous minstrel, and whose hall years ago in New York was the center of amusement for all classes of citizens. Seven children have been born to this union, all of whom are living: Bryant, James and Charles attending Mount St. Mary's College at Emmitsburg, Md.; and Anna Marie, Helen, Bessie and Richard, at home.

HARVEY B. NISSLEY. Though born in Carroll county, Maryland, this prominent and successful young mechanic of Silverspring, Lancaster county, is the representative of an old family of the latter county. His parents, John W. and Fayette (Berry) Nissley, were both natives of Lancaster county and his paternal grandfather, Abraham Nissley, was one of the sturdy agriculturists of the same county nearly a century ago. John W. Nissley was born in 1822 and in his native county married Miss Fayette Berry, whose parents were residents of Conoy township. John W. Nissley learned and followed the trade of cabinet-maker and carpenter. He went to Maryland about 1855 but returned to Lancaster county in 1877 for three years. His wife died at Ironville, Pa., in that year, aged fifty-five years. To John and Fayette Nissley were born two children, Penrose, who died in Ironville, Pa., December, 1898, and Harvey B. Returning from Maryland a second time, John Nissley now resides in Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pennsylvania.

Harvey B. Nissley was born Feb. 10, 1868. He was nine years of age when he came with his parents from Maryland to Lancaster, their native county. Self-reliant and active in temperament, he two years later, at the age of eleven years, began working out on farms, continuing until he was seventeen. Deciding to learn the blacksmith trade, he began and completed a three years' apprenticeship with Gideon Smith at Silverspring. The young journeyman then started out for a little experience. He worked at his trade for a year at Lititz, then with commendable assurance opened up for himself at Moore's Mill, Rapho township, a shop which he successfully conducted for three years. In the light of experience thus gained, the place of his apprenticeship offered attractions and accordingly in 1891 he began business at his present stand in Silverspring. Trade has grown steadily and his custom stands faithfully by him, for he is an excellent mechanic, makes fast friends and keeps well informed, both in matters pertaining to his trade and in issues of general moment. He has risen to command the high esteem of his fellow citizens and is becoming one of the public-spirited leaders of the township.

Mr. Nissley married March 7, 1889, at Columbia, Pa., Miss Mary G. McCune, and to them have been born four children, Maud, Lester, Blanche and Jennie, all living. Mrs. Nissley was born in Silver-

spring in July, 1870, the daughter of Daniel and Susan McCune, now residents of Silverspring. The father was born in 1840 and the mother in 1842. Five children were born to Daniel and Susan McCune, namely: Emma, deceased wife of Andrew Bard; Frank, of Ironville; Mary G., wife of Harvey B. Nissley; Webster, a telegraph operator at Silverspring; and Laura, deceased.

In politics Harvey B. Nissley is a staunch Republican. He is prominent in the fraternal orders as a member of the I. O. R. M., of the Knights of the Mystic Chain and of the Knights of Malta.

WALTER F. ALBRIGHT. In reviewing the records of a number of Lancaster's enterprising business men we find that they have succeeded to industries established by their fathers, and have, by their upright dealings and keen sagacity, added prestige to honored family names. An instance of this kind is afforded by the record of Walter F. Albright, whose flourishing bakery business was established by his father, Frederick A. Albright, and by him carried through its early days of doubtful success until placed upon a substantial and profitable basis.

As a boy Frederick A. Albright learned the whitesmith's trade and followed it for a time, but the demand for such workers being limited he found it necessary to seek a new field of employment. Accordingly he went to New Jersey, where he worked in a shovel and pitchfork manufactory. His next location was in Chester county, Pa., where he was employed as stove finisher in a foundry. He was subsequently employed in the railroad shops at Columbia, which were then carried on by the State. Coming to Lancaster in 1857, he engaged in the grocery, flour, grain and feed business, and in 1861 turned his attention to the bakery trade. For thirty years he conducted a prosperous business, keeping several delivery wagons in constant use and gaining the patronage of a large number of people. Finally, when advanced in years, he retired in favor of his son, Walter F., and from that time forward lived in retirement from business cares, dying Aug. 4, 1892, when seventy-one years of age. Though a staunch Republican he never sought office, and the only position he ever consented to fill was that of councilman, in which capacity he served for two terms. In religion he was connected with the Moravian Church. To his marriage with Sarah C. Auxer, who resides in Lancaster, there were born five children, viz.: Charles, who died when nine years old, Mary, Mrs. Benjamin Sides, who died when thirty; Walter F., of Lancaster; Sallie (deceased), who married Valentine Werkheiser, a well-known wholesale grocer of Lancaster; and Frederick, who was two years old at the time of his death.

Walter F. Albright was born Oct. 14, 1851. When a boy he learned the baker's trade under his father's careful oversight, and remained an employe of the concern until, on his father's

retirement, the business was turned over to him. He thoroughly understands every department of the work, and his three wagons are kept in constant service, delivering orders to his customers. Like his father, he is a believer in Republican principles, and, like him, too, he does not care for official position. Fraternally he is connected with the Eagles and the Elks. At Mt. Nebo, Lancaster county, in February, 1876, Mr. Albright married Barbara Garrett. The only child of their union, Dazy M., is now the wife of John Musser, a broker and brick and tile manufacturer. Mrs. Albright was born in Conestoga township, this county, daughter of Henry and Nancy Garrett, for many years leading residents of that township. Among the people of Lancaster Mr. Albright is recognized as an industrious and persevering business man, who richly merits the encouraging success of his projects, and has won the confidence of associates by uprightness of life and energy of disposition.

MICHAEL M. KAUFFMAN, an experienced and thriving young farmer of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, was born Sept. 2, 1868, at the home he still occupies, and is a son of Henry S. and Anna G. (Musser) Kauffman, the former of whom was also born on a part of the present farm, and the latter near Silverspring in an adjacent part of the township; they did not, however, as man and wife, make the farm their permanent home until 1863. There the father, Henry S. Kauffman, followed his vocation of farming the remainder of his life, dying Oct. 9, 1883, when forty-two years old, and there the mother passed away, Aug. 17, 1899, at the age of fifty-nine years, both in the faith of the Dunkard Church, and the remains of both were interred near Silverspring. They were the parents of two children, Michael M., and Amos G., the latter still unmarried and residing with his brother.

The paternal grandparents of Michael M. Kauffman were Michael and Anna Kauffman, both natives of Lancaster county, the former of whom was a substantial farmer and was twice married; the maternal grandfather, Michael S. Musser, also a native of Lancaster county, married a Miss Garber and died in West Hempfield township.

On March 4, 1890, in York county, Pa., Michael N. Kauffman married Miss Agnes Gohn, who has borne him one son, Henry G. Mrs. Agnes (Gohn) Kauffman was born two miles from Wrightsville, York county, April 18, 1868, and is a daughter of John D. and Sarah (Strickler) Gohn. John D. Gohn was a well-to-do farmer, and died in January, 1893, when forty-nine years old, his wife died in December, 1897, at the age of forty-eight years, both in the faith of the Dunkard Church, their remains being interred in Strickler's (private) burying ground. The children born to John D. and Sarah Gohn were seven in number and named as follows: Tillie, who was married to Jacob Walck, a farmer of York county; Agnes, Mrs. Kauffman; Clara, wife of Charles

Kinard, also a farmer in York county; Menotti, a school teacher in York county; Sally, living with Mrs. Kauffman in West Hempfield township, Lancaster county; Enos and May, both deceased.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Agnes Kauffman were John and Magdalena (Dellinger) Gohn, farming people of York county; the maternal grandparents were John and Sarah (Stoner) Strickler, also of York county, where Sarah Strickler died some years ago, but where John Strickler, who is a retired farmer, is still living at the age of eighty-seven years. There is reason to believe that the family name was not Gohn originally, but John, and was changed to suit the convenience or whim of one of its early members.

Mr. Kauffman has a well-improved and fertile farm, and all its surroundings indicate the presence of an experienced and skillful manager, as it is a model in every detail and is one of the best cultivated places of its dimensions in the county. Mr. Kauffman is a member of the Dunkard Church and in politics is a Republican.

MRS. BARBARA HOWARD. Among the well-known residents of East Lampeter township, is Mrs. Barbara Howard, widow of the late Levi Howard, whose death took place Nov. 13, 1894. Mrs. Howard was born in Millport, Lancaster county, July 25, 1829, a daughter of the late John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever, and a twin sister of George N. Lefever.

When but two years of age, Mrs. Howard was bereaved by the death of her devoted mother, and thus knew little of maternal care. She was educated in the schools of the district, and grew to womanhood under the protection of a fond father. On Jan. 4, 1849, she married the late Benjamin Dffenbach, and to this union were born: John, born Nov. 5, 1850, whose residence is not known; Franklin, born Nov. 11, 1854, who is the trusted night watchman in the business house of S. R. Moss & Co., in Lancaster; Amanda, born July 28, 1856, and now the wife of Martin Kreider; and Emma Louisa, born Jan. 28, 1859, and now Mrs. Amos B. Landis. The father of these children died Jan. 5, 1860.

On Dec. 24, 1865, Mrs. Dffenbach married Levi Howard, and to this union two daughters were born: Mary Catherine a most estimable lady, is noted for her tact and business ability; and Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 1866, died in November, 1869. The death of Mr. Howard, on Nov. 13, 1894, was a great bereavement, but Mrs. Howard is a pious, Christian lady and bears her sorrows with resignation. In the Old Mennonite Church she is highly valued, and in the neighborhood she is known as kind and charitable, and worthy of the highest esteem.

ALBERT L. GALLAGHER, chief deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, has for years past been a prominent and popular figure about the courthouse. His grandfather, Anthony Gallagher, came

to America in 1811, and settled in Donegal township, this county, spending the remainder of his days engaged in farming, in that township and in Rapho.

John Gallagher, son of Anthony, was a farmer of Rapho township, and died in 1890, aged eighty-four years. He married Sarah Lutz, daughter of Jacob Lutz, a well-known citizen of Petersburg. She entered into rest in 1887, aged sixty-nine years. This worthy couple had nine children, seven of whom are living: Mary, wife of Rufus H. Hipple, a teacher of Rapho; Samuel, of Rapho, now living retired; Emanuel, in the Lebanon bolt works; Sarah, wife of Henry Bradley, of Columbia; Amos, employed in the Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Steelton; Eli, a merchant tailor of Latonia, Ohio; and Albert L., chief deputy sheriff of Lancaster county.

Albert L. Gallagher was born in Rapho township March 5, 1862, and was educated in the public schools of the district, in Mt. Joy high school, and in Lebanon Valley College. Leaving college, Mr. Gallagher became a public school teacher, teaching in West Hempfield township for nine years, and then passing the Civil service examination, he entered the United States Mail service, running from New York to Pittsburg. In 1894 he was appointed deputy sheriff of Lancaster county, and has continued in that office ever since, having served under Sheriffs Hershey and Myers, and the present capable official, Sheriff McMichael. It is needless to say that he has performed the responsible duties of his position to his own credit and that of his superiors, as well as to the entire satisfaction of the public.

Mr. Gallagher married Miss Emma Weaver, daughter of the late John K. Weaver, a contracting painter, of Silver Spring, and two children have been born of this union: Estella, at home; and Paul, at school. Mr. Gallagher belongs to the Jr. O. U. A. M., the Knights of Malta, the Artisans, the Elks and the Masons. In religious connection he is a member of St. Paul's Reformed Church. Politically as may be inferred, he has been an active and staunch Republican ever since he has been a voter. Wherever found, in his office, in his social organizations, in political circles or in his home, he is a manly man.

PETER R. BECK. Mr. Beck, who is a flagman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, resides in Columbia, and was born in Lititz, Lancaster county, Sept. 7, 1865. He is a great-grandson of Daniel Beck, and a grandson of John Beck, both of that county. His grandfather, whose wife's maiden name was Susan Beck, was a millwright, as was his father, whose baptismal name was Daniel.

Daniel Beck (2) died in February, 1886, at the age of fifty-six years. His death resulted from the bite of a rabid dog, and occurred in a hospital in Lancaster, whither he had been taken for treatment. Peter R. Beck's mother was born in 1829, and named Rebecca Miley. She is still living in Columbia, and is an earnest member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

She is of German descent on the paternal side, her father and grandfather, both of whom were named Matthias, having emigrated from Germany, the younger in early life. Both were bricklayers. The elder Miley, who married Barbara Off in the Fatherland, settled in Lititz, and his son at Lexington. The latter soon after coming to these shores married Mary Ampriester, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Beck is the sixth of a family of ten children. His eldest brother, William H., is a resident of Perryville, Md. Mary L., the second born, married John Wilson, a railroad engineer, and lives in Columbia. Matilda C. is the wife of Joseph Eves, of the same place. Emanuel, another brother, was formerly a railroad conductor, but having lost both hands in a railroad accident, is now living in retirement, at Lancaster. Reuben D. is also a railway conductor, and has his home at Philadelphia. Sarah S. married Fred Beaver of Columbia, and Herman, the youngest brother, resides in that town. Kate is the wife of Jacob Palmer, and Anna died in infancy.

The first thirteen years of Mr. Beck's life were passed upon a farm. Coming to Columbia, he began work in his brother's cigar store, and later found employment as a huckster. On May 1, 1885, he entered the employ of the Reading Railroad Company, as a brakeman, and afterward was fireman. Two and one-half years later he left the Reading for the Pennsylvania: for four years he worked as a brakeman, and has since then held the position of flagman. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainman, and his politics are those of the Democratic party.

Mr. Beck was married, July 28, 1887, to Miss Julia Dunbar, of Columbia. They have two children, Emma A. and William D. Mrs. Beck was born in November, 1869. Her father was William, a son of Thomas Dunbar, of Lancaster county. Her mother, before marriage, was Elizabeth Beveridge, and her maternal grandparents were Robert and Eliza Beveridge. William Dunbar was born Nov. 3, 1849, and is assistant yardmaster at Columbia. His first wife was born in Ireland, and died in 1875, in her thirty-sixth year. Mrs. Beck is their eldest child. Mary J., the second daughter, is deceased, and Carrie W., the youngest, is the wife of Henry Rasbridge of Columbia. After the death of Mrs. Beck's mother, her father married again, his second wife being Ella Hoffmaster. To this union have been born seven children: William H., of Philadelphia; Cora M., Mrs. Clayton Clay, of Mountville; Mary F., the wife of George Smith, of Columbia; Rebecca B., Edith I., Alford C. and Robert, all of whom are unmarried and live with their parents.

LEMAN BROTHERS, the enterprising proprietors of the Y. M. C. A. shoe store, North Queen street, Lancaster, are grandsons of the late Henry E. Leman, whose rifles carried the name of Lancaster to all parts of the United States and even to Europe, as Leman's Rifle Works of Lancaster

turned out rifles for the United States Government for years. No man's name was more familiar to the people than that of the late Henry E. Leman, and no shoe store is better known in the city than that of his grandsons, Reuben Johns Leman and Herbert Dubois Leman, doing business under the name of Leman Brothers.

Henry E. Leman, Jr., father of Leman brothers, is a retired farmer living at Mechanicsburg. He married Lizzie A. Johns, a daughter of the late Reuben B. Johns, who died at Bareville in the summer of 1901, aged eighty-one years. Three children were born of this union, one of whom died in early childhood. The survivors are the enterprising young men who established, on April 1, 1901, the thoroughly up-to-date Y. M. C. A. shoe store on North Queen street.

REUBEN JOHNS LEMAN was born in Lancaster, Nov. 7, 1876, and, after studying for a time in the public schools, attended the Yeates Institute, in Lancaster, and the West Chester State Normal School. Upon leaving the latter institution he entered a general merchandise store at Mechanicsburg, where he remained three years, and then entered the shoe business at Wilkesbarre. After spending eight months there he came to Lancaster, and, associated with his brother, Herbert Dubois Leman, established the elegant shoe store in the new Y. M. C. A. building.

HERBERT DUBOIS LEMAN was born in Lancaster Feb. 1, 1879, and was educated in the public schools, Yeates Institute, and Weidler's Business College. He was only seventeen years old when he entered the business world, and at eighteen was acting postmaster at Mechanicsburg, his father having received his appointment as postmaster from President McKinley. The father practically turned the office over to his son, Herbert Dubois, who was perhaps the youngest acting postmaster in the United States, certainly the youngest of whom we have any knowledge.

Both of the brothers were fully equipped by education and experience for the responsible undertaking of establishing a shoe store of such magnitude as that of the Y. M. C. A. store, and their success has been phenomenal. Their store is known, literally, to every one in the community, and the reputation of the proprietors for integrity, good judgment and big values to patrons extends all over the great county of Lancaster.

MILTON S. ROHRER was born Oct. 14, 1861, on the farm in East Lampeter township, which he now occupies and cultivates.

Jacob H. Rohrer, his father, was also born on the old homestead, in 1821, and remained there until 1868, when he moved to Greenfield Station. There he commenced dealing in agricultural implements, being one of the first to introduce some of the most modern machinery. He has also been a drover, bringing cattle, hogs, etc., from Chicago, and he has engaged in tobacco raising, and has also

been quite an extensive dealer and packer of tobacco. In politics Mr. Rohrer is a staunch Republican, and he has held the offices of school director, prison inspector, and poor director. He is one of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, known among his neighbors as a man of truthfulness and honesty. He married Miss Maria Shaffer, daughter of Adam Shaffer, and they are the parents of eleven children: Elizabeth, wife of John L. Kreider; Adam, who died at Mechanicsburg; Annie, deceased wife of Benjamin Kreider; Mary, who died unmarried; Abraham, a farmer of Binkley's Bridge; Susan, wife of Abraham Herr; Amanda, wife of Jacob Burkhart; Jacob, a farmer of Kinzers; Aaron, a farmer of East Lampeter; Milton S., our subject; and Emma, wife of John Buckwalter.

Milton S. Rohrer left the old home when he was about seven years of age, and went to live with his sister for five years. He was then at home with his father again, and there he remained until he was twenty-two years of age. He acquired his education in the public schools of the county.

On Jan. 31, 1884, Mr. Rohrer wedded Miss Emma, daughter of John R. and Elizabeth Kreider, and to this union have been born three children as follows: Lizzie, Elam and Ada, all at home. After his marriage, Mr. Rohrer returned to the old homestead, where he has given his whole attention to farming. He and his wife are both members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Rohrer is an enterprising man, and is regarded as one of the valued citizens of the community in which he makes his home.

HARRY HAWTHORNE MOORE, warden of the Lancaster County Prison, presents in his own career a remarkable illustration of what character and intelligence, conjoined with integrity and industry, may accomplish in the making of a man.

Henry Moore, his father, was a farmer in Lancaster county. On Nov. 5, 1849, he married Mary Ann Hawthorne, daughter of George Hawthorne, who was among the early settlers of Donegal, and of Scotch-Irish descent. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1899, and are now living in retirement at Mountville. They had seven children: George, the eldest, died at twenty years of age; Anna C. is the wife of John C. Forey of West Hempfield; Sarah Jane and Mary are unmarried and at home; Elizabeth is the wife of Roland Greiner, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; Harry Hawthorne; and John Grant, married Elsie Cooper, of Akron.

Harry Hawthorne Moore was born in West Hempfield township, July 31, 1862. Until he was ten years of age he attended district school, and then he began helping his father on the farm at Columbia, remaining at home until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he began to learn the auctioneering business with William Evans, of Lititz, with whom he spent much of the time for the

next five years, but continued to help on the farm. At the age of twenty-two, he was elected assessor of Warwick township, being re-elected six times in succession. When he was twenty-nine years of age he was appointed second underkeeper of the Lancaster county prison, where he served for three years. His next engagement was as auctioneer with the Real Estate Exchange and Improvement Co. In 1896 he was a candidate for prison keeper, and in a heated contest was defeated by the late Jacob S. Smith. In May of that year, Mr. Moore became one of the proprietors of the real estate exchange, the firm being Moore & Rudy. On May 1, 1898, Mr. Moore was appointed Prison Keeper to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Smith, and in November of that year was elected for a term of three years without dissent. He became a candidate for re-election at the March primary in 1901, was nominated without opposition, and was re-elected at the November election, beginning the duties of his third term of three years in January, 1902. Mr. Moore withdrew from the real estate business in 1899, and has since devoted his entire energies to prison work, securing the accomplishment of reforms that before had never been so much as attempted. Better sanitary conditions were brought about at a trifling expense to the county, while the morale of the Institution was greatly elevated. During the summer of 1900 Mr. Moore devoted much time and labor to the improvement of the prison park, which had been thrown open to the public by the removal of the fences, and has made it one of the prettiest spots in the State. To add to the improvement of the eastern section of the city, Mr. Moore built seven handsome houses on King street in the late summer and fall of 1900. On Dec. 6, 1887, Mr. Moore was married to Ella Louisa, daughter of Samuel and Mary E. Stark, of Lititz, where the former was a well-known cigar box manufacturer. Mr. Moore belongs to the I. O. O. F., American Mechanics, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and takes an active interest in all of them. He is a lover of humanity, and is deeply interested in every uplifting movement of the present time, displaying much sympathy and a wise helpfulness for the unfortunates under his charge in the Lancaster County Prison.

MARTIN SHAUBACH, a thrifty young farmer of Providence township, Lancaster county, was born Feb. 17, 1875, son of Andrew and Christina (Worth) Shaubach, of Strasburg township.

Andrew Shaubach, the father, was a son of Andrew Shaubach, a farmer of this township also, and he became the father of six children, as follows: Amos; Reuben; Andrew; Annie, who married Jacob Harnish, of Strasburg township; Maggie, the wife of Adam Haring, of Leacock township; and Martin. Andrew Shaubach was a consistent member of the German Baptist Church. He was an excellent farmer and an honorable and reliable citizen.

Martin Shaubach was reared on the home farm and acquired his education in the common schools. He learned the carpenter's trade at the age of eighteen years, followed the same for some four years, and then resumed farming. When he started out on his own account he was dependent upon his own endeavors, and that he has succeeded unusually well is proved by his present possession of a fine farm, comprising 152 acres of well improved land, with first-class buildings—a farm which is generally recognized as the best in Providence township. His industry and energy have been well rewarded. In politics Mr. Shaubach is a Republican. Although not a member of any religious organization, he is liberal in his support of moral, charitable and benevolent enterprises in his locality, and is regarded as a man of sterling worth.

On Nov. 12, 1896, Mr. Shaubach was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Rohrer, born April 17, 1878, daughter of Levi and Hattie (Shaub) Rohrer, of West Lampeter township, both of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have had children as follows: Miss Elizabeth, residing at home; Annie M., Mrs. Shaubach; Hattie, who married William Killian, of East Lampeter township; Emma, who married Martin Bowman, of Lancaster county; Ida, who married Elmer Mickley, of Strasburg township; and Milo, who is deceased. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaubach, namely: Clara, Estella and Andrew, the second of whom passed away when but one year old.

Both Mr. Shaubach and his wife belong to old and honorable families of Lancaster county. They enjoy the respect of the neighborhood in which they live, and have a wide circle of warm personal friends. Their home is one of plenty and hospitality, and they are esteemed through Providence township.

CHARLES A. WINOWER. Among the younger generation of business men in Lancaster, Charles A. Winower, painter and decorator, is one of the most promising and capable. He was born in this city, Aug. 31, 1876, a son of George V. and Jennie (Messenkop) Winower, and grandson of Peter J. and Catherine (Vogt) Winower. The ancestry of his family is centered in Germany, whence his great-great-grandfather, John Peter, emigrated to the United States, in time to tender valuable service in the Revolutionary war.

George V. Winower, the father of Charles A., was also a painter and decorator, and he was a member of the Lancaster police force for four years. He died Oct. 30, 1895, at the age of forty-nine years, and is buried in Woodward Hill cemetery. His widow now lives in Lancaster. Their only child was Charles A.

Mr. Winower learned the art of decorating under Charles Newell, with whom he became associated when fifteen years old, and with whom he has since continued to work. He is studious, and keeps abreast of the times, and is the possessor of a well

selected library. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and in politics is a Republican. In religion he is an Episcopalian. Mr. Winower has sound business judgment, is honest of purpose, and is blessed with the gift of application.

JOHN WESLEY ANDERSON. Among the prominent and well-known men who find a congenial home and prosperous business connections in Lancaster is John Wesley Anderson, the inventor and manufacturer, whose reputation extends far beyond the limits of his home city.

William Wallace Anderson, his father, a farmer of York county, Pa., married Rachel Ann Thompson, a daughter of Jonathan Thompson; all lived and died in York county. William Wallace Anderson and his wife had three children, two of whom survive: Harriet A., wife of Joseph Barber, a farmer of York county; and John Wesley.

John Wesley Anderson was born in York county, Pa., March 7, 1843, and after attending the public schools of his district began work on a farm, at the age of seventeen years, remaining so employed for the two following years. Then, realizing that his talents led in an entirely different direction, Mr. Anderson became an apprentice at the carpenter and wagonmaking trade, serving three years, after which he embarked in the carriage and wagon building business for himself, carrying it on in York for six or seven years. With his brother Mr. Anderson then came to Lancaster county, locating at Mechanics Grove, where they established the Anderson Manufacturing Company. In 1878 Mr. Anderson came to Lancaster and engaged in the manufacture of carriage hardware specialties, having his works on Fulton street for four or five years. Then he became a partner with B. G. Dodge & Son, in the manufacture of hardware specialties, this partnership lasting for two years, when Mr. Anderson sold his interest to Dodge & Son. After traveling one year for that firm he established the National Manufacturing Company, on Sherman street, in Lancaster, and continued for two years in that connection.

However, all these years were fully occupied by Mr. Anderson, aside from the management of large business interests, in the invention and perfecting of many ingenious and useful articles, and although he has sold many he retains control of thirteen of his most important inventions, and has interested himself in the establishment of a company for their special manufacture. Many of his earlier inventions are now considered invaluable, notably the popular "jump-seat" for vehicles; a bread and meat slicer which is regarded as the very best article of its kind now on the market; and a fuel-economizer, upon which he has three patents and of which he has sole control.

Mr. Anderson has been twice married first to Miss Keziah M. Martin, a daughter of John I. Martin, a farmer of Liberty Square. Three children were born to this marriage, but Mr. Anderson has

been bereaved of two of them, one son dying at the age of nineteen months, and Miss Ada, a popular school teacher of Lancaster county, passing out of life July 1, 1901. The surviving son is Oliver N. Anderson, an artist and decorative paper hanger whose ability and taste are recognized far beyond the bounds of his native city, as he frequently receives calls from surrounding cities. Mrs. Anderson passed away Aug. 7, 1900, and on Oct. 31, 1901, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to the estimable lady who now graces his pleasant home. The marriage ceremony which united Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Jennie M. Fairley, of Greenwich, N. Y., was performed by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D., in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Anderson is a daughter of Gen. John R. McMurry, and was the widow of Hon. James M. Fairley, and a niece of Hon. Robert Black, ex-mayor of Brooklyn, N. Y. Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson are prominent in social circles, and a delightful hospitality is dispensed at their beautiful home, at No. 146 East New street, Lancaster, which has been his residence for the past sixteen years. Mr. Anderson has been identified with much of the industrial development of Lancaster, and has always been a public-spirited and liberal citizen.

WILLIAM PETER GORRECHT, one of the most popular members of the police force of Lancaster, is a grandson of William Gorrecht, who lived and died in Lancaster, and belonged to a family which was among the early settlers of the locality.

William Gorrecht, the grandfather, was an extensive dealer in coal, at the corner of Lemon and Water streets, and died from cholera in 1865. He left a large estate, and the late Peter V. Gorrecht (father of William Peter) became the successor to the coal business, which he successfully carried on until 1877, when he entered into partnership with John Keller, under the firm name of John Keller & Co., coal dealers. Peter V. Gorrecht was a member of the common council from the Ninth ward for three years; of the select branch of the city councils for two terms, having been sent there by the Republicans of his district; and was coal inspector for the city water works for ten years. He died June 20, 1901, in his sixty-fifth year. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth M. Metzger, a daughter of John Metzger, is living near Lititz. Mr. Gorrecht is also survived by nine children, as follows: I. Forney, who is in the Elgin watch factory; Maggie E., wife of John Dailey, in the restaurant business in New Haven, Conn.; Charles F., of Lancaster; Mary E., wife of Edw. Bowman, an employe of the city water works; Howard H., inspector at the city water works; Clarence B., a clerk; Clara B. and Bessie B., of Lancaster; and William P.

William P. Gorrecht was born in Lancaster March 2, 1859, and after being educated in the public schools, attended the State Normal School at Millersville for a time. After leaving the Normal Mr. Gorrecht became a foreman for Keller & Co.,

coal dealers, remaining in that position seventeen years, after which, he accepted a position with the late John Best, at his boiler works, remaining with him until April 2, 1900, when he was appointed a member of the police force, a position he has filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the public. He has one son, Herbert A., an employe of the Lancaster silk mills. Mr. Gorrecht is a member of the First Reformed Church, in politics is a staunch Republican, and fraternally belongs to the Golden Eagles; he also belongs to the Philadelphia Casualty Company. Faithful in the discharge of his duty, pleasant in manner, upright in his dealings, Mr. Gorrecht has made many friends, and is highly esteemed throughout the city.

DAVID K. HARTMAN, one of the enterprising and progressive residents of East Lampeter township, was born there March 23, 1866, and is of German descent.

Henry Hartman, his father, came from Germany when he was twenty-two years of age, and located first in New Jersey, afterward moving to Lancaster county, where he settled. He followed lime burning here all his life. Politically he was a Democrat, and took quite an active part in politics, holding the office of county commissioner for some time. He was a member of the Free Masons Lodge in Lancaster county, and in religion was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He married Miss Catherine Krantz, and they were the parents of the following children: Annie, wife of John Roth; Kate, wife of Jerris Delong; Mary, wife of Levi Bixler; Henry, deceased; David K., our subject; Christian, who was killed on the Pennsylvania railroad; Jacob, who lives on the old homestead; and John, a contractor and builder of Lancaster City.

David K. Hartman received his education in the local public schools, and has always remained on the old place, engaged at farming. He is also interested in the coal business with Hartman Bros., and by well directed industry and strict attention to business has succeeded in placing himself in comfortable circumstances. He has an honorable standing in his community, both for his evident business ability and for his genuine worth as a man.

On Dec. 15, 1887, Mr. Hartman wedded Miss Lida Hoar, daughter of John Hoar, Soudersburg, and to this union have been born eight children, four of whom died in infancy; Harry, Clarence and Elsie, are at home; and William, a bright little lad of ten years, met his death by accident in April, 1901. He was playing near a keg of powder, when it exploded, and burned him so badly that he lived only twenty-eight hours.

MILTON L. SWARR, one of the substantial farmers of East Hempfield township, is located midway between East Petersburg and Landisville, and successfully conducts his farm of eighty-seven and

one-half acres—the old homestead which has been in the possession of the family for several generations.

Milton L. Swarr was born March 31, 1868, on the farm adjoining his present place, son of Martin P. and Maria (Landis) Swarr, the latter a daughter of Rev. John B. Landis, of East Petersburg. Mrs. Swarr still survives, but the father passed away March 9, 1895, in his fiftieth year. He had been a successful farmer, and came into possession of the old home place in 1884, remaining there until his death. His life was filled with good deeds, and he was identified with a number of public trusts, being a stockholder and a director in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster, and a director in the Lancaster and Elizabethtown Pike Co. A consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church, he was valued there for his many traits of true Christian character. For some time he served as a member of the board of Education in the township, and was also its capable auditor. The four children born to Martin P. and Maria Swarr were: Salome L., widow of Phares S. Aungst; Milton L.; Harry L., who resides at home with his mother and sister; and Martin L., who lives with Milton L.

Milton L. Swarr was educated in the public schools, and began farming on his own account in 1891, selecting a tract of land in East Lampeter township, where he remained until the spring of 1896. He then returned to the old homestead, which he has since operated, and he succeeded his father also as director in the Lancaster and Elizabethtown Turnpike Co.

The marriage of Milton L. Swarr, on Aug. 18, 1890, was to Minnie S. Cassel daughter of Jeremiah G. Cassel, of Penn township. A son, Harry M., was born to them Jan. 10, 1896; a daughter, Elsie, died at the age of four years. Both Mr. Swarr and his estimable wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church, where they are highly esteemed.

HENRY GOOS, the proprietor of the bread and cake bakery, at No. 16 North Shippen street, Lancaster, comes of an excellent German family, and his name has been prominently associated with the baking business in that city for more than half a century.

Frederick Goos, the father of Henry, came to this country from Germany when eighteen years old. Landing at Philadelphia, he remained there some time, and then came to Lancaster. For seven years he was engaged in the Steward's department of the State Normal School at Millersville, when he went to learn the baking business with his brother Lawrence, whose arrival in this country preceded that of Frederick, and who was then conducting a successful baking trade at Lancaster. Having finished his apprenticeship, Frederick Goos started a bakery on West King street, where he remained but a few months, as he purchased property on North Queen street, where he moved, and where

he successfully conducted his business until his death. He accumulated considerable property, and his estate is still in the possession of his widow. Mr. Goos married Miss Wolf, daughter of Philip Wolf, of Lancaster. Her mother died only a few years ago, at the advanced age of ninety years. To this marriage were born seven children, five of whom are living: Henry; Miss Louisa; Charles, married, but living with his mother; and Frederick Charles, a baker, and Anna Mary, both unmarried and living at home.

Henry Goos was born in Lancaster, and attended the public schools until he reached the age of eleven years, at which time he became an apprentice in his father's bakery, where he remained until he was twenty-two years old. At that time he worked as a journeyman baker in other shops, continuing this until 1892. That year he was elected boss baker to the Lancaster County Prison, a position he held for five years, and was re-elected for a sixth term, but his resignation soon followed. He then took charge of a bakery business in Baltimore, and also engaged in the insurance business but later returned to Lancaster and took possession of the bakery on North Shippen street, where he is found engaged in a very good business at this time.

On Feb. 6, 1888, Mr. Goos was married to Susan Rhoads, daughter of Abraham Rhoads, a farmer of Eden township. Mr. and Mrs. Goos, with no children of their own, have opened their hearts and home to young relatives, upon whom they have bestowed the care of parents.

Mr. Goos is of an inventive turn of mind, and has invented a number of useful articles. The most notable one, and one that he has patented, was the Improved Game of Checkers, the first innovation on the old game of checkers that had been made for hundreds of years, making it possible to play what is known as Naval, Military or Political checkers. This game has had quite a sale, and is on the market to-day. Mr. Goos is a member of the Order of Mystic Chain, the Golden Eagle and the Daughters of Naomi, and his circle of friends and acquaintances is extensive.

WILLIAM C. SAPP, one of the leading merchants of Lancaster, engaged in the wholesale and retail furniture business at Nos. 41 and 43 South Queen street, is not only prominent in the furniture trade, but has added much to the material growth of Lancaster in the remodeling and erection of its residences. Mr. Sapp's ancestors came to America from Germany. His father, the late Jacob Sapp, was a contracting house carpenter, and was for years in the service of the Pennsylvania Railway Company. His mother was Miss Anna Sides, daughter of the late Jacob Sides, a farmer of Strasburg. Nine children were born to their union of whom three are living: William C., our subject; Anna F., widow of L. R. Rote; and Mabel, wife of Charles Myers, an upholsterer, of Washington, D. C.

William C. Sapp was born on the old homestead in Strasburg, Feb. 16, 1858, and was educated in the public schools of Lancaster. Leaving school he became apprenticed to house carpentering, with his father, working at that trade for five years, after which he became a traveling salesman for a New York house, continuing in that line until 1885, when he embarked in the furniture trade. Opening an establishment at the corner of South Queen and Vine streets, he remained there one year, at the end of which time the increase of trade demanded more room, and we next find him in the building now occupied by Mr. Watson, the undertaker. Three years in that location and another place of business became a necessity to meet the requirements of the trade; hence his removal to his present commodious quarters at Nos. 41 and 43 South Queen street. Three delivery wagons are kept busy, at times to deliver the goods to Mr. Sapp's many patrons. Anything desired by customers which cannot be found in the immense and varied stock Mr. Sapp manufactures to order. Mr. Sapp remodeled the fine property at the corner of West Chestnut and Mary streets, which is now his home, as well as the equally fine mansion adjoining which he also owns; and he erected twelve modern houses on South Queen, South Prince and South Beaver streets.

Mr. Sapp married Miss Amelia Peusch, daughter of the late Frederick Peusch, a grocer of Lancaster. No children have been born to this union. A member of the Elks, the Artisans, and the Trinity Lutheran Church, Mr. Sapp is welcomed in social and church circles; and in business circles he is regarded as among the foremost merchants of his age in Lancaster. Always at his post, prompt in all his dealings, and full of enterprise and pluck, he has won the success that has attended him because he deserved it.

JOSEPH E. HERTGEN, proprietor of the Lancaster Lithographing and Box Company, with works covering a quarter of the block, is one of the bright and progressive young men of the city.

B. Hertgen, his father, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, and came to this country in early manhood. His wife, Mary Klingler, bore him four children, all born in this country, and all of them dead except Joseph E. The elder Hertgen, who was a stationary engineer, crossed the ocean half a dozen times. He died in July, 1898. Mrs. Hertgen makes her home with her only surviving child, who has a pleasant residence on East Orange street in this city.

Joseph E. Hertgen was born in Boston, May 14, 1868, and in 1871, accompanied his father and mother to Europe, where he attended school in Alsace for three years. At the expiration of that time the family returned to this country. In 1879 the family made a second voyage to Europe, young Hertgen again attending school in Alsace, this time for a period of two years. His father spent some part of these two years in the United States,

then bringing his family back to Boston. There Joseph E. completed his school days and entered a store as a cash boy, where he worked for about nine months, and then secured a situation in a rope factory where his father was an engineer. Leaving this place he went to New York City, and studied the art of lithographing, beginning at this business while still fourteen, and this has been his business to the present time. In 1892 he came to Lancaster and founded the Lancaster Lithographing Company, establishing it in the Foltz Building on East Chestnut street. In this location he continued for five years, when his increasing business compelled him to seek more commodious quarters, which he found in the Long & Davidson Building on the same street. Two years in this location found him still needing room, and he secured the spacious quarters where he is found to-day, and where he has added to the lithographic business the manufacture of paper boxes. In the matter of lithographing, Mr. Hertgen's work stands very high, and among his patrons are found men who are famous in mercantile circles in New York, Chicago and other large cities.

In 1889 Mr. Hertgen was married to Miss Philopena Blum, daughter of Philip Blum, a contracting house carpenter of Jersey City Heights. To this union were born two children, Florence M. and Joseph J. Mr. Hertgen is a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He seeks no political office, belongs to no secret organizations, but devotes all his time to his family and his business. His success in life is evidence in itself that he has not only given steady, but intelligent, attention to his work in hand.

BYRAM DOUTRICH, a stonemason and farmer of Paradise township, residing on his place at Vintage, was born in Berks county, Pa., son of David and Ellen (Hickman) Doutrich, both also natives of Berks county. The Hickmans were among the wealthiest residents of Berks county, and were of German origin, as were also the Doutrich family. They have all been farmers, and have been residents of America for over a hundred years.

Jacob Doutrich, the great-great-grandfather of Byram, was the founder of the family in Lancaster county. John Doutrich was his son. Isaac Doutrich, son of John, and grandfather of Byram, was a prosperous farmer of Berks county, where he stood high as a citizen and a man. He owned three good farms. He married a Haines.

David Doutrich, father of Byram, was an extensive farmer of Berks county, but he met with reverses, and died in very moderate circumstances. His name stands high as that of a leading citizen of Berks county and a representative Democrat. Shortly before his death he removed into Lancaster county, where he died in 1859, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His widow passed away in 1878, at the age of sixty-six. They were the parents of a numerous family, four of whom died in childhood:

David is a resident of Limeville; Israel lives in the same place; Ephraim, an engineer, is deceased; Elizabeth married Amos Goodland, of Berks county, and is deceased; Mary married John Myers, of Berks county, and is deceased; Jefferson is a resident of Salisbury township; Catherine is the wife of Samuel Oberly, of Harristown, Lancaster county; Jacob is a resident of Scotland; Edward is overseer of the Southern Home for Confederate Veterans, at Richmond, Va.; Ellen, the widow of Mr. Moore, is a resident of Reading Pa.; Byram is mentioned below.

Byram Doutrich was born Sept. 27, 1848, and was reared to a farm life, acquiring his education in the public school. Remaining at home until the age of twenty-three, he learned the milling trade. This not proving a pleasant work, Mr. Doutrich came back to the farm, where he later learned the brick and stone mason trade, which he followed in connection with farming. In 1859 he came to this county, where he has made his home to the present time. Mr. Doutrich also does work as a well digger, and as a bridge builder has been largely employed by the county as well as the Pennsylvania Railway Co. He has also worked as a carpenter and a blacksmith, and for three years was a deputy sheriff under Sheriff Myers. He is ready and versatile, and keeps abreast with modern ideas.

Mr. Doutrich was married, in 1868, to Miss Catherine, daughter of Christian Hess, of East Earl township. Of their numerous family four died in childhood; Martin is a farmer in Paradise township; Jacob is a resident of Lancaster; Harry died in the spring of 1901; Emma is the wife of Harry Hacker, of Lititz; Frank is a brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad; Isaac is a farmer of Paradise township; Samuel is a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad; Adam and Lydia are at home. The Doutrichs are connected with the Old Mennonite Church, and the among the highly esteemed residents of the county.

JOHN H. EPLER, a well-known and representative citizen of Elizabethtown, belongs to an old and honored family of Lancaster and Dauphin counties.

Mr. Epler was born Oct. 13, 1835, in Dauphin county, Pa., son of David M. and Catherine (Rothrock) Epler, the former of whom was a native of Lancaster county, but in 1814 made his home in Dauphin county, where the remainder of his life was spent. David M. Epler was well known through his adopted county, and was identified with much of its public life. He was zealous in the cause of education and was one of the most earnest advocates of the free school system, serving as president of the board of education when that great system went into operation. Mr. Epler held many of the local offices and always lived an upright life, which enabled him to command the respect of his community. His birth occurred early in the century,

and after a useful life of eighty-one years he passed away in 1892. His wife, born in 1815, preceded him to the grave in 1883. In 1866 he retired from farming activity, but was intelligently interested in public, local and neighborhood affairs until his death.

The family born to David M. Epler and wife consisted of twelve children, namely: John H.; Eliza Ann, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Elizabeth, who married Moses Good; Margaret, who died in infancy; Mary, who married Abraham W. Nissley, of West Donegal township; Barbara, who married Joseph Peck, of Elizabethtown; Jacob R., who is a farmer and politician of Dauphin county; David M. and Catherine, who died young; Abraham, who was killed by accident, in infancy; Lydia, who married Daniel C. Sweigart, a contractor and builder of Elizabethtown; and Emma, who married Joseph H. Goss, a tobacco farmer residing in Elizabethtown.

The paternal grandparents of John H. Epler were John and Barbara (Moyer) Epler, the former of whom was born in Dauphin county, just over the Lancaster line, in 1774, but resided in Lancaster county until a few years after his marriage, when he returned to his old homestead in Dauphin county. Mrs. Barbara (Moyer) Epler was a daughter of Isaac Moyer, who was an artilleryman in the Revolutionary army. The Moyer family belonged in early days to Berks county, but later the family was founded by two brothers in Dauphin county, this branch becoming numerous and prominent. The maternal grandfather of John H. Epler was Henry Rothrock, of Lancaster county, who married a Weaver; both died in Dauphin county. Henry Rothrock was a son of Peter Rothrock, who lies buried south of Elizabethtown.

John H. Epler attended the district schools, and was given as fair an education as the locality afforded. He grew to manhood on the farm, and until he was fifty-two years of age followed agricultural pursuits. Prior to locating in Elizabethtown, Mr. Epler served his township in many ways, his peculiar fitness making him eligible for all the local offices, in which he efficiently and reliably served for a number of years. From 1869 to 1888 he was justice of the peace, resigning when he became a resident of Elizabethtown, and two years had scarcely elapsed when he was elected to the same office for five years, and in 1900 he was appointed. He has continued to discharge his duties with dignity and justice. While living on the farm he was interested in all agricultural enterprises and was an active member of the Grange. In politics Mr. Epler has been a lifelong Republican, casting his first vote for Fremont. With his family he belongs to and generously supports the Lutheran Church.

On Jan. 5, 1860, in Elizabethtown, John H. Epler was married to Miss Anna Kaylor, and they became the parents of the following named chil-

dren: David M., a farmer on the old Epler homestead in Dauphin county which came into the family in 1767; J. Frank, traveling auditor for the Allentown & Lehigh Valley Railroad; Elmer E., deceased; Kate A., wife of Eli M. Kinzey, of Dauphin county; William H., a carpenter, living at home; and Emma L., wife of Joseph T. Carter, of Lancaster.

Mrs. Epler belongs to well-known families of Dauphin county. Her father, Joshua Kaylor, was long a skilled carpenter in Dauphin county, and her mother, Barbara (Welker) Kaylor, was born and reared in the same county.

CHARLES V. WACKER, proprietor of the Eagle Brewery, and a substantial business man of the city of Lancaster, was born there Jan. 27, 1857, son of Joseph and Mary Wacker. He is of German ancestry on both paternal and maternal sides, and his father was born in Germany, thence coming to the United States and settling in Lancaster, where he engaged in the brewing business until his retirement. He and his wife still make their home in Lancaster.

Charles V. Wacker received his education in the public schools of his native city, receiving a good practical training. He has been a brewer throughout his active business life, and by his thorough familiarity with all the details of his business, strict attention to the demands of the trade and honorable methods has made a success of his chosen line. His standing in the commercial circles of Lancaster is unquestioned.

Mr. Wacker was married in Lancaster, Nov. 26, 1883, to Miss Mary Johnson, daughter of Peter and Kate Johnson, and they have had three children, Mary, Cecilia, and Loretta. The family attend St. Mary's Catholic Church, and Mr. Wacker is a member of St. Michael's Society and the Leo XIII Society. He is liberal in his political views, attaching himself to no party.

AMOS E. GARBER, a prominent and prosperous farmer of West Donegal township, was born Sept. 22, 1856, on the farm where his industrious and useful life has passed, son of John S. and Susan Garber.

Mr. Garber was married Oct. 16, 1890, at the home of the bride, in Penn township, to Lizzie P. Reist, and to them have come the following children: Florence R., Mary R., Jacob R., Susie R. and Paul R. Mrs. Lizzie P. (Reist) Garber was born in Penn township, in 1868, daughter of Jacob B. and Mary (Peifer) Reist. Her parents were both natives of Lancaster county and her father, who was born in 1844, is a retired farmer in Penn township. Her mother was born in 1846. Both are members of the Mennonite Church. They have had the following children: Amelia P. married David Buckwalder, a farmer in Penn township; Lizzie P. is noted above as the wife of Amos E. Garber;

Amos P. died young; Mary P. married Abraham Mumma, a farmer in East Donegal township; Amanda P. married Hiram Witmer, a farmer in Penn township; Christian P. died young; Adeline P. married John Hershey, a farmer in Penn township; Emma P. married Monroe Metzler, a farmer in Penn township; Susan P. and Minnie P. are at home with their parents.

Mrs. Lizzie P. Garber's paternal grandparents were John and Mary (Brubaker) Reist, both Lancaster county people, as were also her maternal grandparents, Christian and Elizabeth (Erb) Peifer.

Amos E. Garber has spent his life on his present place, and is widely known as a hard-working and upright man, of fine character and inflexible honesty. Both himself and wife are members of the Mennonite Church, and in his political relations he is a Republican.

ROBERT A. MORRISON. Among the leading and representative farmers of Lancaster county Robert A. Morrison, of Little Britain township, takes a leading position. Mr. Morrison was born in Lancaster county, in Colerain township, Dec. 7, 1838. He was a son of Samuel and Abigail (Gordon) Morrison, of Scotch-Irish origin, both natives of Colerain township.

Grandfather Samuel Morrison was a son of Gabriel Morrison, who came from Ireland in 1750, and located in Lancaster county, Pa., buying land in Colerain township. Samuel Morrison (1) was the father of these children: Alexander G., deceased, who was a minister in the Presbyterian Church; Robert E., who was a clergyman of the Methodist Church, deceased; Samuel; James G., deceased; Gabriel S., deceased; Annie, the only daughter, deceased; and Dr. John A., a physician, living in Chester county; he is the only member of this family yet surviving, and has reached the age of eighty-seven years.

Samuel Morrison (2) was born Dec. 9, 1804, and died in 1888. About 1830 he married Abigail Gordon, who died in 1852, leaving a family of six children: William G., died in 1867; Alexander, a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1896; John H., of Chester county; Robert A.; and Frank and Morgan J., both deceased.

Robert A. Morrison began his life on a farm and his interest has always centered in agricultural pursuits. His present farm is one of the most valuable in this part of Lancaster county, where he has made excellent improvements, has a comfortable dwelling and one of the most commodious barns in the township. Mr. Morrison is known to be an excellent farmer and his methods are progressive and successful, his long attention to this line making him an authority on the usual subjects with which a successful farmer must be thoroughly acquainted.

On Oct. 8, 1866, Robert A. Morrison was married to Miss Isabella W. Black, of Little Britain

township, born in 1848, a daughter of James and Margaret (Clark) Black. The five children born to this union were: Harry E., who married Ada Patterson, of this township; Annie; Ruth A.; William, who married Catherine Hayes, of Little Britain, where they live; and Minnie, who is at home. In politics Mr. Morrison is a Republican, and is one of the leading members of the Union Presbyterian Church, of Colerain township, having long been one of its elders. For the last fourteen years he has been school director in this township and has done much for the advancement of education in this locality. As a citizen, neighbor, husband and father, Robert A. Morrison, is a worthy representative of this honored Lancaster county family.

REV. JOHN KOHLER (deceased) was born May 27, 1820, in Thompsonstown, Juniata Co., Pa., and died at his home in New Holland, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 11, 1878. He was buried in the cemetery attached to the Lutheran Church in New Holland.

The parents of Rev. John Kohler were Andrew and Anna M. (Brennsholtz) Kohler, of Adams county, Pa., the former of whom was a miller by occupation. His death occurred in New Berlin, Union Co., Pa. The children born to Andrew Kohler and his wife were as follows: Jacob, who died young; Rev. John; Andrew, a miller and later a merchant in Akron, Ohio; William, a farmer in Juniata county; Frederick, a merchant in Juniata county; Margaret, Mrs. Fisher, a widow, residing in New Berlin (her husband was a builder and contractor); Simon, a farmer of New Berlin, Pa.; Augustus, who died when young, out West; Thomas who died at the age of sixteen; and Ann M., who died young. All of the family have passed away with the exception of Mrs. Fisher.

For many years Rev. John Kohler was a prominent man in Pennsylvania, occupying positions of responsibility in the church of his belief and in her educational institutions. His early rearing was on a farm, but at the age of sixteen years, by close application, he had prepared himself for entrance to Gettysburg College, and he studied faithfully until ordained a minister. His first location was in Williamsport, Pa., and in 1851 he was transferred to New Holland, where he remained in the faithful discharge of his spiritual duties for fourteen years. Mr. Kohler was then placed in charge of the work at Trappe, Montgomery county, where he preached the Word for ten years, after which he accepted a call to Stroudsburg, in Monroe county. This was an important charge, and there he remained nine busy years, leaving it only when called to be the principal of Muhlenberg College, at Allentown. Dr. Kohler continued his educational work for two years, and from there went to Mechanicsburg, where the last eight years of his ministry were passed. Few men have more fully lived up to the ideal Christian life than did Dr. Kohler, and great

were the earthly compensations to his faithfulness. He is remembered with deep affection and the influence of his life is still felt among the people for whom he labored so long.

On Feb. 6, 1846, in Mifflintown, Juniata Co., Pa., Rev. Mr. Kohler married Louisa A. Baum, the ceremony being performed by Rev. S. R. Boyer. To this union were born the following named children: Miss Emma J., residing at home; Rev. Charles, a clergyman of the Lutheran Church, at Cleveland, Ohio, married to Elizabeth Truckenmiller; Dr. John B., a physician in New Holland, married to Ella Storb; Martin Luther, an attorney in Philadelphia, married to Josephine Royer; Anna M., at home; Rev. Frederick, financial secretary of the Chicago Theological Lutheran Seminary, who married Victoria Brown and resides in Chicago; George, an optician, residing at home; Louisa E., who married Robert Brown, a furniture dealer and undertaker, and resides in Stroudsburg; and Mary, married to William M. Mearig, of Upper Leacock township.

Mrs. Kohler was born Aug. 7, 1820, in New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Snyder) Baum, of Bucks county. Mr. Baum was a gunsmith by trade. He was born in Bucks county in 1769, and died Oct. 2, 1842. His wife died Sept. 25, 1839. They were good and worthy people, members of the Lutheran Church. Their family consisted of children as follows: Samuel, who died in 1879, aged eighty years; Elizabeth, Mrs. George Bogar, who died Oct. 4, 1890; Barbara, deceased, Jan. 18, 1892, aged ninety years, who married James Cummings; Mary A., who died Feb. 17, 1868, wife of Rev. William German; Margaret, Mrs. German, who died Jan. 13, 1894; Charles, who died May 22, 1852, aged forty-five years; Jacob, who died in 1864, aged fifty-four years; Henry, deceased; Rachel, who died June 18, 1886, aged eighty-one years, married to Rev. S. R. Boyer; John E., who died June 22, 1885, aged sixty-eight years; Louisa A., married to Rev. John Kohler; and Miss Sarah J., who lives in Stroudsburg at the age of seventy-nine years, the youngest of a family noted for longevity.

The paternal grandparents were Carl and Barbara (Ewens) Baum, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Scotland, this combination of two hardy races probably having had much to do with the vigor of their descendants. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Kohler were Jacob and Margaret (Daws) Snyder, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Philadelphia.

This family is a prominent one in its home county and its members have worthily represented its honorable name wherever they have located.

A. L. STIVELY, a prominent and popular merchant of Collins, Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in that township, March 5, 1844, son of Frederick and Anna (Barr) Stively.

Frederick Stively was born in Strasburg township, this county, Jan. 9, 1806, and his wife was born the same year in Eden township, daughter of Jacob and Esther Barr. Mr. Stively was reared in Strasburg township and was a young man when his parents moved to the West. He remained in Lancaster county, however, and was the only representative of his family left in Pennsylvania. For a life career he settled upon the cooper's trade, and after his marriage lived for a time in Strasburg, but later moved to East Drumore township, where he followed farming, making his home there some five years, and then removing to a farm in Colerain township, where he lived until 1870. In 1865 he bought a farm in Eden and Strasburg townships, on which he made his home from 1870 until his death, in June, 1891. In 1869 he erected buildings there, the second set of buildings on the place. Though Frederick Stively started in life a poor young man, by the exercise of thrift and industry, coupled with wise management and integrity, he became wealthy, and died possessed of a large estate. In 1860 he purchased a farm of 100 acres in Providence township, upon which were located immense ore mines which are known to-day as the Stively ore banks. This property he retained until 1864, when he sold at an advance of \$5,000. Mrs. Stively passed to her rest in September, 1897. Both were members of the Mennonite Church, and were regarded as good and consistent Christian people. In politics he was a staunch Republican. To Frederick and Anna Stively were born nine children, of whom five are still living. (1) Christianna and (2) Martha died young. (3) Fannie, born in Strasburg township in 1833, is now the widow of John M. Shank, and makes her home in Providence township with her three children, Anna, Elizabeth and John S. (4) Jacob, born in 1835, married Sallie Stafford, and located in Providence township, where he followed farming until his death in 1865. His son Jacob is a merchant in Little Britain, is married and has a family. (5) Fred, born in East Drumore township, is now a successful farmer of Strasburg township. (6) Mary, born in 1840, is the widow of David Miller, and makes her home in Harrisburg with her only daughter. (7) A. L. is next in the family. (8) Elizabeth born in October, 1846, married Martin Mower, and died in Philadelphia, where Mr. Mower and his son Frederick still reside. (9) John M., born in Colerain township in 1850, married for his first wife Anna Brown, of Colerain township, by whom he had one daughter, Alice, now the wife of George Bracken, of West Grove. John Stively married Ella Wells, of Chester county, for his second wife, and they reside on his farm; to them have come five children, Fannie, Mary, Edna, John and Charles.

A. L. Stively was educated in the public and select schools of this county. When a young man he engaged in farming, which he followed for a number of years on the old homestead in Colerain

township until 1888, in which year he purchased the general store of U. M. Collins in the village of Collins, where he has carried on general merchandising up to the present time with marked success. He owns considerable real estate in the village, and is a prosperous and successful business man.

Mr. Stively was married in April, 1898, to Miss Emma F. Herr, of Quarryville, daughter of Martin and Maria (Martin) Herr, who are still living in Quarryville, at the advanced ages of eighty-nine and eighty-three years, respectively. Mrs. Stively was born in Paradise township in 1856, was educated in the home schools and at the Millersville State Normal, and for sixteen years taught in the public schools of Lancaster county; for two years she was a clerk for her brother in his store at Bloomfield, Iowa, and for two years was with another brother in Missouri, returning to Lancaster county in the spring of 1897, where she was married the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Stively have one daughter Mary H., born Oct. 25, 1900.

Politically Mr. Stively is a Prohibitionist. He has been postmaster at Collins for fourteen years. Both himself and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, of which he has been a member for twenty years, and in the work of which they take an active part. He held the position of steward and trustee for several years, and is an officer of the church at the present time.

Mr. Stively is a man of more than the ordinary intelligence. Personally he is a genial and warm-hearted companion and an interesting conversationalist; he is loyal to his friends, and is beloved by many, who know and appreciate his numerous good qualities.

MARTIN GREIDER, commissioner of Lancaster county, and a member of the firm of M. L. Greider & Company, dealers in all kinds of agricultural implements, tobacconists and cigar manufacturers, of Mt. Joy, Pa., was born in Rapho township, Feb. 26, 1842, a son of Christian and Margaret (Lindemuth) Greider, the former of West Hempfield and the latter of Rapho township, both of them passing out of life in the latter place.

Christian Greider was a well-known farmer and lived to the age of eighty-one, dying in 1877; the mother survived until 1881, her years reaching seventy-two. Both parents were laid away in the family burying-ground on their own farm in Rapho township. They were consistent members of the Mennonite and Lutheran Churches, respectively. Their children numbered two: Jacob, who died in 1852; and Martin, of this biography. The paternal grandfather was Martin Greider, a prominent farmer of West Hempfield township, who married a Miss Weldy; and the maternal grandfather was Jacob Lindemuth, who married a Miss Ilick; both died in Rapho township.

Martin L. Greider was reared on the farm and attended the district schools. When he reached the

age of twenty he rented his father's farm and engaged in business for himself, successfully operating it until 1868, at which time he inherited the property and continued his residence upon it until the spring of 1893. He then retired from active agricultural labor, removed to Mt. Joy and opened up his present extensive business. In 1899 he was elected to the office of county commissioner on the Republican ticket, and since then has devoted much of his time and energy to county business.

On May 5, 1863, Mr. Greider was married in Lancaster county to Mary A. Shirk and the children born to this union were: John, who died young; Elmira, who died young; Samuel, who lives on the old farm in Rapho township; Christian, who is a bookkeeper in the Harrisburg Boiler Manufacturing Company, of Harrisburg; and Lillian, who married Jonas N. Hostetter, who is associated in business with Mr. Greider.

Both in commercial and social circles in Mt. Joy, Mr. Greider holds a prominent position and has long been regarded as a political factor in that locality. The family is one of the most respected in the neighborhood, and is well known through its connections all over Lancaster county.

LEVI REINHART, now a prominent retired farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Pequea township, in February, 1840, his parents being Michael and Fannie (Martin) Reinhart, both of whom were born in Lancaster county.

Michael Reinhart was a son of Michael (Sr.) and Martha Reinhart, both of whom were born in this county though of German parentage. They settled in Pequea township, where Michael Reinhart with his three brothers attained manhood; they were Daniel, John and Harry. They all lived and died in Lancaster county.

Michael Reinhart lived in Pequea township for some years, when he moved into Lampeter township, where he lived until 1867. That year he removed to Colerain township, where he was engaged in farming until 1870. Then he went West, and located near Sterling, Ill., where he was a farmer until shortly before his death in 1892. His widow has recently passed to her reward. They had a family of four sons and three daughters, and six of their children accompanied them in their westward movement. (1) Elizabeth married Jacob Kendig, and has her home in Kansas. (2) Martha married Christian Shaw, of Lancaster county, and though they went to Illinois with her parents, they came back to this county, and have a home in Colerain township. (3) Fannie accompanied her parents to the West, where she married a Mr. Moyer, and made her home in Sterling. (4) Daniel married Barbara Myers, of Strasburg township; they made their home in Sterling, Illinois, where he died in 1880, leaving a widow and two children. (5) John married a Miss Moyer in Illinois, where they located on a

farm, and have two daughters. (6) Amos died when a boy in Lancaster county. (7) Levi.

Levi Reinhart was reared in Lancaster county, where he was given a district school education in Pequea and West Lampeter townships. Until the breaking out of the Civil war he worked as a farm hand. His enlistment as a member of Co. G, 122d P. V. I., under command of Capt. J. N. Neff, occurred in 1862. The regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and served under Gen. McClellan, forming part of the reserve at the second battle of Bull Run, where it was for the first time under fire. After several heavy skirmishes the regiment took part in the battle of Centerville, and of Fairfax Court House. At Fredericksburg it was in the thick of the fight, and again at Chancellorsville, where Gen. Whipple, the brigade commander, was killed. Company G, in which Mr. Reinhart was enrolled was detailed as a guard of honor to escort the remains of Gen. Whipple back to Washington, where military honors were paid the heroic dead. About this time the term of Mr. Reinhart's enlistment expired, and in May, 1863, he returned to Lancaster county.

In Lancaster county Mr. Reinhart resumed his labors as a farmer, and was presently married to Sarah A., the daughter of Daniel and Catherine Fulton. Daniel Fulton was for many years a justice of the peace, and a surveyor of Pequea township, where he lived and died. There Mrs. Reinhart was born in 1844, and was reared to young womanhood.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart lived for a time in Providence township, where he followed farming, and then moved into Colerain township, where he purchased the Joseph Robinson farm in 1885, after having owned and operated the Jacob Miller place for some fifteen years. The Robinson farm contains 141 acres, and was provided with a large brick house, frame barn, and other farm buildings in fine condition. A few years later he erected a large addition to the house, put up a wind mill pump, and made many other substantial improvements.

Mrs. Reinhart died in 1898. She was a member of the Colerain Baptist Church, and is remembered in loving hearts as a good Christian woman, greatly excelling in those things that make a woman well beloved by all who know her. She bore her husband eleven children. (1) Benjamin F. Reinhart, the oldest child of the family, was born in Pequea township, Nov. 8, 1866, where he was reared and married, Maggie Crossin, of Chester county, becoming his wife. They reside in Chester county, where he holds a position as foreman of a repair gang on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. They have one daughter, Mildred S. (2) Daniel F., born Nov. 8, 1868, is single and lives at home. (3) Laura K., born in Providence township, Feb. 18, 1870, married William B. Ferguson, of Colerain township, and is the mother of one son, Uhler.

(4) Michael, born Sept. 20, 1871, married Laura Bennard, of Colerain township, and has his home on a part of his father's old homestead; they have one son, Floyd. (5) Fannie E., born in January, 1873, married Charles S. Thompson, of Bart township, and is the mother of two children, Rufus N. and Levi C. (6) William M., born in December, 1874, married Hannah Hastings, and resides in Little Britain township. (7) Harry E., born in March, 1876, is a groceryman in Philadelphia. (8) Charles E., born in April, 1879, is unmarried. (9) Georgie A. and (10) Mary, twins, were born in August, 1881. Mary died in infancy and Georgie, now the only daughter at home, received a good education in the home school and in the Union High School. Since the death of her mother, she has had charge of the home, where she has given her father every care and attention that his declining years demand. She is a young woman of much character and culture, and enjoys the respect and esteem of the community to a marked degree. (11) Miller, born Sept. 5, 1883.

In politics Mr. Reinhart has always been identified with the Republican party, and has held the office of supervisor one term, and has also been school director. He is a charter member of the *Birely Post*, No. 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, where he has held various official positions.

S. T. DAVIS, M. D., of Lancaster City, and one of the gallant ex-soldiers of the war of the Rebellion, is a native of Huntingdon county, Pa., born in 1838. He is the eldest of six children of Henry Davis, a blacksmith and justice of the peace, all of whom are still living.

Dr. Davis worked for four years in his father's shop, and studied at odd hours to acquire an education. Every Sunday for a long time he walked five miles to the office of Dr. H. Orlady, of Petersburg, to recite, and thus prepared for his future success and still later he took a course at Mooresville Academy in Huntingdon county. In the summer of 1858 he was the first pupil from Huntingdon county to attend the Millersville State Normal School, and in the fall of the same year he returned to Huntingdon county and taught school. The following year he was teaching in Lancaster county, and had just nicely settled down to his work, when the war broke out. He enlisted in Co. H, 15th P. V. I., and was in the service three months. He was promoted to the rank of ordnance sergeant of the regiment, and was discharged at Carlisle, but then re-enlisted, this time for three years, in Co. C, 77th P. V. I., as second lieutenant, and later was appointed and commissioned adjutant of the regiment. In the early part of 1862 he was detached as acting assistant adjutant general on the staff of Brigadier General E. N. Kirk. When the three years time was out, he was commissioned captain of Co. G, 77th Pennsylvania Volunteers. This company he himself recruited and it consisted of fifteen members of the

old Co. G, and the remainder of new men, all of Welsh descent. The Doctor is next found serving as acting assistant-general with the rank of captain, on the staff of Gen. William Grose. While thus serving he was slightly wounded at Shiloh and Chickamauga, and very seriously wounded at the engagement of Resaca, Ga., and for five days lay on the field. After being at the hospital for three months at Chattanooga, he, in 1864, was honorably discharged from the service on account of wounds received in action, and after taking part in thirteen battles.

During his military career he had splendid opportunities for obtaining a close familiarity with surgery. In 1864-65 he took a course of lectures at Jefferson Medical College, and in the summer of 1865 he graduated from Long Island College Hospital. He returned to Millersville, where he was associated with Dr. S. B. Hartman for a year, and then was in practice alone for nine years. In 1874 he moved to Lancaster, and at the present is located at No. 132 North Prince street. The Doctor is a member and ex-president of the City Pathological Association, and of the county society. In addition he is serving his sixth term as president of the State Board of Health. The Doctor has been a member of this board since July, 1889, having been appointed for six years. He was one of the original members of the American Surgical Association, and is a member of the American Medical Association. He has performed many difficult operations on the human body, and makes a specialty of surgery and gynecology.

In local politics the Doctor has taken considerable interest and has served in the city councils for five years, filling the office of president of the common councils at one time. In the fall of 1885 he was elected to the State Legislature, and in 1887 was re-elected by the largest Republican majority ever polled in the city. While in the Legislature the Doctor was very active in medical legislation pertaining to matters of hygiene and sanitary affairs. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Union Veteran Legion and of the Loyal Legion. He has donated his sword and war relics for the use of the museum connected with the order, which will shortly be built. He is a 32d degree Mason and has served as thrice potent Grand Master in the Lodge of Perfection of that order.

Dr. Davis has delivered many addresses at Sanitary Conventions and Medical Societies, and in other ways has been prominent in movements of this character. He usually takes a few weeks every year for the purpose of hunting, and has been all over the United States and Canada; at his residence can be seen numerous heads of deer and other mementos of camp life. He is also an amateur photographer, and his house is filled with pictures of people and places. He has a very large practice in Lancaster, and is a very busy man, of pleasant, social characteristics, who makes a most entertaining compan-

ion, and he is known as a physician and soldier all over the United States. The Doctor is serving his second term as a member of the Pension Board. He is president of the Greenwood Cemetery Association, having been one of its organizers.

Dr. S. T. Davis married in Millersville, in 1866, Miss Elizabeth Fenstermacher, a daughter of Christian and Catherine Fenstermacher. There have been no children born to this union, but the Doctor and wife have an adopted daughter, Martha H. Davis. Dr. and Mrs. Davis and their adopted child stand very high socially and professionally, as well as officially, the Doctor bears a most enviable reputation.

JOHN W. ZELL, M. D. Among the representative men of Lancaster county, a leader in both political and professional life, is Dr. John W. Zell, the popular and appreciated physician of Fairmount, Pa. For many years Dr. Zell has taken an active part in all the progress and development of this section and is well known and beloved, having been for forty-six years identified with the people of this locality in one of the closest relations of life.

Dr. Zell comes of German ancestry, although he is a product of Lancaster county, born in Colerain township, Dec. 27, 1820. His parents were Isaac and Elizabeth (Swift) Zell, both of whom were also natives of this county, the mother having been born in the historic old home of the great inventor, Robert Fulton.

Grandfather Adam Zell was a miller by occupation, and for many years he was engaged in the milling business, in Honeybrook, Chester county, where he reared a large family who became useful and respected members of society. They were known as: John, Samuel, Levi, Adam, Margaret, Henrietta and Isaac.

Isaac Zell, born in 1791, was a prominent man in his locality for many years, as merchant, teacher, and local preacher in the M. E. Church. His wife was born in 1801, and they both lived worthily until advanced in years, the mother of Dr. Zell dying at the age of ninety-four. She was the devoted mother of a large family: Joseph S., deceased; Emmor E., deceased; Dr. John W.; Dr. E. M., a dentist of Little Britain township; Isaac B., deceased; Dr. Amos B., of Little Britain township; Daniel, of Perrytown; Dr. D. A., of Little Britain township; Martha, deceased; Elizabeth, unmarried; and Dr. Samuel Allen, a dentist of Hinkletown, the others dying in infancy.

Dr. John W. Zell was reared on the farm, but agricultural pursuits did not appeal to him in his youth, and after gaining a good, common school education, he entered the Pennsylvania Medical College in 1853, graduating from that then noted institution in 1855. Returning to Lancaster county he immediately began the practice of his profession, and in this locality he has remained for a period of

forty-six years. During this time many changes have taken place and many of the old friends of Dr. Zell have passed away, but new associations have been formed and few men in this locality possess more vigor of mind or body. The Zell family is not only one of the oldest but also one of the most intelligent in the county, and one which has had an unusual leaning toward professional life. Dr. Zell, like many other young men, had his own way to make in the world, being one of a large family, but with the pluck, perseverance and energy bequeathed him by sturdy ancestors, he carved out a path to fortune and prominence. Dr. Zell owns two good farms in this neighborhood, both of them well improved.

The first marriage of Dr. Zell was in 1865, to Miss Mary R. Patterson, of Britain township, a daughter of James Patterson, who was a near neighbor and warm friend of President James Buchanan. Her death occurred in 1870. Dr. Zell married for his second wife Mary Bell Johnson, of Little Britain, who was born in 1834. No children were born to either union. Mrs. Zell is descended from one of the oldest families in lower Lancaster county, her mother being an Andrews of Colerain, and her father an extensive farmer in Little Britain. Dr. Zell has always been an ardent advocate of the principles of the Democratic party, and has always conscientiously supported the men and measures of that great organization. For many years he has been identified with the Methodist Church of which he is a trustee, and he is fraternally connected with both county and State medical societies and also with the American Medical Association. Dr. Zell served also as president of the Lancaster City and County Medical Society. Few men have more personal friends than Dr. Zell, his kind heart having caused him to give way to so many generous impulses that he is recognized as not only the skilled physician of this vicinity, but also as the sympathizing and helpful adviser. His hospitality is liberal and few hosts are more entertaining.

JOHN L. BRENNEMAN, one of the leading agriculturists of Pequea township, Lancaster county, is a large land owner and a citizen of high standing and influence in the county, and is among the honored older citizens of the township that are yet living.

John L. Brenneman was born Aug. 15, 1827, on what is now the Bishop A. B. Herr farm in Pequea (then Conestoga) township. He is a son of John and Charlotte (Lemon) Brenneman and grandson of Jacob Brenneman. The latter was born in 1753 and became a large landowner in this locality. He was twice married, marrying (first) Barbara Myers, who was born Jan. 25, 1757, and died Sept. 14, 1825, and (second) Anna Rush, who was born in 1782.

John Brenneman, father of John L., was born in 1787. He learned the trade of a weaver and followed it in his early life. He then turned his atten-

tion to agricultural pursuits, which he followed throughout his lifetime, becoming a prosperous and extensive land owner. John Brenneman married Charlotte Lemon, who was born March 20, 1789, and died May 12, 1869. The husband died June 12, 1843. Their children were: John L., our subject, who is referred to at a greater length farther on; Barbara, who married Rudolph Herr; Susan, who married Christian Hess; Elizabeth, who married Christian Brenneman, and Lydia, who is a resident of New Danville, all deceased excepting John L. and Lydia.

John L. Brenneman was reared on the home farm and has devoted his life to that vocation. He received such privileges for obtaining an education as the neighborhood district school afforded, attending it through the winter seasons and assisting on the farm through the rest of the year. He started out in life with a purpose and determination to succeed. In this he has not fallen short of the mark as he is the owner of two large farms, aggregating some 202½ acres, well improved and under a high state of cultivation.

On November 1, 1854, Mr. Brenneman was married (first) to Anna Harnish, who died March 6, 1862; and (second) Aug. 15, 1863, to Mary Ann Lefever, both ceremonies being performed by Rev. Jacob Strain, of Lancaster. To the first union were born: Aaron H.; John H., and Amanda. To the second, Elmer Ellsworth L. and Susan L., both deceased. Mrs. Mary Ann Brenneman passed away March 15, 1900.

Mr. Brenneman has been upright and honorable in his dealings with his fellow-men and so conducted himself and regulated his life as to enlist the respect and high regard of the community in which he has so long lived. He has ever taken a deep interest in all the affairs of the township, having in view the advancement of society and the business interests of his section. He has been industrious and a good manager, and has prospered. For the long period of twenty-four years he has most efficiently served his township as a school director; he has also filled the position of assistant assessor. His religious connections and those of his family are with the Old Mennonite Church. Politically he is identified with the Republican party.

SAMSON D. REESE, a farmer and dairyman of Elizabethtown, and one of the older and more prominent citizens of that thriving community, was born in the township of Manor, Aug. 6, 1830.

The parents of Mr. Reese were Samson M. and Caroline (Snyder) Reese, natives respectively, of Harford county, Maryland, and Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The father came to Lancaster county when he was eighteen years of age and made a home in the township of Manor where he remained fifteen years, removing at the end of that time to a home in East Donegal township. For some forty years he was a pilot on the Susquehanna river, and

only gave up that calling when compelled to do so by the infirmities of age, retiring at last to a small farm. In early life he was a wagon maker, but left that occupation in 1838 to follow a river life. He died in 1875 at the advanced age of eighty-five years. His widow survived two years and died in 1877 when eighty years old. Their remains lie in Mt. Joy Cemetery. Born to them were the following children: Anna, the widow of John Nauman, lives in Elizabethtown; Alexander is the superintendent of the Bell Telephone Company at Harrisburg; Samson D.; Mary A., died young; Margaret, the widow of David Martin, lives at Osborn, Ohio; William, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, has his home in Harrisburg; Caroline (deceased) was the wife of Edward Campion; Sarah (deceased), was the wife of John Cox.

David Reese, the paternal grandfather of Samson D., was born in Scotland, and made his home in Harford county, Md., when a young man. Henry Snyder, the maternal grandfather of S. D. Reese, was born in Lancaster county, and followed the occupation of a tailor in his earlier manhood.

Samson D. Reese was married in Lancaster, October, 1860, to Elizabeth Good, and to this union were born the following children: Samuel G., a farmer in West Donegal township; Christian G., who is a brick maker in Elizabethtown; David G., a machinist in Elizabethtown; U. Grant, died young; Harry G., a telegraph operator in Elizabethtown; Edgar G., at home; Anna G., at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Good) Reese was born in Rapho township, Feb. 14, 1836, and is a daughter of Christian and Mollie (Gantz) Good, both natives of Rapho township, where they lived and died. Her father was a farmer all his days, and was a man of more than ordinary character. His neighbors elected him at different times to positions of trust, making him supervisor, tax collector and giving him other responsible offices. His death occurred in 1881 at the advanced age of eighty-six years, his wife having passed away in 1879 aged seventy-two years. They were members, respectively, of the Old Mennonite and the Lutheran Churches, and both are buried in a private cemetery in Rapho township. These were their children: Jacob, Joseph, Samuel, Anna, the wife of David Kriner, Abraham, and Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, noted above; Trifina, deceased; Malinda E., the wife of Michael Myers Christian, of East Donegal township. The paternal grandparents of Elizabeth (Good) Reese were Jacob and Mary Good. Her mother's father was George Gantz, who married a Miss Nosen; both were born in Germany and came to this country in early life.

Samson D. Reese remained on the farm with his parents until he reached the age of eighteen years, when he went to Louisiana and Texas, where he was engaged in sawmill work for a number of years, spending his summers north. In 1858 he returned to Pennsylvania to take a position as watchman on

the railroad, a place he held for fifteen years. At the expiration of that period he began farming near Elizabethtown, and in 1885, removed to his present location, his home being in Elizabethtown, while his farm lies mostly in West Donegal township. For twelve years he has served in the town council, and holds an enviable place in the estimation of his friends and neighbors. In politics he is a Republican, and in religion a member of the Reformed Church.

WILLIAM PENN BRINTON, in his time one of Lancaster's most prominent citizens, was born at the old family mansion on the Brandywine creek, near West Chester, Chester Co., Pa., June 20, 1824. His ancestors came from Birmingham, England, and settled in Pennsylvania a year after Penn's treaty with the Indians. They were in the possession of large means, and took up extensive tracts of land in Philadelphia and Chester counties, and some of their descendants occupy portions of these lands to the present day. William P. Brinton, the youngest son of Caleb and Hannah Brinton, was named after the founder of the province, William Penn. Caleb Brinton was a prominent citizen of Chester county, owned several farms, and carried on farming on an extensive scale.

William P. Brinton spent his early days at home, attended the district school, and later was sent to a boarding school and an Academy at New London, Chester county. In November, 1841, he entered the Freshman class of Washington College; in his Junior year he delivered the address at the anniversary of the Union Literary Society; and after a full course of study he was graduated with high marks. In the summer of 1848 he made an extended tour through the Eastern States and Canada, as correspondent of a Philadelphia paper. Later he began the study of the law in the office of Hon. Henry G. Long, and read a thorough course, but about the time he expected to begin practice he met with a serious accident, his right hand being injured so badly that he could not use it for several years, being unable even to hold a pen. In consequence of this injury, he abandoned the law, and engaged in other business in Lancaster and elsewhere. In 1856 Mr. Brinton was united in marriage to Miss Susan M. Reigart, eldest daughter of the late Emanuel C. Reigart, one of the foremost of Lancaster's lawyers a generation ago. They took up their residence in the house formerly occupied by Thaddeus Stevens, No. 38 South Queen street, and occupied it during all their married life. Mr. Brinton was for a long time a director of the Philadelphia and Lancaster Turnpike; of the Lancaster and Middletown Turnpike; and was for six years before his death treasurer of the Lancaster and Williamstown Turnpike road. In 1859 Mr. Brinton was elected treasurer of the Lancaster & Susquehanna Turnpike Road Company, and held the office up to the time of his death. He was for many years in the management of the

Inland Insurance & Deposit Company. He was elected a member of the Lancaster school board in 1863, and at once took an active part in school affairs. In 1866 he was chosen president of the board. He was regarded an excellent parliamentarian and an impartial presiding officer, while his thorough knowledge of the rules governing the board enabled him to transact business with dispatch and regularity. Although Mr. Brinton declined re-election to the presidency in 1873, he remained a member of the board until 1878, doing good work for the schools. In 1867 he was re-elected a member of the common council, and was chosen president of that body. The following year he was re-elected a member from the Fourth ward, by a majority of one, he being the only candidate on the Democratic ticket who secured election. Mr. Brinton was always a stanch Democrat, and always took an active part in local, State and National politics. He was a delegate to a number of State conventions and senatorial delegate to the Democratic State Convention that nominated his warm personal friend, Judge Sharswood, an eminent jurist, for judge of the Supreme court, and in recognition of his services he was, with Hon. Richard Vaux, appointed to inform him of his nomination. He then served for three years on the Democratic State Committee, and was again chosen senatorial delegate to the Democratic State Convention of 1874.

Mr. Brinton entered into rest on April 13, 1888, in the sixty-fourth year of his age, and no man who ever lived in the community died more lamented—for his was a genial, generous, noble nature. His widow now resides at No. 549 North Duke street, Lancaster. She is one of the managers of a number of charitable homes, hospitals and organizations, and is active in Episcopal church affairs. One daughter and two sons are still living: Henrietta, the eldest, is the wife of William L. Deming, vice president of the Deming Manufacturing Company, of Salem, Ohio: they have one child, Susan Brinton. Edward Penrose Brinton, Esq., was born Aug. 25, 1860. WILLIAM REIGART BRINTON, Esq., was born in Lancaster, May 7, 1865. Both brothers—Edward P. and William R.—are graduates of Franklin and Marshall College, the latter taking the first honors in his class; both read law with the late Samuel H. Reynolds, Esq., one of the most distinguished members of the Lancaster Bar, William R., also spending a year in the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania, and both are in active practice in Lancaster. Edward P. Brinton is a Republican in politics, and has been active and prominent in the affairs of that party; while William R. is just as ardent a Democrat, and has been honored by his fellow Democrats with nominations for district attorney, Congress and delegate to State conventions. He was City Solicitor of Lancaster in 1892-93, the only time in twenty-five years that the Democratic party had control of the city coun-

cils. Both brothers are in practice in the Superior, United States District and Supreme Courts.

Edward P. Brinton was married Oct. 17, 1899, to Miss Henrietta Taylor, daughter of Robert M. Taylor, late of West Chester, Pa. Mr. Brinton is a member of The Hamilton Club, is a manager in a number of corporations, and his law practice is extensive.

William Reigart Brinton was married Dec. 27, 1893, to Miss Annie M. McGovern, daughter of the late John R. McGovern, one of the most prominent and successful railroad contractors of this county, and they now live in the old McGovern home, at the end of North Duke street, one of the finest suburban homes of that section. Three children were born to them: Anna Reigart, Catherine McGovern and William Penn. Mr. Brinton belongs to the Elks and the Young Democrats, and in religion is an Episcopalian, being an active member of the St. James' Church, and a member of the board of trustees of the Episcopal Home. Mr. Brinton is also solicitor for the City Savings Fund & Trust Company of Lancaster, solicitor for the Conestoga Fire Insurance Company, solicitor for the Lancaster Hotel Company, solicitor for the Lancaster Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, treasurer of the Lancaster and Williamstown Turnpike Company, and member of the board of the Lancaster and Columbia Turnpike Company; and no man of his years in Lancaster is, personally, professionally and politically, more popular.

JACOB B. NEWCOMER, a well known citizen of Manor township and one of the most prosperous and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, Pa., was born in Millersville, July 15, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalena (Breneman) Newcomer, both deceased.

Jacob Newcomer was a blacksmith by trade and for some years carried on business on his own account in Millersville, but about 1839 migrated to Wayne county, Ohio, where his death occurred about 1840 in middle age. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. To Jacob and Magdalena Newcomer were born two children that grew to maturity, Isaac B., a farmer of Providence township, and Jacob B.

Mrs. Magdalena Newcomer was at the time of her marriage to Jacob Newcomer, the widow of Henry Harnish, of Conestoga township, by whom she had two children, viz.: John B., a retired minister of the Mennonite Church, residing in Pequea township; and Catherine, deceased wife of Daniel Lintner, of Lancaster City, to whom she bore two daughters, still living, viz.: Lizzie, wife of John Derr, of Lancaster City; and Annie, married to David Good, a merchant of Cumberland county. At the death of her second husband, Jacob Newcomer, in Ohio, Mrs. Newcomer returned with her infant children to Lancaster county, Pa., purchased a farm, and there died a few years later.

Jacob B. Newcomer was a mere babe when his father died, was quite young when his mother passed away and from the age of fourteen years has been obliged to take care of himself. His opportunities for acquiring an education were but meager, yet he availed himself of the public schools until attaining the age mentioned. Soon after this the charge of his mother's farm fell upon him for ten years. His marriage took place, Sept. 11, 1862, to Miss Maria H. Wissler, a native of Manor township, and a daughter of Rudolph Wissler, who was for years a justice of the peace.

On marrying, Jacob B. Newcomer moved to his father-in-law's farm and managed it for two years, and then purchased his present place of thirty-two and a half acres, one mile south of Letort, and has since been engaged in general farming. On this farm he had the misfortune of losing his amiable life-companion, Dec. 3, 1893. She was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Newcomer is the present president of the official board, having been a member of the society since 1858.

Mr. Newcomer is one of the very enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Manor township, and taking into consideration the size of his farm, has been a most successful agriculturist. His friends are numerous and sincere in their esteem for him, and his standing in the community is all that could possibly be desired.

DAVID WESTFIELD JACKSON, the proprietor of the Willow Mills in Bart township, Lancaster county, was born near Avondale, Chester county, in December, 1834, a son of David and Elizabeth (Westfield) Jackson, both of whom were natives of County Derry, Ireland, where they were reared to maturity, and where they married.

In 1828 David Jackson came to this country, bringing his wife and son, and they made their home in Chester county. The father was a linen weaver by trade, but in Chester county he determined to make farming his life business and met with success in his work. Both he and his wife lived to be aged. After coming to America they were mostly associated with the Friends. In his earlier years in this country Mr. Jackson was a Whig, but later became a Democrat. His simplicity of purpose and strength of character, together with his kind and genial disposition, won him many friends wherever he was known. He reared a family of nine children. (1) Henry, born in Ireland in 1827, became a blacksmith and located first near Fagg's Manor, Chester county, following his trade for some years, and then removed to Perry county. His last location was near Steelville, Chester county, where he engaged in farming. He married Martha Susan Creswell, who died in 1898. He died in 1899, leaving the following family: Wilson W., David Creswell, Jane Elizabeth, William and Charles. (2) Abraham, born in Chester county in 1829, is now

a wholesale saddler, of Benton, Ill., where he is widely known in business circles; he married Virginia Dudley, a native of Indiana, and a descendant of the Dudleys of Virginia. Their children were Henry, William, Charles and Anna Belle. (3) John H., born in Chester county in 1831, married Margaret Baker, and, locating in Chester county, engaged in farming. At one time he was a partner with his brother, David W., in a contracting and building business. He is the father of three sons, George, Richard and David, all of whom are on farms in Chester county in the vicinity of Doe Run. (4) Eleanor Dixon, the only daughter of the family, was born in Chester county, and is unmarried; she makes her home near Parkesburg, and is highly esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of friends. (5) David Westfield is fifth in the order of birth. (6) William E., born in Chester county, is a harnessmaker and has his home and business in Jefferson county, Ill. He married Louisa Elston, a native of Illinois, and they have two children living, Ralph and Oliver, having buried six children. (7) Joshua, born in Chester county, married Anna Speakman, of Chester county, and they were living on his farm near Kimbleville, at the time of his death in 1898; his widow survives him. (8) Thomas W., born in Chester county, married Rachel Pearl, and they make their home near Parkesburg, where he owns and operates a gristmill. (9) Westfield Evans, born in Chester county, married Miss Catherine Baker, of his native county, and they have their home on the Jackson homestead, in Chester county.

David Westfield Jackson was reared and educated in Chester county, where he early mastered the carpenter trade, and he followed it much of the time for twenty-two years on an extensive scale, as a contractor and builder. In 1869 he bought the Willow Mills property in Bart township, which consisted of gristmills and a farm in connection, and there he has remained to the present time, and has developed a large milling business.

On Feb. 18, 1875, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Philena C. Wood, the estimable daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Coates) Wood; she was born in Chester county, and reared and educated in Chester, Delaware and Lancaster counties, having been a student at Concordville Seminary and at the Millersville State Normal, and for a time she was a successful teacher in Chester county. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have two children. (1) Lindley D., born in March, 1876, was educated in the public school, and in the local high school. In 1895, 1896 and 1897 he was a student in the State Normal School at Millersville, where he took a special course in book-keeping. As a capable young business man he has impressed himself upon the community, having charge of the milling interests of his father at the present time, for which he was thoroughly prepared by early and careful training. (2) Elizabeth Westfield, the only daughter of her parents, was born in September, 1881, and educated at the Friends'

school in Abington, Montgomery county. She is a member of the Senior class at Swarthmore College, near Philadelphia, graduating in 1903. Mr. Jackson and his son are both members of the Prohibition party. Mrs. Jackson belongs to the religious Society of Friends, and is a member of the W. C. T. U. They are among the solid and reliable people of the community, and their many good qualities have made them respected and beloved by a wide circle of friends.

REV. OTTIWELL WOOD, of Lancashire, England, had two sons, John and Thomas. John died in England, unmarried. We find recorded, "A Name." "The Woods of Lancashire are a distinguished family for character, wealth and talent. The eldest son, John, has been returned member of Parliament for Preston several times and proved himself a steady supporter of civic and religious liberty. A laughable circumstance took place upon a trial in Lancashire when the head of the family, Mr. Wood, Sr., was examined as a witness. Upon giving his name as Ottiwell Wood the judge, addressing the reverend, said 'Pray, Mr. Wood, how do you spell your name?' The old gentleman replied, 'O double T, I double U, E double L, double U, double O. D.' Upon which the astonished lawyer laid down his pen, saying it was the most extraordinary name he had ever met with in his life, and after two or three attempts declared he was unable to record it; the court was convulsed with laughter."

Thomas Wood (1), second son of Ottiwell, was born in Lancashire, England, and emigrated to America with wife, Mary, and two sons, William and Joseph. He settled in Chester county, Pa., near the London Grove meeting-house, near which he now lies buried. He owned a fulling mill in England. He bought land of William Penn in West Marlboro township, Chester county, on the north side of the street road, one mile west of London Grove meeting-house, where he built a fulling mill. He was a churchman.

Richmond Wood, daughter of Thomas (1) and Mary Wood, was born during the voyage of her parents to this country. She was named in honor of the captain of the ship and the day on which she was born. She married William Shepherd, of Adams county, Pa., in 1749. Her descendants live in the vicinity of Union Bridge, Maryland.

Joseph Wood, second son of Thomas and Mary, was born in England in 1730, and died in 1797. He married Catherine Day in 1769. He first settled in Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., and afterward went to southern Lancaster county, where his descendants now live.

William Wood, eldest son of Thomas (1) and Mary, was born in Lancashire, England, in 1723, and died in Chester county, Pa., in 1775; he was buried in the burying-ground of London Grove meeting-house. He became a Quaker after coming to this country. He married Margaret Holland,

daughter of Thomas and Margaret Holland, of Prince George county, Md., who was born in 1730, and died in 1775, in Chester county, Pa. They had children as follows: Thomas (2); Joseph, who married, and died in Frederick county, Va., in 1816; Mary, the eldest daughter, who married Caleb Swayne, of East Marlboro, Chester Co., Pa.; George, who died in infancy; Casandra, who married Robert Miller, and died in 1818; William, who married Mary Smith; Elizabeth, who married Jesse Hughes; Margaret, who became the wife of Garret Garretson, and later married Edward Brooks, of Wilmington, Del.; Joshua, who married Hannah McKay, of Frederick county, Va.; and Ruth.

The following authentic history of Thomas Wood (2), great-grandfather of Mrs. David W. Jackson, is interesting, and shows that he was not of a political or warlike character, but possessed of deeply religious sentiment. From the records of New Garden Monthly Meeting, June 3, 1769, William Wood requests a certificate for son, Thomas, born in 1750, to Concord, apprentice. In January, 1772, Thomas returned, and on Oct. 2, 1773, Thomas, son of William and Margaret Wood, and Susanna Pusey (born in 1750, died in 1811, daughter of John (deceased) and Katherine, declare intentions of marriage—first time, March 11, 1773. The children of this marriage were as follows: Joel, born in 1774, died in 1776. William, born in 1775, died in 1803 (no issue). John, born in November, 1777, died in October, 1847; he married Lydia Swayne, and they are the grandparents of Mrs. David W. Jackson. Lydia Ann, born in 1779, died in 1812. Nathan, born in 1781, died in 1863; he married Margaret Watson, and lived in Ohio. Margaret, born in 1783, died in 1835; she married Samuel Plummer, and lived in Ohio. Thomas, the fifth son, born in 1785, died in 1843; he married Mary Shepherd, of Maryland, who was born in 1791, and died in 1875. Susanna, born in 1787, died in 1794. Pusey, born in 1789, died in 1875; he married Charity Redd, of Ohio. Caleb, born in 1792, died in 1879; he married Lydia Redd, of Ohio. Mary, the youngest daughter, born in September, 1796, died in 1867; she married John Dennis Bates, of Ohio.

From the records in West Chester, Chester county, it appears that William Wood, of London Grove, fuller, and wife Margaret, conveyed to son Thomas 120 acres in that township June 19, 1773, and Thomas Wood and wife Susanna conveyed the same to Daniel Hoopes March 12, 1782, for £600. Thomas is styled a "waver." By deed Sept. 1, 1785, Samuel Sharp and wife Mary conveyed to Thomas Wood 105 acres of land in Newlin township, Chester county, at the mouth of Doe Run creek [Deed Book B2, 510]; March 18, 1794, Thomas Wood of Newlinton, yeoman, and wife Susanna, conveyed to Samuel Laverty, of Caernarvon, Berks county, and William and Jesse Laverty, of East Fallowfield, ironmasters, $2\frac{3}{4}$ acres of the above on Doe Run [K 2, 452]; March 30, 1795, Thomas Wood of New-

lin, yeoman, and wife Susanna, conveyed to Jacob Grubb of East Fallowfield, Chester county, hammerman, for £350, a messuage of fifty-two acres, 123 perches, on west side of Brandywine and north side of Doe Run, part of the land from Sharp [M 2, 87]; March 25, 1796, Thomas Wood, of New Garden, yeoman, and wife Susanna, to Mark Unger, of West Marlborough, blacksmith, for £194, 15s, forty-one acres, eleven perches on the south side of Doe Run and west side of Brandywine, in Newlin, part of land from Sharp [M 2, 489]. This land bought and owned in Newlin township, Chester county, by Thomas and Susanna (Pusey) Wood, is the site of the Laurel Iron works, south of Coatesville, long known as the Hugh E. Steele iron works. It is not known positively who erected the iron works, but a little incident of their completion in 1791 is given by Pemberton Wood, of Maryland, son of Thomas Wood and Mary Shepherd, and grandson of Thomas and Susanna Wood: "I distinctly recollect one evening in the fall of the year my father came into the house, with a peculiar smile on his face, and I suspected he had something good to tell me (as we were very confidential friends). He began by saying, 'Thee is just six years old and I have something to tell thee which I want thee to remember; when I was a little boy just thy age some men came and built a forge on father's place.' He went into detail of the building of the forge and 'tell hammers,' so minute that it interested me much and the little boy's eyes and ears and mind must have been open to remember so well what he said, for that was many years ago. After the waterwheel was built and the tilt hammer all in place the men got a dry inch oak board and placed it on the anvil and started the hammer. 'Such a noise and at night, too! It roused the whole neighborhood.' That must have been in 1791."

During the Revolutionary war, in 1777, Thomas Wood was appointed one of a committee to look after cases of suffering on account of the war; 1781 on a committee to labor for reformation. He was several years clerk in the monthly meetings and had charge of the preparation of marriage certificates, in fact was one of the active members in every department of business in the meetings. In 1787 London Grove meeting proposes the recommendation of Thomas as a minister. In 1789 he visited meetings at Bush Creek, Md., and Warrington Quarter, "he being of an exemplary life and conversation and his ministry acceptable." On March 6, 1791, Thomas Wood was appointed on a large committee to attend the opening of a preparative meeting at West Grove, Chester county. When London Grove monthly meeting was established, in 1792, he was one who was appointed for the consideration of a division from New Garden, and from the time he was accepted as a minister in the Society of Friends he was an earnest thinker and worker in this chosen path. The paper given below, copied from the original, gives one an idea of his sincere

Christian life. It is dated 1803, and reads as follows:

As I have often of late times found something secretly moving upon my mind to leave in manuscript for the perusal of my children and grandchildren *when I am gone*, some of the Lords tender dealings with me, and fatherly care over me, from my youth up through life, and further reason for writing is, I have known some young people so at a loss for information that they were scarcely able to trace back their line of predecessors further than their own immediate parents. I was born the 17th day of the 11th mo. 1750 of parents professing the truth (as held by friends) William and Margaret Wood, whose residence at that time and until their death was in Londongrove township Chester County Pennsylvania. They were rarely concerned to bring me and the rest of their children, nine of whom lived to be men and women, up to do strict justice between man and man and to live blameless lives among men, and my mother was often deeply concerned to inculcate into our minds the principles of the Christian religion and I know since I have come to years of religious thoughtfulness that her prayers were often poured forth before the Lord for the blessing of preservation to the tender offspring that we might be preserved in innocency and Godly fear before him all the days of our lives, and as it is written that the effectual fervent prayer of an upright man availeth much, so I believe her deep religious concern for our preservation has been a blessing to most of us. There was one part of her religious exercise and care that I have often thought worthy to be preserved that was, I believe for many of the latter part of her life she never spent one day when at home and in health without spending a part thereof in silent retirement to wait upon the Lord well knowing with the Royal Psalmist that it is a good thing to wait upon the Lord inasmuch that he gave it in charge to his own soul in this language, "O my soul wait thou upon God because my expectation is from Him." She had a private chamber with a table and a large Bible lay upon it, to which she retired, and when I came in and misted her out of the common house and wanted to speak to her, and as I had often applied to her in that place concerning little wants, she had taught me to approach her chamber in great quietness and I often found her cheeks bathed in tears sometimes reading and at other times sitting in awful reverent silence, and although it often struck an awful reverential thought upon my mind yet I did not fully understand the meaning thereof, but to me it has proved like bread cast upon the waters found after many days, and O, saith my soul at this time that *not only me and my children*, but all mankind may more and more endeavor to "live the life of the righteous that so we may die the death of the righteous—for mark the perfect man and behold the upright the end of that man is peace."

The following, under date 6 month, 1803, is another part of the manuscript:

I have had some clear openings of latter time of the work of the new creation in the souls of mankind running parallel with the six days work of the outward creation. Wherein all creating power out of darkness created light and divided light from darkness, and the seas from dry land brought all things into order and in the last days work created man after his own image, which clearly points out to me that man is not brought into the image of God and a state of perfection and holiness till he witnesses a passing through the six dispensations comparable to the six working days, first man was created in an innocent sinless state and stood in favor with God until he became an actual sinner and rebelled against the law of God by eating of the forbidden fruit of which God had declared "in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," that herein man becomes separate from the divine

harmony and cast out into an earthly state, where death reigned till Moses dispensation (for death reigned from Adam till Moses) wherein he was raised up a minister to bring the children of Israel out of Egyptian darkness and bondage and received the law from God out of Mount Sinia wherein was statutes, judgements and ordinances to be observed, that third dispensation to me points out being brought into a good regular moral life yet as the law made not the comers thereunto perfect but it must be the beginning of a better hope, that it is clear to me, that morality alone will not perfect the but the coming up from under death through the law to the next dispensation, which is that of John's must be known where a baptism unto repentance is known. I, indeed, says this eminent forerunner, baptize you with water unto repentance "but one cometh after me the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire," our Lord bore testimony that John was a burning and shining light and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in the light, but I have greater witness of that than John for though he was the greatest prophet that was ever born of a woman yet the least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he. That is his dispensation as my soul well knows a passing through this tender watery dispensation, wherein all that was within me was ready to melt with contrition before God was a joyful dispensation in its season, because I found the Kingdom of Heaven to be at hand, but I found this to be a decreasing dispensation and a more trying fiery dispensation coming on which was that of Christ's whose fan in his hands which is to blow away all the light and chaff thoroughly purge away the floor of the and save the weighty precious seed unto of rest and peace forever. Well after this fifth and most proving dispensation has done and effected the redemption of soul from under the law of sin and death the comforter's dispensation comes (according to my prospect), "If I go not away said our dear Lord—the Comforter will not come, but if I go away I will pray the father, and he will send you another comforter, even the spirit of Truth"—that it is under the sixth dispensation, when all Truth has the reins and government of the heart, that man is created anew into the likeness and image of God. Behold said our dear Lord, "I create all things new a new Heaven and a new earth wherein dwells righteousness." That at the end of this new creation the holy Sabbath of rest is to be experienced when the morning stars sing together and all the sons of God shout for joy.—Thos. Wood.

Another item.—The 17th day of the 1st mo. 1807 I heard of the death of William Croch a minister from England and William Ellis a friend who had lived in good esteem at Muncy, Penna., their deaths by suicide. The news so affected my mind, with sorrow that it feelingly settled on my mind, blessed are the dead who have died in the Lord, it also begat desires in my mind that I might be preserved in such an humble watchful state as to feelingly and humbly beg every day of my life to the great Preserver of man that he would be pleased to grant me the blessing of preservation through the dangerous tribulated passages to the end.

In the summer of 1798 a certificate was signed for Thomas Wood, wife Susanna, and six of their children, Nathan, Margaret, Thomas, Pusey, Caleb and Mary; also certificates for William Wood and Lydia Wood to Pipe Creek, Md.; they had made application for themselves.

"John Wood, of West Marlborough, third son of Thomas and Susanna, of Frederick county, Md., and Lydia Swayne, daughter of Samuel and Hannah Swayne, of East Marlborough, were married Nov. 8, 1800, at Londongrove meeting." Their children

were: Hannah, Samuel, Nathan (who died young), Thomas, Joshua, John and Lydia Ann. John Wood died in 1847 in Steelville, and lies buried at Ercildoun graveyard, in Chester county. His family: (1) Hannah married (first) Benjamin Ladd, of Ohio, and (second) John Hill, of Ohio; she had three daughters, Lydia S., Elizabeth and Hannah, by her first marriage. She was a teacher of note, both in the schools in Ohio and at her alma mater—Westtown, Chester county. (2) Samuel married Orpha Broomall, of Ohio, and their children were Thomas and Phoebe. (3) Nathan died young. (4) Thomas, born in 1807, married Massey Lamborn in 1830, and Sarah Coates in 1841. (5) Joshua married (first) Ann Taylor, by whom he had one son, Enoch, deceased. By his second wife, Eliza Hall, he had one son William, who married Susanna Coates and had two children, Anna and Alberta, both married and living at Russellville, Chester county. William Wood (son of Joshua) died in 1898, aged fifty-eight; his wife, Susanna (Coates) Wood, and her daughter, Alberta Wickersham, live in Russellville. Samuel and Anna W. Martin, of near Russellville, have several children. (6) John married Elizabeth Kirby, of Ohio, and both died in Iowa, at the home of their daughter, Lydia S. Worthington. They had three children, Anna Wood Painter, Frank (who died unmarried) and Lydia S. Worthington, wife of William Worthington, of Ohio. For many years John Wood followed the business of bringing droves of Ohio sheep to Lancaster and Chester counties. Both his daughters were educated at Westtown Orthodox Friends Boarding School and for several years were successful teachers in Chester county, Pa. Finally they all left the East, and there is living today but one to represent the family of John and Elizabeth Wood—Lydia S. Worthington, of Iowa. (7) Lydia Ann until her marriage lived in Chester county, where she was born. She was educated at Westtown Boarding School, and was a successful teacher. She married Samuel B. Smith, of Ohio, where they made their home, and they had six children, a twin deceased, Louisa, Amy, Morris, Mary and Joshua (married). Two children and several grandchildren reside in Iowa.

Thomas Wood, eldest son of John and Lydia Wood, father of Philena C. W. Jackson, has six children living. Three—Amos, Eleanor, Laura Sarah—died young, and are buried at Homeville (Chester Co., Pa.) burying-ground. He was twice married, his first wife being Massey Lamborn, whom he married in 1830. She died in 1838, the mother of three children: (1) Dr. Eliza Jane, a graduate of the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, born near Doe Run in 1832, married Henry Armitage, of Ohio, and lives near Damascus; they had no children. (2) Benjamin Ladd, born in 1834 in Steelville, married in 1860, Anna Wilson, of Fairville, Chester Co., Pa., and they had one daughter, Gertrude M. Seal. For his second wife Benjamin L. Wood married Louisa M. Faucett, of Ohio, by whom he had two

daughters, Anna and Mabel, both married and living in Iowa where the parents resided for fifteen years. In 1900 Mr. Wood married for his third wife Mary Martin, one of Chester county's successful school teachers. They live in Avondale, Chester county. (3) Amos, who died young, was the third of this family.

In 1841 Thomas Wood, then residing in Steelville, Chester county, married his second wife, Sarah Coates, daughter of Warrick and Eleanor Coates, of Londonderry township, Chester county. She was a granddaughter of Samuel Coates, of Caln township, and a descendant of Moses Coates, the emigrant. Her mother, Eleanor Pusey Coates, was of the distinguished Pusey family; they were all members of the Society of Friends. Sarah Coates, born in 1815, died in 1896. She was one of a large family of children. Hart Granville, Ellis Pusey, Samuel Warrick, Susan, Sarah, Abigail and Philena lived to maturity, and all except Samuel married and raised families. Abigail Hoopes and Philena C. Lynch are the only surviving children of Warrick and Eleanor (Pusey) Coates. There are descendants into the third and fourth generations living in Chester and Lancaster counties.

Thomas and Sarah Wood had children as follows: (1) Lydia married Jesse, son of Moses and Margaret Hollowell Brinton; children—Marion, Laura Alma and Estella. They reside in Montgomery county, Pa. (2) Laura married Leslie Barnes. (3) Ellis Pusey married Rebecca Martin, daughter of Thomas and Hannah Martin, and they had two children, Walter Thomas (who married Mary Pusey) and Mary (who married Samuel Pusey in 1900). (4) Philena C. married David W. Jackson, and has two children, Lindley D. and Elizabeth. (5) Morris Thomas married Margaret Weldon, and they had two children, Leila Mary and Elizabeth Hodgson, both attending the Woman's College at Baltimore. On Feb. 12, 1891, Thomas Wood and his wife Sarah celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. A year later he died suddenly from an attack of influenza. Four years later, at the age of eighty-one, his widow passed as peacefully into the other life as she had lived in this life on earth. Beautifully sweet did old age creep on until she was claimed, leaving four children devoted to her memory. Thomas and Sarah Wood lie side by side in the burying ground at Ercildoun, Chester county.

CYRUS LINGERFIELD (deceased) was born in Paradise township, Lancaster county, Sept. 6, 1835, and he died at the present home of his family, April 9, 1894. His ashes repose in Atglen Cemetery. His paternal grandparents came to Lancaster county from Germany at an early day.

John Lingerfield, his father, was born in Paradise township and died there. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Ruth, were born the following children: (1) Cyrus. (2) Catharine, born in Paradise township, died unmarried in

Christiana Feb. 16, 1894, at the age of fifty-seven. (3) Sarah A. married T. R. Hirst. (4) John, now a retired merchant of Philadelphia, enlisted in Philadelphia, in September, 1862, in the 15th P. V. C., was all through the southwestern war serving under Gens. Rosecrans and Thomas, and he was with Gen. Sherman on his march to the sea; in 1864 he was detailed from the regiment as commissary sergeant for Gen. Thomas. After being mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., in June, 1865, he started in the meat and provision business in Philadelphia, so continuing until 1884, when he retired. In 1880 he married Ettie E. Cooper, daughter of Jesse K. Cooper, of Bird-in-Hand. (5) Miss Hettie resides in Christiana. John Lingerfield, the father, was a miller by trade, and followed that avocation until 1841. That year he entered a warehouse as a clerk, a position he held until 1855. He died March 6, 1874, at the age of seventy years.

Cyrus Lingerfield was married Feb. 28, 1867, in Lancaster, to Adaline Barr, by whom he had two children: John B., a clerk in Philadelphia, married Jennie C. Matlock, and has one child, Harold Christine; and Lois Gertrude is at home. Mrs. Lingerfield was born in Millersville, Pa., a daughter of Jacob R. and Christiana (Dickle) Barr, the former a son of Owen and Mary (Richards) Barr, of Lancaster county though of English extraction, and the latter of German parentage. Jacob R. Barr was a coachmaker in Millersville, where at one time he held the office of postmaster, and for some time was deputy collector of the Internal Revenue. Socially he was a member of the I. O. O. F. and of the American Mechanics. His death occurred in Millersville, Aug. 21, 1876, at the age of sixty-five, and his widow passed away in 1889, at the age of seventy-four. They were both members of the Zion's Reformed Church. Their children were: (1) Samuel died in infancy. (2) Mary A. is the widow of Hiram S. Witmer, a farmer of Millersville. Nine children were born to them, of whom three—Edwin, William and Katie—died in youth. Those surviving are: Jacob Henry, Christiana, Elizabeth May, John Washington, Alvin and Mary Emma. (3) Susan, (4) Jacob and (5) Henry, all three died in infancy. (6) Miss Fannie died in 1890. (7) Catherine married John H. Stauffer, of Millersville. (8) Adaline is Mrs. Lingerfield. (9) William Clay, an ornamental painter of New Haven, Conn., was a soldier in the Civil war. He married Amelia T. Knotwell, and their children were: Zelve May, Viola Maria and John Reginald. (10) Benjamin F. died in infancy. (11) John Washington married Gertrude A. Cook, of Philadelphia. He was a physician of Philadelphia, with one of the largest practices of any young physician in the city, and he died in 1891, at the age of forty-one years. (12) Emma E. married Martin A. Baldwin, a coachmaker, of New Providence, Lancaster county, and they have one child, Sara Barr. (13) Miss Sara A. has her home with her sister Emma. (14) George and

(15) Christiana, twins, and (16) Elmira died in infancy.

Cyrus Lingerfield entered a coach shop at Paradise, where he served his apprenticeship, and became an expert workman. In 1866 he formed a partnership with T. R. Hirst, his brother-in-law, and the two were in business together for ten years, when they dissolved partnership by mutual consent. Mr. Lingerfield was then appointed notary public, an office he held for three terms, and was Scrivener until his death. In the community he was a man of considerable prominence, and built up a fine business. In Masonic circles he took an active part, and filled at various times all the chairs in the local lodge, and served as secretary of the same for a period of six years when he resigned. In politics he was a Republican. His religious connections were with the Presbyterian Church, in which he served as treasurer and trustee.

HENRY REIGART BRENEMAN, one of Lancaster's leading general insurance and real estate men, with office in the Woolworth building, comes from a long line of prominent people, paternally and maternally. The first of the line on the paternal side to come to America was Melchoir Breneman, who came here from Switzerland, in 1709, driven from home and country by religious persecution. He was the preacher of the colony of Mennonites who came here and settled in the neighborhood of New Danville, this county, on a land grant from Penn, later increasing his land holdings by purchases.

Dr. Abram Breneman, the grandfather of Henry R., was in his time one of Lancaster's most prominent physicians. His home was the house for many years afterward owned and occupied by the late Hon. A. Herr Smith, and still owned by Miss Eliza Smith. It is a very old house, having been built prior to the time of the Revolution, and there Dr. Abram Breneman and his son, Dr. Abram (the father of Henry R.), who was also a member of the medical profession, lived and practiced medicine together, and there both of them died, and were buried on the same day, Dr. Abram, Jr., having attended the elder Dr. Breneman in illness that resulted fatally to both, the son dying from brain fever induced by his close attendance upon his father. Dr. Abram, the son, died on Friday, and Dr. Abram, the father, died on Sunday following, and the funeral was a double one. This was in December, 1847.

Dr. Abram Breneman, Jr., married Miss Anna Reigart, daughter of the late Henry M. Reigart, whose homestead and mill were in East Hempfield township, afterward postmaster of Lancaster, who died just one month before James Buchanan was elected President of the United States, in 1856. Mrs. Breneman entered into rest in 1881, aged sixty-one years. Her family, famous for generations in the annals of the county, was represented

in the Revolution by Lieut. Col. Adam Reigart, of the 2d Pennsylvania Line, in the campaign of New Jersey and Long Island. She was the mother of five children, two daughters, Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Calder and Miss Emma M. Breneman, having entered into rest. The survivors are Henry R.; John S., a coal dealer of Lancaster, and Prof. Abram A., a distinguished chemist in New York City, who held a professorship at State College for a time, later a professorship at Cornell University, was vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and for a time editor of the *Chemical News*.

Henry Reigart Breneman was born on one of his grandfather's farms, in Manheim township, was brought to Lancaster when only two weeks old, and, arriving at school age, was educated in private schools until he entered the high school, from which he was graduated in 1857. He graduated from State College in 1862, by special permission receiving his diploma from the latter institution in advance of Commencement Day, in order to allow him to enter the army. He enlisted in the 12th P. V. C., entering the service as a private and being discharged as adjutant of the regiment. At the close of the war Gov. Geary commissioned him as major. His term of service lasted from Sept. 6, 1862, to July 31, 1865, when he was discharged by reason of the close of the war. Serving under Gen. Kelly, Gen. Averell and Gen. Sheridan, in West Virginia, and the Valley of the Shenandoah campaign, Major Breneman was taken prisoner by the Confederates at Rocky Gap, W. Va., near the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, while holding the rear, at the close of a two days' battle, against a superior force, during withdrawal on Aug. 27, 1863, and he was confined in various "prison pens," including Belle Isle, Andersonville, Savannah, and Millen, Ga., for fifteen months. At the close of the war, Major Breneman entered the coal business in Lancaster, remaining in same for ten years, and then embarked in the real estate and insurance business, in which he is at present engaged. He was treasurer of the Champion Blower & Forge Company for ten years; was a member of the school board of the city for nine years; president of the Peoples Building, Loan and Deposit Company; and secretary of the Lancaster County Monumental Association, from date of organization, having superintended the erection of the soldiers' monument in the Square at Lancaster.

Major Breneman, as he is familiarly known, married Miss Eleonora de Welden Breneman, daughter of the late A. N. Breneman, who was for many years the most prominent shoe merchant in Lancaster. Two daughters were born of this union—Miss Carolyn, a teacher and a gifted painter; and Miss Minnie, who entered into rest ten years ago. Major Breneman is a Republican in politics, and in religion an Episcopalian, having been a vestryman of St. James' Episcopal Church for ten years or

more. He is a member of the George H. Thomas Post, No. 84, G. A. R., of which he has twice been commander and is now trustee; a member of the Union Veteran Legion, of which he was colonel for one term; and a member of Encampment No. 14. The recital of his experiences in the cavalry and as a prisoner of war for fifteen months, would "fill a big book," and a most thrilling one it would be, and yet, such is his modesty and reserve, he seldom, if ever, refers to it unless drawn out on the subject by those of his friends who know his history and love to hear him relate the more interesting incidents.

SAMUEL MILLER (deceased). Many of the comfortable old homes of Lancaster county have been bereft of the heads of the household, who through long years have exerted in the community good influences and have set examples of upright living. When Death calls these from earth, both family and neighborhoods mourn. Such was notably the case when Samuel Miller, who had passed his life in Sadsbury township, and was well and widely known, was called hence on Nov. 21, 1890, at the age of seventy-three.

The birth of Samuel Miller was in the log cabin built by his grandfather, on the farm now occupied by the widow of the former. Here Heronimus and Mary (Duffy) Miller settled at a very early day, cleared up this fine farm and in turn left it to their offspring. Here they reared a family of five children: Samuel; William; Sarah, who married William Knott; Catherine, who married Mrs. Moffet; and John, all of these having long since been gathered to their ancestors.

John and Anna (Murphy) Miller, parents of Samuel Miller, both of Lancaster county, were farming people and settled on the old Miller homestead, where the father died in 1840, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother, ten years later, at the age of fifty-six. Their children were: Samuel; Anna, who died in youth; Mary J., unmarried, who lives with Mrs. Miller on the old homestead; and William, a blacksmith, who married Sarah Nicholson, and died in February, 1874, at the age of fifty-two years, the father of the following children: John (deceased), Mary (who died in infancy), Ella (who married John Barr, lives in Harrisburg), William (deceased), Miranda (who is the widow of Jefferson Fritz, and resides with Mrs. Miller), Mary (who is the widow of Charles Sparver, of Harrisburg) and Frank (who resides also in Harrisburg).

Through life Samuel Miller pursued agriculture and was regarded as an excellent farmer and most worthy citizen. Although he believed in the principles of the Democratic party, he was never a politician, and never desired public office. Pursuing the even tenor of his way, he lived the honest, upright life of a kind neighbor, good husband and father, and loyal friend. For seventy-three years

he was known in one locality. His remains were laid to rest in the Union Presbyterian cemetery in Bart township, he having been a supporter and attendant of the Presbyterian Church, with which his most estimable widow is connected by membership.

On March 29, 1842, Samuel Miller was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Hettie E. Hill, and the children born to this union were: Martha, who married Isaac Wence, a farmer near Harrisburg; John, who died young; Samuel, a farmer in Sadsbury township, who married Lizzie Rowe; Ashmer, deceased; and Howard, who lives unmarried with his honored mother.

The birth of Hettie E. (Hill) Miller occurred near Wilmington, Del., Dec. 25, 1821. Her parents were John and Martha (Phillips) Hill, of Wilmington, where they spent their lives, with the exception of the years 1839-40 spent in Lancaster county. Father Hill died in 1843, at the age of seventy-five years, the mother dying in 1824, at the age of fifty-six years, the latter belonging to the Society of Friends. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill were: Maria, who married John Rumor, is deceased; John, deceased; Ellen, who died in youth; Hannah, who lived unmarried, and died in advanced years; and Hettie E., who became Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Miller is one of the universally respected ladies of Sadsbury township, where she has lived so long. Beloved by her family and esteemed through the neighborhood, few heads of families command more affection. Her hospitality is well known and so vigorous is she in mind and body that there is every hope that so lovable a character may long be spared in the old home.

JACOB SHANK, a representative farmer of Manor township, belongs to a very old and highly respected family of Lancaster county.

The first of whom we have any record was John Shank, a native of Switzerland, who located here about 1740, and purchased a tract of government land in Manor township, consisting of some 400 acres of Central Manor, which has been transformed by the family into one of the finest farms of the county and is still in their possession, being now occupied by Abraham Shank. John Shank devoted his attention to the improvement and cultivation of this place until called to his final rest when in middle life. He was a large man of powerful physique. Before leaving his native land, he married a Miss Gingerich, a daughter of Hans Gingerich, and to them were born eight children: Henry, the grandfather of Jacob; Daniel, who went to Indiana, where he died at the advanced age of ninety years; John, who remained in Lancaster county, but left no descendants here as his only son died unmarried, and his daughter, Mrs. Philip Borger, went West; Michael, who also went to Indiana; Elizabeth, wife of Martin Funk; Martha, who died unmarried; Mrs. Gashan; and Mrs. Shupp.

Henry Shank, our subject's grandfather, was

born in 1755, and spent his entire life on the old farm in Manor township, where he died at the extreme old age of ninety-seven years, seven months and twenty-six days. He married Barbara, daughter of Abram Hostetter, and they became the parents of five children: Christian, a farmer, who died unmarried at the age of forty years; John, who married a Miss Strickler and died at the same age; Henry, the father of Jacob; Abram, a farmer of Manor township, also deceased; and Elizabeth, who married Henry Hoover, a Mennonite minister, and had four sons, who grew to maturity and moved to Clark county, Ohio.

Henry Shank, Jr., father of Jacob, was born June 9, 1791, and died Feb. 7, 1869. He was reared on the old homestead and at the age of twenty-one began teaming between Pittsburg and Philadelphia, following that pursuit for several years. With his team he was pressed into service during the war of 1812, but was retained only for a short time. About 1821 he married Miss Barbara Shellenberger, a daughter of Henry Shellenberger, and by that union he had the following children: Henry, born in December, 1822, who followed farming and died unmarried, March 28, 1897; Barbara, the wife of John Dietrich, of Manor township; Isaac, a farmer of the same township; Abraham, a farmer of Cumberland county, Pa., who married Rebecca Bender and has two daughters; and Benjamin, a resident of Manor township, Lancaster county. For his second wife the father married Mrs. Barbara (Kauffman) Fry, widow of Adam Fry, and the only child born of this union was Jacob, whose name introduces this sketch. The mother died in 1856, at the age of fifty-six years.

Jacob Shank was born May 12, 1836, and was reared on the farm in Manor township, his education being obtained in the common schools of Prospect Hill. At the age of sixteen he commenced learning the blacksmith's trade with Samuel Grash, of that township, and followed that occupation for six years. After his marriage he turned his attention to farming, operated rented land for six years and then purchased a small tract of his brother Isaac, near Central Manor, which he made his home until 1874, when he bought eighteen and a half acres where he now resides. In connection with farming he has followed butchering among the farmers for thirty years.

On July 22, 1858, Mr. Shank was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Funk, who was born in Manor township, Aug. 27, 1840, a daughter of John and Mary (Herr) Funk. Seven children were born to them. (1) Barbara died in childhood. (2) John, a mechanic of Washington borough, wedded Mary Shank and they have five children, Minerva, Minnie, Daniel, Ruth and John. (3) Kate is the wife of Albert Ulmer, of Manor township, who was born in Columbia, and they have one child, Jacob S. (4) Mary is the wife of Joseph Zinkand, an employe in the rolling mill at Columbia, and they

have two children, John H. and Annie. (5) Amanda, (6) Jacob and (7) Elizabeth are all at home. The family are among the most worthy and respected citizens of the county. Mr. Shank affiliates with the Republican party and has served as supervisor two terms. He has in his possession two family heirlooms in the shape of Bibles, one printed in 1536, the other in 1580.

ISAAC SLATER GEIST, late editor and proprietor of the *Marietta Times*, was born March 5, 1832, in Manheim township, Lancaster county, a member of a family that has long been established in Pennsylvania. The first representative in this country was George Geist, Sr., who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and many years after his marriage started for America, accompanied by his wife and five children, Simon, Leonard, George, Mary and Rosina. The last named died on the voyage and was buried at sea.

The family landed in Philadelphia in 1750, and the sons, Simon and Leonard, soon afterward apprenticed themselves to a man named Slaymaker, in Strasburg, to pay the expense of the voyage and relieve their parents of that burden. After a brief sojourn in Morris county, N. J., the family removed to Virginia, where the father engaged in farming. Later, however, he returned to Morris county, where he died. One of his brothers, Philip, came to this country from Germany in 1753, and settled at Strasburg, Lancaster county. His son, Philip, Jr., became one of the most prominent Whig politicians of the county, served as commissioner in 1853, and filled other local offices.

Simon Geist, the eldest son of George Geist, Sr., was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Bachman, whose father, Felix Bachman, was a large land owner in the southeastern part of Lancaster county. Their children were: Margaret; Mrs. Elizabeth Hood, who died in Ohio; Jacob, a resident of Ohio; George; Henry; Mrs. Barbara Fogel; Mrs. Susan McCord, of Colerain township; Sarah, who died unmarried; and Mrs. Rachel Pickle. Leonard, the second son of George Geist, Sr., married a Miss Pickle, and made his home near Pittsburg.

George Geist, Jr., was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 18, 1739, and after coming to this country was apprenticed to a farmer, Daniel Roger, residing in Manheim township, five miles north of Lancaster City, until twenty-one years old. Afterward purchasing land, he became the owner of 120 acres of land near Neffsville, where he resided until his death, Oct. 21, 1821, at the age of eighty-two years, five months and twenty-four days. George Geist, Jr., was twice married. His first wife was Barbara Wolfe, and after her death he married her sister Susan. Their children were seven in number, namely: Jacob married and lived near Lancaster, Ohio; Elizabeth, wife of George Kraft, died in Manheim township; George, Jr., married Mary Burkenhouse, and for his second wife chose Miss Mary

Johnson; Andrew married Anna Baker, and they lived in Erie until his death, at the age of ninety-five years; Susan became the wife of Rev. Michael Witman, of Manheim borough; Daniel married Elizabeth Tuft and lived in Pennsylvania; John married Mary Slater. The latter's father, Capt. John Slater, was the first merchant of Neffsville. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting in 1778 in Col. Hollenbach's regiment, and serving as captain of his company until mustered out, Aug. 26, 1780. Capt. Slater had a liberal education and for some years taught school. He opened the first dry-goods store in Fiddler's Green (now Neffsville), and also served as postmaster at that place.

John Geist, the father of our subject, was born in Manheim township, Jan. 25, 1787, and received meager educational advantages. His life was that of a farmer, his home being near Neffsville. Politically he was a Whig in early life, and later a strong advocate of Republican principles. In religious belief he was a Lutheran, in which faith he died Oct. 18, 1863, aged seventy-six years, eight months and twenty-three days. His wife, Mary, who was born Sept. 28, 1791, in East Lampeter township, died May 22, 1863, aged seventy-one years, seven months and twenty-four days. She was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church. John and Mary Geist had issue: Daniel S. and John S., twins, were born June 27, 1813, the latter dying Dec. 4, 1888; Jacob, born Dec. 26, 1818, lives in Dayton, Ohio; Samuel S., born June 24, 1820, lives in Manheim township; Henry and Mary, twins, were born Feb. 26, 1823, and the latter, Mrs. Augustus Sigltner, is now living on the old homestead in Manheim township; Barbara was born Jan. 30, 1826, is the wife of William Fritz, a carpenter of Leacock township; Abram, born May 12, 1829, is a resident of Manheim township; Isaac Slater and Rebecca, twins, born March 5, 1832, and the former is the subject of this sketch; the latter, unmarried, is living in Lancaster. Susan, the youngest, born March 2, 1836, is the wife of John Long, of Womelsdorf, Berks county.

Isaac Slater Geist was educated in the schools of Manheim township, Whitehall Academy, at Harrisburg, and the Millersville State Normal, graduating from the scientific department of the latter institution in 1861. Prior to this he taught a number of terms of school, being thus engaged in Illinois a short time. On his return East he took his scientific course, and then taught one year, after which he was for four years professor of natural sciences of Millersville State Normal School. On returning to Marietta he became principal of the high school, which position he held until 1888. Altogether he was employed for thirty-six years as principal of schools. In 1886 he purchased the *Marietta Times*, which he edited and published until his death.

Editor Geist was an active Republican and one of the leaders of his party in this section of the county. After retiring as principal of the high school he served as director of the Home Building & Loan

Association. He belonged to Ashara Lodge, No. 398, F. & A. M., of which he was secretary for twenty-five years; Corinthian Chapter, No. 224, and Cyrene Commandery, No. 34, K. T. In the Presbyterian Church of Marietta he served as deacon. Mr. Geist was married October 26, 1865, to Miss Margaret, daughter of Frederick Franck, of Marietta.

HON. AMOS H. MYLIN, ex-senator and ex-auditor-general of the State of Pennsylvania, lives in the historic home in West Lampeter township which was built by his great-grandfather, but which has been remodeled and modernized by its present occupant. In Rupp's "History of Lancaster County" appears a full-page illustration of this fine old mansion, which was built by Martin and Ann Meylin (as the name was then spelled) in 1740, and the same history has this to say of the dwelling: "They built what was then called a palace of sandstone. It was, in 1742, one of the most stately mansions in the county, and as the Mennonites were a plain people, and Martin Meylin an active member, the house was not only considered too palace-like, but the appearance of it might, as the Mennonites reasoned, strengthen their enemies in prejudicing the government against them. The Bishop, Hans Tschantz, with his elders and assistants, having repaired to the humble cottage hard by the stately mansion and organized the meeting, Martin Meylin was summoned and questioned, but he stated that he consulted only his comfort, and had no sinister views in building the mansion." So says Historian Rupp. Of course the trouble finally ended and the grand old building remained to give shelter and comfort to unborn generations; and it stands to-day, a proud monument to the progressiveness and liberality of Hon. Amos H. Mylin's great-grandfather.

Amos H. Mylin was born in the old homestead where he still lives, in West Lampeter township, Sept. 29, 1837, son of Martin Mylin. He is descended from one of those Mennonite families who, in 1709, emigrated from Canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland, to the New World, seeking that religious peace and freedom denied them in the Old. They were a vigorous race, and transplanted with them the intense love of home which has ever been a characteristic, so that the first resting-place that gave them welcome in the New World became their fixed and permanent abode.

Born and reared among such influences, Amos H. Mylin inherited the sturdy character and unswerving integrity of his ancestors, and growing up in the home established by them has developed a strong, honest and rugged manhood. Through his own unaided efforts he laid the foundation of a liberal education in the public schools of his native county, and at Charlotteville, N. Y., completing his studies at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Although leaving that institution with a thorough knowledge of the classics and a perfect mastery of

the German language, he has never ceased to regret his inability to pursue the full collegiate course of study for which he was preparing himself while in Andover. Failing health thwarted his ambition, and he had to return home.

On his return to Lancaster county Mr. Mylin worked around the neighborhood, husking corn, cutting wood, etc., and in 1861 began to read law with the late A. Herr Smith, of Lancaster, afterward Congressman from this district. His studies were stopped in 1862 by his enlistment in the 10th Regiment of Pennsylvania Emergency Men, but he resumed them on his return, at the University Law School, in Philadelphia, graduating in 1864. He practiced his profession in Lancaster for four years. But office work did not agree with this farmer boy, and his health again broke down, so he abandoned the law and went back to the old homestead, where he has since lived and tilled the farm. Always active in Republican politics, in 1872 his neighbors insisted that he run for a seat in the Lower House of the Legislature. He was nominated and elected without leaving his farm for one day's canvassing, an auspicious beginning to a legislative career that lasted exactly twenty years. At the expiration of his third term he was nominated for the State Senate, and continuously represented Lancaster county in that body from 1876 to 1892. His services were given on some of the most important committees of both Houses, and he was twice chairman of the Senate Appropriations committee, and for several sessions was chairman of the committee on Education. During the long special session of 1883, and the regular session of 1885, he was president pro-tem of the Senate.

In 1891 Senator Mylin was a candidate for the nomination of auditor-general, and had over sixty votes in the State convention but Gen. David M. Gregg won the nomination. Although disappointed, the former went to work for the ticket as vigorously as ever. His friends all over the State did not forget him, and when he announced his candidacy in 1894 they rallied around him with a unanimity that assured his nomination from the start, and he was triumphantly elected. Senator Mylin was well qualified for the position. There was hardly a law in the statute books that he had not helped to frame, alter or amend. In the legislation affecting corporations, consequent upon the adoption of the new Constitution, he took part, while his services on the Appropriations committees had thoroughly familiarized him with the State's expenditures, and the workings and needs of institutions receiving State appropriations. His long legislative career was the highest evidence of the esteem in which he was held by those who knew him best, his friends and neighbors. His private life had been one of thrift and economy—a fit training for that particular servant of the people who passes upon the people's bills, and this, together with his unimpeachable honesty, his diversified knowledge, and his marked sympathy

with the agricultural interests of a great commonwealth, united to make him a model auditor-general.

Since his retirement from the auditor-general's office Senator Mylin, for he is known to the whole community by the title he so long bore with much credit to himself and his constituents, has lived quietly on his farm, looking after his home interests. He married Mrs. Carrie Powell, of Williamsport, Pa., an accomplished lady, who is descended from a Revolutionary family, and is an active member of the Daughters of the Revolution. She is also a member of the Iris Club, and is one of the leaders in the local circles of Lancaster society. Two daughters were born to Mrs. Mylin's first union: Carrie and Elizabeth (who married Mr. Parvin). By her union with Senator Mylin three children have been born, Barbara, Helen and Mercy, all of whom are at school. The Senator is prominent in Masonic circles, being a member of the chapter and the Knights Templar.

A genial and forceful man, unostentatious in manner, with a kindly greeting for all whom he encounters, it is not a matter for wonder that Senator Mylin has been for so many years one of the most popular men in all Lancaster county—"Honest" Amos Mylin, as he is familiarly and lovingly called by hosts of people. His acquaintance with prominent men all over the State gives him a prestige that has seldom been enjoyed, to the same extent, by one of Lancaster county's citizens.

GEORGE HAMBRIGHT (deceased) was in his active life one of the most reputable citizens of Mount Joy and Rapho townships, where his manly character, strong sense of honesty, and instinctive readiness to help onward every good work and word in the neighborhood, made him one of the most useful men of his times. He was born May 2, 1821, in Rapho township, and he died in the village of Florin, Mount Joy township, Feb. 9, 1896, almost reaching the age of seventy-five years, and he was buried in the Florin cemetery beside his first wife who preceded him to the grave about twenty-five years.

Adam and Rebecca (Hossler) Hambright, his parents, lived and died in Rapho township, and were buried in the graveyard adjoining Hossler's meeting house, Rapho township, at advanced ages. They followed farming, and the father also carried on carpentering and cabinet making. To them were born two children, as follows: Susan, who was married to a Mr. Musselman, of Cumberland county; and George, as noted above. Mr. and Mrs. Musselman lived together in Cumberland county some years, but their married life was cut short, as the wife was burned to death while boiling soap at her home. Adam Hambright, the father, had four brothers, who were all prominent citizens of Lancaster city and vicinity, all reaching advanced ages. They were as follows: Frederick, George, Martin and Michael Hambright.

On Oct. 20, 1842, George Hambright was married to Catharine Baker, of Rapho township. After successfully carrying on farming for some years in Rapho township, they removed to Florin, Mount Joy township, and lived a retired life. They were blessed with but one child, a daughter, Mary, born Sept. 21, 1843, who was united in marriage to Henry P. Breneman, of Mount Joy township, and at present they live a retired life in Florin.

Mrs. Catharine (Baker) Hambright was born March 9, 1824, in Mount Joy township, and after living a retired life only a few years with her husband in Florin died about 1870, and was buried in the Florin cemetery. She, together with her husband, lived a Christian and righteous life and they were well liked by the whole community.

George Hambright was married, in 1874, to Miss Fanny Peters Breneman, of Mount Joy township, and they became the parents of these children: (1) Benjamin B., born near Breneman's school house in Mount Joy township, March 31, 1875, received a common school education, and while yet young commenced working on the farm and is now a successful and prosperous farmer near Florin, Mount Joy township. On June 4, 1900, he was married to Miss Alice Caslow, second in a large family of children born to Albert Caslow and wife, of Mt. Joy township. (2) Amos B., born Aug. 20, 1876, near Breneman's school house, Mount Joy township, after attending school until the age of sixteen commenced the study of telegraphy. He now lives in the village of Landisville, where he is employed as telegraph operator and towerman for the Pennsylvania Railroad. On June 15, 1899, he was married to Miss Elizabeth S. Yetter, youngest daughter of William P. Yetter and wife, of Bachmanville, Dauphin county, and they have had two children: William Russel, born June 26, 1900, at Florin, and died at the age of ten days; and Irene Elizabeth, born June 16, 1901, at Florin. (3) George B., born Jan. 25, 1878, at Florin, received a common school education and then commenced the study of telegraphy and was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad at the age of nineteen years. He was, however, soon stricken down with poor health, and lingered until Sept. 20, 1900, when he died from tuberculosis, and was buried on the family plot in the Florin cemetery. (4) John B., born at Florin, May 5, 1883, attended the village school and the Mount Joy High school for several years, and at the age of nineteen years, entered Lebanon Valley College at Annville, Pennsylvania.

In politics George Hambright was a Republican, and followed farming in the early part of his life, but never held any public office. He was an honest and upright man, and is well remembered as an exceedingly industrious and earnest man who wished to do his full share in the work of life. He was a Christian man in the fullest sense, nearly all his life, and in his young manhood was a member of the United Brethren Church in Rapho township, and

the last few years was a member of the same church at Florin, where he set up a good example for his family in the Christian work.

Mrs. Fanny (Breneman) Hambright, the youngest in a family of eight children, was born near Breneman's school house in Mount Joy township, Dec. 25, 1841. After the death of her husband she remained living at their home in Florin, with her children living close around her. Her parents were Benjamin and Nancy Breneman, who were of old and conspicuous families and wealthy and progressive farmers near Breneman's school house in Mount Joy township. Benjamin Breneman served many years as a school director in his township, and he was the principal promoter of education in his vicinity, it being chiefly through his efforts that the school house was built which now still bears his name. Benjamin Breneman and his wife were Christian people, and died at advanced ages, and were buried in the graveyard adjoining Kraybill's Mennonite meeting house in East Donegal township.

George Hambright, the subject of this sketch, retired from the farm before his second marriage, when he moved from his farm in Rapho township to the village of Florin and gave up active labor. The proprietor of an extensive farm, he was not obliged to do severe labor and took delight in making a way for those who needed work. As a kind hearted and upright man he had many friends and his loss is still felt in the community.

GEORGE HILDEBRAND RANCK, of New Holland, at present postmaster and editor of the *New Holland Clarion*, was born in Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa., Feb. 2, 1843, but he is practically a son of Lancaster County, as his parents were born and reared in this county and after a two years residence in Mifflinburg returned to their native county.

The Ranck family is of German origin, coming from Wurtemberg, and the ancestors of our subject were among the pioneer settlers of eastern Pennsylvania, having emigrated to this county, taking up land in the eastern part, in 1726. Other branches of the family settled in Berks and Lebanon counties, where many of their descendants have become prominent citizens. We cannot give the chain of descent complete, but John Philip Ranck, the great-grandfather of George H. was a farmer in East Cocalico township. He was married to a Miss Haas, a descendant of another German pioneer family, and they had four sons—James, Philip, David and Isaac—and five daughters—Nancy, Mrs. James DeHaven; Mary, Mrs. George Miller; Barbara, Mrs. Ream; Elizabeth, Mrs. Bander; and Mrs. Richmond. David removed to Ohio and engaged in farming near Dayton; James was similarly engaged in Chester county; and Philip and Isaac were also farmers in this county. All attained to a great age, except Isaac who died at the age of thirty-three. The ages of the others ranged from eighty-five to ninety-six.

Isaac Ranck was the grandfather of our subject. He was born about 1794, and married Margaret Swope, a descendant, in the third generation, of Yost Swope, who emigrated from Wurtemberg, Germany, and settled in Upper Leacock township, this county, in 1723. Three sons were born of this union: John, who was a tailor and resided in Kentucky, where he died in 1882; Daniel, a potter, who died in New Holland in 1894; and Isaac, who resides in northern California.

Daniel Ranck, our subject's father, was born in East Cocalico township, March 14, 1819, and was educated in the district schools of that period. He learned the pottery trade, then an important industry in this county, and in 1842, soon after his marriage, removed to Mifflinburg; Union county, where he worked at his trade two years. Moving back to Springville, Lancaster county, he resided there two years, when he moved to Leacock township, where he continued at his trade until 1891, when he retired and located in New Holland, where he died in 1894. His wife was Anna Hildebrand, daughter of Michael Hildebrand (3), a grandson of Michael Hildebrand, who emigrated from the Palatinate, Germany, and settled near New Holland in 1738. His son, Michael, was a member of Jenkin's battalion in the army of the Revolution. The wife of Michael Hildebrand (3) was Barbara Weaver, a descendant of another German pioneer family in Pennsylvania, that settled near New Holland in 1721. Daniel and Anna Ranck were both members of the Lutheran Church, in which he served as a deacon for a number of years. Mrs. Ranck died March 26, 1900, in her eighty-first year. They had two children: George H.; and Catharine Elizabeth. The latter was twice married, first to Cyrus Rutter, and subsequently to Jacob Diffenderfer. Four children are yet living by the first marriage: Daisy, wife of J. J. Shirk, of Pequea; Cora, wife of Adam Fry, of New Holland; Newton, of Blue Ball; and Jennie, wife of F. W. Oehme, of New Holland. By her second marriage she has one daughter, Elsie.

George H. Ranck received a fair education, attending the public schools and also a private school in New Holland. At the age of eighteen he became a teacher which calling he followed eight years, his last term being as principal of the New Holland schools. In 1869 he purchased a small job printing outfit from John Black, in New Holland, and continued at this business until 1873, when *The Clarion*, a weekly newspaper, was founded by him and J. W. Sandoe, from Waynesboro, Franklin county. This partnership continued until 1878, when Mr. Sandoe withdrew, and Mr. Ranck has continued in charge up to this time, a period of thirty years. *The Clarion* is an eight page paper, 16x22 inches in size, and has a general circulation throughout this section of the county, and has become one of the necessary fixtures of the community, whose worth would be fully realized were it to drop out of existence. The job printing department of the establishment has always been

noted for its attractive and artistic work, and this department has always had a good patronage.

In politics Mr. Ranck is a Republican, and he has always taken an active part in political affairs. He served one term of five years from 1871 to 1876 as justice of the peace; six years, from 1882 to 1888, as school director; seven years, from 1882 to 1889, as notary public; was a member of the county committee for several years; was twice elected a delegate to the State Convention; was a member of the State Legislature in 1889-90; was elected the first burgess of New Holland when the town was incorporated in 1895; and was appointed postmaster at New Holland in 1897, which position he still holds. In every enterprise tending to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the community he has always taken an active part and by his personal aid and his influence through the columns of *The Clarion* has done some good service to the community.

Mr. Ranck was joined in wedlock on May 20, 1866, to Ann Elizabeth Hollingsworth, a daughter of the late Samuel Hollingsworth, a furniture manufacturer of New Holland, and a granddaughter of the late Abraham DeHaven, a prominent farmer near New Holland. Five children were born of this union: a daughter who died at birth; Ivan Luther, who is foreman of the Clarion Printing House; Anna Mary, assistant postmaster; Bertha Virginia, who died in 1883, at the age of seven years and six months; and Elizabeth Etta, a clerk in the post office.

Mr. Ranck is a member and a past grand of Earl Lodge No. 413, I. O. O. F.; and past president of Washington Camp, No. 40, P. O. S. of A. He has also been district president of the Lancaster Eastern District, of the State Camp of the latter order. He is also a member of the Pennsylvania-German Society, and of the Pennsylvania State Editorial Association. At the age of fifteen years he was admitted to membership in Trinity Lutheran Church, New Holland, and he has always taken an active part in church work, serving as a deacon from 1871 to 1884, and as an elder since the latter date. He has also been treasurer of the Sunday-school since 1870, a teacher in the Sunday-school since 1869, and he has served as delegate to meetings of the church conference and synod a number of times.

JOHN HESS, in his day one of the successful agriculturists of Salisbury township, was a descendant of the Hess family which has been established in Lancaster county for several generations and has been closely identified with its development and progress, especially along agricultural lines. They have been honorable and honored citizens from the time of their settlement, nearly two centuries ago, and the gentleman whose name introduces these lines was a worthy representative of a worthy name.

About 1709 a Swiss colony came to this region, and among the settlers were Samuel Hess and his two brothers, the first of the name in America. Samuel located at Pequea. He had a large family,

and one of his sons, Jacob, in 1734, took up a tract of two hundred acres lying one mile east of Lititz, in what is now Warwick township. The property has remained in the family ever since, being now occupied by James H. Hess. Jacob Hess resided with his father on the old homestead until his death in 1778; he was interred in the family burying-ground. He had eight daughters and two sons, the latter named Christian and John.

Christian Hess, the father of John, passed the greater part of his life in Paradise township, where he built and conducted a woolen mill, operating what is now the Hunsecker mill for many years. He passed his latter years in retirement from active business, and during this period served as poor commissioner of Lancaster county. His death occurred in Paradise township. He married Elizabeth Rupp, and they had children as follows: Christian; Moses, a farmer of Duncannon, Pa.; Henry; John; Samuel; Mary, Mrs. Cyrus Royer; Eliza, who also married Cyrus Royer; Nancy, Mrs. David Groff; and Barbara, Mrs. George Hiltenbrand, all now deceased.

John Hess was born Dec. 27, 1821, in Salisbury township, Lancaster county, and passed his entire life on the homestead where he was born, engaging in farming. The place comprised sixty-five acres, and Mr. Hess was successfully occupied with its cultivation throughout his active years. He was industrious and progressive, and ranked among the best farmers of his day in Salisbury township, where he was likewise highly respected for his sterling traits of character. His integrity was never questioned, and he retained the esteem of all with whom he came in contact, in either business or social relations.

On March 7, 1854, in Leacock township, Mr. Hess was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Ann Rutter, and children as follows came to their union: Amos S., who was born March 24, 1855, is a farmer by occupation, lives on the old homestead, married Margaret Eby, Jan. 20, 1880, and has had three children, Elizabeth, Leroy and John; Ida, born Aug. 11, 1857, died May 17, 1862; John R., born Nov. 2, 1859, a merchant at Gap, Lancaster county, who married Eva Snodgrass, and has two children, Ralph and Ruth; Henry, born April 30, 1862, a farmer and miller in Salisbury township, who married Elizabeth Hershey, and has had four children, Clyde, Harry, Willis and Harriet; Elvira J., born June 25, 1864, who married Jacob Ranck, a farmer of Paradise township, and has three children, Bessie, Elwood and Anna; Jacob, born March 7, 1866, unmarried, and residing with his mother at Gap; Eli, born April 25, 1868, a merchant at New Holland, this county, who married Barbara Frantz, and has one child, Edith; Hannah E., born Oct. 29, 1869, who is the wife of Ephraim Eby, a farmer of Gap, and has four children, Ralph, Ross, Wilbur and Evelyn.

John Hess passed away April 11, 1871, at his

home in Salisbury township, and was laid to rest in the cemetery of Christ Church, in Leacock township. Though not a church member, he was a regular attendant of that church, and contributed liberally toward its support. He was a Democrat in political sentiment. Mrs. Harriet Ann (Rutter) Hess, who survives her husband, was born May 20, 1834, in Leacock township, daughter of Eli and Elizabeth (Skiles) Rutter, of that township.

DAVID B. LEVENITE, a well-known and prominent business man of Millersville, is a native of Manor township, Lancaster county, and was born Sept. 28, 1843.

Samuel W. Levenite, the founder of the Lancaster county family bearing his surname, was born in York county, Pa., in 1810, and when a young man settled in Manor township, Lancaster county, engaged in distilling and later in farming, as well as in teaming between Philadelphia and Pittsburg. To his marriage with Barbara Bitner, daughter of Adam Bitner, there were born eleven children, of whom six reached the years of maturity, viz: David B., whose name heads this sketch; Mary, wife of Henry B. Herr, of Quarryville; Abraham B., a merchant of Millersville; Albert B., a cigar manufacturer of Lancaster City; Fannie, wife of Ephraim Kauffman, of Manor township; and Elmira, married to Andrew Weitzel, of Drumore township. The father died in August, 1891.

David B. Levenite was educated in the public schools of his native township and assisted on the home farm until his marriage, Jan. 10, 1869, after which for three years he followed agriculture on his own account; then in 1872 he embarked in the lumber and coal business at Millersville in partnership with his brother-in-law, John Nunamacher, under the firm name of Nunamacher & Levenite, and this firm also handled farming implements to a great extent. Mr. Levenite is virtually the business manager, and by his fair dealing has won for himself and his firm hundreds of warm and steadfast friends.

The marriage of David B. Levenite with Miss Elizabeth Nunamacher, daughter of William and Anna Mary (Fox) Nunamacher, has been favored with four children, viz: Sallie A., born Oct. 8, 1869, now in the employ of J. B. Martin & Company, of Lancaster City; Harry N., born Oct. 1, 1871, an upholsterer, also in the employ of J. B. Martin & Co.; Albert, born May 30, 1874, who died June 2, 1878; and John W. N., born Sept. 10, 1876, an engineer, and married to Mary E. Klinger. The family worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and socially occupy a very desirable station.

The parents of Mrs. Levenite were natives of Germany but came to this country when quite young and were married in Lancaster county. William Nunamacher, the father, was born in 1801, and died in 1847, and his wife, who was born in 1806, died in 1875. The father was a small farmer and

carpet weaver, was a member of the Lutheran Church and a strictly upright and respected citizen. To his marriage were born twelve children, of whom ten grew to maturity, viz: John, of the firm of Nunamacher & Levenite, of Millersville; William, a deceased farmer; Catherine, deceased wife of Cornelius Tyson; Mary Ann, wife of John Sohns, of Millersville, Martin, a deceased shoemaker of Lancaster City; Samuel, who was a saddler and also a railroad employe, but is now deceased; Margaret, deceased wife of Benjamin Fehl, of Lancaster City, Magdalena, wife of John Stump, of Slackwater, Lancaster county; Jacob and Frederick, deceased; Fannie, wife of John Deitrich, of Naplesville, Ind.; and Elizabeth, wife of David B. Levenite, of Manor township.

PHILIP FISHER, a retired farmer, and an old and respected resident of West Donegal township, was born on the farm where his long and singularly useful life has passed, Dec. 6, 1824, a son of Philip and Susanna (Albert) Fisher, natives of Conestoga and Mt. Joy townships, respectively. In 1821 they settled on the farm where their son Philip is now living, and there the mother died in 1845, at the age of fifty-one years, after which the bereaved father retired from active farm work and made his home in Elizabethtown, where he died in 1871, at the age of seventy-six years. They were buried in the cemetery connected with the Lutheran Church of that place. The father was a man of considerable prominence in his active days, and served as school director six years. He and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. They had the following children: Jacob, who died in October, 1885; Philip; Mary, who married John McGill, and died in 1895; Susanna, who is the widow of Leander Gramm, and lives in Elizabethtown; Catherine, who is the widow of Christ. Hummel and lives in Mt. Joy township; Elizabeth, the wife of David Geipe, a retired farmer in Mt. Joy township; Juliana, who died unmarried. After the death of his first Philip Fisher was married to Elizabeth Redsecker, who is now deceased.

George Fisher, the grandfather of Philip Fisher, Jr., was born in Lancaster county and was the son of a Swiss emigrant, who came to Pennsylvania at an early day. John and Catherine (Rehm) Albert, the maternal grandparents, were both born in Conestoga township, and there they spent their lives in farming.

Philip Fisher and Mrs. Fanny (Groff) McBride were married in Manheim, May 28, 1868, and to them was born one son, William, who died young. Mrs. Fanny (Groff) (McBride) Fisher was born in Rapho township, July 22, 1840, a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Keener) Groff, both natives of Rapho township. Her father was a farmer and was engaged in the manufacture of molasses. In 1876 he died, at the age of sixty-two years; her mother died in 1855, at the age of thirty-four years, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. Both were

members of the Zion Lutheran Church. There was born to them the following family: Fanny; John, engaged in the butcher business in Elizabethtown, as is also his brother, Joseph; Samuel, a farmer in Conoy township. After the death of his first wife, Samuel Groff married Nancy Heisey, by whom he had one child, Elizabeth, who married Abram Heisey.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Fanny Fisher were John and Fanny (Frick) Groff, of Rapho township. Her grandfather was a farmer, and also operated a fulling machine. Her maternal grandparents were John and Fanny (Brubaker) Keener, both natives of Lancaster county.

Mrs. Fanny (Groff) (McBride) Fisher was first married in Elizabethtown, Sept. 23, 1861, to Meredith B. McBride, by whom she had two sons: John G.; and Samuel, deceased.

Meredith B. McBride was one of the many thousand patriotic and loyal-hearted citizens of Pennsylvania who cheerfully offered his life as a sacrifice on the altar of the Republic. He enlisted under Capt. Root, serving nine months, and then died of typhoid fever in the military hospital at Alexandria, Va. John and Sarah (Metrum) McBride, of Rapho township, were his parents.

Philip Fisher has spent his life on the farm where he is now found with the exception of some two and a half years which he devoted to cabinet making in Elizabethtown, and some six months when he was working at his trade in Dauphin county. Mr. Fisher is a man of high character and good principles, and attends Zion Church with his wife. For some three years he served as school director and then declined farther continuance in that office.

ADAM KEEN. In striking contrast with the life of the average business man, who is drawn daily into the whirlpool of competition, excitement and bustle of the world, subjecting his mind to the temptations and allurements of fortune getting, we present a sketch of a successful farmer of Eden township, Lancaster Co., Pa., who, in early life, took as his standard, Virtue instead of gold. Mr. Keen is a descendant of a very old and respected family of his native county, and has inherited many of the traits that have long been a credit to the name. He was born in Eden township, near Quarryville, Sept. 8, 1830, his parents being Henry and Julia A. (Mower) Keen, who were both born in Lancaster county.

Henry Keen was the son of Henry and Elizabeth Keen, whose ancestors were German. They first settled in Berks county, and later came to Eden, where our subject's father grew to manhood. They raised a large family of sons and daughters, all of whom are dead.

Henry Keen, the father of our subject, settled in Eden township on a farm near the borough of Quarryville, where he purchased a large tract of land. He became one of the most prosperous farm-

ers of his section. During his life he owned half a dozen good farms which he improved with buildings and barns. His last home was the one in which our subject resides. Henry Keen's first wife was Julia A. Mower, the mother of our subject. She died at the age of thirty-six, leaving seven children. His second wife was Mrs. Brubaker. She died in 1882 leaving no children. Mr. Keen died in 1879, leaving an honored name among the many who knew and respected him for excellent qualities of head and heart. In politics he was a staunch Republican and took an active part in party work. In religion he was a member of the German Reformed Church, and was always very active in church work, being one of the founders of the Providence Church.

David Keen, the eldest of this family, was born in Strasburg township in 1826. He married Miss Martha Herr, who was born and raised in Eden township, who was a daughter of John and Nancy Herr, one of Lancaster's old and prominent families. They resided on his farm near Quarryville, where he lives a retired life. His wife died in May, 1900, leaving a large family. Samuel Keen was born in 1829; he married Miss Mary Girvin, of this county. They now reside on one of his father's farms near Quarryville, and have a family of four children: Hiram, Ella, Anna and Grace. Mary Keen, the fourth child of Henry Keen, was born in 1833 and was the wife of Amos Wade, deceased, who resided in Drumore township. Julia A., another daughter, was born in 1835; she is the wife of Hiram Girvin, and now resides in Salisbury township. Henry Keen, born in 1839, married Miss Lydia Shaub, and they reside on his farm in Bart township, and have three children living: Sallie (wife of William Amment), Henry and Ella (both at home). Catherine Keen, the youngest of the children of Henry Keen, was born in 1841, and is the wife of John Johnston, who lives on one of her father's farms. They have no children.

Adam Keen, our subject, grew up on his father's farm in Eden, where he received a district school education. He remained with his father until he was thirty years of age. In December, 1859, he married Miss Mary A. Herr, daughter of John and Nancy Herr. Mrs. Keen was born in Eden township, March 8, 1840, and grew to young womanhood at the old home; where she acquired her education in the district schools. Her father died at the old home, leaving two daughters, Mrs. David Keen, and the wife of our subject. For almost half a century Mr. and Mrs. Keen have lived at their present home. In 1879 he purchased his father's last homestead, which is one of the finest farms in that section. To this couple have been born five children, as follows: Edith died in childhood. Susan C., born in 1860, married William Hess, who resides in Quarryville borough; they have ten children: Virgil (wife of Alvin Hess of Lancaster), Adam, Catherine, Odessa, Edith, William, Ernest, Ruth, Bertha, and Francis. William Keen,

born in 1864, received an education in the local schools; he married Miss Lizzie Breneman, of Lancaster county and they now reside in Quarryville, where he is engaged in the business of contracting and building. They have no family. Harry Keen was born in 1869, and received a business education in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He is now a resident of Lancaster City and engaged in book-keeping for the firm of Metzger & Hollinger. He married Miss Frances Mylove, of Lancaster county, and they have one daughter, Lulu Keen. Emma Keen was born in 1872 and married George Gregg, of Chester county, Pa. They now reside in Chester county. They have four children, Millard, Mary, Blanch and Grace. Politically, socially and religiously our subject has given much thought to the betterment of the condition of his fellow men. In this as in all things he has been unselfish and conscientious. He has not asked for office, he has not bid for fame. Content to remain a plain but successful farmer, he has found the need of a great work at home. Mr. Keen and his wife have for thirty years been active in the support of the Reformed Church of Providence, of which they are devout members. Politically our subject is a Republican having been identified with the best interests of the party for many years. For over twenty years he has held the office of school director in Eden.

Unselfish devotion to principle, of which love is the foundation, has endeared this couple to all who have been brought in contact with them. A Christian companionship as man and wife covering a period of half a century, and blessed with children and grandchildren, and the love and esteem of many friends cannot fail to leave a lasting impression for good.

JOHN JACOB HOUGENDOBLER, a practical and experienced veterinary surgeon at Mountville, Lancaster county, Pa., was born in Rohrerstown, in this county, Aug. 7, 1862, and is a son of Jacob B. and Elizabeth (Gailbaugh) Hougendobler, natives, respectively, of West Hempfield township and Maytown, Lancaster county, both of whom died one mile west of Rohrerstown on their home farm. They were the parents of six children, viz.: Mary Ann, deceased wife of Tobias H. Greider; Benjamin F., on the old homestead at Rohrerstown; Henry Clay, deceased; Elizabeth G., of Lancaster, unmarried; Alice G., who was married to Henry K. Hooyer, and died in 1899; and John Jacob, named at the opening of this paragraph.

John Jacob Hougendobler assisted on the old homestead until he was twenty years of age, acquiring in the meantime a sound education in the district schools and also attending the Millersville Academy two terms; he then taught school two terms in Dauphin and Lancaster counties; next he went to Toronto, Canada, attended the Ontario Veterinary College, was graduated in 1889, practiced two years in Rohrerstown, and then settled in Mountville,

where he has ever since done a lucrative and still growing business.

Dr. Hougendobler was united in marriage Aug. 13, 1891, in Lancaster City, with Miss Susan H. Kendig, who was born in West Hempfield township, where she also died.

John Jacob Hougendobler is a member of K. of P. Lodge No. 88, at Lancaster; A. O. K. of M. C., Mountville Castle; Sr. O. U. A. M., of Lancaster, and the I. O. O. F., of the same city. In politics he is a Republican.

JOHN M. WENDLER, a trustworthy conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad with his residence at Columbia, was born in Lancaster, Pa., June 9, 1857.

John W. Wendler, father of John M., was born in Wittenberg, Germany, July 7, 1831, and came to America when a young man, settling in Lancaster. He was a drayman and was renowned for his great strength. He served four years and five months in the 99th P. V. I., was three times wounded and was honorably discharged with the rank of sergeant. He married Miss Louisa Miller, and to this marriage were born eight children, viz.: Frederick; John M.; Mrs. John Short, of Lancaster; Harry, a carpenter in Baltimore, Md.; Anthony, who died when eighteen years old; Anna, wife of George Dorbit of Lancaster; Samuel and Benjamin, the last named a nickelplater and both of Lancaster. The father died Aug. 28, 1883, and the mother, who was born April 29, 1828, is still a resident of Lancaster.

John M. Wendler attended school in Lancaster and worked as a bartender until 1874, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Co. on maintenance work. In 1879 he came to Columbia, was a brakeman for a few months, then extra flagman for several weeks, next was regular flagman for eleven years, and was then promoted to conductor. While in this service, July 17, 1899, the eye-bolt of a brake on his train broke and threw Mr. Wendler under the wheels. The train dashed over both his nether limbs at the ankle joints, and he now has two artificial limbs. This mishap occurred 113 miles from his home at Jamesburg, New Jersey.

On April 17, 1883, at Columbia, Mr. Wendler was united in marriage with Miss Ada E. Smith, who has borne him three children, William J., Anthony B. and Raymond S. Mrs. Ada E. Wendler was born in Downingtown, Chester county, Pa., March 12, 1861, a daughter of William H., and Mary (Baldwin) Smith, the former of whom was born on the ocean, but under the American flag, while his parents were on the voyage from their European home to the United States. He was employed by the Pennsylvania Railway Co. at the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1882, when he was sixty-four years of age. Mrs. Mary (Baldwin) Smith was born in Chester county, Pa., and died in August, 1895, at the age of seventy-seven years, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, thirteen

in number, were as follows: Mahlon, a blacksmith in Nebraska; Margaret, in Columbia; Eli, Charles, Mary A., and Catherine, all four died in infancy; Hettie, of Columbia; William, who died at the age of thirty years; Hayhurst, who was killed on a railroad in 1870, at the age of twenty-one; Phoebe, who died in January, 1897; Elizabeth, the widow of James Mall, of Columbia; Ferdinand, deceased in infancy; and Ada E.

The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Wendler, Eli and Phebe (Walton) Baldwin, were born in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

John M. Wendler is a member of Monterey Lodge, I. O. O. F., Ridgley Encampment, B. of L. T., Vol. Relief Assn., is first vice-president of Vigilant Fire Co. No. 2, of Columbia, and was a trustee, and in politics is a Republican. He is highly respected in social circles, and is one of those large jolly, sociable beings who make friends wherever they go.

JACOB R. GRISSINGER, one of the prominent and successful citizens of Mt. Joy, Pa., was born Aug. 12, 1854, a son of Stephen and Fianna (Royer) Grissinger, of East Hempfield township, who now live in Rapho township.

Stephen Grissinger is one of the leading citizens of Rapho township, where he lives as a retired farmer, having placed his business interests in younger hands. For many years he took an active interest in politics and was a county committeeman, which position he still fills, and was called upon to serve in almost all of the local offices in the gift of the Republican party. During 1889-90-91, he efficiently served the county as treasurer. He was born in 1826, and his wife three years later. The children born to Stephen Grissinger and his wife were: Mary E., who married J. H. Engle, a butcher in Mt. Joy; Jacob R.; Alice, who married J. E. Longenecker, a tobacco merchant of Mt. Joy; Elizabeth, who married D. H. Wenger, a feed merchant in Lancaster; Sabilla and Frances, deceased; Harry, residing at home; Stephen, a clerk in Lancaster.

Jacob R. Grissinger was reared on the farm and attended the district schools of Rapho township, remaining under the parental roof until the age of twenty-two, when he began contracting to cut timber and crush stone, making his home still with his parents for some time; he was also engaged for three years in tobacco farming. In 1897 he did much in the stone crushing business and became heavily interested in lumber. Mr. Grissinger is now engaged in the operation of a portable sawmill which he very successfully manages in the lumber districts.

The marriage of Jacob R. Grissinger occurred on Feb. 26, 1880, to Miss Emma Kurtz, and four interesting children have been born of this union; Norman K., Walter, May and Ella. In 1882 the family moved into Mt. Joy and are highly regarded by the community. Mrs. Grissinger is a daughter of Henry and Barbara (Eby) Kurtz, the former of

whom was a man of means, a retired tanner of Lancaster county. In politics, Mr. Grissinger is a Republican, and he was reared by his parents in the U. B. Church. Displaying ability and industry in business affairs, he has come to be regarded as one of the substantial citizens of Mt. Joy.

JACOB B. DENLINGER (deceased) was one of the prominent and leading citizens of Drumore township. He was born in Paradise township, Oct. 24, 1836, a son of Jacob and Anna (Brubaker) Denlinger, the former of whom was born Oct. 5, 1811, and the latter, Jan. 11, 1811.

Grandfather Denlinger, also named Jacob, was born in 1783, and his children were John, Barbara, Henry, Daniel, Isaac and Jacob, all of whom were devout and consistent members of the Mennonite Church; the men of the family were stanch Whigs and Republicans.

Jacob and Anna Denlinger had a family of fourteen children, as follows: Barbara, born Nov. 25, 1832, deceased; Mary, born Jan. 3, 1834, deceased; Annie, born Aug. 28, 1835, wife of John L. Kreider; Jacob B.; John, born July 17, 1838, a farmer of Paradise township; Abraham, born July 15, 1840, a farmer and tobacco merchant of Strasburg; Elizabeth, born March 14, 1842, married to Tobias Lemon, a retired farmer of Leacock township; Tobias B., born June 11, 1844, a farmer of East Drumore township; Esther, born Nov. 19, 1846, wife of Christian Mower, a farmer of Paradise township; Martha, born Dec. 23, 1848, wife of Isaac Cling, of Leacock township; Benjamin, born July 11, 1850, deceased; Amos, born June 24, 1852, a farmer of Paradise township; Henry B., born July 29, 1854, a retired farmer; and Aaron B., born Aug. 17, 1856.

Jacob B. Denlinger was reared on the farm and early became a practical agriculturist. His education was received in the public schools of the district, and upon leaving school he immediately engaged in farming, following that occupation all his life. By industry and energy he accumulated considerable means, and ranked as one of the substantial men of his township, owning a fine, well-improved farm of 135 acres of fertile land, and a very comfortable and attractive residence in Chestnut Level.

Mr. Denlinger was united in marriage, Dec. 12, 1867, to Miss Barbara Hershey, of Paradise township, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Eby) Hershey. Five children were born to this union, namely: Amanda, born Oct. 10, 1869, who is the wife of E. Ervin Aument, of Drumore township, and has three children, Pearl, Edna and Roy; Enos H., born Feb. 23, 1872, died Aug. 16, 1873; Barbara, born Jan. 8, 1874, died Dec. 2, 1892; Salina, born Feb. 15, 1876, died Dec. 10, 1878; Jacob Milton was born Aug. 12, 1884.

In politics Mr. Denlinger was a stanch Republican, and he was a leading member of the Mennonite Church. At the time of his death he was most-

efficiently filling the position of postmaster at Chestnut Level, and he stood high in the estimation of the community.

JACOB G. WEIDLER (deceased) was, after a life of industry, able to retire from the activities of former days and spend his declining years surrounded by friends and all the comforts of life, he and his estimable wife moving in 1884 to Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Weidler was born in this county, in Manheim township, Feb. 3, 1816, a son of John and Susan (Gonder) Weidler, both of whom were born and died in Lancaster county. John Weidler died on his old farm in Manheim township, in 1870, at the age of ninety-one years, ten months and two days, and his wife passed away in 1850, at the age of seventy-two years; both were buried in Heller's Church cemetery. For many years before his death he lived retired, and both he and his wife were leading members of the Reformed Church.

The children born to John Weidler and his wife were: Anna, who married Samuel Rudy; Charlotte, who married John Miller; Susan, who married Kinzer Bender; Lovina, who died single; Mary, who married Kinzer Bender; Catherine M., who married George Bard; and Jacob G., who was the last survivor of this highly respected and well connected family. The paternal grandparents were Jacob and Anna Weidler, of Lancaster county.

Jacob G. Weidler was reared to farm work, and remained assisting his father on the home farm until his marriage, when he took charge of the property and operated it for himself, being the only son. Until 1872 he managed this farm and made it one of the most highly productive in the township. Then he retired from its active management, and in 1884 moved to the pleasant home in Mechanicsburg where he resided until his death.

The marriage of Jacob G. Weidler and Margaret Steiner took place in March, 1840, and the children born to them were: Susann, who married Wayne Bard; Adeline, who married Henry Espenshade, of Manheim township; Caroline, who married Samuel Bryan, of Lancaster; Mary, deceased wife of Samuel Buch; John, who is the farmer on the old homestead, in Manheim township; Lizzie who married Ezra Burkholder, justice of the peace in Earl township; and Louis, a farmer of Manheim township.

Mrs. Weidler was born in Elizabeth township, June 28, 1826, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Kahley) Steiner, natives of Pennsylvania. By trade Mr. Steiner was a mason. He died in 1831, and the mother of Mrs. Weidler survived until 1870, dying at the age of seventy-two years. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Isaac; Henry; Jacob; Susannah, who married Henry Smith; John; Louis; Ezra; Margaret, Mrs. Weidler; Sarah, who married William Stike, of Lebanon county; and Miss Elizabeth, who resides in Lebanon, the only survivor.

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Mr. Weidler is a Republican in politics and is a leading member of the Reformed Church in his vicinity. Both he and his most worthy and estimable wife lived to see many important changes in their neighborhood and in the country at large, and passed honorable, industrious, unostentatious lives, satisfied with doing their full duty to their family and neighbors, and held in high esteem.

JOHN LINCOLN BRENEMAN (deceased) grew from boyhood to manhood among the citizens of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, who ever held him in high esteem for his sterling integrity. He was born in Bermudian, Adams Co., Pa., Sept. 15, 1865, son of Templeton and Mary (Bosserman) Breneman.

Templeton Breneman was a native of York county, Pa., born in 1837, and his early life was spent in his home county and in Adams county. The public schools of York county afforded him ample facilities for acquiring a good education, and so well did he take advantage of his opportunities that he became one of the successful teachers of the county. In 1861 he went to Adams county and engaged in business, and in 1869 he located in Mt. Joy, where he still conducts a large dry-goods store. In Bermudian, Adams county, he married Mary, daughter of John and Catherine Bosserman, and by this union became the father of three children: John Lincoln; Della, wife of H. W. Hartman, of Lancaster; and Joseph Templeton, paying teller of the Lancaster Trust Company.

John Lincoln Breneman was educated in the schools of Mt. Joy, and began his business training by clerking in his father's store. He then became teller of the Mt. Joy National Bank, and for two years discharged the duties of that responsible position, at the end of that time associating himself with the Philip Frank Malting Company, in which he held the position of secretary and treasurer for a number of years prior to his decease.

Mr. Breneman wedded Miss Minnie Frank, daughter of Philip Frank, of Mt. Joy, and to their union came four children, two of whom are yet living: Joseph Templeton; Philip Frank, who died when eight months old; Mary Louisa, who died at the age of three months; and Catherine Frank. In his political views Mr. Breneman is a strong Republican, and he takes an active interest in the work of the party.

Philip Frank, father of Mrs. Breneman, and head of the Philip Frank Malting Company, is one of the most substantial business men in Lancaster county. He is a native of Baden, Germany, born Oct. 2, 1829. His education was obtained in the schools of his native land and he remained in his early home until 1851, when he came to this country. His first location in America was at Marietta, this county, where he arrived in April, and the following September he moved to Mt. Joy, where he found employment in the Hackman mill, just east of the town,

laboring there industriously for five years. He had been studying the customs of the country and people preparatory to engaging in business on his own account, and in 1856 he built the extensive property and started the business which today bears his name, and which he has continued to conduct so successfully.

Mr. Frank has been twice married. By his first union he had three children: Maria, wife of Harry C. Shock; Minnie, Mrs. John L. Breneman; and Harry, now residing in Baltimore. Mr. Frank's present wife was Louisa Wagner, widow of Robert Briggs, of Philadelphia; to this marriage no children have been born.

JACOB K. PICKEL, late an honored resident of Millersville, Lancaster county, where he was long retired from active business, belonged to a highly respected family whose history in this county begins with the advent of George Pickel, the great-grandfather of Jacob K.

George Pickel was born in Germany, and coming to these shores, made his home in Lancaster county all the rest of his life, and there he died. He reared to manhood four sons, Henry, Adam, John and Isaac.

Henry Pickel, son of George, the original ancestor of the family in this county, was born in Lancaster county, and here spent his entire life. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and made it his life work. He enlisted in the American army at the breaking out of the war of 1812, but never saw active service. He married a Miss Mooney, of Irish parentage, and they had eleven children, three of whom died in childhood. The others were: Samuel, of Landisville, Pa.; Benjamin, of Manheim township; Leonard, of Millersville, and Henry, of Millersville, both deceased; David, of Lebanon, Conn.; Jacob, father of Jacob K.; Maria, wife of Abram Landis, of Sterling, Ill., and Sarah, wife of John Gardner, who are all deceased.

Jacob Pickel, father of Jacob K., was born in West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, March 20, 1814, and secured his education in the night schools. Early in life he learned the shoemaker's trade under Gottlieb Hellabaugh, of Lancaster city, and when he had mastered it he located at Millersville, where he followed shoemaking for many years. About twenty years before his death he gave up active labor and lived retired. In politics he was a Republican, and he held the office of school director several terms. In religion he was a devout member of the Methodist Church, and in his younger days took a very active part in its affairs. Mr. Pickel married Catherine Graybill and they became the parents of three children: Elizabeth, now the widow of Jacob F. Warful; Catherine, who died unmarried; and Jacob K., whose name introduces this article.

Jacob K. Pickel was born March 21, 1840, in Millersville, and spent his boyhood and youth un-

der the parental roof. He acquired a common-school education, and like his father he early learned the shoemaker's trade. This was his business in Millersville for fifteen years, after which he moved to Rock Hill, where he carried it on for ten years. For some ten years more he was the hard-working proprietor of a farm in Conestoga township, when he retired and returned to Millersville, where he spent the closing years of a quiet and useful life in well-deserved peace and content. Miss Margaret Wolf, of Mountville, became his first wife, and to their union were born two children, one of whom died in infancy. The other, Jacob H., lived to become one of the most eminent physicians of Lancaster county, and is regarded as in every way reliable and trustworthy by the people of Millersville, with whom his lot is cast. The mother died in 1865, and the father was again married to Miss Elizabeth Waller, of Conestoga township, who became the mother of one son, Posco, who made his home with his father. Mrs. Elizabeth Pickel died in 1880, and Mr. Pickel was a third time married, to Miss Annie B. Fontza, of Conestoga township.

JOHN LINE. Among the prominent retired farmers of Lancaster county was John Line, who, until his lamented death Jan. 5, 1902, resided in Mechanicsburg, enjoying the fruits of former activity. Mr. Line was born in Blue Ball, East Earl township, this county, Jan. 22, 1823, a son of Jesse and Rachel (Shaffer) Line, the former of whom was born in Upper Leacock township, the son of David Line.

Jesse Line was a successful farmer of Upper Leacock township, whose whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He died in 1863, at the age of seventy-two years, the last ten of which he spent in retirement from active work. The mother died in 1860, when about sixty years of age and both parents lie at rest in the cemetery at Groffdale. The children born to them were: Mary, deceased wife of Henry Geist; Eliza, late wife of Jacob Rissler; Reuben, of East Lampeter township; Edward and Porter, deceased; and John.

John Line was reared on the home farm and became thoroughly well instructed in all kinds of agricultural work, but his tastes lay in the direction of carpentering and while still a young man he learned that excellent trade. Industrious, temperate and energetic, Mr. Line soon had his time fully occupied, and continued in this line of work until 1874, when he removed to a farm where he and his most estimable wife resided until 1886, when they removed to Mechanicsburg.

Mr. Line was married on Feb. 22, 1874, to Miss Mary Fritz, who was born in Ephrata township, March 14, 1834, a daughter of George and Rebecca (Shaffer) Fritz. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz were natives of Berks county but they were among the old settlers in Lancaster county, where Mr. Fritz carried

on a blacksmith business, and where he lived until 1896, dying at the age of eighty-five years; his wife preceded him, dying in 1883. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Fritz were: Henry, deceased, who married Rebecca Trago; Lydia, unmarried, living in Manheim township; and Mary, the wife of our subject. Mr. and Mrs. Line have no children.

In politics Mr. Line was a lifelong Democrat, and was held in high esteem in his township by all parties, being a quiet, exemplary citizen, doing his duty in every relation of life, and deserving the comfort in his declining years which he provided in his youth.

BENJAMIN K. SHULTZ, a very prominent citizen and able political leader of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born on his present home-stand, north of Washington borough, Jan. 4, 1851, and is a son of Isaac Shultz.

Benjamin K. Shultz was educated in the graded schools of Washington borough, graduating with high honors in 1874, taught school in Conestoga township for two years, and then took a course in the Poughkeepsie (N. Y.) Business College. His studies having come to an end, he returned to the home farm, remained there until 1889 and then moved upon his present farm of thirty-five acres, which is devoted to general crops and garden or market truck.

Mr. Shultz has been very active in local politics and was first a Democrat, but later affiliated with the Prohibition party, by which he was nominated in 1898 as its candidate for the State Legislature from the southern district of Lancaster county. Long before this, however, Mr. Shultz had been appointed (in 1880) to the railway mail service, his route being between New York City and Pittsburg, Pa., but six months of this experience sufficed and he resigned the position. For five years, also, Mr. Shultz was chief burgess of Washington borough, and for nine years was a member of the school board and part of this time was its president. For ten years prior to 1889 Benjamin K. Shultz and his brother, Joseph, were partners in the coal and lumber business.

The marriage of Benjamin K. Shultz took place Dec. 6, 1870, to Catherine Charles, who was born in Washington borough, June 3, 1849, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Olds) Charles; to this union have been born two children, Mary E. and Helen B., both still under the parental roof. The family are members of the Church of God, of which Mr. Shultz has been an elder since 1886, as well as treasurer. During this period the society has erected two church edifices, one in Washington borough and the other at Central Manor, Mr. Shultz being a member of the building committee in each instance. In Sabbath-school work Mr. Shultz has also been very active and for several years has officiated as superintendent.

BENJAMIN H. ERB, one of the highly respected farmers and useful citizens of Clay township, was born July 19, 1850, in Penn township, son of Daniel S. and Mary (Hess) Erb.

Daniel S. Erb, father of Benjamin H., was a son of Joseph, who in turn was a son of Daniel, who was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county and a successful farmer of Penn township. Daniel S. Erb was born in 1814 and died in 1898. He married Mary Hess, who was born in 1815 and died in 1888. Their marriage took place Oct. 15, 1833, and they had six children born to them, as follows: Joseph H., born in 1834, deceased; Jacob H., born Dec. 15, 1837, of Penn township; Samuel, born Nov. 15, 1838; Elizabeth, born March 26, 1841, the wife of Henry S. Miller, of Lancaster county; Benjamin H.; Mary, born June 5, 1862, the wife of Emanuel H. Bomberger, of Elizabeth township.

Benjamin H. Erb grew from childhood to boyhood on the old farm which his grandfather had settled on so many years before, and received his education in the common schools of his locality. He has followed agriculture all his life and owns a fine farm of ninety-three acres in Clay township and also a seventy-acre timber tract. Mr. Erb has the reputation of being one of the best farmers in the township and justly deserves it. In politics he is a staunch Republican, has served as school director and has shown in many ways his deep interest in the advancement of his locality.

On Oct. 25, 1877, Mr. Erb was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth S. Bomberger, born Feb. 20, 1859, daughter of Israel and Leah Bomberger, of Lebanon county, and to this union were born: Mary B., born June 4, 1879, who died Jan. 27, 1884; John B., born April 22, 1883, who is a student in the Millersville State Normal School; and Israel B., born Feb. 15, 1888.

The Erb family is one of the old and honorable ones of Providence township and Mr. Erb and his family belong to the best social circles in that locality. Mr. Erb is highly esteemed for his upright character as well as for his kindness of heart and many pleasant traits of character.

HENRY NAGLE is a tinsmith of New Holland, where he was born Feb. 6, 1831, and is a son of Simon and Sarah (Neathawk) Nagle, old residents of New Holland, where his father was born; his mother was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Simon Nagle was a tailor and served his apprenticeship at his trade in Lancaster. His death occurred in New Holland in June, 1861. His wife died in 1872 at the age of seventy-one, and was buried in the New Holland Lutheran cemetery by the side of her husband. To them were born: Catherine, who died in Ohio, the wife of Lawrence Wagner; William, who died in Lancaster, Pa., in 1900; Henry; Mary, who married John L. Jacobs,

and died in 1900; Susannah, who married A. J. Yundt, and lives in New Holland; Sarah, who married Harry Pickard, a machinist, and lives in Kansas City; Lydia, late wife of Henry Charley.

The paternal grandparents of Henry Nagle were Michael and Catherine (Menser) Nagle. They were natives of Lancaster county, where the grandfather followed the trade of a baker.

Henry Nagle was married in New Holland, Jan. 19, 1853, to Mary Dick, by whom he has had the following family: Sarah, who married S. F. Rettew, and is the mother of three children; Anna, of Honeybrook, Pa., wife of Charles Lawrence and the mother of seven children; Olivia, living in Reading, the widow of George Dague, by whom she became the mother of seven children; W. Grant, of Philadelphia, who married Emma Gear, and is a telegraph operator; Florence I., who died in 1900, the wife of Robert Mauckline, and the mother of one child; Libran G., who died in 1865; William, who died young; Harry, living in New Holland, where he married Mary Garman.

Mrs. Mary (Dick) Nagle, who was born in New Holland, died in October, 1897, at the age of sixty-four. Her remains rest in the cemetery associated with the New Holland Reformed Church. She was a daughter of John and Mary (Shaffer) Dick. Her father was a shoemaker of New Holland.

Henry Nagle remained at home with his parents until his marriage. When eighteen years old he entered a tinshop in New Holland, which was operated by Peter Ream & Brother. After being with those gentlemen for ten years he started for himself, and established his present tin shop.

Mr. Nagle enlisted in Co. B, 203d P. V. I., at Lancaster, in September, 1864. His command was sent from Lancaster to Philadelphia and Washington; from there to Petersburg, and to the front of Richmond; from there to Fort Fisher, Wellington, and Raleigh, where the regiment was located at the time the war ended. Mr. Nagle was a musician, and was discharged at Raleigh. He returned home July 4, 1865, at once resuming his business.

Mr. Nagle is a member of the Odd Fellows' Encampment, the Knights of Pythias, and the Grand Army. Ever since the formation of New Holland borough he has held the position of assessor; prior to that he was township assessor for nine years. For twenty years he was a constable. In politics he is a Republican. For a man of his years he has kept his health well, and even now does not wear glasses. He is highly respected in the community, where his long and useful life has passed.

WILLIAM D. RUTH, the genial and popular landlord and proprietor of the hotel at Terre Hill, Lancaster county, was born at Vogansville, of the same county, Feb. 10, 1856, and is a son of Franklin K. and Caroline (Deitrich) Ruth, both residents of Vogansville.

Franklin Ruth, long a shoemaker at Vogansville, was born in Warwick township, Lancaster county, Aug. 29, 1833, and was a son of Henry and a grandson of Christian Ruth. His grandmother belonged to the Kurtz family, long since established in Lancaster. Both grandfather and grandmother were born in the northeastern part of Lancaster county. Christian Ruth was born and spent the most of his life at Denver, where the family located in pioneer days, and he became the owner of two flourishing farms. His second wife was a Miss Ludwick.

Henry Ruth, the grandfather of William D., was born in 1807, and died in 1876. His home was between Vogansville and Lancaster and the most of his life was spent as a laborer. Catherine Karshner, his wife, died at the early age of twenty-seven years, and was the mother of four children: Elizabeth, deceased wife of Daniel Brown; Franklin, the father of William D.; Abraham, now a farmer in White county, Indiana; Mary, the widow of George Lawrence, who had his home in Lancaster.

Franklin K. Ruth was reared in the vicinity of Denver, Lancaster county, and at the age of sixteen, applied himself to learning the shoemaking trade, which he has followed at Vogansville since 1866. In politics he is a Republican. In 1854 he was married to Caroline Deitrich, a daughter of George Deitrich. She was born in 1833 in Earl township, and is the mother of a family of ten children: Mary, the wife of John Eichelburger, of Ephrata; William D.; Elizabeth, the wife of Samuel Hoffman, of Ephrata; Emma, late wife of Jacob Weam; Catherine, the wife of Israel Dunwoody, of Leola, Lancaster county; Frank, a clerk in the postoffice at Lancaster; Carrie, the wife of George Reazer, of Lancaster; Harry, a cigar maker at Vogansville; Edwin B., a cigar maker at Ephrata; Lydia M., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruth were reared in the Lutheran faith, and are active workers and valued members of that church. She is a daughter of George and Catherine (Stoger) Deitrich, and both her parents are dead. Her father was ninety years of age at the time of his death, and his wife lived to be eighty-five. He was a tailor, and had his shop near Vogansville, where he was born and reared. The Deitrich children were as follows: Caroline, who married Mr. Ruth; John, a resident of New Holland; Fannie, the wife of Jacob Bryan, of East Earl township; Eliza, the wife of Jacob Ruth, of East Earl township; Modisana, a resident of Earl township; Sanderson, whose residence is not known; Jackson, a sailor, who died in Philadelphia. Several children died in childhood.

William D. Ruth received his education in the common schools of Vogansville, and at the Millersville State Normal School; at nineteen years of age he left home and taught school in Lancaster county for five years, and was engaged two terms in the schools of Berks county. From the school room he went into the cattle business, in which he was en-

gaged for some ten years, handling horses as part of his trade, shipping many from the western part of Pennsylvania, and building up a large trade. In the meantime he was engaged in the hotel business for two years at White Oak, and for eight years was in a livery at Manheim, where he lost heavily by fire. In 1890 he leased the hotel at Martindale and operated it for four years, and then was one year at Vogansville. In 1895 he came to Terre Hill, and the following year purchased the hotel at that point, where he conducted a livery and dealt in horses for a time. Since 1896 he has very successfully conducted the Terre Hill hotel, and has converted it into one of the modern hostleries of that part of Lancaster county.

Mr. Ruth belongs to the I. O. O. F., No. 413, at New Holland, where he holds membership in the Encampment. He was married in 1875 to Miss Clara Halloch, a daughter of Jeremiah Halloch, of Rothsville, Lancaster county, and to this union have come twelve children: David B., married to Mamie Wechter, by whom he has two children, Luella and Clara; William H., at home, as are Harvey M. and Ada May. The others are all dead. In politics Mr. Ruth affiliates with the Republican party, and the family are among the most respected and worthy in the community.

ISAAC H. HILDEBRAND, one of the old and representative citizens and farmers of Lancaster county, and one of the notable men of Earl township, was born on the farm where he is found today, Feb. 2, 1837, a son of George and Barbara (Hess) Hildebrand. He is a grandson of Michael Hildebrand, whose father also bore the name of Michael, and came from Germany, locating on a farm two miles southeast of New Holland, which he had purchased about 1788, and which is now owned by Isaac H. Hildebrand. Originally of 102 acres, it now comprises ninety-three. The buildings now on the place were erected by him, and in the blacksmith still on the place he made the nails that went into the building of the home which is yet standing, for he was both a farmer and a blacksmith. In religion he held to the Mennonite Church.

Michael Hildebrand, the grandfather of Isaac H., was born on the farm about 1788, was reared there and became one of the leading farmers of the county. In Earl township he held several of the local offices, being a member of the school board, as well as a supervisor. After an honorable and useful career of ninety-two years he passed away, leaving behind him a most respected name. Married to Miss Barbara Weaver, she bore him three children, of whom George was the father of Isaac H. Hildebrand; David was a tanner of Earl township; Anna married Daniel Ranck, of Earl township.

George Hildebrand, the father of Isaac H., was born on the farm in Earl township, where he spent his life, and where he followed farming as a noble career. He became a prominent and substantial cit-

izen. He was married to Miss Barbara Hess, a daughter of Christian Hess, a miller, of Paradise township. George Hildebrand and his wife were the parents of only one child, Isaac H. They belonged to the Mennonite Church. The father died at the age of seventy-four years, the mother at the age of eighty-one.

Isaac H. Hildebrand was reared to farm life, and received his education in the public and the academic schools. He has always spent his energies on the old home farm, where he is still living. His interest in public affairs is strong, and he has held the office of director of the poor, and has been a member of the board of education for twenty years. In the town he has been supervisor. In his politics he is a Republican. He was married to Miss Catherine Ranck, a daughter of Samuel Ranck. She died at the age of thirty-three, leaving one child, Ida, who is now the wife of John B. Thomas, of Earl township. Mr. Hildebrand was married a second time to Eliza A. Diller, a daughter of John Diller, of East Earl township. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are both members of the Methodist Church, of which he is a trustee. The family are very highly esteemed in the community in which their useful lives are passing.

FRANKLIN BENDER. Among the well-known residents of Mechanicsburg, Pa., was Franklin Bender, who made his home in that pleasant and prosperous town from 1890 until his death, Dec. 25, 1901, having retired from an active agricultural life of many years.

Mr. Bender was born in Upper Leacock township, Dec. 7, 1830, a son of Kinzer Bender and his first wife, Mary Weidler, the children of this marriage being: Franklin; John, deceased, farmer of Upper Leacock township; Henry, who died young; Mary, married to Jacob Burkholder, of Upper Leacock township; and William, a resident of Strasburg. The second marriage of Kinzer Bender was to Susan Weidler, the sister of his former wife, and one son was born of this marriage, Weidler, who died when grown to maturity. The third marriage of Kinzer Bender was to Leah Berkenbine, and to them were born: George, of Lancaster; Emma, who married John K. Diem; Anna, who married Sutton Bearer, a traveling agent; and Salome, deceased. Mrs. Mary (Weidler) Bender died in 1842, the father in September, 1887, at the age of eighty-three years. Both were buried in Heller's Church cemetery, and both had been members of the Lutheran Church.

Franklin Bender was reared on the home farm and attended the district schools. When he reached maturity he began farming for himself, having been thoroughly taught by his father, who was one of the best farmers of the locality. Mr. Bender was very successful in his operations and retired from activity in 1890, with a competency.

The first marriage of Mr. Bender was in 1855,

in Mechanicsburg, to Miss Eliza Bear, and there were born to this marriage: Mary, who married Doras Buckwalder, a farmer of East Lampeter township; and Greybill, who married Salinda Joe, of Lancaster, Pa. Mrs. Bender was born in Earl township; she died in 1867, at the age of forty-seven years and was buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery, in Mechanicsburg. She was a daughter of Ephraim and Catherine (Greybill) Bear, of Lancaster. The second marriage of our subject took place in 1869, in Upper Leacock township, to Miss Mary Irvin, and one daughter was born to this marriage, Ada M., unmarried and residing at home. Mrs. Mary (Irvin) Bender was born in December, 1840, a daughter of John and Catherine (Shaffer) Irvin, of Upper Leacock township, where she was reared and married. Her parents died there, the father at the age of seventy-eight, in 1880, and the mother in 1875; both were buried in Heller's cemetery, and both were members of the Reformed Church.

Mr. Bender always took a prominent part in public affairs and served acceptably as supervisor. With his family he was long connected with the Lutheran Church and was valued there for his exemplary character. Although living in town where he could enjoy more relaxation and society, Mr. Bender retained possession of his fine farm and understood how it was being operated. Mr. Bender was considered one of the substantial citizens of that part of the county.

MRS. CLARA ECKERT DEHAVEN, the widow of George P. DeHaven, was born in Leacock township, July 23, 1823, and is a daughter of Levi and Mary (Sides) Eckert, both natives of Lancaster county.

Levi Eckert was born in 1791, and died at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife died May 27, 1877, at the age of seventy-eight years and nine months. Peter Eckert, the grandfather of Mrs. DeHaven, was one of a family of five boys who were brought by their father to this country from Germany, and located in Lancaster county. Peter Eckert became one of the prominent farmers of Lancaster county, and grew very wealthy. He lived to an advanced age. His wife, Catherine Carpenter, also attained many years. They had a family of seven children: Jacob, who lived and died in Lancaster county; George, a rich farmer, who had his home in the eastern part of this county; William, who also had his home in the Eastern part of Lancaster county, and became very wealthy in farming; Levi, the father of Mrs. DeHaven; Elizabeth, married to Samuel Brubaker; Mary, who married Adam Diller; Catherine, who married John Graybill.

Levi Eckert, the father of Mrs. DeHaven, spent his life in the vicinity of Intercourse, where he was the owner of many broad acres, and enjoyed a creditable standing in the community. His honest in-

dustry and upright character won him a wide circle of friends. In his own home he was a kind and indulgent father, and in all the relations of life a Christian gentleman; he was a member of the German Reformed Church. He married Mary Sides, who became the mother of five children: Caroline, deceased wife of John Bair, of Leacock township, also deceased; Clara, the subject of this sketch; Elmira, who died unmarried; Peter, deceased, was a resident of Leacock township; Ottamer, who died at the age of thirty-six years.

Mrs. DeHaven was married Dec. 17, 1842, to George P. DeHaven, a descendant of Isaac DeHaven, who came from France at an early day and settled in Morgantown, Pa., where he became the sire of a numerous family of honorable and hard-working people.

Mrs. DeHaven with her son William and her two daughters, Clara and Jennie, resides on the beautiful homestead just east of the borough of New Holland, where they have a home of comfort and refinement. They are all members of the Presbyterian Church, and the family are counted among the most worthy and respected citizens of the community.

H. G. HOWETT, one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Little Britain township, resides on the old home farm of 105 acres situated one mile south of Kirks Mills. The old stone family mansion has weathered the storms of 135 years, and still affords comfortable shelter to the last generation.

Mr. Howett's birth occurred April 21, 1841, in Colerain township, Lancaster county, his parents being Amos and Catherine (McVey) Howett, of Fulton township. Amos Howett was a son of Amos who was a hero of the Revolutionary war, of Irish extraction, who reared a family of ten children: John, James, Amos, Daniel, Joseph, Hannah, Peter, surviving, the others dying in childhood.

Amos Howett, the father of H. G. of this sketch, married Catherine McVey about 1843, she being a daughter of Henry McVey, of a family well known through the State of Pennsylvania. Seven children were born to this union: Anna, who died young; H. G., of this sketch; Hannah, who is the wife of David McKinzie, of Oxford, Pa.; Alice, who is the wife of Kelse McClurg, of Oxford, Pa.; Edith, who is the wife of Thomas Cochran, of Oxford; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Hugh Dunlap, a miller of Oxford; and Eber, who married Ella Wright, and lives in Maryland.

H. G. Howett of this sketch was reared on the farm and received his education in the public schools of his township. His tastes led him to embrace an agricultural life and he has made a success of his farming operations, being regarded as one of the best farmers in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Howett own the fine farm upon which they reside and there enjoy an almost ideal country home, surrounded with the advantages of rural life, while

near enough to the village of Kirks Mills to enjoy the social features there.

Mr. Howett was married Nov. 20, 1873, to Miss Alice Wright, who was born Feb. 13, 1849, a daughter of James and Sidonia Wright, of Little Britain township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howett: Margaret, who is a teacher in the schools of Lancaster county; and Granville and Gilpen, at home.

Mrs. Howett's grandfather, Thomas Wright, came to America from Ireland and was an early settler in Southern Lancaster county. His children were: William, Thomas, Joseph, Samuel, John, Enoch, Jane, Margaret, James and Robert, all passed from earth. Ten children were born to the parents of Mrs. Howett: Mary Ann, Joseph L., Sidonia and Benjamin (deceased) the latter from the kick of a horse; Thomas, a resident of Rising Sun, Md.; Emily, deceased; Margaret, residing in Maryland, unmarried; James, a resident of Maryland; Elizabeth, of Little Britain township; and Alice, the wife of Mr. Howett.

Mr. Howett and family belong to the Presbyterian Church, where he is one of the liberal supporters of its Christian extension work, and he has long been an active and influential member of the Republican party. In the estimation of his locality Mr. Howett stands high, as one of the honorable citizens, good neighbors and reliable friends, whose influence may always be counted upon to be on the side of morality and education.

HENRY M. GRAVER (deceased) was a native of Conestoga township, Lancaster county, was born in 1814, lived on a farm all his life, and died in his native township in 1896, a member of the Mennonite Church. For a number of years Henry Graver was a school director, was well informed on most subjects and was a man of wide acquaintance. To his marriage with Miss Mary Meck, of Lampeter township, a daughter of John Meck, were born seven children, viz.: John, of Conestoga township; Susan, deceased wife of Jonas Hoover; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of George Henry; Henry M.; Catherine, wife of Martin Souder, of Manor township; and Martin, of Conestoga township.

Henry M. Graver, Jr., was born on the Graver homestead in Conestoga township, April 14, 1853, was educated in the public schools and lived on the home place until after his marriage in 1877. In 1880 he came to Manor township and located on a farm near Safe Harbor, where he carried on farming until 1892, and then purchased his present farm of twenty-five acres, adjoining Millersville on the west, improved it with an attractive dwelling and substantial out-buildings, does general farming and is looked upon as one of the most progressive men of the township.

In January, 1877, Henry M. Graver married Miss Elizabeth Shertzer, daughter of Benjamin

Shertzer. To this marriage no children have been born, but in the kindness of their hearts, Mr. and Mrs. Graver have reared one child, Lizzie, from her fourth year. Mr. and Mrs. Graver are members of the Old Mennonite society and are held in high esteem by all who know them.

WASHINGTON MONTGOMERY, one of the old and respected farmers of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in August, 1826, and is a son of John (Sr.) and Jane (Bailey) Montgomery.

John Montgomery, Sr., was born in Ireland and his wife in Chester county. She was a daughter of James and Mary (Harkins) Bailey, who took rank and standing in the Revolutionary days as sturdy and incorruptible patriots. John Montgomery, Sr., did his first work at the Wither's Furnace in Eden township. After being in the United States a few years he married Jane Bailey, and bought the farm later owned by his son, John. Here he cleared a fine farm, consisting of a hundred and sixty acres, putting up a house and a bank barn, and other improvements, and here he died in 1841. His widow remained at the home until Oct. 15, 1858, when she passed to her rest. They had a family of seven children: (1) Mary J. married Henry Radey, of Philadelphia, a currier and tanner, who became a wealthy business man. They had one daughter, Mary, now married and living in Philadelphia. (2) Louisa Montgomery married Alexander Noble, of Philadelphia, a dry goods merchant. She died in October, 1900, leaving one daughter, Emma, now the wife of George Barelow, of Philadelphia. (3) Jeremiah Montgomery married Thomas McAllister, of Oxford, Chester county, where she died, leaving one son, John, who was killed in the Civil War. (4) Francina Montgomery married Samuel Gillespie, who was reared in Colerain township; they moved to Philadelphia, where she died, leaving three children, Anna, John, and Mary, all living in that city. (5) John Montgomery, Jr., born April 6, 1820, received the advantages of district school education, and was married in January, 1857, to Rebecca, the daughter of John and Anna (Carr) Drugin, both of whom were born in Ireland, where they died, leaving her to the care of her grandfather, Robert Carr. Mrs. Montgomery was born in County Tyrone, July 17, 1842, and was brought by her grandparents to this country in 1844, and was reared by them in Colerain township, where they lived and died on a farm. Mr. Montgomery settled on the old Montgomery homestead, where he died in September 1900, leaving a widow and eight children: (a) John F. (3), born in 1858, when a young man went to Angus, Minnesota, where he was in business as a merchant. He married Miss Hellen McAvoy, of that place. (b) M. D., born in 1860, married Miss Kate Seiner, of Colerain township, and they have a farm adjoining his father's place. They have one daughter, Emily. (c) Washington G., born in

1862, is unmarried and at home. (d) Anna J., born in 1864, married Abram Ferguson, a farmer of Colerain township, and is the mother of three children, Montgomery, Noble and Helen. (e) Lizzie K., born in 1866, married Howard Humpshire, of Bartville, where he is a merchant. She died leaving one daughter, Olive. (f) Dr. Mary L., born in 1868, graduated at the Swarthmore College, and from the Woman's Medical College, of Philadelphia. She practiced a year in Boston, and then married Dr. William March, of Westmoreland county, Pa. They have a home at Mt. Pleasant, where they are engaged in the practice of their profession. (g) Harry R., born in 1872, was educated at the home schools; he is unmarried and lives at home. (h) Durbin A., born in 1876, graduated from the Goldman College, of Wilmington, Del., and is a bookkeeper for the Quaker City Beef Company, at Sunbury, Pa. Mr. Montgomery was a Democrat and held various local offices. The family are all Presbyterians and have always taken an active part in the work of the church. (6) Manassas Montgomery, born in 1824, married Violet Scott, of Philadelphia, and located in that city, where he engaged in business as a leather dealer. He died in 1887, leaving a widow and four children: Violet and Laura, who are deceased; Katie; and Harry, who is a plumber, living in his native city.

(7) Washington Montgomery, whose name introduces this article, is the youngest member of this old and honored family, was reared on the parental estate, and became manager for his father, after the death of his mother in 1863. For a time he was engaged in West Virginia, and later, at Philadelphia, he was engaged in the tannery business some sixteen years. At the end of that period he came back to the old home in Colerain, and purchased the Moses Brinton farm, on which he made very general improvements. He has never married. Before he bought his present home, he sold his interest in the family patrimony to his brother John. He has always adhered to the old Democratic faith. He belongs to St. John's Lodge, No. 115, A. F. & A. M., at Philadelphia. Like others of his name he has taken a leading position in the community, and has passed a life free from reproach.

RICHARD J. DERRICK, the popular hotel keeper at Herrville, is well known and thoroughly liked in his section of Lancaster county.

Calvin A. Derrick, father of Richard J. Derrick, was born in Columbia, Pa., Aug. 10, 1829, and passed his early life in his native place, living at home until he was about twenty-one years of age. He was educated in the common schools of the county. His first position was with the Pennsylvania Railroad, known then as the State Railroad, where he was employed as fireman, and afterward promoted to the position of engineer. Mr. Derrick ran an engine over the road for years. After leaving the railroad he started in the butchering business, in

Columbia, under the firm name of Wike & Derrick, and carried on this business for some years. He then bought a farm in Martic township, and engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1890, in which year he retired, moving back to his birthplace, Columbia, where he died Feb. 18, 1899.

Calvin A. Derrick was a staunch Republican, but never sought office. Fraternally he was a member of the I. O. O. F., at Rawlinsville, and the K. P. at the same place. In religion he was a member of the German Reformed Church at Columbia. Richard Derrick married Miss Catherine Johnson of Lancaster, and to this union were born two children: Richard, subject of this sketch, and Mary, who died in childhood.

Richard J. Derrick was born in Columbia Dec. 31, 1857, received a common school education, and remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age. He then went to Lancaster city, where for five years he held a position with the street car company. After this he went into the hotel business with John A. Shink. For about a year they ran a hotel on the southeast corner of the Square in Lancaster. For another year Mr. Derrick was at the "Engleside Hotel," after which he purchased the hotel of which he is now the proprietor.

On July 25, 1879, Mr. Derrick married Miss Annie Gochnauer, of Providence township, and they are the parents of two children: Milton, who lives at home; and Calvin A., who died in infancy.

Mr. Derrick takes a keen interest in the welfare of his community, and in business and social circles is respected and esteemed for his many sterling qualities. In politics he has always affiliated with the Republican party, but has never sought office. He is a member of Emanuel Lodge, No. 1104, I. O. O. F., of Lancaster; of Lodge No. 99, K. M., Lancaster; of the K. P. at Rawlinsville, in which order he has passed all the chairs; and of the G. E. C., at Rawlinsville, in which also he has passed all the chairs.

DR. THOMAS FRANCIS McELLIGOTT, one of the rising young professional men of Mt. Joy, has secured for himself the confidence and patronage of the public, and has been recognized as an able leader in the ranks of the Democratic party.

The birth of Dr. McElligott occurred in the city of Lancaster, Jan. 6, 1874, a son of Thomas F. and Clara L. (Norbeck) McElligott, the former of whom was a native of New York City and the latter of Gettysburg, Pa. Thomas F. McElligott was born a few days after the arrival of his parents in America from Ireland, and while still a child he accompanied them to Lancaster, and still resides there, where he has always taken a prominent position in the affairs of the city. Mr. McElligott is the efficient reporter of the *Lancaster Intelligencer*. Before he was twenty-one years old, he served as a city alderman, for twelve years acted on the school board and has been connected with many of the dif-

ferent organizations, political, fraternal and social, in the city. He was born in 1847, and his wife in 1851. They both are consistent members of the Catholic Church. Dr. McElligott is their only child. In politics, Mr. McElligott is a Democrat.

The paternal grandparents were Jeremiah and Anna McElligott, both of whom died in Lancaster county, where the former had followed the trade of blacksmith for many years, and at his death owned considerable land. The children born to Jeremiah and his wife were: Hannah, a resident of Lancaster county; and Thomas F., also of Lancaster. The maternal grandfather was Louis Norbeck, of Baltimore, Md., where he conducted a general store, and where he died, his wife passing away in Lancaster.

Dr. McElligott was reared in Lancaster, and for a time, about the age of eighteen, engaged in clerking, but his mind was fixed upon a professional career and in 1892 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, remaining two years and then going to the Philadelphia Dental College from which he was graduated on March 18, 1895, immediately opening up an office in Lancaster. In 1897 he removed to Mt. Joy, since which time he has been prominently identified with much of its public and official life. As an active Democrat he has been made president of the Democratic club, and he is fraternally connected with the Knights of St. John's and the Knights of St. Michaels, of Lancaster.

The marriage of Dr. McElligott took place on June 20, 1895, to Mary V. Gill, a daughter of James and Bridget (Gallagher) Gill, the former of Galway and the latter of Donegal, Ireland. One son has been born to the Doctor and his estimable wife, Thomas Giles. Of pleasing personality and professional skill, Dr. McElligott has won the confidence of the public and his practice is already an absorbing one. As a politician his ability has been remarked, and in social life, he has also become a factor. A student, he understands and makes use of all modern discoveries and some of his work has won for him much praise in the profession.

WILLIAM R. RICE, general farmer of Union Square, Rapho township, was born in Lebanon county, Feb. 17, 1844, son of Philip and Lucinda (Reinoehl) Rice, of Lebanon, Pa., the parents removing to Rapho township, where they remained thirty-two years on one farm, when they moved to another farm near Mastersonville, and then, in 1869 to the place where William R. Rice now resides.

Philip Rice, the father, was a farmer and shoemaker. He died in 1887, at the age of sixty years, and his wife followed him to the grave in 1894, at the age of seventy years. They are buried in the Mastersonville cemetery. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Their two children were: Miss Mary, who lives with her brother; and William R., the subject of this sketch.

On Nov. 27, 1873, Mr. Rice married Miss Maria

Shelley, of Lancaster. There have been born to this union the following children: Alice S., and Harvey S., who died young; and Lucetta S., Harry S., Philip S., Maria S., Katie S. and William S., all of whom are at home with their parents. Mrs. William R. Rice was born in Rapho township, July 31, 1851, daughter of Peter and Maria (Ritter) Shelley, of Rapho township, the former of whom was a farmer until about six years prior to his death, which occurred June 8, 1889, at the age of seventy-five years, and the latter died in September, 1874, at the age of fifty-six years. They are buried in Griders' Meeting House cemetery. Both were members of the German Baptist Church. To Peter Shelley and wife were born the following children: Anna R., widow of Benjamin Brubaker, of Manheim; Elizabeth R. (deceased), married to John Brubaker; Joseph R., deceased; Jacob R., supervisor of Manheim township; Harriet R., widow of Amos Brene-man, of Petersburg; Anthony R., deceased; Barbara R., widow of A. Chafner, of Manheim; Maria, wife of William R. Rice; John R., deceased; Peter R., a farmer of Rapho township; and Emma R., deceased. Mrs. Rice's grandparents were Abraham and Esther (Shoemaker) Shelley, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Rice has remained on his present farm since he moved on it in 1869, and he will undoubtedly pass the remainder of his days there. He is a Republican and takes some interest in politics, having been supervisor for three years. He is a thoroughly practical man, fully alive to the force of passing events, and a man of influence in his community. The family is well known and respected, and is widely known, Mr. Rice's father being a prominent and wealthy man of the township.

JOHN W. MCGINNIS has since 1895 successfully conducted the "Exchange Hotel" at Mt. Joy, Lancaster Co., Pa., which is the leading hostelry in the place. He was born in the city of Lancaster, June 12, 1861, a son of Thomas and Sarah (Parnell) McGinnis, representatives of old families in the county. In his native city he was reared and educated, and at the age of sixteen began learning the trade of coach trimmer, at which he was employed for seven years by D. Altie & Son. During the following three years he held a position as salesman with Abraham Springer Brown, and was then employed at the depot restaurant in Lancaster until coming to Mt. Joy in 1895. He is a man well adapted to his present business, being genial, obliging and progressive, and in this undertaking has been eminently successful.

Mr. McGinnis was married in 1880 to Miss Mary A. Snyder, also a native of Lancaster, and a daughter of Michael and Marguerite Snyder. By this union two children have been born, Mary S. and John A. In his social relations, Mr. McGinnis is a member of Lancaster Lodge No. 134, B. P. O. E.; Island City Lodge, No. 88, K. P.; and Fulton

Castle, No. 10, K. G. E. Politically he is a staunch Republican, and takes advantage of any and all opportunities for promoting the advancement of his party's interests.

JOHN M. HAVERSTICK, son of Levi Haverstick, was born on the Haverstick homestead near Washington borough, Manor township, Lancaster county, Jan. 9, 1855, was educated in the common schools and was reared on the home farm as an assistant to his father, although the natural trend of his mind was toward mechanical pursuits; yielding to the persuasions and representations of his father, he continued on the farm and probably does not to-day repent his decision so to do, as success has rewarded him for his labors in this field of industry.

Mr. Haverstick, however, cannot break away from his penchant towards mechanics, and has erected on his farm a workshop in which much of his spare time is passed in perfecting his previously conceived notions of various mechanical devices, handling with equal facility steel, iron or wood, and shaping these to suit his notions. But this workshop is conducted simply for his amusement and not for profit, as the latter is derived from the cultivation of his farm; this comprises eighty-nine acres and lies contiguous to Washington borough.

The marriage of John M. Haverstick and Elvina C. Warfel took place in 1879. This lady was a daughter of Valentine Warfel, and was called away from earth June 22, 1891, at the age of thirty-two years, the mother of four children, viz.: Clara May, Harry Hoyt, Florence Ray (who died an infant) and Charles Arthur. In religion the father of this family is a Mennonite, has always led a strictly moral life, and stands high in the esteem of his fellow-citizens.

CHRISTIAN N. MUMMA, who has conducted a meat market in Mt. Joy since 1894, is one of the progressive young business men of that place, and is gaining a solid footing among its most substantial citizens.

Mr. Mumma was born Dec. 16, 1869, in East Donegal township, this county, son of Jacob S. Mumma, and grandson of Jonas Mumma, the last named a native of Rapho township. Jonas Mumma was a farmer by occupation and settled on a place in East Donegal township, where he and his wife both died. He married Catherine Shirk, of Rapho township. Jacob S. Mumma was born in 1845, on the farm in East Donegal township where he yet lives, and has engaged successfully in farming and dairying. He is one of the respected citizens of his locality, and has served four years as school director in his district. Mr. Mumma married Miss Rebecca Nissley, who was born in Mt. Joy township, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Graybill) Nissley, farming people of this county. Mr. Nissley at one time represented his district in the State Legislature. To Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Mumma have been born chil-

dren as follows: Anna, who married Harry Rich, cashier of the First National Bank of Marietta; Christian N.: Catherine, married to George Best, of Lancaster; Minnie, of Philadelphia, a trained nurse, who is now attending the University of Pennsylvania; Jacob N., engaged at steam fitting in Reading, Pa.; Bessie, at home; John, at home; Ella, deceased; and Harry, at home. The mother is a member of the Mennonite Church.

Christian N. Mumma received his education in the public schools of his locality, and remained under the parental roof until he had reached his majority. His first year away from home was spent in Texas, where he was employed on a ranch. On returning to Pennsylvania he located in Marietta, where he remained three years, working in a flour mill with his brother-in-law, Mr. Rich. He then spent another year at home before coming to Mt. Joy, where in November, 1894, he embarked in the butcher's business, to which he has since given his entire time and attention. Mr. Mumma enjoys a lucrative trade won by honest dealing, which, coupled with thrift and good judgment, is bound to bring success. He has high standing in the community, of which he received substantial evidence in the spring of 1900, when he was elected to the borough council. His political support is given to the Republican party.

On Oct. 26, 1894, Mr. Mumma was married in Lancaster to Miss Lillie Hoffman, Rev. Dr. Mitchell performing the ceremony. Three children have come to this union, Matilda H., Bernice, deceased, and Mark. Mr. Mumma attends the Bethel Church of God, in which he holds membership. Fraternally he belongs to the I. O. R. M.

Mrs. Lillie (Hoffman) Mumma was born in 1869 in Stacktown, Conoy township, Lancaster county, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Rhodes) Hoffman, of East Donegal township. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman now reside in Conoy township, where he is engaged extensively in farming and tobacco dealing.

JOHN F. BALMER, a venerable resident of Elizabethtown, whose career as a soldier of the Union deserves special mention, and whose industrious life as a plasterer should not be lightly passed over, was born in Mt. Joy township, June 13, 1835.

Mr. Balmer is a son of Hon. Daniel and Harriet (Fisher) Balmer, natives, respectively, of Mt. Joy township, and Elizabethtown. Both parents died while absent from their home in Elizabethtown. The father came to Elizabethtown in 1837 and engaged in the mercantile business, his previous life having been passed in farming. For fifteen years he was a justice of the peace, and in 1843 was sent to the State Legislature. In his later years he was engaged in carpentering. He died in December, 1884, at the age of seventy-eight years; his widow survived him three years, and died in 1887 at the age of seventy. They were buried in Mt. Tunnel cem-

etery. Both were members of the Reformed Church, and had the following family: John F., whose name appears above; Israel P., a contractor and carpenter in Elizabethtown; Daniel W., of Elizabethtown, who has been justice of the peace, and operated a bakery, and was a lieutenant in the Union army during the war of the Rebellion; Eliza (deceased), who married George W. Lewis; Mary L., who died young; Abraham F., a physician at Brookville, Pa.; Margaret I., the wife of T. W. Nissley, a machinist of Reading, Pennsylvania.

The first of the family, the great-grandfather of John F. Balmer, settled in Lancaster county, on the site of what is now Reamstown. He was a blacksmith and nail maker for the government, taking an active part in the Revolution. Samuel Balmer, his son, and the grandfather of John F., married Elizabeth Shell, also a native of Lancaster county. He was a farmer and a successful man of affairs. John Fisher, the maternal grandfather of John F. Balmer, married Ann Eliza Cremer, of Mt. Joy township, and lived in Elizabethtown, where he followed the occupation of a drover and farmer.

John F. Balmer was married Nov. 18, 1866, in Elizabethtown, to Sarah A. Ebersole, by whom he had the following children: Maggie C., living at home; Ina M., deceased; Ida L., at home; A. Ellis, a railroad fireman, living at home; Sarah C., operator at the telephone office, living at home; Christ E., night operator at the telephone office, living at home; Eva L., deceased; John A., at home.

Mrs. Sarah A. (Ebersole) Balmer was born in Conoy township, and is a daughter of John and Sarah A. (Seyfert) Ebersole, both natives of Conoy township, where the father died in 1846 at the age of forty-five years. He was a farmer and a man of industrious habits and good character. The mother died in Elizabethtown Feb. 13, 1896, at the age of eighty-four years. They were both interred in Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Ebersole were members of the Mennonite communion, and had the following children: Christian S., a grocer of Norristown, Pa., deceased; Catherine, widow of John L. Good, of Cumberland county; John, who was a produce merchant in Elizabethtown, deceased; Fanny, wife of John B. Engle, of Cumberland county; Levi, a retired farmer of Whitley county, Ind.; Aaron, unmarried, of Elizabethtown; Sarah A., whose name appears above.

John Ebersole, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Balmer, lived in Lancaster county. Anthony Seyfert, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Balmer, married Miss Shiley, and died in Lancaster county, at the age of forty-four years; he was born Sept. 26, 1787.

John F. Balmer came to Elizabethtown with his parents when he was only two years old, and was reared on the farm, where he remained until he reached the age of eighteen years. In 1870 he was compelled to give up farm work on account of ill-

health that came from the exposure and hardships of army life.

Mr. Balmer enlisted in Co. I, 77th P. V. I., under Capt. John Bell. He participated in the closing scenes of the great war, but was not wounded though he contracted disease, and spent several months in the hospital, being discharged from the Chestnut Hill Hospital in August, 1865. After his dismissal from the hospital Mr. Balmer came home and worked for about a year at his trade as his health permitted, being able to do little or nothing for the first ten months. As his health came back he worked more steadily at his trade and has long since become one of the leading men of the community. Mr. Balmer has been a member of the council and for a number of years was assessor. In the Reformed Church of which he is a member his standing is good, and he is known as one of the reliable men connected with church work. Mr. Balmer is a Republican, and receives a pension of thirty dollars a month from the Government, a just recognition of the severity of the disease that followed him from the army, and the suffering he has undergone.

JOSEPH K. HABECKER. Mr. Habecker's family is of Swiss origin, the first American ancestor having emigrated to the American colonies from the indomitable European republic early in the eighteenth century.

Christian, the father of Joseph Habecker, was one of Manor township's resolute and successful farmers. He inherited a portion of the old family homestead farm, which embraced about 150 acres, and stretched northward from Central Manor. This tract may be said to have been the nesting place of this old and esteemed Lancaster family. The first division of the land was made between Christian and David, the first named being the father of Mr. Joseph Habecker. Christian was a Democrat from principle and thoroughly lived up to his political creed. He was his party's local leader, and filled many offices within the gift of his fellow townsmen, who held him in high regard. In church affairs he was even more prominent than in civil matters; for more than four decades he was virtually the leader and principal supporter of the church of his denomination, which was long known as the "Habecker" Church. Since his death his son, Joseph, has succeeded to the same position of influence. Christian Habecker died in 1860, in his seventy-second year. His wife was Elizabeth, the daughter of Isaac Kauffman. Eight children were born to them, as follows: Isaac, a farmer, who died at the age of fifty-one; Esther, deceased wife of Ephraim Rohrer, of Manor; Christian, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, the widow of Christian Habecker; Maria, Mrs. P. W. Heistand, of Millersville; John, who died at the age of seventeen years; Joseph K., the subject of the present sketch; Jacob, a farmer in Rapho township.

Joseph K. Habecker was born Nov. 30, 1834. He received such education as was obtainable in the district schools of the time, and continued to assist his father on the farm until he was twenty-four years old, when he was married; but in 1859 his father's failing health compelled him to assume the management of the property, and when in 1860 the elder man died, Joseph K. succeeded to the inheritance. Mr. Habecker's success has been pronounced, if not phenomenal. He owns one hundred and thirty acres of fertile, well-watered land, on which are all improvements known to the modern agriculturist. While devoting close personal attention to his farm, he yet finds time to look after other large financial interests which claim his notice. He is a stockholder in the Mountville National Bank, of which he was one of the incorporators. He was also one of the promoters and organizers of the Fair View Flannel Mills, in which he yet retains an interest. He also owns stock in the Lancaster Hardware Company.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Hettie Charles. She was a daughter of John Charles and Susan Herr, and to this marriage has come a family of nine children: Joseph, who died in childhood; John, a bachelor, and living at home; Christian C., who married Anna Gamper, and lives on the Manor farm; Elizabeth C., unmarried; David C., deceased; Jacob C., married to Fannie Lindemann; Amos C., unmarried; Charles C., and Harry C., who are also single and with their unmarried brothers and sisters live at home with their parents.

Mr. Habecker is an active and earnest member of the Mennonite Church and has contributed liberally toward its support and growth.

GEORGE BARD, one of the leading business citizens of Mechanicsburg, Lancaster county, was born in Upper Leacock township, on July 30, 1856, and he was a son of George and Caroline (Shindle) Bard, natives of Upper Leacock and Manor townships, respectively.

George Bard, the father of our subject, came to Mechanicsburg about 1833. He was born May 6, 1809, and his useful life ended Aug. 20, 1873, his burial being in the Zion Lutheran Church cemetery. His parents were Michael and Catherine (Weist) Bard.

George Bard was married on Dec. 15, 1836, in Lancaster, to Miss Caroline Shindle, and the children born to this union were: Margaret, who married Samuel Shaub, and lives in Reading, Pa.; Catherine, unmarried, who lives in Mechanicsburg; Susannah, who married Abram Groff, and lives in East Petersburg; Wayne, who resides in Upper Leacock township; David, who lives in Chester county; Mary Ann, who married Rudy Brown, and lives in East Earl township; Elias, a farmer in Mechanicsburg; Salinda, who married Rudy Frankheiser, of Lancaster; Lucy, deceased May 25, 1899, who was the wife of Adam Miller, of

East Lampeter township; and George, of Mechanicsburg. Mr. Bard was a successful farmer and became prominent in public matters and was a leading member of the Lutheran Church. The mother of our subject was born in Manor township, March 4, 1818, and died Oct. 12, 1898.

The early rearing of George Bard, the subject of this sketch, was similar to that of almost every prominent citizen of this country. The biographer finds some knowledge of the soil connected with the past of almost all, even when a little later other lines of business have been entered, and such was the case with Mr. Bard. At the age of eighteen he began the trade of machinist, leaving the farm to the management of other members of the family, and he remained under the able instruction of Valentine Andes for a period covering six and one-half years; he then entered upon his present line, that of dealer in agricultural implements, his stock consisting of agricultural machinery, paints, oils, etc.

Mr. Bard was united in marriage Nov. 13, 1887, in Mechanicsburg, to Miss Mary Andes, and these children have been born to him and his wife, Ruth, Mary A., Richard A., Levi A., Nelson A., Miriam, and George A., all bright and intelligent, promising to become excellent and useful citizens under the guidance of a wise father and a most estimable mother. Mrs. Bard was born in Mechanicsburg, and was a daughter of Levi D. Andes, a retired manufacturer.

Politically Mr. Bard has always been connected with the Democratic party, while religiously the family is connected with the Lutheran Church. Mr. Bard takes an active interest in many public enterprises and his financial standing is established by his connection with the Northern National Bank, in which he has been a director for the past five years. The business and social standing of Mr. Bard is equally high and he is a thoroughly representative citizen.

ELI AMENT. The Ament family is one of the oldest and most respected in Lancaster county. Our subject's great-grandparents were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in an early day, making their permanent home in Lancaster county.

George Ament, grandfather of Eli, did a prosperous teaming business in the early days, carrying goods between Philadelphia and Pittsburg when railway connections between those cities were a dream of the future. He was a man of many resources; by trade a carpet weaver, in his later life he became a farmer, and at the same time carried on business as a butcher. He lived to an advanced age, dying in May, 1880. He married Catherine Herr, daughter of Christian Herr, of Lancaster county, and they reared a family of eight children, viz.: Christian; Catherine, who married Martin Manning, of Highville, this county; Elizabeth, who married Christ Kaufman, of Highville; Mary Ann and Elias, both

deceased; Henry H.; and Abraham and Fanny, twins, the former a resident of Highville, and the latter the wife of Jacob Kaufman (brother of Christ), of Lancaster. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ament passed away in 1885.

Christian Ament, the father of the prominent citizen of Manor township, who is named above, was born in 1821, and died in his seventieth year. He was a farmer, owning seventy acres of land, which now belongs to his son Eli. He married Hannah, a daughter of John and Rosanna Crupp, who emigrated from Germany to America, and settled in York county, Pa. John Crupp died at the age of forty-five, and his wife in her seventy-sixth year. To Christian Ament and his wife were born two children, Elizabeth and Eli, Elizabeth being the wife of Joseph McDonald, of Manor township.

Eli Ament was born Jan. 16, 1851. He grew to manhood on the paternal farm and, when advancing age began to impair the physical powers of his father, he assumed its entire management. At the death of the latter, he purchased the interest of the other heirs in the estate and continued to reside at the old homestead until 1899. In that year he removed to a farm adjoining, located about one mile southwest of Letort, which he had purchased the previous year. This place embraces 186 acres, and was formerly known as the Catherine Hershey farm. Mr. Ament is one of Lancaster's most enterprising farmers, and his land is among the most highly improved plots in the county. He is thoroughly wide awake, keeping in close touch with every advance in scientific agriculture. In addition to general farming he cultivates flowering plants, vegetables and fruit extensively, in hot houses and forcing beds, and finds a ready and profitable market for the same in the city of Lancaster. Since 1892 he has owned and operated two threshing machines, both of which are kept constantly busy in the harvest seasons. In public affairs he has ever shown a progressive spirit, guided by sound judgment and an enlightened conservatism.

In 1875 Mr. Ament married Mary, a daughter of Benjamin and Hattie Dietrich. The issue of the union has been fourteen children, twelve of whom are living, namely: Henry, Hettie, Ross, Ira, Mary, Barbara, Lydia, Fannie, Christian, Ada, Annie and Eli. The two who died were named Clara and Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Ament are members of the Reformed Mennonite Church.

BYRON J. REEMSnyder, M. D., a prominent physician and surgeon of Hinkletown, Lancaster county, was born in Ephrata township, Lancaster county, near Akron, July 23, 1853, and is a son of Dr. Henry and Mary J. (Gray) Reemsnyder, a grandson of Samuel Reemsnyder, and a great-grandson of Herman Reemsnyder, who was a native of Germany, and immigrated to this country in early manhood.

Herman Reemsnyder married in Berks county, where he settled, but later removed to Chester county. His wife belonged to the Musser family. In his active years he was a cabinet maker and Dr. Byron J. Reemsnyder has in his possession a small cabinet which has descended to him from the founder of the family in this country. Herman Reemsnyder was buried at Honeybrook, where his last years were passed. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and received a wound from which he never fully recovered, though he lived to an advanced age. In his family were many children, but the names of only two sons and three daughters are on record. Samuel is noted above as the grandfather of Dr. Byron J. John removed to Ohio. Sallie married Samuel Vogan, and lived in Earl township, where she attained a great age, living a widow many years; the Vogan family founded the village of Vogansville. Two daughters of Herman Reemsnyder were married to men by the name of Snoder. The father of these children was a man of more than the usual intelligence and left many poems bearing on the Revolution, as well as on religious topics. The latter part of his life was spent in Lancaster county.

Samuel Reemsnyder, the grandfather of Dr. Byron J., was a cabinet maker, and had more than a local reputation as a carpenter and builder. He owned and conducted a farm near Earlville. A man of broad and progressive spirit, he was a devoted member of the Reformed Church. His first wife bore him a large family. On her death he married a widow, Mrs. Rock, but to this union no children were born.

Henry Reemsnyder, the father of Dr. Byron J., was born at Talmage in 1825 and died in 1877. He was reared on the farm and attended the public schools. While still a young man, he entered the office of Dr. Weidler, of Mechanicsburg, where he began the study of medicine, and took his degree from the Pennsylvania Medical College at Philadelphia. Coming out of college, he located at Akron, Lancaster county, where he was engaged in the practice of his profession for many years. In connection with medicine he took up dentistry and became very proficient. For some years he had a drug-store in Lancaster. During the Civil war he wore the "Union blue," entering the service as First Lieutenant of Co. F, 9th Pa. Cav., a position which he shortly afterward resigned in order to accept the captaincy of another company. He was in active service for eighteen months, and was honorably discharged on account of physical disability.

At the conclusion of his military service, Dr. Henry Reemsnyder returned to Lancaster county, broken in health, but with an indomitable spirit. He again took up the practice of his profession and followed it until his death. In public matters he was always deeply and actively interested. In politics he was a Democrat, and was ready at all times to work for the interest of his party, which to him

represented the welfare of the country. In his religion he was a member of the Reformed Church.

Dr. Henry Reemsnyder was married to Mary J. Gray, a daughter of Henry and Eliza (Hibshman) Gray, who was born in Ephrata township, and is still living there, aged nearly seventy. To this union were born five children: Dr. Byron J.; Charles A., a cigar maker in Philadelphia; Jennie, the wife of Isaac Nissley, a resident of Ephrata; Dr. Henry, a resident of Ephrata; Edward S., a cigar maker in Lancaster.

Dr. Byron J. Reemsnyder was educated in the public schools and read medicine in his father's office. In 1873 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1875, and at once located at Hinkletown, where he has remained to the present time, building up a large practice and commanding a host of friends by his manly qualities and professional skill. To the various State and County Medical Societies he gives much attention and in these is a hardworking and active member. In politics he is one of the leading Democrats of the county.

Dr. Byron J. Reemsnyder was married in 1877 to Miss Alice Winters, a daughter of R. N. and Mary (Martin) Winters. She died in 1882, leaving one child, Anine, who is now at home. The Doctor was again married in 1884, to Mary, a sister of his first wife. She was born in 1860, and is the mother of two children, Mary and Charles.

Dr. Reemsnyder belongs to the Reformed Church, and the entire family are numbered among the most substantial citizens of the county. The Doctor is a thoughtful and scientific practitioner, and aims to keep abreast of every advance in his great profession.

HENRY H. DAMBACH, a thriving and greatly respected farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, with his residence one mile southeast of Columbia, was born in that township Jan. 9, 1847, and is a son of Martin and Elizabeth (Herr) Dambach.

Henry H. Dambach received such an education as the public schools of his township afforded, and his knowledge of agriculture was acquired on the home farm on which his boyhood and earlier manhood were passed until twenty-five years of age, when he married and began farming on his own account on a tract of land belonging to his father and situated near Columbia. After one year's employment in this line, the father made a division of the tract, awarding the son sixty acres, on which the latter still resides but has since purchased 115 acres adjoining the home place on the west. This property is now divided into three distinct farms, with many improvements, all of the first class, including dwelling, barns, etc. On this farm is one of the finest peach orchards in Manor township, and this orchard contains at least 900 trees in bearing condition to which the proprietor devotes the greater part of his

attention—indeed, all that can be spared from the general conduct of the farm.

In November, 1871, Henry H. Dambach was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Ann Herr, a native of Pequea township, Lancaster county, and a daughter of Rudy and Barbara Herr; this union has been made the more happy by the birth of two children, viz.: Benjamin F., still under the parental roof; and Ellen, wife of Amos Rohrer, of Manor township. Mr. Dambach and his wife are members of the Mennonite Church, and socially are most highly respected.

LEVI R. FORNEY, one of the successful and representative farmers of Penn township, belongs to a highly respected family of Lancaster county. He was born in East Cocalico township, July 14, 1849, and was educated in the common schools. He moved to the farm where he now resides, with his father in April, 1850. The father died in 1883, and a part of the farm became the property of Levi R., who has devoted his efforts to the cultivation of market products ever since, and attends the Lancaster markets with a choice assortment of farm and dairy products, the results of his own energy and industry.

In 1892 Mr. Forney was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Wissler, the estimable daughter of Levi and Fannie Wissler, of Clay township, and to this union two children have been born, one of whom died in infancy; the other, Mary W., was born Jan. 5, 1896. Mrs. Forney is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. No citizen of Penn township enjoys the confidence and esteem of his patrons or of his neighbors more than does Mr. Forney, and none have proved better farmers or business men. In public affairs he shows a progressive spirit and is always alive to the best interests of his county.

JOHN JACKSON PENNELL, of Kirk's Mills, Little Britain township, is one of the leading citizens, substantial farmers and representative men of this locality. Mr. Pennell was born Jan. 26, 1842, on the farm which is now his own property, and he was a son of John and Rebecca (Brown) Pennell, of Little Britain township.

John Pennell, the father of John J., of this sketch, was a son of William and Elizabeth Pennell of Britain township, the former of whom with his father, who was of Irish origin, settled on the old home place about 1745, the county then being but sparsely settled in that vicinity. Four children were born to William Pennell: John, Hugh, Anna and Isabella, all of whom have passed away.

John Pennell was born Oct. 17, 1771, and died Jan. 28, 1863, after a long and most estimable life, at the age of ninety-one years. On Dec. 27, 1827, he married Rebecca Brown, who was born Aug. 25, 1805, and who died Oct. 4, 1861. They had a family of nine children: Elizabeth, born Oct. 11, 1829, the widow of John P. Hays; Mary Ann, born Nov. 16, 1831, the widow of James Patterson, of Illinois;

William, born Jan. 5, 1833, a retired farmer of Little Britain township; Rebecca J., born Feb. 5, 1835, died young; Margaret Isabel, born on March 23, 1837, died young; Lavenia, born Oct. 19, 1839, the wife of Charles Hays, of Little Britain; John J., of this sketch; Rachel Amanda, born May 8, 1845; and James F., born March 31, 1850.

The early rearing of John Jackson Pennell was like that of other lads of his vicinity who had had the good fortune to be born of wise and careful parents, who, while they insisted on his attendance at the district school, also gave him a practical education on the farm. Later in life he had reason to use this knowledge on his own land, to great advantage. Mr. Pennell now is the owner of the excellent home farm which consists of 180 acres in Little Britain township, where he occupies a most comfortable two-story dwelling, and he is also the owner of one of the fertile and productive farms of Chester county.

The marriage of John J. Pennell took place Feb. 11, 1885, to Miss Maggie L. Duyckinek, of Cecil county, Md., and this marriage has been blessed with three children: Emily D., born March 6, 1886, died in infancy; William Horace, born Jan. 17, 1889; and Ruth Lavenia, born June 13, 1892. Mrs. Pennell was born Dec. 19, 1856, and she was a daughter of Horace and Emily (Longstreet) Duyckinek, the former of whom was born in 1819 and died in 1891, and the latter of whom was born in 1818 and resides with her daughter, Mrs. Pennell. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Pennell was Richard B. Duyckinek, of Dutch origin, and her maternal grandfather was Aaron Longstreet and belonged to the same family as the Confederate Gen. Longstreet. Mrs. Pennell was the youngest of her family, the others being: Anna, the widow of William Haines of Cecil county, Md.; Ellis L., a resident of the old home place; and Aaron L., a banker and grain dealer in Rising Sun, Maryland.

Mr. Pennell has been identified with much of the progress and development of this township and is well and favorably known. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic Lodge No. 353, of Oxford, Pa. He and his family are consistent and respected members of the Little Britain Presbyterian Church.

JOHN CHARLES PERRY, the genial and capable superintendent of the Hamilton Watch Factory, of which all Lancaster people are so justly proud, has had a career of more than ordinary interest.

Mr. Perry's ancestors came to America from England early in the eighteenth century, John L. Perry, the great-grandfather of John C., settling in what was then the Province of Massachusetts. He was the father of eleven children, all of whom were killed by the Indians with the exception of the youngest, Charles A., who was the grandfather of John C. Charles A. Perry was only five or six years old when the Indians killed his family, and he was

adopted by a family and taken to Boston, where he grew to manhood and became a furniture dealer and undertaker. There (in Boston) Charles Alexander Perry, the father of John C., was born, and in manhood became a Methodist clergyman, entering into rest in 1884. He married Caroline Elizabeth Eaton, who passed away in 1898, aged eighty-four years.

John C. Perry was born in Grafton, Mass., Dec. 1, 1839, and was educated in the New Salem (Mass.) Academy, from which he was graduated. At the age of seventeen years young Perry went to Boston and became messenger to the Massachusetts Senate, retaining that position four years, when Abraham Lincoln became President of the United States. Mr. Perry, then just twenty-one years old, was appointed to a clerkship in the Boston Custom House, serving three years, and then resigning because of ill-health of his wife, who was suffering from consumption. His next move was to Eagle river, Lake Superior, where he became paymaster for the Humboldt Mining Company, remaining there one and a half years. We next find him having charge of a private banker's office, retaining that position two years, and next in Canada, where he became paymaster of the Lochabor Plumbago Mining Company, a position which he held for two years. Mr. Perry then went to Springfield, Mass., where he became a clerk in the New York Watch Company. This was in 1869. After clerking there two years he became superintendent of the factory, holding the position five years, and, the Hampden Watch Company having been formed from the New York Watch Company, he (Mr. Perry) became superintendent of that concern, remaining in that incumbency four years, and then going on the road to sell goods for this company. He sold their goods until he became associated with a prominent jewelry manufacturing house, remaining with them two years. His next business association was with a syndicate that purchased the Aurora Watch Company's plant, in Illinois, remaining with them until the Hamilton Watch Company of Lancaster was organized, in 1892, the Aurora having been merged into the Hamilton. Mr. Perry again went on the road, selling goods for the Hamilton until three years ago, when, at the death of Henry C. Cain, he became superintendent. It is an interesting fact that he and Mr. Cain (whose successor he became) were constantly associated (with the exception of two and one half years) from 1869 until Mr. Cain entered into rest. The Hamilton has had a wonderful development under Mr. Perry's management, their goods ranking second to none, anywhere. They employ 472 people, and the new annex, just completed (1903) makes room for three hundred more people.

Mr. Perry has been twice married. His first wife, Vironia L. Sears, whom he married in Massachusetts, in 1861, became the mother of two children, a son and a daughter. The son died, and the daughter, Lillian J. (now Mrs. W. H. Wilson), lives in Aurora, Ill. His second wife was Jessie E.

Richards, whom he married in Aurora, in 1894. Three children were born of this union, but all of them are dead, and the wife and mother has also passed away. Mr. Perry is a member of the Masons, and of the Benevolent Order of Elks; is a Republican in politics, a Universalist in religion, and, withal, an intelligent, liberal-minded, wholesouled gentleman.

BENJAMIN HICKMAN POWNALL, a general farmer and leading citizen of Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, where he was born Jan. 23, 1842, is a son of Hon. Joseph D. Pownall, of Sadsbury township.

Hon. Joseph D. Pownall was a farmer and a drover, and died March 6, 1887, at the age of sixty-seven years; his wife, who was a Miss Hickman, born in Goshen, Chester county, Dec. 8, 1817, died April 20, 1899. Both were buried in the cemetery connected with the meeting house of the Society of Friends in Sadsbury township, of which they were members. Joseph D. Pownall filled the office of justice of the peace at Christiana at the time of the Riot of 1851. In 1857, and again in 1859, he was elected as a representative to the General Assembly, and he was a delegate to the Republican Convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860. In business circles he was prominent, and held the position of director of the National Bank of Chester Valley from its inauguration until his death. In fraternal matters he belonged to the Masonic Order, and was a member of the Blue Lodge. To him and his wife were born: Benjamin H., whose name appears above; Joseph, and Ambrose, who both died in infancy; Lewis, who died at the age of nine years; and Elwood P., a farmer of Christiana, who married Mary Baker.

The paternal grandparents of Benjamin H. Pownall were Joseph and Phoebe (Dickinson) Pownall, natives of Sadsbury and Salisbury townships, respectively. Joseph Pownall was born in 1791, and after a life passed in agricultural pursuits died March 17, 1829. His widow, born Nov. 14, 1793 passed to her reward March 30, 1875. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Society of Friends in Salisbury township. They had the following family: Moses; Levi; Joseph D.; Elizabeth, wife of Hon. George Witson, formerly a representative of the township, and long a justice of the peace; Henry, deceased; Ambrose, a retired farmer of Sadsbury; Simeon B., a retired farmer of Harrisburg; Catherine, who married Thomas Greist, a retired grain merchant of Philadelphia; Oliver, who died young; and Phoebe, who wedded William Webb.

The paternal great-grandparents of Benjamin H. Pownall were Levi and Elizabeth (Buckman) Pownall, and came into this county from Bucks county, making the journey on horseback, and having but little idea of where they would locate, but Sadsbury township pleased them, and they settled

at Simmonstown, where they started a tannery. Here they purchased a large tract of land and made their home for life. Levi Pownall was born Aug. 25, 1755, and died Aug. 20, 1840. His widow, born Sept. 12, 1756, died April 30, 1844.

The maternal grandparents of Benjamin H. Powall were Benjamin and Mary (Hickman) Hickman, bearing the same name but being no relation. They were born in England, and came to America, settling in a cave in Westtown township, near Westtown Friends Boarding School.

Benjamin H. Pownall was married May 24, 1866, in the home of the bride in Highland township, to Filena Clark. Born to this union were two children as follows: M. H., who taught school for nine years, and then married Charles G. Jones, a farmer of Sadsbury township, and has one child, Gordon P.; Lydia C., unmarried and at home. Mrs. Filena (Clark) Pownall was born near Coatesville, Chester Co., Pa., March 4, 1842, a daughter of Joseph D. and Lydia D. (Brown) Clark. Her parents were natives of Chester county, but resided in Christiana from 1871 to 1875, when they returned to Chester county, where they passed their lives. Her father was a miller in his earlier days, but in later life was a farmer.

Mr. Pownall was reared on the farm under his parents' watchful care, and remained with them until he embarked in a mercantile career in 1866. That year he bought a store of James Coates, and operated it until his removal to his present farm. For fourteen years he filled the position of school director, and was supervisor three years. For many years he was a judge of elections, and has long acted as township auditor. In his religious views he is a member of the Society of Friends, and belongs to the Masonic fraternity, being connected with Lodge No. 417 at Christiana. His military services during the Civil war entitled him to a membership in the G. A. R., which he has been proud to claim. In his politics he is a Republican.

Benjamin H. Pownall enlisted in the 50th P. V. I., at Christiana, June 29, 1863, responding to an emergency call, and was honorably discharged Aug. 15th, of the same year. His enlistment was for ninety days, and he served along the Potomac, and below the Hagerstown country. He had enlisted Sept. 6, 1862, in Company H, 2nd Regiment—an emergency company—but as his services were not needed he was discharged the same day.

Mr. Pownall holds all the old family wills, and has many heirlooms of his family, including a clock that has been in the family over a hundred years. He is personally a man of fine character, and is much esteemed in the community where his useful and industrious life is passing.

GEORGE A. MORISON, of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born in Adams county, Pa., Sept. 1, 1829, and is a son of George and Susannah (Wolf) Morison, of whom the former was born

in the State of Delaware and was of English descent.

George Morison when a boy came from his native State to Pennsylvania, for a short time was employed in Philadelphia at various occupations, and while still a young man went to Adams county and worked with farmers the greater part of his life, but toward his latter years purchased, jointly with his son, George A., a farm in Adams county. He died in the village of Hunterstown in 1870, when at the age of seventy years, and his wife, who was born in 1801, died when almost eighty years old; both accepted the faith of the Methodist Church. To the marriage of George and Susannah Morison were born twelve children, of whom Mary Ann and Jerry died young; Margaret died the wife of Frederick Harman, of Adams county; Jacob is a carpenter of West Hempfield, Lancaster county; Elizabeth is the widow of Henry McLain; George A.; James I., resides in Bainbridge, Lancaster county; Susan is the deceased wife of John Imhoff, of Adams county; Matilda is married to Henry Bigler, of Columbia, Lancaster county; Charlotte is the widow of James Paxton, of Adams county; Frederick W. is sheriff of Adams county; and John N. is deceased.

George A. Morison was reared in Adams county, in 1850 came to Lancaster county, and worked for Christian Charles, of Manor township two years; in 1852 he married and went to work raising tobacco on rented land, and about 1870 purchased his present farm of twenty-four acres, three miles southeast of Columbia. This farm was partially improved with buildings, but Mr. Morison has erected much finer ones and has the best farm of its size in his part of the county, all the surroundings showing the extreme thrift, care and intelligent management of the owner. While Mr. Morison has raised, packed and shipped a large quantity of tobacco, general farming has not been neglected, and in this respect the same good management is manifested.

On Oct. 4, 1852, George A. Morison married Susan, daughter of John Dabler, of Rohrerstown, Lancaster county, and this union has been blessed with one child, Annie, wife of Abraham Kilheffer, a farmer of Manor township. To Mr. and Mrs. Kilheffer have been born three children, Harry, Fannie and Mary. George A. Morison and his wife are devout members of the Old Mennonite Church and stand very high socially. In politics Mr. Morison is a Democrat.

JOHN N. MARTIN, a resident of Earl township, Lancaster county, is one of the prominent and noted people of the county and was born Feb. 26, 1859, a son of Amos and Esther (Nott) Martin, of Earl township. His early life was passed on the farm, and he has devoted himself to the cultivation of the soil.

Mr. Martin has belonged to the school board since 1896 and takes a lively interest in every project that relates to the public welfare. In his poli-

tics he is a Republican. In business affairs he holds a prominent position, and since 1893 has been a director of the Ephrata National Bank.

Mr. Martin was married to Miss Mary A. Warner, who was born March 4, 1859, a daughter of Abraham B. and Magdalena (Groff) Warner, residents of Earl township. Her father died in 1863, at the early age of thirty-three; Mrs. Warner died in 1867, at the age of thirty-five. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were the parents of three children: Samuel E., who is a justice of the peace at Blue Ball; Abraham, of Earl township; and Mary A., who is Mrs. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one child, Mary Ella. The family belong to the Mennonite Church.

BENJAMIN B. HERR, one of the most highly respected farmers of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born in Millersville, in the same township, Nov. 25, 1855, and is a son of Adam and Mary Ann (Brenneman) Herr. His father died in December, 1899, at the age of eighty-three years, five months and twenty-seven days, and the mother was called away some years previously. Adam Herr was born and reared in Quarryville, Lancaster county, and was a son of Abraham Herr, who came of a very old Lancaster family.

Benjamin B. Herr was reared in Millersville and educated in the public schools, and in 1882 left the home place to begin business on his own account on his present farm of sixty acres, which is situated three-quarters of a mile east of Letort and is one of the finest places of its size in the county. On this tract Mr. Herr has made most of the improvements, carries on general farming and is also engaged in the packing of tobacco.

On Dec. 27, 1881, Benjamin B. Herr married Miss Ida Groff, daughter of Isaac Groff, of Millersville, and six children have come to grace this union, one of whom, Willis, born Jan. 27, 1883, died June 18, 1883. The survivors are Walter Isaac, born June 27, 1886; Ida Gertrude, Feb. 6, 1890; Mary Alma, Dec. 14, 1891; Benjamin Ralph, Aug. 17, 1896; and Katherine Ruth, Sept. 16, 1898.

LEVI B. NEFF was born April 2, 1841, in Rohrerstown, Lancaster Co., Pa. The family is of English origin, Christian Neff, the grandfather, having come from that country to the United States. He traveled with a circus and the last heard of him was from New Orleans, where he had taken the yellow fever and died.

Christian Neff left but one child, a son, Samuel G. Neff, who was born in East Hempfield township, Lancaster county, March 9, 1817. He was educated in the public schools and when quite young he learned the painter's trade of his grandfather, Benjamin Leggett. He followed this business all his life. He was a member of the Evangelical Church, and was a Republican in politics but never sought office. He married Mary, daughter of Daniel

Brener, of Rohrerstown, and the couple had eight children: Levi and Reuben, twins, the latter of whom is dead; Samuel, of Manor township; John B., of Manor township; Solomon, of Manor township; Mary, wife of Charles Lucas, of Washington, Manor township; Matilda, wife of Henry Shoff, of York county; and Lizzie, wife of John Shatzer, of Manor township.

Levi B. Neff lived at home until he was twenty-one years old, in the meantime receiving an education in the schools of the county. At the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in Co. E, 178th P. V. I., and served in the Civil war one year. He learned the painter's trade with his father and has always followed it. In 1888 he bought the place where he at present resides, it being a fine farm of eighty acres. Since owning it he has made extensive improvements. Mr. Neff is a member of the G. A. R. Post, of Safe Harbor. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren Church of Green Hill.

Mr. Neff was married to Miss Annie Wissler in 1862. She lived but eighteen months and left one child, Emma, who married Henry Slott, of Mountville. In 1865 he married Miss Mary Wright, who died in 1874, leaving three children: Angeline, wife of Abram Sitz, of Mountville; Miranda, wife of George Seaman of Elmira, N. Y.; and Lizzie, wife of Samuel Bentler, of Fort Penn, Del. He was married to his third wife, Miss Emma Boyd, of York county, Feb. 29, 1876. This couple have had seven children: George, of Gordonville, who is learning the butcher's trade; Harry, of Safe Harbor; and Frank, Minnie, Elmer and Ferris and Stella (twins), all at home.

Mr. Neff is a man of sterling character and is universally respected in the community in which he resides.

JOHN D. RANCK, an honored and much respected retired farmer of New Holland, Pa., was born in East Earl township, Lancaster county, Nov. 27, 1829., and is a son of Jacob and Lucia (Diller) Ranck. His father was a farmer in Earl township, where his good standing in the community was attested by his election to the office of supervisor. His death occurred in October, 1875, when he was seventy-five years old; his wife passed to her rest the same year, at the age of sixty-eight. Both were members of the Lutheran Church, and were buried in the New Holland cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ranck had the following family: John D.; Jacob, a farmer of Earl township; Margaret, a single lady; Martin, unmarried, and living in Lancaster; Diller, a farmer in Chester county, Pa.; Luella, who married Daniel W. Groff, Barbara A., married to Isaac Musser, and living in Lancaster; David, who died young; Elizabeth, who also died young.

The paternal grandparents of J. D. Ranck were John and Elizabeth (Shively) Ranck; his maternal grandparents, John and Margaret (Rhoads) Diller.

Both families were honorable farming people of Lancaster county.

Mr. Ranck was married in December, 1856, to Louisa Diller, by whom he had one child, Mary E., who is unmarried, and is living at home. Mrs. Ranck was born in April, 1837, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Basore) Diller.

John D. Ranck lived with his parents until his marriage, when he moved to Chester county and was there engaged eight years in farming, then moving into East Earl township to carry on a farm the same length of time. In 1887 he established himself on the farm where he is found at the present time. Mr. Ranck has been supervisor in both Earl and East Earl townships, and was known as an honorable and efficient official. In politics he is a Republican. He stands well in the community.

CHRISTIAN H. ROHRER. The family of Rohrer is one of the early, as it is also one of the most respected, families of Lancaster county.

Abraham Rohrer, the grandfather of Christian H., was a farmer in Manor township, locating there early in life and spending there the remainder of his days. His wife was a Miss Eby, and their son Ephraim was the father of Christian H. He (Ephraim) first saw the sun upon the paternal farm, and on those acres he passed the greater part of his life, nine years being spent in or near Mt. Joy, Lancaster county. He purchased 100 acres of land in the same township and through thrift, intelligence and industry achieved success. He was an earnest Menonite, being for many years a deacon, and for more than a decade a preacher in the denomination. He was widely known and generally beloved for his many admirable qualities of mind and heart. He was a firm believer in the principle of free, universal education, and his intelligent advocacy of the cause led to his being repeatedly chosen a member of the local board of education. He was born in 1811 and his wife, Esther Habacker, in 1816. He fell asleep on June 14, 1891, while she survived him until August, 1897, entering into her reward at the age of four score and one. Their nine children were named Elizabeth, Christian H., Ephraim, Esther, Isaac, Benjamin, Mary, Annie, and Miami. Only three are yet living, Christian H., Mary and Annie. Elizabeth married Joseph Newcomer, of Manor township, and Esther was the wife of Amos Miller, of Quarryville. Mary is the wife of Joseph Charles, of Donegal township; and Annie remains unmarried.

Christian H. Rohrer was born Feb. 3, 1838. He passed his boyhood much after the fashion of other farmers' sons of his day and generation who happened to be born in the same locality. His natural bent was toward the life of a farmer and his success has abundantly demonstrated that in selecting his life's work he did not choose amiss. In 1860 he was married, and took his bride to a farm conducted by himself. The following year (1861) they removed to his present farm of 130 acres, near Mountville.

His success has been pronounced, yet when it is remembered that it is attributable to native discernment, pluck and perseverance, it occasions no surprise. He has been a promoter of not a few commercial enterprises of magnitude, in the direction of several of which he still holds a seat. Among these may be named the Columbia Iron Company, the Fairview Milling Company (of Columbia), the Mountville National Bank and the Mountville Manufacturing Company. He is politically a staunch Republican, yet while ever ready to do what he may to advance party success along legitimate lines, he has never sought reward in the form of political preferment. He has, however, consented to serve as school director for six years.

Reference has been made to his marriage. It occurred Nov. 25, 1860, to Catherine Forrey, whose parents, Daniel and Catherine (Kauffman) Forrey, were residents of Manor township. Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer have reared a large family of children, all of whom are living. Isaac, the first born, married Mattie Walker and lives in Manor; Annie is Mrs. Eli Mann, her husband being a farmer of the same locality; Elizabeth is the wife of Jacob Bender, of East Hempfield; Benjamin is a farmer, in the same township, and the husband of Mary Grider; Christian married Elizabeth Shuman, and has his home in Manor; Ephraim married Mary Good, and is a resident of Mountville; Amos owns a farm in Manor and is the husband of Ella Dambaugh; Esther is unmarried and lives at home with her parents. The family are members of the Mennonite Church.

J. M. COONEY, of Fulton township, Lancaster county, is a well-known farmer and miller. He was born Nov. 8, 1841, in Cecil county, Maryland. He is a son of Thomas and Catherine (Bravo) Cooney, of Cecil county.

Thomas Cooney, the father, was born in 1803 and died Oct. 17, 1880. He was a son of Thomas Cooney, who emigrated from Ireland to America and who had a family of four children, viz.: James, Thomas, Sarah and Catherine. Thomas Cooney (2), father of J. M. Cooney, married Miss Catherine Bravo, of Maryland, in 1830. Her father was John Bravo, of Maryland, his family being of French origin. The marriage of Mr. Thomas Cooney and Miss Bravo resulted in the following family: Thomas and Mary J., deceased; Isabel, the wife of Thomas Emmett, of Maryland; J. M., of this sketch; and David L., deceased. Mrs. Cooney, the mother of this family, was born in 1808 and died in 1883.

Mr. J. M. Cooney married Elizabeth B., daughter of John Shaub, of Lancaster, in June, 1867. This couple have had ten children: Mary S., born Jan. 15, 1868, deceased; Thomas, born March 19, 1869, a machinist at Chestnut Level, Pa., and married to Miss Mary L. Brown; David L., born Feb. 2, 1872, a partner with his brother Thomas in the

mercantile business, and married to Miss Lydia Neff; Daniel W., born May 2, 1874, who died in youth; Kate E., born June 12, 1875, the wife of Scott Wilson, residing in Rising Sun, Md.; Walter B., born Jan. 29, 1877, married to Miss Ella M. Wilson; John M., born Sept. 28, 1879, deceased; Joseph G., born Dec. 25, 1880, at home with his parents on the farm; Daniel B., born June 10, 1883, deceased; and Esther, the youngest child, born July 7, 1885. The mother, Mrs. Cooney, was born Sept. 12, 1845.

Mr. Cooney is a staunch Democrat in politics and a Presbyterian in religion. He has been a mail contractor for years. In 1891 he bought the mill and farm where he now resides, and it is valuable property. Mr. Cooney has had an honorable career and holds the esteem of a good many friends and neighbors.

MARTIN NISSLEY BRUBAKER. The stranger could not travel far in Lancaster county without meeting with the names of the families from which Martin Nissley Brubaker has descended, for they are widely scattered and prominent in whatever community found.

Martin N. Brubaker was born in Elizabeth township on the banks of the Hammer Creek, Oct. 11, 1835, a son of Shem and Magdalina (Nissley) Brubaker, the former of Elizabeth township and the latter of Rapho township, near Sporting Hill. The father was a farmer all his life, retiring from active duties but a few years before his death, which occurred in September, 1887, at the age of seventy-four. The family moved to Mt. Joy township in April, 1884, and occupied the farm upon which Martin N. resides. During many years the father was a school director of his district, as he was always interested in educational affairs. The mother died in August, 1884, at the age of seventy, having been a pious, worthy woman, well known in the neighborhood for her kindness and ready sympathy for those in need. The parents rest in the cemetery at Landisville. Both father and mother were consistent members of the Old Mennonite Church, and their family consisted of two sons; Martin N.; and Jacob, a minister of the Mennonite faith, who lives on the old homestead in Rapho township.

The paternal grandparents of Martin N. Brubaker were Jacob and Maria (Eby) Brubaker, who lived in Elizabeth township, where the former, a farmer all his life, died in 1853 at the age of seventy-two years and six months, his widow surviving until 1863, reaching her eighty-first year. These beloved grandparents were interred in a private burying ground on the old homestead. The great-grandparents were also natives of Elizabeth township; the great-grandfather, also Jacob Brubaker, caught the yellow fever in Philadelphia, from which he died in 1793. The maternal grandparents also represented old and honored names in the county, and were Martin and Maria (Baumberger) Nissley, of Warwick township, near Lititz.

Martin N. Brubaker, eldest son of his parents, grew up on the farm but did not take naturally to the life of a farmer. During his youth he attended the district schools and later the Lititz Academy, going at the age of eighteen to the Mt. Joy Academy, and at the age of nineteen he took a practical course in surveying. The next two years were spent in the mercantile line, but this business was not satisfactory and young Martin then went to East Hempfield township where he engaged in farming near Petersburg, and also did surveying, remaining in that locality for six years; he then went to Landisville where he practiced surveying until 1888, at which time he located in Mt. Joy.

Mr. Brubaker is considered an expert in his line of business, and for two years served as county surveyor, and for the past twenty-five years has been a notary public. Whatever he undertakes, he does thoroughly and is considered a very capable and reliable surveyor. In politics he is a Republican, although he cast his first vote for James Buchanan, local pride influencing him, as the candidate was a resident of this county.

The marriage of Mr. Brubaker occurred on Oct. 25, 1856, to Mary A. Snavelly, of Penn township, and to this union was born one daughter, Fanny S., who died in 1887, at the age of thirty, unmarried.

Mary A. (Snavelly) Brubaker was born in Penn township, Sept. 25, 1837, a daughter of Henry and Mary Snavelly, of Penn and East Hempfield townships, respectively. They died in Penn township, at a place now known as Lancaster Junction. Mr. Snavelly was a merchant and miller at that place, and Henry R., the grandson, still carries on the business.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church and are among the most respected and esteemed residents of the locality.

DAVID H. KREITER, one of the enterprising business men and farmers of Penn township, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born in Warwick township, Feb. 11, 1858, and is one of the self-made men of our country, his prosperity being the result of his own unaided efforts, directed along paths of industry and integrity.

When only five years of age, he suffered the loss of his father, but he remained with his mother until twenty-one years of age, receiving his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood. Later, realizing the necessity for more extensive educational advantages, he went in 1884 to Indiana and entered the Northern Indiana Normal School of Valparaiso, where he remained three and one-half years.

In 1891, Mr. Kreiter established a cigar factory in Lititz and for five years was engaged in the manufacture of cigars, and during this time he also bought and packed leaf tobacco. While successfully conducting these enterprises, in 1896 he purchased the

fine farm where he now resides, then known as the old Sunmy homestead, near Fairland, and rented the property for four years. From time to time, as the occasion demanded, he made improvements until he brought the place into a high state of cultivation, and made it one of the finest farms in Lancaster county. In 1901 Mr. Kreiter removed to his farm and himself engaged in farming, which calling he is now following with great success.

On Dec. 20, 1892, David H. Kreiter was married to Miss Maria Whitcraft, a daughter of John and Maria Whitcraft, and two children have been born to them: David Paul, born Aug. 3, 1899; and Charles Henry, born May 23, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreiter are both active members of the Moravian Church of Lititz, and are highly esteemed in that congregation. Mr. Kreiter is a man of enterprise and public-spirit and has borne an active part in all measures tending toward the development and improvement of the affairs of the township.

JOSEPH K. SHULTZ. Among the self-made men of Lancaster county—men who started out in life with health, strength and indomitable will as their only heritage and have achieved success and prominence as business men—we find the name of Joseph K. Shultz, who was born near Washington borough, in Manor township, Lancaster county, June 19, 1849, a son of Isaac and Mary Ann (Kearey) Shultz. The boyhood days of our subject were passed on the home farm and he early learned that to be the son of a Pennsylvania farmer did not mean a life of idleness. He attended the winter sessions of the common school in his neighborhood until, arriving at the proper age, he entered the Normal School at Millersville, remaining through four sessions. His school days ended, he began teaching a country school in North Hempfield township, an occupation which he followed successfully four years, after which he entered Eastman's Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. On graduating therefrom he was tendered and accepted the position of bookkeeper in the banking house of E. K. Smith & Co., of Columbia, Pa. Seeing an opportunity to start out in business on his own account, he, in 1877, opened a lumber yard in Washington borough, Lancaster county, and soon after added a coal yard to his lumber establishment. For many years he supplied the people for miles around with coal and one of the pleasant facts in connection with his dealings in coal (and his sales have exceeded \$300,000), upon which he can dwell with much satisfaction is, that no patron of his ever paid for a pound of coal he did not get. In 1877 he purchased from his father the farm which he now owns, adjoining Washington borough, and where he now resides. This property is called the Blue Rock farm and is widely known as the leading tobacco farm in the county and environs, and its owner has become the acknowledged tobacco king of that section of the

State. His average acreage of tobacco is forty, from which he has realized as high as \$11,300 in a single season. Other farm products of a general or miscellaneous character are also produced on the farm and receive his personal supervision. As an agriculturist, coal and lumber merchant, Mr. Shultz finds his time too fully employed to admit of his taking an active interest in politics or seeking political honors or emoluments from his, the Democratic party.

On March 30, 1878, Mr. Shultz was joined in marriage to Miss Emma F. Stauffer, daughter of Jacob and Maria (Forrey) Stauffer. To this union have been born five children. (1) Joseph S. was graduated from Lehigh University in 1900, standing second in a class of 520 and being the valedictorian; he is now a draughtsman in the Navy department at Washington, D. C., the position having been tendered him prior to the date of his graduation. (2) Mamie E. is a student at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa. (3) John J. is next in order of birth. (4) Isaac Victor died at the age of three years. (5) Albert Lloyd. The Shultz family, like their ancestors, are devout members of the Church of God. Starting out in life with honesty and fair dealing as the corner stone of his business life, public-spirited and enterprising as a citizen, Joseph K. Shultz deservedly holds a high place in the esteem of the community where his whole life has been thus far spent.

JOHN McMANAMY, in his day one of the leading farmers and highly esteemed citizens of Sadsbury township, this county, was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and ended a long and estimable life on his farm on April 20, 1893. He was buried in the Parkesburg cemetery, under the auspices of the Catholic Church, of which he was a devout member.

Hugh and Anna (McKale) McManamy, parents of John, were also natives of Ireland, where they spent their lives on a farm. They reared the following named children: Bridget, deceased wife of John Carty; John; Michael, a contractor and builder in Australia; and Thomas and James, both deceased. All but John went to Australia.

John McManamy was reared to young manhood in his native land, coming to America in 1859. After settling at Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa., he entered upon a life of industry which brought him worldly prosperity, reared his family in comfort, and when he was called away by death left many mourning friends. His warm heart was ever ready to respond to the call of those in distress, and few men in the locality had more friends or were more highly respected. In 1866 he moved to a farm which adjoins the present homestead, and which is still in the possession of his widow and children, and in 1879 the family settled on the present farm, which is well improved and very valuable.

Mr. McManamy was married Oct. 5, 1850, in Manchester, England, to Miss Bridget O'Connor,

and children as follows were born to this union: Annie (deceased) married Joseph Hunter. Hugh married Belle Pennington; he holds the responsible position of foreman in the rolling mill at Chester, Pa. James M. married first Mary Hannah, and later a Mrs. Dunlap. Michael T. is residing with his mother. John M. also lives with his mother. E. Jenie married Harry Linton, a carpenter of Sadsbury township. Dora R. married John L. Gibeny, who conducts a hotel in Duncannon, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. McManamy was born in Galway, Ireland, May 14, 1831, daughter of Michael and Mary (Barrett) O'Connor, farming people of County Galway, the former of whom died in 1835 and the latter in 1876. The two children born to these excellent people were both daughters: Bridget, Mrs. McManamy; and Mary, who is married and still lives in Ireland.

Industrious, energetic, and the soul of honesty, Mr. McManamy was highly esteemed in his locality by his fellow citizens, and perhaps the only matter upon which he and his family did not agree was that of politics, the father being a Democrat, while the sons and the mother believed in the principles of the Republican party. All his life John McManamy was a devout member of the Catholic Church and lived up to the teachings of his faith.

JACOB H. GOOD, of the firm of J. H. Good & Son, butchers and dealers in fresh and salted meats at Millersville, Lancaster Co., Penn., was born in Pequea township, same county, Aug. 27, 1845, was reared on the home farm, and was educated in the public schools of his district.

Joseph Good, grandfather of Jacob H., was also a native of Lancaster and was a son of the supposed founder of the family, who came from Germany. Joseph Good was a resident of Pequea township and was a very active business man, being at various periods a farmer, miller and distiller. Joseph married Mary Kindig, a native of Lancaster county, to which union children were born in the following order: Jacob K., father of Jacob H.; Mary, deceased wife of Christian Johns, of Lancaster township; Barbara, deceased wife of Benjamin Martin, of the same place; John, deceased, who was a hotel keeper in Martic township and was also in the milling business for a time; Catherine, late wife of Benjamin Goss; and Elizabeth, married to George Warfel, of Pequea township.

Jacob K. Good was also born in Pequea township, was reared a farmer, but early in life engaged in milling and distilling, and later in butchering at Penn Valley, was active in local affairs, officiated as a member of the school board and was supervisor of Pequea township. He married Mary Haverstick, who bore him eleven children, namely: Joseph, a farmer who died unmarried in Pequea township; Susan, wife of Michael Hess, of Manor township; Elizabeth, unmarried; Abraham, a railroad employe, who enlisted three times during the Civil war, first for nine months, secondly for three

months, and lastly for three years, and who died in Pequea township; Jacob H.; Kate and Mary, both unmarried; John who died in childhood; Barbara, unmarried; Solomon, a butcher on the old homestead in Penn Valley; and Sarah, widow of William Bechtold, residing in Florin, Lancaster county. The mother of this family died Sept. 2, 1891, at the age of seventy-two years, three months and six days, and the father passed away in 1895.

Jacob H. Good was employed in his father's distillery when a young man, but soon after marriage engaged in farming, which he followed until 1897, when he embarked in the butchering trade in partnership with his son, Elmer E., at Millersville, under the firm name of J. H. Good & Son, doing their own slaughtering, salting, smoking and packing and having also a large trade in fresh meats.

Jacob H. Good married, Feb. 20, 1870, Miss Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Conestoga township in 1851, and is a daughter of John Smith. To this marriage have been born thirteen children, of whom Elmer E. is the eldest; he was first engaged in the baking business at West Willow in company with J. R. Smith, under the style of Smith & Good, but is now the partner of his father, Jacob H. The remaining twelve children were born in the following order: Mary L., wife of Elam Herschok, of Herrville; William; Cora, wife of Benjamin Heidlauf, of Mountville; Elam, of Manor township; Charles, Ella, Annie, Jacob, Lucy, and Cora, all of the same township; Grant, deceased; and Flora, at home.

DANIEL D. HESS (deceased), a former business man of Quarryville, was born in Little Britain township, Aug. 15, 1835, a son of Jonas and Abbie (Pettigrew) Hess, who were both born in Lancaster county of Scotch and Irish parentage.

Jonas Hess, the father, was a farmer of Little Britain township for many years, and he raised a family of six children as follows: Daniel D.; Jackson Hess, deceased, was born in Lancaster county and moved to Wisconsin where he died in 1898, leaving a widow and one son, who still reside in Wisconsin. Martin, deceased, was a farmer of Quarryville. William, deceased, was a farmer of Little Britain township. Elias, deceased, was born in Lancaster and settled in Mechanics Grove, where he died in 1870, leaving a family. Mary J., who was born in Lancaster county, is the widow of Daniel Eckman, who resided for years at Providence, and then moved to near Quarryville, where he died in 1871, leaving a widow and two sons, who reside on the homestead; the sons are Galen L. and Daniel H.

Daniel D. Hess was reared on his father's farm, and received his education in the schools of the county. He died Feb. 4, 1890. Mr. Hess was married, in 1855, to Miss Catharine, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Lefever, a pioneer family of Lancaster county. Mrs. Hess was born Dec. 6, 1832,

on the family homestead in Quarryville borough, where she was reared and educated. At the time of his death Mr. Hess left a widow and eight children: S. Milton, born in Quarryville, in January, 1856, attended the Millersville State Normal School, where he received a good business education, after which he engaged in the manufacture and sale of phosphates, doing a large business in Pennsylvania and other States; he married Miss Sallie Williams, and has two sons, Walter and Miles. William was born in January, 1857, and married Miss Susan Keen, of Quarryville borough, where they reside on the old homestead owned by Mr. Hess's mother; he has ten children as follows: Virgie, who married Alvin Hess, of Lancaster City, and has one daughter, Mary C.; Adam; Anna; Odessa; Edith; William; Ernest; Ruth; Bertha; and Francis. Anna E. Hess (deceased) was born in January, 1859, and was well educated in a seminary; she was married to David Boffenmyer, of Lancaster county, and they afterward located in Quarryville, where the husband engaged in the coal and lumber business; Mrs. Boffenmyer died in December, 1890, leaving a son, John, and a daughter, Lucy, who were raised by their aunt Clara, on the homestead. Daniel M., born in June, 1860, was educated in the Millersville State Normal School, after which he married Miss Annie Hildebrand, of New Providence, at which place they now reside on a farm owned by Mr. Hess; they have one daughter, Esther. George B., born Oct. 8, 1863, received a normal school education, and is now engaged with his brother at Philadelphia, in the manufacture of phosphates. He married Miss Susan Popp, of Reading, Pa., and they reside in Philadelphia. They have seven children, as follows: Mary Celia, Daniel, Gertrude, George, Anna, Charles and Margaret. Mazie E., born in 1866, was married to Alfred Ellmaker, of Lancaster county, and they now reside in Philadelphia, where Mr. Ellmaker is now in the railroad business; they have one son, Lee. Emmet L., born in 1869, was educated in the State Normal School, and is now a traveling salesman for his brother's phosphate factory. Clara B., born in August, 1878, was educated at the Millersville State Normal School; she is at home with her mother, giving that aged parent her best care and attention. Mrs. Hess was several years ago stricken with paralysis, and this adds largely to Miss Hess's duties. In addition she has charge of her deceased sister's two children. Miss Hess is a lady of culture and refinement, and her gentle manner makes her greatly beloved by all who know her. Daniel D. Hess, the father of the foregoing family, lived with the late Jacob Kreider, in Fulton township, until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he moved to Quarryville and worked in the quarries there as a laborer. After his marriage, in 1855, he went into the lime business, and carried it on successfully until 1875; for years he was the largest operator in lime in the

county, and he employed a large force of men and teams in the business. He then retired from business, selling out to his son, L. M., who also carried on the trade for several years. Mr. Hess built the warehouse on the Quarryville railroad, and dealt extensively in coal and lumber for some time, after which he sold the business, and building himself a handsome residence in the borough, retired from active business, and devoted his spare time to his farm property. This, however, proved not enough to engage him, and he embarked in the phosphate business in Reading, building a large concern, which in company with his sons, L. M. and G. B., has been made a heavy enterprise. He built large buildings on his farms, and improved them by helping the soil and raising proper crops. Mr. Hess took a prominent part in the building of the Quarryville railroad, and was a stockholder and director until the time of his death. He, in connection with Daniel Blair, graded the road from Quarryville to New Providence. He also built a number of houses in Quarryville. In 1862 he erected the large storehouse now occupied by G. W. Hensel, to whom he also sold a merchandise business. Toward the close of his life Mr. Hess's health failed and he left the active duties of his many enterprises, to the care of his sons. He took a great deal of pleasure in raising fine stock and owned some notable specimens.

In politics Daniel D. Hess was a staunch Democrat, and was a very prominent man in his party. Although not caring for office, he was a justice of the peace, and school director for quite a while. He was a member of Lodge No. 834, I. O. O. F., of Quarryville. In his death the community in which he resided lost a most valuable citizen, and his loss was deeply regretted by all. No man did more than he to improve and enrich the section in which he lived, and the charities were largely benefited by numerous contributions by him. He was an officer and greatly interested in the Sunday-school work of the Reformed Church. In all social circles his presence was always wanted, and his kindly manner and easy address were marked to a degree. He never spoke evil of any one, and did not like to hear others do so. Whether rich or poor, his hand was always outstretched to his neighbors, and he was democratic in all his ways.

SAMUEL BRUBAKER, a retired farmer and miller, belongs to the number of those venerable citizens of Lancaster county whose long and industrious lives have been given to the service of their community, and who are now waiting the opening of the doors to the Land Beyond in the peace and comfort that should wait on the closing years of an honorable and useful career.

Mr. Brubaker was born at Mill Creek, Earl township, Sept. 20, 1817, and is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Aker) Brubaker, of Lancaster county. The elder Samuel Brubaker was a farmer,

and died in 1818, while a young man. His widow lived to be eighty years of age, dying in 1867, and both were buried in Rowland cemetery. They had a family of children as follows: Aker died young; William, born in 1810, died in 1891, Thompson, born in 1816, died in 1896; Samuel is mentioned below. These children were reared in the ancient Mennonite Church, of which father and mother were devoted members.

Samuel Brubaker, whose name introduces this sketch, is a grandson of Jacob Brubaker and also of Peter Aker. Both were farmers and lived in Lancaster county, where their quiet and well ordered lives were passed. Samuel Brubaker married Eliza A. Sprecker, by whom he has had the following children, Lizzie, Katie, John E., Anna and Samuel P. The mother of these children was born in Earl township and was a daughter of Isaac Sprecker.

Mr. Brubaker lived at home with his mother until he attained his majority, and then established himself as a miller on Mill Creek, where he was engaged for forty years in the mill which he had purchased when he was twenty-one years of age. In 1871 he retired from active life, and is now at an advanced age enjoying the respect and esteem of the community in which he lives. He has removed to New Holland, where he takes much satisfaction in the services of the Reformed Church, of which he is a member.

JOHN R. SMITH, a substantial business man of Pequea, is a native of that township, having been born May 10, 1855, at the place where he yet resides. He is a son of Isaac Smith, and a grandson of Christian Smith.

Christian Smith was of English descent, and grew to manhood in Lancaster county. He was left an orphan early in life, and had no educational advantages. He learned the plasterer's trade with Samuel Miller, of Strasburg, who was killed on J. W. Wise's Island while felling a bee tree. Mr. Smith worked at his trade during most of his life, and during the winter, for fifteen years, drove a wagon from Lancaster to Wilmington, Del. He married Miss Elizabeth Stotzemberger of Strasburg, and they were the parents of three children: Isaac, father of our subject; John and Eliza, both unmarried; all now deceased.

Isaac Smith was born in Lancaster county about 1828, passed his early life at home, and learned the plasterer's trade with his father. He received a common school education. He began life for himself before he was twenty years of age, and followed the trade of plasterer until his death, March 7, 1891. In 1853 he wedded Miss Harriet Rohrer, daughter of John Rohrer of Strasburg, and they had a family of six children: Christian W., of Lancaster; John R., our subject; Benjamin F., of Lancaster; Eliza, wife of John F. Martin, of West Willow; Isaac R., of Lancaster; and Eva B., unmarried.

John R. Smith lived with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, and worked at the plasterer's trade. He was educated in the common schools of the county. Commencing life for himself, he continued in the plastering business until 1895 when he started the bakery which he has since carried on so successfully. He has also been extensively engaged in buying and packing tobacco, and has met with the prosperity he deserves. Politically he has always affiliated with the Republican party, and he has held the office of county committeeman for two terms. Fraternally he is a member of Lodge No. 912, O. U. A. M., of Lancaster City, and of the K. G. E., at West Willow. He is a member of the M. E. Church, at West Willow.

On April 13, 1884, Mr. Smith married Miss Susie Swartz, daughter of Christopher Swartz, of Highville, Lancaster county. They have no children.

FRANK MYLIN, an enterprising citizen and progressive farmer of Pequea township, this county, where his ancestors for several generations have lived and been substantial men and women who have contributed their full share to the county's advancement socially, religiously and agriculturally, is one of the well and favorably known men of his locality.

Born Jan. 12, 1843, in what was then Conestoga township, but which has since become Pequea township, this county, Mr. Mylin is the son of Abram B. and Elizabeth (Myer) Mylin. He has passed his life thus far engaged in the honorable pursuit of agriculture. In boyhood he had no special school privileges, attending only the district schools of the neighborhood, but by outside study and reading since he has in a measure supplied that earlier deficiency, and is now active in promotion of the school interests of his township.

Since 1871 he has been the owner of the original Mylin homestead in Pequea township, the neat appearance of which indicates the grade of farmer that he is. He is a good, reliable man and citizen and is held in high regard by the community. He was married to Fanny, daughter of Christian and Annic Huber, of West Lampeter township, and to them have come children as follows: Annie, who married John H. Shenk and has two sons and one daughter; Martha, the wife of Christian H. Herr, of Lancaster township; Franklin; and John.

WILLIAM WEIDLER KINZER (deceased), who was born on a farm in Earl township, in March, 1830, died Oct. 1, 1900, and his remains rest in the cemetery connected with the Lutheran Church at New Holland.

William and Catherine (Weidler) Kinzer, his parents, who were married May 27, 1816, were both born in Lancaster county, the father on the farm where his son lived in Earl township, and the mother in East Earl township. William Kinzer was born

Dec. 7, 1794, and died June 13, 1861. His wife was born April 16, 1793, and died Oct. 11, 1845. They were buried in the New Holland Lutheran Cemetery. Born to them were the following children: Louisa, widow of Amos Leaman, lives in Reading, Pa.; Caroline died unmarried at the age of eighty years; Anna, deceased, married Abraham Smoker; Miss Elizabeth E. lives in New Holland; Benjamin F. is a retired farmer at New Holland; Lucetta, deceased, married M. S. Hurst, of Leacock township; William W.; Margaret W., widow of John Wallace, lives in Cedar Lane, East Earl township; and Lydia Ann died young.

William Weidler Kinzer was married in Chester county, Pa., May 10, 1856, to Louisa A. Scott. To this union were born the following children: Jennie, who married George Woods, a farmer in Leacock township; Catherine, wife of Thomas S. Hood, of New Holland; William, a salesman in Lancaster, who married Mary Smyser; and George W., a lumber merchant in New Holland, who married Mary F. Jessup. Mrs. Louisa A. (Scott) Kinzer was born in Chester county, Pa., a daughter of Samuel W. and Jane (Boyd) Scott. Her forefathers have held the farm on which she was born since it was deeded to the family from William Penn. The family came originally from Scotch extraction. Samuel W. Scott was a farmer, and died in 1881, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife passed to her rest in 1886, at the age of seventy-six. Both were stanch Presbyterians. To them were born the following family: Rebecca M., the widow of William Morrison, of Clay Center, Kans.; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Hon. A. D. Harland; J. Wallace, who for thirty years has been connected with the Custom House at Philadelphia; Mary, the widow of Allen Mode, and residing in Chester county; Louisa A.; Sarah, who married James Legget, and is deceased; and Samuel, a farmer in Chester county, Pennsylvania. John and Rebecca (Withero) Scott, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Kinzer, were prominent and wealthy people of Chester county; and her maternal grandparents, Wallace and Sarah (Cowan) Boyd, were also of that same county.

William Weidler Kinzer was a farmer on the old homestead in Earl township, until 1874. That year he retired from farming, and moved to New Holland, where he was engaged in the lumber business with his son until his death. Both husband and wife were members of the Lutheran Church, where he was long in official position. In New Holland he was a borough councilman and auditor. In politics he was a Republican. His death came from an attack of paralysis. The present brick home of his family was built by him prior to his coming to the borough. He was very wealthy, and held a creditable position in the estimation of the community where his long and useful life was passed.

GEORGE W. KINZER, noted above as the young-

est son of William Weidler Kinzer, is a lumber dealer in New Holland, and was born in Earl township in 1864. In December, 1886, he was married in York, Pa., to Mary F. Jessup, by whom he has had two children: Arthur W. and George R. Mrs. Kinzer was born in Erie, Pa., a daughter of Samuel and Lizzie (Roland) Jessup, natives of York and Lancaster counties, respectively, who are living in York county. Samuel Jessup is a retired stove merchant.

George W. Kinzer lived with his parents until his marriage, when he established himself in an adjoining home. Both he and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican. Mr. Kinzer is one of the leading men of the borough, and his manly qualities and genuine worth have won for him a host of friends.

GEORGE ROST, of Columbia, Pa., one of the gentlemanly conductors employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, Aug. 27, 1856, a son of Charles and Elizabeth (Resh) Rost, who were born in Mahlbürg, Baden, and Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, respectively, and were married in Marietta, Pennsylvania.

Charles Rost settled in Marietta in 1854, had charge of the Musselman furnace for some time, and was then employed by the Eagle furnace to take out iron. He died in 1881, when fifty-two years old, and his widow in 1883, at the same age, both members of the German Lutheran Church. Their children were: George; Katie, wife of James Sterling, a stone-moulder in Columbia; Charles, of Marietta; Mary, married to Samuel Studenrole, of Columbia; Christ, deceased; John, a cigar-maker at Marietta; Fred, a butcher in Columbia; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Goose, proprietor of a bakery in Lancaster; and Anna, deceased.

George Rost at the age of fifteen years began driving a team for an ore bank in Marietta, was so employed until eighteen, and then worked a year at the wheelwright's trade and later in the iron furnaces; in 1876 he began working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as brakeman, and in 1877 came to Columbia; he served as flagman until the spring of 1881 and was then appointed conductor, a position he has since most ably filled.

On Jan. 17, 1877, Mr. Rost was married in Boiling Springs, Cumberland Co., Pa., to Miss Abby Blottenburger, who was born in Salunga, Lancaster county, and is a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Neece) Blottenburger, the former a carpet weaver, who died in Marietta, Nov. 26, 1897, aged eighty-seven years, five months and ten days; his wife had died Oct. 22, 1891, at the age of seventy-nine years, five months and thirteen days; both were members of the Old Mennonite Church, and were buried in the cemetery at Marietta. Their children were born in the following order: Harriet, the wife of Charles Blessing, a saddler in Mar-

ietta; Christian, a farmer in Lancaster county; John, who died in Dillsburg, York county; Anna, married to David Engle, a farmer at Stackstown, Pa.; Lizzie, wife of David Cooper, a blacksmith in Salunga, Pa.; Mary, in Marietta; Joseph, a carpet weaver in Marietta; Kate, wife of Amos Winters, a miller in Florin; Susan, widow of William Blessing, who was killed in a railroad wreck at Lancaster in July, 1896; Daniel, a carpet weaver in Marietta; Abby, married; and Sarah, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Rost are members of the U. B. Church and socially are esteemed as models of uprightness. Mr. Rost is a member of the O. R. of C., K. of M., and the Pa. V. R. Department, and in politics is a Prohibitionist.

MRS. CAROLINE HOAK. Few residents of Lancaster county are better or more favorably known than Mrs. Caroline Hoak, the pleasant and hospitable hostess of the "Millersville Hotel," which place she has most successfully conducted ever since the death of her husband, the late Amos D. Hoak.

The birth of this estimable lady and efficient woman of business occurred March 17, 1851, in the city of Lancaster. She was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Switzer, both of whom are deceased. She was educated in the Lancaster schools, and in 1869 was united in marriage to Amos D. Hoak, who belonged to one of the leading families of Lancaster county.

George Hoak, the father of Amos D., was born and lived in Lancaster county, where he followed the trade of stone mason until failing health required him to retire, his death occurring Jan. 5, 1889. He married Martha Detrich, and they were the parents of these children: Jacob, who died in the barracks at Washington, D. C., a soldier during the Civil war; Amos; Adam, a miller of Lancaster; Joseph, supposed to have been killed in the army in 1863; Isaac, who died in a hospital in Philadelphia; Abram, who died in the army in 1863; George, who died in San Francisco, Cal.; Benjamin, who died in childhood; Elizabeth, who married and lives in Ohio; and Martha, who is the wife of Jacob Hoak.

Amos D. Hoak was born and reared near Run Valley in Lancaster county, and during his early life he learned the milling business. He was one of the first to testify to his loyalty to the government, by becoming a member of Co. D, 1st P. V. I., enlisting June 8, 1861, and re-enlisting Feb. 25, 1863, in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., and serving until honorably discharged, Jan. 31, 1866.

After Mr. Hoak returned from the army occurred his marriage and removal to Missouri, where for sixteen years he was engaged in milling. In 1886 he returned to Lancaster county, and for two years handled different patents, but in 1888 he purchased the hotel which is now so ably managed

by his widow. Mr. Hoak died some eighteen months after taking charge of this hostelry, leaving but his wife, their one son, Reynolds S., having died in infancy.

Mrs. Hoak has shown herself a capable manager, her hotel being one of the best regulated and most popular inns in this county. Her personal attention is given to every detail and she has a large patronage from the traveling public, and is a most highly esteemed lady.

RICHARD N. WINTERS (deceased) was one of the well-known men of Earl township, and of Hinkletown, where he spent his life, chiefly engaged in farming. He owned considerable real estate and for some ten years was the owner and landlord of the hotel at Hinkletown. Always ready to assist every forward movement, he had the interest of the community at heart, and the public lost a valuable citizen when he died in 1901, at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. Winters was the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Nagle) Winters. In 1850 he was married to Mary Martin, a daughter of William and Nancy (Burkholder) Martin, residents of Earl township. William Martin came from Ireland when a young man, and married in Lancaster county. He located at Hinkletown, where he followed the trade of a tailor, and died while still young, leaving a widow and two children: Isaac, a resident of Ephrata, where he is a retired tailor; and Mary, the widow of the subject of this sketch. The mother of these two children lived to be almost ninety-six years of age.

Mrs. Winters became the mother of four children: Mary, who is the wife of B. J. Reemsnyder, a physician at Hinkletown; William Davis, engaged in a wine and liquor business at Ephrata; Alice, deceased wife of Dr. B. J. Reemsnyder; Annie, who died in infancy.

The Winters family has always enjoyed a high standing in the community, and they are highly respected, alike for their neighborly qualities and their kindly spirit.

JOHN H. MENAUGH, at the present time holding a government position as a carpenter in the Custom House at Philadelphia, was born in Florin, Pa., April 22, 1845, and is a son of James and Amanda (Winters) Menaugh.

James Menaugh was born in 1805, and was an early settler of Florin and there he has made his home for life. In his active days he was a contractor and builder of more than local note. In his politics he was a Republican, and in his religious faith was bred a Lutheran, and in that faith he died in 1868. His wife, Amanda Winters, who was born in 1809, died in 1878. They had the following children: Martha, the wife of Benjamin Eckenroth, a contractor and builder at Wooster, Ohio; James, a contractor at South Whitley, Ind.; Eliza-

beth, who married John Keener, a contractor and builder of Florin; Mary, who married Henry Taylor, and is now deceased; Anna, married to Amos Breneman, a painter in Elizabethtown, Pa.; John H.; Eli, a contractor and builder at Florin; Sarah, who married Francis Nauman, a carpenter of Florin; Henry, who died at the age of nineteen years; and Simon and Daniel, who died in infancy.

The parents of James Menaugh, Robert Menaugh and his wife, came from Ireland and first settled in Virginia, before coming into Lancaster county. Robert Menaugh was a stone cutter by trade.

John H. Menaugh was married in August, 1867, to Anna Culp, by whom he has had the following children: Laura E., who married Harry Stoll, a carpenter in Florin, Pa.; Cora, the wife of B. W. Fisher, who has charge of the high school annex in Lancaster; Gertrude and Ella, unmarried and at home; Robert, a machinist in Lancaster. Mrs. Anna (Culp) Menaugh was born in Mt. Joy, a daughter of Henry Culp, a native of Florin.

John H. Menaugh served three years at the carpenter trade under the instruction of his brother James, and when he had thoroughly mastered the trade worked for different people until 1882. That year he began business for himself as a contractor and builder, in which he was quite successful. In 1894 he was appointed to his present position under President Cleveland, and discharges its duties to the satisfaction of all concerned. He is a capable and efficient workman, and a thoroughly honorable and reliable man. He is a member of the American Mechanics and the Knights of Mystic Chain. During Mr. Cleveland's first term as President he served as postmaster of the town of Florin.

JAMES SWISHER, now a retired farmer of Eden township, Lancaster county, was born on the old homestead farm where his useful life has been passed to the present time, March 5, 1852, his parents being Patrick and Susan (McNeal) Swisher.

Patrick Swisher was born in Colerain township, Lancaster county, May 23, 1825, a son of John and Elizabeth (Brown) Swisher, natives of Germany and Ireland, respectively, but who were married in Lancaster county. After living for a time in Colerain township, John Swisher and wife moved into Eden township in 1800, where they purchased land on which they settled, and which he converted into a productive farm. By trade he was a shoemaker, and for many years he worked at the cobbler's bench. He died on this farm in 1858. His marriage was blessed with ten children, who lived to maturity: Robert, James, Fransinia, Catherine, Rachel, Albert, Eliza, Patrick, Mary and John.

Patrick Swisher, the father of James, was reared in Eden township, where he had a district school education. In 1851, he married Susan McNeal, daughter of Thomas and Hannah McNeal, of this county. On his marriage he bought the pres-

ent Swisher homestead, where he built a large stone house and barn, and secured one of the finest country homes in Eden township. Here he spent his life, and here he died Jan. 20, 1901, loved and respected by all. During his active years he dealt very largely in grain, tobacco and lumber, and had a large warehouse in Quarryville. His sons were able to look after the home farm for some years, leaving him time to attend to his business at Quarryville. In politics he was a Democrat, and was an active worker in the interests of the party. Mrs. Swisher, who died at the home farm in April, 1899, was the mother of a family of seven children, of whom James, whose name begins this sketch, was the eldest. Isabel died young; Mary E., born in September, 1855, married Martin Good, of Bart township, and has two children, Maud and Mary; Hannah, born in June, 1861, married Richard Stewart, a farmer in Paradise township, and they have three children: George, Lillie and Rubie; George, born Oct. 7, 1863, was killed in the mines in Eden township, Oct. 1, 1880; John, born in November, 1868, is single; and Malissa, born in 1871, married John Raub, of Quarryville.

James Swisher was educated in the schools of Eden township, where he grew up on the farm and became a stone mason, a trade that he followed for twenty-three years. He was married May 28, 1874, to Miss Edith, the daughter of Christian and Catherine Stauffer. She was born in Eden township, March 14, 1858, and was educated in the Bart township schools. Christian Stauffer lived in Bart township until the death of his wife, when he went to Nebraska, where he died in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joseph Anthony. Of the children born to this worthy couple, nine are living: (1) Mary is the wife of Samuel Anthony, of Chester county; (2) Barbara married Jacob McCord, of Bart township; (3) Julia married John Gyse, of Mt. Joy, Pa.; (4) Rebecca married Jacob Anthony, of Bart township; (5) Lizzie is the wife of James McElwain, of Nebraska; (6) Katie, the wife of Joseph Anthony, of Nebraska; (7) Edith, the wife of Mr. Swisher; (8) Isaac, a resident of Illinois; (9) Jacob, also of Illinois.

James Swisher and wife settled at the father's old homestead, where he has had charge of the farm to the present time. When Mr. Swisher was engaged in erecting a building some years ago in Lancaster, he was thrown to the ground by the falling of the scaffold, had one limb broken, and was left a cripple for life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Swisher have come eight children, of whom (1) Ruth and (2) John died in childhood. (3) Albert married Miss Katie Carl, of Lebanon county, and now lives in Burlington, N. J.; they have three children, John, George and Harry. (4) Harry, born in 1877, is single, and at home. (5) Susan, born in 1879, graduated from the Seamstress School in Lancaster, and is now engaged in sewing. She is a young lady of genial character, a bright and

sparkling nature, and is a favorite among her many friends. (6) Mary, born in 1882, married Harry Neff, and lives at Safe Harbor, Lancaster county; she has one son, Raymond. (7) Anna, born in 1885, has her home in Quarryville. (8) Bessie was born in 1900. Mr. Swisher is a Democrat, and holds to the religious views of his ancestors, being a staunch and devoted member of the Mennonite Church. He and his wife are among the well-to-do and prosperous families of this county, where they are highly respected by their many friends for their good qualities, kind hearts and generous hospitality.

JOHN MILLER. For many years of his active life John Miller conducted a successful hat business in Lancaster, and identified himself with the various phases of city life which appeal directly to enterprising and progressive citizens. He was born in New Holland, Pa., Sept. 28, 1811, and died in Lancaster, Nov. 22, 1891. His father, another John Miller, was the parent of five children, his son, John, being third oldest. Adam is deceased; Henry is also deceased; Mary, Mrs. Staley, a widow, lives in Lancaster county; and Christina died in the West.

John Miller, Jr., was educated in the public schools, and in early life learned the hatter's trade, to which he devoted his energies in an independent capacity until 1881. After disposing of his business he became identified with the firm of David Shultz & Sons, made up of his brother-in-law and nephews, with whom he remained for the rest of his active life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in political affiliation a Republican.

On Dec. 28, 1854, Mr. Miller married, in New Holland, Elizabeth, daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Rickwine) Brubaker. Mrs. Miller was born in New Holland, May 28, 1817, and became the mother of John B. Miller, born in Lancaster, Aug. 24, 1856.

BENJAMIN H. NEFF, a well-known painter of Central Manor, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born on the old homestead in Manor township, Nov. 19, 1853. The family to which he belongs was founded in this country by his great-great-grandfather, Francis Neff, a native of Switzerland, who came to this country about the beginning of the eighteenth century, at the time when so many persecuted Mennonites located here. By occupation he was a farmer.

His son, Henry Neff, the great-grandfather of Benjamin H., was the first of the family to live on the old homestead in Manor township, having purchased the property from two Irishmen, and there he continued to engage in farming throughout life. To him and his wife, Elizabeth, were born four sons, one of whom was Henry Neff, Jr., our subject's grandfather, who was born on the old homestead and made his home there throughout life, being engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died in September, 1854, at the age of sixty-eight years. His

wife bore the maiden name of Susannah Neff. Benjamin Neff, our subject's father, never left the old homestead in Manor township where he was born. He was widely and favorably known, and on account of his honorable business methods and sound judgment was called upon to settle a large number of estates. He took an active interest in the affairs of his township and county and for eighteen years was an efficient member of the school board. He died in June, 1870, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was twice married, his first wife being Anna Hostetter, daughter of Ulrich Hostetter. She died in 1854, at the age of twenty-six years, leaving two sons, Cyrus and Benjamin H.

Cyrus Neff, the elder of these children, attended the common schools until eighteen years of age, and then followed farming eleven years, after which he took up school teaching and devoted his attention to that profession for three terms. While engaged in agricultural pursuits, he was a member of the school board six years, and in 1887 was elected auditor of Lancaster county, which position he was filling in a most creditable and satisfactory manner at the time of his death. He was a man of much more than ordinary ability and achieved considerable distinction. In politics he was a Republican and always took an active and prominent part in the affairs of his party. He died in 1890 at the age of thirty-eight years, and in his death the county lost one of its most valued citizens. He married Kate Lehman, a daughter of Rev. Benjamin Lehman, of Manor township, and to them were born eight children.

On the old home farm Benjamin H. Neff passed his boyhood and youth, and pursued his studies in the public schools of that locality. After his education was completed he followed farming until 1890, and has since engaged in the painting business with marked success. He takes quite an active and influential part in the affairs of his town, has filled the office of township clerk since 1892, and has been a member of the Republican county committee. In 1875 Mr. Neff was united in marriage with Miss Anna Forry, a daughter of Daniel Forry, and they now have three children, Willis, Elmer and Martha. The family are connected with the Mennonite Church and are highly respected and esteemed by all who know them.

EZRA B. FRITZ, farmer and tobacco dealer of Quarryville, was born in Lampeter township, June 22, 1845, his parents being Jacob and Hettie (Witmer) Fritz, of Lancaster county.

Jacob Fritz and his wife were born in Lancaster county, he in 1812, and she in 1818. After their marriage they settled in Strasburg, where he was employed in hotel work for two years. After that he moved to Millport, where he worked in a saw-mill for four years, and again moved to Lampeter township and took a farm, on which he remained several years. He then moved to Martinsville, Lancaster county, where he engaged in the lime business

for a number of years. In 1864 he bought a large tract of land in Drumore township, and occupied himself in farming until 1870, when he moved to Crawford, Iowa, where he lived until 1876. He then returned to Quarryville and lived a retired life for about ten years, and then moved to Lancaster City, where he remained until a short time before his death, which occurred in 1892. His worthy widow still resides in Lancaster City, at the ripe old age of eighty-four years. This couple had a family of three sons who grew to manhood: (1) J. W., the eldest, was born in 1839, and married Miss Becky McKinn, of Lancaster county. They lived for a time in Drumore township on a farm, and in 1870 moved to Denison, Crawford county, Iowa, where he lived on a farm until his death in 1879; his wife died in 1876, leaving four children, Enos, Hettie, Kirk and Sabina. (2) Newton H. was born in Lampeter township in 1848, was never married and died at Quarryville in young manhood. (3) Ezra B. is our subject.

Ezra B. Fritz was educated in the district schools of the county and engaged in farming during his younger life. In 1866 he married Miss Susan Hess, daughter of C. M. and Rebecca (Long) Hess, of an old and estimable Lancasterian family. Mrs. Fritz was born in 1851, in Drumore township, where she was reared and educated. Mr. Fritz located on his farm in Quarryville borough, and conducted it in connection with a butchering business for twenty-one years. He purchased the well-known C. M. Hess brick mansion and farm property, at Quarryville, and also took up the business of lime and lumber, which he engaged in for ten years. In 1893 he sold the business and erected a tobacco ware house and followed the tobacco trade, handling between five and six thousand tons of tobacco annually. He also dealt largely in baled hay, straw and grains. He owns 160 acres of fine farming land adjoining the borough of Quarryville. He also has a large mining and shipping iron ore enterprise, in Providence, which his sons manage for him.

Seven sons and two daughters have been born to Ezra B. Fritz and wife: Abram G. was born in Quarryville where he was reared and educated; he married Miss Lizzie Stafford, of Quarryville, and he has two children: Roy and Lizzie. He purchased the Sheriff Barkholder farm in Drumore township, where he still resides. Emma S. was born in Quarryville, and is unmarried. Albert H. married Miss Marion, daughter of Isaac Montgomery, of Quarryville; they reside in Quarryville, where he carries on a butchering business; they have no children. W. G. was born in Quarryville, and married Miss Georgie Wilson, of Wrightsville, York Co., Pa., and they have one daughter, Katie. They reside in Quarryville, where he is a contractor for water works. Esther was born in Quarryville, and is the wife of James Bell of Lancaster, a hatter of that city; they have no family. Newton N. was born in Quarryville, and is engaged with the Amer-

ican Bridge Co., at Niagara Falls, unmarried. Charles N. is unmarried and living at home. Ezra B. and J. J. were born in Quarryville.

In politics Mr. Fritz is a member of the Democratic party, and has been a member of the borough council. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Fritz is well-to-do and active in business life. He has for many years been an active factor in the affairs of the borough and is well thought of by his friends and neighbors.

LEWIS W. IRWIN. As an example of what may be accomplished by energy, industry and exemplary living, the successful career of Lewis W. Irwin may be cited, for he began life as a poor boy and now is reckoned among the leading and substantial men of his locality. His success has come through legitimate means, and it must be a source of pride and congratulation that he is a self-made man and has been able to attain to his present standing unaided. Mr. Irwin was born in Chester county, Pa., Jan. 25, 1853, a son of Andrew and Lizzie Irwin, both of whom were born and reared in Chester county.

By trade Andrew Irwin was a wheelwright, and he came of honest Scotch-Irish ancestry. Through some portions of Chester county he was well known as a skilled workman at his trade, which he followed there through life. He died in 1891, his widow surviving until 1897, her home having been with a daughter in Columbia. They reared a family of ten children, these being: (1) Thomas, born in Chester county, when a young man engaged on a whaling vessel going to New Zealand, and in that country he married. After some years of residence there he came back to America, locating at Wilmington, Del., where he followed the blacksmith trade for some years and later moved to Cumberland, Tenn., where he died in 1880, leaving a wife and three children. (2) John, born in Chester county, when a young man, enlisted for service in the Civil war, from his native county, and after its close, married and settled in Wilmington, Del., where both his wife and child died, some years ago. (3) James, born in Chester county, was a veteran of the Civil war, was three years in the service of his country as a volunteer, and then entered the regular army, and he died in the service, unmarried. (4) Charles, born in Chester county, also served through the Civil war and was one of the brave men killed at Charleston, S. C.; he was unmarried. (5) Benjamin, born in Chester county, learned the trade of carpenter, is unmarried, and lives on the old homestead. (6) Malcomb, born in Chester county, married and then settled in Wilmington, Del., where he died, leaving a family of two children. (7) Rebecca, born in Chester county, is the wife of Jefferson Kennedy, of Parkesburg, and they have one son, Charles. (8) Mary A., born in Chester county, is the wife of Benjamin Furguson, a resident of Mechanic's Grove, in Lancaster county, and their two children are,

Anna and Cecil. (9) Sallie, born in Chester county, married Samuel Mullen, of Columbia, where they reside, he being an engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, and their two children are Ralph, and Clara.

Lewis W. Irwin, who completes the above family of ten children, grew up in Chester county, where he learned the trade of blacksmith and then went to Cumberland county, Tenn., where he followed this business for a period of two years. Then he returned to his old home and engaged in work at Quarryville for some five years, when he opened up a shop at Running Pump, and did a thriving business there for four years. He then purchased a farm, and in connection with his farming operations, carried on work at his trade. Those were busy years for Mr. Irwin, and he was up early and late, never neglecting any duty, and by his industry accumulating considerable money. For fourteen years Mr. Irwin worked in this way.

In 1884, Mr. Irwin was united in marriage to the most estimable daughter of one of the leading citizens of Lancaster county, belonging to a family well and widely known. The lady of his choice was Miss Lizzie Myers, who was a daughter of Jacob and Susan Myers, and she was born in Lancaster county and was reared to fair young womanhood on the old homestead, in Eden township. She received a good, common school education, and was in every way fitted to be the capable helpmate for our subject.

In February, 1898, Mr. Irwin became the fortunate owner of what is locally known as the Samuel Shimp farm, which is located in Eden township, although it is on the line of Bart township. This consists of eighty acres of some of the best land in Lancaster county. It is well watered, advantageously situated, and the improvements made since his location here have added vastly to the place, not only in attractiveness, but also in material value. With his accustomed energy he completely renovated everything, and now his beautiful brick house stands in the midst of a fertile tract, while the huge bank barn testifies to the necessity for providing for an abundant yield. Mr. Irwin believes in many modern methods of farming, and his place is fitted with conveniences and sanitary arrangements not found in many larger estates.

To Mr. and Mrs. Irwin have been born a family consisting of two sons and one daughter, all three bright and intelligent students, namely: Jessie, born in January, 1885; Charles, born in Eden township, in 1887; and May, born in 1889. In his political faith, Mr. Irwin has never wavered from the Democratic party. Although he has never aspired to office, he was honored by President Grover Cleveland, by an appointment as postmaster at May, which duties he most efficiently performed. Through his own industry Mr. Irwin has become independent and prosperous, and has succeeded in gaining the esteem and confidence of all with whom

circumstances have thrown him. His cheerful persistence and constant industry have brought their reward, and he is now assured that his declining years may be those of ease, while he has been able to make proper provision for his loved ones.

JACOB W. HEISEY, a retired farmer in West Donegal township, was born on the farm adjoining his present residence, Feb. 18, 1838, and is a son of Henry B. and Catherine (Wolgemuth) Heisey. The parents were natives of Mt. Joy, and came to the farm where Jacob W. was born in 1834, and there they spent their remaining years.

Henry B. Heisey was born Aug. 26, 1808, and was an extensive farmer until some twenty years before his death, May 23, 1896. His wife, who was born Feb. 23, 1816, died Dec. 13, 1890, at the age of seventy-four years. They were laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill burying grounds, a part of the old homestead. Born to them were the following children: Barbara, deceased, who married J. B. Brene-man, and lived in McPherson, Kans.; Nancy, deceased, who married Christ. Miller, of Conoy township; Jacob W., whose name introduces this article; Catherine W., deceased wife of John B. Longenecker; Elizabeth W., deceased, who married F. W. Gantz; Susan W., who married C. D. Stauffer, now a retired farmer of Elizabethtown; Mary, Fanny and Henry, who all died in infancy; Solomon W. (deceased); and Daniel W., a farmer of West Donegal township.

The grandfather of Jacob W. Heisey was Daniel Heisey, who was a farmer all his days. At his death his remains were interred in Pleasant Hill cemetery. His children were: Jacob B., who married Lizzie L. Lehman; Daniel B.; Henry B., who married Catherine Wolgemuth; Barbara, wife of Peter Lehman; Elizabeth, wife of Michael Shenk. All are dead. The paternal great-grandparents spelled the name Heise, and came from Switzerland.

The maternal grandparents of Jacob W. Heisey were Daniel and Barbara (Witmer) Wolgemuth, farming people of Lancaster county. Daniel Wolgemuth died in Mt. Joy township, and the remains of himself and wife were buried in a private cemetery on their old farm. They had the following children: Joseph W., whose wife was a Nissley; Samuel, whose wife was Barbara Sherrer; Henry, whose wife was Fanny Brubaker; Barbara, the wife of Jacob Engle, died in January, 1901; Nancy, wife of Abraham Brubaker; Catherine, wife of Henry Heisey. All these are dead, but Barbara, the wife of Samuel, and Henry.

Jacob W. Heisey and Miss Fanny Longenecker were married in Lancaster, Nov. 28, 1858, by the Rev. J. J. Strine. They became the parents of the following family: Simon C., a farmer in West Donegal township, who married Anna Lindemuth; W. Scott, a farmer, merchant and lime manufacturer in Rheems, West Donegal township, whose biography occupies another page; Lizzie L., wife of

Ferris Landis, a farmer and the owner of a steam thrasher in West Donegal township; Harry L., of West Donegal township, who married Lizzie Lindemuth; Edward L., of West Donegal township, who married Anna Erb, and Christ. L., Samuel M. and Mary L., all living at home.

Mrs. Fanny (Longenecker) Heisey was born in West Donegal township, May 5, 1841, only child of Christian and Elizabeth (Berks) Longenecker, born on adjoining farms in Lancaster county. Her father, who was born Nov. 20, 1805, died Feb. 23, 1895, at almost ninety years of age; her mother, who was born Jan. 16, 1800, died Aug. 10, 1851, and they were laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. They were members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob W. Heisey remained at home with his parents until he became of age, when he rented the old homestead, and carried it on for nine years. At the end of that time he took part of the farm, on which he erected new buildings, and there he made his home for seventeen years, when he returned to the old homestead, remodelling the buildings with the intention of spending his remaining years there. Two years later, however, he removed to his present home, and here he is still living, full of years and honor. He was school director three years, and in his more active days one of the most influential citizens of the community. For some time Mr. Heisey has been nearly blind, but takes much interest in the affairs of the world about him. In politics he is a Prohibitionist, and in religion a member of the Brethren in Christ Church. His name deserves honorable mention in a work devoted to the leading men of Lancaster county.

JOHN W. PHILLIP (deceased) was in his life time a successful farmer in East Drumore township, Lancaster county, and was born in Colerain township, Oct. 2, 1845, a son of William and Mary J. (Lovett) Phillip, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, and who lived in Colerain township. Of their children the only son living is now in the West. Three of the daughters are still living: Margaret J., who is the wife of James Montgomery, of Eden township, and the mother of four children; Annie, the wife of Nelson Bunting, of Colerain township; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Hugh Penny, of Russellville, Chester county, and the mother of one daughter, Etta.

John W. Phillip grew to manhood under the care of his parents and became a farmer, to which work his life was devoted. In February, 1872, he was married to Mary L., a daughter of John and Rebecca (Northamber) Barkley, an old and prominent Lancaster county family. John Barkley was born in Colerain township, Feb. 12, 1818, and was the son of James Barkley, who was of Scotch-Irish parentage. John Barkley was settled for a time after his marriage at Peach Bottom, Lancaster county, and then removed to his present home in Colerain township, where he is still living at an advanced

age. His wife died in 1892, leaving two sons and three daughters.

Mrs. Phillip, who is the eldest of her father's family, was born in December, 1849, and was reared to womanhood under the parental roof in Colerain township, where she married Mr. Phillip. They located on one of his father's farms in Colerain township, where they remained for eighteen years. For three years they lived in Bart township, and then buying the Hines farm in East Drumore township, made that their home as long as he lived. His death came in September, 1896. His widow is still living on the farm.

Mr. Phillip was not only a successful farmer and an industrious man, but his character and integrity commanded the respect and retained the confidence and esteem of the community. For several years he was one of the trustees and the superintendent of the Sunday-school of the Methodist Church, of which he was a devout member. In politics he was a Republican, and an active worker in the interests of his party.

To Mr. and Mrs. Phillip were born the following family: Grace, born in December, 1873, who is unmarried, and lives at home with her mother; Cora B., November, 1874, who married Harry Shirk, a farmer of Colerain township; Harry B., Aug. 31, 1876, who manages the farm for his mother; Anna M., October, 1877, who is the wife of John Whitman, and lives with her husband in East Drumore township; Walter W., November, 1882, who is unmarried and at home, as is his brother, Charles L., born in April, 1884; George Blair, born Aug. 7, 1890, was killed by a runaway team in May, 1900.

The following are the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Phillip: Nancy, who married Emanuel Waltman, of Chester county, and is the mother of Roy, Clyde, Ada, Flossie and Sarah; William J., who died when a young man; John, a farmer in Chester county, who married Miss Mary Clinton, and has the following family, Freeland, Ruth, Marion and Helen; A. S., a farmer in Chester county, who married Anna Pickel, and has one son, John; Clara, who is the wife of Emmett Hinness, of Chester county, and is the mother of John and Delia.

John W. Phillip served as a member of Co. D, 195th P. V. I., and shared the fortunes of his regiment until the close of the war. His honorable discharge was given him at Washington in January, 1866. Mr. Phillip was a man highly esteemed in the community, where he was loved and respected for his many good and manly qualities.

AARON HUBER. One of the most popular and highly esteemed members of the old and honored Huber family, of West Lampeter township, Lancaster county, is Aaron Huber, the owner and operator of one of the best appointed farms in that locality. Aaron Huber was born in December, 1854, a son of Christian and Ann (Harnish) Huber, was

reared on the old homestead, and received his education in the public schools of his district.

After completing his schooling, he went to work on his father's farm, remaining under the home roof until he was thirty years old. He then began operations for himself on a desirable tract of twenty acres, where he carries on general farming. His ideas are progressive and his land shows that it is managed in a scientific way, and yields very satisfactory returns. A staunch Republican, he has taken an active interest in the advance of his party, but never consents to accept office at its hands. Mr. Huber is a bachelor, but while not held by domestic ties, he is one of the most popular residents in the neighborhood, and one of the most satisfactory and substantial citizens of West Lampeter township.

HENRY RINIER. There are few men in Quarryville, Lancaster county, Pa., who have passed through the vicissitudes of fortune and war that have come to the subject of our sketch, since his early manhood. From a modest farmer to a patriotic soldier, fighting for the Union under Grant, amid the most active events of the campaign, from a soldier, returning to his home with honors, to a citizen identified with the best interests of his county and State, Mr. Rinier has born himself with credit to the name he bears. At the same time Mr. Rinier has furnished a practical example to the younger generation of men who may be handicapped as he was in his youth by lack of opportunity. Mr. Rinier is a self-educated, self-made man, as will appear later in the sketch.

Henry Rinier was born in Colerain township, Aug. 4, 1827. His parents were Asa and Nancy (Stewart) Rinier. Asa Rinier was born in West Drumore, Lancaster county, in 1798, and his wife was born in East Drumore in 1801. Asa Rinier was the son of Joseph and Polly Rinier, who were born in New Jersey. Joseph Rinier was the son of Joshua Rinier, whose parents were French. On the maternal side of our subject—the Stewarts, Nancy was the only child of William and Mary Stewart, who came to this country from Ireland, and settled in Bart township, Lancaster county, in 1784.

Joseph Rinier, our subject's grandfather, first settled, as far as is known, in West Drumore in 1780, where he lived and died, leaving a family, as follows: Jesse, Samuel, Peter, Asa (the father of our subject), Joseph, Stacy, John, George and Lydia (who became the wife of Jacob Peters, who lived and died in Manor township, Lancaster county). Asa Rinier grew up in East Drumore and in 1820, married Miss Nancy Stewart, a daughter of William Stewart, a man of fine education, who was one of the first school teachers in this section. Asa Rinier and wife first settled in West Drumore. Here they lived for a time, later moving to Colerain, and eventually to Conestoga township, where he died at the home of his son Joseph, in 1882. His wife died in 1849. Asa Rinier was a member of the M. E. Church,

while his wife had always adhered to the Dunkard Church. In politics he was a stanch Democrat. They raised a large family, of which Rev. Daniel, the eldest, was born in 1822, and as a young man married Elizabeth Beech, of Lancaster county. After fitting himself for the ministry he located in his home county, where he is still preaching. John, born in 1825, married Miss Martha Hinet, and is now a resident of Manor township; he is a stone mason by trade. Mary A., born in 1829, is the deceased wife of John O'Brian; they resided in Lancaster county, where she left a large family. Joseph, born in 1832, was a soldier in the Civil war; he married Miss Snyder, of Lancaster county, and they now live in Martic township. Hiram and Alfred were twins, of whom Alfred died in childhood, while Hiram, who was a soldier in the Civil war, married a lady of Lancaster county, and now resides in Martic township with a large family. William, born in Lancaster county in 1836, enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war, was taken prisoner at Cold Harbor, and died in Andersonville prison in 1863.

Henry Rinier, our subject, grew to manhood in Lancaster county, and received a very limited education. Recognizing the value of an education later in life, he applied himself assiduously to books, and as the result of thorough study, he is now a well informed man on all subjects, particularly the history of this and foreign lands. As a young man he engaged in farming, and hauling ore. In 1851 he married Miss Julia A. Rinier, the daughter of George and Susan (Fondersmith) Rinier, one of Lancaster county's old pioneer families. Mrs. Rinier was born in 1830, in Strasburg township, where she grew to womanhood. Our subject settled in the town of Quarryville in 1852, and has continued his residence there to the present time, being engaged largely in the line business. During the Civil war he enlisted in the 3rd Heavy Artillery, stationed at Fortress Monroe. Later he was transferred to the 88th P. V. I., under General Grant. Here he remained until the war closed in 1865. During the exciting period of the war, our subject saw much active service. His company was engaged at different times with Mosby's guerrillas. He was on duty at Richmond and other important places. At the close of the war he was mustered out at Fortress Monroe and he hastened home to his wife and family. Our subject is the father of two daughters. Elmyra, the eldest, born in October, 1852, is now the wife of Benjamin Swinehart, a farmer of Colerain township. They have four children, Daisy, the eldest, was raised by our subject and his wife. She is single and resides in Lancaster county. The other children are Conrad, Charles and Annie, who have remained with their parents. Susan, born in Quarryville in 1855, was educated in the public schools of that town, and is now the wife of Frank Waltman, of Quarryville. They have six children, Effie (the wife of Irwin Ramsey, of Eden township), Annie, Harris, Wayne, Herbert and Abbie.

Politically Mr. Rinier was brought up a Democrat, but affiliated with the Republican party. He may be counted among the independent voters. Religiously both he and his wife are devout members of the M. E. Church. Ambition, experience and earnest endeavor have been the qualities of mind that have moulded the life of our subject, and endeared him to the people of his town and county. His uprightness of character and his many virtues have given him a place among the intellectual people of Lancaster county. Few men there are who, lacking opportunity, have forged their way to the front by dint of perseverance. As a great reader in a wide range of subjects, and as a keen observer of men and events, Mr. Rinier merits the credit and esteem which are accorded him by his fellow towns people. He has lived a retiring, unassuming life, but always ready to bear his share of the burdens and ever ready to help others.

ISAIAH F. HESS, a successful young farmer of Manor township, but a carpenter by trade, with his residence a mile and a half north of Safe Harbor, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 23, 1860, in the township where he still resides, and is a son of Jacob and Margaret (Frey) Hess, of well-known Lancaster county families.

At the age of twenty years, Isaiah F. Hess, who had been reared on a farm near Creswell, Pa., and had been educated in the public schools, rented land on which he farmed for ten years, in the meantime working at his trade, which he had learned from his father. By following carpenter work and raising tobacco on his rented land, Mr. Hess was able in 1890 to purchase thirty-nine acres of good farming land on which he does general farming, taking besides an occasional contract at carpenter work.

In 1880 Isaiah F. Hess married Miss Emma Manning, daughter of Adam K. and Annie (Funk) Manning, and this union has been blessed with two children, viz., Jacob M., born April 6, 1881; and Annie M., born July 28, 1883. The family worship at the United Brethren Church, of which Mr. Hess has been a member for more than twenty years and is at present a class leader.

David Hess, the great-grandfather of Isaiah F. Hess, was born in Germany, was a farmer in Conestoga township, Lancaster county, and reared a family of three children, John, David and Michael. Michael Hess, the youngest of these three, was the grandfather of Isaiah F., and was a hotel keeper by vocation the greater part of his life. Michael Hess married Miss Mary Rothran, who bore him eight children, of whom five reached mature years, viz.: Daniel, John and David, all now deceased; Michael, of Illinois; and Jacob.

Jacob Hess, father of Isaiah F. Hess, was born Oct. 31, 1822, in Conestoga township, where he learned the carpenter's trade at which he worked until 1865, then enlisted for the Civil war in the Union army, but, the war being brought to a close,

was discharged in 1866 and next engaged in farming in Manor township. To the marriage of Jacob Hess and Margaret Frey, daughter of Frederick Frey, have been born eleven children, viz.: Mary, widow of Christ Kline, living in Illinois; Josiah, deceased; Christiann, wife of Christ Deitrich, of Manor township; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Kindig, of the same township; Isaiah F.; Amanda and Mattie, unmarried; and four that died in infancy. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church and are among the most respected and substantial residents of Manor township.

HENRY PHILLIPS. Perhaps no resident of Quarryville, Lancaster county, has more personal, attached friends than has Henry Phillips. The elements of character which win confidence and high regard, are possessed by him, in the highest degree. Mr. Phillips is a man of moral worth, of integrity of character, a friend to be depended upon, and one whose exemplary life is an example to others, although quiet and entirely unobtrusive.

The birth of Henry Phillips was in the township of East Drumore, July 29, 1842, and he was a son of Michael and Hannah (Harmon) Phillips, both of whom were born in Lancaster county, the former being the son of Henry and Margaret Phillips, who, although born in this county, came of German ancestry.

Henry Phillips, the grandfather, first settled at Conewingo Furnace, in this county, managing here for a number of years for James Hopkins, and both he and wife died at this place. Their children were: Michael, father of Henry; Katie, who died unmarried; Henry, deceased, who settled in East Drumore township and was a carpenter by trade; Miss Nancy, a resident of East Drumore township; Jacob, deceased, who settled in Philadelphia, where he was a moulder by trade, and reared a family; Mrs. James McMichael, deceased; Betsey, deceased, was the wife of George Shaub, of Quarryville; Polly, deceased, the wife of Jacob Shaub, a farmer of East Drumore township; Lydia, deceased, wife of Jacob Brown, of Lancaster city; and Susan, wife of Jacob Barr, of East Drumore township.

Michael Phillips, son of Henry, and father of Henry, of this sketch, was given the best possible schooling in his locality, and started out in life as a tailor, learning the trade while still a young man. His marriage was to Miss Hannah Harmon, who was a daughter of Henry Harmon, one of the wealthy and prominent farmer citizens of East Drumore township. After marriage Mr. Phillips and wife settled in East Drumore township where, in connection with work at his trade, he carried on farming, purchasing an estate in this township. In later years he removed to Quarryville, where he engaged in work at his trade until within a few years of his death; his wife had passed away prior to the Civil war. Both parents were worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church, consistent Christian

people. The family of children born to Michael Phillips numbered ten: Mary, the eldest, suffered death in childhood from burns; James died in childhood; Jacob, born in East Drumore township, grew to manhood, served faithfully in a Pennsylvania regiment through the Civil war, and after its close came home and was married to Margaret Redman, of Lancaster county, and they settled on a farm in East Drumore township, where he died, leaving a wife and family who now reside in Colerain township; John learned the tailor trade and worked at it until twenty-six years of age, when he died in Quarryville; Anna, who is the widow of Joseph Shaub, resides with her family in East Drumore township; Henry is the sixth in the order of birth; Benjamin, born on the old homestead, enlisted for service in the Civil war, was wounded in one of the early battles, was later transferred to one of the gunboats, veteranized in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., and served until the close of the war, when he moved to Carroll county, Va., where he married a Miss Graham, and where he is now engaged in contracting and building, having become one of the substantial men of that county; Susan, born in this county, is the wife of James Fry, and resides in East Drumore township; Elizabeth, born in East Drumore, is the wife of John Lundy, of Reading, Pa., and Michael, the youngest, is a cigar-maker of Lancaster City, married Miss Mary Killion, of Lancaster, and has no family.

Henry Phillips received but limited education, leaving school to enter upon his apprenticeship under his father in the tailoring business. In 1859 he was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Groff, the estimable daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Myers) Groff, both of these families being prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Lancaster county. The birth of Mrs. Phillips was in East Drumore township in 1842, and here she grew to womanhood, obtaining her education in the common schools of Lancaster county. The children born to this union were: Fannie and Susan, both of whom died in childhood; Joseph, who married Miss Ida Sutter, a daughter of Lorin Sutter of this village, follows the trade of shoemaker in Quarryville, and has one daughter, Anna, who is a student; and Charles G., the youngest of the family, is now a printer in the office of the Quarryville *Sun*, unmarried.

After marriage, our subject and wife settled in Quarryville, where he engaged in his tailoring business. At the outbreak of the Civil war, Mr. Phillips was one of the first loyal citizens to offer his services to his country, enlisting in Co. D, 195th P. V. I., serving faithfully until the close of the war, in the Army of the Potomac, and was honorably discharged. Returning to his home, Mr. Phillips resumed his merchant tailoring and has continued to prosper ever since.

Politically, Mr. Phillips has always supported the Republican party, and has efficiently performed the duties of tax-collector for his borough. So-

cially, he is a member of Post No. 511, G. A. R., of Quarryville, in which he holds official position. Both Mr. Phillips and family are active members of the M. E. Church of Quarryville, in which he has long been a trustee, for many years the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school and for the last eighteen years has been the leader of the church choir.

Henry Phillips is one of Quarryville's most respected and influential citizens, in business as well as church work. His charities have been large, his interest in public affairs constant, and his neighborly kindness has won him the affection and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

BENJAMIN K. ESHLEMAN. It is rare in American communities to find a family in which for generation after generation the father has taught his trade to his son, and where in each case the proficiency of the learner has been the theme of general comment and admiration. Such, however, has been the exceptional history of the Eshlemans, who for more than a century have been among the most highly esteemed citizens of the locality in which they have resided.

Henry Eshleman, the great-grandfather of Benjamin K., was a blacksmith, of sturdy strength and strong sinews, who carried on his trade at Cromwell, where he owned forty acres of land. He was the father of three sons, Jacob, John and Henry, and two daughters. Of the latter, one married a Hawthorne and the other a Kline. John, the second son, was the grandfather of Benjamin K. Eshleman. He learned his father's trade and worked at it throughout his life. In 1811 he put up a new shop and built a large dwelling of sawed logs, in which he intended to keep a tavern; this business, however, was not to his taste, and the house, which became the family homestead, is now the residence of Benjamin K. Toward the close of his life he gave up active work at his trade and devoted himself to farming upon the thirty-six acres of land which he owned. He was one of the founders of the Evangelical Church at Cromwell, donating the land for the site of the church building; he was also one of the denomination's exhorters. During the war of the Revolution he was drafted as a soldier and for a short time did military service in the patriot army. He was twice married, his first wife being Susan Bender and his second Catherine Dickey. Of the second marriage there was no issue, but by his first he became the father of eleven children: John, Jacob (the father of Mr. Benjamin K. Eshleman), Henry, Martin, Elizabeth, Susan, Mary, Catherine, Anna, Martha and Fannie.

Jacob Eshleman was born in 1807. He learned the trade followed by his father and grandfather and in 1830 opened a smithy of his own. In 1851 he bought his father's shop, which he conducted until 1860, when, upon the marriage of his son, Benjamin K., he surrendered the business to him, retiring to his thirty-six acre farm, which he continued

to cultivate until his death, in 1887. He, too, was an earnest and active member of the Evangelical Church. He married Catherine, a daughter of Michael Kauffman, who bore him nine children, of whom Benjamin K. was the third in the order of birth, the eldest son. The others were Mary Ann, Fannie, Jacob, Susan, Elizabeth, Adeline, Amanda and Isaiah. Mary Ann married David Burkley; Fannie became Mrs. John Binkley; Jacob died in childhood; Susan married Abraham Hershey; Elizabeth, Benjamin Erb; Adeline, Daniel Frey; and Amanda, Jacob Kauffman. Isaiah was a school teacher and died unmarried. After the death of his first wife, Jacob Eshleman married Elizabeth Lev-enite.

Benjamin K. Eshleman learned the ancestral trade, and became an excellent machinist. His grandfather and father had both made wagons, and he continued the manufacture, the output of the shop being conceded to be the best in the county. It was in 1860, shortly after his marriage, as has been already said, that he took possession of the old shop in which his father and grandfather had toiled so hard, so long and so well. In 1885 he purchased his father's thirty-six acres, and he and his wife own six acres besides. In addition to the conduct of his shop and farm, he has dealt successfully to some extent in horses. While largely self-made, his intercourse with the world has sharpened his perceptive power and broadened his comprehension. He may be said to be sympathetic without being gullible, shrewd yet broad minded; gentle yet strong. He has served on the school board several years.

Mrs. Eshleman's maiden name was Mary Hershey. She was a daughter of Abraham and Magdalena (Martin) Hershey, and was born in 1836, in the neighborhood of Cromwell. Five children have been born to herself and her husband, who were married in 1860: Anna M., who died in infancy; Abraham, Alice and Elizabeth, who live with their parents; Benjamin, a farmer, who married Anna Kendig, and is the father of one son, Edward. He was educated at the State Normal School at Millersville, and for two years taught school in Lancaster county. The family are members of the United Evangelical Church, Mr. Benjamin K. Eshleman being one of the society's trustees.

MARTIN METZROTH was born in Lancaster, Pa., in June, 1854, and died May 22, 1900.

Anthony and Barbara (Rowe) Metzroth, his parents, were born in Germany, and were married in Lancaster. The father died in 1884, at the age of fifty-six years; and the mother in 1896, at the age of seventy-five years. They were buried in Zion and St. Joseph cemeteries, in Lancaster. The father was a successful business man, and conducted a bakery in Lancaster for thirty-five years. In his politics he was a Democrat. To him and his wife were born: Martin; Mary, the wife of Jacob

Brownsworth, a barber in Lancaster; Anthony, who was associated with his father, is now managing the business which he established, and married Elizabeth Herzog, the sister of Mrs. Martin Metzroth; and Charlotte and Elizabeth, who died young. Anthony Metzroth was a member of several fraternal orders at the time of his death, and was highly esteemed in the community.

Martin Metzroth and Amelie Herzog were married May 18, 1876, and to their union was born one daughter, Mary E., who is now at home with her mother.

Mrs. Amelie (Herzog) Metzroth was born in Lancaster, Pa., a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Gardner) Herzog, both natives of Baden, Germany. The mother came to America in 1854, and settled in Lancaster. The father was the proprietor and manager of a hotel in Lancaster for many years after his return from the army. The hotel business impaired his health and he was compelled to give it up. A successful speculator, he became quite prosperous in his closing years. He also carried on a grocery store for some time, which paid him well. Mr. Herzog belonged to the I. O. O. F., and the Red Men. Politically he was a Republican. His death occurred in 1872, when he was forty-eight years of age. The mother, who was born June 22, 1823, is now living in Lancaster. They had the following children: Catherine, late wife of John Koutz; Thomas, who is unmarried, and makes his home with his mother; Mary, the wife of Andrew J. Huffnagle, of Lancaster, Pa.; Caroline, wife of Martin Muller, a cigar manufacturer at Quakertown, Pa.; Elizabeth, the wife of Anthony Metzroth; Amelie; Catherine, the wife of Chester Hubly, a traveling salesman, of Collingwood, New Jersey.

Martin Metzroth served a thorough apprenticeship at the baking trade under his father's instructions, with whom he remained until his marriage, when he came to Lancaster, to operate the "Spring Garden Hotel," the property of his wife's father. There he remained for six years, and in 1885, established himself in Florin, and until his death carried on the hotel, where his wife now resides. In his politics he was a Democrat, and he was a member of the Red Men and the Mystic Chain.

In Florin he held a good position in the community, where he was known as the proprietor of a good hotel, and as a man who did business in a thoroughly practical and satisfactory manner. Mr. Metzroth had many warm friends and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

ISAAC DILLER, a well-known farmer of Leacock township, where his good qualities and industrious habits have long commanded the recognition and respect of the community, was born in Salisbury township Oct. 12, 1835, son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bashore) Diller.

Isaac Diller was a farmer, and died in 1871, at the age of sixty-five years; his widow died in 1874,

at the age of seventy-five. Both were buried in Rowland's Church cemetery. The following children were born to them: Mary A., the widow of George Worst, of Paradise township; Daniel and George, both deceased; Margaret, widow of Christ. Eby, living in Salisbury township; and Isaac, whose name appears above. The paternal grandparents of Isaac Diller were George and Susannah (Sprecker) Diller, both of Lancaster county. His maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bashore, of Lancaster county, moved to Adams county, where they lived and died.

Isaac Diller was married in 1865, in Salisbury township, to Josephine, daughter of Isaac and Rebecca (Brooks) Walker. Mrs. Diller was born in Sadsbury township, and died in 1873, at the age of thirty-two years. She was the mother of the following children: Anna L., who is unmarried, and makes her home with her father; Isaac W., who married Lizzie Skiles, by whom he has four children, and who is in the livery business at Christiana, Pa.; and Coleman, a farmer of Leacock township, who married Alice Carpenter, by whom he has one child. Isaac Walker, who was a merchant at Gap, Pa., died in 1896. His widow died in 1898. Both were buried in the old Quaker cemetery in Sadsbury township, both having been Friends in religion. He was a merchant twelve years, and a farmer prior to that time. Mr. and Mrs. Walker had children: Josephine; Mary L., who married John Roberts, and lives in Texas; Anna M., who died unmarried; James, an attorney at Lancaster; Esther, married to Diller Worst, of Chester county, Pa.; Sarah J., married to Harry Hershey, of Philadelphia; and Louis, a merchant in Sadsbury township, who has his father's old store.

Isaac Diller lived with his parents until his marriage, when he began farming on the old homestead in Salisbury, where he remained until the death of his wife. After that he was engaged as a cattle drover at Intercourse some twelve years, at the expiration of that period resuming farming operations in Leacock township, which he has very successfully followed to the present time. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Pythias, and in politics he is a Democrat. Mr. Diller stands well in the community, and has accumulated a very good fortune, the reward of thrift, industry and business ability combined in a degree not at all common.

ISAAC M. BOWMAN. Lancaster county has among its reliable and substantial citizens, many who have won their ease and prominence through their own unassisted efforts, and one of these is Isaac M. Bowman, who is respected and esteemed by his community and valued for his worth as an honest citizen. He was born in Strasburg township, in July, 1836, a son of Isaac and Annie (Musser) Bowman, well known residents of the county.

Isaac Bowman was born in New Holland, in Lancaster county, and his wife came from one of the

old and leading families of Cumberland county, Pa. For eight years after marriage, Isaac Bowman resided in Strasburg township, and then removed to a farm located in Eden township, this place being his home for a period of twenty years, his next change being as years were creeping on, to the home of his son, Isaac, in Camargo; and there, with filial care and affection surrounding him, he died in 1879. Some two years prior to this, his wife had passed out of life. She had been a most devoted member of the Mennonite Church, her lovely Christian life exemplifying the faith taught by the pious teachers of this unworldly order. To Isaac Bowman and wife a family of nine children was born, these being: John, a resident of New Providence; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years, just as she was blooming into fair womanhood; Henry, born in Lancaster county, and now a farmer in Dauphin county, who married Miss Annie Bowman, and they have one son, Frank; Susan, who married George Benedict, of Lancaster City, and died leaving a family of four children to mourn the loss of a most devoted mother; Joseph, who married Miss Laura Grush, of Strasburg, and resides in Philadelphia, where he is engaged in work at his trade of cabinetmaker; Amanda, who married Isaac Groff, of this county, and has a family of six children; Benjamin, who died when a young man; Annie, who is the wife of Rev. Abraham Brubaker, of West Lampeter township; and our subject, Isaac M.

Reared under the careful eye of a good and pious mother, and given a good, common school education, Mr. Bowman of this sketch was not badly equipped for beginning life. His first move was a wise one, as he early decided to learn the shoemaker trade and thus be able to make an honorable living, no matter what misfortune might overtake him. His teacher was the well known Isaac Myers, Esq., who later moved to Ohio, and died some years ago. Mr. Bowman worked industriously at his trade, in the village of Camargo, prospered and bought a home there, made many friends, and some years after was able to purchase a tract of land in this locality, and built upon it one of the most attractive and comfortable residences in the village. This the family has occupied ever since.

The marriage of Mr. Bowman to Miss Charlotte Alexander, was celebrated in 1859. She was the estimable daughter of James and Martha Alexander, this family being one of the leading pioneer ones of Lancaster county. The birth of Mrs. Bowman was in Eden township, in 1837, and her companionship was given our subject until 1881, when she was called from earth, having been a devoted wife and a loving mother. The children of this union numbered seven, as follows: Freeland, born in Eden township, when grown to maturity, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, and is engaged there in a mercantile establishment; he married and has one daughter, Gladys. Harry, born in 1863, is a telegraph operator, in Atlantic City; he married

Miss Katie Yager of this county. Edward, born in 1865, is located at Harrisburg, where he is engaged in railroading, on the Pennsylvania Railroad; he married Ida Fraley, and their three children are Clara, Freeland and Elwood. Ada N. died in childhood. Abbie, born in 1869, is the wife of Thomas Edwards, ticket agent at Mount Hope, this county, and their five children are, Edna, Charles, Mable, Percy and Jay. Frank, born in 1871, married Miss Jessie Longmaker, of this county, by whom he has three children, and they now reside on his farm in Lampeter township. Martin, born in 1874, married Miss Emma Rohrer, of Strasburg, and they live in Providence township, on a farm; their two children are, Isaac and Elsie. Mr. Bowman takes great pride and comfort in these most estimable children and in the host of intelligent grandchildren, all of whom give him honor and respect.

In politics Mr. Bowman has, for many years, been thoroughly identified with the Republican party, and in religious matters he is of the Mennonite faith. During late years Mr. Bowman has been giving attention to truck and fruit raising for the Lancaster city market, and he has been eminently successful. Starting out in life with very limited means, by his energy and industry, he has accumulated much more than a competency. His life has been filled with kind deeds to others, his character is one of integrity, and his circle of both private and business friends is very large.

CHRISTIAN MYERS, deceased. During a long and useful life Christian Myers stood for all that was best in both private and public life in his community. Mr. Myers belonged to one of the oldest and most honored of the pioneer families of Lancaster county, having been a son of Jacob and Susan Myers.

Christian Myers was a product of Eden township, where he was born in March, 1834, and there he lived, esteemed and respected by those who had known him longest and best, until the date of his death, Nov. 6, 1898. His home was on the old homestead, which was his property for many years prior to his decease, at which time he owned also much other valuable land.

Christian Myers was married in December, 1882, to Miss Ella Pickle, who was born in December, 1862, in Bart township, the estimable daughter of Josiah and Amanda (Baughman) Pickle, her family being one of the old and prominent ones of the county. Josiah Pickle was born in Bart township in November, 1831, and his wife was also born in Bart township, in 1837, daughter of Peter and Amelia Baughman. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Myers was Peter Pickle, who married Mary A. Hidlebaugh, and they settled on a farm in Bart township, where the family home was founded. The mother of Mrs. Myers died in 1885, leaving her husband with four children, namely: Edwin, who was born in 1860, married Miss Ida Mendenall, of

Chester county, and they reside in West Grove, Chester Co., Pa.; they have one daughter,—Ruth. Josiah B., born in 1866, married Miss Mary Hines, of Colerain township, and they reside on his farm in Kirkwood; they have two children, Melvin and Lulie. Minnie, who was born in 1868, is the wife of George Hines, and they live in Bart township; they have no family. Ella is Mrs. Myers. Mr. Pickle is one of the most substantial and highly esteemed citizens of Bart township, where the family has been prominent many years. For thirty years he has been one of the leading members of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Myers is a lady of education, good judgment and many admirable qualities, and is widely and favorably known through this community. Her residence is on one of the fine farms near the old homestead. Her family consists of three children: George, born in 1885; Ada, born in 1886; and Clara, born in 1892. All are students in the home schools, bright, intelligent and affectionate children, of whom Mrs. Myers has every reason to feel proud.

JACOB R. GISH, a retired farmer and a prominent citizen of West Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born in that township, Nov. 24, 1837, a son of John and Anna (Risser) Gish, natives of West Donegal township, and Dauphin county, respectively. The father, who was a farmer all his days, died on his old homestead in 1877, at the age of seventy-seven years; the mother died in December, 1896, at the age of eighty-nine years; both were buried in the Longenecker Mennonite Church cemetery in West Donegal township. Born to them were the following children: Peter, a farmer and a miller in West Donegal township; Abraham, deceased; Jacob R.; John, David and Anna, all deceased; Samuel, engaged in the tillage of the old homestead.

The paternal grandparents of Jacob R. Gish were Abraham and Elizabeth (Longenecker) Gish, born and reared in Lancaster county, where their lives were spent. They came of Swiss stock. The maternal grandfather of Jacob R. Gish was Peter Risser, a farmer and miller.

Jacob R. Gish was married Jan. 10, 1861, in Lebanon, Pa., to Elizabeth Rutt, and to them were born the following children: Abraham, who married Amanda Hershey, and is in the implement business in Elizabethtown; Henry, at home, unmarried; Catherine, married to Amos Herr, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Emma, married to Steven Lindemuth, a farmer in East Donegal township; Enos, who died young; Amos R., in the implement business, and a sketch of whom is given elsewhere; Levi, at home.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Rutt) Gish was born in West Donegal township, Jan. 10, 1842, a daughter of Abraham and Catherine (Hernley) Rutt. Her parents were both born on the farm where their active

years were spent. The father was a farmer and actively pursued that calling until five years before his death, Oct. 26, 1897, being over seventy-eight years old at the time of his death. Her mother died Jan. 31, 1896, at the age of seventy-seven years, and both were buried in Longenecker's cemetery. They were members of the Mennonite Church. To them were born the following children: Elizabeth; Henry, who died at the age of three years; and Abraham, who died in infancy.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Elizabeth Gish were Henry and Elizabeth (Weaver) Rutt, both born in Lancaster county, where their lives were spent, and where the grandfather followed farming and blacksmithing. Her maternal grandparents were John and Susan (Kinsey) Hernley, also natives of Lancaster county.

Jacob R. Gish spent the years of his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, and when he reached his maturity he rented the farm where he is found today, and worked it on shares for ten years; then he bought it, and has become one of the solid and successful farmers of that part of the county. Prominent and progressive in his farming, he is alert and wide-awake to the world around him. In his politics he is a Republican, and exercises considerable influence in local affairs.

LEVI H. BRACKBILL, a general farmer and highly respected citizen of Salisbury township, was born Aug. 18, 1858, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Metzler) Brackbill.

As long as his parents lived Mr. Brackbill remained at home. His education was acquired in the common schools and as a boy he became accustomed to duties on the farm during the busy seasons. After the family had been separated on account of the death of the parents, Levi H. went to live with his uncle Abraham Metzler, for whom he worked for two years, going then on the Peter Hershey farm for two years. Being strong, willing and capable, the young man had no difficulty in finding employment with neighboring farmers, and twelve years of his life thus passed away, six of these being spent with his brother, Rev. Christian Brackbill. With all of this valuable experience Mr. Brackbill was able to enter intelligently upon the operation of his own farm, on which he has remained ever since. There he has been very successful, and he is regarded in Salisbury township as one of its excellent and progressive farmers. In politics Mr. Brackbill is identified with the Republican party. His religious membership is with the Mennonite Church.

On Nov. 21, 1883, in New Holland, Mr. Brackbill was married to Miss Susan Ranck and to this union the following children have been born: Benjamin R., Bertha M., Anna E., Parke R. and Elsa S. Mrs. Brackbill was born Nov. 16, 1863, in Paradise township, daughter of Benjamin and Lydia (Hershey) Ranck, natives of Lancaster county.

They now reside in Paradise township where Mr. Ranck has long occupied a position of prominence. He is a farmer of standing in that township and for many years has been a valued member of the school board. Mr. Ranck was born Dec. 28, 1838, and his wife Dec. 13, 1843. They are leading members of the Mennonite Church. In politics Mr. Ranck supports the Republican party. Their family consisted of these members: Abraham, deceased, who married Susan Kreider; Susan, the wife of Mr. Brackbill; Harry, a farmer in Paradise township, who married Anna Stoner; Ellen, married to Tobias Kreider, who is a farmer in East Lampeter township; Anna, married to Martin Kreider, a farmer in East Lampeter township; Benjamin, who died young; Jacob, a farmer in Paradise township, who married Frances Kreider; Jesse, also a farmer in Paradise township, married to Elizabeth Keaner; Christian, a painter living near Philadelphia; and Cora, Ida, John, Amos, Esther, Cecelia and Park, all at home.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Brackbill were Jacob and Susan (Leaman) Ranck, natives of Lancaster county, but of Swiss ancestry. The maternal grandparents also were of Swiss origin and were Abraham and Barbara (Eby) Hershey, of Lancaster county.

ALBERT HILLER ESHLEMAN, house painting and decorating contractor, with office and warehouse at No. 52 North Christian street, Lancaster, comes from a north of France Huguenot family, which emigrated to America in 1767. They were agriculturists and settled in Lampeter township, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania.

Martin Eshleman, grandfather of Mr. Eshleman, was born in Martic township, and in 1847 removed to Indiana, where he acquired extensive mill and real estate interests along the Wabash river. Both he and his wife died in Indiana. Samuel Eshleman, their son, and the father of the subject of this sketch, returned as a boy to Pennsylvania, making his home at Marticville, this county. After quitting school he learned the trade of cabinetmaking and painting. He married Miss Mary Hiller, daughter of Jacob and Anna Hiller, now deceased, and sister of Casper Hiller, for years a prominent member of the Lancaster County Agricultural Society. Thirteen children, nine of whom are living, were born to this union: Albert Hiller, of Lancaster; John C., a house painter, of Philadelphia; Laura, widow of William Makinson, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth, wife of Frank Simpson (Simpson Bros., plumbers), of Lancaster; Paul Sherman, a cigar-maker of Lancaster; Flora, of Philadelphia; Lottie, at home with her mother; Edward, a house painter in the employ of his brother Albert H.; and Perry, who is engaged in the Hamilton Watch factory.

Albert Hiller Eshleman was born near New Danville, Lancaster county, and educated in the

public schools of Marticville. Leaving school when fourteen, he obtained employment in a store at Dru-more Centre. After two weeks he took to painting, and in September, 1891, moved to Lancaster, starting in business for himself. He has been successful, as many of the best improvements in Lancaster testify. He painted the Franklin street and Strawberry street school buildings; the fine suburban homes of H. S. Williamson, J. R. Foster, C. J. Swarr, H. L. Raub, ten of the Hagen houses in the West End, the great Woolworth building, the new Y. M. C. A. building, and many others. His force comprises twenty-five workmen, who are kept busy all the year round.

Mr. Eshleman married Miss Maggie Pickel, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Pickel, late of Lancaster. Three children have been born to them: Elizabeth, now at home; and Anna and Ida May, at school. Mr. Eshleman is an earnest Republican, and has been a member of the common council from the Seventh ward since 1897. He has served on one of the most important committees, that of Streets, and at this time is chairman of that body. No man either as a private citizen or as a public official stands higher in the community than Mr. Eshleman. He is a member and trustee of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and is superintendent of the M. E. Mission Sunday-school on East Walnut street. He is a member of the Artisans; Junior O. U. A. M.; Knights of the Golden Eagle; Knights of the Mystic Chain; and the Benevolent Order of Elks. With a fine record and in the prime of manhood, it is more than likely that Mr. Eshleman's career has but just opened.

ABRAHAM M. SHENK, a wide-awake and progressive young farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born Nov. 21, 1864, on the old Shenk homestead at Central Manor, and is a son of Abraham L. and Fannie Shenk, of whom the latter is deceased.

Abraham M. Shenk was educated in the common schools of his district and was reared to farming, assisting his father until 1891, when he began operations for himself on the old homestead, which has been in the possession of the Shenk family since 1740, and comprises eighty-one acres, now under the highest state of cultivation and in a greatly improved condition. Abraham M. keeps fully abreast of the times in general farming and avails himself of every modern agricultural implement and every useful and practicable theory which late experience has shown to be advantageous to the enterprising farmer.

On Jan. 8, 1891, at the time of beginning operations on his own account, Abraham Shenk married Miss Kate Rohrer, daughter of Christian H. Rohrer, of Manor township, and this union has been graced with two children, Clayton R. and Elizabeth R. The parents are conscientious members of the Mennonite Society and liberally contribute of their

means toward the payment of its expenses. The standing of Mr. and Mrs. Shenk in the social circles of the township is all that could be desired.

The Shenk homestead is one of the neatest and most homelike and comfortable in Manor township, and no small credit is due to Mrs. Shenk for the taste displayed in the interior and exterior decorations of the dwelling proper and its floral surroundings.

MICHAEL B. MYERS, who is now living the life of a retired farmer in Florin, Pa., was born on the farm, which has long been the homestead for the family, in East Donegal, Oct. 16, 1830, a son of Henry and Barbara (Brenner) Myers. The father, who was born in East Donegal, died there in 1860, at the age of eighty-two years; the mother died in Florin, Pa., in 1875, at the same age. They were both interred in the Cross Roads Meeting House cemetery in East Donegal township. There were born to this union children as follows: Anna, Mrs. Clark, a widow, who is living in East Donegal township; Mary, who died unmarried at the age of seventy-seven years; Barbara, deceased wife of Henry Eshleman; Susan, who married and is deceased; Henry, deceased, who married Mary Hershey; Catherine, late wife of Peter Walter; John, a farmer in East Donegal; Michael B., a retired farmer in Florin; Lydia, late wife of Emanuel Griner; David B., of East Donegal township; and Philip, who married Elizabeth Hershey, and died at the age of forty-seven years.

Michael B. Myers was married Feb. 4, 1868, to Malinda Good, in Elizabethtown, Pa., by whom he has become the father of the following children: Henry G., who married Alice Coover, is now deceased; Michael G.; Samuel G., who married Amelia Brubaker, and is now living on the old homestead; Christ G., a telegraph operator in Philadelphia; Malinda, unmarried, and making her home with her parents.

Mrs. Malinda (Good) Myers was born in Rapho township, Feb. 25, 1841, and is a daughter of Christ and Magdelina (Garrust) Good, both natives of Mt. Joy township. Her father was a farmer and died in his native township in 1880, at the age of eighty-six. The mother passed away in 1875 at the age of seventy-two years. They were both interred in the Horst cemetery in Rapho township. The mother was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church. Born to this union were children as follows: Jacob, Joseph and Samuel, all deceased; Anna, living in Mt. Joy township, the widow of David Kriner; Abraham, Mary, Elizabeth, who married Samuel Reese, Griphina and Malinda, all deceased.

Michael B. Myers remained on the old homestead farm until March 25, 1897, when he concluded he had done hard work enough, and moved into Florin, where he is living a retired life. Both he and his wife are good Christian people, and are

highly regarded by the community in which they live.

MICHAEL G. MYERS, a general farmer, now in charge of the paternal estate in East Donegal township, is living on the place where he was born in 1872, the son of Michael B., whose life is treated above. In May, 1897, he was married in Camden, N. J., to Josephine Miller, and one child, Pearl M., has been born to this union.

Mrs. Josephine Myers was born at Marietta, Pa., and is a daughter of Henry H. Miller, who has now retired from his life work of shoemaking, and lives in East Donegal township. Born in Manheim township, in 1844, he is a son of Joseph and Catherine (Hartman) Miller, natives of Strasburg and Manheim, respectively, and both of whom died in Manheim. Joseph Miller was a butcher and lived retired some years. In 1893 he died at the age of eighty years, and she in 1884 at the age of sixty-six years. Both were buried in the Manheim cemetery. They were members of the Evangelical Church, and had the following children: Adeline, now the widow of Prof. Benjamin Danner; Henry H.; Clement H., who died at the age of fifty-four; Pernenna H., of Manheim, Pa., unmarried. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Miller was Henry Miller, who married a Rohrer, both born in Strasburg, and died on Sporting Hill, Lancaster county. Henry Miller was a retired farmer at his death.

Henry H. Miller in 1865 married Julia Fishburn, at Marietta, Pa. Born to this union was: Josephine, who married Michael G. Myers. Julia Fishburn was born in Dauphin county.

Mr. Miller remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went to Marietta, Pa., where he mastered the shoemaker's trade, and spent the ensuing thirty years engaged at it. For a few years he attended a gate for a turnpike company, and in 1896 came to his present home, where he has since remained. In politics he is a Republican, and has always taken an intelligent and thoughtful interest in politics.

Michael G. Myers remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he left their sheltering roof and began the cultivation of his present place of forty-seven acres. In this work he has been highly successful, and though a young man, has taken a prominent position in the community, where his good qualities, energetic habits and high character have won a host of friends.

DANIEL E. RANCK, a merchant and miller of Lancaster township, is a representative of a Lancaster county family, long and favorably known in this part of the State.

Samuel Ranck, his father, was born in East Lampeter township in 1813, and early learned the milling trade in Stauffer's Mill, near Bird-in-Hand. He was a miller until his death, which occurred in 1894. In politics he was a Republican, and for some years he was school director in his native

township. He married Susan Eby, and they had eleven children, four of whom died in infancy: Esther is the wife of Jacob R. Witmer; Abram lost his life by being burned in a mill (the same one now operated by our subject), when he was only eighteen years of age; Jacob E. is a farmer in Lancaster township; Isaac is a janitor in a public school in Philadelphia; Adam is an employe of the Philadelphia Custom House; Henry was drowned when three years of age; Daniel E. is mentioned below. Both father and mother were members of the Old Mennonite Church.

Daniel E. Ranck was born Oct. 2, 1856, in the house where he is now living. Remaining at home with his parents until he was twenty-two years of age, he secured his education in the meantime in the public schools, and then began life for himself. For three years he was a farmer in East Lampeter township, and for six years in Upper Leacock township. At the end of that time he came back to the old homestead, and worked in the mill for his father five years, at the end of which time it passed into his charge, and has received all his attention to the present.

Mr. Ranck was married, in 1876, to Susan Zimmerman, daughter of Isaac and Catherine Zimmerman, and to this union have been born eight children; one of whom died in childhood; Daniel S. is a florist; Benjamin C. is a bookkeeper for the L. M. Paist Company, of Philadelphia; Harvey C. is now attending Weed's Business College; Abram is attending the Franklin and Marshall Academy; Paul and Mahlon are at home; Susan died at the age of twelve years. Mr. and Mrs. Ranck are both members of the Reformed Church, which is locally known as the Heller Church.

Mr. Ranck owns property at the corner of Ranck avenue and East Ray street, on which are four houses. He is one of the broad-minded and progressive men of his section of Lancaster county, fully alive to the best interests of his community, where he is considered one of the most upright and substantial business men of the day, with many a kind word for his good qualities and lofty character. In politics Mr. Ranck is a Republican.

AMOS N. LEHMAN is a son of the Rev. Benjamin K. Lehman, for many years a distinguished clergyman of Manor township, and was born on his father's farm, April 14, 1847. Attendance at the district school was supplemented by a brief term of study at the State Normal School, at Millersville, and he devoted himself for many years to assisting his father in farm work.

On Jan. 5, 1873, Mr. Lehman was married to Mary R. Shellenberger, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Rohrer) Shellenberger, born Oct. 24, 1848. After his marriage, he and his bride went to live upon a farm belonging to his father (and now owned by his brother John), which he tilled with considerable success until the spring of 1874.

Meanwhile domestic misfortune had overtaken him, his young wife having died Nov. 22, 1873, after the birth of her child, a daughter named Mary S. He resolved to enter the educational field, and with a view to qualifying himself therefor, he resumed his studies at the State Normal School and in the autumn of 1876 began his career as a teacher at Central Manor. He followed this profession for fourteen years, varying his work in 1890 by acting as census enumerator for his native township. In 1891 he concluded to return to agricultural life and purchased a small farm of twelve and a half acres, some two miles southwest of Mountville. Here he yet resides, in a pleasant home, whose surroundings indicate thrift, prosperity and refinement. He is highly esteemed in the community in which he has lived since boyhood, and is now serving his third term as town auditor. In politics he is a Republican, and in 1895 was appointed by Senator John H. Landis paster and folder in the Documentary department of the Senate. He is also a director in the Manor Mutual Insurance Company. On Nov. 30, 1876, Mr. Lehman married a second time, his wife being Annie R. Meyers, a daughter of Jacob and Annie (Rohrer) Meyers. She was born Sept. 9, 1846, and died May 29, 1886. Two sons were born of this marriage, of whom the elder died in infancy; and the younger, Benjamin F., lives with his father.

DANIEL B. WOLGEMUTH, a general farmer of Rapho township, was born April 8, 1857, on the farm adjoining the homestead of the pioneer Wolgemuth, in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county.

Henry Wolgemuth, his father, was born on the same farm, and his mother, Fanny (Brubaker) Wolgemuth, was born in Rapho township. The father was a farmer and died on his place in 1887, at the age of fifty-seven years, having retired from active duties several years before his death. His remains were buried in a private cemetery on the farm. The mother, who was born in 1836, is still living in Mt. Joy, Pa. She is a member of the Brethren in Christ Church, of which her husband was also a member during his lifetime. There were born to this couple the following children: Harry, a farmer living on the old homestead; Isaac, a farmer of Dallas Center, Iowa; Daniel B.; Elias, a farmer of Mt. Joy township; Susan, wife of Nathan Eshleman, a Mt. Joy farmer; Abraham, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Fanny, deceased; and Barbara, deceased. The paternal grandfather of Daniel B. Wolgemuth was Daniel Wolgemuth, a farmer of Mt. Joy township, while his maternal grandfather was Henry Brubaker, of Lancaster county, whose wife was a Longenecker.

In November, 1880, Daniel B. Wolgemuth married Miss Maria Shelly, of Rapho township. There have been born to this union the following children: Samuel S., John S., Irwin S. and Harry S. Mrs. Maria (Shelly) Wolgemuth was born in Ra-

pho township in 1861; her brother, Emanuel Shelly, also lives in the township.

Mr. Wolgemuth lived with his parents until he became of age, attending in the meantime the schools of the county. After his majority was attained he farmed the Wolgemuth homestead for seven years, and then moved to his present home. He and his family are members of the Brethren in Christ Church, and Mr. Wolgemuth is a Republican in politics. The gentleman is a thrifty careful manager, and has been very prosperous in his undertakings largely on account of the care and judgment used in carrying out his operations. He is well thought of in the community for his kindly disposition and generous nature.

JOSEPH A. HOKE. Among the leading citizens of Penryn, Pa., is Joseph A. Hoke, the genial host of the "Penryn Hotel," one of the best and most comfortable inns in Lancaster county.

The family originated in Germany and from that country emigrated to the United States, the location of the founder of the American branch being in Lebanon county, Pa., some time early in 1700. Grandfather Jacob Hoke was born in Lebanon county, Aug. 9, 1787, and followed farming until old age compelled a cessation from active work. His death occurred on July 15, 1868. He married Barbara Snively, and to them were born four children: Catherine, the wife of Peter Greider; Mary A., deceased wife of Joseph Smith; Jacob, deceased, a farmer of Lebanon county; and Joseph, the father of Joseph A., of this sketch.

Joseph Hoke was born in Lebanon, June 26, 1822, embraced an agricultural life and successfully followed it until he retired in 1884. His wife was Hannah Smith, and they were the parents of twelve children, of whom, five died in infancy; Maria, the eldest of the survivors, is the wife of Aaron Brubaker; John H., is a farmer on the old homestead in Lebanon county; Joseph; Jacob, a farmer of Lebanon county; Henry, a farmer on the old home; and Elmina, who is the wife of Edwin Gassert.

Joseph A. Hoke was born in Lebanon county, Dec. 17, 1855, and received his practical education in farm work under the supervision of his father. In the public schools of his township he finished the common school course and at the age of twenty-three years was ready to begin his own career. For nine years he conducted farming operations in Lebanon county, then sold his property there and moved to Bismarck, where he lived retired for a space of five years, and then purchased the "Penryn Hotel." There he made many improvements and has become one of the most popular landlords in the vicinity, as his hotel is the resort of the best of the traveling public.

Mr. Hoke married Sarah O. Kurtz, and the one son of this marriage is Mays K., a young man who graduated at the Pennsylvania Business College, of Lancaster, and is now employed by J. M.

Yeager, at Yeagerstown, as stenographer and general bookkeeper.

Mr. Hoke has been active in several of the fraternal orders, notably the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 70, and the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 19, of Lititz. As a good citizen he is highly esteemed and few men are more universally liked for their pleasant personality. Mr. Hoke takes a great interest in all progressive measures and is always ready to advance the interests of every enterprise which promises to be of advantage to his section.

HENRY CONNER, now a retired farmer of Colerain township, whose active career has been very largely run in Bart township, was born in County Derry, Ireland, May 19, 1823, and is a son of Hamilton and Nancy (Eton) Conner. The parents were both natives of County Derry, where the father died. The mother brought her family to the United States in 1860, and died in Philadelphia two years later. The father was a member of the Episcopal Church, and the mother of the Presbyterian. They had a family of six sons and three daughters. (1) John, who was born in Ireland in 1803, was an Irish farmer, and died in his native island, leaving three children, Hamilton and Joseph, who live in Philadelphia, and Margaret, who is in Illinois. (2) William, born in Ireland, where he married and spent his life. His widow brought their children to this country, and made a home for them in Germantown, Pa., where she died. The children were: Martha, Mary and Elizabeth, who lived in Germantown; and William, who became a physician, and opened an office in Germantown; he married Annie, a daughter of Henry Conner, by whom he became the father of three children, Annie, Alice and Norman. (3) James, born and married in Ireland, died in his home land, leaving a family who reside there. (4) Hamilton, born in Ireland in 1821, married and settled in his native land, making his home on the old Conner farm, where he died, leaving a family who still reside in their native land. (5) Robert, born in Ireland in 1826, came to this country while still a lad and settled in Philadelphia, where he became a shoe merchant, and is still active in that trade. He has six children living, Hamilton, Robert, Hannah, Elizabeth, Margaret, and Jane. (6) Margaret Conner died in Ireland. (7) Jane Conner, born in Ireland, came with her mother to Philadelphia, where she married William Aiken, and located in Philadelphia, where they both died, leaving one son, Hamilton, now a business man of Philadelphia. (8) Mary, born and reared in Ireland, where she married Robert Miller, came to Philadelphia, where they made their home; both are now dead, leaving three daughters, Margaret, Mary and Adaline, all living in Philadelphia, where they were born and reared. (9) Henry.

Henry Conner was educated in a subscription school in Ireland, and in 1846 was married in his native community, to Leah, a daughter of James and

Mary Givven, both of Ireland. Three months after marriage the young couple came to Philadelphia, where they lived ten years, and then moved to Salisbury township, Lancaster county. There Mr. Conner bought a farm, and remained some ten years. Then he bought a farm in Bart township, where he engaged earnestly in its cultivation, erecting a new house and farm buildings. At the present time Mr. Conner owns two farms in that township.

Mrs. Henry Conner died in November, 1898, leaving a large family. (1) Hamilton, (2) Mary and (3) Jane, all died young. (4) Priscilla, born in Philadelphia, married Albert Price, and lives on his farm in Russellville, Chester county, where they have a family of four children; Eva, Samuel, Burton, and Gertrude. (5) Annie, born in Philadelphia in 1851, married Dr. William Conner, of Chestnut Hill, Germantown, Pa. (6) Henry, born in Philadelphia in 1853, married Miss Tillia Mapshire, a daughter of Samuel Mapshire, of Colerain township, lives in his native city, and is an engineer in an electric light plant. They have seven children: Burton; Walter; Phillip, now of Arizona; and four whose names are not given. (7) Alfred, born in Philadelphia in 1858, was educated in the Lancaster county schools, where, growing to manhood on his father's farm, he was married to Ruth, the daughter of Isaac Montgomery, of Eden township, where she was born and reared. She is a woman who is well and favorably known, not only as a good wife and mother, but as a friend and neighbor in the community. Mr. Conner has three children, Elizabeth, Marvin and Ellen. Mr. Conner moved to Christiana after his marriage, and there followed the butcher's trade some years. He is a natural born mechanic, and put up a fine house on his father's farm; Mr. Conner never served an apprenticeship, but worked out his trade by his own genius. In Chester county he was a farmer several years, and then moved to Kirkville, where he bought the hotel property. There he is erecting a fine barn. This is one of the fine hotels of Colerain township. (8) Mary, who was born in Bart township, in 1861, married Uriah Ecker, of Bart township, Lancaster county, and is the mother of three children, Henry, Alfred, and Louisa. (9) Charlotte was born at the Bart township homestead, where she received her early education. When thirteen years old she entered the Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, where she remained four years, and then spent a year in Paris, where she completed her art studies. She is now engaged as an artist in New York, her productions commanding large prices. Miss Conner is one of the famous artists of Lancaster county, and commands the admiration of all who are interested in art. (10) William J. Conner, born on the Bart township farm in 1866, grew to manhood in his native community. He married Susan, a daughter of John and Susan Hess, of Eden township. They reside on his father's home in Bart township, where they have a son and daughter, Marian and Leon.

Mr. Conner is a Republican, and is a worker in the local organization. Since he was sixteen years old he has been a member of the Episcopal Church. All his life he has been an active worker in that body, and has for years been a member of the American Protestant Association. Mr. Conner has been connected with the Odd Fellows for more than fifty years. He came to this country a poor boy, and was very early thrown upon his own resources; by thrift and economy he has risen to a prominent place in the community, where his life has been above reproach.

DANIEL D. FORRY has for nearly forty years been a continuous resident of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, where he has engaged successfully in agricultural pursuits. During his long residence he has gained a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in Lancaster and adjoining counties, and the probity and strength of his character have contributed not only to the material development of this rich locality but to its moral and social advancement also. He comes of good old Pennsylvania stock, of the race that won first honors in wresting the land, now rich in historical associations, from its primitive wild and inhospitable conditions.

A native of Helm township, York Co., Pa., Mr. Forry was born July 30, 1840, son of John and Sophia (Dellinger) Forry. There he was reared to manhood, schooled in the bleak adversities of the times, and receiving the moderate education which the district schools then afforded, grounded in the faith and rectitude of the Dunkard Church, to which the parents held religious allegiance, and devoting the years of his youth to the arduous labor of the farm.

He remained on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age. His elder brother also adopting the vocation of farming, Daniel D. crossed the Susquehanna and entered upon his long and prosperous career in the adjoining county of Lancaster. In West Hempfield township he purchased seventy-five acres of his present farm, to which he subsequently added fifteen acres. Here in 1868 he married Barbara Musser, a native of West Hempfield township, born April 19, 1846, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Garber) Musser, natives, respectively, of Rapho and East Donegal townships. Michael Musser was for many years a prominent farmer of West Hempfield township, where he died in December, 1897, aged eighty-three years; his wife, Elizabeth, also died on the old homestead, in advanced life.

To Daniel D. and Barbara (Musser) Forry have been born the following children: Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Breneman, a farmer of Rapho township; John, a farmer of Manor township; Michael, a farmer of West Hempfield township; and Daniel, Fanny, Henry and Rudolph, living with their parents at the homestead hallowed by the family associations of many years. In politics Daniel D. Forry is a

Democrat. He has served West Hempfield township in the capacity of supervisor, and has attained in the pursuit of his chosen vocation a full measure of success.

John and Susanna (Engle) Forry, the paternal grandparents of Daniel D., were likewise lifelong residents of York county. His maternal grandparents were Henry and Susannah (Ortstadt) Delling, of York township, and the former's father was an emigrant from Germany. The parents of Daniel D. Forry were industrious country folk and rounded out their useful and influential lives in peaceful old age, the father passing away in 1886, at the age of seventy-one years. The mother survived until Sept. 1, 1898, to her ninety-sixth year.

Children were born to John and Sophia (Delling) Forry as follows: (1) Susannah, who married Samuel Newcomer, and lives in York county; (2) Eliza Ann, who married Joseph Darn, and is now deceased; (3) Sarah A., who married Rudolph Arnold, and died in 1896; (4) Frances A., who married John Wasser, and is now deceased; (5) Mary A., deceased wife of Elias Hoke; (6) Elleanor, who died young; (7) John, a farmer of York township; (8) Daniel D.; (9) William, a farmer and hotel man of York county; and (10) Rudolph, a farmer of York county.

GEORGE SELDOMRIDGE (deceased) was for many years a very prominent man in Salisbury township, well known in all that part of Lancaster county. He was born June 20, 1819, in Salisbury township, son of John and Christianna (Smoker) Seldomridge.

John Seldomridge, the father, conducted a hotel at Intercourse, Leacock township, for many years, and there died in 1851, aged sixty years; his widow survived until 1859, dying at the age of seventy years. They were members of the Amish Church, and were interred in Roland's Church cemetery, in Earl township. The children born to them were as follows: John, who died in 1898; George, who died Nov. 22, 1898; Maria, deceased, who was the wife of Abigner Miller; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Knox, of Leacock township; and Catherine, deceased, who married John Jacobs.

Until his marriage George Seldomridge followed the occupation of drover principally, and was then engaged in farming in Leacock township until 1873, when he removed to Salisbury township and for fifteen years operated what is now known as the Hess mill, at the end of that period locating on the farm where his last years were spent. He was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and was buried in Christ Church cemetery, in Leacock township. He was a man of reliability and influence, and was often called upon to accept public charges, serving in Leacock township as school director and as auditor in Salisbury township.

On Dec. 29, 1853, in Lancaster, Mr. Seldomridge was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Ann

Fenninger, who was born in Paradise township Dec. 20, 1831, daughter of John F. and Sarah (Swigart) Fenninger, and children as follows came to this union: John F., the proprietor of a hotel at White Horse, Pa., married Mary E. Worst; Edward F. is a farmer of Salisbury township; Sarah C. married Samuel Wanner, a farmer of Salisbury township; George M., a farmer of Salisbury township, married Mary Reeser; Fred G., a farmer on the old home place, married Alta Bair, born May 2, 1876, in Salisbury township, daughter of Eckert and Fianna (Hoover) Bair, who still reside in Salisbury township; Hannah E. married Milton Oberholtzer, a farmer of Salisbury township; Aldus M., also a resident and half owner of the old home farm with his brother Fred G., married Amanda Miller, born in 1872, in Centerville, Pa., daughter of John I. and Anna M. (Smoker) Miller, the former of whom is an ex-soldier and retired wheelwright of this county. (Mr. and Mrs. Aldus M. Seldomridge have two children, Anna M. and Elsa M.)

The Seldomridges are ranked among the old and prominent families of the county, and are especially noted for substantial character and excellence as agriculturists. The two brothers, Fred G. and Aldus M., own and operate the home farm, consisting of 146 acres, and are well and favorably known throughout Salisbury township. In politics they are Republicans. Their religious connection is with the Episcopal Church.

JOHN H. FUNK, residing two miles east of Washington borough, Lancaster county, comes from one of the oldest of the county's families and was born on the Funk homestead in Manor township, Nov. 27, 1830, and is a son of John and Mary (Herr) Funk, the former of whom was born on the old place, Dec. 31, 1798, and died July 23, 1887. John was a son of Henry and Annie (Moyer) Funk, both natives of Lancaster county. Henry was born near Central Manor and was probably one of the first in the county to engage in raising young fruit trees as a nurseryman. His death took place at the age of sixty years and that of his widow at eighty-eight. They had a family of five children, born in the following order: Annie, who married a Mr. Heidlaugh; John, of whom further mention will be made; Mary, who was married to Christian Kauffman, and with him went to Hamilton county, Ind., where both died; Martin, who was a farmer of Manor township; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Kauffman, and went to Cumberland county, Pa., where Jacob died, while she returned and died in Manor township.

John Funk, the second born of the above named five children, was reared on his father's nursery and followed the business through life. He married Mary Herr, daughter of John Herr, better known as "Sawmill" Herr. Mrs. Funk died at the advanced age of eighty-four years, a member of the Old Mennonite Church, as was her husband. They

were the parents of ten children, viz.: Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Shenk, of Millersville; John H., whose name opens this sketch; Annie, deceased wife of Adam Manning, of Manor township; Fannie, deceased wife of Rudolph Kauffman; Barbara, married to Jacob Souder; Lydia, wife of Jacob Shank, all three of Manor township; Lena, wife of Michael Yake, of West Hempfield township; Kittie, wife of David Stauffer, of Manor township; and two children that died in infancy.

John H. Funk was reared on the old homestead, was educated in the public schools, and at twenty-four years of age began working out by the day; he continued at this employment for ten years, and then in 1865 purchased his present forty acre farm in Manor township, all the improvements on which have been made by himself.

On Jan. 25, 1855, John H. Funk married Miss Catherine Shertzer, who was born May 8, 1830, in Washington borough, and is a daughter of David and Mary (Dunkle) Shertzer. She is a member of the Church of God, while Mr. Funk is a Mennonite. He has served his fellow townsmen as supervisor for five years.

JOHN S. ZOOK. Among the honored and respected citizens of Upper Leacock township, John S. Zook, takes a leading position, as a successful agriculturist and also as a beloved and highly esteemed minister of the Amish Mennonite faith.

The origin of the Zook family was in Switzerland, and many years ago John Zook came from that land and settled in Berks county, and was the father of David Zook, the grandfather of John S., of this biography. Simon, the son of David, was born in Mifflin county, in 1820, and died in 1886. In his boyhood he came to Lancaster county, and about 1845, he married Barbara King, of East Lampeter township, who was born in 1824, and to them were born: Christian, a farmer of West Earl township; Joel, a farmer in Upper Leacock township; Katherine, the wife of John Zook, of East Lampeter township; Simon K., a farmer near Talmage, in West Earl township; and John S.

John S. Zook was born Jan. 10, 1850, a son of Simon and Barbara (King) Zook, the latter of whom now resides with her son near Talmage. Educated in the common schools of his district, Mr. Zook grew to manhood on the farm, and has engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. His beginnings were small, but he has been industrious, energetic and provident, and now is the owner of a fine farm of sixty-six acres of good land, improved with excellent buildings of all kinds. Since 1886 he has been one of the faithful ministers of the Amish Mennonite Church, believing firmly that he has been called to this religious field, and having no financial interest in it.

The marriage of John S. Zook was on Feb. 24, 1874, to Miss Joanna Beiler, who was born May 14, 1851, a daughter of John L. and Lydia (Hartzler)

Beiler, and this union has been blessed with eleven children: Mary, born June 9, 1875; Simon, born June 25, 1876, who died at the age of eighteen; Ezra, born Jan. 8, 1879; John, born April 10, 1880; Elizabeth, born Sept. 18, 1882; Katherine, born in 1884, died in childhood; Amos, born April 19, 1885; Joseph, born June 27, 1887, died in childhood; Katherine, born March 13, 1891, died in childhood; Annie, born April 6, 1893; and Moses, born Nov. 27, 1895. In Mr. Zook Upper Leacock finds one of its best citizens, an honorable, conscientious and upright man, devoted to his family and living an exemplary life, which exerts a wide and beneficial influence.

ZACHARIAH R. WITMER, residing a mile and a quarter east of Highville, Manor township, Lancaster county, is a son of John and Susan (Ripley) Witmer, was born July 1, 1833, and is now a farmer, but in early life was taught the trade of carpenter, at which he still occasionally does some little work.

John Witmer, grandfather of Zachariah R., was in his day one of the wealthiest men in Manor township, but was of so liberal disposition and so desirous of assisting his less fortunate neighbors that he ruined himself by going security for them and endorsing notes they never paid, so that he was compelled as a man of honor to settle these obligations himself, after which act of generosity he sought a home in the West, where he passed the remainder of his days.

John Witmer, father of Zachariah R., owned a farm of twenty-seven acres in Manor township, but was a carpenter by trade and while carrying on business in this line employed a large force of men and realized a comfortable fortune. He was a Republican in politics, served as commissioner of Lancaster county and was likewise very active in local military affairs and was really a leader in all the public transactions of his township and county. To John and Susan Witmer were born eight children, named in the order of birth, as follows: Jacob, who is a foundryman in Columbia; John, a blacksmith in Millersville; Zachariah R.; Daniel, a farmer, living in Des Moines, Iowa; Susan, deceased wife of Adam Doerstler; Adeline, deceased wife of Joseph Sawyer, of Iowa; and Frank, also in Des Moines, Iowa, a merchant and bank president. The father of these children passed away at the age of fifty-four years, but the mother lived to be seventy-two years old. She was a member of the United Brethren Church. Rev. John Ripley, the maternal grandfather of Zachariah R. Witmer, was for years a local preacher in Manor township, and held services from house to house, as church edifices were not at all numerous; he succeeded in giving strength to and adding to the membership of the United Brethren Society and died one of the most sincerely beloved men of his township.

Zachariah R. Witmer assisted on the home farm

until nineteen years of age and was then apprenticed to David Illius to learn the carpenter's trade. After having served out his apprenticeship indentures, Zachariah worked as a journeyman until about twenty-seven years old when he entered into trade on his own account. His first contract worthy of mention was for building a large grist mill known as the Doerstler mill, which proved to be so substantial and satisfactory that orders came to him from all over the county, and with the aid of a large force of workmen he soon realized a competency.

On retiring to his present farm of 104 acres, Mr. Witmer turned his attention almost exclusively to its cultivation, but also takes a contract now and then at carpenter work. In 1855 Zachariah R. Witmer married Miss Elizabeth Breneman, daughter of Joseph Breneman, and to this union have been born six children, in the following order: Benjamin and John, farmers of Manor township; Jacob of Millersville; Barbara, wife of John Kendig; Ann, married to William Rice, of Millersville; and Daniel, a farmer of Manor township. The family are all members of the United Brethren Church; and in politics Mr. Witmer is a Republican.

MARTIN H. GOOD is the son of John B. Good, was born July 7, 1855, in Conestoga township and lived home with his parents until he was twenty-one years old. He then married Miss Martha Shoff and settled first in Martic township, where he resided about ten years, and then removed to the place where he now resides, known as the Shoff and Good farm, property comprising 197 acres of land, which has been in the Shoff family about 140 years. The place has the very best of modern buildings and is regarded as one of the finest farms in Conestoga township. Mr. Good is a Republican and has held the office of assistant assessor. He is a member of the Masonic Charles W. Howell Lodge, No. 496.

John B. Good, father of Martin H., was born in 1832 in Conestoga township, and was a carpenter by trade, but also engaged in farming and the milling business. He was a Republican, but never sought or held office. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., of Rawlinsville. In 1854 he married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Harnish, of Conestoga township. They had children as follows: Martin H.; Angeline, wife of Martin M. Eshleman; Jacob H., of East Lampeter township; Franklin, deceased; Susan, of Lancaster City; and William H., of Philadelphia.

Martin Good, the grandfather of Martin H., was born in 1800 in Conestoga township, and followed the calling of farmer and also butcher. He married Barbara Bronner, of Manor township. They were the parents of nine children: Jacob B.; Barbara, wife of Samuel Warfel; John B., father of M. H.; William; Levi; Catherine, wife of John Regon, both deceased; Jonas; Elizabeth, wife of Michael Kreider; and Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Good have had four

children, Oliver, Cora E., Martin and Elizabeth, all of whom are at home with their parents. Mr. Good is the junior member of the firm of Shoff & Good and looks after the business of the firm. He is also engaged in the tobacco business, buying, selling and raising it. He like his partner is a wide-awake business man, and well up in all modern methods of handling any enterprise which he may be engaged in.

JOHN W. HOLMAN. In disposing of the opportunities at his command John W. Holman has evinced a judgment and acumen consistent with the most substantial development of his native city of Lancaster, where he was born Sept. 2, 1849. At present an iron manufacturer, he has been equally successful as a builder of many of the finest public and private structures in the city, his accomplishments in all directions being the result of triumph over early circumstances, which compelled him to do his own thinking and planning, and work out his own future without money or influence.

John Holman, the father of John W., was also born in Lancaster, and until ten years prior to his death was engaged in the manufacture and sale of shoes. Owing to a fall he became incapacitated for further business activity, and died in 1865, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a member of the Moravian church, and politically identified with the Democratic party. His wife, formerly Martha Brown, who is living in Lancaster, and at the age of eighty-four, retains to a remarkable degree her alert faculties, is the mother of seven children: Charles H.; Washington, deceased at the age of eighteen; John W.; Josephine, unmarried and living with her mother on East King street; Alice, also living with her mother; Clara, who died at the age of seven; and Catherine, wife of Rev. N. J. Miller, of the Reformed Church in Lancaster.

When but nine years old John W. Holman began his career of self support on a farm, where he lived until fifteen years old. He then began an apprenticeship in the Norris Locomotive Works, in Lancaster, and at the end of three years' hard labor, served four more years in the Baldwin Locomotive works in Philadelphia, Pa. While in the Quaker city he partially made up for a necessarily deficient education by taking a night course at Pierce's Business College, and upon returning to Lancaster, studied for a year in the preparatory department of Franklin & Marshall College. His first independent business venture was as a manufacturer of blacksmith supplies on West Chestnut street, in a small frame house, and, having demonstrated his fitness for this kind of work, bought, at the end of three years, the place of Richard Blickenderfer. This was enlarged and re-built, and conducted in a highly satisfactory manner for seven years, the owner then disposing of his interest, and turning his attention to building and contracting. In connection with this latter work Mr. Holman purchased a third in-

terest in the Lancaster Planing Mill, which he owned for twelve years, and during that time, or up to 1898, he was one of the foremost builders in the town, putting up some of the most imposing business blocks, and most artistic and modern residences. The year 1898 witnessed his re-entrance into the iron manufacturing field, and he is now engaged in turning out principally street railway, signal and car brakes.

In Lancaster, in 1883, Mr. Holman married Maggie Boothe, a native of Richmond, Va., whose father was a furniture manufacturer in Richmond, and met his death as a Confederate soldier, near the close of the Civil war. To Mr. and Mrs. Holman have been born three children; Howard, who died at the age of two and a half years; John, who is living at home; and Helen B., who also is living with her parents. Mr. Holman has been prominently before the public in many capacities, his sympathies and practical help being ever on the side of progressiveness and stability. At the time of its erection, he was one of the directors of the Lancaster General Hospital. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran church, in which he resigned a trusteeship after a faithful service of twenty-five years. Politically he is independent, and invariably votes for the man he deems best qualified for public trust. Mr. Holman lives in one of the handsome and hospitable homes of the city, and has hosts of friends among the business and social circles of Lancaster.

ISRAEL PUTNAM BALMER, a carpenter, contractor and builder of Elizabethtown, was born there July 10, 1837. Mr. Balmer is a son of the Hon. Daniel and Harriet (Fisher) Balmer, who were prominent and much respected people of an early day in this county. John F. Balmer and Israel P. are brothers, and both are worthy representatives of an old and honored family of Lancaster county.

Israel P. Balmer was married in Elizabethtown, in August, 1863, to Catherine De Arman, by whom he had the following family: John H., a druggist, in Elizabethtown; Mary L., married John M. Kuhn, a baker of Elizabethtown, the mother of one child, Mary C.; Harriet, deceased.

Mrs. Catherine Balmer died in September, 1884, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel Cemetery. She was a daughter of Peter and Mary (Cunningham) De Arman, and a granddaughter of James De Arman, a native of France, who took part in the Revolutionary War.

Mr. Balmer has made Elizabethtown the scene of his life work. When he was twelve years old he began working at the carpenter trade, and this has been his occupation ever since. When he was twenty-one years old, he began teaching school during the winter, working at his trade in the summer, and for the ensuing five winters was engaged as winter school teacher. Nine years later he resumed teaching, and taught for three years, making nine terms in all. In 1873 he began contracting and building

on his own account. From 1865 to 1873 he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad as a carpenter.

In 1863 Mr. Balmer was enlisted in the Union army as a member of Co. I, 15th P. V. M., being mustered in under an emergency call, and serving three months as first sergeant of the company.

Mr. Balmer is a member of the I. O. O. F., of the Associated Encampment, of the K. P., the O. U. A. M., and of the K. M. C. In his politics he is a Republican, and in his religion a member of the Church of God. Personally he is a man of high character, and is greatly esteemed in the community.

STEPHEN J. HART. Lancaster county has sent out into the world many of her native sons, who have achieved fame, fortune or influence in wide fields of human endeavor. Among the lads of Lancaster county a half century ago, upon whom no favoring fortune had then smiled, or offered pledge or promise of future success, was Stephen J. Hart, now a prominent business man of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Mr. Hart spent his boyhood days, his youth and the years of his active manhood in Lancaster county, but for more than a score of years he has been a resident of Ohio.

Joseph Hart, his father, came to America from Baden, Germany, landing in New York with his wife and two children in 1834. He had served for fourteen years in the German army. On arriving in New York City he started at once for Pennsylvania, driving all the way, and conveying by team to a new and unknown home his wife, his children, and all his earthly possessions. Locating in Lancaster city, he there became a dealer in farm and garden produce of various kinds. He entered into rest in 1877, aged seventy-three years. His wife, who was Anna Catherine Gross, also from Baden, Germany, died in 1873, aged sixty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hart had eleven children, two of whom died in infancy. Among those who died later in life were Prof. John Hart, Lancaster's most noted elocutionist, and a tragedian of more than ordinary ability, who died in 1879, aged forty-two years. Matthias, another son, was killed at Fort Fisher, Jan. 15, 1865, while serving in the Union army; and Paul entered into rest before the mother's death. The surviving children are Stephen J., of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; and Barbara, wife of Benjamin K. Dorwart, a machinist of New York.

Stephen J. Hart was born at Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, Dec. 18, 1844, but his parents having returned to Lancaster while he was young, he was educated in St. Joseph's parochial school in that city. At the age of fourteen years he left school and went into the hair-dressing business with his brother John, and in 1881 left Lancaster for the West, where he has ever since lived. For years past he has been extensively engaged in the manufacture of Hart's Tetter Lotion, his manufacturing plant being in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Mr. Hart married Miss Lydia Ann Martzall, daughter of the late John Wendell Martzall, owner and proprietor for many years of the "Plow Tavern" of Lancaster, a hotel which came into his possession through Mrs. Martzall's father, Jacob Ackerman, one of Lancaster's oldest and best known residents. Mr. and Mrs. Stephen J. Hart were blessed with six children, as follows: Henry Matthias, who is engaged in business in the oil fields of Ohio; John and Stephen J., Jr., barbers of Findlay, Ohio; Catherine Elizabeth, wife of Benjamin Berry, of Washington, N. C. (Mr. Berry's uncle was a Confederate colonel in Fort Fisher when Matthias Hart was killed, and his (Mr. Berry's) father was a captain in the Confederate navy); Anna Mary, wife of John O'Neal, of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; and Mary Theresa, at school.

Stephen J. Hart is descended from Ludwig Becker, who came to America in 1737, and took up a land grant in Warwick township, Lancaster county, from the Penns. the same year. His remains are buried in Trinity Churchyard, Lancaster. Mr. Hart is a Catholic in religion, and is not a member of any secret orders. He has recently been engaged in Lancaster county tracing the genealogy of his wife's ancestors, with a view to producing the proof of identification necessary to secure their interest in a large and valuable estate in Europe.

E. H. HERSH, the proprietor of the machine shops and a general repairer at Rheems, West Donegal township, is a man of remarkable mechanical skill, and enjoys a reputation that reaches far beyond the limits of his little home town.

Mr. Hersh was born in Lancaster township, Lancaster county, Sept. 6, 1856, and is a son of Cyrus Hersh, of East Donegal township, and a brother of Benjamin F. Hersh, of the same township.

Elam H. Hersh was married in Columbia, Pa., Nov. 15, 1886, to Miss Lizzie G. Longenecker, and to them have come the following children: Walter H., deceased; Harrison, deceased; Anna C.; Mary E.; Lotta M.; and Rebecca.

Mrs. Lizzie G. (Longenecker) Hersh was born in West Donegal township in 1860, and is a daughter of Elder John and Anna (Garber) Longenecker, both natives of West Donegal township, where they spent their lives. Her father, who was an elder of the Mennonite Church, was a lifelong farmer, but lived retired the last few years before his death, which occurred in 1895, at the age of seventy-four years. His widow is living with her son, Elam H., and has now attained the age of eighty years. They had the following children: John, a farmer in Kansas; Levi, a farmer in West Donegal township; Christian, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; Anna, married to Levi S. Kraybill, a farmer in West Donegal township; Lizzie, the wife of Elam H. Hersh; Catherine, married to Jacob N. Rutt, a farmer in West Donegal township; Barbara, deceased.

Elam H. Hersh remained with his parents as

long as his father lived, and then began in business for himself. For six years he conducted a machine shop and a blacksmith establishment at Anchor, Mt. Joy township. In 1899 he removed his business to Rheems, put up his present shop, and entered upon an extended partonage. Four men are in his employ, and he is doing a very satisfactory business.

Mr. Hersh is a Republican in his political views, and is one of the solid and substantial citizens of the community. In his early life he was employed twelve years at Brunnerville in the agricultural shops, where he learned his trade, and where his father also worked twelve years.

Mr. Hersh is a pleasant and kind-hearted gentleman, whose thorough workmanship and honest dealing have caused him to be well and favorably known all over the county.

H. H. HARNISH. In the beautiful township of Drumore, Lancaster Co., Pa., there are many representatives of agricultural life, and among those who take a leading part in all progressive measures looking toward the advancement of the material welfare of the community, is H. H. Harnish, who was born March 12, 1845, in Manor township, near Millersville, a son of Michael and Annie (Shank) Harnish, of Manor township, but of German origin.

Michael Harnish was a thrifty farmer and a member of the New Mennonite Church. His father, grandfather David Harnish, was the father of thirteen children, namely: Jacob, Martin, Eli, David, John, Henry, Michael and six who died in infancy. Michael had eleven children, six of whom grew to maturity, namely: Henry H.; Adeline, the wife of Daniel Herr; Melina, deceased wife of Jacob Charles; John, of Lancaster City; Frank, of Eden township; Lizzie, the wife of David Stoner, the youngest of the family.

Mr. Harnish is a thoroughly self-made man. During his boyhood he was obliged to work hard upon the farm and only attended school three months in all his life, so his education was secured by hard study at home. By earnest effort and unflinching honesty he has steadily advanced along the path of fortune and now is the possessor of one hundred and six acres of rich farming land, on which is a fine residence, a large and substantial barn and all necessary outbuildings, his house being built of stone and fully equipped with modern conveniences. Mr. Harnish and his son also own one of the best and most modern nurseries in that part of the county, and they carry a full line of nursery goods. Both gentlemen thoroughly understand every detail of their business and have been very successful.

On Oct. 20, 1869, Mr. Harnish was married to Miss Mary Ann Herr, of Manor township, the daughter of Emanuel and Mary (Mussleman) Herr, and six children have been born of this union: Annie, wife of Enos Herr of Paradise township, who has two children, Anna M. and Enos Earl; Emanuel, born Dec. 25, 1873, who is at home on the

farm and is in partnership with his father, being a bright, hard-working young man, a Republican in politics and still unmarried; Naomi, wife of S. C. Groff, of East Drumore township, who has one child Marius H.; Lillie B., Emma E. and John Henry, all at home and unmarried.

Politically Mr. Harnish is a Republican and is staunch in his support of the candidates of his chosen party. While not holding a membership in any religious denomination, Mr. Harnish lives the life of an upright, earnest Christian man, believing that honesty of purpose and deed, the performing of what appears to be the duty of one human being to another, is the fundamental principle underlying all religion. During his useful life, he has never had any disputes with his neighbors, nor been drawn into a lawsuit, is a devoted husband and kind father. Being a man who takes a deep interest in township affairs, he naturally is regarded as one of the leaders in local matters, and is highly respected by all who know him.

ELI WARFEL is a grandson of George Warfel, who was born in Conestoga township, Aug. 25, 1783, and spent most of his life there. He married Miss Catherine Marks, Sept. 18, 1808, and to them the following children were born: John, father of Eli; Catherine, who died in infancy; Fanny, wife of Michael Ressel, deceased, of Conestoga township; Jacob, of Conestoga township, still living at the age of eighty-seven years; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Barbara, wife of Christian Warfel, who is yet living in his ninety-sixth year; Eliza, died in childhood; Nancy, widow of Jacob Herr; George, of Pequea township; Martin, of Martic township; Benjamin, deceased; and Nicholas, of Illinois.

John Warfel, the father of Eli Warfel, was born in Conestoga, near where his son now lives, in the year 1810. Although a weaver by trade, he followed farming most of his life. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church during his entire life. He married Miss Barbara Leachey, April 21, 1842, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Strine. They were the parents of thirteen children: David, who died in childhood; Mary, wife of Martin Hess, of East Lampeter; Anna, wife of Isaac Funk, of Conestoga township; Sarah, deceased in childhood; Eli, subject of this article; Martin, of Lancaster City; Barbara, drowned in the big spring on the farm at two years of age; an infant daughter, deceased; John L., of Conestoga township; Leah, wife of Clayton Keller, of Lebanon; George, of Conestoga township; Catherine, who died in infancy; and Adeline, widow of Henry Peters, of Conestoga township.

Eli Warfel was born Aug. 19, 1850, on the farm near where he now resides, and was educated in the common schools of Lancaster county. He remained at home with his parents until he was twenty-one years old. He then married Miss Barbara Kreider, daughter of George Kreider, of Pequea township,

and began life for himself. He rented a farm from Reeves & Company, which he occupied for thirteen years, when he purchased a small place of his own where he lived about three years. He then bought the farm where he now resides. In politics he belongs to the Republican party, has been school director for six years and was lately re-elected for another term. Both he and his wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church and he is superintendent of the Sunday-school.

The couple are the parents of nine children: Elizabeth, wife of Elias Kreider, of East Lampeter township; George K., who is married and resides in Conestoga township; Annie, wife of Milton Huber, of Pequea township; John, at home; Emma K., now at school at Millersville; Barbara, at home; Harrison, who died in childhood; Mary and Walter, at home.

Mr. Warfel has devoted his entire attention to farming and has succeeded well in life, owning one of the finest places in the township. He is generous and broad-minded and keeps a close track of current events.

BENJAMIN F. MARTIN, the popular proprietor of the Hotel Leacock, at Mechanicsburg, Pa., and the manufacturer of a well-known useful remedy much used by farmers and owners of fine cattle and stock all over the country, is one of the leading business men of this locality.

Mr. Martin was born in Pequea township, Sept. 18, 1856, and he was a son of Benjamin and Barbara (Good) Martin, both of whom were born in the same township, but died in Lancaster township. Benjamin Martin was one of the most prominent men of Pequea township, where he was a successful farmer until 1872. In his younger days he taught school and was the efficient assessor of his township for a long period, was school director and operated the "Willowstreet Hotel." Mr. Martin died in Lancaster township, whither he removed in 1872, in January, 1891, at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died in January, 1884, at the age of sixty-six, and both were interred in the Mennonite burying ground, at Millersville, as they were consistent members of that denomination. The children born to them were: Joseph, who served through the Civil war, returned in safety and then again left home; Lizzie, unmarried, living with our subject; Susan, who married B. F. Bleacher, a dairyman of Lancaster; Mary, deceased; Benjamin and David, who both died in infancy; Benjamin F., our subject; and Barbara, who married John Lechner, a farmer and dairyman of Lancaster township.

The paternal grandparents of Benjamin F. Martin were well-known farming people of Pequea township, David and Susan (Eshleman) Martin, while the maternal grandparents were prominent people of Conestoga township, Joseph and Elizabeth (Kendig) Good, the latter following the trade of miller.

Benjamin F. Martin was reared on a farm, but

was eight years of age when his father took charge of the "Willowstreet Hotel" in Pequea township and there the family remained for six years, moving from there to Lancaster township. Our subject assisted his father in all his enterprises and helped on the farm and in the conduct of the dairy until 1894, when he went out as a traveling salesman for the firm of Kiehl & Keefer, remaining with them for four years. In 1898 Mr. Martin took charge of the "Leacock Hotel," and about the same time began the manufacture of condition powders, the recipe for which has come to him from his great-grandfather. Formerly these excellent powders were only made for use in their own yards, but their efficiency has been so well proven that Mr. Martin wisely determined to place them upon the market, and they are now on sale as Martin's O. K. Horse and Cattle Condition Powders. While the formula is simple, it contains just those ingredients suitable for the use intended and Mr. Martin will probably become in a way a real benefactor to the owners of large herds.

The marriage of Mr. Martin occurred on March 10, 1881, in Lancaster, to Miss Mary McCombs, and to this union two children were born: Benjamin S.; and Mamie, whose life closed at the age of seven years. Mrs. Martin was born in Martic township, and she was a daughter of John and Rebecca (Shank) McCombs. The former was a manufacturer of charcoal for many years in Martic township, where he died in 1885, at the age of fifty-six years. The mother died in 1898, at the age of eighty-two years, and both were interred at Mount Wayne. Their children were: Joseph, who is a farmer in Michigan; Sarah, who resides in Parkesburg, Pa., the wife of G. T. Bailey; Mary; Susan, who is the widow of Albert Fisher, of Lancaster; Amanda, who is the wife of Hugh Armstrong, a retired farmer living in Lancaster; Jennie, deceased wife of Marcus Reece, of Martic township; George, deceased; and Kate, who married Edward Evans, a railroad engineer of Scottdale, Pa. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Martin was Thomas McCombs of Trenton, New Jersey.

There is no doubt that Mr. Martin has a fortune in his valuable condition powders, and he is preparing to put them up on a large scale. This may become one of the important business enterprises of the community, as they meet a real want and are the very best and most effective yet placed upon the market. Mr. Martin is a progressive and enterprising man in both public and private affairs.

HENRY D. FREY, a leading member of the business world of Lititz, comes of sturdy and honorable German stock, his grandfather, Henry Frey, having emigrated from that great country to America. Henry Frey was the first member of the family to settle in Lancaster county. Only one son was born to him, George, who was born in Lancaster county, in 1826.

George Frey, the father of Henry D., learned the shoemaking trade when a young man and through life followed that trade in connection with farming. In 1858 he passed away, having been a quiet, industrious man. His wife was Sarah Ann Dunn, and their only child was Henry D., of this sketch.

Henry D. Frey was born in Elizabeth township, this county, Jan. 18, 1854, and was bereft of his father when he was but four years old. With his mother he remained in the old home, assisting her and going to school, and in 1885 began to learn the manufacture of cigars in Lititz, where he now has built up a fine business. At the time of his father's death, his mother bought the farm, and there he has made many improvements until under his management it has become one of the finest farms in the locality.

Mr. Frey was married to Miss Emma S. Will, who was a daughter of Peter M. and Catherine Will, and the one son of this marriage is Nathan W., his father's capable assistant in the cigar factory.

Mr. Frey is one of Lancaster county's most respected citizens, is a valued member of the Reformed Church, of White Oak, and enjoys the esteem of the whole community. His business is conducted upon honest principles and receives the encouragement it deserves.

N. C. HENNINGER. The successful business career of N. C. Henninger, the principal undertaker and furniture dealer, in New Holland, Pa., offers but another proof of the results to be obtained by the application of energy and perseverance in any direction, for his early manhood found him hampered by want of means, his accumulation of a competency resulting entirely from his own efforts.

Mr. Henninger came of good, sturdy stock, a combination of Scotch-Irish on the maternal side, while the paternal was German, his parents being John R. and Maria L. (Hunter) Henninger, the former of whom was for many years a well-known undertaker in the city of Reading, Pa. His birth occurred in 1821, his death, in 1893, his wife, who was a year younger, surviving him one year. They reared a family of twelve children: Sarah, who married Granville Hanger, of Reading; William, of Reading; Mary, who married William Swartz, of the same city; N. C., of this sketch; Isadore, of Reading; Annie, who married Charles Lewis, of Reading; Clara, who married Calbert Hartman, of Reading; four others who died in childhood.

N. C. Henninger was born June 21, 1851, and received his education in the common schools of Berks county, coming to New Holland in 1878 and working with various undertaking establishments till he acquired a complete knowledge of the details of the business. In 1886 he opened up an establishment of his own, fitting it out in modern style, and his house is the only one in that part of the county which is prepared to conduct satisfactory embalming, his success in this line having caused him to gain the

full confidence of the public. In connection with his undertaking, Mr. Henninger has also opened up a complete furniture store, the whole business being managed with the care and attention which has been the main cause of the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

Mr. Henninger was married to Miss Sarah C. Orman, of Reading, Pa., and six children have been born to them: James C., of New Holland, Pa.; Rosa L., who married Raymond Boum, of Lancaster; Marion; Emma, who died in childhood; and two infants who passed away.

Mr. Henninger is one of the staunch Republicans of New Holland and is a justice of the peace in the borough, standing as one of its most esteemed citizens. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church, where he is highly valued, and in private life he is a type of the excellent neighbor and a pattern of the domestic virtues, while his pleasant personality and high character keep for him both respect and affection.

SAMUEL M. RUTT, a representative and leading young business man of Terre Hill, Lancaster county, was born in Brecknock township, Nov. 17, 1862, and is a son of Jacob and Nancy (Myers) Rutt. The parents both died the same week in 1894, the father being seventy-two, the mother ten years younger. The father was established near Martindale, Earl township, where he followed farming and the butcher business. He was born in Caernarvon township, and the mother in East Earl.

Joseph Rutt, the grandfather of Samuel M., died when his son Jacob was a small boy. His wife also passed away soon after his death.

Jacob Rutt was reared at Churchtown and while quite a young man became a butcher. In this occupation he soon rose to prominence, and by his methods and integrity became quite wealthy. For fifty-five years he dealt in meat, doing both a wholesale and retail business, and for years was a familiar figure on the markets at Reading. He owned a farm of a hundred acres and kept it in fine condition. In religion he belonged to the Mennonite Church, and his wife to the Reformed Church. They had a family of ten children: Martha, who is the widow of Levi Weaver, and has her home in Spring Grove, Lancaster county; John J., a butcher in Lancaster; George, who is a farmer, and has his home in Terre Hill; Mary, married to Aaron Huber of Earl township; Samuel M.; Christian, deceased; David, a butcher at Hinkletown; Edwin, a farmer of Earl township; Abraham, deceased; Annie, the wife of John Weaver, of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Samuel M. Rutt was born in Brecknock township but was reared in Earl township, and mastered the butcher's trade under the instruction of his father, and this occupation he has always followed in connection with his farming. A place of thirty-two acres, one mile north of Terre Hill belongs to him, where he has his slaughter house, and all the

equipments for his business, which is both wholesale and retail, and is widely extended through that part of Lancaster county. In 1893 he began business on his own account, and his success has been in every way creditable. The buildings on his farm are solid and substantial and were erected by his father.

Mr. Rutt was married in 1882 to Miss Eliza Rupp, a daughter of Isaac Rupp, of Earl township. They have a family of ten children: Cora, who married Abraham Kurtz, of Philadelphia; Bertha; Isaac; Jennie; Jacob; Samuel; Lizzie; Vera; Mary; Miles.

Mr. Rutt is a Republican, and the family belong to the most respected and generally esteemed citizens of Lancaster county.

OLIVER B. BRUBAKER, who resides on his farm two miles southwest of New Holland, Earl township, was born in Manheim township, June 22, 1853, and is a son of Thompson and Anna (Bair) Brubaker.

Thompson Brubaker was born in Upper Leacock township, and was a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Brubaker. He died in 1890, when seventy-four years old. In his active years he followed farming and after his marriage located at Binkley's Bridge, where he kept a hotel for several years. In 1855 he removed to Earl township and established himself on the farm where his son, James W., is now to be found. There he lived while erecting buildings on the adjoining farm where his son, Oliver B., now resides. In 1857 he located on the farm where he had erected the new buildings and made his home there until 1877, when he moved to the farm now occupied by James W. Brubaker, where he died, and where his widow is still living, at the age of seventy-four. In religion he was a member of Roland's Reformed Church, of which he was a trustee for many years. Of this church he was a founder and a liberal supporter. In the community he became a leading and influential citizen, and owned three farms, amounting to 200 acres of land, not counting several tracts of timber land. Much of this property was acquired through his own efforts. His family consisted of four children: J. Frank, a civil engineer, of Leacock township; Oliver B.; James W., a farmer of Earl township; one who died in infancy.

Oliver B. Brubaker was reared on the farm and educated in the public schools, also attending the State Normal at Millersville. In 1882 he began operations on his own account, locating on the farm where he is still living, a place of fifty acres. His attention is wholly given to farming and he has won an enviable standing as a progressive and public-spirited citizen. In politics he is a Republican, and at present a member of the school board of Earl township. His home is one of culture and refinement, and shows evidence of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Brubaker was married Oct. 19, 1881, to

Miss Clarissa R. Numbers, a daughter of Hanna Numbers, of Leacock township. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker have two children living, Claude T. and Roy W. Ross, a third child, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker belong to the United Brethren Church. Mr. Brubaker is interested in several pieces of real estate in Lancaster county; one farm of sixty acres at Binkley's Bridge, in Manheim township, has been in the possession of the Brubaker family since it was deeded from William Penn.

JOHN M. RANCK, a resident of Earl township, has a home one mile east of New Holland. He was born on the farm where he is now located, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Weideman) Ranck, both of whom are now deceased. The Rancks belong to an old and honored family of the county whose history runs back to Valentine Ranck, the first of the name in Lancaster county. The grandfather of John M. Ranck was John Ranck.

John M. Ranck was born June 3, 1861, and was reared on the farm where we find him at the present time. His education was secured in the public schools, and when he was twenty-three he began business for himself, taking charge of the family homestead, which contained fifty-five acres. There he has since been engaged in general farming, and is one of the bright and progressive men of the township. In politics he is a staunch Republican. His home and surroundings give evidence of thrift and prosperity.

Mr. Ranck was married June 9, 1885, to Miss Elizabeth M. Shaeffer, who was born April 24, 1864, in Earl township, a daughter of Adam and Mary (Frey) Shaeffer. To their union have come two children: Margie L. is living; one daughter died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Ranck belong to the United Brethren Church of Rancks, in which he has long been an active worker. From 1879 to 1900 he was one of the official members of that body, and has always been active in Sabbath-school work, being librarian for many years.

JAMES RETZER. Among the leading and representative citizens of Little Britain township, is James Retzer, who was born in Cecil county, Md., Aug. 24, 1813, and was a son of John and Ann (Reed) Retzer, who were natives of Bucks county, Pa., but of German origin.

John Retzer was a farmer by occupation and was one of the early settlers of Lancaster county, where he lived an honest and upright life for a great many years, and reared a highly respected family noted for its adherence to the Presbyterian religion and the Republican party. The eight children born to John and Ann Retzer were: George, John, Nancy, William, Daniel, Joseph, Jennetta and James, all having passed out of life with the exception of James Retzer of Little Britain township.

James Retzer was reared among farm surroundings, and was afforded the best education that could

be obtained in the country schools of his time. With small means he started out to carve his own way, and in his case, as in that of many others, patient and unremitting industry, thrift and energy have brought their full reward. Mr. Retzer now owns 325 acres of fine farming land in Little Britain township, divided into two tracts, both of them in a high state of cultivation, and improved with excellent buildings for residence, stock, and shelter for the great and abundant products of his lands.

Since 1860 Mr. Retzer has been identified with the Republican party, but prior to that time he had been a Jacksonian Democrat, his first vote having been cast for Andrew Jackson. The issues before the country in 1860 caused him to vote for Abraham Lincoln and since then he has been a staunch and active supporter of Republican principles. No creed binds Mr. Retzer in religious life; he makes reliance upon a life of integrity and upright living the foundation of his religion, and he has lived the honest life he professes, always extending the helping hand, and winning the esteem of his neighbors by his universal kindness.

Mr. Retzer has never married, a niece named Miss Jenkins, being his very capable and estimable housekeeper. Although he is one of the oldest citizens of the county and for some time has lived retired from activity, he takes an intelligent interest in all matters of public concern, and enjoys affording hospitality. From his long residence here, Mr. Retzer is a very interesting and companionable host.

W. SCOTT HEISEY, a manufacturer of lime on an extensive scale, and a dealer in coal, grain, flour, feed, salt and general merchandise, and an estimator of building materials, whose headquarters are at Rheems, Pa., was born in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, June 12, 1862, on the old Heisey homestead, where his home is now established, a son of Jacob W. Heisey.

W. Scott Heisey remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of seventeen years, when he began teaching school at Pleasant Hill, where he had been a pupil, and here he taught until he reached the age of twenty-seven years. He attended State Normal School at Millersville, and had schools in East and West Donegal and East Hempfield townships. After his marriage Mr. Heisey and his estimable wife settled on their present farm, the original Heisey homestead, and he engaged in its cultivation in connection with teaching until the spring of 1890, when he began to ship lime, at the same time opening a coal, grain and feed business at Rheems, where he was instrumental in securing the establishment of a post-office, of which he was the first post-master, holding this position at the present time. In the spring of 1894 Mr. Heisey purchased the old Jacob Rheems farms contain 250 acres, and the output of that family since the days of the Penns, and laid out the village of Rheems, building the first house

in the new settlement, in which he opened a grocery store and a post-office in 1895. Later on, Mr. Heisey bought a second Rheems farm, which was underlaid with a high grade of limestone rock. The two Rheems farms contain 250 acres, and the output of the lime works, which he at once established, and which were chartered in 1900 under the name of the "High C Lime & Stone Company," is increasing and enlarging. Of this company he is president and general manager, and C. I. Heisey is the secretary. Mr. Heisey has built a railroad to one of his stone quarries, and is known as an energetic and pushing business man, with an unusual capacity for work. He established a private school at Rheems in 1899, and sold to the West Donegal school board one acre of ground on which a new public school house has been erected. He also built the railroad station and ticket, freight and express office and is the agent for the Company at Rheems. In politics he is a Republican, and without question is one of the leading business men of this part of the county. A very extensive business has been developed by him, and it would be difficult to find a better grade of lime than that which he is now putting on the market on a most satisfactory basis.

On Nov. 19, 1885, W. Scott Heisey and Miss Susan G. Breneman, daughter of Mrs. Anna M. Breneman, were married at the home of the bride in West Hempfield township, and to them have been born the following children: Arthur B., Bertha M., Henry B., Paul W., Anna C. and S. Grace.

WALTER JOHN COX, the manufacturer of the celebrated "Yellow Jack" and "White Satin" candies at No. 34 South Duke street, Lancaster, comes from one of the oldest and best known families of this county. His father, Samuel B. Cox, now living retired at an advanced age, was for many years at the head of the firm of S. B. Cox & Company, carriage builders, long and favorably known in the interior of the State. S. B. Cox is the only survivor of his family, and among those who have entered into rest are Major B. F., at one time steward of the Lancaster County Almshouse and Hospital; George, a coach maker; and Thomas, who was a practicing physician in Philadelphia.

S. B. Cox was twice married, his wives being sisters, named Deisley, who came from the eastern end of Lancaster county. The children by his first marriage were: Clara E., Maggie, Anna M. and Carrie L., all of whom are unmarried, and are at home; Thomas B., deceased, who was a practicing physician in Lancaster county; Bertha D., wife of Dr. Richard Douglas McCaskey, a dentist of Lancaster; Henry Franklin, a stationary engineer; and Walter John, noted above as a candy manufacturer.

Walter John Cox was born in Lancaster Jan. 26, 1869, and was educated in the public schools and at Weidler's Business College. He then became a clerk in Zahm's second-hand book store, later clerk-

ing for W. Parke Cummings, after which he kept books for Thomas A. Anderson, a builder of engines and boilers. Leaving the service of Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cox opened an establishment at No. 34 South Duke street, for the sale of plumbers' and steam-fitters' supplies. He began the manufacture of "Yellow Jack" and other choice candies on May 14, 1901, and so popular did his products become that they soon found a market not only in Lancaster, but all over the country. The absolute purity of these goods gave them instant popularity, and the manufacturer of them is at times taxed to the utmost to supply the demand.

Mr. Cox married Miss Lillian P. McCaskey, a daughter of Cyrus D. McCaskey, formerly of Lancaster, but for years past the yard master of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad at Philadelphia. To this union was born one child, Robert McCaskey, who is now attending school. Mr. Cox is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, is an ardent Republican, and an industrious and intelligent business man.

NEWTON JACKSON, foreman of the boiler department of the Pennsylvania Railroad round-houses, in Columbia, Pa., an esteemed citizen and one who risked his life in forty-three engagements during the Civil war, is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Strasburg, in this county. His parents, well-known residents of Strasburg township, were David and Catherine (Petro) Jackson.

In his early life Mr. Jackson went to school but a short time, as at the age of ten years he went to work in a cooper's shop, working there during the winters and assisting on the farm in the summer. When the Civil war broke out in 1861 he enlisted for service, joining Co. D, Second P. V. C., fifty-nine in line, under Capt. William Brinton for three years, and remained his full time. If the long series of the engagements of the Army of the Potomac be recalled, one can wonder that a soldier passed through all those dangers without wound or capture, but this was the fortunate case with Mr. Jackson. On Nov. 6, 1864, he returned safely to Lancaster county, and entered the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where he has been a fixture ever since, beginning at the bottom of the ladder in the boiler room and working up to the responsible position of foreman. Since 1881 he has held the latter position, which is one that requires skill, cool judgment and much physical endurance, all of these qualities being possessed by Mr. Jackson, in marked degree.

In September, 1865, Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Sally M. Albright, of Columbia, and to this union have been born three children: John W., who is engaged in railroad work; William L., who is employed in the Philadelphia Custom House; and Mary G., who married B. F. Stauffer, of Columbia. The birth of Mrs. Jackson was in West Hempfield township, Dec. 25, 1843, a daughter of Samuel W. and Catherine (Wisler) Albright, of Lancaster county.

For many years Mr. Albright was known as a most capable and reliable brick and stone mason, and his death occurred in Marietta, at the age of forty-eight, but the mother died in West Hempfield. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Albright were: John, who was a member of the Pennsylvania Reserves, and died in Salisbury prison; Samuel, deceased; Christiann, who married into the Leonard family of Clearfield; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth, who resides with Mrs. Jackson; Catherine, who married a Mr. Green, and lives in Clinton county, Ellen, who is the widow of a Mr. Green, of West Hempfield township; and Sally M., the wife of Newton Jackson.

Mr. Jackson's political sympathies are with the Democratic party, while socially he is connected with Post No. 118, G. A. R., where he is highly regarded by his comrades. Few men in this locality saw harder service through the Civil war, and he is remembered as a brave and gallant soldier. As a quiet and industrious workman, he has won the esteem of his employers, and in the community he is thoroughly respected.

DR. NAPOLEON B. WOLF, prominent alike in the medical and political world, was born in Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1823, and died in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 17, 1891.

HENRY GOOD, is one of the leading farmers and most extensive land owners of Pequea township, Lancaster county. The forefathers of Mr. Good have for several generations played a conspicuous part as active, energetic, industrious and successful men among their fellow farmers and the business men of Pequea township, and their descendant has followed worthily in their footsteps.

Henry Good was born Sept. 7, 1836, in what is now the township of Pequea. He was a son of Christian and Catherine (Brenneman) Good, and grandson of John and Jane (Crider) Good.

John Good was an active business man, thorough going and pushing. He was engaged in farming, milling, distilling and other pursuits. He reared children who were also men and women of snap and occupied creditable positions in society and business life. His children were: Christian, referred to more fully farther on; Barbara, married George Warfel; Jacob; John; Polly married (first) a Mr. Deitrick, and (second) Benjamin Kauffman, and Daniel, served as commissioner of this county.

Christian Good, the father of our subject, was born Jan. 1, 1796. He followed farming and in connection with it engaged in other lines of business, becoming very prosperous and successful. He married Catherine Brenneman and to the union came children as follows: John, who died when aged twenty-eight years; Mary (deceased), who was the wife of Jacob Good; Barbara (deceased) who was the wife of Emanuel Harnish; Elizabeth (deceased), who was the wife of David Hoover; Kittie, who died in infancy, as did also another daughter, un-

named; Christian, who was a farmer living in Illinois, where he died and where his family still reside; Henry, our subject, who is referred to more fully farther on; Elias (deceased), who was also a resident of the State of Illinois, where his family yet reside, he having been killed by the kick of a horse; Jacob, who is a resident of Pequea township, and Abraham (deceased), who was a resident of Lancaster. Christian Good, the father of this family, died when in the sixty-seventh year of his age, and the mother passed away aged sixty-eight years; the remains of both have been interred in a private graveyard on the old homestead. They gave each of their children a good start in life.

Henry Good, our subject, was reared on the farm of his father and forefathers. He early chose agricultural pursuits as a vocation and has continued in that honorable calling through his active lifetime and few indeed are there in his locality who have been more generally blessed and been more prosperous. On Jan. 31, 1861, Mr. Good was married to Susan, daughter of Rev. Martin Miller, of Martic township, Lancaster county. To this marriage have come two children: Louisa and Henry Martin.

Henry Good is a man of good judgment, progressive, broad in his views and generous in his giving to worthy objects. His landed possessions in the county aggregate 435 acres. He has served as supervisor one term, a year, and as school director three years. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. Religiously the family are connected with the Old Mennonite Church, the church of their forefathers.

HENRY L. HESS, a well-known retired farmer of Elizabethtown, has found time in the midst of numerous personal duties to take an important part in public affairs. Mr. Hess was born in Mt. Joy township Feb. 24, 1857.

The parents of Henry L. Hess were Martin and Catherine (Lehn) Hess, the former a native of Pequea township, and the latter of Lancaster. Martin Hess passed his last days in retirement at Elizabethtown, and died April 1, 1895, aged sixty-five. His remains rest in Greentree cemetery. Both he and his wife were members of the Mennonite Church. Mrs. Catherine (Lehn) Hess was a daughter of Peter and Esther (Shissler) Lehn of Lancaster township. Their family consisted of four children besides our subject: Isaac, deceased; Mary, deceased, wife of John Nye; Elizabeth, wife of David Meckley, of Dauphin county; and Katie, wife of John Nye, a farmer of West Donegal township.

Henry L. Hess remained at home with his parents until his marriage, when he located in Elizabethtown, where he farmed for two years, and then passed a year in Mt. Joy township. For thirteen years he followed agricultural pursuits in Penn township, after which he spent some six years in Rapho. In all these years of active labor he gave

to his work the methodical care that insures success, and in April, 1901, he was enabled to retire with a most comfortable competence. He now makes his home in Elizabethtown, and is passing his days in the quiet enjoyment of well earned rest. Wherever he has made his home, he has played an important part in public affairs. For six years he was a school director in Penn township, and for three years was auditor of Rapho township. He has been a director of the Lawn Fire Insurance Company for the past two years. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and well posted on the work of his party all over the country. In religious belief he is a German Baptist.

On Dec. 16, 1877, in Dauphin county, Henry L. Hess was united in marriage with Anna K. Brinzer, and this union has been blessed with three children: Cora Anna, wife of H. K. Ober, notary public and school teacher of Mastersonville, Pa.; Mame B., a successful school teacher; and Laura B., at home.

Mrs. Anna K. (Brinzer) Hess was born at Bachmanville, Dauphin county, Feb. 19, 1852, a daughter of Jacob C. and Mary W. (Kelchner) Brinzer.

Jacob C. Brinzer was born in Dauphin county, a son of John Brinzer, a manufacturer of grain cradles, who died in 1869, aged ninety-three years. Jacob followed in the footsteps of his father, and engaged in the manufacture of grain cradles, until shortly before his death, which occurred in February, 1898, when he was aged eighty-three years. His wife, Mary W. (Kelchner), passed away in 1897, aged seventy-two years, a faithful member of the Brethren in Christ Church. Of the children of this family we have the following record: John, Cyrus, Aaron, Joseph, Samuel and Jacob all died young; Caroline is the deceased wife of Dr. Calvin Stauffer; Mary, Lizzie and Emma are deceased, Amanda, married Abraham Sherrer, of Bachmanville; and Anna K.

WILLIAM G. HESS, M. D. Among the prominent and leading citizens of Lancaster county, one who in spite of youth has become well known in medical circles, is Dr. William G. Hess, located at Greene, in Drumore township. Dr. Hess is a native of that township, where he was born May 27, 1875, a son of John M. and Martha Hess.

The Hess family is an old one in Lancaster county and was founded here some 150 years ago, by three brothers who came hither from Germany. Grandfather Benjamin Hess was a successful and well known farmer of Lancaster county and was the father of three children: Martha, deceased wife of Amos Mylin; Mary, late wife of William Giles; and John M.

John M. Hess, the son of Benjamin, and the father of Dr. Hess, is a miller by trade, well and favorably known in his locality. He was born March 26, 1832, and about 1860 was married to Martha Giles, the six children born to this union being: Hat-

tie, who married Edward L. McSparran, of Fulton township; Elizabeth, who married Edward E. Gregg, a farmer of Drumore township; Laura, who is the widow of Dr. George McComb, and is a teacher in the public schools of Drumore township; John M., who is a miller at Goshen, Pa.; Dr. William G.; and Herbert, who is a miller in business in Drumore township.

William Giles Hess, M. D., was reared in his native township and in early youth assisted in his father's mill. After finishing the common school course, he engaged in teaching school, intent upon gaining a higher education. His efforts met with deserved success, and the ambitious young man not only became a student at the Millersville State Normal School, but later entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. In 1894 he had commenced the serious study of medicine, and by close application, he was enabled to graduate with honor in 1898. Returning to his home locality, he began the practice of his profession in the summer of 1898, and has in this short time built up a large and growing clientage, his ability being recognized both by his patrons and the other members of his profession.

Dr. Hess was married Nov. 15, 1900, to Miss Margaret Rutter, of Drumore township, who is a daughter of A. M. and Margaret (Brenneman) Rutter, old residents of Drumore township. Fraternally Dr. Hess is prominent in various organizations, being a valued member of both county and State medical societies; of the I. O. O. F., No. 50, of Greene, Pa.; and the K. of P., No. 423, of Rawlinsville.

Although Dr. Hess has had his own way to make, his own career to carve out, he has accomplished much and has fair promise for the future. Endowed with energy and natural ability, with education and a love for the profession, he has also those attributes which go far to the making of a successful physician, a pleasing personality, excellent judgment and an inflexible will. Dr. Hess has never ceased to be a student and keeps himself posted on all the advances made in his chosen profession. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Chestnut Level Presbyterian Church, and are leaders in social life.

HIRAM G. WARFEL was born Oct. 10, 1862, in Pequea township, Lancaster Co., Pa. Adam Warfel, his great-grandfather, was a farmer near Colemanville, Conestoga township, and died there. He was the father of John Warfel, who was also born near Colemanville.

John Warfel was educated in the schools of the county but was intellectually much in advance of the average scholars of those times. He taught school for some time after finishing school, but followed farming most of his life. He was president of the Safe Harbor and Lancaster Turnpike Company for some time; was school director, also auditor of the township, and in 1842 was elected a member

of the Legislature on the Republican ticket, with which party he was always identified. He served one term in the Legislature with honor to himself and profit to his constituents. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

John Warfel married Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Fry, of Manor township. They were the parents of eight children: Fanny, deceased wife of John Harnish; Elizabeth, unmarried; Mary A., deceased wife of Christian Good; Amos; Jacob F., deceased; John M., of Conestoga township; David, of Manor township; Hiram, of Conestoga township.

Amos Warfel, the father of Hiram G., was born in Conestoga township, June 18, 1831, and was educated in the public schools of the county. He followed farming until he was about fifty-six years of age, when he retired from the active affairs of life. He is a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Warfel has always affiliated with the Republican party and held the offices of school director and auditor of the township for some time. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Manor township. He married Leah, daughter of John Good, of Conestoga township. Mr. and Mrs. Warfel had three children: Mary, wife of Frank Warfel, of Conestoga township; Delilah, wife of John Hebel, of Conestoga township; and Hiram G.

When Hiram G. Warfel was but five months old his parents moved to the place where he has since lived. Since his father's retirement from business fourteen years ago, he has had entire charge of the farm. He has a stall, No. 170, in Central Market, Lancaster City, where every Wednesday he takes the products of the farm and disposes of them. He was educated in the public schools of the neighborhood. Like his father he is a stanch Republican, but has never sought office. He was married April 29, 1886, to Annie M., daughter of John Sensenig, of Martic township. The couple have had five children, Mary S., Leah M., Anna S., Cora E. and Edna A., all at home. Both husband and wife are members of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Warfel has been very industrious and more than usually successful in his undertakings and has the best wishes and respect of all who know him.

DAVID H. MELLINGER, a well-known farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, was born Oct. 8, 1832, a son of Christian and Susan (Hertzer) Mellinger. The old homestead on which his birth took place and on which he still resides was that of his paternal grandfather, and lies three miles southeast of Columbia, in Manor township. In this township his education was acquired in the public schools and his knowledge of agriculture was gained on his present farm.

Prior to his marriage David H. Mellinger was employed in various occupations, such as clerking in stores, hotel-keeping, and in railroading in the West. His marriage took place in 1857 to Miss

Lucinda Erb, daughter of Isaac Erb, of Pennville, and to this union was born one child, William C., who was called away at the age of eighteen years.

When twenty-seven years old David H. Mellinger began general farming on his own account on the paternal homestead, still occupied by him, and successfully followed it until his retirement from active labor in the spring of 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Mellinger are conscientious members of the M. E. Church of Columbia, and the family is one of the oldest and most respected in Manor township.

J. Y. KLINE, M. D., a popular physician, makes his home at Clay, in Clay township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN E. JOHNSON, a popular and trusted conductor on the Pennsylvania Company's lines, who was born in Paradise township, May 20, 1857, is a son of George W. and Catherine Johnson, who were, respectively, born in Strasburg and Little Washington, the former on Feb. 22, 1834, and the latter in February, 1836. They are residents of Columbia, having taken up their residence here in 1868, and both are active and consistent members of the M. E. Church.

John E. Johnson was reared upon a farm, but at the age of fourteen years first began battling with the world as an employe in a Columbia coalyard. His natural bent, however, was toward railroad service, and on March 17, 1879, he secured a position as brakeman with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. His vigorous health, temperate habits, tireless energy and unwavering fidelity earned for him recognition and promotion, first to the place of flagman and then to the post of conductor. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. In political faith he is a Democrat.

His paternal grandparents were John and Kate Johnson, of Lancaster county, his grandfather being first a quarryman and later a manufacturer of brick.

Mr. Johnson married at Columbia, July 28, 1881, Miss Harriet Pickton, daughter of John and Charlotte Pickton, of Wales. Her father was an iron manufacturer and died in Wales in 1865. Mrs. Johnson was born in that country Feb. 20, 1862. Her marriage has been blessed by the birth of three children: Charlotte, George and Carrie.

DAVID Z. WITMER, the present Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, resides in Elizabethtown, and was born on a farm in the township of Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, Nov. 27, 1864.

John B. Witmer, the father of David Z., a retired farmer living in Elizabethtown, was born in the township of Mt. Joy, Aug. 24, 1822, being a son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Witmer, natives, respectively, of Mt. Joy and Rapho town-

ships. Both the grandparents of Mr. Witmer died on the old Witmer farm. Elizabeth Brubaker belonged to the German Baptist Church, and was born in 1785. She died in 1869, and with her husband was buried at the Chickies Hill Meeting House cemetery. Abraham Witmer was born in 1780, and died in 1861. Their children were: (1) Fanny B., the wife of Michael Martin; (2) Elizabeth, the wife of Henry Shilley; (3) David B.; (4) Abraham B.; (5) John B.; (6) Daniel B.; (7) Henry B. All married and had families. John B. is the only one living.

The paternal great-grandfather of David Z. Witmer was Abraham Witmer, who married Miss Hoover. They came to this country from Switzerland and settled in Mt. Joy township, on a farm which has remained in the possession of their descendants to the present time.

John B. Witmer was twice married, the first time in 1843 to Sarah Zug, by whom he became the father of the following family: (1) Elizabeth Z., the widow of Isaac Gish, of Manheim; (2) Abraham Z., engaged in farming the old homestead in Mt. Joy township; (3) Fanny Z., the wife of Isaac Gible, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; (4) Benjamin Z., a farmer in Mt. Joy; (5) Rev. Samuel Z., a farmer in Mt. Joy township, and a minister of the German Baptist Church; (6) David Z.

Mrs. Witmer, the mother of the foregoing children, died in Rapho township, Oct. 3, 1890, at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in Chickies Hill Cemetery. Benjamin and Barbara Zug, her parents, were both natives of Lancaster county.

John B. Witmer married for his second wife, Mrs. Lovina (Heisey) Reed, who was born in Mt. Joy township, and at the time of her death, Dec. 28, 1900, lacked only six days of being seventy-four years old. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Sheplar) Heisey, both natives of Lancaster county.

John B. Witmer remained on his farm until 1880, when he gave up active work and removed to Elizabethtown to spend his last years. He is a member of the Old German Baptist Church, with which he has been connected for more than fifty years, and is highly esteemed in the community.

David Z. Witmer was married May 17, 1887, at the home of his bride near Maytown, Pa., to Fanny E. Garber. Born to this union were the following children: John G., who died at the age of seven years; Chester Z., Ava R., Florence E., D. Paul, Bernice R.

Mrs. Fanny (Garber) Witmer was born in East Donegal township, and is a daughter of John A. and Elizabeth (Herr) Garber. Her father, Mr. Garber, is a farmer and a prominent citizen of East Donegal township, and a director in the First National Bank at Marietta.

Mr. Witmer was reared to an agricultural life until he reached the age of sixteen, when he came to Elizabethtown. He served two years at the car-

penter trade with Jacob Lenhard, of Maytown, prior to his coming to Elizabethtown, where he worked at his trade two years, and in April, 1885, went to Abilene, Kansas, where he worked ten months at carpentering and two months as a bookkeeper. At the expiration of the year he came back to Elizabethtown, where after clerking for a year he became associated with Philip Singer in the lumber business, in which he continued for eight years. He then purchased Mr. Singer's interest, continued alone for a year, then renting the plant for a number of years, first to Singer & Sides, and then to Singer & Brandt. Mr. Witmer was employed by the extensive firm of Keller & Crossman, as paymaster, time-keeper, and assistant manager. He is still engaged with them and is regarded as one of the most capable men in his line in this part of the State.

Mr. Witmer was elected as a councilman in 1888, and for twelve years has filled that position. He is a prominent Republican, and takes a leading position among the well-known members of his party in the State. In 1888 he attended as a delegate the State Convention of the party at Philadelphia. He served in the same capacity in 1889, at Scranton, in 1890 at Williamsport, in 1891 at Reading, in 1892 at Erie, and in 1893 at York. In 1889 he attended as a delegate the National Convention held at Louisville, he was a delegate the following year at Denver, and at Milwaukee, Buffalo, and Cleveland in successive years. In 1893 he served on the State Committee. In the spring of 1901 he was appointed Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms in the senate at Harrisburg. Mr. Witmer is a Mason, and possesses a host of friends throughout the State.

M. H. PHALM, the genial, accommodating and hospitable proprietor of the "Fairland Hotel," belongs to a family which is well known in Lancaster county. Jacob Phalm, the father of M. H., was born in Lancaster county, in 1843. In early life he was employed at various kinds of business but later adopted farming as his occupation, continuing until 1878, when he removed to Manheim, and there operated a dairy for some ten years. For some years after selling this business he was not occupied in any particular way, but later started a wholesale liquor business in Manheim, and still is one of the leading business men of that thriving place. Mr. Phalm is a member of the Golden Eagles at Manheim.

Jacob Phalm was married to Miss Catherine Koch, and they became the parents of four children: Matilda, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Jacob, who conducts a hotel business at Junction, Pa.; M. H., of this sketch; and Katie, the wife of J. B. Nisley, of Manheim, Pennsylvania.

M. H. Phalm was born in Lancaster county, July 28, 1865, and was educated in the common schools of this county. At the age of fifteen years he made a trip to Springfield, Ohio, where he remained for two years, and upon his return to Manheim he started

into the bakery business, conducting a first-class establishment for the sale of bakery goods. Moving a year later to Lancaster City, he drove a team for Charles Sech, who was a bottler in that place, but later came back to Manheim and worked for some time both at the barber business and at cigar-making.

Mr. Phalm's first experience in conducting a hotel was when he leased the "Rome Hotel" in Lititz, for a period of five years, and after successfully managing the business there, came to Fairland and moved into the hotel, which he purchased in April, 1901. Since locating there, it has become under Mr. Phalm's management one of the leading hotels of the county, in point of comfort and general convenience, and is first-class in every respect. As a host, he understands how to cater to his guests, and his house has a large and increasing patronage.

Mr. Phalm was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Obetz, and the children of this union were: Robert J., Elva M., Aurora, all at home; and Roy, who died at the age of nine months. In social circles Mr. Phalm is highly valued in a number of the prominent orders, belonging to Jr. O. U. A. M., No. 32, of Manheim, in which he has passed all the chairs; to the O. U. A. M., No. 154, Manheim Council, having passed all the chairs, and also to the A. O. K. of M. C., No. 19, of Lititz. Mr. Phalm has shown energy, industry and ability in the management of his various lines of business and is justly considered one of the wide-awake, progressive and public-spirited men of the locality.

HARRY E. MUSSER. The farm has contributed many of its energetic young representatives to the business world, where they have won a large measure of success and lived lives of eminent usefulness. Harry E. Musser, the sole dealer in farm implements at Kinzers, Lancaster county, has graduated from agricultural life, and though he still supervises the cultivation of his own acres devotes his energies mainly to the pursuit of an extensive business which has been developed through his own efforts.

Mr. Musser was born Dec. 14, 1840, on a farm located about a mile south of Kinzers, son of Jacob and Margaret (Eby) Musser, and grandson of Henry Musser, who was a well-known farmer of Earl township. Jacob Musser, the father, was born and reared in Earl township. He adopted the vocation of farming, which he followed until death overtook him, when comparatively young in years, for he died at the age of thirty-nine, leaving a widow and two sons: Harry E. and John, the latter a farmer, residing one and one-half miles north of Witmer. Mrs. Margaret Musser is still living at the age of over seventy years, in Augusta county, Va. Jacob Musser was a member of the Mennonite Church, to which faith his family also adheres.

Harry E. Musser was reared on the farm, receiving his education in the public schools. At the

age of twenty-one he began life on his own account as a farmer. He purchased a property of eighty acres in Paradise township, south of Kinzers, and there continued farming for sixteen years. In the spring of 1886, in partnership with John Horning, he established a hardware and implement business at Kinzers under the firm name of Musser & Horning, which was continued successfully for eleven years. Mr. Musser then withdrew from the firm, but a year later he purchased the implement branch of the old business and has ever since conducted the same very successfully. He is the only implement dealer in Kinzers, and has a large and well selected stock of goods. He handles the manufactures of the McCormick Harvesting Company, the Superior drills, the cultivators of the Bateman Manufacturing Co., the Oliver plows, a line of fertilizers, etc. Mr. Musser in 1883 introduced into his neighborhood the Perry harrow, through G. B. Olin & Co., and he has ever since handled those goods. He has built up a large and lucrative trade, and is one of the progressive and influential business men of Lancaster county. He has erected a commodious residence in Kinzers, and built his warehouse and sales-rooms, and in addition to his business he has the operation of his farm directly under his supervision.

Mr. Musser married, in December, 1869, Miss Mary Denlinger, daughter of John and Mary Denlinger, of Leaman Place. To Mr. and Mrs. Musser were born eight children, as follows: Susie, wife of Henry Gotschalk, of Christiana; Jacob, who is with Reilly & Raub, hardware dealers of Lancaster; Annie, Lillie and Alice, at home; and John, Henry and Mary Magdaline, who are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Musser are members of the Mennonite Church, and socially the family are held in the highest regard. Wide-awake to the changes that are taking place in the manufacturing and commercial circles, possessing business ability and judgment that command recognition and respect, having at heart the progress and prosperity of the community in which he lives, Mr. Musser ranks easily as one of the leading citizens in that part of Lancaster county.

DAVID B. ROHRER, one of the prosperous farmers of Upper Leacock township, was born on the old homestead there, Sept. 5, 1850, a son of Isaac and Martha (Binkley) Rohrer, natives of Upper Leacock and Manheim townships, respectively.

Isaac Rohrer was a farmer of Upper Leacock, where he resided and followed his calling until about twenty years prior to his death, when he retired and enjoyed the comforts his industry had earned for him. His death occurred in 1894, when he had attained the age of eighty-five. His wife died in 1875, aged sixty-four, and both are buried on a portion of the old homestead. They were earnest members of the Mennonite Church. The children born to this union were: Barbara, who died at the age of eighteen; Hettie, deceased, married to David N. Landis; Gabriel, a farmer of Wayne county,

Ohio; Maria, who married Milton Groff, a farmer of Upper Leacock township; David B.; Amanda, who died when young; Lemuel, a farmer of Texas; Emma, of Lancaster, Pa., married to Christ P. Landis, a carpenter.

David B. Rohrer remained with his parents until his marriage, when he purchased his present fine farm and has since resided upon it, improving it in every way and showing himself one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of his community. His residence is a very pleasant one; his barn is substantial and the entire place shows that he is a good manager as well as excellent farmer.

On Nov. 14, 1872, Mr. Rohrer was married in Lancaster, Pa., to Barbara L. Leamon, and to this union have been born: Isaac, who died at the age of seven; Lizzie, who married Henry H. Nult, of Earl township, and has three children, Esther M., Elsa and Virgie; and Barbara. Mrs. Rohrer was born in Manheim township, in December, 1851, and is a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Landis) Leamon.

Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Rohrer is a very earnest and active Republican. Their home is a pleasant one, and Mr. Rohrer is a man who takes his greatest pleasure in his family circle; and through his own industry, he has been enabled to see his children and grandchildren grow up about him and become themselves happy and prosperous.

GEORGE UBIL REAM, a retired saddler of New Holland, Pa., was born in that borough July 24, 1845, and is a son of Peter and Esther (Ubil) Ream. His father was born in Lancaster county and his mother in Chester county.

Peter Ream was a cooper and tinsmith in New Holland, where he died in 1897, at the age of seventy-six. His wife passed to her rest in 1887, at the age of sixty-two. Both were buried in Reading, Pa., whither Mr. Ream had gone in 1861 for the purpose of engaging in the business of coopering and tinsmithing. The father was a member of the Universalist Church and the mother belonged to the Episcopal Church. In New Holland Mr. Ream served as postmaster under the administration of President Buchanan. Born to this worthy couple were the following children: Llewellyn, a tinsmith in Reading; George U.; Theodore, in the hotel business in Philadelphia; Davis B., in a printing office, at Altoona, Pa.; Charles E., a cooper in Reading; Alonzo, an attorney-at-law, at Portland, Oregon.

The paternal grandfather of George U. Ream was Peter Ream, a tinsmith in New Holland.

Mr. Ream was married in February, 1869, in New Holland, to Margaret A. Diller, by whom he had one child, Vogan, who died young. Mrs. Ream was born in New Holland, Aug. 4, 1843, and is a daughter of Luther and Mary A. (Shirk) Diller. They lived in New Holland, where her father died in 1855, at the age of fifty-six years; his widow survived until 1885, when she entered into rest, at

the age of sixty-two years. They were buried in the cemetery at New Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Diller had the following family: Margaret A.; William; Henry; Enos; Abigail; Vogan, who married Fannie Diffendoffer. Of these children all are dead but Margaret A. Mrs. Ream's paternal grandparents were William and Margaret (Vogan) Diller.

George Ubil Ream remained at home until he was fourteen years of age. At that time he left home to care for himself and was engaged in farm labor for two years, when he returned to New Holland; there, in 1864, he found employment in a harness shop, where he was engaged until 1869. That year he began business for himself, and in 1880 he retired. His political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

George U. Ream entered the Union army in October, 1864, being enrolled in Co. F, 203d P. V. I., Captain Cook being his company commander. His first active service was found in front of Petersburg, where he was prostrated and sent to the field hospital. After being cared for there several days, he was discharged on account of disability. After he had regained his health he went to Orrville, Ohio, where he was engaged for eleven years. At the end of that time he came back to New Holland, where he is living at the present time and is highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends, as well as by the general public. His manly character is recognized, and his many admirable qualities have made him respected and esteemed.

FRANKLIN HOMSHER is a retired merchant residing in Christiana borough, Sadsbury township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

SAMUEL P. PAXSON, a farmer of Fulton township, is a well and favorably known citizen of Lancaster county. He was born Feb. 10, 1857, and is the son of James S. and Mary L. (Moore) Paxson, of Little Britain township. The family is of English origin; three brothers emigrated from the old country and settled near Philadelphia in the time of William Penn. The names of these brothers were William, Oliver and Reuben, and from them sprung the honorable Paxson family of Pennsylvania.

James S. Paxson, father of our subject, was a native of Philadelphia, a grandson of William Paxson, and a son of Jacob Paxson, who left Philadelphia and while yet a young man settled in Drumore township, where he reared a family of six children, viz.: William, Elizabeth, Rachel, James S., Franklin and Johnson, all of whom are dead with the exception of Rachel, who still lives in Fulton township. James S. Paxson, the father of Samuel P., was born in Drumore township in 1817 and died in 1876. He was married to Miss Mary L. Moore, of Britain township, in 1846. She was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Jackson) Moore, of English and Scotch descent. Six children were born to this couple: Emma K. is the wife of Peter Gilmer of

Sullivan county, Pa.; Elizabeth S. is a resident of Fulton township; Alice is the wife of John Fulton, of Fulton township; William A. is deceased; Samuel P. is the subject of this sketch; and James M., of Britain township, lives on the old homestead.

Samuel P. Paxson was married to Miss Lizzie P. Smedley, of Fulton township, Nov. 11, 1886. Mrs. Paxson is the daughter of James and Adeline B. (Ambler) Smedley, of Lancaster county, and was born May 5, 1858. To Mr. and Mrs. Paxson have been born the following children: James Arthur, born Sept. 4, 1887; William L., born Jan. 31, 1889; and Adeline S., born Jan. 24, 1893.

Mr. Paxson owns a well improved farm of ninety-eight acres, in the finest state of cultivation. He is a Republican in politics but is not a seeker for office. He and his wife are members of the Society of Friends. Mr. Paxson is a leading man in his community, and at present is a director of the school board. He is well thought of by all and in every respect is a valued and valuable citizen.

JOHN OLMSTED, a thrifty and successful farmer of Colerain township, Lancaster county, was born in Little Britain township, Oct. 17, 1865, and is a son of James and Hannah (Moore) Olmsted.

James Olmsted was born at East Head, Conn., May 24, 1818, his wife Hannah being born in Sadsbury, Chester county, Nov. 29, 1831, a daughter of Elias and Elizabeth Moore. Mrs. Olmsted was reared to womanhood in Chester county, where she was given a fair education. Mr. Moore left a large family, all of whom with two exceptions, are dead. Sandreth Moore, a merchant of Coatesville, is the only brother living, and has seven children. Elvira M. Moore married Mahlon Mercer, and lives near Lincoln, Chester county.

James Olmsted left Connecticut when a young man on account of his health, which had begun to concern him, and for some time he travelled in different parts of the State in search of health. In 1861 he married and located at Oak Shade, where he did an extensive general mercantile business up to the time of his death, in April, 1876. He left a widow, a son and a daughter. Mr. Olmsted was widely known in Chester and Lancaster counties as an upright and enterprising business man, whose genial disposition and accommodating spirit won him many friends. In 1861 he was appointed postmaster by Abraham Lincoln, and this position he held until his death in 1876. He took a deep interest in the Baptist Church, and was an active worker in it. His widow continued his business until her marriage to John Holcomb, in 1879. They made their home on the old Webb homestead, owned by Mr. Holcomb, where they lived until her death, in October, 1899. Mr. Olmsted's children were John, whose name appears at the opening of this article, and Sarah E., who was born in Little Britain, in March, 1869. Her home is with her brother.

John Olmsted was reared in Little Britain and

Colerain townships, attended the district schools, and lived with his mother on the Holcomb homestead, of which he became manager before the death of his step-father, a work he continued for some time after that event. When his mother died, he bought out the other heirs, and purchased the place. In March, 1893, he was married to Sadie C., a daughter of Adam and Emma (Retz) Overly, who was born in August, 1868, in Bart township. Her parents moved to Colerain, where they lived some ten years, but they are now living in Little Britain. Mr. and Mrs. Overly are the parents of four children: Howard, of Little Britain; Clara, the wife of John Scott, of Eden township; Adam, at home with his parents, and Sadie C., Mrs. Olmsted. Mrs. Olmsted was educated in the public schools, and is a lady of character and ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Olmsted have one daughter, Mabel R., born in December, 1893. In politics he is a Republican, and both are members of the Baptist Church in Colerain township, where he has held the office of deacon for a number of years.

ELI K. MYLIN, who carries on a large farm in Pequea township, comes of a family which has long been identified with agricultural interests in Lancaster county.

Jacob Mylin, grandfather of Eli K. Mylin, was born in West Lampeter township, where he lived and died. He was engaged exclusively in farming, and was very successful. He owned three farms one of which, the one on which the grandfather was born and lived all his life, is now the property of the subject of this sketch. Jacob Mylin was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. He wedded a Miss Haines, of Lancaster county and they were the parents of three children. Their only daughter died when fifteen years of age; the other children were John, the father of our subject; and Jacob, who lived and died in the old homestead.

John Mylin was born in West Lampeter township, Dec. 25, 1804, and lived at home until he was about twenty-four years of age. He then married Miss Elizabeth Kendig, daughter of Christian Kendig of Conestoga township, and began farming for himself on the place where his son, Eli K. Mylin, now resides. The father conducted this farm until his death which occurred April 28, 1857.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mylin were the parents of nine children: Amos, who died March 4, 1871; Isaac, who died in childhood; Eli K., our subject; Eliza, who died in infancy; Martin, of Gordonville, Lancaster county; Aaron, John, Aaron J., and Jacob, all of whom died in infancy or childhood.

Eli K. Mylin was born May 2, 1833, on the farm where he now resides. He was educated in the common schools of the county, and farmed with his father until the father's death. He then purchased the farm and has continued farming ever since, meeting with great success. His place comprises 223 acres, located in the southern part of Pequea

township, and is regarded as one of the most productive tracts in this region. Mr. Mylin has won prosperity by years of unremitting industry and energy and he is justly respected for the honorable position he holds among the fellow-citizens in Pequea township.

In February, 1860, Mr. Mylin married Miss Martha Charles, daughter of Samuel Charles of Pequea township. They have had twelve children, namely: Elizabeth, who is the wife of Isaiah Stetman; John, who resides in Providence township, Lancaster county; Frances, who is the wife of Harry Keen; Benjamin, who is employed on the Pennsylvania Railroad; Charles, who died when twenty-four years of age; Jacob, who lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba; Eli, Jr., who is at home; Bertha, the wife of Charles Kendig; Walter and Cecilia, who are at home; and Harry and Christian, both of whom died in infancy. In religion Mr. Mylin is a member of the Mennonite Church.

ISAAC F. ROHRER, a self-made and prosperous farmer, residing two miles southeast of Washington borough, Manor township, Lancaster county, was born on the Isaac Forry farm, about seven miles from Lancaster City, April 3, 1863, and is a son of Christian H. Rohrer, of Manor township.

Isaac F. Rohrer remained on the home farm with his parents until about twenty-five years old, receiving his education in the public schools, and in 1888 began farming on his own account in West Hempfield township, on a tract of land belonging to his father-in-law, William Walker; he remained three years on the place, and then removed to a farm in the west part of Manor township, near Washington borough, where another term of three years was passed and then a removal was made to the present farm, two miles southeast of the borough, the property of Christian H. Rohrer.

Isaac F. Rohrer married, Nov. 10, 1887, Miss Mattie F. Walker, daughter of William and Martha (Friday) Walker, of West Hempfield township. This marriage has been blessed with two children, Laura May and Katie W., and the Rohrer home is one of the most pleasant in Lancaster county. Isaac F. Rohrer devotes his entire attention to general farming, a branch of agriculture he thoroughly understands, realizes a comfortable income, and has lived so as to win the respect of his neighbors without exception.

JACOB K. SHENCK, a prosperous and well-known farmer of West Donegal township, was born June 24, 1849, in the township where he has passed his upright and honorable career, son of John H. Shenck, of West Donegal township, mentioned elsewhere.

Jacob K. Shenck was married in November, 1872, in Mt. Joy, Pa., to Mary H. Ebersole, a member of an old and prominent Lancaster county family, frequent mention of whom is found in these pages.

Mr. Shenck remained at home with his parents until the time of his marriage, when he established himself on a West Donegal farm, where he remained until 1891. That year he came to his present location, where he has worked industriously to the end that he is known as a most successful farmer, and as thoroughly honest and square-dealing by all with whom he has business. Both himself and wife are members of the Mennonite Church.

Mrs. Mary H. (Ebersole) Shenck was born in West Donegal township Dec. 25, 1849, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Hilcher) Ebersole, both natives of West Donegal, where they spent their lives in farming. Her father died in 1871, at the age of sixty-seven years; and her mother in 1885, at the age of seventy-eight, both being laid to rest in private burying-grounds in West Donegal township. They were devout members of the Mennonite Church. Their family consisted of the following children: Levi H., unmarried, a retired farmer in West Donegal township; Mary H., whose name appears above; Susan H., wife of Adam Stump, a farmer of West Donegal township; and Joseph H., a farmer in West Donegal township, who married Anna Heisey.

Mr. and Mrs. Shenck are prominent people in Lancaster county, where they have led peaceful and industrious lives, commanding and retaining the respect and confidence of the public to a marked degree.

ISAAC S. LONGENECKER. It is not difficult to trace in the successful career of Isaac S. Longenecker, the cashier of the Union National Mount Joy Bank, those sterling qualities which have distinguished the bearers of his name in the early history of Lancaster county.

Isaac S. Longenecker was born in Dauphin county, Pa., Jan. 3, 1835, a son of Abraham and Anna (Shenk) Longenecker, natives of Dauphin county, where the father was a well-known farmer and died at the age of seventy-six, in 1880, the mother having passed away in 1860, at the age of fifty-one. Both parents were consistent members of the Brinser Dunker Church. The children born to this worthy couple were: Samuel, a farmer of Lebanon; Abraham, deceased; Isaac S.; Magdelina, deceased wife of Peter Kramer; Elizabeth, deceased; David, a minister in the U. B. Church at Lebanon; Peter and Harry, deceased. The paternal grandparents were Jacob and Barbara (Buck) Longenecker, this honored name being well known over the whole of the State of Pennsylvania.

It is a subject of general comment, that the early life of almost all men who have later become prominently identified with great institutions of any kind was passed on a farm, and such was the case with Isaac S. Longenecker. As a profession, farming did not appeal to him as a youth, and at the age of fifteen, he entered a store in Dauphin county as a clerk, applying himself so attentively to his duties

that his services were retained for five years. A better opening presenting itself in Mastersonville, he came into Lancaster county, and became an efficient and trusted employee in a mercantile house, where he remained until 1861 and then, in the same capacity, was connected with one of the business houses in Mt. Joy, in 1873 forming a partnership with T. M. Breneman which continued for seven years.

The faithful discharge of duty and the excellent business capacity displayed by Mr. Longenecker, made him an acquisition to the First National Bank, of Mt. Joy, which he entered as clerk in 1880. In 1883 his value was recognized by his choice as assistant cashier. In the spring of 1885 he went to Elizabethtown, where he became cashier of the Elizabethtown National Bank, remaining with that financial institution until 1889, but since August, 1890, he has held his present responsible position as cashier of one of the old and solid banking houses of the State. The Union National Mount Joy Bank was organized in 1855 as a Savings bank, but the charter was changed in 1857, making it a State institution, and in 1865 its present status was attained.

Isaac S. Longenecker was married in Lancaster county to Miss Harriet G. Fretz, who was born in Rapho township, a daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Greiner) Fretz, the former of whom was a prominent farmer of this county. To this marriage has been born one daughter, Emma, who is the wife of J. W. Eshleman, a member of the firm of the Gray Iron Casting Company, of Mount Joy.

In politics Mr. Longenecker is a Republican, and has been prominent in civic affairs. As a member of the Mt. Joy city council, he advocated progressive methods and as auditor was instrumental in solving the question of ways and means in regard to a number of improvements. His religious connection is with the U. B. Church. His life has been one of continued activity, requiring the exercise of a high order of ability and he is regarded as one of the most substantial representative business men of Mt. Joy.

JOHN RESSEL, who has for many years been one of the successful farmers of Pequea township, is a native of Lancaster county, having been born Dec. 12, 1836, in West Lampeter township.

Michael Ressel, grandfather of John Ressel, came from Germany, and settled in Lancaster county. He was a shoemaker by trade, an occupation he followed all his life. Michael Ressel married Miss Mary Stetman, of Lancaster county, and they were the parents of the following children: Samuel, the father of our subject; Michael, deceased; John, deceased; Rachel, wife of Jacob Nuban, of Ohio; Catherine (deceased), wife of Adam Duke; Rebecca (deceased), wife of James Thompson; Nancy (deceased), wife of Adam Hess; Susan (deceased), wife of John McVey; and Leah, widow of Abram Kepperling.

Samuel Ressel was born in Lancaster county in

1796, and received a common-school education, living at home until he reached his majority. He early learned the shoemaker trade, and at the age of twenty took up the trade of stone mason, at which occupation he continued until he was fifty years of age. The balance of his life was spent in farming. He married Miss Annie Klein, of Manor township and they had a family of nine children: Betsy, died in infancy; Maria, wife of Martin Coble; Benjamin, deceased; Samuel, of Lancaster; Annie, wife of Jacob Myers; Martha, wife of Henry Hackman; Eliza, deceased; Levi, of Lyonsville; and John K.

John K. Ressel remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, acquired a common-school education, and was apprenticed to the carpenter trade with Henry Hackman. After five years of carpentering Mr. Ressel purchased the farm where he now resides, and has ever since engaged in farming, in which he has met with gratifying success. Mr. Ressel is one of the valuable citizens of the township, and is widely esteemed for his genuine worth.

In 1861 Mr. Ressel wedded Miss Martha Good, and to this union have been born two children: Franklin G., born June 23, 1862, now a resident of Lancaster; and Annie G., born Sept. 29, 1881, at home.

E. R. RITCHIE, a well-known machinist and foundryman, resides in East Drumore township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and receives his mail at Hensel post office.

BENJAMIN F. STAUFFER, a prominent general farmer of Upper Leacock township, Lancaster county, was born July 25, 1863, and is a son of Christian and Susannah (Rutt) Stauffer, the latter of whom passed out of life May 5, 1900, at the age of seventy-one years. The former was born in Pequea township, where he was a farmer until he retired from active life, fourteen years prior to his decease, which occurred August 18, 1900, at the age of seventy-seven. Both parents had long been consistent members of the Mennonite Church, and both lie buried in Stumptown cemetery.

Benjamin F. Stauffer remained with his parents until his marriage and then made arrangements with his father so that he could farm the old homestead and receive a certain remuneration, and there he remained until the spring of 1901, when, both parents having passed away, the property was divided and our subject purchased his present fine farm. Here Mr. Stauffer has carried on a general line of farming with great success, and he is recognized as one of the best agriculturists in the township.

Benjamin F. Stauffer was married Nov. 15, 1883, in New Holland, Pa., to Miss Martha L. Hoover, and the children born to this union are; Abram H., Susan E., Mary E., Anna H., Barbara H. and Sarah C. Mrs. Martha L. (Hoover) Stauffer was born in Strasburg township, Oct. 26, 1861, a daughter of Abraham and Mary (Carpenter)

Hoover, of Strasburg township. The parents remained there until 1888, at which time they removed to Leacock township where they afterward remained, engaged in farming. Father Hoover was born Jan. 18, 1828; his wife was born Feb. 15, 1830, and died in February, 1901. She is interred in the Hershey burying ground. Mr. Hoover is one of the leading members of the Old Mennonite Church and a most highly esteemed citizen. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were: Sarah A. and Susan, who both died young; Ellen, who married Amos Brackbill, of Paradise township; Margaret, who married Frank Herst, of Newton, Kans.; Martha L., the wife of Mr. Stauffer; Juliet, who married David Hershey, of Leacock township; Kate, who married Ephraim Hershey, of Paradise township; John, who resides with his parents; David, who died young; and Abraham, who resides in Paradise township. The grandparents of Mrs. Stauffer were among the old and prominent families of the county, David and Susannah (Eby) Hoover, of old Swiss stock; and John and Sarah (Kendig) Carpenter, of this county.

HENRY J. GISH, proprietor of the Gish Feed Mill, a water power plant in West Donegal township, was born on the farm where he is now found, July 28, 1865, a son of Henry B. and Amanda (Herr) Gish. The father now deceased, was a son of John and Annie Gish, while the mother, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Herr, natives and lifelong residents of Lancaster county, has her home in West Donegal township.

On Nov. 3, 1898, Henry J. Gish was married in Hummelstown, Dauphin county, to Miss Mabel E. Hershey, and this union has been blessed with one child, Esther H. Mrs. Gish was born in Hummelstown, Nov. 15, 1873, the charming and estimable daughter of Christian L. and Fanny (Mumma) Hershey. Her parents were born in Dauphin county, and are still living near Hummelstown. Her father, who was born Feb. 24, 1832, in his more active years held various local positions, such as school director and tax collector, and was a very successful farmer. Her mother was born Dec. 11, 1833, and with her husband belongs to the United Brethren Church. To them were born the following children: Elizabeth, the widow of John Nissley, of Hummelstown; Emma, the wife of B. H. Engle, a real estate operator in Harrisburg; William E., in the lumber business in Harrisburg; Clinton, a real estate dealer in Harrisburg; Mabel E., noted above as married to Mr. Gish; and Harry, Henrietta and Christian, all three deceased.

Henry J. Gish has spent his life on the farm where he was born, and where he is now engaged in farming. In the fall of 1896 in company with his brother Edwin H., he undertook the cultivation of the farm, and the two brothers worked together for two years, when Henry J. bought out Edwin's interest, and since that time has had sole charge of the

estate. The mill, which is also in his hands, was used to manufacture flour until 1896, when the making of flour was given up, and the work of the mill thrown into feed and chop stuff. Mr. Gish was elected town clerk in 1900, and is proving himself a popular and capable public official. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and has been a director of the Exchange Bank of Elizabethtown, since the fall of 1897. In his politics he is a Republican, and is one of the foremost young business men of this part of Lancaster county, with many friends and a bright future before him.

CHRISTIAN R. STAUFFER, one of the well-known general farmers of Upper Leacock township, and a brother of Benjamin F. Stauffer, was born in Leacock township, Feb. 28, 1852, a son of Christian and Susannah (Rutt) Stauffer, who were most worthy members of the Old Mennonite Church. Their children were: Israel, Daniel and Henry, all deceased; Christian; Barbara, who married Wayne Rohrer, of Upper Leacock township; Sue, who married David L. Kreider, of East Lampeter township; Amos, who is deceased; and Benjamin, a farmer of this township. By the first marriage of Christian Stauffer, to Anna Rohrer, one son was born, John R., who is a farmer of Bart township. The grandparents of Mr. Stauffer were prominent farming people of the county, where John Stauffer also was a miller for many years.

Christian R. Stauffer remained under his father's roof until his marriage and for the following ten years he engaged in farming on the old place, at the close of that period purchasing his present farm, where he has shown excellent management and is the owner of a fine property.

Christian R. Stauffer was married Oct. 15, 1874, in East Lampeter township, to Anna Kreider, and the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stauffer were: Sue, who married Elam Horst, a farmer of West Earl township, and has one child, Christian; and Anna, who married David B. Groff, a farmer of Upper Leacock township. Mrs. Stauffer was a daughter of Tobias Kreider, of East Lampeter township, and her death occurred Aug. 15, 1879. The second marriage of Mr. Stauffer was to Miss Barbara Landis, in December, 1884, of which marriage there has been no issue. She was born in East Lampeter township, in 1852, and was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Landis.

The Stauffer family is a leading one in that part of the county, representing wealth and prominence, and all are connected with the Mennonite Church.

F. M. GREENLEAF, one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of Little Britain township, was born Dec. 23, 1862, and is a son of Raymond and Elizabeth (Johnson) Greenleaf, of Little Britain.

Grandfather Martin Greenleaf was a well-known and respected resident of Lancaster county, of which he was also a native. His children were: Robert

P., of Wilmington, Del., where he is a practicing physician; Martin Y., of Gap, Pa.; Raymond; Isabella, of Colerain township; Lucy, the widow of John Walker, of Colerain township; and John T., also a resident of Colerain township.

Raymond Greenleaf, a successful farmer of Little Britain township, was born in 1832, that year also seeing the birth of his wife, Elizabeth Johnson. Five children were born to them: Mary, at home; John, of East Drumore township; F. M., of Little Britain township; Louisa, at home; and Maggie, deceased.

Frank M. Greenleaf was reared on the farm and was well educated, attending both public and private schools in Lancaster county. He started out in life with little but health, good habits and perseverance, but to prove that this was capital enough it may be stated that he is now the owner of a fine farm of 126 acres of excellent land with most comfortable and commodious buildings. His agricultural operations have been very successful as he has given close attention to the details of his work, has employed modern methods and used improved machinery. This farm is particularly valuable to him as it has belonged to the maternal side of his family ever since the days of his great-grandfather Johnson. Both of his ancestral families are old and respected ones in Lancaster county.

Frank M. Greenleaf was married March 21, 1889, to Miss Lucy M. Clendennin, of Little Britain township, who was a daughter of James T. and Jane (Scott) Clendennin, and was born Oct. 10, 1866. This marriage has been blessed with two children: Arthur J., born March 31, 1890, and Ethel M., born Oct. 16, 1892. Mrs. Greenleaf was one of a family of six children: Martha and Eliza, twins; Robert; Charles; Ralph and Lucy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Greenleaf are consistent and valued members of the Presbyterian Church, at the Union, in Colerain township.

Mr. Greenleaf is an ardent and active member of the Republican party, thoroughly believing in its principles. Through his locality he is held in high esteem, as an honest and upright citizen who is devoted to his country, section and family.

JOHN BAIRD BACHMAN, a venerable resident of Columbia, was, during his active years, prominently identified with the business interests of that place as the proprietor of a large planing-mill, and lumber yard, and at the time of his retirement he was probably the oldest manufacturer in his line in the State.

Mr. Bachman's ancestors on both sides have been numbered among the best citizens of Lancaster county. His great-grandfather, Felix Bachman, emigrated to this country from Switzerland in 1740, and, settling in Bart township, Lancaster county, purchased 650 acres of land from the heirs of William Penn, on which he passed the remainder of his life. He had two sons, George and Jacob. The

latter, who became the grandfather of our subject, was born in Bart township on the tract mentioned, and in the house which the father erected soon after purchasing the place. This old dwelling is still standing. He was a farmer by occupation. At the age of seventeen he was drafted for service in the Revolutionary war, but the conflict closed before he was needed. He married Ann Heidlebach, and they raised a family of five children: George, Samuel, Jacob, Ann and Elizabeth.

Samuel Bachman, the father of our subject, was born in 1791, on the old home place, and passed all his days in that locality, dying April 1, 1882, at the great age of ninety-one. He was a man of energetic habits, both of mind and of body, and, as one of the most intelligent citizens of his day and place, took an active part in all the affairs of his locality. As merchant, landlord and farmer he prospered in business. His good judgment and popularity gave his opinion great weight among his neighbors, and he was frequently called upon to assist in the settlement of estates. Samuel Bachman first married Rebecca G. Baird, who was born in 1796, in Colerain township, this county, and died in 1831. Their children were: John B., whose name opens this sketch; Hiram F., deceased, who was killed by lightning; Samuel H., deceased; and Miss Anna A., now residing in Bart township. By his second wife, Isabella Bowers, Mr. Bachman had children as follows: Harriet E. and Rebecca L., both unmarried who reside with their sister Anna in Bart township; and William, who died in infancy. To his third union with Hannah Pickle, came one child, Hannah M., who married James M. Irwin, a farmer of Bart township.

On the maternal side our subject traces his ancestry to Thomas and Agnes Baird, who were of Scotch-Irish extraction. He came to this country from Tyrone, Ireland, about 1750, and settled in Colerain township, this county, taking up three hundred acres of land. He served in Colonial wars, and his son John, the maternal grandfather of our subject, served in the Revolution. The latter was born in Colerain township, and died in 1822. He was a man of prominence in his locality, and served as magistrate in Bart and Colerain townships. John Baird married Abigail Gaillilard and they had the following named children: Thomas, John, Francis (all of whom migrated West), Patience (Mrs. Miller), Sarah (Mrs. Reeves), Rebecca G. (Mrs. Bachman) and (Mrs. Andrews).

John B. Bachman was born March 22, 1820, on the old home place in Bart township, and there spent his early life. During his boyhood he attended the select schools of the neighborhood, receiving a good practical education. His first business experiences were gained by helping his father in the country store and village hotel, and at the age of seventeen he commenced to learn the trade of carpenter, which he continued to follow until 1852. In that year, desiring to extend his business interests, he removed to Columbia, with which place he has since been identi-

fied. Until 1894 Mr. Bachman conducted a large planing mill and lumber yard, engaging extensively in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, also in building, and he became widely known as one of the most reliable business men in this section. Since 1895 he has lived retired. However, he still takes a deep interest in the affairs of his town, and he has served as Burgess of Columbia for the past three years. Mr. Bachman previously served nine years as councilman, and his fidelity to the best interests of the town has been a marked characteristic of these years of service. Originally an old line Whig, his political sympathies are now with the Republican party. Like his ancestors, he is a Presbyterian in religious faith.

Mr. Bachman was married in 1847, at Georgetown, Bart township, to Miss Isabella Knox, and the following named children were born to them: Florence Rebecca, who is mentioned below; Hyde L., John K., Anna L., and Jennie Gail, all deceased; and Mary Gertrude, also deceased, who was the wife of Charles H. Haldeman, of Columbia. The eldest daughter first married Abraham R. Breneman, son of Abraham Breneman, and they had one daughter, Jennie, who is deceased. Mr. Breneman was engaged in mercantile business. Mrs. Breneman is now the wife of Col. Christian Shuman Kauffman, an iron merchant of Columbia. They have no children.

Mrs. Isabella (Knox) Bachman was born June 15, 1829, in Bart township, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Ann (Rockey) and granddaughter of George and Catherine (Baker) Rocky, who were natives of Bart township, Lancaster county, and Northumberland county, respectively; both died in Bart township. Her great-grandfather, Henry Rocky, a native of Switzerland, came to America in an early day, making his permanent home in Bart township. He served in the Revolution. Mrs. Bachman's father, Matthew Knox, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1825, making his home in Bart township. He was a shoemaker by occupation. To his marriage with Elizabeth Ann Rocky, a native of Bart township, were born four children, all now deceased except Mrs. Bachman—George, Mary who married John Q. Taggart, Isabella, Mrs. Bachman, and Catherine, who died young. The mother passed away in 1834, at the early age of twenty-eight, and the father survived until 1838, dying at the age of fifty.

CHRISTIAN H. HESS, who ranks among the thrifty farmer citizens of Pequea township, bears a name that has long been respected in that part of Lancaster county. He is a grandson of David Hess, who was a native of Lancaster county, and passed his entire life there, following farming.

John Hess, the father of our subject, was born in Conestoga township, in 1809, and lived there most of his life. He remained at home on the farm until he was about twenty-one years of age, received a

common school education, and when he began life for himself took up farming, which he continued until his death in the spring of 1888. In political affiliation he was a Democrat, held the office of school director for several years and was also justice of the peace for some time. Religiously he was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. Mr. Hess married Miss Harriet Shank, who became the mother of six children, namely: John, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Martha, wife of John M. Hess; David S., of Conestoga township; Jacob S., of Conestoga Center; and Fannie, wife of Michael Good. Mrs. Harriet Hess dying, David Hess wedded Miss Elizabeth Harnish, and to this union were born five children: Benjamin H.; Christian H., our subject; Henry, of Martic township; Elizabeth, wife of Henry Charles, of Pequea township; and Susan B., wife of Martin Reesell, of Martic township. It is said that Mr. Hess (the father of this family) on two occasions walked to Ohio and bought horses which he rode home.

Christian H. Hess was born Sept. 13, 1862, in Conestoga township, and lived at home until he was about twenty-five years of age. He then began farming for himself on the old homestead, where he remained for thirteen years. After this he purchased the farm where he now resides and which contains about seventy acres. It is one of the most productive tracts in Lancaster county, and Mr. Hess has, by industry and careful management, succeeded in making a comfortable income from the property. He has made extensive improvements on the place since it came into his possession.

Mr. Hess married, Jan. 5, 1888, Miss Barbara Funk, daughter of Isaac Funk, and they are the parents of six children: Annie, Elizabeth (deceased), Maris, Ray (deceased), Cora and Barbara. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are both members of the Old Mennonite Church.

DAVID H. DAMBACH, the well known farmer and lime manufacturer of Manor township, residing one mile east of Washington borough, Lancaster Co., Pa., was born near his present home Aug. 20, 1856, and is a son of Martin W. Dambach, who is now deceased.

David H. Dambach was educated in the public schools of Manor township, and at the age of nineteen years hired out as a farm hand to his brother, H. H. Dambach, and in 1877, when twenty-one years old, purchased and settled on his present farm, which comprises thirty-three acres, and on which he has made many valuable improvements and conducts general farming. Mr. Dambach also has on his place a large double lime-kiln and a fine limestone quarry, opened by himself, and which is one of the finest in Lancaster county and produces about \$800 worth of pure lime annually and is well equipped with steam drill and other modern machinery.

On Dec. 8, 1877, David H. Dambach married Miss Lydia Shenk, daughter of Abraham Shenk, of

Manor township, to which union have been born ten children, namely: Fannie S., Abraham, David, Lizzie, Allen, Mary and Katie, twins, Martin, Annie and John. Mr. and Mrs. Dambach are members of the Old Mennonite Church, to the support of which they have always contributed most liberally, and are classed with the best residents of Manor township.

THE BRENEMAN FAMILY. Adam and John Breneman, two brothers, in the latter part of the eighteenth century settled on 1200 acres of land a little east of Creswell, in Manor township, Lancaster county, each brother securing for himself 600 acres, all unimproved, but from which they later developed first class farms. The tract purchased by Adam is now occupied and owned by John Frey, Benjamin Shenk, Norman Christ, Amos Doerstler, Abraham Baker and others. Adam Breneman, who was a small man, married and reared a family and in due time passed away.

John Breneman's original purchase of 600 acres is now principally owned by Peter Hiestand and Zachariah Witmer. John Breneman married a Miss Bassler, who bore him six sons and five daughters, of whom the sons were named Henry, Joseph, Jacob, Adam, Abraham and John; the record of the names of the daughters has been lost. The children all scattered, the most of them seeking homes in the West. John Breneman was also a man of small stature. The first dwelling he erected on his premises was a small cabin near the site of the buildings that now occupy the Z. R. Witmer farm. This cabin was the home of John Breneman for several years, when he erected a commodious stone farm house, which is now owned by Peter Hiestand. The stone house was the home of John Breneman until his death, which occurred at the age of eighty-two years, in the faith of the Old Mennonite Church.

Joseph Breneman, youngest child of John Breneman, was born in the stone farm house in Manor township, Oct. 20, 1807, married Miss Barbara Kreider, Sept. 2, 1828, and had born to him a family of ten children. Joseph Breneman died Aug. 7, 1872, and his wife, who was born June 26, 1808, survived until March 6, 1895. The ten children alluded to above were: Benjamin K., who was born June 11, 1831; Michael, born Sept. 5, 1833, who died April 19, 1882, leaving a widow; Elizabeth, Dec. 5, 1835, the wife of Z. R. Witmer; John K., born March 10, 1838; Barbara, April 24, 1840, who died in December, 1844; Anna, Nov. 6, 1842, who died in January, 1845; Joseph K., Sept. 30, 1845, a farmer; Jacob, Jan. 8, 1848, a resident of Millersville; Adam, Sept. 23, 1851, living in Lancaster City; and Susan, Aug. 27, 1855, who died in August, 1861. This family was reared in the Mennonite faith, in which faith the parents passed away. Mrs. Barbara (Kreider) Breneman was a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Kreider, one of the old and highly respected families of Conestoga township.

BENJAMIN K. BRENEMAN, the oldest of these children, was born in the old stone house, was reared a farmer and was educated in the public schools. At the age of twenty-two years, Benjamin began the conduct of a farm on his father's account, and in 1865 they purchased seventy-five acres one mile east of Creswell, where Benjamin K. carried on general farming until about 1894, when he retired from active labor.

The marriage of Benjamin K. Breneman took place Nov. 3, 1853, to Miss Barbara Neff, who was born in Manor township, Oct. 15, 1830, the daughter of Henry Neff, a then prominent citizen. Six children have come to bless this union, viz: Susan, born July 21, 1854, now the wife of Daniel Witmer; Benjamin, Dec. 19, 1857, married to Elizabeth Herr; Henry, Dec. 18, 1861, a farmer, and married to Elizabeth Ruhl, all of Manor township; Joseph, Sept. 16, 1864, a resident of Donegal township and married to Rachel Lefever; Jacob, Nov. 17, 1867, a farmer in Donegal township and married to Lizzie Torrey; and Amos, Dec. 10, 1870, a farmer residing on the old homestead and married to Elizabeth Doerstler. The family are all devout Mennonites and among the most highly respected residents of Lancaster county.

JOHN SLOAD, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, makes his home at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

AMOS K. ROHRER, a thriving and rising young farmer residing one mile south of Columbia, in Manor township, Lancaster county, was born seven miles west of Lancaster City, on the Forrey farm, Jan. 15, 1875, and is a son of Christian H. Rohrer.

Amos K. Rohrer received the usual education gleaned by farmer's lads from the public or district schools, assisted on the home place until twenty-two years of age, and then branched out for himself on his present sixty-five-acre farm, where general agriculture has since occupied his well-directed attention.

On Nov. 1, 1897, Amos K. Rohrer was united in matrimony with Miss Ella B. Dambach, daughter of H. H. Dambach, of Manor township, and to Mr. and Mrs. Rohrer has come one child, Christian Harry, born Nov. 2, 1898. Mr. Rohrer has been a very industrious man, has made a success of his vocation, and stands to-day among the leading young farmers of his township and county.

AMOS R. GISH, was born in West Donegal, Jan. 31, 1875. He is the senior partner of the firm of A. R. Gish & Bro., general dealers in agricultural implements and extensively engaged in the paint business in Elizabethtown.

Mr. Gish is a son of Jacob R. and Elizabeth (Root) Gish, both natives of West Donegal, where they now reside. Both his parents were born in 1832, and have had the following children: Harry

R., who is at home; Levi, who is at home; Abraham R., the junior member of the firm of A. R. Gish & Bro., married Amanda Hershey; Emos R., deceased; Katie R., the wife of Amos R. Herr, a farmer in the township of Mt. Joy; Emma R., the wife of Steven Lindermuth, a farmer of East Donegal township.

The paternal grandparents of Amos R. Gish were John and Anna (Risser) Gish, both natives of West Donegal township, and in their day prominent and respected people.

Amos R. Gish passed the earlier years of his life at home with his parents. In the spring of 1899 he opened his present business in company with his brother, Abraham R. The almost immediate success which they attained demonstrated both the need of such an establishment as that which they maintain and their ability as business men. They keep the best goods, are prompt and reliable in their dealing, and have won a marked success in their business.

Mr. Gish is a Republican, and is much esteemed at home and wherever he is known, for his many good qualities and genial disposition.

JOSEPH JACKSON, one of the leading young farmers of Southern Lancaster county, was born Dec. 16, 1862, in Little Britain township in this county, and was a son of Robert and Eliza (Conrad) Jackson.

Robert Jackson was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1828 and died in Little Britain township, April 8, 1898. His life had always been one of honest toil and he was much respected through Lancaster county, whither he had come while still a young man. He married Eliza Conrad who was born in 1828, and died in 1893. Eight children were born to them. Margaret, who married Dr. McNutt, of Philadelphia; John, who is one of the leading farmers of his vicinity; Andrew Jackson, who also is a leading farmer in Little Britain township; Robert, who married Rebecca McMamee, and resides in Britain township; Joseph, of this sketch; Mary, who married Fred Gregg, of Drumore township; Ella, who married George Pollock, a merchant of Philadelphia; and Mary E., who died young.

Joseph Jackson was reared a farmer boy and attended the district schools of Drumore township. Trained by his father to be industrious and frugal, Mr. Jackson now reaps the benefit of his years of industry. Although at the age of twenty-one years he had yet his first acre of land to earn, he now owns a fine, well-cultivated farm, comprising 164 acres with excellent buildings and other improvements, in one of the most desirable portions of Little Britain township. For twelve years he has managed a hay press, this being an accommodation to his neighbors and a source of revenue to himself.

In 1891 Mr. Jackson was married to Miss Estella Retzer of Drumore township, a daughter of Joseph Retzer. The other members of her family were: Lizzie; Annie, deceased; Ada, the wife of Lloyd

McGuchee; Joseph; Jennetta, who married James McMamee. This family is one of the old established ones of the county. It originated in Ireland many years ago.

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jackson: Everett, Charles, Letta and Joseph. Mr. Jackson has efficiently served as county commissioner, and is one of the leading members of the Democratic party in this locality. As a farmer he is regarded as an authority in agricultural circles, and through the community he is esteemed as one of the reliable men of business, as a good citizen and an upright man who fitly represents his neighborhood.

WILLIS B. CHARLES, an enterprising young farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, is a descendant of one of the county's oldest families, was born in the township on the original Charles homestead, Aug. 2, 1874, and is a son of Amos and Mary (Bowen) Charles, both of whom are now living in East Hempfield township.

Willis B. Charles was well educated in the public schools of his native township, was reared to farming on the parental homestead and at the age of twenty-two years began agricultural life on his own account by settling on the farm of 145 acres which he still occupies, one mile south of Millersville; this tract is devoted to general crops and is recognized as one of the best cultivated farms in the county.

On Jan. 4, 1897, Willis B. Charles married Miss Lizzie C. Herr, a daughter of Emanuel and Elizabeth (Charles) Herr, and this marriage has been blessed with one child, Amos H. Mrs. Lizzie C. Herr was born on the farm on which she and her husband now live. Emanuel Herr died some years since and his widow still resides on the homestead, the joint family being among the most respected of the residents of Manor township.

JACOB K. BRENEMAN, who owns and conducts a productive farm in Pequea township, is one of the valuable citizens of his locality, and, though a young man is ranked among the substantial farmers of his section of Lancaster county.

Jacob K. Breneman is a grandson of Milton Breneman, who was born in 1772, in York county, Pa., and came to Lancaster with his family when a mere child. He learned the weaver's trade, which he followed most of his life, but in 1824 purchased a farm in Strasburg township, on which he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1857. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church. In 1821 he married Miss Frances Lyenes, of Lancaster county, and they became the parents of two children: Peter, the father of our subject; and Fannie, widow of John B. Erb of Strasburg township.

Peter Breneman was born in 1822, in Martic township, and remained at home until he was thirty-nine years of age. His education was acquired in the common schools of the county. He was a farmer all his life. In 1861 Mr. Breneman wedded Miss

Elizabeth Kreider, daughter of John Kreider of Pequea township. To this union were born three children: Maris, now of Sterling, Ill.; Frances, wife of John Bleicher, of Highville, Manor township; and Jacob K. The father was a member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Jacob K. Breneman was born in Sterling, Ill., Feb. 7, 1866. When he was but four years of age his mother died and the father brought him back to Lancaster county, where he lived with his aunt for four years. He then went to live with two ladies who were cousins of his father, remaining with them until they died. Mr. Breneman was the heir to their property and has cultivated this farm with success.

JAMES NEWTON LIGHTNER. The Lightner family is one of the old and honorable ones of Lancaster county, members of it having become distinguished both in political and professional life through several generations.

Augustus Lightner, his great-grandfather was born in Intercourse, Lancaster county, and served in the war of 1812. For many years he carried on large agricultural operations in Lancaster county, accumulated great tracts of land, became one of the financial pillars of his township, and was one of the most highly esteemed as well as one of the most liberal and public-spirited citizens of Lancaster county. He died on his farm at an advanced age. His marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Gundaker, and to them were born three sons and one daughter: Herman, James, Augustus and Elizabeth.

James Lightner, grandfather of James Newton, was also a native of this county and State, and was liberally educated at the Green Castle College, in Franklin county, graduating from that then noted institution with honors, a fine linguist, being conversant with seven languages, English, German, French, Latin, Greek, Hebrew and Spanish. In later life he studied medicine, and was graduated from the Baltimore (Md.) Medical College. He located for practice at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county, this State, but later, he removed to Mt. Union, and there enjoyed a fine practice, going then to Churchtown, this county. In the course of time he saw a better field of operations at Allenville, Mifflin county, and sold his practice to Dr. McCaa, and took up his final residence in Allenville. Dr. Lightner ranked high in the medical profession.

He was first married to Miss Elizabeth Cromwell, and two children were born to this marriage: Henderson and Jennie. The second marriage of Dr. Lightner was to Miss Flickinger, and the three children of this union were: Elizabeth, Keziah and Isaac N. Dr. Lightner was a Democrat, and was twice a member of the Legislature, rendering valuable services during his terms of office. A man of great public spirit, he was liberal in the use of his wealth in furthering the enterprises that came under his notice, for the betterment of his locality, and for humanity in general. Much is due the memory of Dr. Lightner

in the matter of the building of the structures for the comfortable care of the Huntingdon county poor, and to this enterprise he devoted much time and afforded very material financial assistance. For many years Dr. Lightner took a deep interest in raising the standard of education in his community, and served on the school boards to effect this purpose. Few men in Lancaster county were more missed or more sincerely lamented, at time of death, than was Dr. James Lightner.

In Dr. Isaac N. Lightner, the father of James Newton Lightner, and the son of Dr. James Lightner, Lancaster county has a worthy and proficient physician. Dr. Isaac N. Lightner is located in lucrative practice at Ephrata, promising to follow most successfully in the footsteps of his honored and well-remembered father. Dr. Lightner married Miss Emma B. Landis, a daughter of John H. Landis, a very prominent citizen of Northern Lancaster county. Three children were born to this union: one that died in infancy; Emma Ruth, at home; and James N.

James Newton Lightner was born at the ancient town of Ephrata, in 1878, and received his preparatory education in the public schools of Lancaster county. Later he became a student in State College, and then at Dickinson College, Carlisle, graduating from the law department of the latter institution. Upon his return from Dickinson College, Mr. Lightner continued his studies with A. B. Hassler, Esq., who is well known in the city and is now county controller of Lancaster county, and Mr. Lightner was admitted to practice on Sept. 13, 1901. Endowed with many gifts and thoroughly educated, the future holds out great promise for an ambitious young man, like Mr. Lightner, and his friends predict for him a very successful future in his chosen profession.

E. W. WRIGHT, M. D., is a well known physician and the owner of a fine farm in Little Britain township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, with postoffice at Wrightsdales.

ABRAHAM K. McDONALD, gardener and florist of Washington borough, Manor township, Lancaster county, was born Oct. 22, 1877, in the house he still occupies and is a son of Joseph R. and Elizabeth (Amert) McDonald, the former being of Scotch descent.

Joseph R. McDonald was born in Upper Windsor township, York county, Pa., Dec. 25, 1834, and was a son of James and Sarah (Reeves) McDonald, also natives of York county. James was a day laborer and died when about fifty-five years old, his wife having passed away when at the age of about fifty years. They were the parents of six children, named as follows: Maria, Jackson, Joseph R., Peter, an unnamed infant and William, all deceased with the exception of Joseph R. The last named was a lad of but eleven years when his parents were called away, but a short time previously he had

gone to work for John Moore, a farmer of York county, with whom he made him home seven years, attending school meanwhile. When eighteen years of age, Joseph R. came to Lancaster county and entered the employ of George S. Mann, a farmer in Manor township, and continued in this employ about twenty-four years, with the exception of one year spent in the defense of his country's flag. This service was rendered in 1862-1863 with Co. E, 178th P. V. I., chiefly in Virginia, and his muster out took place in August of the last named year.

In 1876, Joseph R. McDonald purchased ten acres of good land just east of Washington borough, on which he made many valuable improvements and conducted general farming two years, and then removed to a farm of 162 acres belonging to George Mann; this he managed four years, then carried on farming on his own ten-acre farm until 1889, and then purchased twenty-one acres adjoining, so that the two tracts may be virtually called the same farm. He removed to the new addition in 1899 and has there conducted general farming ever since.

In 1877 Joseph R. McDonald was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Ament, of Manor township, Abraham K. McDonald being the only child. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald are members of the M. E. Church, in which he has served as steward and trustee. Fraternally, Mr. McDonald is a member of Columbia lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F.; likewise of Columbia encampment; and is also a member of Chickamauga Tribe, I. O. R. M. Socially he and his wife and son take rank with the best people of Manor township.

Abraham K. McDonald was reared to farming, received his preliminary education in the public school, then attended the State Normal School at Millersville two years, and later took a course at the Pennsylvania Business College at Lancaster City. Until the spring of 1899 Abraham K. assisted his father on the home farm, and then took charge of the place on his own account and carried on market gardening exclusively, until quite recently, when he determined to become a florist and erected a hot-house 30x72 feet, which is well stocked with flowers of every variety, including many rare exotics. The enterprise promises to prove an immense success.

Abraham K. McDonald was most happily married May 4, 1899, to Miss Sue C. Nissley, daughter of Jonas L. Nissley, of Manor township, and this union has been blessed with one child, A. Leroy.

JOHN G. FERGUSON, a prosperous contractor and builder of Columbia, of the firm of C. C. Ferguson Sons, occupies a prominent place in the business circles of that town.

Christian C. Ferguson, for many years a leading contractor and builder of Columbia, was born in Manor township, Lancaster county, in 1846, and was a son of James and Catherine (Christ) Ferguson, lifelong residents of that county, where the father

engaged in business as a wagon maker. He died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five years, and the mother passed away in 1893, at the age of eighty-two. Christian C. was the eldest child of this union, the others being: Catherine, who married John Tyson, and died at the age of twenty-four years; and Martha, wife of Isaac Broom, of Columbia. The father was married three times and had twenty-one children.

At the early age of ten years Christian C. Ferguson left home and began the battle of life for himself, working for neighboring farmers until he was eighteen years old, when he commenced learning the carpenter's trade in Manor township. As a carpenter he engaged in contracting and building, from the age of twenty-four years until his death, which occurred in Columbia in November, 1898. He met with success in his undertakings and was able to leave his family in comfortable circumstances. He was an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He was thoroughly interested in whatever tended to promote the moral, intellectual and material welfare of his community, and in his death the community realized that it had lost a valued and useful citizen.

On Oct. 12, 1864, in Lancaster, Pa., Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Gurney, and to them were born four children, as follows: Catherine, now the wife of Isaac Overhultz, foreman in stove works at Lehighton, Pa.; John G.; Christian, deceased; and Emory, also a contractor and builder of Columbia.

Mrs. Ferguson is a native of West Hempfield township, Lancaster county, and the only child of George and Elizabeth (Hogendobler) Gurney, who were also born in Lancaster county. Her father, who died before her birth, was of English extraction, and a school teacher by profession. The mother was again married, her second husband being David Kaufman, and she is now living in Silver Spring, Lancaster county, at the age of seventy-three years. By the second marriage there were four children, namely: Abraham, who conducts a coal yard in Silver Spring; David, a resident of the same place; Elizabeth, deceased; and Leah, wife of Horace Heidler, telegraph operator at Silver Spring.

John G. Ferguson was born Jan. 13, 1868, on a farm in Manor township, this county. When one year old he came with his parents to Columbia, where he remained to the age of eleven. Returning then to the farm, he remained there six years, engaged in agricultural work, and he has since been a resident of Columbia. For a year and a half he clerked in a grocery store, and he also worked one year in a cigar box factory before taking up his father's calling, at which he worked with his father until 1897, learning almost every branch of the business. Since the year mentioned he has carried on contracting and building in partnership with his brother, Emory G., under the firm title mentioned, and they have met

with flattering success—success fully accounted for, however, by the quality and style of their work. Their business reputation is of the highest, and they are equally respected for high moral worth and good citizenship. Mr. Ferguson is a Republican in political faith.

On Sept. 1, 1885, in Columbia, Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage with Miss Ida C. Myers, and five children have blessed this union, namely: John Leo, Sarah H., Ethel M., Wilford A. and Catherine. Mrs. Ferguson was born in 1869 in East Hempfield township, daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Kauffman) Myers, natives of East Hempfield township and Columbia, respectively. He was a farmer by occupation. He died in 1870, in Ohio, while yet a young man, and Mrs. Myers subsequently married Robert Law, a tailor who now resides in Lancaster. Mrs. Law died in 1873, at the age of thirty-four. Ida C., Mrs. Ferguson, was the only child born to her union with Abraham Myers. Mr. Law's children were Anna, who is the wife of Harry George, of Witmer, Pa.; Charles, of Lancaster; Ira, of Lancaster; Miss May, of Bryn Mawr, Pa.; and Robert, who is deceased.

D. WALTER MIESSE, the progressive photographer and prosperous young business citizen, of Lancaster, whose artistic quarters are located at No. 24 West King street, well represents his line of endeavor, in that city.

The family name of Miesse is one which is well known in the State, Daniel H. Miesse, grandfather of D. Walter, having been the owner of extensive woolen mills and farm interests at Schaefferstown, in Lebanon county, although his last days were spent in Lancaster county, where his death took place about a quarter of a century ago, after some years of retirement from activity.

D. W. Miesse, son of Daniel H. and the father of D. Walter, of Lancaster, has, for the past twenty-eight years, been a leading confectioner in that city, his establishment on North Queen street being not only one of the leading, but also one of the finest, in interior fittings, in Lancaster. He married Miss Carrie B. Clore, of Westchester, and to this union were born ten children, of whom seven still survive: Miss Charlotte, who is her father's efficient assistant in the confectionery business; Emma, at home; John, who is engaged in the saddlery business; Howard, Dora and Le Roy, all at home; and D. Walter, the photographer.

D. Walter Miesse was born at No. 48 North Queen street, Lancaster, May 15, 1877. He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster, leaving these at the age of fifteen years, to take a practical course at Weidler's Business College. Later, Mr. Miesse entered upon his artistic career, during the course of which he spent eight years with the late J. E. Rote, but on Feb. 4, 1901, he bought the photographic establishment at No. 24 West King street, over Kirk, Johnson & Co.'s big music store, and im-

mediately proceeded to re-model and refurnish the studio. At the present it ranks favorably in furnishings and work with the best to be found in the State.

Mr. Miesse was married on Feb. 12, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth M. Elliston, who was a daughter of George Elliston, who is connected with the Pennsylvania Iron works. Mr. Miesse is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and is fraternally connected with the Artisans. Although not an active politician, he votes with the Republican party. The success which has rewarded the efforts of Mr. Miesse is due to his enthusiasm and knowledge of his business, his artistic temperament making him well fitted for such a career. Constantly studying, he keeps pace with all the modern improvements in his line, and turns out specimens of work which would do credit to metropolitan studios.

J. A. JAMISON, an honored veteran of the Civil War, is the owner of a fine farm near Wrights-dale, Little Britain township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

HARRY GOOD REESE, railroad telegraph operator and newsdealer at Elizabethtown, was born in Elizabethtown, Aug. 10, 1871.

Mr. Reese is a son of Samson D. and Elizabeth (Good) Reese, both born in Little Washington, Lancaster county. When they married they came to Elizabethtown, where they have passed their peaceful and well ordered lives. The father is a farmer and a dairyman, and is now a man of venerable years, having been born in 1828. For four terms he served in the town council. The mother, who was born in 1835, has had the following children: Samuel G., a farmer and a fruit grower in West Donegal township; David M., a machinist in Elizabethtown; Christian G., a brick maker and ice dealer in Elizabethtown; U. Grant, (deceased); Harry G.; Edgar G. and Anna G., both at home.

Harry Good Reese was married Feb. 22, 1898, to Miss Mamie E. Young, who was born June 28, 1875, and is a daughter of Gabriel and Mary J. (Carpenter) Young, born respectively, in Elizabethtown and in Maytown. Her father was a railroad contractor and spent the greater part of his time in Connecticut. He was born in 1835, and died in 1875. Her mother, who was born July 28, 1841, died Sept. 9, 1877. They were both members of the Lutheran Church, and had the following children: Hester C., who died Feb. 10, 1867; James E., of Harrisburg; and Mamie E.

Harry Good Reese has spent his life in Elizabethtown, where he has been engaged in the newspaper business for the past seventeen years. In 1893 he entered the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Elizabethtown, as a telegraph operator, and here he has remained to the present time. For the last four years he has acted as relief operator. Mr. Reese is a member of the A. O. K. M. C., of which he is relief assistant, and with his wife holds membership in

the German Reformed Church. In his politics he is a Republican, and for so young a man has won an enviable position in the business world.

FRANK BROWN is one of the prosperous young men of Paradise and one who despite his youth has already won a creditable position among the leading men of the community. He was born in West Lampeter township, May 5, 1871, son of Henry and Annie Eliza (Froelich) Brown. The father is a resident of Paradise, and Frank was reared on his farm and educated in the public schools.

Frank Brown started out in life for himself at the age of twenty-one years, spending a year in the West, then returning to Lancaster county to take charge of the Paradise and Lancaster Stage Line. He operated this line for four years, and then engaged in the cattle business, giving considerable attention also to the handling of horses. In the summer of 1900 he opened a meat market; but has recently turned his entire attention to horses, and handles all kinds of road and draft animals in the Lancaster county market.

Mr. Brown is a man of wide thought and ready action, and when he sees a good opportunity is ready to embrace it at once. In the spring of 1901 he saw a good opportunity in the ice business, and promptly organized an ice company in Paradise, supplying several neighboring towns as well as that point with the cooling crystal that is such a comfort in the hot weather.

Mr. Brown was married in 1893 to Miss Jane Hogens, a daughter of William Hogens, of Mt. Pleasant. They have one child, Chester.

The Brown family is among the oldest and most respected in Lancaster county, and has a very honorable history. Jacob Brown, the grandfather of Frank, lived many years in Eden township, where he died about 1878, at the early age of forty-five years. Miss Lydia Philips, who became his wife, was the daughter of Henry Philips, and died about 1893, at the age of sixty-two. They were the parents of the following children: (1) Sarah Anna, unmarried, in Lancaster; (2) Henry, father of Frank Brown; (3) Adaline, wife of William Moore of Lancaster; (4) Harriet L., wife of J. W. Eberly of Lancaster, deceased; (5) Ada, wife of J. Mills Rhodes of Lampeter; (6) Mary C., wife of Charles Seiber of Lancaster. Mrs. Lydia (Philips) Brown is remembered as especially of a high Christian character, and a sweet and tender spirit.

Henry Brown, noted above as the father of Frank, was born and partially reared in Eden township and educated in the local schools. When only ten years of age he went to work on a farm for his board and clothes. When he was sixteen he received wages. In 1870 he was married, and eight years later engaged in farming, in the meantime being engaged in working for wages. For eighteen years he was engaged in farming in Paradise and Lampeter townships. After this he located in Para-

dise as a drover and engaged in the cattle business for some two years. For three years he was in the ice business. For nine years he was supervisor of Paradise township. At the present writing he is engineer for the firm of Hershey, Brown & Hershey. Mr. Brown has been one of the active party workers of the Republican organization in Paradise township.

Mr. Brown was married to Annie Eliza Froelich, a daughter of Daniel Froelich, and is the father of four children: Frank, whose name introduces this article; Henry W., a resident of Sterling, Ill., where he is engaged in the farm implement trade; Daniel F., a resident of Trenton, N. J.; Jacob F., a resident of Paradise, and associated with Hershey, Brown & Hershey.

GABRIEL E. NISSLEY, a general farmer in the township of East Donegal, Lancaster county, who has made a decided success of his chosen calling, was born on his present home place, Nov. 28, 1870, a son of Elias N. and Rebecca N. (Eby) Nissley, natives of East Donegal and Rapho townships, respectively, who since 1894 have lived retired, making their home in Mount Joy borough, enjoying that rest and ease that deservedly follow long and faithful years of farm life.

Elias N. Nissley was born in East Donegal township, Feb. 15, 1845, a son of Joseph W. and Barbara (Nissley) Nissley. He lived at home with his parents until 1870, when he spent a year with his brother, Rev. Ephraim N. Nissley, and then began farming for himself in East Donegal township, where he met with success, retiring, as above stated, in 1894, and leaving the farm in charge of his son.

On Oct. 31, 1869, Elias N. Nissley married, in Mt. Joy, Rebecca Eby, who has borne him two children: Gabriel E., whose name introduces this article; and Miss Fannie E., at home. They are members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are very prominent in the community. In his political views Elias N. Nissley is a Republican.

Mrs. Rebecca (Eby) Nissley was born in Rapho township, Oct. 4, 1850, a daughter of Levi and Anna (Nissley) Eby, natives of Hammer Creek and Rapho township, respectively. Levi Eby (a son of Hans—or John—and Mary (Witwer) Eby, of Lancaster county) died in April, 1865, at the age of forty-nine years; and his wife in 1870, at the age of fifty-five years. They were both buried in Rapho township on the old homestead, where she was born. They were members of the Mennonite Church, and were known as honest and God-fearing people. Their children were: Mary, living in Florin, is the widow of Christ N. Nissley; Sarah, married John S. Nissley, and is deceased; John died in infancy; Fannie, deceased, married Rev. Ephraim N. Nissley; Phian-na married John G. Snyder, and is now deceased; and Rebecca. Mrs. Anna Eby was a daughter of John and Anna (Hershey) Nissley, both of Lancaster county, where they lived and died; she was twice married, her first husband being Jacob Garber,

by whom she had a daughter, Anna, who married John Hertzler, a farmer in Alabama.

On Nov. 7, 1893, in Lititz, Pa., Gabriel E. Nissley wedded Susan Hostetter, and they have become the parents of two children: Ella H. and Lilla H. Mrs. Susan (Hostetter) Nissley was born in Penn township, a daughter of Michael and Maria (Eby) Hostetter, both natives of Lancaster county, now residing on the old homestead in Penn, where he is retired from active farm labors. They are both respected members of the Mennonite Church. To Michael Hostetter and wife were born the following children: Anna E., wife of Amos Horst, a farmer; Mary E., who married Benjamin Kauffman, a farmer near East Petersburg; Susan; Kate, the widow of Jacob N. Kreider, now living with her parents; Levi, who died young; and Ella is at home.

Gabriel E. Nissley remained on the farm and worked for his father until his marriage. At the present time he is doing business for himself, and is rapidly making his way to the front as a bright young farmer, who is willing to spare no pains and labor to secure the best results and keep his broad acres in their most fertile condition.

OWEN McMANUS, a retired employe of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, resides at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

JOHN C. GRUBER, the proprietor of the "Styer House" in New Holland, operates a hotel of thirty-five rooms, and has put in steam heat, together with all the other modern conveniences, making it one of the popular hostelrys of Lancaster county.

Mr. Gruber was born at Sorrel Horse, East Earl township, Jan. 17, 1870, and is a son of Morgan H. Gruber. He was married Jan. 14, 1892, in Cedar Grove, East Earl township, to Catherine Stauffer, by whom he has had three bright and winsome children, Margaret, Anna and Jay.

Mrs. Gruber was born in East Earl township, Feb. 4, 1871, and is a daughter of John and Anna (Weaver) Stauffer. Her father was a coach maker, and died in 1880, at the early age of thirty years. At Goodville he had a coach factory, and was building up a fine trade, when so early called away. His widow is postmistress at the present time in Goodville. She has had the following children: Caroline, who is now Mrs. Thomas Fox, of Goodville; Catherine; Francis, a blacksmith in Lancaster; Eva, unmarried and living in Philadelphia; Cora, married to Milton Martin, of Goodville; Keelor, a druggist in Philadelphia.

The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gruber were Joseph and Eva (Martin) Stauffer; her maternal grandparents were John S. and Catherine (Sensenick) Weaver, residents of Lancaster, where the former was engaged in trade.

John C. Gruber remained at home with his parents and was reared in the life of a hotel until he

reached the age of eighteen years, securing his education in the public schools, and preparing for a successful career. His first business engagement was at Reidsbach, Pa., where he was employed in a store for thirteen months, and he was then in a dry goods store in Lancaster for three years. After this he was in various positions for two years. In his father's stockyards hotel in Lancaster, young Gruber was employed two and a half years. Until 1889 he was at different times in the service of several hotel men in Lancaster, but that year he took charge of the present hotel, in which he has continued very successfully to the present time.

Mr. Gruber is connected with the P. O. S. of A., the K. O. T. M. and the F. O. of Eagles, and is very popular in these various social relations. In political matters he is a Republican, and is a thrifty and successful man and a good citizen.

DAVID H. MARTIN, a very successful grocer in Elizabethtown, was born in Mt. Joy township, Oct. 20, 1871, a son of Rev. Aaron and Cordelia (Heisey) Martin, and though young in years, is recognized as one of the prominent and reliable merchants of the place.

Rev. Mr. Martin is a clergyman of the order commonly known as the River Brethren, though called by themselves, Brethren in Christ. His home is in West Donegal township, in a suburb of Elizabethtown. He was born April 7, 1841, in Mt. Joy township, and is a son of David and Barbara (Hershey) Martin.

David Martin was born on the same farm where David H., his grandson, was born, and there he spent eighty-two years of an industrious and useful life, dying April 30, 1897. Mrs. Barbara (Hershey) Martin died Nov. 12, 1877, at the age of sixty-four years, and was buried in a private burying ground on the old farm. David Martin was a farmer, occupying himself in the winter with harness-making. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were members of the River Brethren Church. The oldest son, Elias H., is a clergyman in Dickinson county, Kansas. Their other children were Anna (deceased) married Rev. Abraham Eshleman; Aaron; Catherine, died at the age of thirteen years.

Joseph and Elizabeth (Miller) Martin, were the paternal great-grandparents of David H. Martin. Joseph Martin was a farmer and a blacksmith, and a famous harness maker.

Jacob and Catherine (Witmer) Hershey, the maternal great-grandparents of David H. Martin, were natives of Lancaster county, where their lives were spent.

Rev. Aaron Martin was married Dec. 25, 1861, in Lancaster, Pa., to Cordelia Heisey, and by this union became the father of the following children: Abraham, died at the age of two years; Anna, unmarried and living at home; Ezra, a farmer in Mt. Joy, married Alice Longenecker; Amos, a farmer, in Mt. Joy, married Frances Hostetter; David, mer-

chant in Elizabethtown; Emma, wife of Isaac Hershey, engaged in the creamery business in Dauphin county; Aaron, a clerk in Elizabethtown National Bank, and at home; Irvin, a teacher, and living at home; John, a farmer living with his brothers on the old homestead.

Mrs. Cordelia (Heisey) Martin was born in West Donegal township in 1840, and is a daughter of Abraham G. and Fanny (Goss) Heisey, both natives of West Donegal. Her father is now leading a retired life in West Donegal, her mother having passed away.

Aaron Martin remained on the farm where he was born in Mt. Joy township until 1898 when he retired from active farming, and moved to his present location, a beautiful quarter-section, adjoining the northern line of Elizabethtown. He still officiates as minister of a congregation in West Donegal township. For six years he was a school director in the township of Mt. Joy, but he takes no active interest in politics.

David H. Martin is still unmarried, and was reared on the old farm where he remained until he attained his majority. He had his education in the district school, and in the State Normal School at Millersville. He taught school, and when he was scarcely of age engaged in his present business, which has been from the first a pronounced success. Mr. Martin is a Republican, and is a bright and thrifty tradesman, commanding a large trade and counting his friends by the legion.

LANDIS HERSHEY, who is a general farmer and substantial and respected citizen of Salisbury township, was born Aug. 24, 1867, at Intercourse, in Leacock township, son of Peter E. and Anna (Landis) Hershey.

Landis Hershey was reared on a farm, and has devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits ever since he became old enough to take an interest in them. His education was acquired in the district schools and until his marriage he remained at home, assisting his father. After marriage he settled on his present fine farm, which he has operated and developed into one of the best and most valuable farms of the township. Mr. Hershey is a Republican in politics. He belongs to the Mennonite Church.

On Oct. 25, 1887, Mr. Hershey was married (first) in Paradise township to Miss Elizabeth Buckwalder, and one son, Harry P., was born to this union. Mrs. Hershey was born in 1866 in Salisbury township, died Nov. 19, 1891, and was buried in Hershey cemetery. She was a daughter of John R. and Magdelina (Hershey) Buckwalder, the former an ex-merchant and retired farmer of Paradise township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Buckwalder are members of the Mennonite Church. Their children were as follows: Anna, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Mr. Hershey; Owen, of Lancaster; Hettie, wife of John M. Kreider, a minister, resid-

ing in Palmyra, Mo.; Mary, wife of John H. Hershey, of Palmyra, Mo.; Frank, Jacob and Ruth, at home; Ira, of Kinzers, Pa.; and Harry, at home.

The second marriage of Mr. Hershey was on Nov. 19, 1893, in Salisbury township, to Elizabeth K. Leaman, and to this union three children have been born, namely; Anna E., Willis L. and Ruth L. Mrs. Hershey was born Dec. 3, 1875, in Upper Leacock township, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Kreider) Leaman, the former a native of Leacock township, and the latter of East Lampeter township. Mr. Leaman, who was a farmer, died in East Lampeter township in 1878. Mrs. Leaman married (second) Bishop Isaac Eby and resides in Paradise township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Leaman were as follows: Mary and Anna, who both died young; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Hershey; Benjamin, who died young; and Ada, married to Isaac Hershey, a farmer of Paradise township.

As a farmer, Landis Hershey upholds the reputation of Lancaster county as the home of the best agriculturists in the State, and as a citizen he is known to be an honest, reliable and upright man, a good neighbor and a kind friend.

JOHN J. SWEENEY, a locomotive engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is now living retired at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

WILLIS M. RETTEW. The Rettew Brothers are manufacturers of Pasteurized Butter at New Holland, and have already won a very creditable standing for their goods in the great markets of the country. This firm consists of Willis M. and Samuel Rettew, sons of William and Elizabeth (McCauley) Rettew.

The brothers were reared in Ephrata township, and their great-grandfather, Isaac Rettew, came from Ireland when a young man. He was a farmer and his son, William, was reared in the vicinity of Philadelphia, coming into Lancaster county when a young man. There the greater part of his life was spent, his home being most of the time in West Earl township. After a long and useful life he passed away. Elizabeth McCloud, his wife, was a native of Lancaster county, and with her husband belonged to the Lutheran Church. They had a family of six children, John, William, Leaman, Harvey, Maggie and Annie.

William Rettew, the father of Willis M., was born and reared in Earl township, but made his home in Ephrata township after his marriage. There he has held the office of inspector of election, and has several times been judge of election. In politics he is an ardent Democrat. Mr. Rettew married Elizabeth McCauley, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Mowrer) McCauley. She was born in Warwick township, and belongs to the Lutheran Church. To this union were born eleven children; Willis M., Samuel, Hervey, Allen, Willie, Norman,

Chester, Minnie, Alice, Emma and Elizabeth. The two older members of the above family are married, and compose the firm of Rettew Brothers, at New Holland.

WILLIS M. RETTEW was born Feb. 26, 1876, and was reared on the old farm, receiving his education in the public school, and graduating from the Akron high school. In 1899 he formed a partnership with his brother Samuel, under the name of Rettew Brothers, and erected a creamery, two miles west of New Holland, and two miles east of Bareville. Their plant is regarded as one of the most complete and perfect in Lancaster county. Their output is readily sold at top prices in Philadelphia, Reading and elsewhere. They manufacture as high as sixteen hundred pounds of butter a week. They also handle eggs and poultry and have a good patronage for anything they offer on the market. Willis M. Rettew was married Dec. 2, 1900, to Miss Anna Nolt, a daughter of Amos Nolt, of West Earl township. Mr. Rettew is known as a wide-awake and hustling young man, of good principles and correct habits.

SAMUEL RETTEW, the junior member of the firm noted above, was born Dec. 2, 1877, and is also a graduate of the Akron high school. He married Miss Mamie Landis, a daughter of Jacob Landis, of Ephrata township. Mr. Rettew resides at Ephrata, but devotes much of his time to the business of the firm in Philadelphia, while his brother takes charge of the business of the firm at the factory.

Rettew Brothers, worthy and deserving young men, are making a decided success of their work, and are winning rapidly that position of independence and success that should attend industry, integrity and business ability, such as they exhibit.

JOHN KERNER, a conductor on the Pennsylvania Railroad, resides at Columbia, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

HARRY MUSSELMAN. Among the live and progressive young business men and successful farmers of Earl township, no one stands higher in public esteem than does Harry Musselman, who was born on the old homestead, in the southern part of Earl township, March 2, 1870. His father was Henry Musselman, now deceased, and he was reared to farm pursuits in his younger years, while attending the public schools. In search of a higher education, Harry then entered the Pennsylvania Commercial College, and after finishing a course there, at the age of eighteen years began clerking in a coal and lumber yard at New Holland, and continued there for two years with Amos Rutter. The following five years were passed in the employ of C. H. Hershey, at Bareville.

The fine farm owned by Harry Musselman is located one and one-half miles south of New Holland, comprises 112 acres, and is generally regarded as one of the best farms in that part of the county. This requires supervision, as Mr. Musselman is

progressive enough to wish to have his land cared for in the best possible manner, realizing that only in this way can it give the best possible agricultural results.

Mr. Musselman has been particularly prominent in politics, being an active and influential Republican. He was made township assessor and served through one term very acceptably and then was made justice of the peace, an appointment which has given general satisfaction. Mr. Musselman is unmarried. As an upright and interested citizen, he is identified with all matters of public interest, and is highly esteemed through Earl township.

SAMUEL L. SHARP. Among the well-known residents of the borough of Ephrata, Lancaster county, is Samuel L. Sharp, the efficient manager of the Clear Point stock farm, owned by F. A. Wilson, of Ephrata.

Samuel L. Sharp was born Nov. 16, 1860, a son of Jacob and Mary C. (Gross) Sharp, representatives of two old and highly esteemed families of Lancaster county. For a number of years Jacob Sharp was a dealer in merchandise and produce, in Ephrata, his death occurring on Jan. 29, 1890, at the age of seventy-five. His widow, who was born Jan. 2, 1836, still survives and resides with her son Samuel L. The family born to Jacob Sharp and his wife numbered these children: Francis, born in August, 1859, who died in 1864; Samuel L.; and William, born in 1863, who died in infancy.

Samuel L. Sharp was reared in Ephrata and attended the common schools of the borough, and was then given most excellent educational advantages, at Harrisburg Academy and the Muhlenberg College at Allentown. Following this, he engaged in clerking in Ephrata. Some time later, Mr. Sharp went into the business of cigar manufacture; he was made justice of the peace and served most efficiently for a period of ten years. At present he is the capable manager of the well-known Clear Point stock farm.

The marriage of Mr. Sharp took place in March, 1884, to Miss Strohl, a daughter of Isaac and Mary Strohl, of Ephrata, and to this union were born four children: Bernard S., born Oct. 11, 1885, died Dec. 4, 1893; Charles S., born Dec. 9, 1887; Harry S., Sept. 17, 1891; and Frank S., Dec. 19, 1892. The birth of Mrs. Sharp occurred Jan. 23, 1861, and she passed out of life April 27, 1895, at the age of thirty-five.

Mr. Sharp stands well with the community in which he has lived so long, and during his years as justice of the peace served his section faithfully and to the satisfaction of all parties. As an intelligent business man his ability is recognized, and he is most devoted to his family and friends.

ABRAHAM B. HUBER, of Neffsville, Lancaster Co., Pa., belongs to a family whose representatives have taken an honorable place in the activ-

ities of Lancaster county, since the coming of the great-grandfather of Mr. Huber.

Abraham Huber, the grandfather of Abraham B., was born in Warwick township, Lancaster county, where his life was spent. When he died he was between fifty and sixty years of age, and had followed farming all his life. To him and his wife were born: Peter went to Canada, where he followed farming, and died; Samuel was a farmer in Lancaster county, where his descendants still abide; Jacob was a farmer, and died without issue; and John, the father of Abraham B. Huber. Of their daughters, one married Christian Hess, of Warwick township; another, Henry Stoner, of Ephrata township; a third married Samuel Martin, of Earl township; and a fourth, a Mr. Hurst, of Franklin county, Pa.; and a fifth married Andrew Groff, and went to Canada. The parents of these children were members of the Mennonite Church.

John Huber, the father of Abraham B., was born in Warwick township, in February, 1806, and died Jan. 22, 1889. He was left fatherless at about the age of seven years, and for a time he lived with his sister, but left her home to learn the weaving trade, making this his occupation until his marriage. After his marriage he located in Leacock township, where he engaged in farming, although during the winter season he still did weaving. In 1849 he sold this farm, and bought one of 192 acres on the Fruitville Pike, in Manheim township, and there he followed farming as long as he was engaged in active business. Retiring from active work after a long and industrious career, he moved to a small property near the lead mines in East Hempfield township, where he took active interest in public affairs, being among the first to serve on the school board under the first operation of the free school system, assisting in the organization of the free schools. He also served as director of the poor. His last days were spent at Petersburg, where he bought a residence. His business abilities were above the ordinary, and he was called upon to administer many estates. In religion he was an active member of the Mennonite Church. John Huber was married to Fannie Buchwalter, a daughter of David Buchwalter, of Leacock township, where she was born in 1807; she died Sept. 7, 1886. To this union were born the following children: Mary, who married Christian Kauffman, of East Hempfield township, and is now deceased; Elizabeth, widow of Daniel Brubaker, of Petersburg, Lancaster county; Abraham B.; Fannie, widow of Abraham Strite, of Washington county, Md.; David B., a retired farmer of Manheim township; Barbara, the wife of Isaac Shutter of Franklin county, Pa.; Catherine, wife of Amos Kreider, of Petersburg; John B., a retired farmer of Penn township; Annie, wife of Henry Hostetter, of Manheim township; and Jacob B., a resident of Illinois.

Abraham B. Huber, whose name appears above, was born March 18, 1834, in Leacock township, where he was reared to the age of fifteen years,

when he came with his parents to Manheim township, where his home has continued to the present time. His education was received in the common schools, and when he was twenty-four years of age he began farming for himself, taking a part of his father's farm, which was his home as long as he was in active work. Another farm, of ninety-four acres was rented by him, which added to his own seventy-two acres made a field large enough for his strength and enthusiasm. In 1881 he purchased a farm of seventy-one acres just north of Neffsville, from which he has sold some twenty acres for building lots. About 1884 he purchased a mill property with six acres of ground at Rome in Warwick township. The mill was destroyed by fire the second year he owned the place, and it was at once rebuilt with a complete roller process. A son of Mr. Huber, John K., operates it, and is becoming known as a very capable millman. Mr. Huber has been a progressive and public-spirited man of the county, and was an organizer and one of the first directors of the Fulton Bank of Lancaster county, a position he still holds. For six years he was auditor of the township, and for the same length of time was school director. He was one of the organizers of the Manheim-Neffsville Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and has always given a willing ear to any proposition that looked to the public good.

Abraham B. Huber was married Oct. 13, 1857, to Miss Esther, a daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Brubaker) Kreider, who was born in West Lampeter township, Feb. 11, 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are the parents of the following children: Benjamin K., a farmer in Manheim township, married Miss Lizzie Grossman, and has eight children, Fannie, Laura, Ammon, Ella, Ada, Graybill, Melvin and Susie; John K., a miller at Rome, married Lizzie Hartman, and is the father of seven children: Katie, Hettie, Lizzie, Abraham, Samuel, John and Elmer; Abraham, a farmer in Manheim township, married Fannie Landis, and has five children: Landis, Esther, Fannie, Clayton and Abraham; Lizzie married Amos Rohrer, a farmer of East Hempfield township, and has four children: Annie, Enos, Daniel and Esther; Fannie married David Herr, a farmer of Lancaster township, and has two children: Hettie and Fannie, and Mary married Jonas Harnish, a farmer of Pequea township, and has two children: Lloyd and Huber. Mr. and Mrs. Huber with the most of their family are members of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Huber retired from active life in 1892, to a pleasant home in Neffsville, where he is enjoying the fruit of industrious years.

LEVI F. CHARLES, a general farmer of Manor township, Lancaster county, whose entire life has been passed in the community in which he now resides, was born on the old family homestead three miles northwest of Millersville, Oct. 2, 1854. He was reared on his native place and he acquired his education in the district schools of the neighborhood, applying himself assiduously to his studies,

however, and thus he obtained a good education. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven when he began farming for himself on a part of the home farm. He now owns fifty-three acres, which he devotes to general farming. His fields present a most attractive appearance, and plainly show their owner to be a practical and progressive farmer, fully alive to the principles of up-to-date agriculture.

On Oct. 27, 1881, Mr. Charles was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Buckwalter, daughter of John Buckwalter, of Conestoga township, Lancaster county. Seven children have come to bless their home: Lizzie B., Howard B., Christian B., Edith B. and Harry T. (twins), M. Clara and Lee B. Both Mr. and Mrs. Charles are earnest members of the Old Mennonite Church, and are highly esteemed in the county, where their entire lives have been passed.

JAMES HUNTER, a general farmer and representative citizen, of Lancaster county, now a resident of Sadsbury township, was born in County Derry, Ireland, in February, 1831, a son of James and Eliza (Devlin) Hunter, both natives of Ireland, where their lives were spent. For many years James Hunter was the sexton of the Presbyterian Church, his death occurring in 1881, at the age of seventy years, the mother surviving until 1889, dying at the age of seventy-five years. The children born to James Hunter and wife were: William, deceased in Carbon county, Pa.; James; Henry, who died in Australia; Mary, widow of Robert McMichael, of Carbon county; Lizzie, who married John Park, and lives in Ireland; John, in Australia; Rebecca married to John Fisher, and living in Australia; and Samuel, who is employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, in Lancaster.

Until the age of eight years James Hunter lived with his parents in Ireland, working for his father and neighboring farmers. On June 1, 1854, he landed in Castle Garden, New York, having spent forty-two days on a sailing vessel from the old country. One month was spent in the great metropolis, and then he found his way to Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pa., and spent four years in a Pennsylvania coal mine, going then into Lehigh county for one year, and to Montgomery county, in 1859. Here for twenty years he worked in a foundry, and it was not until 1879 that he settled on his present farm of sixty-three acres, in Lancaster county, and began an agricultural life. Since that time, Mr. Hunter has been successfully operating his farm, and shows little the effects of advancing age. His life has been one of constant industry, and he and his most estimable wife are now able to enjoy the fruits of former efforts.

In May, 1861, James Hunter was married in Montgomery county, Pa., to Mrs. Sally (Wentzel) Heffenfinger, and the children born to this union were: Ruth, who died at the age of five years; Eliza, who married Whitson Pickel, a casket maker

in York county, Pa., and has two children; and Sally M., who married Morrison Helton, a plumber, in Gap, Pa., and has one child.

Mrs. Hunter was born at Fox Hill, Montgomery county, Pa., on Jan. 20, 1833, a daughter of Henry and Lizzie (Gresh) Wentzel, of Montgomery county, all of the family being born in the same locality, near Pottstown, Pa. Mr. Wentzel was a farmer and also a tailor and he died in 1876, at the age of seventy-five years; and his wife died in 1887, at the age of eighty-four. Both were consistent and worthy members of the Lutheran Church. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wentzel were: Jeremiah, deceased, was a soldier; Samuel died in 1898; Henry was killed at the close of the war; Augustus died in 1899; Ephraim made his home in the West; Lydia is the widow of Jacob Swenck; Sally is Mrs. Hunter; Mary married William Bryan, now retired, of Boyerstown, Pa.; Malinda married Benjamin Clemmor, of Illinois; Elizabeth lives unmarried in Illinois; and John is in the tobacco business in Pottstown.

The first marriage of Mrs. Hunter was to Isaac Heffenfinger, and the children of this union were: Emma, who is the widow of Isaac Tompkins, near Philadelphia; Forest, a resident of Philadelphia; Walton, also a resident of Philadelphia; Milton, deceased; Malinda, a widow living in Philadelphia; Sally, deceased; and Chestina, deceased. Mr. Heffenfinger was a son of George Heffenfinger, of Montgomery county, and died at the age of thirty years.

Mr. Hunter was reared in the Presbyterian belief, but is liberal minded enough to see good in all creeds, and has joined no church. Fraternally he is connected with the I. O. O. F., and in politics is an active member of the Republican party. Although Mr. Hunter has toiled all his life, he has found time to keep abreast of the world's progress and is one of the most intelligent and well-informed citizens of his township, where he commands the respect and esteem of all who know him.

DANIEL BOOK. The Book family is one of the representative ones of Lancaster county, and its numerous descendants have been scattered over many States of the Union. The paternal ancestor was Michael Book, who founded the family in Lancaster county, coming here from his home in Germany; he married and reared a family, three of his sons having been: David, of West Lampeter township; John, who removed to Juniata county, Pa.; and Samuel, who went to Maytown. Michael Book settled in the vicinity of Strasburg, and his remains lie in the old cemetery there.

David Book was born Nov. 2, 1771, and he married the youngest daughter of Adam and Catherine (Hooke) Hooke, who bore her mother's name and was born in May, 1769. These dates carry us back to historic days, and it would be most interesting to record the experiences of this large family through those troubled times in the struggling colonies. A

family of ten children were born, of whom little is known but their names and the fact that they reared families of their own which are among the most respected in their various localities. These children were: Daniel, David, Catherine, Mary, Elizabeth, John, George, Adam, Michael, and Magdalena. The father lived to be almost eighty years old; his wife passed away on July 10, 1831. David Book owned a farm of twenty acres at the time of his decease, his life having been mainly spent in Strasburg.

Daniel Book, the son of David Book, was born Feb. 10, 1793, in Strasburg, where he learned the trade of shoemaker, but later turned his attention to farming, at first operating a farm on shares in East Lampeter township but in 1835 he purchased seventy-five acres of land in West Lampeter, which is the land now owned and operated by Daniel Book, of this sketch. Upon this place he carried on farming until about 1854 when he purchased a tract of some twenty-four acres, in Strasburg township to which he removed and there spent his last days, dying Nov. 10, 1870, at the age of seventy-seven years and nine months. His life had been successful, as he was a frugal, hard-working man who made his own way in the world by honesty and industry, and died a valued member of the Old Mennonite Church.

Daniel Book was twice married, the first time to Christianna Neff, the daughter of Henry and Barbara Neff, who was born in East Lampeter township, July 30, 1792, and died Sept. 4, 1831, at the early age of thirty-nine years, having been the mother of four children: Samuel, who became a farmer of considerable prominence and owned two good farms in Providence township, was aged fifty-nine years at the time of death, and left a wife and eleven children; Daniel, of this sketch; Mary, deceased, who married John Miller, also deceased, and left a family of children; and David, who resides in Dauphin county, Pa., nine miles from Harrisburg, the capital, where he conducts a large farm. For his second wife, Daniel Book married Anna Hirsh, but from this marriage there was no issue.

Daniel Book, the subject of this biography, was born Feb. 20, 1828, and was brought up on the farm, working during the summers and attending school during the winters, remaining under his parents' care until he was eighteen years old, at which time he decided to learn the carpenter trade and followed it for the succeeding seven years and then again turned his attention to farming.

The father was advancing in years and Daniel came home to take charge of the land, working it on shares for several years, but in 1860, he purchased it from his father and since then has remained there, adding at one time a tract of two acres, and at another a desirable seven-acre tract; upon this last purchase he is now living. Immediately upon securing possession of the home place, the young man began to improve it, put various plans into operation, erected substantial and attractive buildings and made it one of the most desirable homes in the locality.

In 1890 he removed to the present place, which adjoins the old homestead, and lives a life of ease while his son assumes the active cares of the farming operations. Daniel Book has been one of the successful agriculturists of the township, and has been noted for his liberal interest in everything which has promised to benefit his home section.

The marriage of Daniel Book occurred Nov. 7, 1856, to Maria Leaman, a daughter of Abraham Leaman, who was born in East Lampeter township, Nov. 1, 1834, and who died Jan. 9, 1870, the mother of five children: Christie, residing at home; Abraham, who married Lizzie Haverstick, and farms on the home place; Amanda, who married Christian Herr of West Lampeter township; David; Mary, who married Landis B. Herr, of Lancaster township. His second marriage took place on Oct. 7, 1875, to Susan Landis, a daughter of Abraham and Catherine Landis, born Aug. 25, 1834; both he and wife are valued members of the Old Mennonite Church.

The Neff family was an old and prominent one of East Lampeter township, grandfather Henry Neff being well and favorably known by his contemporaries; he was born Sept. 17, 1754, and on Feb. 1, 1778, he married Barbara Funk, who was born July 9, 1760. Henry Neff was a farmer and owned several fine pieces of property, dying in 1833, his wife surviving ten years. They reared a family of fourteen children: Martin, born in 1778; Annie, 1780; Henry, 1782; Christian, 1783; Esther, 1787; Elizabeth, 1789; Barbara, 1790; Martin (2) 1785; Christianna, 1792; John, 1795; Magdalena, 1797; Francis, 1800; Catherine, 1802; and Mary, 1804. Many members of this family reared very large families and were noted for their longevity, as well as for their estimable lives and their records for good citizenship.

Daniel Book has done much for the advancement of agricultural ideas in his locality, being a firm believer in the policy of putting land into excellent shape and maintaining this condition. His holdings are large, as he is the possessor of a small property in Lampeter, and one of 169 acres in East Drumore township, near Quarryville, which he has improved with a new residence. His name carries with it the confidence of the public both in private and public life, and it can truthfully be said that he is one of the very best representative citizens of West Lampeter township.

JACOB H. HEIDLEBACH, a substantial farmer of Pequea township, this county, is now living on the farm on which he was born, a residence covering a period of more than three score years, the home of his childhood days, of his mature years and on into life's evening. How many recollections must cluster about the old farm!

Mr. Heidlebach is of the third generation of his paternal line in this country and locality. Jacob Heidlebach, his grandfather, emigrated from Swit-

zerland to the United States near the middle of the eighteenth century, but little is now definitely known as to his own history or that of his family. A son, Henry Heidlebach, the father of our subject, was born one mile west of the old farm alluded to in the foregoing; in his early manhood he was employed in teaming, transporting by wagon from his locality merchandise to and from the cities of Philadelphia, Pa., Wilmington, Del., and Pittsburg, Pa. Being industrious, frugal and a good manager, as time passed he saved his earnings and finally became the owner of the farm on which his son, Jacob H., now resides, it being his first landed possession. There he lived occupied in agricultural pursuits until 1861, in which year he retired from active farm work and located in West Willow. In 1876 he returned to the old farm, passing there the evening of his life with his son, and there his death occurred in 1881, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a plain unassuming man of industrious habits, kindly disposed and held the esteem and respect of his fellowmen. He was twice married, marrying first Anna Hess, who died in 1846; and ten years later he married Mary Kendig, who is also deceased. To the first marriage were born children as follows: Jacob H.; Henry, a farmer living in Drumore township; Fannie, married to Abram Miller; Sarah, married to Frank Breneman of Rawlinsville; and Annie, the wife of Joseph Etter, a farmer of Montgomery county, Ohio.

Jacob H. Heidlebach, our subject, was born Feb. 25, 1838, in what was then Conestoga township, now Pequea. He was reared to farm labor and enjoyed the privileges for obtaining an education customary to the sons of the general farmer of that period, attendance at the neighboring district school through the winter months. By giving close attention to his daily duties, saving a little each year as time passed, he was enabled to get a footing in life, and has since by care and good management prospered and today is one of the well-to-do farmers and substantial men of his township. In 1871 he acquired his first land, partly by purchase and partly through inheritance. This was his present farm of 113½ acres and upon it he erected a substantial brick residence. The improvements in general Mr. Heidlebach has made himself and they are good. He has been a man of enterprise and public spirit, progressive in all things. A man of good judgment, painstaking and careful, he has been selected a number of times by his fellow townsmen to share in transacting the public business of the township. For eight years he served as supervisor of elections; for ten years, as township auditor and for twelve years, as school director. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is a straightforward, upright man and commands the esteem of the community.

On Dec. 12, 1861, Mr. Heidlebach was married to Barbara, daughter of Abram Hoover, and the union has been blessed with children as follows: Martha Ann, Emeline, Milton S., Charles H., and

Jacob, all deceased; Ida, the wife of Eli Eshleman, residing on the home farm; John F. a soldier in the United States service, now in the Philippines. He enlisted April 5, 1899, and rose from the ranks to his present position, that of lieutenant in Co. H, 1st Marines.

EPHRAIM H. HERSHEY, a substantial citizen of Millersville who has only recently retired from a long active agricultural life, a calling in which his father and grandfather before him achieved success, has attained high rank among the farmers of this county.

Born Dec. 12, 1834, in Manor township, Mr. Hershey is the son of Joseph Hershey (2) and Barbara Hostetter, and the grandson of Joseph and Esther (Hostetter) Hershey, all natives of the same locality. The grandfather was born in Manor township and there passed his life in agricultural pursuits, in which he was quite extensively engaged. He and his wife were identified with the Mennonite Church and reared their five children in that faith. He died in 1831, when upward of sixty years of age, and she passed away in 1853. Their children were: Benjamin, who moved to the State of Iowa in 1852, had a large stock ranch, was engaged extensively in the manufacturing of lumber, became wealthy and there died; John, also now deceased, an extensive farmer in Manor township; Joseph (2); Magdalena, married to Jacob Hoover, of York county, this state; and Catherine, who died unmarried.

Joseph Hershey (2), the father of our subject, was born in 1808 in Manor township. He married Barbara, daughter of the Rev. Jacob Hostetter of Manheim, this county. She was born in 1811 and has attained the advanced age of over ninety years. Joseph Hershey (2) was a farmer of Manor township, thrifty and industrious, and a good citizen. Himself and his estimable wife were members of the Mennonite Church. He died in 1855. Their children were: Benjamin, unmarried, who resided in Manor township and there died when sixty-two years of age; Ephraim, our subject; Esther, who is the wife of Reuben Kauffman and resides in Manor township; Anna, deceased wife of Robert Knox; Joseph, a farmer and dealer in agricultural implements at North Platte, Nebraska.

Ephraim H. Hershey was reared on the old home farm in Manor township, and his boyhood was passed in the usual manner of farmers' sons, alternating in season between work on the farm and attendance at the district school. At the age of twenty-one he began farming on his own account on the home place, and for the long period of forty years continued to reside upon the place, engaged in general farming. In 1896 he retired from active business life and erected a neat, comfortable house in Millersville, where he is quietly passing the evening of life. Through life Mr. Hershey has been industrious, enterprising and progressive; he has ever taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the advance-

ment of his town and county. He is a member of the Mennonite Church. Mr. Hershey is the owner of a well-improved farm of 117 acres.

On May 2, 1861, Mr. Hershey was married to Harriet, daughter of Joseph Shindle, now deceased, of Manor township. She died in 1887, aged forty-six years. Two children blessed this union, Emma and Joseph, the latter a farmer of Manor township.

SAMUEL M. HUBER, extensively engaged in the tinsmith, roofing, plumbing, steam and hot water heating business at Lititz, is one of the wide awake, progressive men of the town, and bears an enviable reputation for thrift and public-spiritedness. He was born in Warwick, Pa., Dec. 9, 1870, a son of John and Susan (Weidler) Huber.

At the age of seventeen years Mr. Huber discontinued attendance at the public schools and entered upon an apprenticeship as a tinsmith under J. A. Miksch, of Lititz, in the same building in which he is now engaged in business. After completing his trade Mr. Huber sought to broaden his opportunities by taking a course in plumbing at the New York trade school, after which he worked as a journeyman at Oxford, Chester county, Pa., for two years. He then returned to Lititz and worked for his brother for seven years, after which he bought out the business of Mr. Miksch, his erstwhile instructor in the tinsmith trade. The wisdom of this departure has been repeatedly demonstrated in the meantime, for Mr. Huber has won the confidence of the community in which he lives, and not only has the local trade, but is known and patronized for many miles around. He is affable, obliging, and thoroughly conversant with his many sided occupation, and his industry and application have brought in fair financial returns.

On Oct. 15, 1894, Mr. Huber was united in marriage with Catherine Haisch, daughter of Christian and Emma (Deim) Haisch, and who is a native of Lititz. Four children have been born of this union, of whom two are deceased, and the two living are called Winifred and Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Huber are members and earnest workers in the Moravian Church. Mr. Huber is very active in political undertakings of his neighborhood, and invariably adheres to the tenets of the Republican party. He has held offices of importance within the gift of his fellow townsmen, including that of burgess of Lititz. He is fraternally associated with the Knights of Pythias of Lititz, and is well known in social and business circles.

HIRAM STONER YOUNG is regarded as one of the most progressive men of his section of Lancaster county, where he is well known, and the circle of his acquaintanceship also extends into York county, where he has held business interests for some years.

Mr. Young was born Jan. 27, 1852, at Central Manor, this county, son of Benjamin and Elizabeth

(Stoner) Young. He was reared in the locality of his birthplace, received his education in the common schools, and while yet a boy began to learn carpentry with his father, who was a carpenter and contractor. Until 1876 he was thus engaged with his father, for whom he then farmed for two years, after which he took charge of the Blue Rock Mills, located on the Susquehanna about a mile south of Washington borough, where he has ever since remained. He was only a renter during the first ten years, but at the end of that time purchased the property, which he yet owns. As his patronage has increased and the demands of his custom have warranted it he has increased his facilities and made numerous improvements, putting in new boilers and engines, and equipping the mills with the roller process. Mr. Young carries on flour and grist milling, having both a merchant and custom trade, and his plant has a capacity of twenty-five barrels daily. However, though milling has been his principal business, he has not given all his time and attention to that line. He also handles hay and grain, and owns and conducts a coal yard in York county opposite his mill, which he established in 1897. The same year he opened a transportation line between his mill and York county, the landing being at the foot of Long Level, in York county, opposite the mill. A steamboat carries anything that is to be transported. The statement that Mr. Young is progressive needs no further support than the record of his business life. All his enterprises have been successful in the most desirable way—while bringing him profit, they have been of benefit to his fellowmen, who have appreciated fully the advantage of having so energetic a man in their midst. Though he is thoroughly public-spirited, he takes little part in public affairs. His political support is given to the Democratic party.

In 1883 Mr. Young married Miss Alice Eichleberger, of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Amos Eichleberger, and they are the parents of three children, Samuel M., J. Russell and Marie M. Mrs. Young is a member of the Lutheran Church.

R. R. BITZER. The coal and lumber business in Ephrata, Lancaster county, is in the hands of energetic and progressive men who have done much for the advancement of the borough along their lines. One of these dealers is R. R. Bitzer, who was born March 19, 1831, a son of Daniel and Lydia (Resler) Bitzer, of West Earl township. Grandfather Michael Bitzer was a prominent farmer of West Earl township and a highly respected citizen.

Daniel Bitzer, father of R. R. Bitzer was born Oct. 11, 1794, married Lydia Resler Dec. 25, 1825, and died Dec. 15, 1853, his wife being born in 1797 and surviving until Dec., 1867. To them a family of six children was born: Mary, born Aug. 25, 1829, died Jan. 25, 1850; R. R.; Julia Ann, born Oct. 5, 1834, who married George Melison, of Lebanon

county, and died in 1898; Matilda, born Oct. 19, 1836, died May 11, 1837; Martin, born Aug. 1, 1838, who married Lydia Buck, of West Earl township; and Daniel R., born Sept. 16, 1840, died Aug. 3, 1860.

R. R. Bitzer was reared on a farm and educated in the public schools, and for some fifteen years he followed agricultural pursuits, at the end of which time he moved into the borough of Ephrata and opened up a lumber business which he has successfully pursued for the past thirty years; although he has seen seventy birthdays, he is still a capable and energetic man of business, trusted and respected throughout the neighborhood. During his younger years he served as prison inspector for a long season, was supervisor of roads, and has been school director in both West Earl and Ephrata townships. In 1863, he was elected justice of the peace, serving with credit for five years, when he resigned the position.

On Feb. 25, 1858, Mr. Bitzer was united in wedlock with Miss Fianna Fasnacht, a daughter of Amos and Lucy (Killiam) Fasnacht, of Ephrata township, and these children have been born to them: Alice, born Jan. 8, 1859, who died in infancy; Daniel, born June 19, 1862, deceased; Jacob and Ella, twins, born Nov. 10, 1865, the former of whom is dead, the latter the wife of Charles Leimbach; and Clara, born Feb. 10, 1868, who married Dr. Frank Winger, a druggist of Ephrata.

Mr. Bitzer and his estimable wife live in great comfort in their handsome home at 118 East Main street, Ephrata, where they delight to show hospitality and are beloved and respected by all who know them.

JOSEPH H. HABECKER, a general farmer, contractor and owner of a valuable stone quarry, is one of the leading citizens of East Donegal township. He was born at Rohrerstown, East Hempfield township, Aug. 19, 1855, a son of Christian and Elizabeth (Habecker) Habecker, of Manor township. The father died on the old farm in 1859, at the age of thirty, but the mother still survives, living on the old homestead, at the age of seventy-five. Her two sons are: Christian, who manages the old farm; and Joseph H.

The old pioneer settler of this family was named Christian, and, coming to America, purchased land from William Penn.

Joseph H. Habecker had the usual rearing of a farmer boy, and attended the district schools, remaining with his mother until the age of twenty-one. Then he purchased a coal and lumber yard, from Stacks & Meyers, of Florin, Pa., which he operated successfully until 1882, and then sold the business. For four years Mr. Habecker enjoyed a private life, but in 1886 he again returned to business and located on his present farm, where he remained engaged in agricultural pursuits for six years. Moving into Mt. Joy, he operated the Farmers' Creamery

Co., for two years, having been one of its organizers, but was then confronted by the necessity of either bringing his children up in town and resigning his farm, or of resigning his connection with the company, and for the sake of what he considered better for the children, he chose the latter and returned to East Donegal. Although another manager now conducts the business of the creamery, he still retains his stock in it, which is valuable. For three years Mr. Habecker was the acceptable auditor of the township, and has been a very earnest school director for the past two years.

The first marriage of Mr. Habecker was in the spring of 1877, in Mt. Joy, to Tillie Nissley, and two children were born to this marriage: Anna, who married Reuben Fellenbaum, the teller in the First National Bank, of Mt. Joy; and Bessie, who is deceased. Mrs. Habecker, born in Florin, a daughter of Jacob H. Nissley, a retired farmer of Florin, died in 1882, and is buried in Kraybill cemetery. In 1883 occurred the second marriage, which united Mr. Habecker and Mary Hostetter, and to this marriage have been born six children: Sadie, Mary A., Joseph, Barbara, Helen and Floren. Mrs. Mary (Hostetter) Habecker is a daughter of Jonas, and a sister of Tilman, Hostetter, of Florin.

Mr. Habecker is well known in this locality as a man of means, and of the highest personal integrity. His political connection is with the Republican party, and the family belong to the Mennonite faith. The name is one of the oldest in the county and it finds a worthy representative in Joseph H. Habecker.

JOHN JOHNSON. It is in a great country like this where democratic ideas prevail, and where men have equal chances in building foundations for character and fortune, that we find men enjoying credit and confidence for individual success. It may be as a merchant, as a professional man, or as a farmer. In the administration of those who have watched their careers there is no distinction. The race, handicapped as it is by competition and many obstacles, is run under very nearly the same difficulties and similar disappointments in life for all. In this brief sketch we are bringing to notice a man whose life has been modest and unassuming in measure with his success as a contractor and builder and farmer. John Johnson, of Eden township, Lancaster county, was born in Bart township, Dec. 17, 1840, a son of William and Mary (Haggens) Johnson.

William Johnson, our subject's father, was born in Delaware county, and his wife was a native of Lancaster county. He was a stone mason by trade, and settled in Bart and Eden townships, where he followed his trade during his life. He was honored as a successful man of sturdy character. Both he and his wife died some years ago in Eden township. To this couple a family of four children were born, and carefully brought up to manhood and woman-

hood: Barbara, the eldest, born in Bart township, is now the wife of H. Hompser, of Lancaster City, and she has five children, John, David, Benjamin, Mary and Ida. Elizabeth, born in Bart township, is now the wife of Henry Myers, and has three children, John, William and Mary. Hannah, the third daughter was born in Lancaster county, and is the widow of David Hompser; she resides in Eden township. No children were born to the union. John completes the family.

William Johnson had a brother, who was born in Bart township, learned the carpenter trade when a young man, and is still engaged in that branch of business in Eden township. He was never married.

The subject of our sketch began life's activities at the age of eighteen after due preparation in the district schools. Natural talents and a taste for work that might afford plenty of out-door exercise attracted him toward the vocation of contractor and builder. It was only through thorough training as a practical carpenter, however, that he acquired the proficiency and knowledge necessary to make his after-life a success. During his many years experience as a contractor and builder Mr. Johnson has been engaged in some very important work. In 1863 he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he remained for three years on a large contract. Returning to his home in Pennsylvania he continued his business. In 1867 he married Miss Catherine Keen, who was born in 1843, and was educated in the home schools, and who is very highly connected, her parents being Harry and Julia Keen, members on both sides of very prominent families. After their marriage Mr. Johnson with his young wife settled in Strasburg township, where he lived over twenty years following his trade. In 1900 his wife purchased her father's old homestead, and under the direction and experienced touch of our subject the place was greatly improved, and now makes them an attractive home. Mr. Johnson still owns his farm in Strasburg township. An adopted daughter, Luletia Johnson, brightens their home; she is a young lady of scholarly attainments and attractive personality.

The social side of the life of Mr. Johnson has not been neglected during the many years of business activity. Both he and his wife take a lively interest in church work, being members of the Reformed Church of Providence. Politically he has always been identified with the Democratic party, and he has taken an active interest in local affairs. As a family the Johnsons have occupied a prominent place in the community, where they are highly respected for their many virtues of head and heart.

MICHAEL KELLY (deceased). For a number of years one of the best-known and most highly esteemed residents of Lancaster county was Michael Kelly, who through his own efforts built up his own fortunes, and reared in affluence one of the most respected families in the city of Lancaster at the present time.

Mr. Kelly was of Irish birth and parentage. His native place was in County Derry, for which through life he felt an enthusiastic affection, and his death took place in his home in Lancaster, in 1861, in his sixty-seventh year. He was a son of Michael and Catherine (Heron) Kelly, both of whom spent their whole lives in Ireland. Their children were as follows: Michael, named above; James; Daniel; John; Bridget, who married Frank Hagan, a farmer; Catherine, who married a Mr. Kelly; and Patrick, who married Catherine Duffey. All died in their native land with the exception of Patrick and Michael.

While in their native land the early Kellys are well known in many walks of life, the maternal ancestors are equally prominent in America. As early as 1638 the great-grandfather of Michael Kelly came from England to America, and in the person of Mordecai Lincoln, established that family in Berks county, Pa. From Berks county one branch of the Lincoln family drifted to Virginia and then to Kentucky, and from this family came President Abraham Lincoln. During its early history when Indian fighters were needed, and when the war of the Revolution was to be accomplished, the Lincolns were found at the front. Daniel Boone, the pioneer, was born in Exeter township, Berks county, and was a neighbor of the Lincolns. He drifted to North Carolina, and then to Kentucky. The Lincolns and Boones intermarried, and are still among the most prominent families of Berks county.

Until he reached his eighteenth year, Michael Kelly remained with his parents in Ireland, coming then to America, resolved to win for himself an honorable position in this country of great opportunities. His education had not been neglected, and being blessed with the quick intelligence of his race, he soon accustomed himself to new conditions, and with receptive mind early took a place among the intelligent young men of his association. For four years he was engaged working with farmers, but he then purchased a horse and wagon, laid in a stock of desirable merchandise, and for some time drove through the country disposing of the same. In this way he gradually added to his accumulations until he was able to give up that business and begin work as a drover, in which line his excellent judgment and business acumen made him prominent. For a number of years Mr. Kelly followed this business, retiring only in his later years from activity, even then being sometimes tempted to enter into the horse business again for a short period.

Shortly after his marriage, Mr. Kelly located in Lancaster county, settling in Churchtown at first, but about one year later, he removed to Lancaster City. While carrying on his horse and cattle buying and selling, Mr. Kelly acquired several very valuable properties, one of these being a farm of 140 acres, and another consisting of 250 acres in Drumore township, this county. Long a consistent member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, he was one

of its most liberal supporters. He was also generous in his gifts to worthy causes, and his helping hand was often extended to those less fortunate than himself. In politics he was a Democrat, but was no seeker for office. Mr. Kelly was a very intelligent man, and his last years were spent in the enjoyment of reading. His memory is not only cherished by his family, but is recalled with respect by his fellow-citizens.

On April 15, 1830, Mr. Kelly was united in marriage with Miss Catherine McCormick, and the children born to this union were as follows: James, a retired resident of Lancaster, one of its intellectual men of leisure; Hugh, who died young; Miss Catherine, one of the accomplished and cultivated ladies of this city; Anastasia, who died unmarried in 1874; and Michael and Mary, who both died young.

Mrs. Catherine (McCormick) Kelly was born in Churchtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., April 10, 1803, a daughter of Hugh and Mary (Schoff) McCormick, the former of whom was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, and the latter in Berks county, Pa. Hugh McCormick was a farmer and also was a tailor. He left his native country in the days of the Irish Rebellion after a very exciting escape with his life. He was unfortunate enough to be captured by the soldiery and was condemned to be shot. No doubt the sentence would soon have been carried out, but in desperation he made the certain signal of distress used by a fraternal order to which he belonged. This was recognized by a brother among his captors and resulted in his escape. He settled in Churchtown, Lancaster county, where he married, in 1800, and for a long period followed both farming and milling. He was a capable workman, but did little at his trade after coming to America. He lived to the advanced age of seventy-seven years, dying Aug. 23, 1847. His wife died in 1856, at the age of seventy-four years. Their children were as follows: Thomas, who followed the tailor trade; Catherine, who was the wife of Michael Kelly; Philip, who was a farmer, and died in Indianapolis; John, who also died in Indianapolis; Ellen, who married John Hill, and died in Ohio; Mary, wife of John Condebary; and Hugh, who went to California, in 1849, amassed wealth and died there.

In their beautiful home, surrounded by all of the comforts and refinements of life, the two survivors of this family, a brother and sister, reside together. Both have intellectual tastes, and are happily able to gratify them to the fullest extent. Both are liberal contributors to all worthy objects and are most highly esteemed in Lancaster.

CHRISTIAN M. EPLER. The horrors of war can never be brought more fully to mind than when the soldiers of a country, after bravely facing the foe, return to the homes they have fought to preserve, and show the haggard countenance and useless limb, the roughened face and disfiguring scar which has brought them. Among those who

almost gave up life for the preservation of the Union, during the dark days of 1861-65, is Christian M. Epler, who resides in his comfortable home, in Maytown, remembered by a grateful country and respected by the community who knew him when no arms were more brawny at the forge than his.

Mr. Epler was born in East Donegal township, May 13, 1827, son of David and Elizabeth (Mumma) Epler, the former of Londonderry township, Dauphin county, and the latter of East Donegal township, Lancaster county. The father was a farmer in early life, and later became engaged in the butcher business, but died at the early age of forty years. He was buried in the old Epler farm in Londonderry township, Dauphin county. The mother died in East Donegal township, when her son, Christian M. was but thirteen months old, at the early age of twenty-eight, and was buried in the East Donegal cemetery. The only child of this marriage to survive was the subject of this biography. The paternal and maternal grandparents were David and Susan Epler, and Jonas and Elizabeth Mumma, respectively.

Left motherless at the age of thirteen months, Christian M. Epler was taken to the home of his grandfather, Jonas Mumma, and remained in his kind care until he was twenty years old. When about eighteen he entered the blacksmith shop of William Winters, which was situated west of Florin, and remained with him for a period of eighteen months, until he thoroughly learned the trade, and then went on a trip to Ohio. Mr. Epler had the misfortune to cut off a finger while at work on the Little Chickies, and while it was healing worked at the Bretz Half-way House, on the Marietta and Mount Joy turnpike, for some nine months, going from there to East Donegal where he worked eight months, with John Fridy. Going west in 1848, he worked in various places at his trade, and when the Civil war broke out, he was in Battle Creek, Mich., and there enlisted in the engineer-mechanics corps, for which he enlisted forty-two men for six months, he to serve as company blacksmith. Before the term of enlistment had expired, the officers of the company sold out to the 13th Mich. V. I., which was to be a regiment of engineers and mechanics. Knowing the influence of Mr. Epler, he was offered a lieutenancy in the 13th, but not being willing to have any part in what he felt was a dishonorable act, he declined to accept, saying he preferred to remain a blacksmith and be honest, rather than be a lieutenant and be dishonest. From Michigan Mr. Epler went to Ohio, and being still determined to serve his country he enlisted as regimental blacksmith in Co. H, 42d Ohio V. I., and for three years honestly and faithfully served his country, and was mustered out of the service in the Mound City hospital in 1864.

In a terrible wreck on the Ohio & Mississippi R. R., below Vicksburg, Mr. Epler was one of the victims. The enemy had pulled a spike out of

place, which threw the train down the embankment, and Mr. Epler was one of the 300 who were seriously injured. His back was dislocated, and, in terrible suffering, he was taken to the hospital at Cairo, in February, 1863, and kept there six months, going from there to another hospital, in Mound City, Ill., where four months more went by, and still three months of hospital life had to be spent, in the Mercy Hospital, Chicago, before he was in any condition to take a thirty-days leave of absence and make a visit home. However, soon after he felt obliged to return to the Chicago hospital and then was passed on to Mound City, and then was sent to his regiment to get his pay. At this time science had assisted Mr. Epler, and he wore a harness arrangement, which enabled him to walk a very little, although the physicians were obliged to tell him the truth, that much walking might produce a paralysis, which finally did take place, and this brave and faithful server of his country, has been an invalid ever since.

In March, 1850, Mr. Epler was married in Ashland county, Ohio, to Miss Jerusha Chambers, and to this union were born: David C. S.; and James J. S., who died at the age of thirteen months. Prior to the war, Mr. Epler became a prominent man in several localities in which he made his home, and during a residence in Michigan, in 1856-57, he was supervisor and constable, and in Kansas, in 1860, he also served as supervisor. In politics, he has been an active Republican, and did much for his party during his active life. At present he is an honored member of the G. A. R., of Marietta and one of the respected citizens.

The death of Mrs. Epler in 1889, at the age of forty-eight, deprived him of pleasant companionship. She was buried in Western Kansas. Mr. Epler is surrounded with every comfort, although not able to assist himself very much, but in a cousin, Mrs. Susannah (Newcomer) Epler, he has had a faithful and efficient nurse, and it is to her care that he attributes his recovery and his present state of health. For many years Mr. Epler has been connected with the M. E. Church.

JOHN G. McBRIDE, one of the prominent and popular farmers of West Donegal township, whose industrious and useful life has been attended with a well-deserved success, was born in Mt. Joy township, April 16, 1862. While he was a mere babe his father, Meredith B. McBride, son of John and Sarah (Metrum) McBride, donned the Union blue, and went out to fight for the life of the Republic. He enlisted under Capt. Root, in a company of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after nine months of faithful service died in the military hospital at Alexandria, Va., in 1864, while still in the prime of life. Mrs. Meredith McBride, formerly Miss Fanny Groff, was a daughter of Samuel and Martha (Keener) Groff, lifelong residents of Rapho township. After four years of widowhood, she was married May 28,

1868, to Philip Fisher, a most devoted husband to herself and kind father to her children. Mrs. Fisher was the mother of two children by her first marriage, John G., and Samuel, deceased. By her marriage to Mr. Fisher she had one son, William, long since deceased.

John G. McBride remained with his mother during his childhood and youth, and was well prepared by moral training, good associations and a very thorough education for a successful business career. He has a good standing in his own community, was assessor of West Donegal township six years, has served as a member of the Democratic county committee twelve years, and has twice been elected a delegate to the State conventions.

Mr. McBride belongs to the I. O. O. F.; the Masonic fraternity, where he has held the Master's chair, and the K. G. E. At the present time he has the active management of his step-father's extensive estate and is handling the business very successfully. Intelligent and capable as he is, he commands the confidence of his neighbors and has many friends.

JOSEPH C. SNYDER. During a period of forty-two years Mr. Snyder was employed in the court house at Lancaster, and no figure was more familiar than his to the attorneys whom professional duties brought frequently to the building. On the completion of the court house, in 1854, he was appointed janitor, and served in that capacity for seventeen years. Resigning in 1872, he accepted the position of tipstaff which had been tendered him by Judge Livingston. In 1879 he succeeded George Albright as court crier, and continued in that position until his death, meantime also acting as court interpreter and assistant librarian of the law library.

The Snyders are an old family of Lancaster county, and the father of Joseph C. assisted in the building of Kugh's tavern on the Columbia turnpike more than one hundred years ago. He was born on the home farm in Manor township, in 1816, and at the age of six years was taken in charge by an uncle, Squire Bitner, of Washington borough. Later he was apprenticed to another uncle, Thomas Strawbridge, on a farm, but not finding the work or surroundings congenial, he turned his attention to the plasterer's trade, which he followed at Mount Joy and Elizabethtown, and from the latter city moved to Lancaster. While a resident of Mount Joy he joined a military company, of which he was later chosen captain, and he was also a member of the old Fencibles under Capt. Duchman and Franklin. He was the oldest surviving member of the Elizabethtown Lodge of Odd Fellows, was connected with the Red Men and with Cochranville Lodge of Masons. Though not a partisan in politics, he was a pronounced Republican and always voted the straight ticket. A man of sincere religious views, he was identified, at different times, with the Methodist and Lutheran denominations, and when he passed

away, Aug. 28, 1899, it was with the faith of an earnest Christian. His body was laid to rest in Woodward Hill cemetery.

On the 4th of July, 1843, Mr. Snyder married Annie B. Wright, by whom he had the following-named children: Mrs. Henrietta Smith, deceased; and Mrs. Mary E. Nissley, deceased. Mrs. Annie B. Snyder died in 1864. His second marriage occurred Oct. 31, 1870, in Lancaster, and united him with Mrs. Annie (McElhenny) Freidenstein, who was born in Lampeter township, Aug. 1, 1836, being a daughter of Archibald and Kate (Long) McElhenny, natives, respectively, of Ireland and Lancaster county. Her father, who was a farmer, died at the age of forty-six, and was long survived by his widow, who died in Illinois in 1892, aged eighty-one years. Their children were as follows: Jacob, who died at twenty-five years of age; Henry (1), Henry (2) and John, all of whom died in infancy; Mary, widow of Thomas Harvey and a resident of Fayette county, Ill.; Mrs. Kate McCue, deceased; Mrs. Annie Snyder, of Lancaster; Samuel, a blacksmith in Fayette county, Ill.; Fannie, Mrs. Josiah Snively, deceased; Susan and Harriet, both of whom died young. Miss Annie McElhenny remained in the home of her parents until her marriage to John Freidenstein, a blacksmith of Lancaster, Pa., who died in 1868, at the age of thirty-two years. Two daughters, Mary E. and Miriam, were born of this union, but both died in childhood. Mrs. Snyder is a lady of intelligence, amiable disposition and kindly heart, and has a circle of friends that is limited only by the number of her acquaintances.

ABRAHAM SHAUB. Among the prominent and enterprising citizens of Manor township, Lancaster Co., Pa., who have always devoted their time and energies to agricultural pursuits and have met with marked success in life, is the subject of this personal narrative, who now owns and operates a fine farm one and one-half miles north of Millersville. He was born on the old Shaub homestead in West Lampeter township, same county, March 23, 1842, a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Shaub. During his boyhood he attended school, and remained on the home farm until he was married in 1870 to Miss Mary Ann Huber, a daughter of Christian and Annie (Harnish) Huber. They have seven children living, namely: Lizzie B., wife of Benjamin Mussleman, of East Hempfield township; Henry R., John E., Mary E., Jacob M., and Christian N., twins, and Willis J., who are all at home. Laura Ann, the second child, died in infancy. With Mr. Shaub also resides a grandson, Christian H. Brubaker.

After his marriage Mr. Shaub located on a farm in West Lampeter township, adjoining the old homestead, comprising eighty-seven acres of land, to the improvement and cultivation of which he devoted his energies until 1884, when he purchased his present farm of seventy-eight acres in Manor

township. This he has also placed under a high state of cultivation, and in its operation is meeting with most excellent success. Being a man of good business ability and sound judgment he has prospered in his undertakings, and is today a stockholder in the Farmers' National Bank of Lancaster and the Penn Building and Loan Association. For one year he was also a director in the Southern Market House, of which he is a stockholder. He is one of the most progressive and public-spirited men of his county.

JAMES M. McSPARRAN. Among the leading citizens and farmers of Drumore township is James M. McSparran, who resides in great comfort on his fine farm, located two miles east of Furness, Pennsylvania.

Mr. McSparran was born Dec. 23, 1848, a son of the late Fleming and Mary Elizabeth (Pusey) McSparran, the former of whom was born in 1817, and died in 1876. The McSparran family can be traced back to a Scotch-Irish ancestor, James McSparran, who was born in the north of Ireland and immigrated to America, settling in Lancaster county about 1739.

James McSparran (2), the grandfather of James M., was born in Peach Bottom in 1754, married Eleanor Neal, and reared these children: James and Isabel, twins, born in 1801, the former of whom married Amelia F. McCullough, March 8, 1832, and died March 31, 1863, while Isabel married John King April 26, 1827, and died Dec. 14, 1871, leaving a daughter, Ellen, the wife of Dr. B. F. Sides of Drumore township; Thomas Neal, born March 6, 1803, died March 28, 1820; Grizell, Oct. 31, 1804, who married Samuel Morrison, June 2, 1831, and died Dec. 31, 1856; Eliza, Sept. 12, 1806, who married James Barnes, July 26, 1827, and died Oct. 5, 1853; John, July 5, 1808, who died in 1885; Eleanor J., Feb. 15, 1810, who married her brother-in-law, James Barnes; Rachel N., Feb. 4, 1812, who died Aug. 28, 1819; Margaret, Dec. 8, 1813, who married William Steele and died May 27, 1866; Samuel, Nov. 20, 1815, who was accidentally shot by his brother James, Feb. 18, 1837; Fleming, Sept. 12, 1817, died March 20, 1876; Thomas N. and William, twins, Nov. 10, 1820, still surviving, in York county, Pa., the former of whom married Lydia Pusey, and the latter Alice Colwell; Joseph, June 26, 1823, who died July 24, 1834; Rachel, March 7, 1827, residing at Chestnut Level. She was the youngest and is one of the few survivors of this numerous family.

Fleming McSparran was only ten years of age when his father died, and he was bound out to James Penny; by him he was apprenticed to William Eves, of Chester county, where he remained three years, learning the tanning business. Returning then to his home, he worked for a time with his brother James on the farm, but in 1838 he went to Illinois and followed farming there for one year. The next year he engaged in boating on the Ohio

and Mississippi rivers, returning later to his home by way of Pittsburg. In 1840 Mr. Fleming became associated with his friend, Amos Stubbs, in the lumber business at Barnes' sawmill, on the Susquehanna river, the site being now Benton Station, on the Columbia and Port Deposit Railroad. Two years later he was made tax collector for the district, and the duties of this office he efficiently performed. On March 15, 1845, he purchased a store property at Fairfield, the location of the present village of Furniss, and embarked extensively in the mercantile business, continuing until his death.

Fleming McSparran was married to Miss Mary E. Pusey, who was a daughter of Mahlon Pusey, of Puseyville, and to this union these children were born: Emma H., born Oct. 3, 1847, the wife of David Weidley, a merchant at the old place, built in 1818, where her father was so long successful; James M.; Lydia Ellen, born Jan. 21, 1850, the wife of Dr. E. M. Zell, of Little Britain township; Edwin P., April 26, 1851, deceased; Samuel C., Oct. 28, 1852, residing in Fulton township; Mary A., Nov. 27, 1854, deceased; Ida E., April 9, 1856, the wife of W. S. Hastings, of Drumore township; William F., Dec. 13, 1857; Marion, Sept. 19, 1859, living in Fairfield; Edgar L., June 18, 1861; Isabel K., June 16, 1863, a teacher in the schools of Philadelphia; Margaret, May 15, 1866, who died young; and Anna P., her twin sister, who also died young, as did the rest of the children.

Fleming McSparran was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party and was one of the leading citizens of his time, a man of travel, good judgment and excellent business ability.

James M. McSparran was reared at Fairfield and after finishing his course in the common schools took an academic course at Chestnut Level. He was one of a large family and was mainly dependent upon his own resources for his advancement in life. His fine farm of 100 acres is very valuable and most excellently improved, the residence being one of the most comfortable and attractive in the locality.

Mr. McSparran was united in marriage Dec. 24, 1879, to Miss Laura Wentz, of Drumore township, a daughter of John and Sarah (Penny) Wentz, who were of German extraction. She was born in 1853 and was reared in a family of children, as follows: Mary, the wife of William Morrison; Joseph, of Chestnut Level; Dr. William, of New Providence; Hugh and John, residents of Bethesda; Thomas, of Kirkwood; Emma, deceased; Laura, the wife of our subject; Harriet, who is the widow of John McComb.

The children born to James M. McSparran and his wife are: G. Fleming, born Nov. 3, 1880; Walter, Sept. 4, 1882; Ellwood, March 25, 1885; Clyde, Sept. 29, 1889; Sarah Elizabeth, May 8, 1895, died Sept. 12, 1897; and James M., Jr., Sept. 23, 1898.

Mr. McSparran has always supported the men and measures of the Democratic party, and he is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church in

Chestnut Level. His standing in his town and county is high, no one being more thoroughly respected.

ADAM M. RANCK. The Ranck family has long been known and esteemed in Lancaster county, Adam Ranck, the paternal grandfather of Adam M. Ranck, having been among the early settlers, and the progenitor of a numerous family.

Adam M. Ranck, who is one of the substantial and prominent farmers and dairymen of Upper Leacock township, was born in Leacock township, on a farm located about one mile east of his present home, Feb. 20, 1850. His parents were Rev. Adam and Barbara (Resh) Ranck, the former a native of Strasburg and the latter of Leacock township. Father Ranck was engaged in farming in that township until 1871 and then removed to Bird-in-Hand, remaining there until his death, March 28, 1882, at the age of seventy-five years. The mother passed out of life in May, 1895, at the age of eighty years, and both were buried at Stumptown. For a period of twenty years he had been a minister of the Mennonite Church, a pious, exemplary Christian man.

The children born to Rev. and Mrs. Adam Ranck were: Jacob, living retired on the old homestead, in Leacock township; Mary, the widow of Benjamin Kreider, of Lancaster, Pa.; Anna, the widow of Abram Kreider, of Manheim township; Barbara, the widow of Thomas E. Seigle, of Leacock township; and Adam M., the subject of this sketch.

Adam M. Ranck is justly considered one of the leading men of his township and his long continued agricultural labors have made him one of the most thorough farmers of the locality. When his father removed to Bird-in-Hand, he continued to manage the farm, which is one of the best cultivated and most productive in the vicinity.

On Nov. 6, 1871, occurred the marriage of Adam M. Ranck and Miss Caroline Wenger, in West Earl township, and the children born to this union were: Samuel W., a farmer and stock dealer of Upper Leacock township, who married Frances Pfautz, and has two sons, John M. and Charles P.; Amos W., John W. and Adam W., all deceased; Wenger W., a farmer and implement dealer, residing with his father; Anna B. and Callie W., living at home.

Mrs. Caroline (Wenger) Ranck was born in West Earl township, May 22, 1850, a daughter of Christian and Mary (Royer) Wenger, natives of West Earl and East Cocalico townships, respectively. Mr. Wenger was a well-known farmer and died on the farm on which he was born, in 1886, at the age of seventy-five years, having lived a retired life since 1875. Mrs. Wenger, although advanced in years, having been born in 1820, lives in good health with her daughter, Mrs. Gible, in Brunnerville. Both she and her husband for many years were members and supporters of the Old Brethren Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wenger were: Edward, a farmer of Ephrata township; Mary, the wife of

Ezra Burkholder, of Ephrata township; Salinda, deceased wife of Abram Myers; Caroline; Christian, a farmer, veterinary surgeon and owner of a livery business in Harvey county, Kans.; Samuel, on the old homestead; Abraham, a cigar manufacturer, and ex-county auditor, of Earlville; and Lizzie, the wife of Cyrus Gible, a farmer of Brunnerville. The paternal grandparents were Christian and Hetty (Stoner) Wenger, of Lancaster county, and the maternal grandparents were Samuel and Sally (Kellar) Rohrer, also of Lancaster county.

Since 1878 Mr. Ranck has been engaged in the dairy business and has two properties in his locality, his son residing on one of these, and he on the other. Mr. Ranck is connected with the River Brethren Church, known as the Brethren in Christ, and is favorably known through that part of the county.

ABRAHAM W. MARTIN, a venerable resident of Caernarvon township, whose home is situated about a mile west of Churchtown, was born in East Earl township, near Goodville, March 12, 1832, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Weaver) Martin.

Abraham Martin, the grandfather of Abraham W., was engaged in farming near Hinkletown, where he owned six farms, one being given to each of his six sons. He had also five daughters. These children, all born to his first wife, a Miss Saunders, who died in middle life, were: David, George, Jacob, Abraham, Jonas and Henry, all deceased; Fannie, who married Samuel Wenger, a minister in the Mennonite Church; Elizabeth, married to John Rupp; Eve, married to Henry Brennehan; two daughters who died unmarried. The parents of this family were both members of the Mennonite Church.

Jacob Martin, the father of Abraham W., was born near Hinkletown but was reared in East Earl township, where he spent his life as a farmer. In this career he was quite successful, and owned three farms, giving one to each of his sons. Elizabeth Weaver, who became his wife, was a daughter of Samuel Weaver, of East Earl township. They had eight children. Samuel died in childhood; Abraham W., whose name introduces this article, is one of the venerable inhabitants of Caernarvon township; Annie and Jacob both died in infancy; Mary is the widow of Christian Zimmerman, and has her home in East Earl township; Amos is a farmer in Salisbury township; Tobias lives in East Earl township; Elizabeth married Barton Hurst, and has since died. Jacob Martin died in 1873, at the age of seventy-seven; his widow died about 1885, at the age of eighty-two. They were both members of the Mennonite Church.

Abraham W. Martin was reared on the old farm north of Goodville, was educated in the common schools and at the age of twenty-four married and located on the farm, where he still lives. Here he owns seventy-three acres, and has one of the fine farms of that part of Lancaster county. Everything denotes thrift and prosperity, and he has been very

successful in all his undertakings. All his life he has been a farmer, and holds a farming life to be the noblest career a man can follow in this country.

Mr. Martin was married in December, 1857, to Miss Rebecca Zimmerman, a daughter of Christian Zimmerman, the third of that name to occupy the Zimmerman homestead, north of Goodville. She was born on this historic farm, June 18, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had the following children: (1) Lydia, who married David Lichty, of Paradise, is the mother of eight children; Mary, Walter, Lena, Emma, Lydia, Clara, Abraham and Bessie. Of these children, Mary is the wife of Benjamin Weaver, of Caernarvon township, and they have two living children, Abram and Horace. (2) Barton Martin, who is a farmer in East Earl township, married Emma Kurtz, and is the father of four children: Horace; Annie, deceased; Reuben and Clara. (3) Annie died unmarried. (4) Mary married Aaron W. Weaver, of East Earl township, and is the mother of three children, Rebecca, Susan and Martin. (5) Lizzie married Franklin Marks, of East Earl township, and is the mother of four living children, Emma, John, Minnie and Frank; Bessie is deceased. (6) Emma is the wife of Martin Ceisit, of Caernarvon township, and the mother of George, Abraham, Martin, John and Anna. (7) Abraham F., a farmer of Caernarvon township, married Hannah Spotts. (8) John J. is unmarried and is living in the West. (9) Eli is at home; he married Laura Stauffer, by whom he has had one child, Edna.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are worthy people and occupy a creditable place in the affections of the community in which their days are passing. They are consistent and devoted members of the Mennonite Church.

HON. MILTON EBY. As farmer and legislator the subject of this sketch, a resident of Paradise township, Lancaster county, has for many years been one of its most prominent and influential citizens. Besides filling other public offices of trust he has served for ten years as a member of the State legislature, six years in the lower house and four in the senate. He ranks as one of the most successful agriculturists of his vicinity, having always been progressive and wide awake.

Mr. Eby was born Oct. 16, 1850, on the farm in Paradise township, which he now occupies. He was the son of Jacob and Magdalene (Warner) Eby, received his education in the common schools, and for one term attended the Union high school of Cole-rain township. When Milton was eighteen years of age, his father died, and the mother purchasing the farm Milton took charge of the property for her, and from that time to the present has operated the home farm. In 1871, two years after he thus early in life assumed the active duties of farming, he also engaged in burning lime, and conducted that industry on a large scale, burning as much as 60,000 bushels of lime in one year. He continued actively

in that occupation until 1882. In the year following, still in connection with his operation of the home farm, he engaged in the live stock business. Annually during the next ten years he took a trip to Buffalo, N. Y., in the autumn, and there purchased stock cattle, shipping them to Lancaster and disposing of them among the farmers, repurchasing the same cattle in the spring and shipping them to the eastern markets. He is still actively engaged in that business.

Mr. Eby is an earnest Republican and he has always taken a deep interest in politics. In 1887 he was elected prison inspector, serving for three years. In 1891 and again in 1893 and 1895 he was elected to the lower house of the State Legislature, serving on the committee on Agriculture and Accounts and acting as chairman of the latter committee for two sessions. In 1897 and in 1899 he was elected a member of the State senate, serving as chairman of the Printing committee. During this extended service of ten years as a legislator it is scarcely necessary to add that Mr. Eby was ever active in the interests of his constituents. He won an enviable record as a judicious, honest, active and able representative and senator, and as such his reputation has gone widely over the State. He is generally regarded by his fellow citizens as one of the men who have deservedly risen to a position of prominence and honor in the community of which he has been a lifelong resident.

Mr. Eby married Nov. 21, 1877, Miss Alice S. Eckman, daughter of Hiranimus and Sarah Eckman of Colerain township. To Mr. and Mrs. Eby have been born three children: Clyde E., was born April 11, 1879. He was educated in the public schools, at Millersville State Normal, and at Pierce's Business College, graduating from the latter institution. Accepting a position as bookkeeper for the lumber firm of Felin & Co., in Philadelphia he remained there two years and was then transferred to Newbern, N. C., where he served in the same capacity for a year. He was then admitted to partnership and is now an active member of the firm. Ralph Warnner Eby was born Sept. 30, 1880. He attended the public schools, Millersville State Normal, and later took an extended course of instruction in the illustrating department of the Industrial Art School of Philadelphia, from which he graduated June 5, 1902. Elsie Crystal Eby was born March 8, 1884. After completing the course in the public schools, she attended a private school at Gap, was also a student at Westchester Normal School, and now attends a Musical College in Philadelphia. Mrs. Eby and daughter are members of the Presbyterian Church of Paradise township.

DANIEL H. LINTNER, justice of the peace at Millersville, Lancaster county, descends from a very old family of Manor township, his great-grandfather, Daniel Lintner, having come there from Switzerland about the year 1735.

John Lintner, son of Daniel, was the father of

Daniel (2), who was the eldest of his father's family. Daniel (2) was born in Millersville, was the owner of large tracts of land, was a farmer and distiller, married Mary Herr and was the father of twelve children, viz.: John H., a well-driller of Millersville; Christian H., a dairyman, now deceased; Daniel H.; Benjamin H., night watchman at the Novelty Works in Lancaster City; Fannie, wife of Samuel Hershev, of Lancaster township; Catherine, married to Levi Buckwalter, of Lancaster county; Elizabeth, deceased; Barbara, unmarried; Mary, deceased; Susan, unmarried; and Amanda and Annie, deceased. The father of this family died in 1887, at the age of eighty-two years, in the faith of the Mennonite Church. In politics he was a Republican.

Daniel H. Lintner was born in Millersville, Sept. 14, 1843, and was educated in the public and normal schools of his native town and at Eastman's Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. At the age of twenty-one years he began teaching school and followed this vocation sixteen years, but during this period traveled in the West for three years as salesman for a wholesale house. In 1876 Mr. Lintner was elected a justice of the peace in Cocalico township; he filled the office three years and then removed to Millersville and engaged in the pension agency business, one he still follows, but he was for several years also engaged in drilling artesian wells, of which he sank a large number throughout the county.

In 1883 Daniel H. Lintner was again elected on the Republican ticket a justice of the peace, but this time at Millersville, and this office he has filled in a most satisfactory manner up to the present time. A civil engineer likewise by profession, Mr. Lintner has done a great deal of work in this line, especially in the laying out of roads in Lancaster county.

The marriage of Daniel H. Lintner took place in 1880 to Miss Kate A. Windolph, daughter of Joseph Windolph, deceased, of Marietta, Lancaster county, and to this union have come four children, viz.: Edwin W., a pharmacist in Philadelphia; Minnie; Joseph W.; and Herbert W., who died at the age of four years.

ANDREW CURTIN OBER, a retired hotel man, was born in Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pa., May 8, 1862, and is a son of the Hon. Michael and Harriet (Weaver) Ober, of Conoy township.

The elder Ober was in his active years a very prominent man in his part of the county, who rose by his own industry and hard work to a leading position. Beginning life as a wheelwright, for years he was a capable and popular schoolmaster, and spent his last days on a small farm in the township of Mt. Joy, where he died Aug. 25, 1872, at the age of forty-six years. An active Republican, he took part in the formative work of the party organization, and was a member of the House of Representatives in 1858. His remains were interred in Mt. Tunnel cemetery, of which he was the founder. Mrs. Harriet Weaver Ober who was born

Sept. 10, 1829, is still living and has her home in Elizabethtown, where she is a member of and a worker in the Lutheran Church. The children of Michael and Harriet Ober were as follows: (1) Daniel, who died at the early age of fourteen years; (2) John, who was a school teacher, and died at the age of thirty-seven years. Before his death, Dec. 22, 1891, he had become cashier of the National Bank of Elizabethtown; (3) Anna, who is the wife of W. A. Morning, a school teacher of Elizabethtown; (4) Henry, who passed away in his twenty-second year, while still a student; he was a young man of brilliant prospects and high character; (5) Abraham L., who is a saddler of Creston, Ohio; (6) Andrew C.; (7) Christian, who is the funeral director of the Middletown Furniture Company of Middletown, Pa.; (8) Kate, who is the wife of Frank Dissinger, a blacksmith of Elizabethtown, of the firm of Witmer & Dissinger.

Andrew Curtin Ober was married in Elizabethtown, Sept. 8, 1885, to Alice Miller, and became by this union the father of two children: Daniel M. and Anna, both of whom are living with their father. Mrs. Alice (Miller) Ober, who was born Aug. 25, 1867, died in 1892, at the age of twenty-five years, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was the daughter of Daniel and Anna (Hess) Miller, both of Lancaster county, neither of whom is now living. Mr. Miller at the time of his death was engaged in the hotel business. Mrs. Miller died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Singer, in Elizabethtown.

Andrew Curtin Ober remained on the farm with his parents during the first twelve years of his life, and spent the ensuing ten years at the shoemaking trade in Elizabethtown, where he established a shop for himself when he was twenty-two years old. In this business he was very successful and continued in it until 1892, when in company with his father-in-law Mr. Miller, he took charge of the "Central Hotel" in Elizabethtown. After the death of his partner Mr. Ober continued alone in the business until Dec. 1, 1900, when he sold the hotel and is now devoting himself to the care of his extensive real estate and other investments.

Mr. Ober takes much interest in fraternal societies in which he is very popular. He is a Mason, a member of the I. O. O. F., the K. of G. E., and the Mystic Chain. He is a member of the Fire Department, and in 1900 was elected to the Town Council. Mr. Ober is a man of fine character, and is much esteemed in the community in which he has passed his honest and upright life.

HENRY DINKS, a prosperous farmer residing in the vicinity of Millersville, Manor township, Lancaster county, is a native of Prussia, Germany, was born July 27, 1856, and is a son of Henry and Margaret (Waterman) Dinks.

When Henry Dinks was about eight years of age the family came to America and located in

Lancaster county, Pa. The father engaged in farming near Rohrerstown, where he lived to within a few years of his death, when he retired to the vicinity of Millersville, and passed away Aug. 14, 1895. He was a member of the Reformed Church and in politics, a Republican. Mrs. Margaret Dinks is still living, the mother of four children, namely: Harman, an employe in a soap factory at Lancaster; Henry; Amelia, wife of Fred Kilkers of Lancaster City; and Hannah, married to Peter Marks, of the same place.

Henry Dinks until thirty-three years old lived on the home farm with his parents and then engaged in general farming on his own account; he owns a fine place of thirty-six acres, on which quarrying is also carried on, the product being largely crushed for macadamizing, while another part is used for building purposes.

On March 26, 1887, Henry Dinks married Miss Annie Kilcus, of Reading, Pa., and four children have resulted from this union: Harry, George, Freddie and Mary. In religion Mrs. Dinks is a member of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Dinks of the Reformed Church, while in politics the latter is a Republican.

J. F. McLAUGHLIN. Among the representative and progressive farmers of Lancaster county, Pa., is J. F. McLaughlin, of Oak Hill, Little Britain township, who was born Oct. 2, 1853, a son of Park S. and Sarah (Garswich) McLaughlin, and a grandson of James McLaughlin.

James McLaughlin, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in 1779, and was an old settler of Harford county, living to the advanced age of ninety-seven. By occupation he was a millwright; during his early manhood he was noted for his great strength and he was active all his life. His family consisted of nine children: Theodore, James, Thomas, Joshua, Daniel, Mary, Annie, Elizabeth and Sarah, all of whom are deceased except Mary, now of Hartford, Conn., and Elizabeth, of Philadelphia.

Park S. McLaughlin was born July 6, 1811, and died May 11, 1896. By trade he was a millwright, and he and his estimable wife had these children: James, of Harrisburg, Pa.; William G., deceased; Mary, deceased; Theodore S., a farmer of Little Britain; Hannah, wife of George Day, of Little Britain township; J. F., our subject; Franklin S., of Britain; Laura, wife of Ezra Haye. The mother of this family was born in 1814, and died in 1896.

The early life of J. F. McLaughlin was similar to that of any country boy, working upon the farm in the summer and attending district school in winter. At the age of twenty-nine his attention was turned to patent medicine, and for sixteen years he successfully dealt in several well known remedies, in Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del. Upon coming to Oak Hill, Pa., he opened a general merchandise store and continued in that line until April, 1901, when he retired from business. At present

he is one of the most extensive real estate owners in the township, possessing in addition to his comfortable home, some fine business property, which is used as a store; a bakery, with dwelling attached; a tin shop and a well-cultivated farm of forty acres. All of this is the result of his own unaided efforts, directed in channels calculated to carry him to prosperity. His attention is now directed towards farming; he takes a great interest in his farming property, which he is managing with the same energy and success which marked his other undertakings.

On Jan. 21, 1881, Mr. McLaughlin was married to Miss Annie S. Randall, of Mount Holly, N. J., who was born July 2, 1855. Three children were born of their marriage: Park W., born Oct. 25, 1883; Roy D., April 30, 1899; and Mary D., Dec. 6, 1900. In politics Mr. McLaughlin is a Democrat, and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church. While always an industrious man, Mr. McLaughlin has never been too busy to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself, and he takes a deep interest in public affairs, although not an office seeker. In his family he is the beloved husband and considerate father, while throughout the neighborhood he is highly regarded for his many excellent traits of character, as well as for his business ability and the success he has attained.

LEWIS DILLER (deceased) was among the generation of men in Lancaster county who a few years ago passed away at a ripe old age, after a life of labor and success; men who were stalwart in body, in principle and achievement.

Lewis Diller deserves prominent mention. He was born in Earl township, near Laurelville, in 1808, and throughout life was a farmer and drover. His impulses were warm and generous toward his fellow men, and he was ever ready to assist the needy and distressed and to engage in any work for the public welfare. He married Sophrina Grabill, a native of West Earl township, the daughter of John Grabill, and to them were born a family of seven daughters and one son, namely: Catherine, widow of Michael Landis, a resident of Lancaster City; Sarah, wife of Jacob Herr of Bird-in Hand; Serena, widow of Abraham Hess of Lancaster City; Mary Ann, widow of Samuel Huber of Spring Garden, Pa.; Grabill, a sketch of whom appears below; Sophrina, who married Martin Bowman of Ephrata and is now deceased; Clementina, deceased wife of Martin Beech, of Farmersville; Emma L., wife of Harry P. Brackbill of Williamstown. Lewis Diller, the father, was a member of the Lutheran church. He died in 1887, mourned by a wide circle of friends. His worthy helpmeet died about 1883, aged seventy-six years.

GRABILL DILLER, only son of Lewis and Sophrina Diller, was born Dec. 19, 1843. He was reared on the farm and received his education in

the common schools. Early in life he took charge of the home farm during his father's absence from home and after his marriage Grabill again assumed the management of the property for a short time, his father retiring from active life. A little later Grabill purchased a farm of seventy-five acres south of New Holland which he occupied for many years.

In 1864 Mr. Diller enlisted in Co. G, 195th P. V. I., under Capt. Philip L. Sprecher. He was one of the 100 day service men and was in the Virginia campaign, being in repeated skirmishes with Mosby's men. He made a good record as a soldier, just as his record as a citizen of Lancaster has ever been good.

Mr. Diller married Jan. 26, 1880, Miss Naomi A. Brackbill, daughter of Henry Brackbill of Leaman Place. Mr. and Mrs. Diller had two children: Frances B., born March 17, 1886, and died Sept. 18, 1886; and Earl B., born Oct. 26, 1887, and died Jan. 24, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Diller are members of the German Reformed Church at Rawlinsville. For three years Mr. Diller was a deacon of the church, then resigned because of the distance of his residence from the church.

In the spring of 1892 Mr. Diller retired from active life, removing to Paradise village, where he purchased a pleasant home and where he has since resided in quiet and comfort. He has been one of Lancaster county's leading and honorable citizens, ever holding the confidence and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. Affable and genial in manner, kind and courteous towards his fellow men, he has won hosts of friends.

GEORGE F. WAGNER, a shoe merchant of Elizabethtown, where he also does an extensive making and repairing business, was born in Newville, West Donegal township, March 27, 1833.

Mr. Wagner's parents were Jacob and Susan (Keller) Wagner, both natives of Lancaster county, where they spent their lives, dying in Elizabethtown. The father, who was a shoemaker, died in 1855 at the age of forty-four years. His widow, who made her home with her son, George F., died in 1877, at the age of seventy-one years. Her remains are resting in the Lutheran cemetery at Elizabethtown. Both Mr. Wagner and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

After the death of Mr. Wagner his widow married a second time, becoming Mrs. Barhart McAlister. George F. was the only child of the first marriage; to the second were born: John, deceased; Catherine, deceased, married William Bartells; Mary, married and living in Philadelphia; Jacob, of Highspire. The paternal grandparents of George F. Wagner came from Germany.

George F. Wagner, whose name appears at the opening of this article has been three times married, the first time being Jan. 11, 1855, to Miss Mollie Burns, by whom he had the following children:

(1) William H., married Ella Witmer, has one daughter, and is a shoemaker in West Donegal township; (2) John W., a traveling salesman, married Catherine M. Long, and is the father of six children; (3) George W., a produce merchant of Elizabethtown, Pa.; (4) Lillie A. is married and has two children.

Mrs. Mollie (Burns) Wagner, who was born in Mt. Joy township, in 1832, died in 1863, and was buried in Mt. Tunnel cemetery. She was a daughter of William Burns, of Lancaster county.

Mr. Wagner was married in Maytown in 1865, to Miss Barbara Klugh, a school teacher. She died in 1882 at the age of thirty-nine years. She was born in York county, and was a daughter of Frederick Klugh.

The third marriage of Mr. Wagner occurred in 1884, in Conoy township, when he was united to Miss Matilda Beerbauer, who was born in York county. She was a daughter of Daniel Beerbauer, a farmer, and a native of Lancaster county. Mr. Wagner has eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Wagner remained with his parents until he reached the age of fourteen, when he began an apprenticeship of five years at the shoemaking trade in Elizabethtown with David Hornaviotts. Completing this term of preparation he followed his trade as a journeyman for two years, and then spent three months as a book canvasser. His next move was to open a custom shoe shop at Mechanicsburg, where he was in business with John Gosh a year. In Elizabethtown he carried on a shoe store four years, and for a year was engaged with Matthias Brinser in the manufacture of shoes, at the end of that time retiring in favor of his partner, and establishing himself in an independent location, where he has continued alone in business to the present time.

Mr. Wagner has won a very enviable standing in the good opinion of the people of Elizabethtown, and has served as school director for three terms. He and his wife are members of the Church of God, and he is a Republican.

CYRUS ROYER (deceased). Tracing the honored family of Royer as far back as 1720, we find that in that year Sebastian Royer came to America to find a new home, and brought with him his four sons. The first settlement was made by the family on the bank of a fordable river, and hence came the name of the settlement which grew up in that part of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, and which is now a village of note known as Royersford. Two of the sons of Sebastian settled there permanently, but the father seems to have been of more roving disposition, and with his two younger sons went on into Lancaster county and settled in what was Elizabeth township, and on the site of the present village of Brickerville. Here Sebastian died, after settling his son Amos, who was the youngest, on a farm in what was then Cocalico township, but now Ephrata.

Amos Royer had four sons, and Philip, the second son of Amos, had also four sons—Abraham, Jonathan, Joseph and Benjamin. Abraham died in Lancaster city, at an advanced age. In early life he was a farmer, and was twice married, rearing a family by the first marriage; Jonathan died at an advanced age in Leacock township, and had also followed farming and reared a family of several children; Benjamin was a farmer like his brothers, and died in Manheim township, leaving two sons.

Joseph Royer, the third son of Philip, was the grandfather of Cyrus Royer of this biography, and was born, reared and passed away at the old homestead in Manheim township, about one mile northeast of Neffsville. His years had been extended to eighty-seven, his death occurring in 1853. Joseph Royer married Veronica Sworr, and they had a family of seven children: John, the father of Cyrus Royer; Joseph, the father of Joseph Royer, a confectioner of Lancaster; Daniel, a farmer for many years on the old homestead, who died in middle age; Mary, who married John Pfautz, of Warwick township and reared a family of children; Veronica, married Daniel Royer, of Lebanon county; Anna, married Abraham Zug, of Lebanon county; and Elizabeth, married Emanuel Balingier, whose home was near Lititz, in Warwick township.

John Royer was born April 2, 1799, and died in June, 1870. His life was devoted to farming and like his father, he owned much land and stock and was considered one of the most substantial citizens of the township. John Royer married Miss Esther Mohler, a daughter of John Mohler, of Ephrata township, who was born Oct. 13, 1800, and died in 1875. Their family numbered seven children: Jonas, born Dec. 24, 1821, died in 1879, a farmer of Lebanon county; Anna, born Oct. 24, 1827, married Martin Zitzer, of Ephrata, and died in 1894; Cyrus, born Jan. 21, 1829; Daniel, born Nov. 30, 1831, a retired farmer, living in Naperville, Ill.; Elizabeth, born Aug. 26, 1833, the widow of John Gipple, residing in Lititz; John, born Feb. 8, 1836, residing in Talmage, a retired farmer; and Henry, born June 16, 1840, a farmer of Lebanon county.

Although a member of a strictly agricultural family, for generations, Cyrus Royer developed tastes early in life for another career. His education was acquired in the common schools, but his ambitions reached out into the world, and he resolved to learn the woolen weaving business, as one which offered inducements for future success in the commercial world. At the age of sixteen, he left the old home and went to Paradise township, where he entered a woolen mill. He remained there for several years, or until he thoroughly understood all of the details; he was then engaged by the managers and remained with the mill for some time, later opening up a similar business of his own in the mill where he had learned his trade. Three years later he removed to Providence, in 1854 purchased the Huber Woolen mill in Providence township and suc-

cessfully continued in this mill until 1872. At this date Mr. Royer rebuilt on a much larger scale, put in modern and improved machinery and conducted the business until 1893, when he retired from active life, his son assuming control. The output of this mill is woolen cloth and yarns. At the beginning, it was a custom mill, but later manufactured for the local trade. Mr. Royer devoted his attention largely to this business, but still found opportunity to oversee his land, some forty acres, in Providence township. During the whole course of his manufacturing business, Mr. Royer was able to make it profitable, and by his ability, energy and strict integrity, came to be regarded as one of the foremost men in Providence township.

The first marriage of Cyrus Royer was in 1853, to Miss Mary Hess, a daughter of Christian Hess, who was born in Paradise township; she died the year following her marriage, at the age of twenty-three. In 1854, Mr. Royer married Elizabeth Hess, a sister of his former wife, who died May 29, 1879, at the age of fifty-four years, having been the mother of seven children: (1) John, born Oct. 12, 1856, resides at Mt. Hope, in Delaware county, where he is a minister in the M. E. Church, a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania M. E. Conference, since 1885. He was educated in the common schools, later attended the Millersville Normal School, taught school for thirteen sessions, during vacations working in his father's mill, and studied theology at home, becoming self-reliant and proficient in his theological studies in this manner. He married Miss Mary Miller, and they have one son, Clement. (2) Martin, born July 12, 1858, married Miss Martha Miller, and conducts the farm and mill, in Providence township. (3) The third child was a son that died in infancy. (4) Maris, born Oct. 12, 1860, is a machinist, at Dayton, Ohio, connected with the National Cash Register Co.; he married Miss Mazie Snyder, and they have one son, Jacob. (5) Ann Elizabeth, born April 5, 1864, is the wife of Benjamin F. Miller, a minister in the M. E. Church, now located in Philadelphia; they have three children,—Ruth, Mary, and Esther. (6) Mary, born March 7, 1866, is the wife of William Schrader, of Washington, D. C.; they have three children,—Eugene, Leslie, and Willie. (7) Margaret, born Jan. 31, 1869, died Jan. 13, 1881. The third marriage of Mr. Royer was in January, 1894, to Miss Susann Neff, a daughter of Christian Neff, of East Lampeter township.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Royer were valued members of the German Baptist Church, which had in Mr. Royer one of its strong supporters, all of the family, for the past three generations having been connected with this church. Early in its history the Royer family was religiously connected with the Reformed and the Lutheran faith, but now they are united in the German Baptist. After a long, busy and useful life, Mr. Royer removed to Refton,

in 1893, and there he and his estimable wife, surrounded by family and friends, enjoyed every comfort until his lamented death.

ADDISON S. FLOWERS. Among the well-known citizens of Mt. Joy, Pa., is Addison S. Flowers, who for many years has been connected with the lumber interests of that locality, was a member of the city council and a successful and energetic man of business.

Mr. Flowers was born in Rapho township, Lancaster county, Feb. 1, 1853, a son of Jacob and Harriet (Miller) Flowers, the former of Colebrook, Lebanon county, and the latter of Strasburg, this county. When seventeen years old, Jacob Flowers removed with his father to Manheim and from there to Mt. Joy in 1861. He enlisted in the 77th P. V. I. and served through three years of the Civil war. At the time of his death, in 1891, at the age of sixty-seven, he was a resident of Mt. Joy, and was associated with his son Addison in the lumber business. The father was interred in the Camp Hill cemetery in Florin. The beloved mother was born in 1829 and is residing in Mt. Joy. Both she and her husband connected themselves with the U. B. Church early in life. Their children were: Charles, who died at the age of four years; Addison S.; Maria, who died at the age of seven years; and Benjamin, who is a cabinet-maker and mechanic, in Quincy, Ill. The paternal grandfather, John Flowers was a native of Colebrook, came to Lancaster county in 1841 and took charge of a charcoal furnace. The maternal grandparents were Harry and Maria (Rohrer) Miller, of Strasburg, the former of whom was a plasterer engaged in business at Sporting Hill, in this county.

The early educational opportunities of Addison S. Flowers were limited, as he was reared on a farm and at the age of twelve years went into the mines in Chestnut Hill. At this laborious work he remained one and one-half years and then entered into a shop in Mt. Joy, to learn the trade of cabinet-making; he served three years under Henry Myers, and then went to Harrisburg, where he became thoroughly instructed in the trade of wood pattern making. It seems as if Mr. Flowers has a natural affinity for engaging in some kind of business connected with wood, for, upon his return to Mt. Joy, it was to open a lumber yard, and for eleven years, in association with his late father, the business was very successful. Upon the death of the latter, Mr. Flowers disposed of this yard to A. N. Cassel & Son, of Marietta, and has been the efficient manager for this firm ever since. Aside from this prosperous line, Mr. Flowers became interested in the culture of chestnuts and his specialty of Paragon chestnuts are known to the trade and the public over a wide extent of territory. He set out a twelve and one-half acre tract of land in chestnut trees at Wild Cat, in York county, and there he has erected a hotel

and dancing pavilion and has otherwise fitted up the place as a delightful summer resort.

On March 9, 1875, occurred the marriage of Addison S. Flowers to Miss Mary E. Brown, of Harrisburg, Pa., and to this union have been born: May B., born Oct. 30, 1894; Gladius M., born June 30, 1896, both interesting children. Mrs. Flowers is a native of Womelsdorf, Berks Co., Pa., a daughter of Neil U. and Caroline (Moyer) Brown, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Womelsdorf. Mr. Brown had resided in the United States almost all of his life, as he was brought here by his parents when but fifteen months old. His death was in Lebanon, where he was a well-known brick manufacturer.

Mr. Flowers has taken a prominent position in civic affairs, and for several years, from 1895 was a member of the council. In politics he is a staunch Republican, and has been a member of the county committee. For many years he has taken much interest in the I. O. O. F. and belongs to both subordinate lodge and encampment. Thoroughly alive to the best interests of the community, Mr. Flowers is a representative citizen who enjoys the esteem of the public in a marked degree.

ALFRED B. GINGRICH, a prosperous and leading general farmer of West Donegal township, was born near Middletown, Dauphin Co., Pa., Jan. 15, 1862, a son of John and Rosanna (Bauchman) Gingrich, natives of Dauphin and Lebanon counties, respectively. His parents moved to the present home of our subject in 1865, and for many years were prominent people in the township. The father, who died March 11, 1895, at the age of sixty-one years, served as auditor of the township a number of years, and held the confidence of the community to an unusual extent. His wife died in 1875, at the age of thirty-seven years. They had born to them the following children: Emeline, who married M. E. Good, a farmer in West Donegal township; Webster, a farmer in Lancaster county; John, deceased; Miss Rosanna, who is making her home with an uncle in Lebanon county; Elmira, wife of Harry Hershey, of Scranton, Pa.; Lizzie A., who married E. N. Gish, a carpenter, and resides in Elizabethtown; and Naomi, who died young.

Henry Gingrich, the paternal grandfather of Alfred B., was born in Dauphin county, and followed farming as his life business. Henry Bauchman, the maternal grandfather of A. B. Gingrich, was a native farmer in Lebanon county.

In December, 1896, Alfred B. Gingrich was married in Florin, Pa., to Elizabeth Brandt, who was born in East Donegal township, a daughter of Henry and Leah (Hershey) Brandt, both natives of Lancaster county, born in 1842 and 1843, respectively. They now reside in East Donegal township, where the father is a farmer. Both are members of the River Brethren Church. Besides Mrs. Gingrich, Mr. and Mrs. Brandt had the following children:

Alice, wife of Amos Good, of Elizabethtown; Sarah, deceased; Ella, who married Joseph R. Good, and is with her parents in East Donegal township; Anna, wife of Albert Walters, of Florin, Pa.; Miss Susan, at home single; and Mary and John, deceased. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Gingrich were David and Elizabeth (Stehman) Brandt, both natives of Lancaster county, as were also her maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth (Erb) Hershey. To Mr. and Mrs. Gingrich have come two sons, Henry M. and John E.

Alfred B. Gingrich remained under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-two years, when he went to Monticello, Ind., where he did carting for a year, and then moved on to Chicago, where he secured a position as special policeman in the "Hotel Brevoort," holding this for some three and a half years, and then taking charge of the cigar stand of the hotel. The death of his father compelled him to give up his work in Chicago, and to return home that he might attend to the family business. The farm now belongs to Alfred B. and his brother Webster.

Mr. Gingrich is a Republican, and is one of the prominent and thrifty young men of the day. He was reared in the River Brethren Church, of which his parents were faithful devoted adherents. Like them he is an upright and honorable man in all his dealings, and he makes his word as good as a bond.

GEORGE WELK (deceased) was one of the worthy German emigrants who in the earlier forties settled in Lancaster county and by a life of industry, thrift and integrity acquired a modest competence and established an honored name throughout the community.

George Welk (1) was born in Germany about 1818 and at the age of twenty-four came to America. He located in East Lampeter township about two miles south of Lancaster City, where he engaged in farm work continuously until 1852. In that year he purchased a little property of eleven acres in Strasburg township about one mile south of Strasburg, where he spent the remainder of his life, engaging in day work in the neighborhood in addition to farming his own few acres. He married Miss Louisa Lesner, who was born in Germany and who came to this country in 1836, when only four years of age.

George Welk (1) was a strong Republican in politics. In his earlier years he was a member of the Lutheran church but later in life he affiliated with the Reformed Mennonite Church. He was a progressive citizen and most highly esteemed for his sterling character. He died in 1893 aged seventy-five years and his widow, who was born in 1832 still survives. To George and Louisa Welk were born eight children, as follows: George, a sketch of whom appears below; Amos, who died in childhood; Henry, a mechanic, who died in Lancaster

township, leaving two children; Levi, who died unmarried in Strasburg township; Mariah, wife of Harvey Brookill of West Lampeter township; Elias, a farmer of East Lampeter; Ellen, wife of Leonard Brobst of Bart township; and Benjamin, a farmer residing in Strasburg township.

GEORGE WELK (2), the eldest child of George and Louisa Welk, was born Dec. 5, 1848, and was reared to farm life, receiving his education in the common schools of Strasburg township. When he attained his majority he began life for himself by leasing on shares a farm in Strasburg township. This he continued to operate successfully for eight years, then lived for two years in Manor township. Returning to Strasburg he again engaged there in farming for about eight years and in 1889 removed to the farm of ninety-two and half acres, located three miles east of Strasburg, which he has since occupied and operated. In addition he has operated continuously during the past ten years a threshing machine, covering Paradise, Strasburg and a part of Leacock township. He has a thoroughly equipped modern threshing outfit and has been eminently successful in that branch of farm work.

George Welk (2) married in 1870 Miss Sarah Keene, daughter of Benjamin Keene of Strasburg township. Their marriage has been blessed with seven children, as follows: Ida, wife of Samuel Apler of Leacock township, and mother of one son, Albert; Morris, at home; Harvey, who married Miss Lucy Rice, has three children,—Meta, Edna and Joseph, and resides in Strasburg township; Louisa, wife of George W. Leaman, of Bart township; John, who died at the age of eleven years; and Maud and Sally, at home.

In politics George Welk is a stanch Republican. He has served as township clerk and is regarded as one of the progressive and public spirited citizens of the township. The family are highly respected and esteemed by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

GEORGE H. HARTMAN, whose death on Oct. 6, 1886, when he was aged fifty-seven years, removed from Lancaster one of her well known business men and popular citizens, was one of those men whose moral and upright lives are an inspiration to their associates. His entire life had been passed in this county, except for a short sojourn in Iowa, and in his early manhood he learned the coach maker's trade with his father, mention of whom is made in the sketch of J. I. Hartman, to be found elsewhere. He remained under his father until his marriage, when he engaged in the livery business. At the end of four years, he decided to try new scenes and employment, and went to Muscatine, Iowa, where for two years he operated a farm. Old ties proved too strong to break and he returned to Lancaster, and opened up a brick yard on the Harrisburg pike, which he successfully conducted for two years, when he had an opportunity to purchase again the livery

stable he had owned prior to his removal West. This proved his last change, and in partnership with his son, Edward, he continued in the livery business up to the time of his death. He also engaged to a large extent as a real estate dealer, and bought and sold many valuable tracts of land in Lancaster and vicinity. In his religious belief he was an Episcopalian, and was a member of St. John's parish, this city. He gave freely of his substance to the needy, and was most charitable to the faults of others. Politically he was an ardent Republican, but often in local affairs he voted independent of party. Honest in all things, he was a man whom the public instinctively trusted, and to whom many turned for advice in times of trouble.

In Lebanon, Pa., by the Rev. Mr. Crotel, George H. Hartman was united in marriage with Anna M. Bender, who was born in Lancaster, a daughter of Reuben A. and Maria (Rohrer) Bender. The following children blessed this union: Thomas B., superintendent of the Telephone Company, at Westchester, Pa.; Mary E., who married Joseph H. Rathfon, city treasurer of Lancaster; William H., superintendent of the Lancaster Independent Telephone Co., and who married Virginia Mitchell, of Kentucky; Jane O., who married Howard C. Wood, who is engaged in the marble monument business in Lansdowne, Pa.; Edward A., in the employ of the Telephone Co., at Lancaster, who married Emma Gruel; and Anna S., who married Walter C. Herr, jewelry manufacturer of Lancaster.

Reuben A. Bender, father of Mrs. Hartman, was a son of Reuben and Magdalena (Hilderbrandt) Bender, of Swiss extraction, of whom the former was a prominent farmer near New Holland, Pa. Reuben A. Bender was a successful coach manufacturer, in Lancaster, but in 1857 removed to Harrisburg, where he lived retired, until his death in 1858, at the age of sixty years. His wife died in 1857, aged fifty-eight years, and both rest in Harrisburg cemetery. They were faithful members of the Lutheran Church. In their family were the following children: George H., a retired machinist in Philadelphia, Pa.; Reuben A., who died young; John, of Harrisburg, now retired; Elizabeth, widow of John Lautz, a merchant of Muscatine, Iowa; and Anna M., Mrs. Hartman.

JOHN B. ESHBACH (deceased), a most worthy and influential citizen in his day, was born in Lancaster township, Lancaster county, in 1815, was a son of Christian and Mary (Brunt) Eshbach, and was a most successful farmer. John B. Eshbach began operations on rented land in Lancaster township, the farm then containing 113 acres, and after occupying it as a tenant for several years, purchased the place and occupied it until he was sixty-three years old, and then passed the property over to his son, Benjamin B. John B. however, had for some years owned a tract of ninety-four acres in Manor township, adjacent to Millersville, which tract had

been in the Eshbach family a very long time. To this tract John B. added twenty-four acres, and having disposed of the Lancaster township farm to Benjamin, erected a dwelling in Manor township and resided there until his death, which occurred May 16, 1898, in the Mennonite faith.

John B. Eshbach first married Susannah, a daughter of John Brubaker, of Rohrerstown, but no children came to this union. The second marriage of John B. Eshbach was with Barbara Brubaker, and to this marriage were born seven children, viz.: Mary, deceased wife of Abraham Witmer, of Manor township; Benjamin B., on the old homestead in Lancaster township; Susan, wife of Josiah Good, of Marticville; Barbara, unmarried, and living in Millersville; Annie, married to John Hershey, of Petersburg, Pa.; Mattie, also of Millersville and unmarried; and John B., on the home place at Millersville.

John B. Eshbach, son of the deceased John B., was born Jan. 14, 1865, on his present farm and received the usual public school education. At twenty-one years of age he took charge of the place and managed it until his father's death, then took entire possession and has since conducted general farming most successfully, now owning 118 acres.

John B. Eshbach was united in marriage in 1886 to Miss Emma Herr, daughter of Jacob B. Herr, of New Danville, and this marriage has been blessed with three children, namely, Christine H., Edgar H., and Walter H. Mr. and Mrs. Eshbach are members of the Mennonite Church and socially hold an excellent standing.

MILTON L. BARE, a prominent and successful farmer of Upper Leacock township, was born in Leacock township, July 18, 1857, a son of Wayne and Mary (Landis) Bare, of East Lampeter township.

Until he reached his majority, Milton L. Bare remained with his father, attending school and assisting in the farm work. After marriage he removed to his present fine farm. Mr. Bare was married Dec. 11, 1883, in Salisbury township, to Miss Ida E. Worst, who was born on her old family homestead Feb. 2, 1858. She was the estimable daughter of Samuel and Anna (Kertz) Worst of Salisbury township, where the former still resides, the latter having died in February, 1896, at the age of sixty-seven years. Until 1898 Mr. Worst was a farmer and drover, but at that date he retired from active life to enjoy the comforts his former industry had provided. He was born in 1824. He has held a number of the offices in his locality, serving as school director for many years and also as supervisor.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Worst were: Annamary, who married Frank Seldonridge, a hotel proprietor of Salisbury township; Ida E., Mrs. Bare; John B., deceased; Catherine A., who married J. Milton Hershey, of "Keys Hotel," at Intercourse,

Pa.; Barbara E., who married Jacob A. Stauffer, and lives on the old Salisbury township farm; Martha E., who married Isaac Eby, a farmer of Salisbury; Susan A., who married Prof. Amos A. Eby, a teacher of Witmer, Pa.; Fred S., a farmer on the old homestead; and Laura L., who resides with her sister, Mrs. Bare. The parents were members of the Presbyterian Church and the mother lies buried in Pequea township in the old Presbyterian churchyard.

Mr. Bare has long been a prominent member of the Republican party of his locality, taking an active and intelligent interest in public affairs. From 1892 to 1895 he most efficiently served as school director. Both he and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian Church of Leacock, to which he is a liberal contributor. Mr. Bare is highly respected in his county and is ranked among its representative men.

JOHN J. GOOD, an old and honored citizen of Conestoga Center, is the son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Deitrick) Good.

The great-grandfather, Peter Good, came from Germany and settled in Martic township, Lancaster county. His son John was the grandfather of the present John J. Good. John, the grandfather, was born and spent most of his life in what is now Pequea, but was then known as Conestoga, township. He lived to an advanced age, and the latter part of his life resided in Martic township. He was a miller and distiller for many years but latterly took up farming. He was successful and at one time owned considerable property. He took a deep interest in public affairs and was best known by the title of 'Squire Good, having been a justice of the peace. In politics he was a Whig. He was three times married, first to Miss Kreiter, by whom he had four sons and a daughter: Christian; Jacob; John; Daniel; and Barbara, who was first married to Tobias Deitrick and afterward to Benjamin Kauffman. 'Squire Good married twice after the death of his first wife but had no issue by either.

Daniel Good, father of John J., was born in Conestoga township, now Pequea township, in 1804, and died in 1864. His first venture was that of farming but he was afterward engaged in the milling and distilling business. He continued in this for a number of years, when he again went back to farming, the most of his time being spent in Martic township. He also was a Whig in politics and was a man of more than ordinary capacity. He served as a member of the school board and for three years was a county commissioner; he was an organizer, stockholder and director of the Inland Insurance and Deposit Company, of Lancaster, was progressive, and decidedly a man in advance of the times. He married Miss Elizabeth Deitrick, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Stehman) Deitrick. She was born in Pequea township near West Willow in 1808 and died in 1878. He died in Marticville. They

had a family of nine children: John J.; Elizabeth, who died in childhood; Henry, deceased, a soldier in the Civil war; Mary, wife of Benjamin Mylin, of West Lampeter township; Daniel D., of Lancaster; Catherine, wife of David Huber, of Rawlinsville; Maris and Adam, twins, deceased; and Aaron, unmarried, of Marticville. The parents were members of the Lutheran Church.

John J. Good was born in Martic township, Oct. 4, 1829, and was educated in the public schools. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years old, when he took a farm of 185 acres in Martic township, purchased of his father. Here he lived from 1856 until 1900, when he retired from active labor and removed to Conestoga Center, where he still resides. Through an active career he has confined his attention almost wholly to farming and lime burning. He is a broad-minded man, public-spirited and ever ready to assist with word or purse meritorious affairs, either of a public or private nature. He has frequently been called to positions of honor by his fellow-citizens and while still a young man was elected supervisor of Martic township. Later he served on the school board for three years, and in 1881 was elected treasurer of Lancaster county, filling that office with honor for three years.

On March 3, 1857, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Mylin, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Hess) Mylin. She was born in West Lampeter township, Oct. 6, 1836. Mr. and Mrs. Good are the parents of eleven children: Daniel M., born in 1857, who died June 14, 1900, leaving a widow; Maris M., born Jan. 15, 1860, who died March 29, 1860; Emma E., born Sept. 12, 1861, wife of Martin Bertsfield, of Lancaster; Ezra M., June 11, 1863, residing in Millersville, a stock and tobacco dealer; Henry M., Sept. 22, 1864, a farmer in Conestoga township; John S., Aug. 12, 1866, who died Feb. 12, 1868; Abraham M., June 13, 1870, who died Aug. 25, 1870; Amelia F., July 20, 1871, wife of Albert Kready, of Manor township; Ida, Oct. 31, 1876, at home; Mary E., March 6, 1878, wife of Ephraim Rohrer, of Manor township; Clara, Feb. 18, 1874, wife of Aldus Charles, of Pequea township. Mr. and Mrs. Good, together with their daughters, are members of the Reformed Church. Mr. Good has been a deacon for the past five years and takes a great interest in church work.

GEORGE W. WARFEL was born in the house where he still resides, in Conestoga township, about one-half mile west of Martic forge, March 3, 1839. He is a son of Christian Warfel, born in 1802 near the place where George now lives.

Christian Warfel, the father, was a carpenter by trade but engaged in farming part of the time. He was identified with the Republican party, took an active part in politics and was a director of the poor for two sessions. He was a member of the Old Mennonite Church during the latter part of his

life. He married Miss Barbara Myers, of Lampeter township, and the couple had two children: Henry, deceased; and George W., subject of this sketch. George W. Warfel was the grandson of Jacob and Polly Warfel, who were also both born in Conestoga township, and were the parents of five children: George, deceased; Christian, father of the present George W.; Paul, of whom nothing has been known for years; Jacob, deceased; and Betsey, wife of Joseph Eleacher, both deceased.

George W. Warfel has devoted his life to farming on the same place that knew him as an infant. He is a Republican in politics, but has never taken any active part. He married Miss Catherine Harnish, daughter of James Harnish, of Pequea township, Nov. 2, 1862. They are the parents of the following children, all of whom are living: Adeline, wife of Ezra Eshleman; Susan H., wife of Abraham Hess; George, at home; Catherine, wife of John Good; Barbara, wife of Frank Rice, who lives with his father-in-law, Mr. Warfel, and farms the place.

Mr. Warfel was educated in the public schools of the county. Although he has devoted much of his time to agriculture he is a well-informed and public-spirited man, always ready and willing to assist any project which has for its end the bettering of society. The family is well and favorably known in the township and enjoys the esteem of a wide circle of friends.

GEORGE WASHINGTON HICKS. Among the prominent and leading citizens of Maytown, Pa., is George Washington Hicks, a retired merchant and a justice of the peace since 1885. He was born in Linglestown, Dauphin county, Nov. 7, 1851, a son of Jacob and Christianna (Marberger) Hicks, natives of Dauphin and Schuylkill counties, respectively, although both died in Dauphin county.

Jacob Hicks was a farmer, and for twenty-five years a justice of the peace, and his death occurred in Dauphin county, in 1874, at the age of seventy-four. His widow survived until 1880. The family born to Jacob Hicks and wife numbered nine members, and were: Conrad, who was a teacher, and died at the age of twenty-seven; George, who died in infancy; John, who died at the age of forty-one; Amos, who died at the age of forty-two; George W.; William, a dairyman of Penn Brook, Pa.; J. Frank, a farmer and hotel-keeper in Dauphin county; Mary, deceased, who married Benjamin Albright; and Christiann, deceased, who married Dr. E. B. Smith, a dentist, in Harrisburg. The paternal grandfather was Conrad Hicks, a native of Dauphin county, and the maternal grandfather was Samuel Marberger, of Schuylkill county.

Until he was sixteen years old, George W. Hicks remained on the farm. His primary education had been obtained in the district schools, and he then became a student in Witmer's Academy at Palmyra, going from there to the State Normal School at

Millersville, thus fitting himself very thoroughly for the profession of teaching, which he followed for one term in Schuylkill county, and nine terms in Dauphin county, and then went to Orwigsburg, in the former county, where he opened up a livery business, which he closed up eighteen months later, to come to Maytown, where, in 1881, he started in the mercantile business, and for twelve years was one of the leading merchants of the place and a prominent man of affairs. Since 1885 he has been a justice of the peace, his services giving such universal satisfaction that he has been retained in the office ever since.

On Nov. 2, 1881, in Maytown Mr. Hicks was married to Miss Anna L. Markley, a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Lancaster county. The children of this union are: Charles C. and Hettie L. Mrs. Hicks was born in the present family residence, in Maytown, a daughter of the late John and Hettie L. (Fowler) Markley.

John Markley was born in Strasburg, July 14, 1814, and passed out of life on Nov. 18, 1890, in the house where his widow now resides, a stone mansion in Maytown, and was buried in the Reformed cemetery, in that place. His parents were Jacob and Barbara Markley, natives of Germany who settled in Strasburg many years ago, and made that city their permanent home, following an agricultural life, where the former died in 1822. The children born to Jacob and Barbara Markley were: Elizabeth, Barbara, Harriet, Susan, Benjamin, Jacob, John and George, all of them now passed away.

On July 18, 1839, John Markley married Hettie L. Fowler, and their children were: Benjamin H., who resides with his mother; Eveline, deceased, who married Henry Honseal; Harriet, who resides in Philadelphia, the widow of John K. Brown; John L., who married Anna Miller, of Maytown; Helen, who married Abraham Sloat, of Maytown; Anna L., wife of Mr. Hicks; and Ray, who married Kate Hollinger. Until 1839, John Markley engaged in farming in his native locality, and then located in Maytown, where he assisted his brother for a few years, but then began peddling notions until 1860, which prepared him for the mercantile business, which he then opened, and in which he engaged until within two years of his death. For many years he was a well-known figure in the commercial life of this community. His religious connection was with the Church of God.

Mrs. Hettie L. (Fowler) Markley was born in Maytown, May 12, 1818, a daughter of John and Hettie (Fowler) Fowler, of Strasburg, the former of whom moved to Maytown when still a young man, and as he was gifted in many ways, he followed various occupations, but was particularly successful as an architect and drew many of the plans which were used in the building of the bridges in this locality. His death occurred in 1862, at the age of eighty, and the mother in 1859, at the age of seventy-three, and both were buried in the Reformed cemetery in Maytown. The only child of this marriage

was Hettie L. The paternal grandfather was John Fowler, a native of England, who died in Marietta; and the maternal grandfather was also John Fowler, of England, although there was no relationship.

During his busy life in Maytown, Mr. Hicks has gained the respect of this neighborhood. He is a valued member of the Masonic order. In his religious connection he belongs to the Reformed Church.

GEORGE N. LEFEVER has for over forty years owned and occupied the beautiful farm in West Lampeter township which he still conducts. The highly improved condition of this tract, made so by his own efforts, would alone entitle him to a place among the most progressive and intelligent agriculturists of his section.

It is a pleasure to record that such a creditable representative of Lancaster county's farming interests is one of her own sons, Mr. Lefever having been born July 25, 1829, at Millport, youngest son of John and Magdalena (Neff) Lefever. He had a twin sister, Barbara. Mr. Lefever remained under the parental roof until the death of his father, in 1856, and the following year (1857) was married to Miss Annie Landis, daughter of Benjamin Landis. Their first home was on a fifteen acre plot, now the property of Frank Landis, and in 1860 Mr. Lefever purchased his present farm, in West Lampeter township. The place was entirely unimproved, but it cost him \$165 per acre. A great transformation has taken place during the intervening years, our subject having continued to improve the property until now it would be difficult indeed to name a convenience missing on his farm. His buildings, the residence of brick, and large frame barn have been built with much care and at a considerable cost. From his home can be had a splendid view of Lancaster City and of a wide scope of country, embracing the banks and valley of the Conestoga.

George N. Lefever and his wife are the parents of the following children: Amos married Annie Groff, and they have eight children; Benjamin married Salinda Shirk, they have one son; Mary is now Mrs. Rohrer; Lizzie; Landis is deceased; John, Aaron and Abraham are in Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Lefever are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

DAVID B. ESHELMAN, a prosperous general farmer in Mt. Joy township, Lancaster county, was born in Hanover township, Dauphin county, Pa., Aug. 20, 1865, a son of Daniel and Sarah (Basore) Eshelman, of Lancaster and Dauphin counties, respectively.

Daniel Eshelman, the father, was born in 1837, and is a farmer in Dauphin county, whither he moved with his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth (Hoover) Eshelman, when he was about twelve years old. Samuel Eshelman was a carpenter in early life, but his last years were passed in farming, and he died in 1875, aged seventy-one; his wife

died in 1899, aged ninety-two. They were members of the Dunkard Church. Daniel Eshelman married Sarah Basore, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Etter) Basore, the former of who died in 1892, aged eighty-five, and the latter in 1873, at the age of sixty-five.

David B. Eshelman remained a home until he was eighteen, when he began working for the neighboring farmers. He continued at this until 1893, when he came to his present farm, which he purchased from the Bishop estate.

On Sept. 13, 1888, in Elizabethtown, Mr. Eshelman was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Bishop, who was born in Dauphin county, Sept. 29, 1868, a daughter of David and Barbara (Good) Bishop. To this union were born children as follows: Ada B., deceased; Anna B.; Clayton H.; Simon B., deceased; L. May; Harvey B.; and Earl B.

David Bishop was born in 1836, in Dauphin county, and is now living retired at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Eshelman. His wife Barbara Good, born May 13, 1843, died in 1884, and was buried in Geyer cemetery in Dauphin county. Their children were: Simon, a photographer in West Virginia; Joseph, a machinist in Elizabethtown; Barbara, wife of Harry Lane, a farmer in Mt. Joy township; David, a farmer in Dauphin county; Anna, residing with Mrs. Eshelman; and Lizzie, who became Mrs. Eshelman. The grandparents of Mrs. Eshelman were Joseph and Elizabeth (Gingrich) Bishop and Joseph and Barbara (Ebersole) Good, all farming people of Lancaster county.

In his political faith David B. Eshelman is a Republican. In 1901 he was elected school director, and he has ever been interested in the cause of education. He belongs to Zion Children's Church.

HARRY J. STEHMAN, one of the leading farmers and dairymen of Lancaster township, is a worthy representative of one of the old and honored families of Manor township, where his father, H. H. Stehman, was born. The latter was widely known in the milling business which he followed there until 1894, at which time he retired from business life and now resides in Millersville. For a number of years Mr. Stehman was a local minister in the United Brethren Church, beloved and respected by the whole community. The marriage of Rev. H. H. Stehman was to Miss Barbara Herr, and the five children of this marriage are: Olive, who is the wife of C. E. Brubaker; Alice, who is the wife of Aldus Barr, of Manor township; Annie, who is the wife of Jonas Minich, of East Hempfield township; Isaiah D., who is a miller in Mt. Joy; and Harry J., of this sketch.

Harry J. Stehman was born in Manor township, Dec. 8, 1861, and was reared on the home farm, obtaining his primary education in the public schools. This was supplemented by a course in the State Normal School in Millersville, from which he graduated. Mr. Stehman then took a commercial course

in the Lebanon Valley College, returning then to take charge of the home farm, his superior education enabling him to follow intelligent methods in the development of its best resources. For a period of seven years, succeeding his marriage, Mr. Stehman farmed for himself, with success, at the close of this period moving to Millersville and engaging in the milk business. For nine years he continued in this very profitable business, and then located on the farm where he now resides. This compact and fertile tract comprises forty acres, and is situated about two miles southwest of Lancaster City.

The marriage of Mr. Stehman was to Miss Ida Krotwell, and eight children have been born to this union: Blanche N., Annie T., Alice V., Walter K., Edward H., Paul K., Ida H. and Harry H., all still remaining at home, a happy, united family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stehman are consistent members of the Methodist Church, of Millersville, Mr. Stehman being one of the stewards, and one of the liberal supporters of its charitable and benevolent enterprises. Mr. Stehman is one of the most intelligent, progressive and public-spirited citizens of his locality, and is identified with all enterprises which promise to be of benefit to his township or county, and stands high in public esteem.

DANIEL MCKILLIPS HERSHEY is a prominent young business man of Lancaster, now engaged in the grain and feed trade at No. 430 East Mifflin street.

Benjamin H. Hershey, the grandfather of Daniel M., was a farmer at Leaman Place, and his father came from Switzerland. They were Old Mennonites and were among the first settlers of that faith in Lancaster county.

Benjamin L. Hershey, son of Benjamin H., was a merchant nearly all his life, and had his business in the eastern part of the county nearly all his life. He died on his farm near Gordonville, May 12, 1889. His wife, Elizabeth McKillips, was a daughter of Daniel McKillips, a farmer in the eastern part of the county. To their union were born the following family: Daniel McKillips; Elam; Susan E., wife of Amos B. Myers, a farmer of Groffdale; and Anna E., unmarried and at home with her mother.

Daniel McKillips Hershey was educated in the public schools of the district in which he was reared. At the age of eighteen years his schooling was ended, and he then devoted all his time to his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he took that place on shares, working in that way for five years, when he came to the city of Lancaster, and entered the store of W. D. Sprecher, Son & Co., remaining in that establishment about a year and a half. About this time he found an opportunity of buying on very satisfactory conditions the grain and feed business of William F. Denlinger. This he did, and taking possession in the summer of 1900, immediately enlarged the business in every way, carrying a larger and more varied stock, furnishing his patrons with

the best of everything in his line, and securing a rapidly growing patronage. Mr. Hershey makes a specialty of horse, cattle and poultry powders, which had been sold in this county for twenty-four years, but which he now holds as an exclusive line from the original owners and makers.

Mr. Hershey belongs to one of the Old Mennonite families in this county, and his upright and honest life presents a practical illustration of the formative power of the Mennonite teaching in securing those primal attributes of manhood—sobriety, industry and honesty.

PETER R. GISH, proprietor of the Conoy Feed and Chop Mill, on Conoy Creek, in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, was born about one and one-half miles from his present home, Aug. 1, 1830, a son of John L. and Anna (Risser) Gish, natives, respectively, of West Donegal township and Lebanon county, Pennsylvania.

John L. Gish was a successful farmer, and a man of prominence in his community, which he served some years as tax collector and assessor. He died in West Donegal township in 1880, at the age of seventy-eight, and his widow passed away in 1898, at the age of eighty-three. Their remains rest in Bassler's Meeting House cemetery. The wife and mother was a member of the Mennonite Church. To John L. Gish and wife were born children, as follows: Peter R.; Abraham, deceased; Jacob, a retired farmer in West Donegal township; John, deceased; Samuel, on the old homestead in West Donegal; Anna, who died young; and David, deceased.

Peter R. Gish remained at home with his parents until 1856, when he went to East Donegal township, where for five years he engaged in farming. This was followed by three years on a farm in Rapho township, after which he went to Mt. Joy, and there passed three years in the butchering business. He was quite successful in this work but finding it not as congenial to his tastes as farming, he returned to East Donegal township and there engaged in farming until his removal to his present home. He began the operation of the mill by hiring an engineer and miller, from whom he thoroughly learned the business. In 1898, he quit the manufacture of flour, and has since devoted himself to the other products of the mill.

Mr. Gish has been twice married. On Dec. 5, 1854, he was wedded to Miss Mary Nissley, and to their union came the following children: Abraham N., who died young; David N.; Anna N., who died young; John N., deceased, who married Barbara Hoffman; Peter N. and Daniel N., twins, the former unmarried and with his father, and the latter of whom wedded Barbara (Hoffman) Gish, widow of his brother John; and Eli, a carpenter of Elizabethtown, Pa., who married Lizzie Gingrich. Mrs. Mary (Nissley) Gish, who was born in Mt. Joy township in 1831, a daughter of Abraham Nissley, died in 1886, and was buried in Kraybill cemetery.

In 1890, in Dauphin county, Pa., Mr. Gish married for his second wife Miss Mary Ebersole, who was born in West Donegal township, Lancaster county, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Ebersole) Ebersole, who since 1861 have resided in Dauphin county, where the former is a retired farmer and ex-township official. Jacob Ebersole was born in 1823, and his wife in 1827, and they were both reared in the faith of the Mennonite Church. Their children, besides Mrs. Gish, were: Fanny, who married Eli Westingberger, of Lebanon county, Pa.; Anna, who became the wife of Christ Brill, and was accidentally drowned in the creek; Martha, who wedded David Westingberger, of Lebanon county; and Eli, Martin and John, all three farmers in Dauphin county. Mrs. Gish's paternal grandfather was Jacob Ebersole, and her maternal, Peter Ebersole. The last named married a Rutt.

Peter R. Gish is public-spirited and progressive. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served his township as school director six years, and as auditor for a like period. Like all his family he is a Mennonite in religious faith.

ALBERT BROWN HAMBRIGHT, son of Samuel and Leah Brown Hambright, was born Aug. 20, 1856, in Manheim township, Lancaster Co., Pa. He worked for his father (on the Grand View Farm, owned by B. J. McGrann) until the age of seventeen, when he began teaching in the public schools of his native township. He was graduated from the Millersville State Normal School in 1879; principal of the Franklin school, East Donegal township, in 1881 and 1882; principal of the Manheim borough schools, 1882 and 1883; and superintendent of the Model School of his Alma Mater four years, from 1883 to 1887. He was admitted to the Lancaster County Bar in 1891; county auditor one term, three years, 1894, 1895 and 1896, and is at the present actively engaged in the practice of the law.

Mr. Hambright married, in 1894, Annie Trear, daughter of Jacob and Annie Trear. To their union have been born two children, George and Marion.

PROF. CHRIS BURGER, whose charming music store is at No. 6 North Prince street, Lancaster, is the recognized leader of orchestral and brass band music in the city.

Christian J. Burger, his father, came from Germany to the United States in 1848, and settled in Reading, where he died in 1883. His wife was Miss Annetta Kaul, a sister of the Very Rev. Anthony F. Kaul, of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lancaster, and from this union have come six sons, four of whom are now living: Dr. A. J. Burger, now the coroner of Brooklyn; Dr. Francis J., also of Brooklyn; Rev. Clement S., pastor of the new Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart, Lancaster; and Prof. Chris. Burger.

Prof. Chris. Burger was born March 27, 1859, and was educated at Notre Dame, Indiana. Coming to Lancaster in 1892, he became the leader of the Fulton Opera House orchestra, a position he has held to the present time, to the delight of all music-loving people of the city. Since the opening of the Conestoga Park Theatre he has been musical director there. In 1896 Prof. Burger opened a music store on West King street, which proved a success from its beginning, and which he has successfully conducted to the present time in connection with his orchestral work. In 1898 he removed his store to No. 6 North Prince street, where he is found to-day.

Prof. Burger has been interested in musical matters far beyond the limits of Lancaster. For eight years he led the music for Buffalo Bill's "Wild West Show," and for fifteen years he was leader of various traveling orchestras, during his time being with Alice Oates, "The Black Crook," the Boston Opera Company, "The Fakir," "The City Directory," and various other well known attractions. He is also the leader of Burger's Military Band, which is composed of twenty-eight pieces, and which has had a successful existence of eight years; while Burger's Orchestra, composed of a dozen or more instruments, is one of recognized musical organizations of Lancaster.

Prof. Burger was married, in 1889, to Miss Emma Stewart, of Lancaster, and this union has been blessed with one child, Pirmin, who is now at school. Prof. Burger belongs to the Church of the Sacred Heart, of which his brother is the beloved priest, and is also a member of the Knights of St. John. Of a genial nature, a most pleasing personality, and withal a most earnest student of music, Prof. Burger has made his name as familiar as household words in Lancaster, and it is always associated with a most pleasant subject—good music.

REV. WILLIAM G. CAIRNES, son of George and Mary A. Cairnes, was born near Jarrattsville, Harford Co., Md., Feb. 18, 1839. His early education was secured in the public and private schools of the neighborhood. He prepared for college at Tuscarora Academy, Academia, Juniata Co., Pa., of which Prof. J. H. Shumaker was then principal. He graduated from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., in 1865, and was Latin salutatorian of his class. One year after graduating was spent in teaching at Tuscarora Academy. He graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1869, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Baltimore in 1869, and in September of the same year was ordained and installed pastor of Cream Ridge and New Egypt Presbyterian churches, New Jersey. In the summer of 1876 he resigned these charges, and in April, 1877, entered upon the pastoral work in the Middle Octorara Presbyterian Church at Bart, Lancaster Co., Pa., the position which he still (1903) occu-

pies. This is among the oldest Presbyterian churches in Lancaster county, having been organized in 1727, Rev. Alexander Craighead being the first pastor. It is not known who were his successors until 1780, when Rev. Nathaniel W. Sample became pastor and remained such until September, 1821. He was followed by Rev. Joseph Barr, from 1823 to 1844; Rev. Solomon McNair, from 1846 to 1853; Rev. Joseph M. Rittenhouse, from 1853 to 1873; and Rev. William J. Henderson, from 1874 to 1876. Since 1880 Mr. Cairnes has served as stated clerk of the Presbytery of Westminster, and has twice represented the Presbytery in the General Assembly—in 1884 at Saratoga, N. Y., and in 1898 at Winoona, Ind. On June 18, 1902, the Presbytery of Westminster and the congregation of Middle Octorara Church joined in observing the one hundred and seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church and twenty-fifth anniversary of the present pastorate. There were interesting exercises, historical sketches of the church and its various pastors, and numerous letters of congratulation, as well as presents, from various sources. Rev. J. M. Galbreath, of Lincoln University, speaking on the "Lights and Shadows of Twenty-five Years' Pastorate," said, among other things:

"Mr. Cairnes, -who has been among you for twenty-five years, is the most thoroughly tested man in this community. He has moved among you and there is scarcely a home in which he has not been, in time of joy or sadness. Part of the time he has been in his study, but brought his thoughts to you through the pulpit. There is no friendship so precious as the friendship between a pastor and his people, made and cemented in a pastorate of twenty-five years. There is another joy—that of being a teacher. As the student's face lights with thoughts of achievement, his joy and that of the teacher are the same. I have never heard of a shadow on Mr. Cairnes's pastorate, but no doubt he has had them, as we all have at some time in our life. Lights and shadows make up our lives, but Mr. Cairnes's has mostly been of lights. This work and servant is to be recognized by the Master."

In October, 1869, Mr. Cairnes married Miss Isabel Ann Patterson, daughter of Robert and Mary (Lyon) Patterson, of Spruce Hill, Juniata Co., Pa., and she has been his companion and helpmate during his ministerial service. They have three children. Mary Lyon, Robert Patterson and Anna Belle.

F. M. LENNOX, of Georgetown, Lancaster Co., Pa., is a typical self-made man—a man who, with little opportunity for scholastic development in boyhood, became "a man of letters" in the fullest sense, being not only a master of English, but a linguist as well.

Mr. Lennox was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, Province of Ulster, July 20, 1832. His father was Andrew Lennox, and his mother was

Elizabeth Marshall, born in County Londonderry, and, although of Irish descent, came of good Scotch Episcopal stock. Andrew Lennox was a successful farmer. The children born to his union with Elizabeth Marshall, were: Marshall, who was an evangelist in the Salvation Army, and died in Australia; James, of Ireland, deceased; Isabella, married and living in Ireland; Mary Jane, now the wife of Mr. Green, living in San Francisco, Cal. (Mrs. Green is an experienced traveler, having made a tour of the world with her oldest son in 1870); F. M., of Georgetown; Andrew, who died in Australia, whither he had gone in quest of gold; Sarah, living in Ireland, who is the mother of twelve children; William George, living on the old homestead, the wealthiest man in his township of Aughrim; Charlotte, deceased wife of John Stanley, of Illinois.

The only son of Andrew Lennox to come to America was F. M., who came here with his cousin, John Bell, in 1846. F. M. Lennox had improved his opportunities in early youth, and, although but fifteen years old when he landed in this country, had considerable knowledge of Latin and Greek, and was also fairly familiar with the German language. After spending two years in New York and vicinity, young Lennox returned to his native land, remaining there only six months, during which time his mother died. Again returning to America, Mr. Lennox went directly to Parkesburg, Chester Co., Pa.; where he hired out to do farm work at \$8 per month. After pursuing this vocation for a time, attending school in the winter, he made his home with the afterwards famous Dr. D. Hayes Agnew, Christiana, Pa. This was in 1851, and that year Mr. Lennox began teaching school; this was the memorable year of the Christiana Riot, of which he was a witness. He taught school for thirty-one consecutive terms, and during his vacation attended the Millersville Normal School, having been the first student to make application, although on account of sickness he did not register. It is, however, an undisputed fact that he was the first student, arriving there one week before school opened. This was in 1855. He had previously attended the Unionville Academy, and the Marietta Academy, making in all six terms at these several institutions of learning.

Mr. Lennox purchased his present home, in the village of Georgetown, in 1862, and he also owns another property adjoining. His postoffice address is Bart, Pa. He was married in 1875 (on Christmas Day) to Miss Abbie Hershey, of Mennonite parentage, a native of Lancaster county, and daughter of Josiah and Mary Ann Hershey, and seven children have been born of this union. These children are Charles H., living in Lancaster; Mary H., wife of William P. Trout, telegrapher, of Leaman Place; George H., druggist, of Philadelphia; Josiah H., living in Pittsburgh; Joseph H., of Philadelphia; Bessie H., and Francis H., at home.

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Mr. Lennox is a member of the M. E. Church, a Republican in politics, and withal a gentleman of far more than ordinary intelligence and ability, being not only a successful educator, but possessing wide and comprehensive knowledge of affairs in general.

JOSEPH H. LONG, blacksmith, Lancaster, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

THE DOUGLAS FAMILY. "The broad breast of a Douglas has been Scotland's best bulwark," said the king. Archibald the Grim, the "Good Sir James," and others of the name, are historic figures. For many centuries the Douglas was a man of iron will, dauntless courage, and a mighty force in Scotland. Sir Walter Scott grows enthusiastic over the patriotism and the martial renown of the old race, born fighters and rulers for a thousand years, but no less as the old song has it, "Douglas, tender and true." It is little wonder that men find gratification in running back on sure lines to such ancestry. It stirs the blood at times to know that there have been such men and women among one's grandfathers and grandmothers, remote and near, and is cause for profound gratitude, not shallow pride nor weak vain-glorying.

We have been looking through a very interesting "Douglas book" belonging to Miss Rebecca Perkins, of Coatesville, published some twenty-five years ago in Rhode Island, which traces through a half-dozen generations a branch of the Douglas family that came to New England about 1656. In it we find brief mention of Archibald Douglas and his son George, after whom Douglasville in Berks county is named. The Pennsylvania branch of the family comes in the next generation. Four brothers, three of them young married men, came from near Edinburgh, Scotland, about 1725, perhaps 1728, bringing with them their household belongings. They were Andrew, James, Thomas and Archibald. The date could not have been much earlier than this, for Andrew died in 1742, at the age of forty years, Archibald in 1756, aged sixty-one years, and James in 1757, aged sixty years. The descendants of two of these men, Andrew and Archibald, are numbered by thousands, and include not a few of the best families in Pennsylvania.

They are said to have chartered a ship for themselves and immediate friends, and to have brought with them from their old home whatever promised to make life more comfortable in the new world. This included China and glassware, linens, bedding, household utensils, and much good furniture, solid mahogany and walnut upholstered in leather, most of which has become scattered through time, but some of it still prized as heirlooms. One of these things, known as the "Douglas clock," we saw recently in the home of Miss Margaret Douglas Wilson Latta, No. 3902 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. It is a large eight-day grandfather's clock, with

fine works and very heavy brass weights, thought to be of French manufacture, that was brought from Scotland by Archibald Douglas nearly two hundred years ago. How long it was in the family before they emigrated to America is unknown. But it has ticked away the lives of a half-dozen generations on this side of the sea, and is doing its work for the seventh. It passed to Margaret Wilson from the home of her father; then to the home of a second Margaret Wilson, her daughter-in-law; then to her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Whitehill; then to her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Latta; then to her daughter Margaret, the fifth Margaret in direct line of succession, who has been its fortunate owner. The poet Longfellow might have heard in the measured beat of this grand old timepiece the refrain, "Forever-never! Never-forever!" even more distinctly than from his "Old Clock on the Stair."

They landed in Baltimore, and are said to have spent some time on the headwaters of the Chesapeake, but finally moved north into Pennsylvania, taking up choice tracts of land in what is now the extreme eastern part of Lancaster county. They built their homes in the forest, and were also of the small company to erect an Episcopal church of logs on the old Lancaster road, near "The Compass," which they named "St. John's." It was afterwards replaced by one of stone. The third church of stone stands on the same ground. One of them, it is said, gave the land for this church and graveyard, and here they all lie buried. Two of them were trustees of the congregation. The building was but a modest structure of hewn logs, like many another backwoods meeting-house that has since grown to grand proportions. These early settlers believed in the church and the school.

The "Compass church" and graveyard are just beyond the county line, being in Chester instead of Lancaster county, but its membership has always been largely from the latter county. It is not only one of the oldest but also one of the most interesting from its historical associations in eastern Pennsylvania. The graves of some of the Douglasses are marked by quaint headstones. One reads: "Esqr. Andrew, son of Lord Douglass," another, "Jane, wife of Andrew Douglas, daughter of the Earl of Ross, died 1742." They said they were of the old race; they believed it; all their immediate descendants believed it; and we believe it, too.

Lancaster county was formed from Chester May 10, 1729. The warrantee deeds on record for Lancaster shortly after that date show that Archibald Douglas took up two hundred and fifty acres in 1733 and seventy acres in 1738; James 100 acres in 1738; Archibald and Edward, the son of James, 500 acres in 1743; Thomas paid tax on 300 acres during these years, which he may have owned before the county was organized; we do not know. J. Watson Ellmaker, of Lancaster, a gentleman much interested in the early history of the county, writes: "I have a copy of the will of Conrad Rut-

ter, dated 19th day of April, 1734. The witnesses of his signature are Andrew Douglass, Jean Douglass, and James Douglass. This Conrad Rutter was born in Prussia, was obliged to leave his native home on account of religious persecution, went to England, became identified with the English, was an Episcopalian in faith, which is proved by his name being on the old records of St. John's, in Pequea, built in 1729. The following tradition came to me, of which I have some proof: Conrad Rutter's wife was a Douglas; left England (Scotland?) in 1683, came over in the ship America, Joseph Wassey, captain. First settled in Germantown, afterward went up to Montgomery county; took up lands and improved them; before 1720 came up to Chester county, near where the Douglasses settled, and took up 588 acres (of which John P. McCaskey has the draft). Conrad Rutter had four sons, Andrew, Joseph, Peter and Conrad, Jr. His oldest son Andrew inherited the Montgomery county farm. By his will, dated April 19, 1734, he divided this tract of 588 acres among his three youngest sons. His son Peter sold his farm and bought another near the Douglasses. He died in 1772, and is buried in St. John's churchyard." We have thought it possible that the wife of Conrad Rutter may have been in America long before her brothers, and that her letters home may have induced them to emigrate. If so, some discrepancy in the dates may easily be accounted for.

Thomas Douglas left no children; James, who died Nov. 8, 1757, had one son, Edward, who in 1743 took up a large tract of land along with his Uncle Archibald. The will of Edward Douglas is dated April 8, 1761, Gabriel Davis executor. His children were Mary, Margaret, Jane, Catharine, James and Archibald.

Andrew died Jan. 20, 1742, and his wife survived him but a few days. In 1740 he was commissioner of Lancaster county. Their children were George, born March 25, 1726, died March 10, 1799; Mary, born 1734, died Feb. 14, 1807, married John Elliot. There may have been other children. The Douglas family of Douglassville is descended from Andrew, also the Buckleys, Leafs, McCalmants, Keims, Jenkins and others, making a large family connection. George married Mary Piersol April, 1747, who was born Aug. 23, 1731, and died Oct. 12, 1798. In 1761 he settled in Amity township, Berks county, where he lived until his death. He was a justice of the peace before the Revolutionary war. From 1772 to 1784 he was one of the judges of the county court. He was a soldier in the Revolution, a captain in Lotz's battalion for the Flying Camp, and was in the battle of Long Island. [See Montgomery's history of Berks county in the Revolution.] He was also one of the commissioners chosen by Congress in 1776 to sign issues of Continental bills of credit. Their children were: Richard, born 1748; Elizabeth, 1750; Jane, 1752; Mary, 1754, married Richard Graham; Rebecca, 1757,



JOHN PIERSOL McCASKEY, 1837.*

MARY ELLEN McCASKEY, 1887.

EDWARD WILLIAM McCASKEY, 1863.†

MARGARET PIERSOL McCASKEY, 1810.

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† Captain and Q. M., Twenty-first U. S. Infantry, West Point, Class of 1836.

FOUR GENERATIONS.

Taken by Saylor, 1896: Engraved by Rea.

Each of last three (1837-63-87) is the oldest of a family of seven children there being (1898) five sons and two daughters in each family.

This picture of "Four Generations" is published partly by request, but mainly in honor of one of the best of mothers. A fact of some interest in regard to it is that each of three younger members of the group here given is the oldest of a family of seven children, each family having its five sons and two daughters.

The great-grandmother, venerable in years but young in heart, who, on June 14th, 1898, will be eighty-eight years of age, comes of a strong, brave, intelligent and generous ancestry, which includes Scotch, Scotch-Irish, Welsh and German-Swiss, all of whom came to Pennsylvania long before the war of the Revolution and at very early times in the history of the colony. Through a life unusually long and active she has retained her bodily senses unimpaired, never caring even to use spectacles. Her hand and heart have always been busy for others with little thought of herself, and in this, and her child-like trust from day to day in the Divine care and guidance, lies the secret of her perennial youth. It is a rare blessing to be the son of such a mother. We can pay her no better or truer filial tribute than that which we wrote on the back of her photograph some years ago when sending it to a friend:

MY DEAR COUSIN: Pardon my delay in sending you this picture. It is a face that has a life-history behind it. Tried by sorrow but true to duty, patient in suffering, hopeful amid disappointments, unselfish, tender, loving and beloved—a better woman I have never known than this reverent Christian mother. She is that of which angels are made, or, if not, there is nothing else on earth good enough out of which to make them. I can wish you no fairer crown of blessing than that a son, who has known to his eternal gain not a few good people, shall say thus much of you when you are old.

The representative of the fourth generation is a little girl who has also, thus far, had a very busy and unselfish life, sharing with her mother the constant care of a growing family of children full of animal spirits, health and energy. This little maiden has been like her great-grandmother, in that she has been constantly and gladly caring for others with all the beauty of unconscious self-sacrifice. Can anything better come to her in life, though her age of eleven years grow to be eight times what it is and she also attain to the years of her aged "Grandma?"

The representative of the third generation is rated one of the most capable and efficient officers of his rank in the army. He has seen service in different parts of the country, chiefly in Utah and Wyoming, and in the Sioux campaign, and was for four years military commandant at the Pennsylvania State College. At the expiration of this detail he made a special trip of three weeks to Europe, in which, while visiting eight or ten leading cities, he went nearly as far east as the Black Sea, making an average rate of more than five hundred and fifty miles per day for twenty-two days. He wrote a sketch of this remarkable trip for the November number, 1896, of *The Pennsylvania School Journal*. This picture was taken the day before he left Lancaster for his new post of duty at Plattsburg, on Lake Champlain. He is now with his regiment at Tampa, Florida, where a part of the army has been concentrating for the advance into Cuba. God-speed! to them all—and a safe return!*

The representative of the second generation is "a looker-on in Venice," who has seen and heard and known some very good people there, and finds the world each year richer in its wonders of nature and wealth of art. It is his hope that this blessed experience of life may be continued, with an ever-broadening horizon through what is left of To-day and for the endless To-morrow.

May 1st, 1898.

* This page is reproduced as printed in 1898. Since that date Captain McCaskey has seen much arduous service in Cuba and the Philippine Islands of which some account is given elsewhere. He is now (1903) stationed at Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

married Mordecai Piersol; Bridget married James May (her daughter married Gen. Keim, of Reading); Andrew, 1762, married Rachel Morgan; and George, 1767, married Mary Lea. Elizabeth, their oldest daughter, was married Oct. 30, 1770, to John Jenkins, of Carnarvon, Lancaster county. He died March 7, 1810, aged seventy-eight, and she died April 4, 1825, aged seventy-five. Their children were: Mary, born 1774, married Peter Trego; George, 1776; William, 1778; John, 1780; Rebecca, 1782, married Thomas Morgan, and settled in Venango county; Andrew, 1785; Elizabeth, 1787, married Isaac McCalmant; Hannah, 1790. George, their oldest son, married Catharine Hamilton Aug. 20, 1800, daughter of James and Catharine Hamilton, a cousin some degrees removed, who was the daughter of Margaret Douglas by her first marriage; their descendants are numerous.

Archibald Douglas, who died Nov. 26, 1756, left eight children: Thomas, born 1722, died 1794, married Joyce Hudson Aug. 4, 1763; John, a miller and judge of the court of common pleas, 1759-1761; Archibald, had 200 acres of land in 1759; George, nothing of record; Mary, married George Boyd, many descendants; Jane, married Gabriel Davis, many descendants; Margaret, married twice, Patrick Carrigan and John Wilson, many descendants; Ann, unmarried. Thomas left his estate to his brother-in-law, Gabriel Davis, subject to legacies of 2,200 pounds and a small annuity to the "Compass Church."

Margaret Douglas (1730-1786) was married to Patrick Carrigan October, 1747. They lived in Lampeter township on the Pequea creek. He died Oct. 15, 1756, and was buried in St. John's churchyard. He left a large estate, including 700 acres of land. Their children were: Jane, born June 13, 1750, married Jonathan Coats; Catharine, born June 26, 1753, married James Hamilton Feb. 24, 1769, died Sept. 11, 1787, and Patrick, born Aug. 24, 1755, died June 5, 1779. Patrick Carrigan left John Wilson executor of his estate and guardian of his children. John Wilson (1729-1803) afterward married Mrs. Carrigan. They had five children, Margaret, born April 12, 1759; John Douglas, Nov. 25, 1761; Ann, Sept. 20, 1764; Susanna and Mary. Margaret Wilson, the oldest daughter, married and moved to Ohio. John, their son, married Margaret Eckert Aug. 1, 1786. The old house is still standing in which they were married by the Lutheran clergyman, Rev. Frederick Illing, who was in charge of St. John's Episcopal Church from 1784 to 1788. Their children were: John Douglas, Margaret, Catharine, Elisha and Mary. John married Rachel Jones, a sister of Hon. J. Glancey Jones, of Reading, who was postmaster-general under President Buchanan. Their ten children were: Clarissa, Margaret, Oliver, Richard, Steven, Sarah, Francis, John, George and Victoria, of whom four are still living. Margaret, sister of John, married Samuel Atlee Whitehill. Her daughter Margaret

married Dr. William S. Latta, and their children are: Dr. Samuel W., William J., John S., Margaret D. W., and Mary. Catharine, sister of John, married John Piersol. Their children were: Cyrus, Charlotte, Margaret and Mary, of whom Cyrus died unmarried; Charlotte married Thomas McCausland, two children; Mary married Dr. William Jones, four children; and Margaret married William McCaskey, seven children, four of whom have large families. Among these are Dr. J. P. McCaskey, teacher and publisher, of Lancaster, and sons Edward, Richard, Walter and Donald; Dr. J. B. McCaskey and sons Joseph and Harry; Colonel William S. McCaskey and sons Hiram, Garrison, Douglas and Charles; Cyrus, a well known railroad man; Newton, a dentist, in Harrisburg; and Mrs. James H. Marshall and family, of Lancaster, three or four of whom are named at some length in the present volume. Elisha was married but left no children. His sister Mary married Isaac Ringwalt, three daughters. Her grandson, David R. Thompson, is editor and publisher of the *Carlisle Sentinel*.

The Wilson family came into Lancaster county about the same time as the Douglasses, and were of Scotch or Scotch-Irish descent. They were a very stanch and vigorous people. The records show that from twelve to fifteen thousand acres of land were taken up by Wilsons in Lancaster county. We remember well how delightfully an old grand-uncle, John D. Wilson, used to touch the strings of his violin for his own pleasure or for the dance at home in the evening after the day's work on the farm was done. He was stalwart, had a mighty hand, and a voice that could be heard for a mile when he went out to call the hounds, or gave orders to some one at a distance.

For many facts and dates given in this too-hurried sketch we are indebted to Robert E. Jenkins, of the law firm of Jenkins & Louthridge, Chicago; Mrs. Sarah Wilson Louderbach, of Highland Park, Chicago; Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden, of Wilkesbarre; W. W. Davis, of Sterling, Ill.; William J. Latta and his sister, Margaret, of Philadelphia, and others. It is not exhaustive in any sense, but may contain facts or dates that will be helpful to others interested. Its main purpose is to recall some names that have almost passed into oblivion.

We take space, in closing, for a tribute from one descendant of this fine old race to another, Dr. J. P. McCaskey to his mother, Margaret Piersol McCaskey, whose face is seen in the picture of the "Four Generations" which appears herewith. It was at the close of an address written just after her death upon the subject, "In the Beginning God." He says:

"Why have I taken a subject like this at this time? Well, first, because of its great importance; and, again, because when the request came for a paper to be read here, this was the thought which

had been in my mind for days, and I cared little to turn to any other less impressive or less attractive.

"I had seen one whom I have known for sixty years, a soul sweet and helpful, unselfish, and strong, and noble, pass slowly down into the Valley of the Shadow. After a lingering illness of many months—a kind of restful and patient waiting for the end—she passed away peacefully into 'the rest that remaineth for the people of God.' Her life had been spent in deeds of kindness and glad service to others, with almost no thought for herself. Every one who knew her loved her, and by no one of kind heart who has ever known her in her long and useful life does she seem to have been forgotten. She was always young at heart, and could not grow old. Although eighty-eight years of age, her senses were well-nigh unimpaired, and she took, and enjoyed, and was grateful for every good thing that came to her, receiving it and speaking of it often as the gift of God. She had learned very early this rare lesson of life,

To trust Him in dark hours of trial,
And thank Him in moments of bliss.

"By the cradle, at her work about the house, at the milking time about the barn, in the meadow and at the spring, in the service of the church, what voice so sweet as hers, clear and strong and melodious in every tone, in ballads, hymns, lullabies, and lilted tunes that had no words, but most of all in hymns with their high suggestion? 'Margaret, sing something'—he always spoke her name in the old Scotch fashion, in two syllables, like that of Marget Howe, in the 'Bonnie Brier Bush'—was my father's frequent request. And everybody else seemed to ask it, too; for she sang as no one else I ever heard in my childhood at church or at home. It was as the bird sings, because she loved melody, and the song often gushed from her heart in sweet unconsciousness of any to listen and enjoy. And she sang, in quiet voice to the end, the old hymns of trust and love and hope, when the days were sometimes long, and when at times she was alone but never lonely. I have heard nearly all the great singers of the past forty years, but no memory among them all is so fresh and joyous as that of my mother's songs. She inherited this gift from Scotch, Scotch-Irish, Welsh and German-Swiss ancestors, for they all loved music, and would tell us how they talked in their girlhood of the songs her father and mother sang together before their marriage nearly a hundred years ago. I used to fancy that she had caught into her voice the tones of the violins in the home of her childhood. Here is an interesting fact and a somewhat remarkable thing: She always sang three verses to 'Home, Sweet Home.' All the printed copies of this well-known song some forty or fifty years ago, and later so far as I know, gave but two. But the verse she sang between the first and last became so fixed in

my memory, and was so necessary for me to complete the song—for as she sang it I loved it best of all—that I gave it place on the first page of the first number of the Franklin Square Song Collection some twenty years ago. Since that time it has gone into many new music books for schools and for general use, and the song may soon be generally accepted in that form. The verse restored is as follows, and I hear her voice in it now:

I gaze on the moon as I tread the drear wild,
And feel that my mother now thinks of her child,
As she looks on that moon from our own cottage door,
Through the woodbine whose fragrance shall cheer me no more.

"It was my mother's songs that gave impulse to the numbers of the Franklin Square Collection, which seems to have gone all over our own country, and to be scattered through the English-speaking world; and to hundreds of thousands of music pamphlets that have afforded pleasure and benefit I trust to very many, young and old.

"The prevailing thought of her fourscore years is the subject of this paper: 'In the Beginning, God'—always God. She went to her grave in the quiet evening of life, as was fitting, in the quiet evening hour, with the 'Well done!' of all who knew her, music of organ and choir, and the beautiful ritual of the Episcopal Church, with which she had been familiar for more than eighty years. Through all her life went sweet and sacred song, about her as an atmosphere, and at the end it was fitting there should be pealing organ and chanting choir, and the hymns she had sung so often and loved so well. It was fitting, too, that she should lie at rest in consecrated ground, within the shadow of the venerable church which she had known in youth, and by the side of one beloved almost as a mother, whom, on this self-same spot, she had seen buried out of her sight threescore and ten years before. [Her aunt, Mary Wilson Ringwalt.] As I think of my mother the lines of Mrs. Elizabeth Barrett Browning come back to me with their profound suggestion:

Of all the thoughts of God that are
Borne inward unto souls afar,
Along the Psalmist's music deep,
Now tell me if there any is,
For gift or grace, surpassing this—
He giveth His beloved, sleep!

And friends, dear friends, when it shall be,
That this low breath is gone from me,
And 'round my bier ye come to weep,
Let one, most loving of you all,
Say, "Not a tear must o'er her fall;
He giveth His beloved, sleep!"

"She has passed, we believe, from the shadow-land of time into the freshness and beauty of the glad morning upon the Delectable Mountains. I wonder sometimes if she has yet seen her mother, of whom she always spoke so tenderly, who died just seventy-five years ago, and who left so strong

an impress upon her child. Lapse of years is nothing to hearts that love forever.

"It is inspiring to think what delight it may be in the next life to find glad souls, among them relatives generations removed in the line of ancestry, all in the bloom of eternal youth and vigor, who have long been diligent in labors of love and service, and who have grown more and more strong and lovable through the ages. What a thing is life, with its long chain of ancestry and descent! And what depth of meaning, intellectual and spiritual, in the Bible phrase, 'gathered to his fathers!' Not the archangel Gabriel himself, foremost of the heavenly host, can estimate the possibilities in this connection which are suggested by a thought like this: 'In the beginning, God!'—for, having Him, we may in the end have all of good and gladness that thought can suggest or heart desire.

"I have known many good things in life, but the best of all has been the blessing of such a mother. If I have been able to do any good work in the world, the origin and spring of almost everything has been hidden back in that mother's teaching and that mother's love. Ability and readiness to improve opportunities that have come to me through others, have been largely due to my mother's life of unselfish devotion.

"Two pleasant pictures come up before me: I call to see her regularly, and often as she lies in bed, week after week, not ill, but no longer strong and vigorous. In her bright, pleasant face there is a look of youth that is past, and of immortal youth that is fast coming. She greets me gladly when I come, and when I go thanks me cordially for getting in to see her. I laugh at her for thanking a son who comes to see his mother. But she was always a lady, courteous, polite, grateful for anything that gave her pleasure, so she says 'Thank you,' just the same. I ask her, in a way of pleasantry, to go along to church one Sunday morning shortly before the end. She smiles, and says with perfect peace, 'All that is over now, and I have nothing left to do but to sleep and to pray.' And so she prays—and sleeps—that I once knew so wakeful and devoted to her children and her household duties that to me, as a child, she seemed almost never to sleep. The days pass, and the end comes, with the sleep from which glad souls awake into the Eternal Morning. Even there I think that what was to her the best lesson of Time may also be the great thought of Eternity—'In the Beginning, God!'"

HENRY B. BECKLER, the lamented cashier of the Lititz National Bank, who died suddenly, from apoplexy, June 2, 1901, was one of the most notable citizens of the historic Moravian settlement of Lititz. Mr. Beckler was born at Emaus, Pa., a son of Rev. Julius Beckler, a prominent clergyman of the Moravian Church. After he had received an education at Nazareth Hall and the Mo-

ravian College, his parents removed to Lititz, and young Beckler entered the dry-goods house of Hager & Brother, in Lancaster, remaining there eight years; then returning to Lititz, Mr. Beckler became station agent for the Pennsylvania & Reading Railway Co., and also a member of the firm of Kauffman & Beckler, dealers in coal and lumber. In 1873 he married Miss Sarah C., daughter of M. J. Weaver, of Lancaster. His wife and two sisters, Emma and Olga, and his step-mother, Mrs. Theodora Beckler, survive, the widow making her home in the beautiful Moravian settlement in which her husband had been so conspicuous a figure—his beloved Lititz.

Mr. Beckler was for many years an elder in the Moravian Church of Lititz, and also a trustee of the Church and of Linden Hall Seminary. For long years he was a teacher in the Sunday-school, and was treasurer of it at the time of his death. All that is mortal of this lamented banker and churchman lies in the Moravian cemetery at Lititz, his remains having been borne to their last resting-place by the church trustees, the bank directors and hosts of other citizens of Lititz and the surrounding country attending the obsequies of the man who had been an honor to the community in which he lived.

ADAM GROFF, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Providence township, was born in that township Jan. 26, 1832, son of Jacob and Susan (Stoneroad) Groff.

Jacob Groff, the father of Adam, was a son of Henry Groff, who was a son of John Groff, better known in his locality as Swamp John Groff. Henry Groff was the father of seven children, namely: John, Jacob, Thomas, Benjamin, Susan, Annie and Elizabeth, all now deceased. Jacob Groff, father of Adam, was born in 1806 and died in 1857. In 1830 he was married to Susan Stoneroad, and their four children were: Adam; Thomas, of Providence township; Frank, of Strasburg township; and Henry, deceased.

Adam Groff was reared on a farm and acquired his education in the public schools. Farming has been his business in life, and he has attained success through industry and frugality. Like many of his neighbors he started out in life with but small means, but has shown what can be accomplished by steady effort and honest endeavor. Mr. Groff owns one of the well tilled and well improved farms which have made Providence township so valuable a part of Lancaster county. Since retirement from active work he has resided in his comfortable residence in New Providence, and is well known in the village and is most highly esteemed. His religious leanings are toward the Mennonite belief, although he is not formally connected with that body. In politics he is a Republican, but has never aspired to office.

In 1855 Mr. Groff was married to Miss Fanny

Mowery, of Eden township, daughter of David Mowery, a farmer of that township. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Groff, namely: Jefferson F.; Cora Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Hoffman, of Harrisburg; John M., a promising attorney of Lancaster; and Miss Mary G., a popular teacher in the Providence township schools.

Mr. Groff has been identified with the educational advancement of his township for a long period, and has always been known in this community as a man noted for integrity and reliability. Few men of Providence township are more highly esteemed.

REV. JOHN S. CRUMBAUGH. There hangs in the study hall of the Boys' High School of Lancaster a strong life-size crayon head, by Reingruber, of Rev. John S. Crumbaugh, who was principal of this school from 1851 to 1853. On another wall in the same room hangs the portrait of Dr. E. E. Higbee, who taught here for one year, 1853-54. These portraits are placed on the walls as a permanent feature of the school in grateful memory of the two most inspiring men who have been connected with the High School at any time since its organization, in 1849. They were placed there for the constant sense of companionship with these great men which good portraits may give, and in glad recognition of their helpfulness to us and to all the old boys of fifty years ago.

Mr. Crumbaugh came to Lancaster in the summer of 1851, and died here after less than eight years of such work as teacher, preacher and county superintendent of schools as will not be forgotten in generations. He was of vigorous German and Scotch ancestry. Conrad and John Krumbach came from Germany when young, and settled in Frederick county, Md. Conrad married Miss Reid, a young woman belonging to a family of Scotch refugees, who left their country because of civil and religious intolerance. They had ten children, seven boys and three girls. Simon, the eldest son, was born at Woodsboro, Md., Oct. 24, 1772, and died at the age of seventy years. His children were Gideon D., born in 1806, and John D., born in 1808. The latter was the father of John S., who was born Nov. 7, 1831, at the old homestead within a mile of Woodsboro, Md., and died at Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 13, 1859. He had two older sisters. His only son, Dr. John W., was born Aug. 9, 1855. He married Mary Lavinia Develin, of Philadelphia, born March 24, 1859. They have had thirteen children.

There were very few books in his childhood home, but the religious influence about him was positive. Both his grandfathers had been clergymen. His father wished him to remain upon the farm, but the boy longed eagerly for knowledge of books and the world. In 1846 he entered the preparatory department of Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, which place has since become famous throughout the world for the great battle fought there seventeen years later. His own beautiful valley, of which he spoke with enthusiasm,

was that immortalized by the poet Whittier in "Barbara Freitchie." A year later he entered the Freshman class, carrying his work with ease and reading widely during his entire college course. In 1851 he graduated, taking the first honor of his class. In the fall of the same year he became principal of the Boys' High School of Lancaster, before he was twenty-one years of age, but looking from five to ten years older, and every inch the man of power.

A man of noble presence, tall, well-formed, erect, calm; with kind eyes that saw everything, but always too wise to act upon everything they saw; gifted with a man's voice of fine quality, deep, resonant, and sympathetic; a man who would be noted in any assemblage—he impressed us all as the master. There was an element of insubordination in the large school, but no boy cared to meet this man in honest defiance, while meanness and low trickery quailed and slunk abashed before him. He seemed fond of the study of etymology, and read Latin, Greek and German with facility. When we went with him on a botanical excursion, which he enjoyed, it was interesting to the boys to see him put one hand on the top rail, go to the other side of the fence, get what he wanted, vault back on one hand, and resume his walk as if it were all as easy as breathing. He was not only very active, but physically a very strong man. On one occasion, while principal of the High School, a number of gentlemen at his hotel, the old "Exchange," on East King street, were talking of physical strength, and one of them, also of the farm and known to be of great strength, said confidently that he could put down any man in the company. Mr. Crumbaugh said quietly that he thought not. They cleared the space, and in a few moments the confident champion was on the floor. The man who challenged the house was his friend and assistant in the High School, Kersey Coates, then reading law with Thaddeus Stevens. He afterward took a strong hand in the troubles in Kansas, and died some years since, a millionaire, in Kansas City.

The writer well remembers how for some boyish prank he was brought "to book," detained one day at noon, and, in the quiet room, Mr. Crumbaugh, taking the next seat, gave a half-hour or longer to the effort to have him see and do his duty. He required an apology to another pupil, an irascible lad, for some trouble come of a pin in the toe of a boot. He talked as we had never heard a man talk to a boy—and the boy, touched at last to the quick of his soul, promised to do as he wished, knowing that courtesy no less than duty required it. From that day he has loved that master with an undying affection. It was the best lesson of the year, and for that good deed of mastery we hope again to thank him. It was not, however, until we had read the papers which, when dying, he wrote for his little son, that we came to see why Mr. Crumbaugh should have been so kind and patient with a self-willed lad. Many another

has congratulated himself during all his manhood life that it was his good fortune to have been under this wise and strong teacher.

It was always a pleasure to meet and talk with him. The last time we saw him was shortly before his death. It was a cold, bright winter day that we spoke with him for a few moments on the street. He wore a heavy fur cap and collar and gloves, everything for warmth that fur or wool could do, but the fatal chill had gone too deep for help. His raven black hair and beard in contrast with the pallor of his face made a picture not to be forgotten. But the brave eyes looked out steadily as of old, and the firm lines about the mouth were firm as ever. It was the soldier still on duty. Roman in firmness, Christian in quiet hope and patient endurance: "Be thou faithful unto death." We have often thought of that day and that heroic figure, resolute as William the Silent, and, like him, hopelessly dying by inches.

His memory from earliest childhood was phenomenal. When twenty-seven years old and slowly dying of hemorrhage of the lungs, after having done such work as few men of seventy have been able to accomplish, he wished his little son, an only child—now Dr. John W. Crumbaugh, the eminent physician of Wilmington, Del.—to have knowledge of his father's life and thought when he might be old enough to understand and appreciate it, and so he began to write the story. But he had not gone beyond the fifth year of his childhood life when the summons came and he laid down the pen. It is a "fragment" only, but of intense interest, giving in vivid narration the thoughts and feelings of a child three, four and five years old. Dim impressions of very early childhood linger in our minds, but there is, for the most part, little that is definite as to facts or years. Now and then one whose memory has been as the sensitive plate of the photographer to receive and retain tells such a story, but it is seldom written down. It is rarest of all things in literature, and always read with unusual interest.

These sketches by Mr. Crumbaugh, if he had lived to complete them, would have been a rare book filled with suggestion for parents and teachers. They are a revelation of childhood unique in character, simple and striking in style, and afford evidence that the remarkable memory of Mr. Crumbaugh was his even from babyhood. He would write an address or sermon of twenty minutes or half an hour and commit it to memory in little longer time; would read ordinary history or biography for an hour and give dates and the sequence of events with strict accuracy. At college his ready knowledge of the irregular verbs in Latin was a constant surprise to his classmates. He had committed an old Latin grammar to memory when at the country school, before beginning the study of Latin at the preparatory school of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg. It happened that the teacher was boarding for a time at his father's house, and the young lad was often in his room. One day, in

overhauling his trunk, he threw out a few books, among them one with the back torn off and otherwise in a dilapidated condition. The boy picked it up, and, seeing in it many words in the English letter, but of whose meaning he knew nothing, he asked what it was. "Oh, that's what they call Latin." "Do you know it?" "Not very much of it." "Can you teach me to read it?" "Well, I can hear you recite what's in the book." And so he did. Word for word he took in the book—Latin, English, everything—and his retentive memory held with marvelous fidelity during life what was then so rapidly learned. It was either the old Brooks' and Ross's or Andrew's and Stoddard's Latin grammar, each of which contained an unusually large number of irregular verbs.

While in the High School he studied theology under Rev. John C. Baker. In 1852 he was one of a number of young persons belonging to Old Trinity to open a Lutheran Sunday-school in the northwestern part of the city. It was organized with twenty-two pupils and Mr. Crumbaugh as superintendent. In 1853 he resigned the principalship of the school, to carry out his original purpose of entering the ministry, assuming charge of the newly-organized Lutheran congregation, which usually assembled for worship in Fulton Hall or in the lecture room of the Moravian Church. It was about this time that he was married to Miss Susan Beates, daughter of Rev. William Beates, who died in 1867 in his ninety-first year, after a life of more than sixty years in the ministry. Mrs. Crumbaugh survived her husband many years: She died March 5, 1901.

It had been resolved, April 2, 1852, to organize the new church; May 18th a committee was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the new building; June 15th, on motion of G. M. Zahm, the church was unanimously named "St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church;" Oct. 9th, the cornerstone was laid; March 5, 1854, the lecture room was opened for services, and on Dec. 24, 1854, the building having been completed, the consecration took place. The edifice, the plan of which was suggested by Mr. Crumbaugh, and which he once told us he had found in an old book, cost about \$20,000. Some defect in the structure caused it to be taken down a few years since, and on the same site now stands one of the most beautiful churches in Lancaster, its noble tower a poem in stone.

Mr. Crumbaugh was very successful in his new field, and before him had opened a promising future in the church at large. But, under the long strain of intense college life, then of school life supplemented by the studies necessary in preparing for his ordination, and later that of the clergyman with demands from within his parish and without, for he still kept his hand upon the educational work as a member of the city school board and as a frequent lecturer before educational bodies—the strength of the heroic man gave way in a fatal direction, hemorrhage of the lungs. In speaking

of this to the writer on one occasion, after describing the first attack, he smiled and said: "You can little imagine how a man feels when he sees the stream of red blood flowing from his mouth and doesn't know where it comes from." He continued his work with failing strength because of recurring hemorrhage until it became evident that to prolong his life somewhat he must be in the open air as much as possible. Accordingly, he accepted the appointment of county superintendent of schools of Lancaster county—when County Superintendent Wickersham resigned to become principal of the State Normal School at Millersville—and to the direction of this work he gave the last two years of his useful life. The professional certificate of the writer was awarded by him in 1857. He traveled and worked day after day, dying, but resolute and patient, fighting the fight to the end. He examined a class of teachers, as he lay upon his bed too weak to be upon his feet, on the Saturday before his death. He died universally lamented, and his memory is cherished as a blessed influence wherever his presence was known.

The tribute to his memory by Dr. Thomas H. Burrowes, his warm friend and ardent admirer, before the Teachers' Annual Institute, was the most impressive we ever heard from that distinguished man. In speaking of his death, editorially, in the *Pennsylvania School Journal* for February, 1859, Dr. Burrowes, who knew him well from long and close personal association, both as teacher and superintendent, writes: "This learned, able, conscientious and indefatigable public officer died in Lancaster Jan. 13, 1859, in the twenty-eighth year of his age and the third of his superintendency. He is believed to be the first member of the corps of county superintendents removed by death, and truly may it be said that no more shining mark could have been selected from their ranks." The city school board, of which body he had been a member, resolved that "in his death we deplore the loss of one whose learning, zeal, urbanity and sound practical sense in the discharge of his varied and difficult duties was unsurpassed;" that "as a teacher in the highest station in the gift of the board, the impress made by him on the moral and intellectual nature of the youth committed to his care was such as entirely to justify that important trust;" that "the name of John S. Crumbaugh may be added to that of our most worthy citizens, a man whose brief life is a record of learning, usefulness and honor."

Mr. Crumbaugh was endowed by nature with talents of a high order. He was a good scholar, one of the strongest and best men we have ever known, and an executive officer of the first rank. Few men have lived to better purpose, though their working life may have been many times his own. He came to Lancaster a stranger in 1851, unheralded and unknown. He held, in quick succession—for with him the time was indeed "short"—three of

the highest positions in our midst; the foremost place as teacher, one of the foremost as preacher, and the foremost in supervision of general school work in city and county. He not only filled these high positions, but adorned them all. He had less than eight years in which to do all this great work; and when he died, at the early age of twenty-seven years, three months and three days, it was said, and believed, that no other man in city or county was known, and honored, and beloved by so many people. Nor is this at all strange or to be wondered at, being the man he was. He met so many people, he knew so many, he was heard by so many, what he wrote was read by so many; and he influenced so many to better thought, wiser view, and higher purpose. His chosen profession was the ministry, and he took the principalship of the High School as an aid to reach the work beyond. During the two years in this position he proved himself a teacher who might have become one of the leading educators in the land. As pastor of "St. John's" he will be a tradition of the church for many generations. Had his strong life been spared he would, we think, have become one of the most eloquent and influential men in the Lutheran Church in America. During the two years he filled the office of county superintendent of schools he exerted an influence in favor of popular education, and the improvement of the teachers and the schools, such as can never be known or justly appreciated. Speaking the German language and understanding the German character, his influence in the German districts was such as was possible to no other friend of education in Lancaster county. The quiet order and systematic plan which characterized his work enabled him to do far more than most men and to do it better. He greatly improved the teachers' institutes, utilizing every agency within his reach. The teachers knew him as a noble, sympathetic leader, who seemed a part of the school system itself. As was said by some one, "In him the common schools have a soul." Once in his room we handed him an autograph book and asked him to write his name. He took it and wrote: "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly; and there is a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother." It is a blessed privilege to know men like John S. Crumbaugh. He died as he had lived, a Christian in the best sense of that great word. The memory of his fine personality, his helpfulness, his self-sacrifice, his love of all things pure and good, his undying purpose to work while the day lasted, has in it all the old inspiration, though nearly a half-century has passed since his untimely death.—[J. P. M.]

ADAM LANDIS, one of the respected and successful farmers of Lancaster township, was born in East Lampeter township Sept. 4, 1834, son of John and Barbara (Stauffer) Landis.

John Landis, known as "Musser John," was born in East Lampeter township, where he lived

and died, following farming all his life. He died in 1857, a consistent member of the Old Mennonite Church. John Landis married Barbara Stauffer, and they had eight children: Israel (deceased), a farmer of Lancaster township; Adam: John, a farmer of East Lampeter township; Jacob, deceased; Mariah, deceased, wife of Amos Herr; Elmira, who died unmarried; Barbara, who died unmarried; and Hattie, wife of Harry W. Sheibley.

The early life of Adam Landis was spent as is that of the majority of farmers' sons, upon the farm, his education being received at the public schools. When he was twenty-five years of age he assumed charge of the homestead, and conducted that farm until 1878, when he moved to the farm of his uncle, Abram Landis, adjoining the Landis farm, and has since made it his home, having purchased it in 1880. Since coming into possession of this property Mr. Landis has improved it considerably, and also conducts a fine dairy, conveying his product to Lancaster city daily. Some very valuable stone and sand quarries are located on his farm, and he also operates them extensively.

Adam Landis married Miss Elizabeth Heller, and six children have been born to them: Harry H., a farmer, residing at home with his father; Annie, wife of Isaac Leaman, of Lancaster township; John, a farmer on his father's farm, who married Elizabeth Groff; Edwin, a farmer and teamster, also living on his father's farm, who married Emma Weaver; Amos, a clerk in the Conestoga National Bank of Lancaster city, who married Lillian Best; and Ira H., a florist, unmarried and at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Landis are both members of the Old Mennonite Church, and enjoy to the fullest extent the confidence of their neighbors and friends. For many years Mr. Landis has been one of the leading men of the township in local affairs, and always can be depended upon to assist in all measures tending toward the improvement of existing conditions, the improvement of roads and the bettering of the schools, he being in every sense a public-spirited man and loyal citizen.

JOHN F. RUTH, LL. D., justice of the peace of Warwick township, has not only become well known in that connection, but also as an educator and an expert surveyor and conveyancer.

Mr. Ruth was born April 8, 1854, at Rothsville, Warwick township, Lancaster county, son of John Ruth, and grandson of Jacob Ruth. The latter, who was of Scotch descent, was born Sept. 16, 1794, and died Jan. 6, 1878. He was a cabinet maker and undertaker. He married Mary Sponehower, who was born May 8, 1793, and died June 6, 1858: she was of Welsh descent.

John Ruth, father of John F., was born June 15, 1817, in Ephrata township, this county, and died Nov. 15, 1899. He was a carpenter by trade. He married Elizabeth Fry, who was also born in Ephrata township, June 5, 1823, daughter of Sam-

uel and Elizabeth (Snyder) Fry, both of whom were of German descent. Mr. Fry was a bridge builder and carpenter by occupation. Mrs. Ruth passed away Jan. 10, 1885.

John F. Ruth received his early education in the village school near his home, and commenced teaching in the public schools of the township in 1873. Meantime he continued his studies, attending the State Normal School at Millersville in 1873-75. In 1879 he was granted a professional certificate by B. F. Shaub, county superintendent, and in 1880 he was granted a permanent certificate by the State Department of Public Instruction. In 1891 he graduated with first honors from the Boston Home College, Boston, Mass. On May 9, 1903, the honorary title of LL. D. was conferred upon him by the Nashville College of Law, Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Ruth continued teaching with marked success until 1896, when he retired from the profession because of the pressure of heavy business cares. He had been elected justice of the peace of Warwick township in 1881, performing the duties of that incumbency in connection with his educational work until he relinquished the latter. Mr. Ruth took the office as successor to Nathan C. Fry, Esq., and he has served continuously, having been honored with reelection every five years; his present term expires the first Monday in May, 1906. In addition to his other work, Mr. Ruth has engaged as a practical surveyor and conveyancer, in which line he has been recognized by the court and others as an expert.

On Nov. 2, 1876, Mr. Ruth was united in marriage with C. Priscilla Lowry, who passed away March 10, 1893, and to this union came two children: Samuel M., born Nov. 18, 1877; and John L., born July 11, 1886. The elder son has taken up surveying and conveyancing as his profession; the younger is at present attending business college. In 1894 Mr. Ruth married again, his second wife being Miss Ada R. Reigart, of Lebanon county; there are no children by this marriage. Mr. Ruth is connected with the United Evangelical Church, which he joined in 1892. In political sentiment he has been a Republican ever since he attained his majority.

S. E. BUSHONG, Coal and Feed, Rothsville, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

CLEMENT SMELTZ ERISMAN, who enjoys the distinction of being the first building inspector that Lancaster has ever had, is not only descended from one of the oldest and best families in this section, but has made a record for himself—in private and public life—of which any man might feel justly proud. He is descended in a direct line from Melchoir Erisman, who came to America from Switzerland about 1716, and purchased a considerable section of land adjoining the site of Lancaster. He was a Mennonite in faith, coming to "the land of the free" because of religious persecution in his native country. Here he became a

noted agriculturist, and his son Jacob, who was the great-grandfather of Clement S., was born and reared on the old homestead in Lancaster township. Jacob learned the carpenter's trade, and later he became a contractor and builder, pursuing his business in the city of Lancaster, where he entered into rest at the age of ninety years. The next in line is another Jacob Erisman, the grandfather of Clement S., and after him came Jacob (3), the father of Clement S., who was a tailor for a great many years, until appointed a tipstaff in the courts of Lancaster. He had previously been a street commissioner and also a market master. He was a Moravian in religion. Jacob Erisman (3) married Elizabeth Smeltz, of Lancaster, whose father, Clement Smeltz, was born in Germany. To this union came six children.

Clement S. Erisman, one of the six children just referred to, was born July 15, 1838, and after receiving an education in the public schools, terminating in the high school, went to carpentering, at the age of seventeen. When twenty years old he went to Harrisburg, and, after a time, returned to Lancaster. Again going to Harrisburg, Mr. Erisman there married Miss Salome E. Kleckner, a native of that city, the marriage occurring April 28, 1861. This union has been blessed with ten children, two of whom are deceased. The survivors are: Mary, wife of Milton Zercher, dispatcher for the Conestoga Traction Co.; Clara, wife of Harry Rossman, of the *New Era* job department; Bertha, wife of Wayne Longenecker, of Lititz, who was with Dewey at the battle of Manila; Bessie, wife of Arthur Dorsheimer, who is associated with his father, Peter Dorsheimer, in the wine and liquor business; Harry M., who is following the carpenter's trade; Clement G., a contracting house carpenter; W. P., who is studying architecture; and Charles W., who recently left the Lancaster high school to help his brother, Clement G.

Mr. Erisman became a member of Co. E, 1st Pa. Militia, one year after his marriage, and responded to the emergency call. In 1869 he became a contracting builder in Lancaster, and among the notable buildings erected by him are St. John's Lutheran Church, the Lancaster County Bank building, the elegant home of the late Miss Catherine Long, at North Duke and East Orange streets, his own handsome home at No. 602 West Chestnut street, which he built in 1890, as well as very many others of the handsome private residences in the beautiful West End; and every one of his buildings bore the same evidence of conscientious care that distinguished his career during the fourteen years that he was a member of the select council of the city, during which he served on the Special Water and other important committees, and during all of which time he "stood like a stone wall" against all attempted legislation that did not seem to carry with it the best interests of the tax-payers. It was eminently fitting, though, that he should have been honored with the

position of first building inspector for the city of Lancaster.

Mr. Erisman is socially a member of the Odd Fellows and Artisans; religiously, a member of the M. E. Church; politically, a staunch, true Republican; and, whether as private citizen, builder or public official, he will always be found "steadfast for the Right," as his judgment and conscience lead him to see the Right.

HARVEY K. STORK. A resume of the business contingent directly responsible for the commercial stability of Adamstown would be incomplete without due mention of the family of Stork, extensively engaged in the tobacco business, and vitally interested in all matters pertaining to the general growth of the town. Harvey K. Stork, manager of the firm of H. K. Stork & Co., sustains the reputation for enterprise and thrift established by his sire many years ago, and as a native son of this town, where he was born, Oct. 21, 1867, is also one of its most esteemed and honored citizens.

The Stork family possess the substantial traits of character which makes all well-born German-Americans valuable adjuncts to whatever community they choose to ally themselves. Samuel Stork, his paternal grandfather, was born in Lancaster, Pa., long after his forefathers had sought this land of large promise for their future field of activity. He married Anna Regar, and to their union five children were born: Henry, a farmer near Adamstown; Kate, wife of Edwin Coldren, of Adamstown; William S., father of Harvey K.; Samuel, a farmer of Adamstown; and John, also a resident of that vicinity.

William S. Stork, the father of Harvey K., was born in Adamstown Dec. 13, 1834, and lived on the paternal homestead while receiving his education in the district schools. While yet comparatively young he became interested in the tobacco business, of which he acquired extensive knowledge, and in which he branched out, establishing a large and lucrative trade. By his marriage with Susan Krick, daughter of Peter Krick, he became the father of seven children: Harvey K.; Annie, wife of James Stauffer; Alice, wife of H. H. Zimmer; Charles (partner of Harvey K.), who married Bertha Boehringer; Harry, a partner of his father; William, deceased; and Ida, who died in infancy.

As was natural under the circumstances, Harvey K. Stork became conversant with the tobacco business during his boyhood, and under his father's able instruction, and example of success, decided that it was a promising occupation for his future livelihood. This impression was materially strengthened in 1892, during which year his father purchased the tobacco factory of Samuel Prutzman, deceased, which he in time presented to his sons, Harvey K. and Charles, himself retaining the original Stork factory, operated under the firm

name of W. S. Stork & Son. The new firm was incorporated under the firm name of H. K. Stork & Co., in the management of which Harvey K. Stork, profiting by his experience under his father, has achieved pronounced success. His commodities are a staple on the market, and are sought after by those who appreciate fine goods in the tobacco line.

In 1895 Mr. Stork married Ella, daughter of M. Gangaway, a farmer of Brecknock township, this county, and four children have been born to them: Jennie, March 5, 1896; Emma, Dec. 9, 1897; Lizzie, Sept. 6, 1899; and William, Oct. 4, 1901. Mr. Stork is identified with the United Evangelical Church of Adamstown, of which his wife is a member, and he has numerous social obligations in his native town. He is possessed of shrewd business sagacity, unquestioned integrity, and a tact which gains business and friends.

WILLIAM MAJOR OSTER, one of the foremost cement, curbing and paving contractors in Lancaster, was born in Philadelphia, Pa.; Feb. 18, 1848, a son of William and Elizabeth (Major) Oster, grandson of William Oster, and great-grandson of Henry Oster. William Oster was a blacksmith by trade, as was also his father, Henry, who served during the Revolutionary war, and died at the age of fifty-nine. During the war he came near freezing to death, supposedly at Valley Forge, his two companions succumbing to the severe cold.

William Oster, the father of William Major, was a general blacksmith by trade, and with the exception of a temporary absence between the years 1844 and 1852, spent his entire life in Lancaster. His death occurred in 1872, when he was aged sixty-one, and his wife died in 1855, at the age of forty-two. Born of this union were the following children: Reuben S., deceased; Henry A., deceased; Mary A., deceased wife of John Evans; Elizabeth, Mrs. Lee, of Lancaster; Margaret, wife of Grafton Cheney; Catherine, wife of James Fulton, of Baltimore, Md., a cigar manufacturer by occupation; William M.; and Jacob, a blacksmith of Philadelphia.

When four years of age William Major Oster came to Lancaster with his parents, and was educated in the public schools of the city. When fifteen years old he took up blacksmithing with his father, and completed his trade with the Lancaster Locomotive Works, thereafter following the business until 1876. He was then appointed chief mailing clerk in the Lancaster postoffice, a position he retained for ten years, or until he began his present contracting business. Socially Mr. Oster is connected with the Odd Fellows, and in political affiliation he is a Republican. He is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church.

In 1872 Mr. Oster married, in Lancaster, Harriet A. Witmyer, daughter of Frederick and Fredericka (Shiley) Witmyer. She was born in Manheim, Pa., in May, 1844. Frederick Witmyer and

his wife were born in Germany, and upon emigrating to America settled in Manheim. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oster, viz.: Reuben S., traveling salesman for the Atlantic Refining Co., of Lancaster, who married Elizabeth Riedel, a school teacher; Estella W., a school teacher; William W., a druggist at Lancaster; Nellie L.; and Mary E. Mr. Oster is the friend of education, and his children have all graduated from the high school.

W. J. SMITH, manager of the Pennsylvania Trust Co., of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Scranton, was born at Oxford, Chester Co., Pa., in 1848, son of James and Nancy Smith, and comes of an old and prominent Chester county family. James Smith died at his home in 1888, his widow surviving until 1892. W. J. Smith is the only son of his parents, and he has two sisters living: Lizzie, widow of Wendell Phillips, of Philadelphia; and Jennie, who married Samuel North, postmaster at Oxford.

Mr. Smith received his education in the local and high schools of Chester county, graduated from Price's College, in Philadelphia, and for a time was bookkeeper for Cope & Co., a fertilizing firm in Chester county. In 1873 he was married to Nettie Brison, of Lancaster county, daughter of James and Sarah (Eckman) Brison, of that county, the father born there in 1800; the mother was born in East Drumore township, daughter of John Eckman, one of the pioneer settlers of the county, and a sister of D. B. Eckman, of Oxford. James Brison and his wife lived for a time in Lancaster county, and then spent several years in Illinois, returning to East Drumore township to purchase the John Eckman homestead. For many years he was engaged in farming and in dealing in real estate. In 1873 they removed to Oxford, where he lived retired until his death in 1876, and there his widow is still living. Mary, their eldest daughter, who was born in 1847, received her education in the Millersville State Normal, and was the wife of the Rev. John C. Gregg, of Connellsville. She died in 1881, and her husband in 1888, leaving two children, James B. and Ulysses Grant. During the Civil war Mr. Gregg served as a chaplain in the Union army. Mrs. Smith, who is the only living member of her parents' family, was born in East Drumore township in 1854, and received her education in the Female College of Mechanicsburg.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved to Oxford, where he was engaged in bookkeeping. In 1884 they removed to Philadelphia, where Mr. Smith secured a position as manager for one of the leading firms of the city. His health gave way and he could not stand the strain so he spent some time in Colorado. When his health had been restored he became manager for the Pennsylvania Trust Co., having charge of the departments at Pittsburg, Philadelphia, Scranton and Wilkesbarre.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are the parents of five children: Mabel, born in Lancaster county in 1876, who died in Oxford at the age of ten years; J. Dallas, born at Oxford in 1878, who graduated from the Philadelphia High and Manual Training Schools, and is now engaged in the real-estate business at Scranton; Blanche, who died in childhood; Clyde F., born in 1885, a student in the Philadelphia High School; and Raymond G., who died when eight years old.

Mr. Smith, while a resident of Philadelphia, owns the old Brison homestead in East Drumore township, and another large farm adjoining. Mr. Smith is a Republican, as was also Mr. Brison, his wife's father. He and his family are members of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

CHARLES PETER STAMM, D. D. S., whose cozy and popular dental parlors are at No. 138 North Prince street, Lancaster, is a son of the late John Stamm, one of the prominent and successful citizens of Lancaster, who is still remembered as a man of integrity and high principle. He was a German by birth and parentage, but became thoroughly identified with American life and customs.

John Stamm was born Dec. 22, 1827, in Willings-Hausen, Kur-Hessen, Germany, a son of John Stamm, who was an extensive farmer in Germany. In 1848, at the age of twenty-one years, Mr. Stamm came to the United States and located at Lancaster, where he engaged in clerking in a store owned by a Mr. Sprecher. His real life work, however, was gardening, for which he had unusual taste, and as he followed this pleasant occupation for many years, even until he retired from active labor, he became well-known in the business, and his services and advice were always in great demand. Although he was a believer in Democratic principles and supported that party, he could never be prevailed upon to accept office. He enjoyed his fraternal membership with the Odd Fellows organization, and was faithful in his attendance upon the services at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, contributing liberally to its support. He it was who bought the ground for that now flourishing congregation in said city of Lancaster. Mr. Stamm died Jan. 29, 1883, and was laid to rest in Zion's Lutheran cemetery.

In 1856 Mr. Stamm was married, in Lancaster, to Anna Catherine Dietz, who was born in Wallerstaedten, Germany, Dec. 1, 1834, and died June 27, 1897. She was the daughter of John P. Dietz and Anna Barbara (Landau), his wife, the former of whom came to America in 1844, and for many years followed gardening, in Lancaster, during the last ten years of his life living retired. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stamm were as follows: George P., who died young; Martha E., a well-known resident of Lancaster; John P., who died young; and Charles P., who is a successful dentist, in Lancaster.

Charles Peter Stamm was born in Lancaster,

July 16, 1871, and after being educated in the public schools studied dentistry with Dr. H. D. Knight, and was graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College in 1891. After graduation Dr. Stamm opened an office in his native Lancaster, and has been in successful practice ever since, seven years of the time in his present location.

On Feb. 18, 1892, Dr. Stamm married Emma S. Mayer, of Reading, Pa., whose father, George Mayer, now deceased, was a well-known wholesale and retail grocer of that city. One child, Miriam, has come to brighten their happy home. Fraternally Dr. Stamm is a Mason, affiliated with Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M. In his political faith he is a Republican; religiously a Lutheran, being a member of St. Stephen's German Lutheran Church. In all walks of life—social, political, religious and professional—Dr. Stamm is well liked.

JOHN K. HARTMAN, one of the most extensive contractors and builders of Lancaster county, was born at Witmer, Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1873, son of Henry F. and Catherine (Krantz) Hartman.

Henry Hartman, the father, was born June 20, 1830, in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1848, first locating in New York. A year later he removed to New Jersey, and after a few years settled at Witmer, Lancaster Co., Pa., where he operated a farm and some excellent lime-kilns, becoming a man of prominence in the community. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and served as county commissioner from 1885 to 1888. Fraternally he was connected with the F. & A. M., being a Knight Templar. Both he and his wife early connected themselves with the Mennonite faith. On Jan. 3, 1856, he married Catherine Krantz, born in March, 1829, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Fox) Krantz, of Germany, who emigrated to America in 1852, settling at Octoraro, Lancaster Co., Pa., where the father was a farmer and died in 1860, aged sixty-one, while his wife died in 1867, aged sixty. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hartman were: Anna W., who married John Roth, lives on the old homestead in East Lampeter, and has seven children; Henry, who died at the age of twenty-six, married Lizzie Peters, and they had three children; Elizabeth died at the age of four; Catherine married Jeremiah Delong, of Lancaster, Pa., and they have seven children; Mary married Levi Bixler, a grocer of Lancaster, and they have five children; David, who operates the old lime-kilns of his father, married Lydia Hoar, and they have eight children; Christian was killed on the railroad; Jacob, unmarried, resides on the old homestead; John K.

John K. Hartman attended school in Lancaster after completing a primary course at his district school, and boarded while securing his education. In 1893 he removed to Cambria county, Pa., joining an engineering corps, and remained there about six months, when he located at Witmer, Pa., and entered the coal and lime business. Continuing in

this line until 1895, he then settled in Lancaster and turned his attention to the business in which he was to score such marked success—contracting and building. At the present writing he has built 145 houses, and is engaged in constructing ninety-six more. His operations include the purchasing of land and the erection of houses, which he sells at prices which command a ready market. Understanding as he does, so thoroughly, every detail of his business, Mr. Hartman is enabled to embody in his work the latest ideas of building art, and to construct houses which are unsurpassed for convenience as well as architectural beauty, and he is recognized as a leader in his line of business.

In September, 1895, Mr. Hartman was married to Bertha Buckwalter, born in Leacock township, Lancaster Co., Pa., daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth Buckwalter, farmers of Leacock township. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartman: George W., Luetta M. and Henry F. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman reside on North Duke street, corner of James. In religious matters he is a member of the Reformed Church. Politically he is independent, preferring to vote as his conscience dictates. Although still a young man, Mr. Hartman has demonstrated his business ability, and made a place for himself among the prominent and substantial men of Lancaster, and his future is very bright, if it may be judged by the past.

JENKINS DAVIS emigrated from the parish of Killkennen, County of Cardigan, Wales, early in 1700. He settled in Radnor township, Chester county, with his brothers, John and Evan, his sister, Martha, and other relatives. Considerable tracts of land, as is shown by the State records at Harrisburg and by wills and deeds in the court house at Lancaster, were taken up by Jenkins, Evan, John, Thomas, Zaccheus and Gabriel Davis. Evan, after patenting 350 acres, is said to have returned to Wales, where the family continued to hold property. Jenkins patented 1,000 acres June 1, 1743, at the mouth of Muddy Creek, in Earl township, Lancaster county. He died in 1747. Among his children were Catharine, born 1696; Zaccheus, born 1710, and Dinah. There may have been others, but we do not know of them.

Catharine married Rees Davis. How many children they had we do not know, but the most noted among them was Gabriel (1728-1813), a man of unusual energy and excellent judgment, one of the active and earnest men who gave character to Lancaster county before, during, and after the Revolutionary war. He was a member of the Committee of Safety and captain of a military company. He married Jean Douglas (1733-1777), daughter of Archibald Douglas. Their children were Margaret, born Sept. 15, 1756, died 1830; Mary, March 18, 1758, died 1798; John, Aug. 19, 1760, died 1814; Catharine, Oct. 2, 1762, died 1848; George, Sept. 7, 1765, died 1829; Jean, March 13, 1768, died

1846; Gabriel, April 26, 1771, died 1801; Benjamin, Oct. 5, 1773, and Archibald Douglas, Aug. 21, 1776, died 1813. These dates are taken from an old prayer book owned by Archibald, the youngest son just named.

Their oldest daughter, Margaret (1756-1839), married her cousin, Zaccheus Piersol, son of John and Dinah Piersol, in 1780. They had twelve children, of whom the youngest, Margaret Douglas Luckey, died in 1894, at the age of ninety-two years. She was a great-granddaughter of Archibald Douglas, and lived for many years of the latter part of her life in the house built, about 1735, by James and Thomas Douglas. This old house, which was torn down a few years ago, was in Salisbury township, within two or three hundred yards of the Chester county line, and within a mile or two of St. John's church at the "Compass." There was an unfailing spring of excellent water within a short distance, shaded by a noble tree. We have frequently been at the old place, in and out of whose doorway passed many of the earliest settlers and of every generation since their day. We remember well "Aunt Peggy," "Uncle Whitehill," good old Dinah, the faithful ancient; the big kitchen, the old-time garden, and the house-dog that "knew the names of all the cattle and horses on the farm,"—for they all had names—and was so great a favorite with everybody.

John, the second son of Zaccheus (May 13, 1783; April 14, 1816), married Catharine Wilson (Nov. 14, 1787, Sept. 23, 1825). They had four children: Cyrus, who was unmarried; Charlotte, married Thomas McCausland, two children, Margaret and Hervey, the latter enjoying life (1903) among his grandchildren in Philipsburg, Pa.; Mary, married Dr. William Jones, of Douglassville, Berks county, two sons and two daughters, of whom Harry C. and Anna Douglas are living; and Margaret (June 14, 1810, July 18, 1898), who married William McCaskey in 1836, seven children, John Piersol, Joseph Barr, Catharine Wilson, William Spencer, Cyrus Davis, James Newton and Margaret Salome, all but one of whom are still living, along with children and grandchildren, the McCaskeys and Marshalls being well-known in Lancaster.

Archibald, the youngest son of Gabriel Davis, married Juliana Barton Anderson. They had one son, Gabriel, who was born near New Holland, Aug. 2, 1803, and died in Sterling, Ill., Jan. 26, 1880. He married Susanna Roland Diller, now "eighty years young," in her pleasant home at Sterling. Their children are William White Davis, Juliana Barton, Gabriel, Isaac Newton, Henry Laurens, Edward Diller and Charles. The first named frequently writes for the newspapers of Lancaster over the familiar initials "W. W. D." He is a scholarly man, one of the live men of Sterling, and his brothers are among the leading merchants and business men of Sterling. More than fifty years ago their father, Gabriel Davis, had the leading

store in New Holland, Lancaster county. He was a thoughtful man, quiet and reserved in manner, in marked contrast with his business partner, John Piersol, one of the dozen children of Archibald Piersol, and one of the brightest, quickest, most versatile and attractive of men. Often on bright Sunday mornings did we little folks look to see John come riding up the lane, for on Sunday he frequently came over from New Holland, a distance of perhaps seven miles, to visit our mother, a favorite cousin. He always had a pound or so of candies in his coat pocket "for the children." In those days we thought his laugh and his voice simply delightful. It remains with us, like the memory of music that we love; indeed, we have never heard a man's voice whose tones in ordinary conversation were more musical, or whose cheery laugh was more infectious. He was a genuine Piersol, wiry, strong, fine, quick, fearless and generous. Above most things he enjoyed a horse race, and many a time ran his horses on the level track below Intercourse. The late John Vogan, of the Wickersham Printing Company, a member of the Bucktail Regiment, used to tell with keen pleasure of the races he rode when a boy for John Piersol and Isaac Diller, of New Holland. When he won the race it meant always a new suit of clothes or an extra gratuity. John Piersol died a few years since at Jamestown, Indiana, where his son is a prominent railroad man.

Zaccheus, the son of Jenkins Davis, who is named above, died in 1788. He left six or eight children. To his son, Zaccheus, he bequeathed a gristmill and an undivided interest in a large tract of land. To his son-in-law, Willis Davis, husband of his daughter Ann, a fulling mill and the undivided half of tract named above. By the will of Zaccheus, Jr., "which is a model of affectionate remembrance," Ann is given the other half of the estate at the death of her brother in 1793. Dinah, the second daughter of Jenkins Davis, named above, married John Piersol. We have not been able to go farther back in the Piersol line, which we think is Welsh, though we are unable to fix it with certainty. It may be Scotch-Irish or Huguenot. This is but a brief sketch in a direction in which we happen to be interested. It might be extended into volumes, for the printed list of Davises occupies about seven pages in the general index to the Pennsylvania Archives.—[J. P. McCaskey.

MILTON EBY GINGRICH, paying teller of the People's National Bank, Lancaster, is descended from an old and honored Pennsylvania ancestry, the Gingrichs, from whom he comes, having been landowners in Lancaster county for generations—sturdy Mennonites who tilled the soil and contributed of their might and means to the development of this, the "garden spot" of the old "Keystone State."

John Gingrich, father of Milton E., one of the most substantial farmers of East Hempfield town-

ship, made a grand record for honesty and intelligence during two terms as one of the commissioners of Lancaster county. He was a staunch Republican, and was twice honored by his fellow Republicans with election as county commissioner, one of the most important and most responsible positions in the gift of the people of Lancaster county. Mr. Gingrich entered into rest Nov. 1, 1893. He was married to Miss Anna Eby, daughter of Christian Eby, a prominent farmer of East Hempfield township, and eleven children were born to this union, ten of whom are now living, as follows: Elizabeth, Anna, Emma, Clara, Stella and Simon P., all unmarried and living at home with their widowed mother, on West Chestnut street, Lancaster; Fanny, wife of John F. Bair, in the tobacco trade at Mechanicsville, this county; John F., a farmer at Landisville, this county; Charles S., a mechanical engineer (a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College), now holding a responsible position in Cincinnati, Ohio; and Milton E., of the People's Bank.

Milton E. Gingrich was born on the old homestead in East Hempfield township, Sept. 16, 1872, and, after receiving such an education as the schools of the district afforded, came to Lancaster, entering the People's Bank as a clerk on Nov. 2, 1890, and by industry, intelligence and probity working his way up until, in the early part of 1902, he was made paying teller of the institution, a position he now holds. Mr. Gingrich was married, Nov. 20, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth Bushong, daughter of John H. Bushong, a prominent flour and grain dealer of Lancaster. Mr. Gingrich, like his lamented father, is an earnest Republican. He belongs to the Republicans, to the Elks and to the Masons, in which latter fraternity he has attained the fourteenth degree, being a member of the Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Lodge of Perfection, having taken the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Modest and unassuming in manner, courteous to the patrons of the great institution with which he is connected, and painstaking in his work, he is alike popular with his official associates and the public whom he serves.

JOSHUA SOURBEER, deceased. Among the descendants of those courageous, God-fearing pioneers who in the early days of privation and struggle peopled the fair wild land of Pennsylvania and brought bloom and peace and happiness for succeeding generations were Joshua Sourbeer and his wife Charlotte, the former of whom passed away in 1894, after a well-spent life of almost fourscore years, and the latter of whom survived him several years, dwelling in the serenity and comfort of a bright old age on the fruitful farm in West Hempfield township which had been her home from 1867.

Joshua Sourbeer was born in Conestoga Center, Lancaster county, March 6, 1815, son of Henry and Barbara (Grubb) Sourbeer, of Lancaster county.

Henry Sourbeer was born May 8, 1777, and died in 1862. His wife Barbara was born in November, 1781. Their remains were laid in the cemetery at Conestoga Center. He was an industrious, honest citizen, following the vocations of farmer, weaver, cooper, etc. To Henry and Barbara Sourbeer were born thirteen children, namely: Nancy, who married Abraham Heissinger; Elizabeth; Conrad; Mary; Henry; Michael; Daniel; Margaret and Regina, twins; Joshua; Amos; Leah; and Hettie, the sole survivor of the family, now living at Harrisburg, the widow of Joseph Hougendoubler.

Joshua Sourbeer was reared on the farm, and was throughout life a resident of Lancaster county. He married May, 23, 1837, in Columbia, Pa., Miss Charlotte Hougendoubler, who was born in West Hempfield township, Oct. 2, 1815, daughter of John and Mary (Charles) Hougendoubler, and granddaughter of John and Betsey Hougendoubler, who emigrated from Germany to America and took up a large tract of land in what is now West Hempfield township. Her maternal grandfather was John Charles. John Hougendoubler, her father, a farmer of West Hempfield township, died March 23, 1823, aged forty-two years. His wife survived until June 12, 1870, passing away at the age of eighty-six. They were devout members of the German Reformed Church, and their exemplary lives were for many years held in cherished memory. Both are buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. To John and Mary Hougendoubler were born seven children, as follows: John, who lived in Perry county; Nancy, who married Jacob Hougendoubler; Mary, who married William Pierce; Eliza, who married John Hinkle; Charlotte, Mrs. Sourbeer; Catherine; and Joseph. All are now deceased. Eleven children were born to Joshua and Charlotte (Hougendoubler) Sourbeer, namely: Benjamin, who died young; Albert, who married, and died at the age of thirty-three years; Joseph, who married Sarah Dennison, and is now deceased; Mary, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Joshua, who married Catherine Bergot, and lives in York county; Hester A., wife of Henry H. Kline, of West Hempfield township; James, deceased; Elizabeth, wife of Christian Senft, of Columbia; Charlotte, who married William Courtney, of Columbia; and Harriet, deceased.

It was in 1867 that Joshua Sourbeer located on the farm of forty-three acres in West Hempfield township where he and his wife passed the remainder of their lives, his death occurring Nov. 18, 1894; he was buried in Mt. Bethel cemetery. In politics he was a stanch Republican. The religious faith of himself and wife was that of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The career of Joshua Sourbeer was marked by that true success which follows worthy and persistent effort. His force of character was felt as an influence for good throughout the community, augmented as it was by the loyal and intelligent co-operation of his wife. His widow re-

tained unusual cheerfulness and brightness of manner, the heritage of a life, which, though darkened by the sorrows that are the common lot of humanity, yet had the afterglow of richness of experience in fidelity, righteousness and good deeds.

OTTO EDMUND WEBER, whose elegant photographic studio is in the fine new building at No. 168 North Queen street, Lancaster, is one of the finest artists in his line in the State. He is of German extraction, and his father, Anton Philip Weber, was a merchant of Einsiedl; his mother a native of Germany, was Miss Amalia Wagner before marriage. Seven children were born to this union, but only one, Otto E., survives. He came along with his parents to this country in 1878, the father dying in Philadelphia, and the mother passing away in Lancaster; her remains were interred in Woodward Hill cemetery.

Otto E. Weber was born in Germany Sept. 25, 1857, and began the study of photography "across the waters," completing his studies under noted masters of the art in Philadelphia and New York. About fifteen years ago Mr. Weber opened a studio on North Queen street, and has been in business on the same block all these years. His present studio is one of the best equipped, for all manner of photographic work, to be found in the State. Artistic in his posings, careful in all details, it is not a matter of surprise that at the first annual Photographic Convention in Harrisburg, in 1897, he was awarded two diplomas—one for fine portraiture, and one for architectural photography—as well as a special (or third) prize, consisting of a work on photographic chemistry.

Mr. Weber served four years in the National Guard of Pennsylvania, having been a member of Co. K (Capt. John M. Groff), 3d Brigade. A great lover of manly sports, and an expert with shotgun and rifle, Mr. Weber was captain of the Lancaster Rifle Team, which made record-breaking scores under his captaincy. Religiously he is a Lutheran, being a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity; and in all the walks of life he is modest and unassuming, in brief, a true artist, devoted to his art.

JONAS STAUFFER GINGRICH, the well-known liveryman of Lancaster, whose well-equipped stables are in the rear of the Northern National Bank, in North Queen street, comes from one of the oldest and best known families in Lancaster county, his ancestors having been landowners in this section for several generations.

David Gingrich, grandfather of J. S., was born and raised in Elizabeth township, where he was an extensive farmer. He died in East Hempfield township, to which he had removed later in life. Christian Gingrich, father of Jonas S., was a farmer of Rapho township, but lived retired for a time in Lancaster, where he entered into rest in August,

1901, aged seventy-six years. He married Miss Fanny Stauffer, daughter of David Stauffer, a school teacher and farmer of West Hempfield township, and she yet survives, living at No. 207 East Chestnut street, with her son, Jonas S., and Elizabeth, the unmarried daughter. There were nine children in the family, but only four survive, the two besides those just mentioned being Annie, wife of David Snively, a well-known miller on Hammer Creek, this county, and Christian, living in Mt. Joy.

Jonas S. Gingrich was born at the old home in Rapho township, and after receiving such education as the schools of the district afforded took up farm work and pursued it for many years. In 1896 he opened his big livery, exchange and boarding-stables in the rear of the Northern National Bank, and the business has proved a great success. Mr. Gingrich's knowledge of horses has made his stables exceedingly popular, not only because those who want to hire teams know that they will secure well-fed, well-groomed and well-trained horses, but because those wanting a place to board their horses know that they are in safe hands when in Mr. Gingrich's care.

Religiously Mr. Gingrich comes from old and prominent Mennonite stock; politically he is a Republican. Wherever found, in business or in social circles, he is a genial, generous and reliable man.

JACOB S. CARMANY, a popular dealer in dry goods and general merchandise at Florin, Pa., was born at Palmyra, Lebanon Co., that State, Aug. 31, 1848, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Strock) Carmany, of Lebanon county.

Jacob Carmany spent his life in Lebanon county, where he followed farming, and for some years was engaged at the carpenter's trade. Mr. Carmany was a public-spirited and enterprising citizen, and took a very active part in the political affairs of the times in which he lived. At different times he filled local offices of trust and responsibility, and he was very efficient in securing free schools in his county. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-four. Both he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and their standing was high in the community in which their honest and industrious lives were passed. Mrs. Elizabeth (Strock) Carmany is living in Palmyra, at the age of seventy-eight years, and is still alert and active. By her union with Mr. Carmany she became the mother of the following children: Daniel, who died while serving in the Union army during the Civil war, from disease contracted in the service; Jacob S., the subject of this sketch; William, a cabinet-maker in Dauphin county, Pa.; Edwin, who died in 1892; and Albert, who died when one and a half years old.

Anthony Carmany, the grandfather of Jacob S., married a Herchelroth. He was in the tannery business, became a man of considerable means, and exercised much influence in the community. His

ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of this part of the State.

Jacob S. Carmany has been twice married. In 1867, in Marietta, Pa., he was married to Otilla Grimes, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Werley) Grimes, of York county, Pa., and by whom he had one daughter, Mary O., who is at home. Mrs. Otilla (Grimes) Carmany was born in York county, Pa., died Oct. 29, 1887, at the age of thirty years, and was buried at Marietta. For his second wife Mr. Carmany married, in 1892, at Mt. Joy, Pa., Frances Dierolf, who was born in Mt. Joy, Pa., daughter of William and Barbara (Beiswenger) Dierolf, the former of whom came to this country when only nineteen years of age, and followed the shoe business at Mt. Joy, where he still resides.

Until he was sixteen years old Jacob S. Carmany lived on a farm near Palmyra, Pa., though his activities of later years have been expended in his mercantile business. For one year he attended Palmyra Academy, was engaged one year as a clerk in Palmyra, and then went to Marietta, Pa., where he clerked for Spangler & Rick for three years. He then went to Chicago, where he was employed by a grain commission house. After traveling a year in the West he returned to Spangler & Rick, with whom he spent the ensuing four years. For thirteen years he was traveling salesman for Janney & Andrews, wholesale dry-goods merchants, of Philadelphia. In 1880 Mr. Carmany came to Florin to take charge of the present store, which was started by himself and his brother in 1872. The death of his brother placed the management of the store in Mr. Carmany's hands and he has brought it up to a very popular and successful plane. He is a director of the First National Bank of Mt. Joy.

Mr. Carmany belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican. In the community he is very prominent, and is widely known as a thrifty and up-to-date business man, and as a progressive and honorable citizen, whose heart and hand are ever on the right side.

WILLIAM DIEROLF, who is referred to above as the father of Mrs. Carmany, was born in Baden, Germany, July 5, 1833, a son of George M. and Frances (Miller) Dierolf, both of Baden. George M. Dierolf, spent his life in Germany, where he was a shepherd, and he died in 1859, at the age of fifty-six years. His wife, Frances Miller, survived until the following year, and died at the age of forty-nine. George M. Dierolf was a soldier in the German army, and was a life grenadier of the Grand Duke of Baden. His children were: William; Henry, a blacksmith in the mines at Wilkesbarre, Pa., now deceased; Joanna, deceased wife of George Hofmaster; and Charles L., a shoe merchant at Mt. Joy, Pennsylvania.

William Dierolf was married in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1858, to Barbara Beiswenger, by whom he

became the father of the following children: William A., in the shoe business at Mt. Joy, Pa.; John H., a hotel-keeper at Mt. Joy; Frances, the wife of Jacob S. Carmany, at Florin, Pa.; Bertha, who married John Mumma, a farmer and tobacco packer of Salunga, Pa.; Charles B., a druggist of Philadelphia; Edwin, a clerk at Lancaster; Emma M., married to F. H. Shenk, of Landisville, Pa., and George M., a teller in the Farmers' Bank, at Ephrata, Pa. Mrs. Barbara Dierolf, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, died Feb. 21, 1899, at the age of sixty-nine years, and was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Joy. Her parents lived and died in Germany.

In Germany William Dierolf learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed until coming to this country, in 1854. For a few months he lived in Brooklyn and New York, and spent three years in Philadelphia. In 1857 he came to Mt. Joy for a six months' residence, returning to Philadelphia. The following year he again came to Mt. Joy, which has been his permanent home. Here he worked three years for Alexander Reese, and then began custom work. In 1868 he began selling shoes, and successfully continued until February, 1901, when he retired from business.

Mr. Dierolf is a member of Lodge No. 277, I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 301, K. of P., and of Tribe No. 59, I. O. R. M. In religion he belongs to the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican, and in all ways he is a good citizen of the town.

CHARLES JACOB HOSTER, the enterprising proprietor of Hoster's Cafe, North Queen street, Lancaster, is the son of Charles E. Hoster, who has retired from the hotel business after a successful career of twenty-three years, and has entered into manufacturing and mercantile enterprises.

Charles E. Hoster was born in Elizabethtown, where his father, Jacob, was a master mechanic for fifty years. Of the other children in the family of Jacob Hoster, William lives in Virginia; and Frances is a widow, now living in Marietta, this county. Charles E. Hoster married Miss Sadie Strone, of Carlisle, and three children were born of this union, two of whom, a boy and a girl, entered into rest in childhood.

Charles Jacob Hoster was born in Cumberland county, Sept. 15, 1871, and was educated in the public schools and in Nazareth Hall. Mr. Hoster became assistant to his father in the management of "Conestoga Inn," at Witmer's Bridge, a place which the father had beautified until it was equal in its interior appearance to any hostelry in the State. Here Charles J. remained as assistant until 1897, when he took charge of the place, his father removing to North Queen street, where he established the elegant Hoster's Cafe. Charles J. Hoster continued in the management of the "Conestoga Inn" until April, 1903, when his father retired from the hotel and cafe business and our subject became the proprietor of the North Queen street establishment. It

was the general verdict that the mantle of the father had fallen upon worthy shoulders.

Charles Jacob Hoster married Miss Jennie Ort, daughter of Levi Ort, a farmer of York county, who is still living. Two children were born of this union, Charles E. and Luther Hoster. Mr. Hoster is religiously of the Moravian faith; politically he is a Republican; and socially he belongs to the Eagles. In all circles he is held in high esteem.

BENJAMIN B. KAUFFMAN, one of the old and much respected citizens of Lancaster county, now living retired in Manheim township, was born in Manor township Feb. 9, 1829, son of Isaac and Mary (Hertzler) Kauffman.

Isaac Kauffman was born Aug. 15, 1801, son of Rev. Christian Kauffman, was reared in Manor township, became a representative farmer, and took a prominent place in the affairs of his day. In Manor township he served on the school board, and was very active in the Old Mennonite Church, of which he was an ordained deacon. He attained the age of almost eighty-seven. Mary Hertzler, his wife, was born in Manor township, and died in her fiftieth year. To Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman were born eight children: Christian, a resident of Petersburg; Benjamin B., whose name appears above; Isaac, deceased; Mary widow of John Nestleroth, residing in Manheim township; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Buckwalter, of Manheim township; Barbara, who died unmarried; and two who died in infancy.

Benjamin B. Kauffman lived on the farm in Manor township until he was about nine years of age, and then with his parents moved into East Hempfield township, where he grew to maturity, and where the greater part of his life was spent. When he gave up active work, not long ago, he moved to the home in Manheim township where he is now snugly settled in one of the most pleasant and inviting residences of that pleasant locality.

Mr. Kauffman began for himself when he was twenty-four years of age on a farm of ninety-five acres in East Hempfield township. In his later years he came to own five good farms, comprising 312 acres in all. Very largely he has distributed this property among his children. A good business man, he has been called to administer many estates.

Mr. Kauffman was married Oct. 25, 1853, to Miss Annie, daughter of Daniel and Anna (Bossler) Greider, who was born in Rapho township in 1833. To this union came: Daniel G., born Nov. 2, 1854; Isaac G., July 8, 1856 (died Aug. 23, 1857); Aaron G., May 16, 1858; Benjamin G., Oct. 31, 1860; Mary G., Dec. 20, 1862 (died Sept. 21, 1863); Amos G., Dec. 29, 1864; Reuben G., March 22, 1867; Hiram G., March 18, 1869; Lizzie Ann, Aug. 2, 1871 (wife of Franklin M. Kreider); Barbara, Sept. 20, 1873.

Mr. Kauffman lost his first wife Jan. 23, 1889, and was again married, Nov. 17, 1891, to Elizabeth

Erb, widow of Samuel Erb, and daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Herr) Mumma. She was born in Dauphin county in 1830. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are members of the Old Mennonite Church.

AMOS G. KAUFFMAN, son of Benjamin B., was born in East Hempfield township, gained his education in the public school, and in the spring of 1889 began business for himself, locating on the farm where he is found to-day, about a mile and a half south of Petersburg. It is a place of fifty-four acres, and was purchased from his father. Mr. Kauffman was married Nov. 15, 1888, to Miss

Lillie M. Bowers, who was born Aug. 3, 1869, a daughter of William P. and Elizabeth (Mitzger) Bowers, residents of East Hempfield township. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman are active members of the Mennonite Church, in which he was ordained a deacon Feb. 1, 1898. At present he is superintendent of the Petersburg Sunday-school. Mr. and Mrs. Kauffman have had two children, both of whom died in early childhood; Clayton B., born Dec. 11, 1891, died Feb. 22, 1892; Ella B., born Oct. 18, 1894, died May 9, 1895.